

Capital Area Modellers Society – Members Profile

Bill Knox

Bill was born in Lower Hainsville, NB and moved to Fredericton in 1958. He is married to his lovely wife Adele (another crafter) and they have one son, Stephen who along with his wife Kathleen now resides in Calgary, Alberta. Bill has been a dedicated NB Civil Servant for almost forty years, working with the Department of Transportation, Design Branch as and Engineering Technician. He's been a member of CAMS for over 10 years and has always been one of the driving forces behind both the club and the show. The Scribe sat down with Bill to talk models and modelling, here is a little bit more about Bill the Builder. View a sample of [Bill's models](#)

When did you start modeling?

I started modeling in the early 60's with my older brother of ten years and have been stuck in the hobby ever since. No one subject comes to mind, just whatever peaks my interest at the time, I enjoy them all.

What was the first kit you remember building?

The first kit I can remember building was a 1932 Ford Roadster 1:25 scale an AMT kit. I painted it gold with black using the old rattle cans from the Western Tire and with a lot of help from big Bro. Still have it somewhere in storage.

Where do you do your building?

I have a room in the basement, setup with paint booth vented to the outside, two work tables, and a display area. At one time Steven and I shared the same work table in the TV room, along with Adele in the same room doing her crafts, and Clancy our Golden Retriever (no longer with us) doing his thing. We have a lot of good memories with the hobbies drawing us together. To me, this was been a big part of modeling. Steven and I still talk about whatever kits we are working at the time.

What is the latest build?

I have three kits on the table at this time: Revell's - 2006 Mustang, Tamiya's US Navy River Patrol Boat. The boat is coming along quite nicely; the Mustang on the other hand, we'll, let's just say it is coming. I'm also working on Academy's Bell 47D Mash helicopter which is in its final stages - 95% complete. So, as you can see, I do enjoy all subjects. It all fun and relaxing.

What was your favorite build?

I think the most favorite build; is to complete the build and have it viewed by others. Not so much having the project judged, but just having comments both pros and cons. It's just having the satisfaction of having one more completed.

What do you think is your best build?

I like the Tamiya's Dragon Wagon I did a few years back. It was really the first peace of military equipment I completed with all the weathering, using the oil paints and chalking.

What models would you like to see reissued?

I would like to see some of the old Jo-Han kits. These kits were great with as much detailing as we have today with some of the newer releases.

What part of a build do you like most?

In building a car kit it's the assembly, I'm more comfortable and familiar with the day to day workings of a car. But in some of the aircraft and military kits more research is needed to understand the assembly, and I enjoy doing research.

What do you like least?

The painting of the car bodies, I have a hard time with them, I end up doing those two or three times to get it to my liking. With military and aircraft kits you can hide a lot.

What is your greatest achievement in modeling?

To me, that would be the time spent with Steven and the talks we have had, sharing in the hobby. The club and friendships made in the club.