

# Time for Another Theme Night!



**This Meeting – Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
...is a THEME NIGHT!**

#1. Conflict in the Desert.

#2. MOPAR.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and it will be the FALL SWAP AND SALE event!**

## THE EXECUTIVE PAGE

### PROGRAMME FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- 6:30 pm** Socializing, bring and build, etc.  
**7:00 pm** A look at fixing seams and other problems.  
**7:30 pm** **Business Agenda** (no reason not to continue building at the same time).

#### Visitors & Introductions.

Old Business: Comments on BBQ; Feedback from the mall show currently in place

New Business: **Greg Burke** will talk about his experience and display at the EX this year; Continuation of Sunday Build sessions at the comic book store; Resumption of build sessions at Express Hobby; Start of Sunday Build sessions at the Alice Turner library.

#### Juniors.

Treasurer's Report.

Models on the Display Tables.

### 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

September 5<sup>th</sup>: Club Meeting Theme Night.

#1: **Conflict in the Desert.**

#2: **MOPAR**

September 16<sup>th</sup>: **Remove display from Mall.**

September 16<sup>th</sup>: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

September 29-30<sup>th</sup>: Regina Scale Model Expo.

September 30<sup>th</sup>: Build session at the comic book store.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Club Fall Swap and Sale.**

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Build session at the comic book store.

November 7<sup>th</sup>: Annual General Meeting.

### 2019

January 6<sup>th</sup>: **Install display at the Centre Mall.**

February 10<sup>th</sup>: **Remove display at the Centre Mall.**

## COMMENTARY

When the August newsletter was being prepared it looked like being a relatively quiet month for **SMAS**. Only the regular meeting and **BBQ** were on the calendar. As it turned out an opportunity came up to fill a couple of galleries at the **Centre Mall**. The two spaces have been used to promote **Bridgecon** contests and model building in general. Thanks to **Robert Aaberg, Jim Bartko, Wes Braid, Greg Burke, Regan Chovin, Dave DeBack, Noah Kreutzwieser, Ted Lewis, Ron Just, Blair Marriot, Lorne Sveinbjorson** and **Wayne Welker**, two galleries are now suitably dressed.

In addition to the mall display, another "**Sunday Build**" was organized at the comic book store. All in all during the month there were several opportunities to socialize and show off what our hobby is all about. Now getting more into our winter routine, **Sunday Builds are scheduled for September, October and November at the Alice Turner Branch Library**. Because there was enough interest in a **Sunday Build** at the end of the month, a further one at the comic book store will be scheduled for the end of September.

A look at the calendar will show that the regular, full-blown show in all five galleries at the **Centre Mall** has been set for **January and February of 2019**. In the coming months various ideas for themes can be discussed. Also one thing that was done differently for the current small display, was to encourage individual club members to take space just for their own work. No reason why that concept cannot be continued and expanded. One query has already been received about the use of electric power in the galleries. Obviously the model installation has to be safe but other than that there is no restriction. One drawback with long-term display of many of the dioramas currently being built and lit, is that the lighting is battery powered. For one or two day shows with lots of access that obviously is not a problem, but replacement of batteries in the galleries is impractical.

- Mike Reid



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# CANDID CAMERA AT THE SMAS BBQ

Photographs courtesy of *John Giesy*.

- *Mike Reid*



## FILE AWAY

Our attention was drawn to this file set by *Noah Kreutzwieser*, who found it at **Princess Auto**. It consists of a handle with a collet at one end, while the other end has removable cap. The handle is hollow so the files can be stored inside. The files are a bit coarser than the more familiar Swiss needle files and will definitely have a place in the tool box. One small problem was that the collet was not very flexible and needed to be “worked” a little before it would accept a file.

