

DH Scale



And They're Off.....



Welcome to the 1st edition of **DH SCALE**, the official newsletter of the newly launched de Havilland Employee Sports Club, Scale Modelers Chapter. We hope to make this a monthly publication, bringing you the highlights from the previous meeting, as well as other tidbits of information from the world of scale.

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The Scale Modelers chapter has been established to bring together both current and retired de Havilland employees who have an interest in the hobby and who'd like to participate in a monthly informal get-together, show off their latest works, exchange some tips and just yak about the state of modeling.

In addition to promoting the hobby within our own walls, we're also hoping to show the flag externally by participating in local shows and events. We've already got a jump on this by sponsoring an award at the recently held Ajax (formerly Exeter) Model Show, the 23rd rendition of which happened on October 26th.

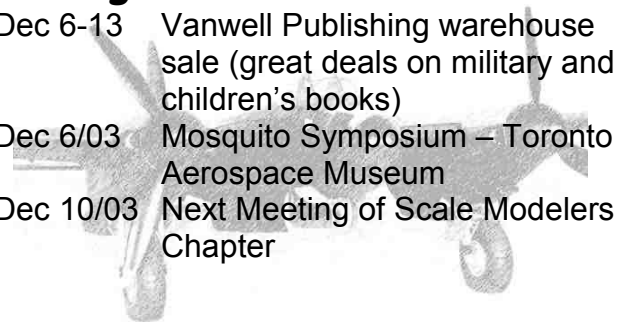
Our first meeting came off quite well with 19 people in attendance, including 2 retirees. Our resident photographer extraordinaire, Bill Buckley, presented us with a great slide-show presentation of some of the entries from the Ajax show (thanks Bill). Thanks to all of those who attended, and especially to those who brought in some of their wares for us to view. We hope you enjoyed it.

QUICK TIP

To prevent that pesky Xacto knife from rolling off the table and leaving you with an embarrassing wound to explain at the Emergency room, squeeze a bit of plastacine or left over milliput over the end of the handle. This will stop the roll.

Coming Events

- Dec 6-13 Vanwell Publishing warehouse sale (great deals on military and children's books)
- Dec 6/03 Mosquito Symposium – Toronto Aerospace Museum
- Dec 10/03 Next Meeting of Scale Modelers Chapter





On The Table

We had a nice selection of completed models and a few works in-progress brought in. We're also pushing a few individuals to bring in some completed examples of some of these amazing paper/card models (nudge, nudge, hint, hint, Bruno/Kris).

Bruno Campoli brought in some flat patterns for some card models. I'm quite PO'd at being asleep at the wheel, and missing these. Hopefully we'll see some more of these at the next meeting and I'll be a bit more attentive.



Derek Pennington brought in a subject dear to our hearts in a form of a Hobbycraft's 1/72 Caribou, done in an immaculate Air Gabon livery. Derek also brought in an interesting 1/48 Fairy Battle with a Hercules engine conversion, and an equally nicely done He 111A.

Master of the teeny tiny scales, **Iain Fraser**, brought in a number of terrific completions including his 1/72 Huey Cobra, Whirlwind, and P40, and his 1/144 PBV Catalina, F105, F4 and our ever favourite DH 98 Mosquito,



Jay Rotsch brought in a stunning Hasagawa F106, and F4N Phantom. Much oooing and aaaawing was also heard over Jay's in-progress F14 with an Aires resin interior and wheel well set. We're all anxious to see how this one progresses.

Joe Sheppard brought in his 1/76 Humber Mk1 armoured car, and Curtis Seagull. Many double takes were seen in the crowd when he told us that the Seagull was **brush** painted. Many of my airbrushed finishes don't look that good.



On The Table cont'd:

Many of us are familiar with the outstanding armour from the work bench of **Sandy McRorie**, and his 1/35 M3A1 Stuart which he brought in was certainly no exception. Sandy also brought in an in-process Valentine tank, which after adding up all of the after-market goodies that he had on display (white metal track, turned metal barrel, etc.), we calculated will be worth an equivalent of the GDP for some small nations. We all look forward to seeing it as it progresses.



Terry Cooper surprised us with a very nicely done 1/72 EF 111, that I don't think any of us had seen before. He also brought in a 25mm figure of a Napoleonic era soldier.

Wayne Bowman brought in some subjects in the International Coffee Drinkers Scale of 1/32. First was a Ju87 G1 built with Revell's Ju87 B and J. Rutman's multimedia conversion set. Second was Trumpeter's F-7MG (Mig 21 variant) with a few examples of the new heat formed windscreen that I was working to produce.



At The Next Meeting...

(Wed Dec. 10/03)

- We'll give a seminar covering the various uses of "Future" floor wax in modeling. Amazing stuff that Future.
- Wayne will bring in some examples of modeling fillers and we'll talk about the uses of each.
- Derek can give us an update regarding his hunt for IPMS charter information.

