

**Special Back to School Edition!**

# Antenna

**A bad day of modeling still beats a good day of working.**



**Gene's First Presidential Address**

**...and more!**

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**Words of Wisdom and Inspiration from the Right Honourable Gene Stacyszyn,  
Club President:**

## At The Throttle

The first thing you will notice is that I am not a writer. That said here we go. I became a member of the Regina Scale Modelers somewhere between 1985 and 1987. Can't remember the exact date. Brian McConnell, "modeler supreme", had moved in next door. Top Gun was the movie that started it all. As we left the theatre Brian said he had a couple of F-14 kits and we are going to build them. We built them alright and brought them out to a meeting. I was hooked.

I look forward to the coming year. I also look forward to completing a kit. Any kit! I have quite a few "under construction". This brings me to my topic for this newsletter. I was unable to attend the August meeting, however I am aware that Dave Porter brought his Star Destroyer. I have watched this build from the time I gave him the 3' plan. Quite impressive. Especially in the RAW format. It provides a good look into the build. The planning. The detail. Plenty of discussion as well, I hope. I would ask that you, the member, bring out whatever kit you have under construction. The finished product does not accurately reflect the amount of work that it takes to build a display model. We are talking straight from the box, after market or scratch built parts here. It should also open the door for more discussion on construction techniques. Let's talk about building models and show the final product when complete. This is what I think the meetings are about.

Gene

## What I Built on my Summer Vacation



Here we can see (above) what a retired model club president now has time to do in the summer. The halftrack on the left is Tamiya's M21 mortar carrier dressed up with some Dragon figures. Above to the right is Michael Evan's Tamiya M3 Lee tank, roughed up and weathered for the campaign in Tunisia early in the war.



Above are three summer projects Ted McPherson can cross off his "to do" list: Above left is his radical Henry J gasser! He claims that was on the primer table but I am sure I would remember seeing that one! Above right is his Kyushu J7W1 Shinden – WWII experimental pusher prop. Below are two pictures of his Dodge COE which I do recall seeing at a meeting. Please tell me I don't have to explain what COE stands for. Scour this edition of the Antenna for a hidden definition.



Here's what ex-president Curfew James did all summer instead of mowing his lawn. The top picture is of his BMW M3. It is a Dragon kit scale 1/24. The red and brown car is a 1934 Duesenberg SJ. The kit is a Revell scale 1/48. Curfew says it is a "big challenge for those of us gifted with frying pan hands". And the number three reason for no yardwork this summer is his 1968 Dodge Charger 1/25 scale kit by Revell. Curf commented that it is a "New molded kit. It is a real nice kit that fits well". Thanks Mr. James, please rest assured that the members of RSM appreciate your efforts even if your neighbours don't.



Ever wonder what Al Magnus does when he's not tearing up the Scotchball greens in the summer? I think the two pictures below will answer that question. One is a Staghound Mk II and the other is an AMD and 35. Both kits produced by RPM and are, of course, 1/72 scale.



Below are a few pictures that will bring us up to speed on Bruce Goff's summer: Dragon Wagon M-25 Tank recovery vehicle, carrying an M-32 Sherman Tank recovery vehicle. These are works in progress but they look mighty fine to the Antenna staff.



