

The Prez Sez

Jim Coady

First and foremost, I was pleased to see the great turnout for the auction on Sunday. By all accounts, it appeared to be a success with most kits being sold. I think the guy from Big Brothers of Ottawa will have his boys busy for a while.

Did anyone catch Graham's piece on participation in the Poststrike? I believe it was a

wake-up call to which some have already responded. In fact, a new member offered his services during the break.

I must admit I was a bit unprepared, but with CAPCON approaching we will certainly appreciate any help we can get. Thank you for offering.

Speaking of Graham, his talk on glues was a bit of an eye opener. Especially the part about what white glue can do

in an enclosed space. That stuff is definitely not benign given the right circumstances.

I am really looking forward to the Hobbycraft competition in August. Once I get my D9 completed, I can concentrate on whatever kit I decide to do.

It will be interesting to see what ends up on the table.

Special points of interest:

- Wayne's 'cute' display...
- Reenactments.
- The seventh sign!

Articles Needed!



From the Cockpit

Editor's Note

NOREASTCON.

I dropped down to Florida for a vacation last month, and someone asked me how the hobby shops were, but it didn't even occur to me that I could inflict the same suffering I had experienced at Saks and Dillards - the Florida sun must have been a factor.

In June, hopefully earlier with a volunteer, I need to divest myself of one of my duties (either the IPMS Ottawa Website or PostStrike). This is for two reasons, a) I'm buried, and b) focus. Each month these suffer from a lack of input on my part - I have four boys (Sorry Graham, I had to say it!), paint/sculpt,

play guitar, and write (read 'too many hobbies'). I propose that someone volunteers, as opposed to our infamous railroad system, for one of these tasks. I realize the web portion boils down to an acquired skill-set - and to be honest, this is the one that I'd like to take a bit further in the development and content. The PostStrike newsletter can be handed over as is, or a new layout can be created? I'm sure we could find a suitable program and someone willing to take on the task. Whatever is remaining, I propose to carry until the end of 2002.

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So, NOREASTCON Regional Show and Competition is fast approaching for those of us able to make the trip to Toronto; touted as the first IPMS/USA Regional held in Canada(!), this all happens May 4-5 -- personally, I had purchased some figures to paint, but alas, once again life has intervened. I swore that I would never have more than two kits on the go...Hah! If you can't make Toronto, then maybe approach someone who's making the journey and ask them to submit your work by Proxy. This is allowed at Chicago...not sure about the

Wireless No. 48 Radio Operator

Photographs from Chris Bisailion



Chris Bisailion is an avid Wireless Radio Operator – he provided the following pictures of his No. 48 set and reenactment uniform. Chris also has several Wireless No. 19 sets.



Events Calendar

April 4, 2001

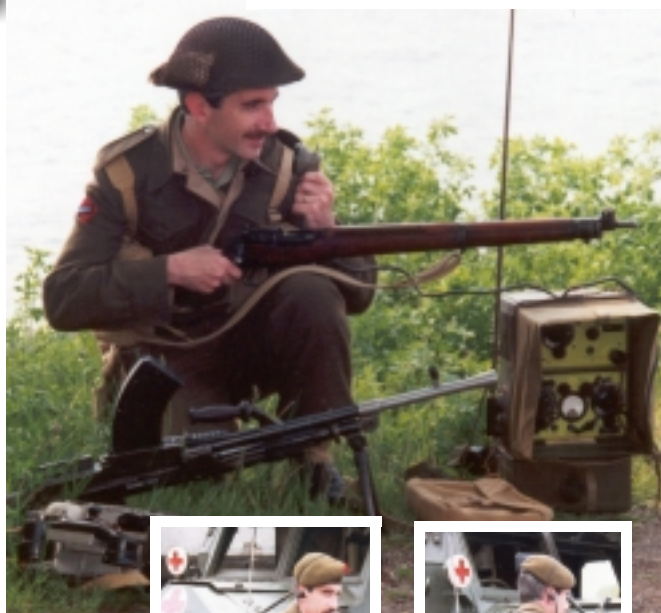
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By Robin Craig

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Model Displays – February 2001 *By Jim MacKenzie*

In February IPMS Ottawa participated in two model displays. The first display was held at the Air Museum in Rockcliffe on Sunday, 11.02.01 and the second at the Perley-Rideau Veteran's Home on Saturday, 17.02.01. Both were one day only displays.

