

Now that 2019 is upon us we are looking at another eleven front pages for newsletters. So here is a chance for SMAS members to become involved in our publication. Suggestions are needed to illustrate, either by photographs or drawings, a notable or significant event that occurred during a particular month. For example August could have the raid on Dieppe, December would include Pearl Harbor and so on. Four different subjects can be accommodated each month and they do not have to be military. The flight of Yuri Gagarin orbiting Earth or the premiere of the movie “Bullitt”, Neil Armstrong setting foot on the Moon, the first human ascent in a hot air balloon, all come to mind without straining my few remaining brain cells. And why stop there? For example the sinking of the Titanic is more significant than many people realise because of the effect on maritime safety standards. So how about it SMAS members, what would you like to include? But please bear in mind that any submission must include either a photo or drawing for it to be useful.

This Meeting – Wednesday January 2nd

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 6th

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2019 Scale Modellers Association of Saskatoon

THE EXECUTIVE PAGE

PROGRAMME FOR THE JANUARY MEETING

6:30 pm Socializing, bring and build, etc.

7:30 pm **Business Agenda** (no reason not to continue building at the same time).

Visitors & Introductions.

Old Business: Finalize participant list for mall show; Update on D-Day display for Bridgecon.

New Business: Review need for additional banners/signage at displays; Which members are interested in a bulk order for X-Acto "Z" blades if they cannot be found at regular sources? Any other business?

Juniors.

Treasurer's Report.

Models on the Display Tables.

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2nd: Club Meeting.

January 6th: Install display at the Centre Mall.

January 20th: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

January 27th: Build session at the Bridge City Comics and Collectibles.

February 3rd: Saskatoon Heritage Festival

February 6th: Club Meeting.

February 10th: Remove display at the Centre Mall.

February 17th: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

February 24th: Build session at the Bridge City Comics and Collectibles.

COMMENTARY

The December meeting could be described as "cozy". It was well attended but unfortunately we had to use a classroom at **Parkridge** due to another function in the main room. Turned out if our meeting had been delayed 30 minutes the larger room would have been available. That situation will arise again at some time, so we will look into delaying starting the meeting to suit.

Also well attended was the **Sunday Build** at the library with special emphasis on decals. My own demo involved homemade decals during which I also learned something. My decals were printed on **Testors** decal paper and treated with two coats of **Decal Bonder**. First one was soaked for 12 seconds as usual, drained on kitchen paper towel then applied using decal set. It wrinkled noticeably and those wrinkles did not flatten too much even when treated with **Solvaset**. One new thing I tried was the use of "**Spitonium**". It is a technique discovered by **John Giesy** who found that saliva can be an effective treatment for recalcitrant decals. Unfortunately it did not have much effect on my situation, so some fixing is still needed.

Then when it came to the second, larger decal I was side-tracked during the soaking process. I was concerned that most of the adhesive would have come off, which is what happens if a decal is in water too long. So it was surprising to have the decal not only stick exactly where I wanted it, but to go down with only one tiny air bubble. Lesson learned - when using **Testors** paper, just let it soak a little longer.

Looking toward the summer months we can anticipate at least one workshop dealing with enamel and lacquer paints. That needs to be done where the smell will not get a builder removed from the premises by the boss of the household. In the meantime at both the library and comic book store locations, making scenery and buildings for dioramas is an activity that can be addressed. That subject has been requested and does not generate much in the way of obnoxious smells.