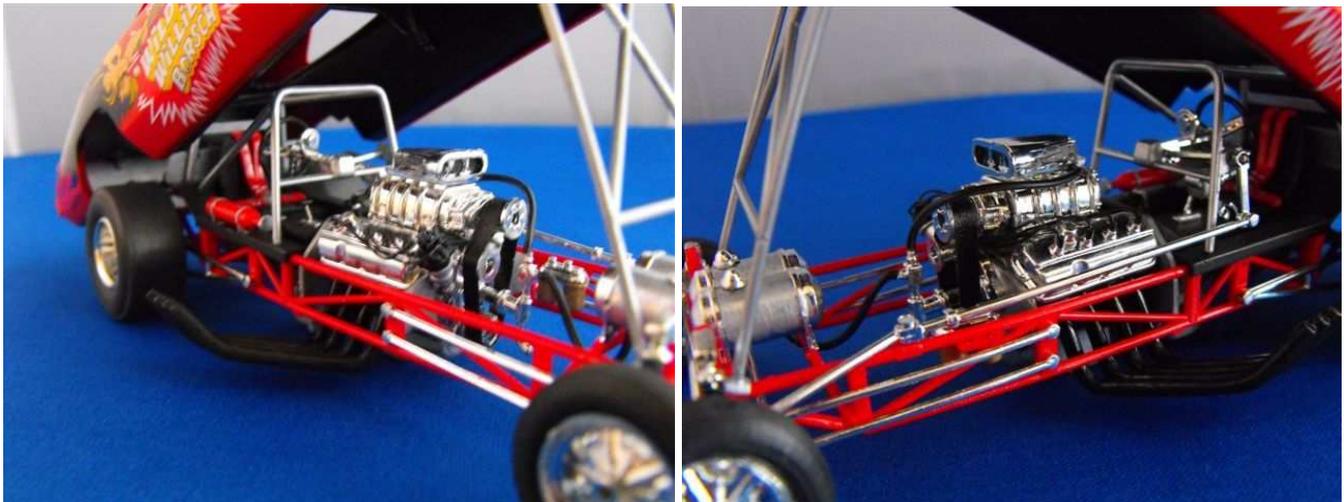
Looks like Greg McKinnon is having a real **"Funny Car Summer!"** As Greg was thoughtful enough to provide a bit of a write up on this, we'll use his words!

"Wild" Willy Borsch 69 Charger F/C

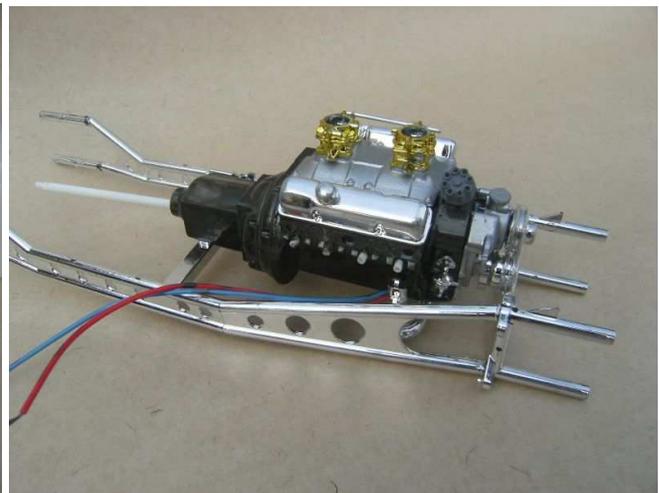
A Polar Lights "Gene Snow's Rambunctious" kit.

This was my first Polar Lights kit and I thought it was a great kit. The down side is the kit was open and was missing the clear plastic for the glass. And the way the Polar Lights kit body is designed; the glass is installed from the outside of the body. So try as I might, the clear I used just wouldn't fit the recess very well, so I had to use a frame for the windows, which didn't turn out nearly as good as I'd have liked. The kit came with Slixx decals for Gene Snow's Charger, but I opted for a sheet of Slixx "Wild Willy Borsch" Charger decals. This sheet also includes decals for Willy's "Winged Express AA/F Altered, which I have in a box just waiting to be built.

