

CAMS 2015 Wrap Up

Well here we are in the month of June and another CAMS Spring Show and Contest has passed. This was our 27th year for the show and as it turned out, one of the biggest we have ever had,

In total there were ninety-seven modellers registered for the show bringing with them almost three hundred kits to be judged and vie for the Dr. Bob McNutt Memorial Award for the Best in show and that wasn't counting the kits that were brought in for display only.

This year our modellers came from far and wide. Nova Scotia was well represented with modellers for all over the province, many of them returning for more years that they wished to remember, the same was true for many of the NB modellers. We also had visitors for the state of Maine and a crew from the Quebec City model club came down for the first time.

The modellers came in all shapes and sizes and all experience level from Juniors to the old fellers who have been in the hobby for decades. We had a number of first timers who had never had their kits judged before and were nervous at first but enjoyed the experience, camaraderie and are coming back next year.

The quality of the models keeps getting better and better every year with the amount and attention to detail exhibited by the builders. It is also nice to see the improvement in some of the returnees whose level of skill keeps improving as is reflected in the scores and the awards they receive.

Again a special thanks to our sponsors from around the block and literally around the world, Scott did another outstanding job on the door prizes and gifts that went with the best in class etc. as well as the guys who went out knocking on desks to get sponsors for trophies.

I'd like to thank Iain Matheson who stepped in at the last minute to handle the Make and Take in place of an ailing Bill Daisley. Iain was a little confused though when we told him it was a Mustang kit as he expected it to have wings not four wheels, but he muddled through.

The judges are to be commended for the dedication they put into going through every kit on the tables, not an easy job and not a short one either. At the meeting after the show when members were discussing some of the kits the judges were heard to say "that was there, I never saw that..." but because of their diligence we had no one complain or challenge their scores. A long, hard job well done.

Kudos go out to Gordon Barrett for asking Dr. Marc Milner to come in as a guest speaker. Marc is one of the leading Canadian Military Historians in the country and his presentation was enjoyed by all and we hope to have him back in the future.

This was the second year we tried a new tabulation system for tracking the scores. As anyone who has attended the show in the past knows, every time we have tried to use a computer for tracking it has been a disaster. But knock on wood, Kyle Kerasiotis and his team LaVonna & Darren Anderson was able to put it all together, from translating some of the hen scratches on the registration sheets to the adding mistakes on the judge's sheets, they had everything under control and we almost got the awards out on time. It's a good thing the timings for the show schedule have "ish" added on, but we are getting better.

Over and above those named I want to thank everyone who helped out with all aspects of the show, without the volunteers this show would not happen.

Congratulations to all the modellers at the show, for without you CAMS would not be one of the biggest and best model shows east of Quebec.

For this we are forever thankful and hope to see you next year, and remember to share the hobby.

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