- Mike Reid



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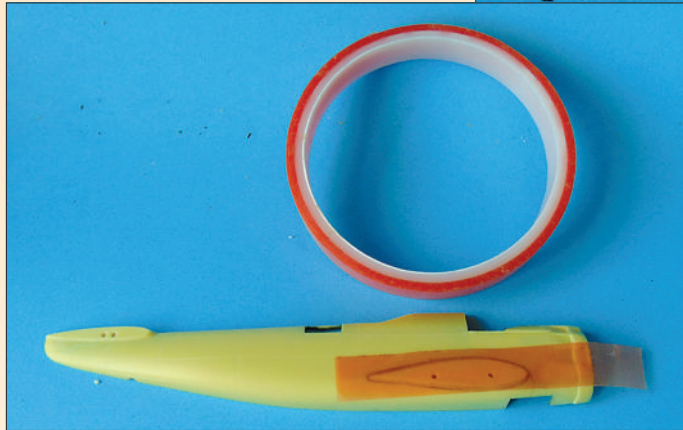
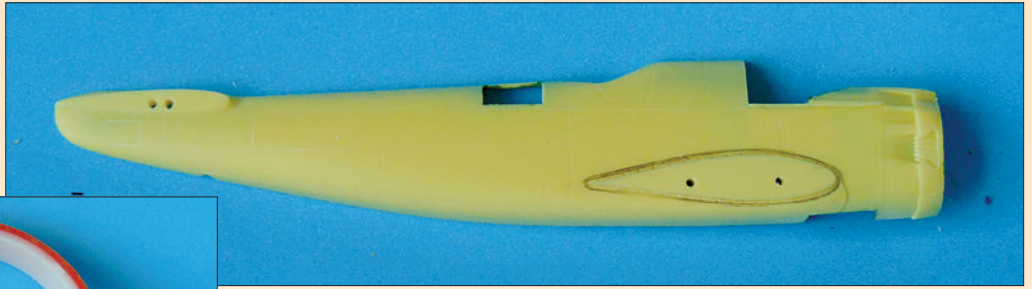
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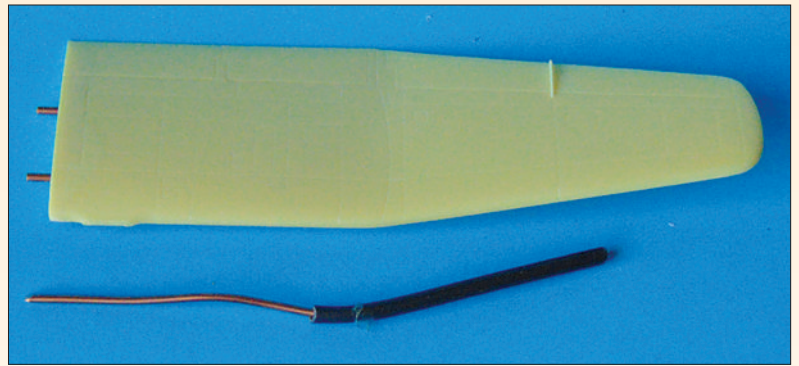
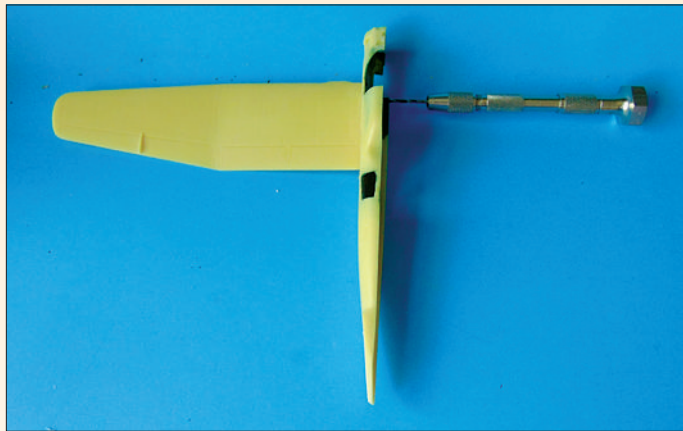
LIMITED RUN KIT PREPARATION

This is a technique that will not have widespread applications. Mainly for limited run plastic kits and many resin kits. Many come without tabs or tongues, so the builder is left with



making a butt joint. Not the easiest thing in the world to get right. In the past my procedure was to assemble the fuselage as normal, then try to measure or gauge exactly where to fit the wings. Not always a great success! This new approach pretty well assures not only that the wings go to the right place, but the wire provides a measure of reinforcement. Expanding on this idea it can also be applied to such things as undercarriage legs. Perhaps the same idea can be applied to subjects other than aircraft, so if somebody does that it will be nice to hear about the project.

- Mike Reid



BRIDGECON CONTEST BACKGROUND - PART 1

In this contest information release I am going to take a deeper look at some of the contest categories. The categories I will be looking at today are: **Civilian automotive, Junior and Vignette/Diorama.**

First, let's look at automotive. In the automotive category we have multiple sub-categories, for example the street sub-category is for mildly customized street driven vehicles, such as a muscle car with different tires and rims. Another sub-category is competition, which is for any car or truck where the main purpose is racing. It might be a **NASCAR Stock Car** or an open wheel **F.1** car. Even an off-road racing truck qualifies for this class.