- *Mike Reid*



# STUFF ON THE TABLES

## On the Tables in August

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

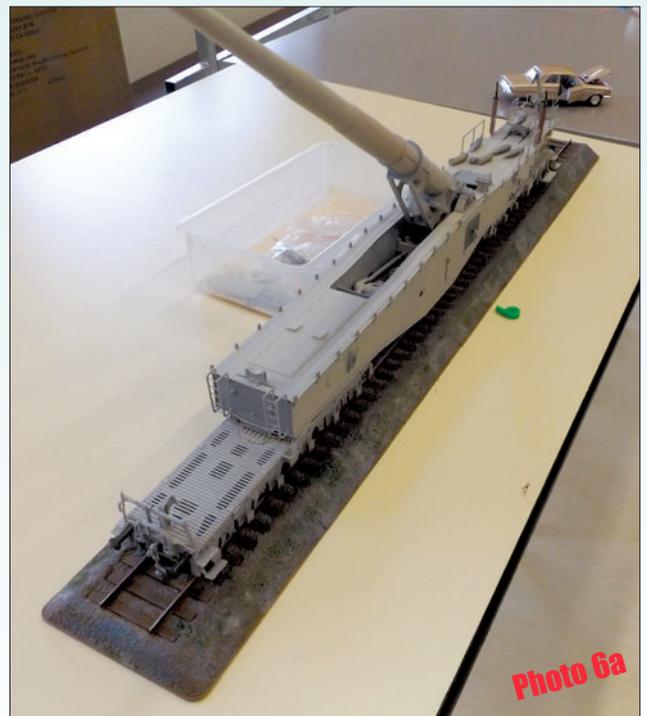
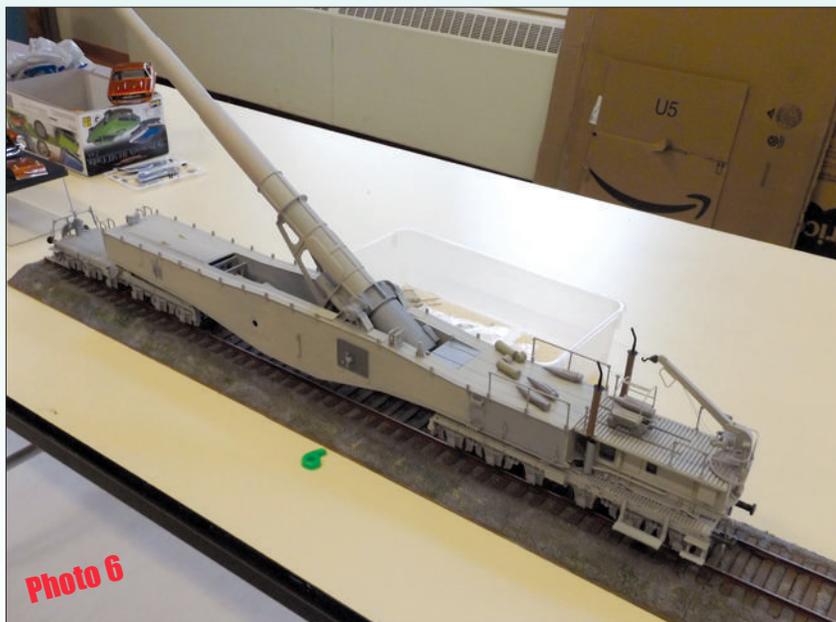
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2	Ron Just	1/25 <sup>th</sup>	Ford Mustang Mach 1	AMT	Box Stock
3, 3A	Rick Hillis	1/25 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Daniels Ice "T"	Monogram	Except for aftermarket rear tires, box stock
4, 4a	Rick Hillis	1/25 <sup>th</sup>	'57 Chevy Black Widow	Revell	'67 Chevell engine and interior
5	Rick Hillis	1/25 <sup>th</sup>			Work in progress
6, 6A	Wayne Welker	1/35 <sup>th</sup>	K5 Krupp Railroad Cannon	Dragon	Work in progress

