

# World War I Project For the Nutana Legion



**This Meeting – Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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## THE EXECUTIVE PAGE

### PROGRAMME FOR THE JULY MEETING

- 6:30 pm** Set-up, Socialize, Bring & Build.
- 7:30 pm** **Business Agenda** (no reason not to continue building at the same time).  
Visitors and introductions.  
Open Forum:  
Old Business: Sign-up list for SMAS BBQ; Update on Nutana Legion situation; Update by Dave Hill re: display in Humboldt.  
New Business:  
Junior Time.  
Reports and Updates: Treasurer.  
Models on the Display Tables.  
Prize Draw

### 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

- July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Build hosted by Brad Boyle (details at the July meeting).
- August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Regular club night.
- August 17<sup>th</sup>:** SMAS "Pot Luck" BBQ being hosted by Sue and John Giesy.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Club Meeting Theme Night.  
**#1: The Battle of Britain.**  
**#2: The Vietnam War**
- October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Fall Time Swap & Sale!
- October 4<sup>th</sup>:** EXPO 2014 contest hosted by the Regina Scale Modellers.
- October 11<sup>th</sup>:** GOMBS Modelfest 2014 at the Forest Lawn Legion in Calgary.
- November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Annual General Meeting
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Club Meeting Theme Night.  
**#1: Adversaries.**  
**#2: Ships and other Maritime subjects.**

### 2015

- March 9<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>:** SMAS Display at Centre Mall.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>:** DRAGCON 15 Car & Truck contest.

## SHORT NOTES

It is nice to see support from non-modelling members of a family where SMAS is concerned. One such person that must be acknowledged is **Ken's** wife **Virginia**, who goes to the trouble of proof-reading the newsletter before it is distributed. That way my mistakes generally do not see the light of day, for which I must say, "*Thank you Virginia*".

The front page is a hint about what we plan to do for the **Legion** in the very near future. A few of us without weekday afternoon commitments visited the artifacts room and made contact with one of the volunteers currently looking after the displays. As a result we made a commitment to produce a diorama showing part of a **World War One** trench. It will be done in 1/6<sup>th</sup> scale due to availability of figures already in the artifacts room, although some modifications may be needed there. The Legion will cover the cost of materials that need to be purchased, although we already have lots of scrap **Styrofoam** available from within SMAS to use for the terrain. Work on the project is open to any club members who care to assist and **Dave D.** has volunteered the use of his garage for actual construction. One aspect where other help may be needed is the replacement of uniforms on some figures with more appropriate items. That is something to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Mike Reid

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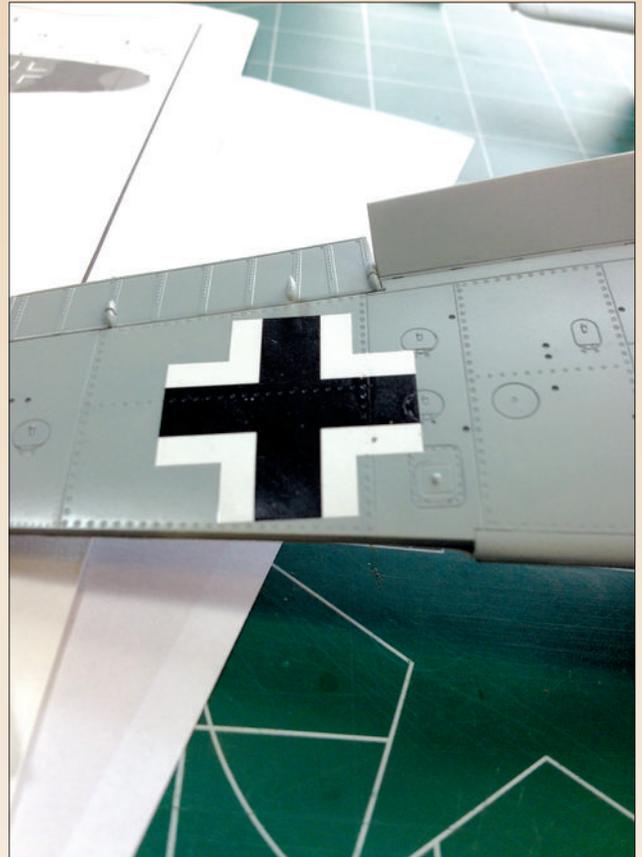
# WHAT'S ON THE WORKBENCH