Next, let's look at the junior division. This one is pretty self-explanatory because there are no sub-categories. It is for anyone 16 years old and under with any subject in any scale.

The last category I am covering today is the Vignettes/Dioramas category. There's lots of confusion over the difference between vignettes and dioramas, but according to the rules of **Bridgecon**, a vignette has no machinery or weapons and a diorama can have one or more machines and/or weapons. An example of a vignette might be two people shaking hands. A sub-category for dioramas is military; this might include a battlefield with tanks. Another sub-category is imagination; Sci-Fi fits into this sub-category.

That is all for this **Bridgecon** release. Watch for an update in next month's newsletter, where we will discuss more of the contest categories.

- Noah Kreutzwieser

STUFF ON THE TABLES

On the Tables in December

Various models were on display in December. Here is a breakdown of them:

Photo	Builder	Scale	Model	Kit	Additional Information
1	Artem Ladynski	1/35 th	No information	No information	No information
2	Artem Ladynski	1/35 th	No information	No information	No information
3	Artem Ladynski	1/35 th	No information	No information	No information
4	Artem Ladynski	1/35 th	No information	No information	No information
5	Lorne Swinbjornson	1/64 th	Hot wheels for Gaslands	Various	Work in progress for Apocalyptic diorama
6	Wayne Welker	1/700 th	Prinz Eugen, German Cruiser	Tamiya	Out of the box. Kit started in September and finished for December "target" project.
7	Wayne Welker	1/700 th	Imperial Japanese Navy carrier Mogami	Tamiya	Out of the box. Finished for December "target" project.
8	Colin Kunkel	1/48 th	Supermarine Spitfire Mk.1	Airfix	New release kit in progress
9	Joel Wilson	1/72 nd	Churchill tank, Morris Quad Tractor with artillery	Heller and Italeri	
10	Ray Moskowec	1/35 th	Universal Carrier (WW2 British Army)	Tamiya	Commonly known as "Bren Gun Carrier"
11, 11a	Jerry Boese	1/24 th	Spirosaurus	Pegasus	In progress and interrupted while having it's evening meal
12	Wayne Welker	1/700 th	The Tirpitz - Germany WW2	Trumpeter	Added photo etch after-market parts. Finished for December "target" project.
13	Wayne Welker	1/700 th	USS Nimitz	Italeri	Nice kit
14	Wayne Welker	1/700 th	USS Lexington,	Aoshima	Nice kit. Finished for December "target" project.
15	Dave Hill	1/48 th	Savoia Marchetti Sm 79	Classic Airframe and multi media kit (resin, photo etch and plastic)	Out of the box. Finished for December "target" project.
					Home-made decals and after-market gun barrels.

