



NEWSLETTER

This month is the RPM Club Contest. The categories are as follows:

- Open Wheel
- Closed Wheel
- Straight Line
- Out of the Box
- Non-Competition
- Motorcycle
- The RPM Club Challenge (snap together kits)

WANT ADS

I know this isn't something you usually see in the newsletter, but if any club members have something they would like to sell or are looking for a particular model related item, drop me an email.

WANTED: Johan 1967 Cadillac Eldorado kit. Contact: JJOHNSON12@aol.com

FOR SALE: MPC 1/16th scale 1963 Corvette Coupe kit. 1988 issue, still sealed. \$25.00 Contact: JimKampmann@gmail.com

Club Calendar

November 20th, 2010

RPM Club Meeting, Edina Library, 1:00 P.M.

Club Contest and Snap Kit Challenge

December 18th, 2010

RPM Club Meeting, Edina Library, 1:00 P.M.

Pizza party and white elephant kit exchange

January 15th, 2011

Meeting, Edina Library, 1:00 P.M.

February 12th, 2011

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Welcome to the November Newsletter!

The October meeting was down a little in attendance, I hope that we didn't lose any members going to the Edina Library by accident. The meeting was held in a small room at the Southdale Library in a kum-ba-yah arrangement sans the campfire. I really felt like I was at a 12-step program and didn't know what I should feel guilty about. The meeting was short and I may have missed an item or two for which I apologize. I had thrown out my back and was in a lot of pain that day and I wasn't entirely focused.

One thing that stood out at the meeting is something that must be addressed. The heart and soul of our meetings is and should be the on-the-table, otherwise referred to as show-and-tell. This is the main reason that many of the members are there, to show what they have built and to see what others have built as well. If you are one of those that are not interested in this part of the meeting, please step out of the room to have any conversations not pertaining to the models being discussed. The decision to have conversations while the on-the-table is going on cannot be continued. I understand that many of you only see these people in this setting and you wish to discuss various items, which is fine, but please have the courtesy of removing yourself from the area so the rest of us can listen to the builder and the work that they put into their model. It is common courtesy and must be adhered to. I certainly don't want to get to the lengths of another local club and have to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to curtail this. Even though I know that Bob M. is itching for the job and he can be quite menacing.

On a more positive note, the decision was made for the 2011 Club Challenge to go with open wheel. There has been a lot of buzz about the new Revell Midgets that are on the way. Mr. Kampmann has been kind enough to keep us updated on the forums builds that are now complete and the kit looks fantastic. Tim Boyd built the Ford V8 version and seemed to love the kit. We even heard from our beloved former member Cal on many of the different decal sets that are available. The V8 version should be out in late November followed

by the Offy version in late December. I'm hoping that one of these Midgets make it into the December Gift Exchange!

This month is the RPM Club Contest. I know we have beaten the rules to death, but for those new members or others who were wiggled out on Cheetos and not listening, here they are again. All models must have been built in the last 12 months. The model cannot have been entered in last year's club contest. When you arrive, please place your model in one of the seven designated categories, which are: Open Wheel, Closed Wheel, Straight Line, Out of the Box, Non-Competition, Motorcycles, and Special Theme/Club Challenge which this year is the snap together kits. I have the voting slips made and will have signs to designate the categories. I will ask each of the club members to say a brief description of their model and what went into building it before judging. We will then decide on which model should win each of the seven categories. Ballots will be returned to me for counting. Winners will be declared and I will distribute a \$25 gift certificate to Hub Hobby for the winner of each category with my undying Thanks. Remember that each club member may win only one of the seven categories.

Since I mentioned the December RPM Gift Exchange, please start looking for that perfect kit that you feel another club member would be thrilled to get. When deciding on that kit, just think to yourself, is this a kit I would like to receive? It's all about sharing the good will of the season, not about pawning off some piece of junk that's contaminating your collection.

Please note that the Davanni's we normally visit before each meeting has closed. A new Davanni's has opened right across the street from Hub-Richfield and we will be meeting there. The December club lunch has been booked at the Davanni's that is about two blocks away from the Edina Library on 50th/Vernon.

Thanks,
Don



ON THE TABLE, OCTOBER

October being Out Of The Closet month may reduce the car count on the table but it doesn't affect the quality, as was evident with the variety of the builds.

First up was RPM's guest of the day, Matt McNally, who took a couple of hours or so to drive up and show us his works in progress. 2 of these were Monogram NASCAR Thunderbird kits that were going to be painted in the Chameleon Sunglasses paint scheme. These were followed by his AMT Scout 2 with a Honda Odyssey ridgerunner.

In preparation for the eagerly anticipated Revell midget racers, Neal Engelman brought in his WIP of Revell '50 Ford F-1 truck, which, when finished, will be towing one of those racers.

Going way back into the past, Cameron Jamison brought in his Tamiya original issue 1/12th Porsche 945. The decals gave a little trouble, but overall the car had turned out very nice.

