

Best not to get on the bad side of a kit collector!



I'M GOING TO THAT PLASTIC KIT SALE



BUT YOU ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH PLASTIC KITS



THEY WILL HAVE KITS THAT I DO NOT!



BOSS, WHY NOT USE THE KITS YOU HAVE FIRST?



I'M GETTING MORE PLASTIC KITS

**This Meeting – Wednesday
November 7th
Next Meeting – Wednesday
December 5th**

THE EXECUTIVE PAGE

PROGRAMME FOR THE NOVEMBER 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.

First Order of Business: Set the Executive for 2019/2020.

New Business: Start collecting information for the 2019 Mall Display; Suggestions for possible sponsorship for the Mall Display.

Juniors.

Treasurer's Report.

Models on the Display Tables.

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

November 7th: Annual General Meeting.

November 18th: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

November 25th: Build session at the comic book store.

December 5th: Club Meeting Theme Night.
Themes to be determined.

December 16th: Afternoon build session at the Alice Turner Branch Library.

December 30th: Build session at the comic book store.

2019

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 comic book store.

February 3rd: Saskatoon Heritage Festival (to be confirmed)

February 10th: Remove display at the Centre Mall.

COMMENTARY

The first order of business at the November meeting will be to set the **2019/2020 Executive**. Whether this is done by a vote or by acclamation will depend upon the number of members putting their name forward for consideration. In addition to the three person executive there are other roles to be filled. I suspect **Ray Schmidt** will be happy to continue as **Web-Master**, but I can see a couple of additional volunteer positions being needed. One is to function as **librarian** since **Logan** is no longer able to carry out that duty. SMAS does not have a large collection of written material and what we do have is with **Rick Hales**. But it would be nice for someone to take those off of **Rick's** plate and expand the usefulness by cataloguing what we do have. That catalogue can then be included on the website.

A second volunteer function also revolves around **Rick**. The members section of the website includes a current membership list. The problem is that it is not very current and is in serious need of an update. It needs somebody to work with **Rick**, even on a monthly basis, to keep that list up to date. So that will include adding information on new members, changing data such as email addresses, or deleting obsolete info etc. Actual posting of any updated listing will of course go through **Ray** the **Web-Master**.

Incidentally mentioning emails, when there is a change in your info such as a change in service provider, please let me know so that the relevant distribution lists can be updated.

Planning for the next **Bridgecon** is well underway. Also, **Alan Luciuk's** proposal for an inter-club challenge with "**Operation Overlord**" as the theme seems to have caught member's imagination. The great thing is that, even if it does not turn into the hoped for two-club event, a display such as that can be presented in other locations, such as schools, to commemorate the 75th anniversary.

- Mike Reid



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DAVE'S DOCKYARD

Subject: The Imperial Japanese Battleship "Yamato" in 1/350th Scale; Finishing Touches!

(Ed Note: compiled from emails with which Dave kept interested parties up to date on progress).



Guns..... more guns..... and there's still the secondary 12.7 cm turrets and 24 triple 25 mm's and 2 twin 25 mm's, and finally 8 single 25 mm's yet to go. How so many young, young men thought they could go up against firepower like that and survive is beyond me! The 1500 plus sandbags were installed for a reason. You have to get relatively close for the .50 calibre rounds the American aircraft were using to such great effect. Vets who survived Kamikaze attacks recall at first the 5" guns would open up, then 40 mm Bofors guns and by the time the rattle of the 20 mm guns opened up you knew you were in trouble because the attacking planes were very close! The weakness of IJN ships was they didn't have the same quality AA armament as the American Navy.

The shielded triple 25 mm guns were the very last things glued on as they stick out past the edge of the deck. Fiddly bits used - two modified kit anchors for the bow, two white metal ones from **Kirishima** kit for the stern and the life boats. Two smaller boats are on dollies at the stern, with the Admiral's barge hanging out the open doorway on the starboard side at the stern. Thought I was so smart with the last photo of the catapults but upon a closer look I didn't catch one of the 10 braces inside each one! I find it tricky getting the lighting just right on the brass photo etch, or maybe it's just me.

Construction is done! A few crewmen were photo etched and glued in place. The flat coat went down very well indeed. A tip from **Chris Parsons** to try the **Vallejo Flat Clear** has paid off with dividends. Over the years I've tried every kind of flat coat that's out there. Until now haven't found a medium as forgiving and one that gives the results I'm after. While spraying the airbrush easily collects little drops at the tip and then "spits" them out when it feels like it, just wiped the droplets with my finger, re-sprayed and you can't find the spots.



