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“Model Building is being able to hold history in your hands”

Leonardo da Vinci



Scania Semi-Truck built by RSM President Michael Evans for the sponsor of the 2008 Majestics contest, Cara-Dawn Transport.

Photo by Al Magnus

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Optional Parts

I am writing this as we have just completed our annual Majestics Car Contest. It seems as though the term is greatly overused, but our contest and display turned out to be a great success. We had 68 contest entries as well as numerous display only items, entrants not only from our club, but from Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and Winnipeg, and many positive comments from the viewing public, also. As well, we landed a sponsorship, from the Canadian Tire North Store, for our 2009 show. Many thanks go out to Larry Draper and Ed Kereluk, head judges and organizers, Dave Kapp, Al Magnus and Kevin Krienke for setup, as well as Ted McPherson, Greg McKinnon, Curfew and Leith James, and Ron Gall for manning the display over the weekend. Many thanks as well to Dave Wellings of Cara-Dawn Transport for his sponsorship and support of this year's show. Let us hope next year's show goes over as well.

Coming up at our May meeting is of course another build night. I know people want to get on to the building part at these meetings, so I will try and keep the business part of the meeting short. I know club business can be quite tedious and sometimes frustrating, but it is a necessary evil and something that must be attended. At previous build nights, some people have been dismayed (aka PO'd) that we have spent time discussing models on the tables thus delaying the start of the model building. Other nights, some people have been dismayed (aka PO'd) that we have not spent time discussing models. The first lesson you learn as club president is that sometimes people will be hacked off with you no matter what you do. It was therefore resolved at the previous executive meeting that members are welcome to bring finished models to a build night, but don't expect a lengthy discussion, or any discussion at all, to revolve around them.

Believe it or not, the job of club president also has its pleasant aspects. At the April meeting, it was my pleasure to present an honorary lifetime membership to Rob Wheeler, and to reaffirm the honorary lifetime membership for Neil Hill, both for 25+ years of membership. It was resolved at the previous executive meeting that RSM will give honorary lifetime memberships to any member with 25+ years of membership. Now, there is incentive to stick around.

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Meetings

Time: 7:30pm
Date: First Friday of every month
(Meeting held on second Friday if first Friday falls on a long weekend. No July Meeting)
Place: South Leisure Center
170 Sunset Drive
(Albert Park), Regina, SK

Memberships

Regular	\$24.00/year
Junior (under 16)	\$8.00/year
**Subscription	\$14.00/year

**The Subscription rate is available for those living outside the City of Regina, and wishing to be a club member, but are unable to attend regular meetings.

The RSM Modeling year runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31. All membership dues are due on or before the start of the modeling year. Any new member joining after the year has started will have their first years fees pro-rated.

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With the year-end approaching, the annual Modeller of the Year presentation will take place. Ed Kereluk will head up the committee as last year's winner, and we will accept nominations from club membership until the June GM. Let us not forget the June meeting's club contest. This year's club contest will run under rules presented by Gene Stacey, Lee David and Dave Porter. Many thanks to them for a good deal of work that they have put into organizing this event. We will also have a pizza night following the club contest with the pizza to be paid for by the club.

Another upcoming event is the RSM Garage Sale/Swap Event. We will be placing an ad in garage sale section of the Leader Post with the event starting at 10:00 A.M. Saturday May 31, 2008. Also, this event will be open to the public. In addition to potentially picking up that long sought after kit for a song, it is good time complete with donuts, coffee, and good friends and conversation. I hope to see many, many of you there.

You now have a year to build for next year's Majestic's Car Show. Let us all thrive and prosper, presiding over our little plastic empires.

Michael Evans
Club President

Note From the Editor

Once again, I extend my apologies for no newsletter in April. Due to computer issues, there will be no April edition of the Antenna, as discussed at last month's GM. However, I do plan a "make-up" issue for the summer to make up for the loss. I am planning to publish a few more photos, and publish some kit reviews and "how-to" articles. If you have a kit review and/or a "how-to" article you would like published, please e-mail me at modelairplaneguy@sasktel.net by May 31 with those articles.

If anyone has any concerns regarding the absence of the April Antenna or any questions or concerns in general, please contact me.

Colin Kunkel
Editor
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RSM Upcoming Events

May 2

Bring and Build Night

Bring a kit to build at the meeting!!

June 6

Club Elections
Modeller of the Year Award

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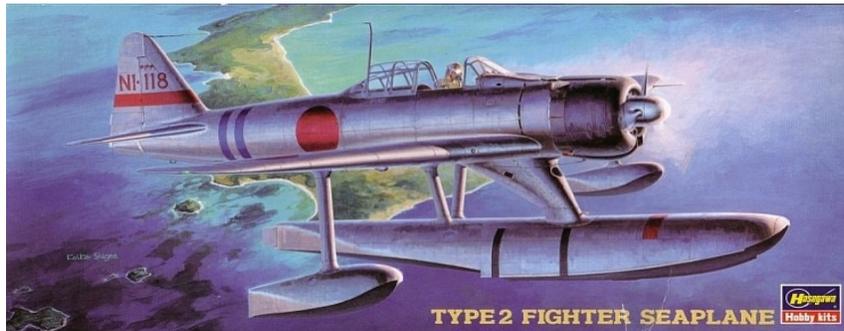
July

**NO MEETING-SUMMER
BREAK**

August 8

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Hasegawa Type 2 Fighter Seaplane **1/72 scale** **kit #: AP23**
by Al Magnus

The kit:

Pros:

1. Engraved panel lines.
2. Excellent fit.
3. Acceptable decals.
4. Engine cowl moulded as one complete piece.
5. Cockpit detail is decent and decals are provided to represent the instruments.
6. There are 23 parts that are not used for this version of the aircraft, which make welcome additions to the parts box.

