



**PRE-OWNED
MODEL
MELTDOWN
SALE**

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Once Again It's Time For Our

SWAP & SALE

This Meeting – Wednesday April 2nd

Next Meeting – Wednesday May 7th

THE EXECUTIVE PAGE

PROGRAMME FOR THE APRIL MEETING

- 6:30 - 7:30 pm Sell, Donate or Whatever!
- 7:30 pm **Business Agenda** (no reason not to continue building at the same time).
- Visitors and introductions.
- Open Forum:
- Old Business: List of participants for the Draggins Show. Finalize list of trophy sponsors.
- New Business: Topics and preliminary schedule for weekend workshops once the Sunday Build sessions are completed.
- Junior Time.
- Reports and Updates: Treasurer.
- Models on the Display Tables.
- Prize Draw

2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 2nd: SMAS Springtime Swap & Sale Event.
- April 11th - April 13th: Model car contest at the "Majestics Car Show" in Regina.
- April 13th: Sunday Build Group - Rusty Macdonald Library (Lawson Civic Centre) at 1pm. **Please note this is the second Sunday because of Easter.**
- April 18th-19th: Draggins Car Show; Model Contest and Display.
- April 25th-26th: IPMS Winnipeg, Valour Con 5 model contest at St. James Legion, Portage Avenue.
- May 7th: Regular club night.
- May 11th: Sunday Build Group - Rusty Macdonald Library (Lawson Civic Centre) at 1pm. **Please note this is the second Sunday because of the Library's summer closure the following week.**
- June 4th: Club Meeting Theme Night.
- #1: Show Cars.
- #2: Comedy and Cartoons.
- September 3rd: Club Meeting Theme Night.
- #1: The Battle of Britain.
- #2: The Vietnam War

NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING {AND OTHER THINGS}

The meeting started with a number of cutting remarks, not that there was anything nasty being said, simply talk about blades. In fact sharp blades as in the scalpel type that **President Mike** purchased at the university book store. In answer to one question, **Mike** assured everyone that they were brand new and fully sterilized. not recycled items that had been used for cutting up frogs and rabbits and so on. Following that it was **Ken Kolenovsky** who commented that the sharpest blades he had come across were a plated series made by **Xacto**. The tip of the blade had survived a lot of work at **Ken's** hands and he was enthusiastic about them. A local source of these particular blades was identified by **Bill Cromwell** as the wood work section at "**Michael's**". Subsequent checking with the Xacto showed that currently only the #11 style, the straight cutting edge type, is available at the current time.

While on vacation in **Arizona**, **Logan Eden** visited a model club in **Phoenix**. As a result of that our newsletter is not only going to Phoenix, but is being distributed to other clubs in the **U.S.A.** through **IPMS**. In fact the first distribution has already been made, together with a very nice introduction to Saskatoon by a gentleman named **Fred Horky**. All club members who are on the internet will receive copies of other newsletters as they are received.

At the suggestion of **Colin Kunkel**, subjects from the **Vietnam War** will be added as a second theme for the **September** meeting. Also on specialty topics there was a discussion of potential groups for the **2015 mall display**. That might seem like a long time in

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the future but it is never too early to get the ball rolling on these things. Actually with all the hoopla over the **Sochi Olympics** and hockey being Canada's game, maybe we should say it is never too early to get the puck sliding? Anyway, continuation of **World War One** subjects is a no-brainer, while helicopters and aircraft without tails will be a good fit for the aeronautical side. As far as military vehicles are concerned, there was a suggestion that a display of half-track vehicles be considered. Not sure how many contributors there would be on that subject, so could it be expanded to include all military vehicles without tracks? Also a more concerted effort for **Science Fiction** should be possible since there are some ongoing projects already.

An error in one of the **IPMS Canada** publications was noted concerning the location of the **Draggins Car Show** and contest, so the IPMS contact person was requested to address the problem. This contact position is not an **Executive** one and it was left in the hands of the previous club presidents. The current **Executive** decided it made sense to leave it in the hands of your current newsletter editor.

April and May will be the last **Sunday Build** afternoons at the library for this winter/spring. In summers past **Greg Burke** has graciously hosted weekend workshops that were much appreciated, so I hope we may impose upon him again at some point. **Vice President Brad** has also indicated that the garage at his new residence will also be in a fit state to use for a build session and maintenance work on **SMAS** property if necessary. In such locations as these, it is possible to focus on one or more specific topics that cannot be tackled at a Sunday Build in the library. **Air brushing** and other painting comes to mind, although we did some painting previously at **Greg's**. The whole painting scene continues to develop so it pays to stay on top of it, especially in regard to materials available locally. **Resin casting** is another area where interest seems to be growing for which different materials are becoming available. Please let the **Executive** know of any other subjects it will be useful to review.

- Mike Reid

BIG SCALE ALFA ROMEO

"Nearly done" was **Dave DeBack's** comment on his project. Amongst the finishing touches needed at that point was leather upholstery for the seats - yes folks that is real leather already in place on the doors!