The Air Museum display took place in conjunction with several other attractions brought in for the day and included a book launch by Hugh Halliday and a 'brass' band that played in the afternoon. We were able to fill seven tables and we were set up in the Lancaster display under the right wing. The lighting was 'ok' and from time to time we debated about swinging the tail of the Lanc to get more light and deflating the right tire so the light would shine over the lowered wing. However saner heads prevailed and we didn't get around to taking these actions.

For the event we were fortunate to have seven club members, and starting from left to right down the table displays, we had, Wayne Giles, Janyce Thompson, Mike Roy, Earl Atkins, Graham Mansell, Jim MacKenzie and Don Astwood. A pretty good gang.

Wayne's display consisted of 1/72nd Canadian Fighters 1930-2001 and during the day he amused himself by working on the Revell F-16 and 'believe it or not' a 1/48th Tamiya Swordfish - he claims he's doing it for someone else, however the seeds of 'greater modelling' have now been sown, we'll watch

and see. More on Wayne's display later.

Janyce did not have any completed models on the table and amazed and amused the visitors by working on a 1/72nd SR-71.

Mike's display consisted of various helicopters and maybe a fixed wing or two in 1/72nd - Ah, the more the age the faster the memory goes - sorry Mike. In any event it represented a lot of hard modelling work. During the day Mike sanded, glued, cut and painted away at a Russian Helix helicopter.

Earl's display in 1/48th was most impressive. His C-130 and Lancaster are big models. There were a number of other 1/48th models on Earl's table - I just gotta' learn to write things down. One thing that we noticed was the fact that several of the younger visitors recognized Earl's Lanc as a model of the real thing just behind us. Earl spent the day working on an Accurate Miniatures Ilyushin Il-2m3 Stormovik [again - I think!] and he pronounced this as a pretty neat and well fitting kit.

Graham's display was the Evolution of Aircraft - sort of [his words] in 1/72nd scale and a number of squadron badges. Graham kept himself busy working on a couple of helicopters in 1/72nd - An Mi-8 and a HH-60H. Watching him remove the doors on the Mi-8 was a 'cutting edge' experience.

Jim's display in 1/48th

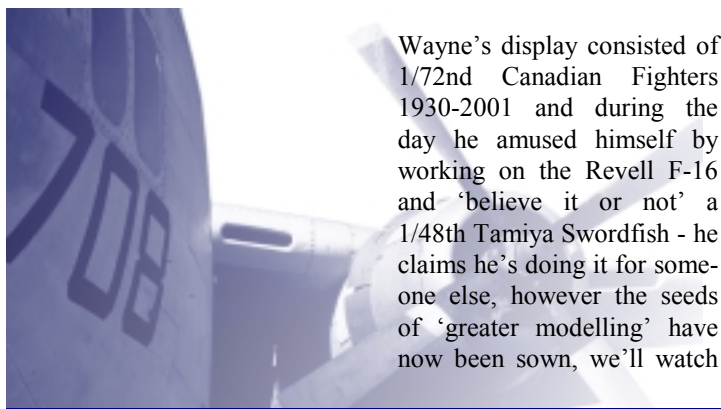
showed three DC-3 / C-47s, three U-2s, three gliders and a helicopter. I didn't bring anything to work on, having learned from past displays that I don't accomplish anything and only lug the stuff out for nothing. I prefer to talk to the visitors and bug the other club members and prevent them from working on their projects.