## Part 1 – Getting Tough With Tough Decals



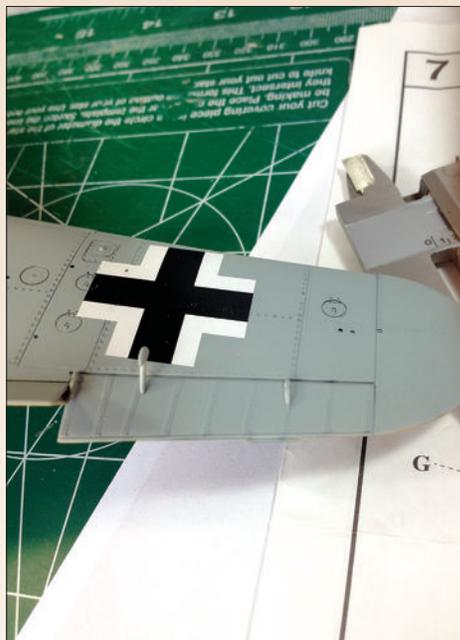
This was the act of a desperate fool at the end of his pitiful rope as I was building a **Monogram 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Bf 109 (Pro-Modeler)** (ya right!). I believe this is originally a reboxed **Hasegawa** kit, anyway the decals in the kit are like cardboard, nice colours and all that but thick as paper and mocked my every attempt to make them conform...they pointed and laughed at every decal “**Set and Sol**” I tried (I am all out of the decal destroying **Polly Scale Solution**).

In an move of pure desperation before I sanded off or peeled up the decals, I brushed pure **Testors** paint thinner onto the decals I had on the model. It worked although I



wouldn't try this as a first line of defense with decals and I am not going to

use the rest of the kit decals. But for the cardboard under-wing crosses it took the fight out of them. I am going to install some of the remaining decals onto a scrap model and experiment with other thinners and lacquer thinner, itself, to see what happens...

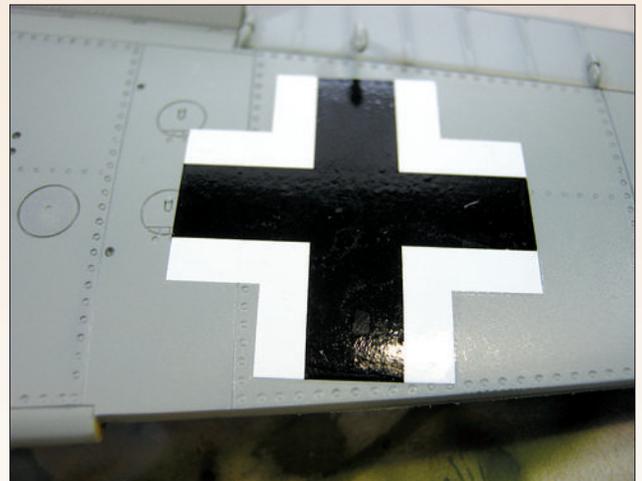


If you hear a loud bang and/or see a mushroom cloud on the South end of the city you know I used something a little too strong.

*(a little later in the story)..*

Here's my new improved decal solvent and one of the decals I used it on; also included is a “before” picture of the decal after it had laughed at all my set/sol decal specific fixing chemicals...it's not laughing now!

**He who laughs last has stronger solvents.** I am either going to use some other suppliers decals for the rest of the markings or paint them on, although...this doesn't look to bad now...



- Chris Parsons

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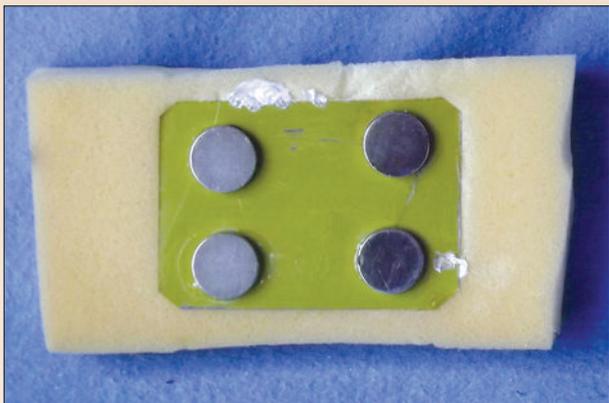


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## Part 2 – Another Helping Hand

One of the slightly awkward jobs involved in building racing cars can be the application of decals, especially those that go on the side of the vehicle. This gadget removes all the frustration involved in trying to hold the model steady while decals are put in place. As can be seen the components are very simple, namely two pieces of wood, two pieces of thin sheet steel, one piece of foam and some magnets. The overall assembly was sized to fit a plastic box (with lid) where the model can be left in a dust free environment. The shiny magnets are the “rare earth” type that came from **Princess Auto**, as did the bar magnets on the underside. Those bar magnets just add some extra hold for this arrangement. A second version is in the works with a larger plate glued to the foam and more rare earth magnets glued to it. Magnets were fixed to the steel plate using **CA** (super glue), while the foam to plate joint was made using **LePage Construction Adhesive**.

- Mike Reid



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