

## Capital Area Modellers Society – Members Profile

### *Bob Kerasiotis*

Bob Kerasiotis grew up Dartmouth, Nova Scotia but in 1993 settled in Fredericton, New Brunswick after 21 years in the Canadian Armed Forces (Air Force). Bob is currently a NB Civil Servant. He and his wife Yvonne (a crafter... it helps) have been married over 30 years and have two children; Amanda and Kyle. Bob joined CAMS in 1995 and is currently (2009) the group's President. The Scribe sat down with Bob to ask a few questions, see some models and to learn a little about Bob the Modeller.

#### **When did you start modelling?**

In the late 50s early 60s my Dad was in the RCN and used to bring kits me home from England for Christmas; ships at first and then airplanes, usually Airfix as I remember.

#### **What was the first kit you remember building, and what do you remember about building as a kid?**

I don't remember which was first but I do remember building the Airfix ships and aircraft from WWII, HMS Hood, Lancaster, and Wellington. I can remember being frustrated at the time it took for the paint to dry (Humbrol). I used to hang the planes by thread from the ceiling on picture hooks.

#### **Primary Model Subjects?**

I started building automotive in the mid-sixties because I had pretty well build everything else. My main building interest is still American automotive/trucks, I like the larger scale 1/16 and the occasional 1/12 but am definitely a scale snob building mainly 1/25 scale.

#### **Where do you do your building?**

I have created a shop in the basement that both my son and I share. Along with the work bench I have a spray booth vented outside thru the window. It's not fancy but almost everything I need is there.

#### **What was your favorite build?**

I have a few : AMT General Steam Engine, Christie Steam Pumper, 1/16 Monogram Peterbuilt and 1/16 Shelby Cobra.

#### **What do you think is your best build.?**

I have 2: A 1/25 Revell, 65 Impala hardtop and a- 1/12 Monogram 57 Chev Hardtop

#### **What is your latest build?**

The 1/25 Revell 32 Ford 5 window coupe

#### **What is your Holy Grail of models?**

AMT 1/25 – XR6, 1/12 Cord and Airfix 1/16 Bently.

#### **What model would you like to see reissued?**

AMT XR6, 1/12 Cord, Christie Steam Pumper, the General Steam engine, MPC 1/16 Chargers, Revell 1/16 Hot Rods

### **Why those kits?**

The XR6 is a neat car, the Cord is a beautiful car and a reissue would be affordable. The last 3 I'd like to build using the new products available and the new skills I have developed since I returned to the hobby.

### **What part of a build do you like most?**

Engine and Chassis detailing

### **What part of a build do you like least?**

Paint and bodywork; I get a little heavy handed and impatient with both.

### **What is your greatest achievement in modelling?**

Being part of the growth of the CAMS Spring show and the development of the website

### **If you could have one new kit issued what would it be?**

Some 1/25 fire apparatus in plastic - the old AMT Kits were ok but poorly designed and took a lot of work to correct the mistakes. There is resin an apparatus out there but it is expensive.

### **What inspired you to start building and continue building?**

My Dad used to build ships and in the beginning, it was something we did together. Now I prefer to model alone. However, my son is starting to build and I have enjoyed sharing a couple builds with him.

I enjoy the challenge of building and there are so many new techniques and products out there, it is interesting to build or rebuild kits knowing what they were like the first time around.

### **What can be done to make CAMS or the CAMS.ca web site better?**

Get more people involved in the club, try and bring in younger members and share our knowledge with others. There are some incredibly talented builders in the club who have a lot to share.

As for the website, we have to keep it fresh.