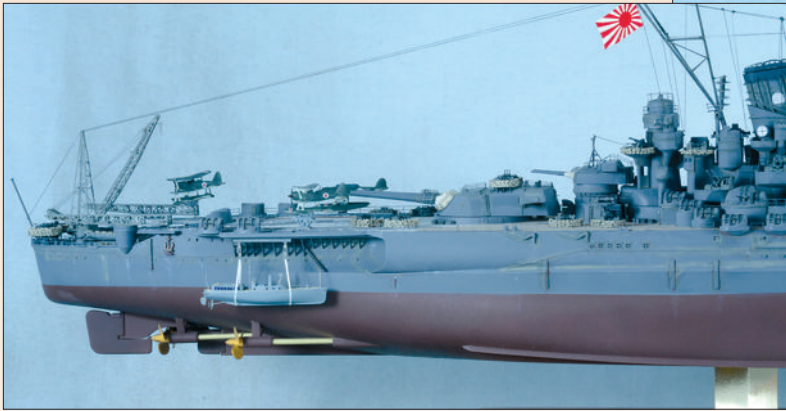
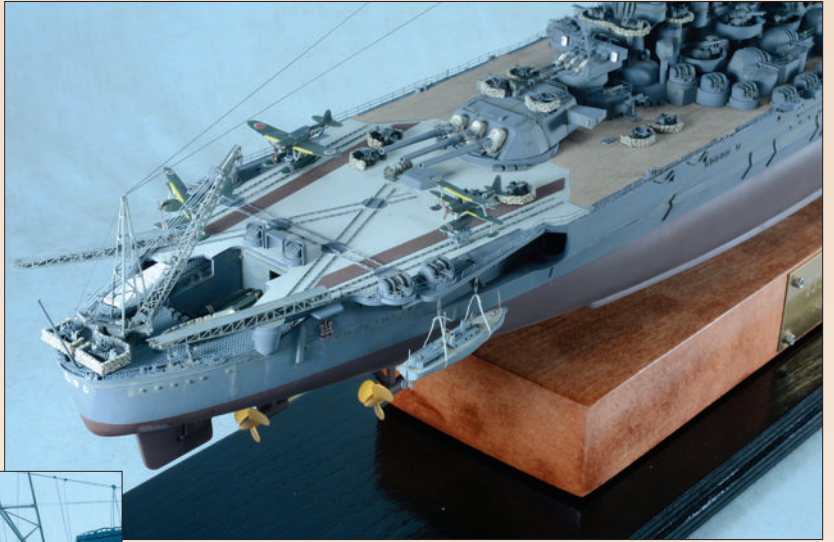
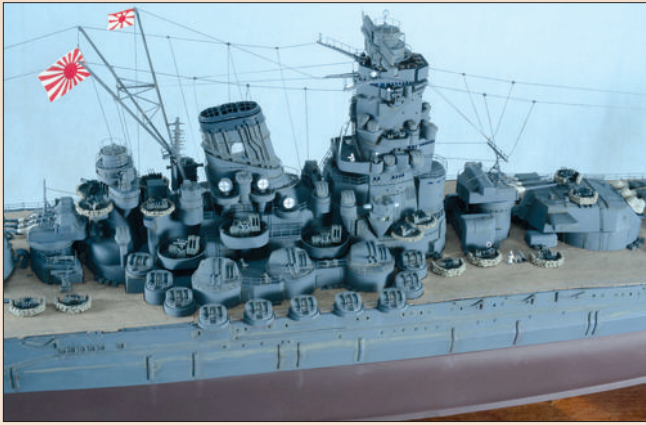
I personally think it turned out pretty well, bought the wrong kit and accessories for it, bought the wrong books for research, spent a lot of hours on the internet and the more I looked the more confusing it became as to what went where! Yamato was basically destroyed, because just after sinking her main magazine blew up, so there's not much left on the bottom of the ocean. That gave me quite a bit of freedom during the build. As with all my models I'm just looking for something representative. The joy is in the build!

P.S. The last two pictures are included to show the physical size of a 16" projectile and the sort of damage such a missile can inflict. The last photo is a section of 26" thick armour plate after a slight contretemps with such a shell.

- Dave DeBack

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AFRIKA KORPS KOLLECTION

Featured This Month are Some of the Models of John Giesy

All models are 1/35th scale and represent machines used by the **German Army** in **North Africa** during **WW2**.

Editor's Note: This is the first article in what is intended to be a series highlighting collections built by SMAS members over the years.