Don's display of Canadian Bush Aircraft was very impressive in 1/72nd scale and his display of reference material was also an eye catcher. Don had brought a couple of models to work on, however he was the main target of my 'no work at the displays crusade' and as he was easily led to the reference material to look for obscure aircraft he really didn't accomplish much work at this display..... :-)

All in all we had a great time and the visitors were, as usual, mostly great. It is amazing the questions that they can ask and usually we can answer them, or find the answer from another modeler. One that caught Don and I was the woman who asked how do you pronounce 'Noorduyn' - she had spotted Don's model of the Norseman - now this is one that we can usually handle when we're prepared, however when it comes as a surprise we sure can make a mess out of it. Peter Migchelsen, where are you when we need you?

As you may expect we had one IE [Instant Expert, not Internet Explorer] stop by for

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a visit. Mostly we just agreed with his pronouncements of all-wooden Lancasters and F9F Panthers with a twenty minute fuel supply, not wanting to get drawn into a discussion that we couldn't possibly win even with correct facts and evidence. At one point he butted into a conversation Mike was having with a young visitor about the modelling tools that Mike was using. Our 'IE' stated that all of the tools could be purchased at any Canadian Tire store and at that point he took a large Swiss Army knife from his pocket and saying, "This is all you need to build those models", flipped it in the air over Mike's display. He did catch the knife, however if he hadn't and it had come down on top of the display I'm thinking that he would have had to have it surgically removed from somewhere south of Switzerland in his anatomy.

At one point we noticed some little metal 'tabs' on the exhaust stubs of the Lancaster and we entered into a round-robin discussion on what they were and their purpose in life. Most of us spent quite a bit of time gazing upward trying to figure out what they were. At first, Mike came very close to the right answer, however we talked him out of such a silly idea. Anyway, while we expert modellers, engineers and aviation enthusiasts were straining our eyes and necks trying to get a better look at the mysterious tabs, which were quite high overhead, Janyce walked over to the other side of the Lancaster where there is a Merlin en-

gine on display at eye level. She reported back that they were indeed metal tabs, spot welded on the exhausts and each one contained an alpha-numeric serial number. Women..... Grrrr! I don't think we gave them the vote, they out-smarted us and took it. Anyway, now that Janyce has solved what they are, does anyone know why those tabs are there and the reason for the serial numbers?

One last point which I think was the high light of the show. One of the young female Air Museum staff was looking at Wayne's display and she was heard to say, "Are these ever cute." It wasn't her words, but Wayne's somewhat surprised reply of "CUTE???????" that brought howls of laughter from the rest of us and from then on we all took turns of going by Wayne's display and commenting on how 'cute' the display was..... :-). A good time was had by all.

The display at the Perley-Rideau Veteran's Home was also a one day show. We did this display in conjunction with the Ottawa Valley N-Track Railroad Club. As it was only a few days following the Air Museum display we were only able to muster three club members to attend, Bill Wilson, Wayne Giles and Jim MacKenzie.

Bill's display was 'Naval Warfare WWII' and was presented in 1/700th scale. During the day Bill worked on a British destroyer.

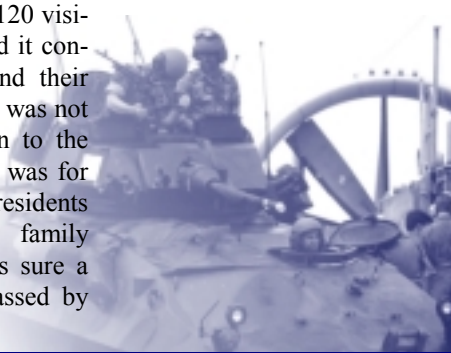
Wayne presented 'Allied Air

Power WWII' in 1/72nd scale and passed the time working on a Tamiya F4U-1D Corsair that will end up as a Canadian flown Corsair II in the RN - I think.

Jim once again displayed the three DC-3 / C-47s and a selection of 1/48th Allied aircraft mostly of WWII vintage although I did have a Canadian CF-104 on the table. I also had the three gliders as I'd neglected to take them out of the travelling case after the Air Museum display. Again I didn't bring anything to work on and spent the day bothering Wayne, reading Bill's reference materials on boats..... Oops, I mean ships - sorry Bill..... :-). The railroad guys were great and we all spent quite a bit of time talking with them and looking at their display. On the first look at their display you tend to concentrate on the moving trains and don't see much else. Later when looking closer you find quite a bit of 'humour' slipped into the scenery. There are cows drinking from a bird bath in the front yard, pigs watching TV and little things like that..... Good stuff. Wayne's brother Bruce seems to be the leader of the pack in this railroad group so it was a kind of a family affair.