- Mike Reid

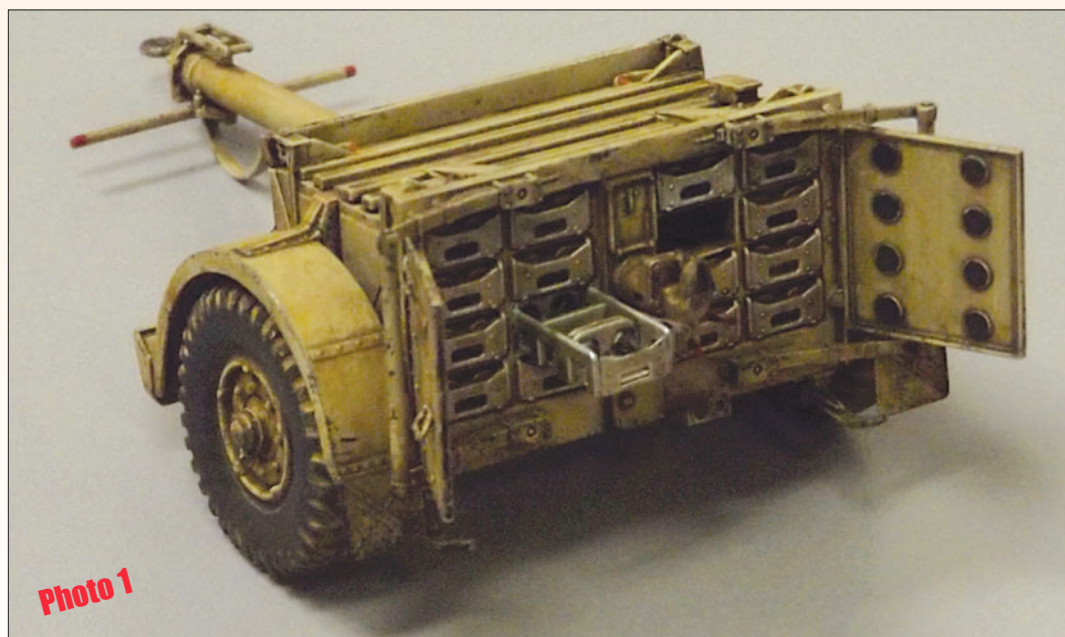


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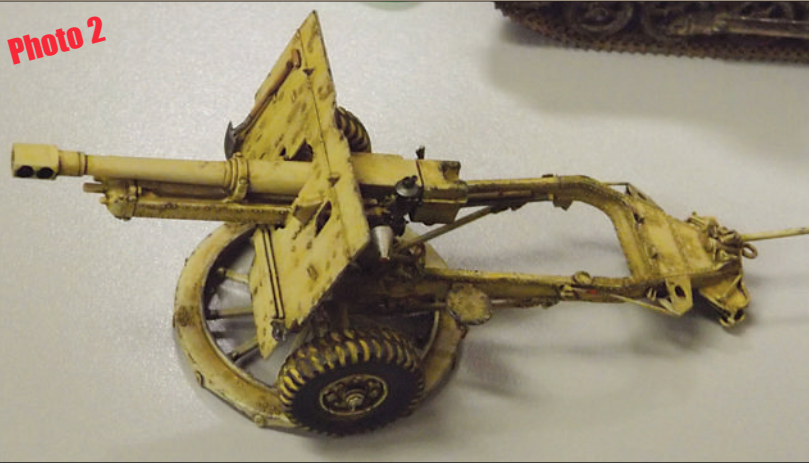


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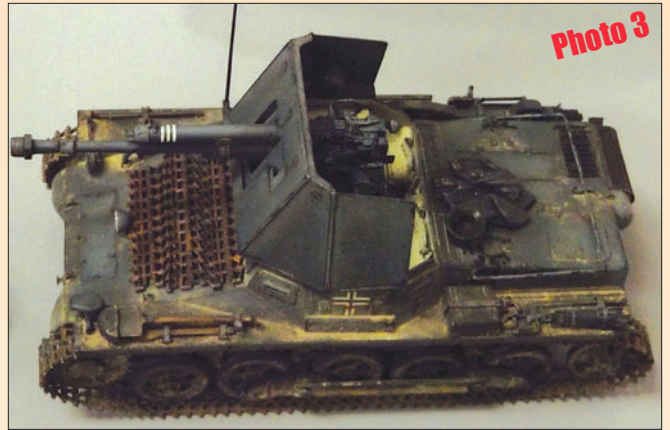


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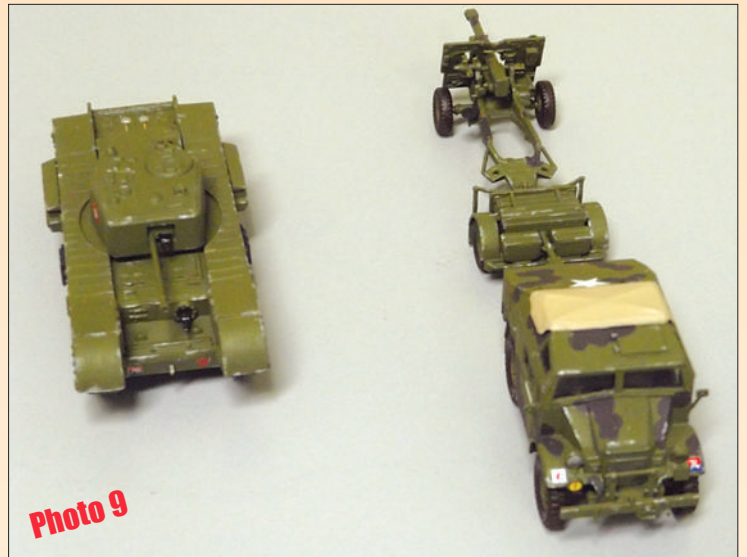