Bob Maderich brought back his '32 Ford which was on the table last month, and a Revell '64 truck and going for a work truck look, with paint from Model Car Garage. But of course the shining highlight from Bob was the ubiquitous (his word) Tijuana Taxi, built from the recent Revell reissue of the old Monogram classic, and a Challenge Car between Bob and myself. A quote "pretty nice kit" unquote that went together very well (aside from one minor clearance problem), Bob enhanced the Taxi with an aluminum magneto and stacks, and real rope for the chicken crates. There's a future for Bob with showrods!

Two Impalas with different styles were brought in by Jim Allen, one an AMT bubbletop which was built mostly box-stock, and the other was Revell which also used mostly kit parts, except for the 409 headers which were taken from the AMT bubbletop, as the Revell kit does not come with the headers. Tamiya Bright Red paint was used for the finish on both.

One of the more anxiously-awaited recent releases was Revell's new-tool ChiTown Hustler funny car, which Jim Kampmann built up more like the original flopper than the current nostalgia car making the show rounds. Italian Red instead of Candy Red was used for the body color. The roof hatch had been cut out and hinged, and the rear wheels were from the Polar Lights Mr. Norm Charger f/c.

For my half of the Bob/Mark challenge, I built the McLaren MP4/2C, a Protar kit at 1/24. The body was painted Tamiya Fluorescent Red (by airbrush) and then Future was applied over the top. The chassis was all in black, using different paints and methods for different shades of black. The kit does come with the Marlboro decals and other markings to apply (Marlboro isn't on the box cover, but is used in the instructions). The kit does have nice detail, but is a very finicky and fragile process to go through and while it looks nice on the table, I was honestly glad when it was finished! A side mirror was lost so I made one up out of sprue, and despite all the detailed parts in the kit, no seat belts. These I made out of strips of medical tape. Whew!

Mark Rollie





ON THE TABLE, SEPTEMBER

Well, it's fall, and October brings out the dark side in the RPM members. I am of course referring to the "Out of the Closet" month and the ships, figures, planes, and armor models that various members do in their "spare" modeling time.

One of our newest members, Cameron, gave us a very nice F-18 built from the 1/48 Revell kit. He got the inspiration for the project from an article by our own Jack Muga. He used Testor's flat enamels to finish this jet off.

Mark Rollie loves those figures and he graced us with General Ursus from "Beneath the Planet of the Apes" Polar lights reissued this old Addar kit. (Addar was a short-lived company started by former Aurora people) He painted both the figure and the base with a variety of black finishes and brands. (Tamiya and Krylon) The very nice base was detailed with flocking, 'grass', and 'sand' found in the railroad section.

Bob Maderich gave us two planes. The first was the Academy Polikarpov I-16 in 1/48 scale. All the markings were painted on with Tamiya acrylics, as the decals were the only low point of the kit. He added a seat belt and brass tubing for the gun barrels. His other plane was the fairly new Eduard release of the Fokker DVIII. A beautiful kit, it was built OOB with paint by Tamiya.

Bob Ferreira did a very nice job on his 70mm Yoda figure from Knight Models. It is white metal and was painted with Lifecolor acrylics. He used a stretched clear green swizzle stick for the light saber. "Beautiful it was"

Don Stauffer continued his run of excellent ship builds with his 1/700 Colombo Express container ship from Revell of Germany. He used Tom's Modelworks generic PE ladders and railings, a scratchbuilt main radar antenna, and homemade decals for most of the containers.

Don also gave us two planes, the first being the Boeing 40b, an early airliner. Mostly OOB, this 1/72 model was from CMR. The second plane was the "Songbird", a Cessna Bobcat in "Sky King Songbird" logo. Kit was a Czech resin 1/48, again mostly OOB, with scratch door hinges and one antenna.

Finally, Erik (NBG) Zabel gave us 8 of his beautiful models to admire. Let's see....where do I start? Ok, two pieces of armor, the first being a M8 Greyhound, 1/48 Tamiya kit. He added resin accessories from Blackdog resin, made the base, and the figure was from the kit. His other military vehicle was a Dutch armored personnel carrier/command

vehicle, 1/35 AFV club kit, OOB. Four planes flew off of Erik's bench this year, (sic) the first being the Eduard Morane-Saulnier type N WWI plane. He added rigging and seat belts to this 1/48 beauty. Another Fokker DVIII in 1/48 was next. It was built from the DML kit, and seat belts and aftermarket lozenge decals were added. A tiny 1/72 Nieuport Ni-23 from Eduard was also there. Erik built it OOB with just added seat belts and rigging. Ok, one more, the Spitfire Mk. II, a Revell 1/48 kit. (kudos for building this) was on the table. Added tape seat belts and radio wire, otherwise OOB. One of Erik's strongest subjects, his space models, were also on display. The original Series USS Enterprise, in 1/100 scale was built from the Polar Lights kit. He added lights and the scratchbuilt base. Finally, his Sandcrawler from Star Wars, in 1/144 scale, was built from the Fantastic Plastic model. He added some cool 1/350 ship figures for the jawas.

Whew, it just goes to show you the level of excellence that exists in this club. All of these models were very nice, it's a fun month for all of us that do more than cars.

Bob Maderich