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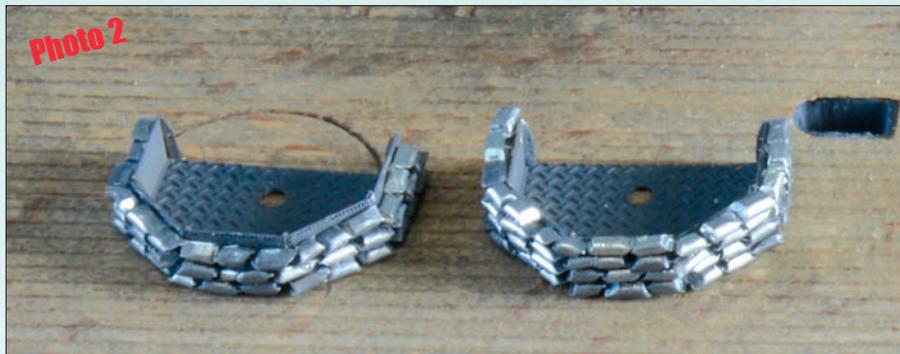
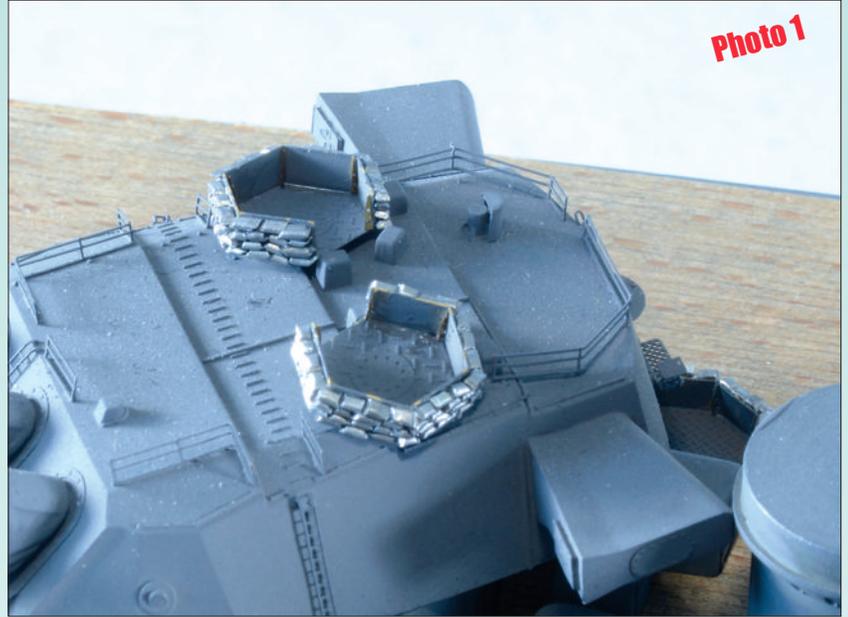
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## SHOPPING CART

Riddle me this - what link exists between denim jeans, ducks and dominoes? None at all that I can think of, so let's move to the next riddle. In what way can a ship, sandbags and solder be related? That is a much easier one. The ship is a 1/350<sup>th</sup> model of the **WW2 Japanese battleship Yamato** being made by **Dave DeBack**. Sandbags were an addition to the real vessel in an effort to protect gun crews in exposed positions (**Photos 1 and 2**). So that is where the solder comes in at 1/350<sup>th</sup> scale, because **Dave** decided to make individual sandbags using solder. It was accomplished with side cutters that crimped the ends of each piece. Upon examining these tiny pieces, it is possible to see why **Dave** decided not to attempt reproducing the stitching at the ends.

The solder used (**Photo 3**) came from **B & E Electronics** on **Faithfull Avenue**. There are at least two



different versions of this 28-gauge coil. They have slightly different metal content but that is of no importance when used like this. It must be mentioned that **B & E** also carries larger diameter solder in coils. The sandbags are not the first time solder has been used for detailing models. If memory serves correct, **Murray Kish** (currently still in exile in **Switzerland**), used small diameter solder for exhaust pipes on a racing car. Reports state that larger diameter solder has also been used



to make replacement exhaust pipes on models in the 1/24<sup>th</sup> and 1/25<sup>th</sup> range.