Cons:

1. Some sink marks in the plastic, especially on the upper rear fuselage deck. Also there is a rough spot on the upper tip of the starboard horizontal stabilizer that doesn't really show itself until the model is given its primer coat.
2. Some plastic flash around some of the parts.

References:

The kit was built to represent the aircraft of Keizo Yamazaki, IJNAF, of the 802 Kokutai. These markings are one of the options found on the kit's decal sheet. The aircraft is overall light grey. All markings are red, save for the rear fuselage bands, which are a light blue. There is a picture of the tail of this aircraft from the rear of the cockpit to the rudder in the Squadron/Signal book, Zero in Action. Of interest are the three kill markings on the fin, represented by small hatchets.



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On the Tables in April

Photos by Al Magnus



1/48 scale Verlinden Jeep-Dave Porter



1/34 Tosca PzKpfw III-Cam Barker



1/48 Revell B-17G Flying Fortress-Michael Evans



1/48 Pro-Modeler P-51C Mustang-Colin Kunkel



1/25 Revell Rain-X Camaro Race Car-Dave Porter



1/72 Italeri Sahariana-Al Magnus

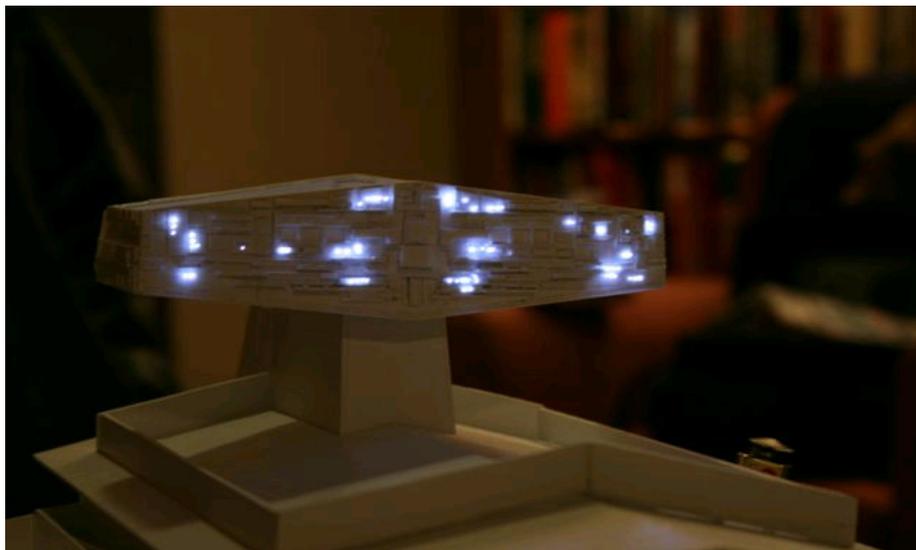
High and low points during the building of the kit.

1. Construction is very straight forward, with no major fit problems.
2. Fill the sink marks. I used superglue and baking soda for this. Sand this immediately after filling before the glue has time to set completely.
3. Smooth the rough spot found on the horizontal stabilizer, since it is very noticeable, especially once the paint is applied.
4. The kit was constructed as five subassemblies. The fuselage, wings and stabilizers comprised one subassembly, while the main float, two wing floats and the beaching trolley make up the remaining subassemblies. Each subassembly was painted separately. The three floats had small holes drilled into the top of the struts to provide mounting points for toothpicks while being painted. The holes can not be seen once the floats are attached to the wings and fuselage.
5. A beaching trolley is included with the kit. It includes a prop that goes under the tail of the float. I decided to put weight into the front of the float to make the model nose heavy. The weight eliminates the desire for the aircraft to tip back while on the trolley. This makes displaying the model easier, as you will not be fighting the model's desire to tip backward as you try to position the prop under the float.
6. Aeromaster Navy Light Gray #9095 paint: was used for the overall light gray camouflage scheme. The black/blue cowling, silver propeller and spinner, and other details were painted with Testors Model Master paints.
7. I have found that Hasegawa decals work best on a very glossy finish. Following painting, the model was sprayed with Testors Glosscote and the areas on the model where the decals were to be applied were given a coat of Future Floor polish, applied with a paint brush. Another light coat of Glosscote and, then, the decals were applied. Each decal was trimmed to within mere microns of the printed image except for the decal comprising the tail bands and the kill markings on the fin and rudder. Three separate applications of Microsol Setting Solution were used to get them really snug on the model. Future was, then, applied to the decal edges to help prevent silvering, once the flat coat is applied - this being Microscale's Microflat.
7. Following the flat coat, the main and wing float subassemblies were, then, joined to the body using super glue.

Conclusion:

Altogether, the Hasegawa kit makes a nice representation of the float plane variant of the Zero. The kit, literally, stands out from the others in my collection, as it sits, there, on its beaching dolly, head and shoulders above everything else.

The Force Is Strong With This One! Photo by Len Schmidt



Dave Porter's progress on his Star Destroyer from "Star Wars. Fibre optic wires light up the bridge.

Majestics Car Show 2008 Model Contest Photos

Photos by Al Magnus and Michael Evans



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