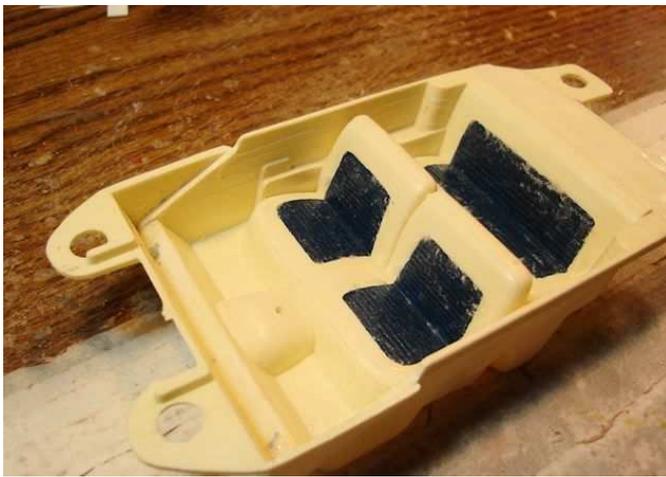
I'm a Mopar fan at heart and those Dodge Charger Funny Cars back from the late 60's and early 70's were a thing to behold. By today's standards they are very slow due to today's massive engine sizes and numerous other technological improvements.



If we may draw your attention to the immediate right behold the summer's bounty courtesy of Ryan Cunningham. It is a work in progress Tamiya's 1/48 F4D-1 Skyray. Ryan has vowed to complete this one by Thanksgiving.



Apparently Dave Kapp found enough time during his busy summer to get some work done on his Lindberg Luv Buggy. It is a 1/12 scale Fiat Topolino drag car. It has "working suspension and steering" as well as an electric motor in the plastic one to drive the rear wheels and fan belt! Word on the street is that he is going to "pound it full of holes" and do a "Dave Porter" on it with fibre optics. Now that's modelling!



And now to wind up our summer build feature, feast your orbs on the pictures of Ed Kereluk's 50 year old Buick restoration. Look carefully at the top left photo, you can see part of the B pillar is actually missing! Gone! Now look at the top right picture-its back! What the? Ed did not say much about the body work, but it looks about stock to the untrained eye. Now direct your attention to the bottom row. Check out the clear plastic rudder control! Dig the upholstery decals! Get down with the piping! Roll with the photo etched speaker grilles! No stereo, Ed? And what about the tonneau cover? In a ragtop-that's genius! Look for a full feature on this bad boy in the future! Mr. Kereluk, blow me away sometimes. .

# And Now: Some Photos from the August General Meeting!

In keeping with the “what I built over the summer” theme, we have a bunch of models at the meeting that were actually built over the summer! Upper Left is Dave Porter’s “Plus Size” scratchbuilt Star Wars Star Destroyer. Many sheets of plastic and more fibre optics than SaskTel. We can hardly wait to see that one on the show circuit! Beside it is a glorious panoramic shot of other models brought out. Middle row left: Colin’s tribute to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of \_\_\_\_\_, Al Lindemann’s work in progress large scale Deuce, some kind of experimental airplane thing with red spots on it and a sippy cup.





## Other Stuff You Should Know About: Expo 2009 News!

This year's Expo will be in display only format and will be held at the Science Centre. Set up is November 6 and it will run through until Sunday November 8. Display format means that there will not be a competition. There is no need to find sponsors, order trophies and judge models, let's just go and display our prized possessions and have a nice relaxed time. See you there!

### Upcoming Meeting Themes!

Again, incase you missed it last month. Remember these are only suggestions and feel free to bring any models out to display even if they don't match these "themes."

#### September

Dioramas and Display Bases

Checkered Flag (all competition vehicles, A/C, Yachts, etc.)

#### October

Bring Something Scary

### RSM Club Executive

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Meetings

Date: First Friday of each month.  
(Meeting held on second Friday of the month if first Friday falls on a holiday long weekend. No meeting in July.)

Memberships:

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

The RSM modelling year runs from September 1 to August 31. All membership renewals are due on or before the start of the modelling year. Any new members joining after the year has started will have the first year's fees pro-rated.

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**Material for the Antenna**

Kit Reviews, Articles, Modelling Hints and Tips, and other newsworthy modelling items for publication in the Antenna. Contact Dave Kapp via email at dkapp@accesscomm.com or via phone at 525-8882 evenings and weekends.

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### Raffle Prizes

Kits, decals, books, etc. donated by you for the club raffle. Raffles happen at every regular meeting (dependant upon donations). Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Bring your donations with you. Thank you.