- Mike Reid



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FANTASY OF FLIGHT

I was in **Florida** last week and inadvertently came across an excellent aircraft museum and thought I'd share it with you all. The museum is called "**Fantasy of Flight**" and is located in **Polk City, Florida** (near **Orlando**). It concentrates on **WWI** and **WWII** mostly **American** aircraft but has an excellent collection of static, flyable and awaiting restoration aircraft. They do daily demonstration flights and have three or four open cockpit **bi-planes** which they offer rides in at fairly reasonable prices. Another highlight was a static **1:1 scale diorama of a B-17G** at a southern **England** airfield. Half of the aircraft was restored to pristine condition and the other half was as if it had just returned from a mission and included one engine removed and being worked on. Check out their website: <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/>

- Jon Aydt



SHOPPING CART

The first item this month comes from **Robert Owens** who found this device (**Photo 1**) at **Lee Valley Tools**. It is a combination tweezer/magnifier that **Robert** says he quickly found to be very useful.



Next as a follow-up from last month, is more on the “**hook-and-loop**” abrasive holder system (**Photo 2**). The original system found by **Greg** came from **Rona** and included up to 400 grit, although **Canadian Tire** supposedly carried one from the same manufacturer with finer grades of abrasive. Turns out the one in Canadian Tire is under a different manufacturer’s trade name, “**FINISH 1ST MICRO AUTOZIP**”, and can be found in the automotive finishing section. The handle is identical to the one from Rona and the abrasives are inter-changeable because they are actually coming from the same manufacturer. The **Autozip** package contains one handle and ten strips each of 400, 1000, and 1500 grits. Those grades will probably cover most model building applications except for high gloss polishing of lacquers and enamels, although other finer grits, such as 600 and 1200 are marketed. A search of the Canadian Tire website indicates only the basic package is carried locally.

Turning to a follow-up from the last meeting are the **Xacto** blades that were mentioned (**Photo 3**). I must have walked by them dozens of times without realising any difference from a regular blade. For anyone that is interested, this is the package in question.



Next item for this month’s article is a **glue** (**Photo 4**) that will be useful when making dioramas using **Styrofoam** or similar materials. As can be seen from the label there are specific applications involving mainly porous materials. It was tried as an alternative to other white glue for sticking clear parts but was not really suitable. But the next item (**Photo 5**) was quite a surprise for that purpose. When purchased it was with the intent of finding a reusable dispenser



that could be used for **Mr. Surfacer** or **Tamiya Surfacer Primer**. Many of the old kits in my stash have horrible gouges that are supposed to represent “panel lines”. Filling them by brush or pen is a pain, so that is why the search for an alternative dispenser. The tube shown, called “**ALEENE’S FABRIC FUSION**” has not yet been emptied and tried for that purpose, but a quick test was done using the original glue for sticking a canopy to plastic card. The result was impressive as it glued as well as, if not better than, any other water based, white glue types. Being water based it can also be coloured with water based acrylic paint, which will be tried for the windows on my next race car project.

- Mike Reid

HUMBOLDT SCHOOL GROUP

In an attempt to beat the winter blahs, **Humboldt Public School** hosted four consecutive Friday afternoon **Special Interest Group** sessions. **Grade 6-8** students can choose an activity of specific interest to them. A long list of activities is offered including curling, cross country skiing, watercolours, dream catcher making and girl's health and fitness. For the past several years **Dave Hill** has been leading a scale model building group.

There were seven boys and one girl taking part in this year's modelling session. The students were given instruction in several basic skills including brush painting, sanding and gluing before tackling their kits. As the works progressed, individuals were given an opportunity to try some advanced techniques such as airbrushing, and the use of **Future** for decaling. The students were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed building and visiting together. Some kits were completed but a majority of the works went home to be finished there.



Tyson used an airbrush to paint his Russian T-72 tank pink and purple.



Alex paints parts on his AMT Shelby Cobra 289 Roadster. Alex hopes to enter his car in DragCon '14.



Ethan and his dad have been working on his Titanic model. He finished painting the deck and hull and also got to work on a Gundam robot model.

Thank you to **SMAS** members **Ray Moskowec** who donated some tanks kits and a helicopter, and to **Logan Eden** who donated some modelling tools which were distributed to the participants at the end of the session.

- Dave Hill



Modellers busy assembling their kits.

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Alex displays his finished engine for his Shelby.



Tyson created his own camo pattern for this 1/48th scale German Tank.

Ju88 CONVERSION

At the **March** meeting **Chris Parsons** showed his 1/32nd scale **Ju 88 G-6** that was built from a **Revell Ju 88-D** kit and a conversion set from **Aims Models** in England. Camouflage scheme on the fuselage can only be the work of a genius (*or maybe a madman - not sure which!*). Best way to access the site for other conversion items is through **Google** and search for "**Aims Models**", because the site has been hacked and a male escort service comes up if the correct address is used!

- Mike Reid



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