From The Editor



We were very pleased with the turn out for the first meeting, especially considering that there were a number of individuals who told us that they were interested in attending, but could not make it to this meeting. Hopefully, we can keep up this level of interest.

Thanks to everyone who brought models in for viewing. Aircraft subjects predominated (occupational hazard I guess) but I'm hoping to see some more diversity in the way of ships, armour, figures, and automotive subjects for future meetings

A number of you have expressed interest in having us run some seminars or mini clinics. I'm pleased to tell you that we will attempt to run one of these at the next meeting.

I'd also like to encourage any members who'd like to submit a build article or kit review for upcoming edition, to please do so.

I'd also like to remind you to fill out the **Member Info. Form** that I mailed out earlier this week. We will use these completed forms as the basis of the mailing list for future editions of this publication

Till next month... **WB**

Surf's up

Here's a few modeling related web pages that you may want to check out:

www.hyperscale.com

- general interest modeling

www.aircraftresourcecenter.com

- as the name implies, great models and A/C walkaround section
- Canadian site

www.missing-lynx.com

- for the armour enthusiast
- Canadian site

www.themodelcarlist.com

- a good source for the auto scaler

Thanks to Bruno Campoli for sending some of these links

Just a minute!!

Here are the minutes in brief from the last meeting:

- We covered the basics of the chapter mandate.
- We talked briefly about the Chapter's awards sponsorship for local shows.
- Iain Fraser accepted the position of Chapter President and Grand Poobah, Wayne Bowman accepted the position of Vice President (unterPoobah) and Terry Cooper volunteered to take on the Treasurer's role.
- Meeting dates were established as the 2nd Wednesday of each month. After some discussion, it was decided to move the start time for future meetings back 15 minutes to 4:30 to better fit the later quitting time of the folks from Engineering.
- Derek volunteered investigate an IPMS charter, and to discuss with members from IPMS Toronto ways in which we might be able cooperate in some intra-club activities.



Report From The Field



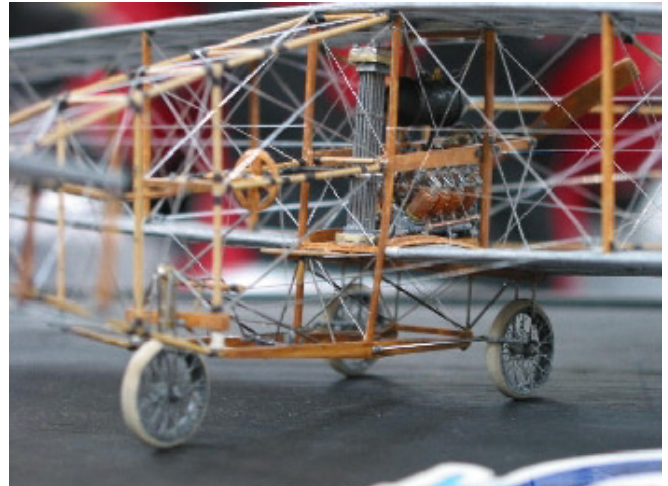
The following pictures were taken at the
Ajax Model Show on Oct 26, 2003:

(Photos by Bill Buckley & Wayne Bowman)



1/72 CF104

Best Made in Canada presented by deHavilland
Scale Modelers Chapter



Scratch-Built 1/48 Silver Dart



1/48 Corsair



1/24 F150



1/72 Sopwith Snipe



1/72 German Fast Attack Craft

Tools & Techniques

Paint Pointers

When masking canopy frames, to avoid having your colour coat bleed under the tape edge, first apply a coat of clear gloss. If the clear bleeds under the tape it will be virtually invisible, and after it cures, it will seal the tape edge for subsequent colour applications (provided by Terry)

Fairing Filler

When using Tamiya putty/filler to fill seams, after the putty has set up, use a Q-tip wetted with acetone (fingernail polish remover) to smooth/fair it in. This will reduce or in some cases eliminate the need to sand the putty later.

Scratching the surface

In this section we'll bring you a few tips for scratch-building your own detail parts.

To make those conical antenna insulator fairings seen on a number of WWII German A/C (eg. Bf109, Ju87, etc), heat up a piece of .010 sheet styrene until it begins to sag (being careful not to scorch your fingers or set your house on fire), then force it down over either a pin or a very sharp pencil. Drill a small hole in base of the cone, then cut off your conical end. You can now thread your antenna wire through the hole in the cone.



Seen on the Shelf

The following are some new releases that have been spotted on the shelf at local retailers

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>
Williams F-1 BMW Fw24	1/20	Tamiya
Bf109 G2	1/24	Trumpeter
F4U-1D Corsair	1/32	Trumpeter
LAV 25 (MC)	1/35	Revell
DHC-6 Twin Otter	1/72	Modelcraft
CF 18 2002 Display Scheme	1/144	Revell (Germany)



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