Photo Subject

- 1 Leichter Pz.Kfw Mk1 (202e) "Dingo"
- 2 Autoblind a AB40
- 3 7.5cm Pak 10/4 Auf RSO
- 4 Leichter Zug Kraftwagen 3TSd.Kfz.11 Einheits farhaus
- 5 Sd.Kfz 251/22 Ausf D "PAKWagen
- 6 Italian Self-Propelled Gun "Semovente M40"
- 7 Carro Armato L6/40
- 8 Quad Gun Tractor, Canadian Ford, F.G.T.
- 9 Horch Kfz 15

Photo Subject

- 10 Bison II 15 cm SIG33 (SfL) auf P3.Kpfw II
- 11 PzKpfwIII Ausf (Sd.kfz 141/1) w long 5 cm KwK39 L/60
- 12 3.7 cm FLAK 36 auf Fahrgestelle zug kraftwagen 8 Ton (sfKfz 7/2)
- 13 Italian Staff Car in German service
- 14 7.62 cm PK 36 (r) auf PzLgr Selbststeltle wagen 57 "Diana" Sd.Kfz



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Photo 6



Photo 5



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13

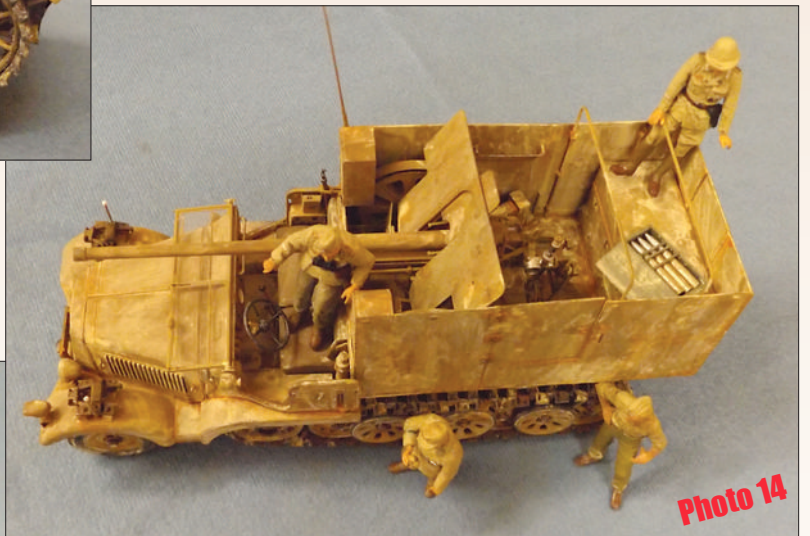


Photo 14

***PAIN* PALLETTE**

Riddle me this What is the connection between **bottled water**, **Tim Horton's** and **spray bombs**??? Give up?...just so that nobody loses sleep worrying over this, here is the answer. After removing the mall display and putting everything back into storage, **Wes Braid**, **Ron Just** and I went to **Timmies** for coffee. **Ron** decided to have bottled water rather than the coffee **Wes** and I enjoyed as we discussed the hobby. One subject involved spray cans and decanting the contents for air brushing. Some people recover just enough for their current needs, leaving the rest in the can. Myself, being too lazy to do that every time I need paint, prefer to spray the whole can into a separate container. For years my favourite storage vessels have been salad dressing jars in plastic which have been thoroughly washed and cleaned using dish washing detergent. Loosely capped at first to allow for degassing, it might take a few days before it is safe to put the lid on tightly. All types of paint have been saved in this way, some for years without any problems. That included lacquers and others which have "aggressive" solvents. **Ron** was a little skeptical, so as he was about to put his empty water bottle into recycling, I took a look at the bottom. It was marked **PETE** which is not the name of the bottler, but a type of plastic in which food stuffs can be stored.

Obviously my powers of persuasion worked in this case since he decided to give it a try; the result....

"now I know something else I will be saving.....Ron"

(This next is a query about a paint stripper that went to **Bill Cromwell**).

At **Express** one Saturday there was mention of a fluid called **Brake Clean** (or something similar) where the second word is spelt with a K. Just looked in **Canadian Tire** but did not see anything that fits the description.....any suggestions?

(The response from **Bill**)?

I just tested the brake cleaner and contact cleaner on **Tamiya** and **Vallejo** paints it did nothing to either of them. I then tried **DOT-3 brake fluid** and it started to work on both of them and I know it will strip automotive paint well. Hope this helps.

- Mike Reid

THIS JUST IN.....

Redline Hobby would like to thank all of our customers for the tremendous support over the last few weeks since announcing that we were closing our location.

*We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand **Redline Hobby** will be REOPENING at 3831 ALBERT STREET on November 1st ! We will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30-31st for the move.*

Watch for further updates as we get settled into our new home!

- Mike Reid

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