There may also be an application for the 28-gauge material for pipes on 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale cars in addition to large scale aero engines. It appears many **Tamiya** racing car kits include soft plastic items for engine plumbing, so using a replacement with a metal item may just improve not only the ease of construction, but also the final appearance.

Continuing with materials available for automotive detailing is the wire (**Photo 4**) from **Princess Auto**. As with many things in that store it may be there in limited quantities as part of their surplus section. Looks as though it will be useful for plug wiring in the 1/24<sup>th</sup> and 1/25<sup>th</sup> scales.

- Mike Reid

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# HOLIDAY HOBBY SHOPS

On a recent vacation to the United States for a family reunion, I found myself in Vancouver for the return portion of it. I had done some previous homework and found **Imperial Hobbies** was right on my way. **Bill Cromwell** had confirmed to me that this was a great hobby store, so I made the trip to investigate. **Bill** was not wrong! All I can say is...WOW! This store is a treasure trove of all things plastic.

Upon entering the premises, I was warmly greeted by **Alexander Hock**, the **Assistant Manager**. I explained my

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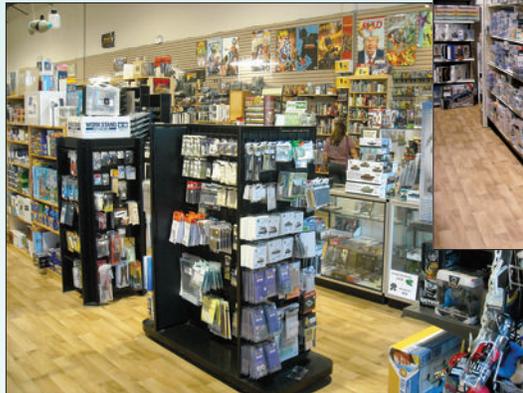


**Alexander Hock (Assistant Manager)** - Blue Vest;  
**Charles Hill (Customer)** - White Shirt.

purpose for visiting (purchase and possibly an article) and he let me know a bit of their history. **Imperial Hobbies** opened in 1986 and moved to this present location about 2.5–3 years ago. There are regular days for playing card games/DnD games in the back, but Alex told me that anyone can “pull up a table” and get to building a kit if they want.

As you will see in the pictures, there is something for everyone in this massive store. Flames of War, fantasy games, and a great selection of plastic kits will have you browsing the day away!

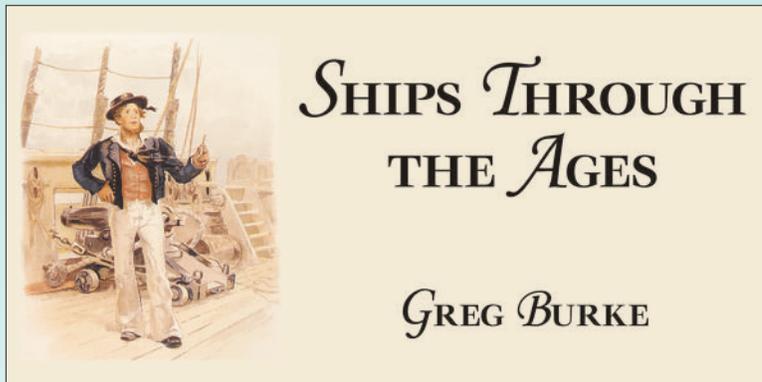
- Ken Kolenovsky



# PRESENCE AT THE EXHIBITION

Although SMAS did not have a display at the **Saskatoon Exhibition** this year, **Greg Burke** most certainly was a participant. After the **Collectors Show** earlier in the year, **Greg** was invited to put his ships on display at the **EX**. This is the eye-catching result.

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