I think we had about 120 visitors to the display and it consisted of residents and their families. The display was not advertised or open to the public, it's main idea was for the benefit of the residents and their visiting family members. There was sure a lot of history that passed by

*"...how do you pronounce
"Noorduyn"
...?"*



Model Displays (cont.) *By Jim MacKenzie*

our display during the day. These were the men and women who actually flew the aircraft, sailed the vessels and worked in the factories that produced the original machines that we model. In a way it is kind of sad to see most of them in wheel chairs and walkers, however I guess that's the way things go. Some of them have slipped a bit and their thoughts and recollections remain private within themselves, others can spin quite a tale about personal experiences in the actual aircraft. We had a Wellington pilot, a Spitfire pilot who can recall flying the Mk. V, Mk.VIII and the Mk.XIV. By far and away the best one for him was the Mk.XIV. Wayne, who tends to build aircraft of specific pilots, would mention a name and quite often we'd hear, "Oh, yes I knew him" or "I flew with him"... History at it's best.

Bill's naval display received a lot of attention and he was able to converse with men who had sailed on some of his ships or their sister vessels. The residents of the Perley-Rideau both fought and operated the actual machines. At times you're looking across the display table at a feeble old man in a wheel chair being pushed by his son or daughter and when you get talking to him you only see a young man, proud in his uniform and at the controls of a Spitfire or on the bridge of a Corvette in the stormy North Atlantic. Amazing.

One thing we did notice was that although these men had

flown aircraft that we can only dream about, the two aircraft that they asked for more than any other were the Tiger Moth and the Harvard. I guess it only goes to show that your first love is always a love forever.

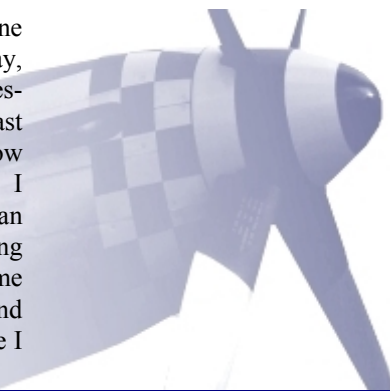
As noted we had a good time at the display. It was too bad that we didn't have a good armour display with only a Brit armoured car and a US SPG on our tables. Oh well, that's the way it goes. If we do this again for sure we have to build, beg, borrow or steal at least one Tiger Moth and a Harvard for the display.

The Home provided us with a 'free' meal in the cafeteria and 'free' gate passes to take us through the gate of hell on the way out of the parking lot. Oh yes, I must not forget to mention that we did convince one of the younger female volunteers at the home to go to Wayne's display and tell him that it was 'cute'... :-) It was fun, but we had better drop it for awhile as Wayne's starting to get vengeance in his eyes!

So there you have it guys. We did have a good time at these displays and I'll raise the usual cry of 'how about a little more participation?' - Try it you'll like it. Everyone cannot attend every display, but give one a try. If it doesn't wind your clock at least you gave it a shot. How about thinking about it? I know that I moan and groan and complain about packing models and leaving on time for the shows I attend, and last night when I came home I

was mentioning the 'history' and the good time I had encountered at the display. My wife, Lise, said, "You always moan on the way out, but I've never seen you come home and say anything but that you've had a good time." She's right. Think about it.

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Seven Signs You May Have a Serious Modellers' Addiction

By Doug MacDonell

- 1 You gloss-coat the cat.
- 2 "I had an accident on the way to the meeting but the model wasn't damaged!"
- 3 You trade in your Honda on an Iwata airbrush.
- 4 Other customers in hobby shops think you are staff.
- 5 You think you're staff.
- 6 Your kids are named Gustaf and Dora.
- 7 "Swastikas are cool!"