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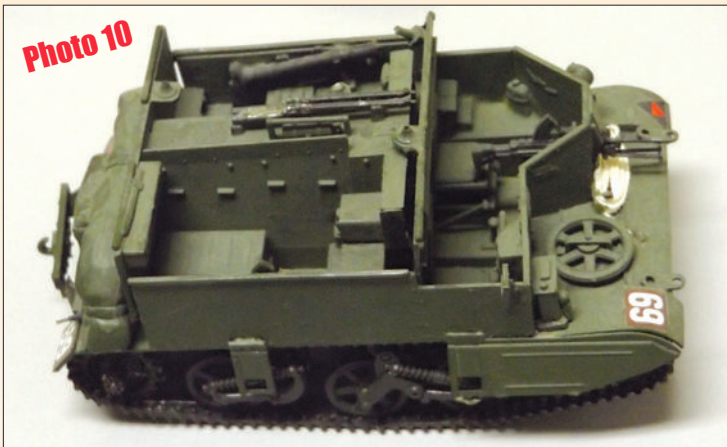


Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 11a



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Excellent.



Photo 14



Photo 15

TIP TIME - LOOK BEFORE YOU FIX !!!!

One project advancing slowly on my workbench is a **Revell Airbus A380** in 1/144th scale. When dry-fitting the wing sections they looked like something out of **Willy Wonka's Aeroplane Factory**, warped and mis-shaped. Those were put on one side until a practical method for straightening them came to mind. Each piece is so large that the conventional steaming method probably would not have worked. They were on the verge of being put into a warm oven when my sub-conscious must have kicked in. Perhaps a reference check would be a good idea before proceeding with any straightening procedure? Turns out, after finding head-on photos of the **A380**, that **Revell Germany** got it pretty close. The wing does have a wavy appearance and when top and bottom halves were glued together, it looked pretty good. So a few minutes research will be standard procedure at the beginning of my future projects.

Some **SMAS** members took pieces of **Komatex** sheet with which to experiment. I found that it glued very well using clear **PVC** cement intended for plumbing piping. Now from **Jim Bartko** comes another suggestion for adhesive. He found that **thick CA glue** (aka **SUPERGLUE**) also works extremely well. But because the interior of **Komatex** resembles foam, thin CA glue does not work. Looking forward to see what projects appear where this material has been used.

- Mike Reid

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BRIDGECON 2019 AWARDS

BEST OF AVIATION CATEGORIES

Best Canadian Aircraft	Best Allied Aircraft WW2	Best Axis Aircraft WW2
Best Military Propeller Aircraft	Best Military Jet Aircraft	Best Civilian / Commercial Aircraft
Best Helicopter or Rotary Wing Aircraft (including gyrocopters)		

BEST AUTOMOTIVE CATEGORIES

Best Custom Car	Best Street	Best Motorcycle
Best Hot Rod	Best Truck (Light or Heavy)	Best Competition Vehicle
Best Factory ; Dealer Delivered	Best Paint Automotive	Best Junior Automotive

BEST OF ARMOUR CATEGORIES

Best Pre-1945 Allied Military Vehicle <i>Sponsored by: AMPS Edmonton</i>	Best Pre-1945 Axis Military Vehicle <i>Sponsored by: AMPS Edmonton</i>	Best Modern Armour
Best Military Support Vehicle	Best Artillery	Best Canadian Armour

BEST OF MARINE CATEGORIES

Best Military Vessel (Surface/Subsurface)	Best Civilian Vessel (Surface/Subsurface)	Best Powered Ship
Best Sailing Ship	Best Large Ship	Best 1:350 th scale Ship
Best 1:400 th scale or smaller Ship		

SPACE AND SCIENCE FICTION

Best Real Rockets & Spacecraft	Best Sci-Fi Rocket or Spacecraft	
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BEST OF FIGURE CATEGORIES

Best Military Figure	Best Non-Military Figure	Best Science Fiction Figure
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"SKILL"

Best Scratch build or Major Conversion (excluding dioramas)

DIORAMAS and VIGNETTES

Best Military Diorama	Best Military Vignette	Best Science Fiction Diorama
Best Sci Fiction Vignette		

GENERAL and MISCELLANEOUS

Best TV/Movie Subject Award		
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BEST OVERALL

Best Overall Ship/Subsurface Vessel (excluding dioramas)	Best Overall Armour (excluding dioramas)	Best Overall Automotive (excluding dioramas)
Best Overall Aircraft (excluding dioramas)	Best Overall Collection (excluding dioramas)	Best Overall Miscellaneous (excluding dioramas)

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