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CLUB INFO

Eleven members attended, as well as three guests from the Pine Barrens Group.

Drawlin' Bob Jordan is still on the mend from a short hospital stay. Give him a shout out or call if you can.

FL Thawed had some information on McGuire AFB Air Show and display. The event will be the weekend of May 11-12-13. John is in touch with the Officer in Charge, and has started the process to have us display models. Good work. John also announced (on Facebook) that he will soon be a grandfather! Just what we need, more like him!

MosquitoCon XXI is Saturday, April 1st. Wayne PAL. This year they will be using just the one big room for vendor, display, etc. We all look forward to this show, so build well and prosper!

The Tri-State Car Show is at the same location on April 21st for all you chromeheads.

Atlantic City Air Show "Thunder Over the Boardwalk" is scheduled for August 17th. Former attendees advise get there early and be prepared to stay late.

No word on a display at the Battleship New Jersey. But there's a new hobby shop on Rt. 9 in Lacey. So if you're down that way, check it out and let us know.

Gandalf Callahan had more kits out for sale the weekend after our meeting. Hope some of you went and got some steals, I know I did!

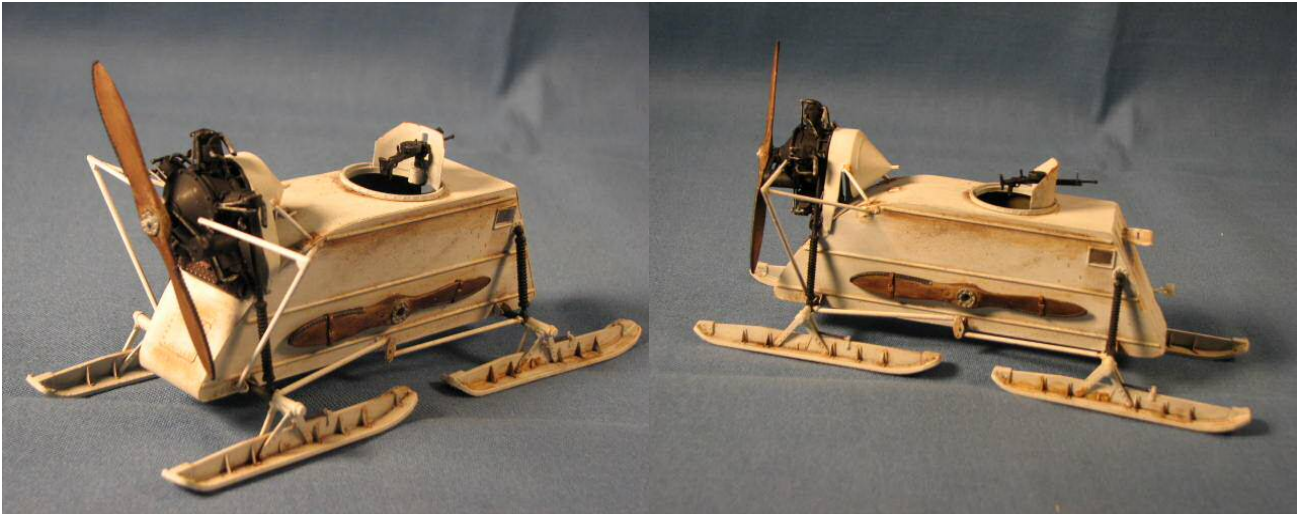
Diver Dave and Whole Lotta' Love came to an agreement regarding the word "dollop", so no worries mites.

Diver Dave presented his statistical analysis (it's exhausting just typing that!) on the trophy winning diversity at the recent Regional Show in Cherry Hill. While the top five award winners garnered the majority of the trophies, 77% of the modelers who entered kits of models built from kits received awards. Thanks Dave, not only am I not in the famous National 1%, but now I find out I'm in the losing 23% of the Regional modelers. That'll put a dam in my self-astream! I still say there should be a friggin' dress code for a show...I mean...Come OOOONNN!!

RUSSIA NIGHT

It was great to see so many kits entered into the Russia contest. Recall that the rules were simple. The kit had to either be Russian in origin, or something used by the Russians but built elsewhere, or something like that. Red Stars on a Dauntless...NYET!

The club took a good look at all of the entries. It was nice to see Felix La Chat had some military builds to show us. John Stark III was the winner in a close vote over MHEAP and Diver Dave. John's winner was a Trumpeter 1/35 scale Soviet Armoured Aerosan NKL-26. Built OOB and painted with Tamiya Insignia White, Polly Scale Rust Wash, and weathered with real rust John scraped off his exhaust system.



I'm trying to save space so I'll give a little info on the kits pictured, but only one per model. That way the guys who need a full newsletter can see each kit, and all the rest of the pictures are on the web-site. Diver Dave entered a Nalan/Dragon 1/35 scale BA-20 Russian Armored Car. A tough kit with poor fit that needed shims. MM Dark Green and Dark Sand, topped with pastels. Joe "Whole Lotta" Love entered a Lindbergh SpyShip, which he almost literally ran into while fishing a few years back. Joe, can you say GULAG?



Sir Jerry Hughson, MMA entered a HobbyCrap (that's what's on the tag?!?) 1/72 Mig 15. Sir J used silly putty masks and Model Master Paints. Your MHEAP showed a 1/48 MPM P-63 A-4 KingCobra in a maintenance diorama. Painted with rattle cans. The figure is from Zveda.



Felix La Chat had four, count 'em, four military models to show, but I forgot which one he entered. Both the T-72 and the Mig-21 Fishbed were built OOB. The Mig is in North Vietnamese colors and markings.



La Chat also brought in a KV-1 and a Mig 15 bis



FL Thawed also brought in a Gaz auto (it's Russian) and a Van Zinger, that's not. I didn't get a picture of the Gaz, and the two-tone Gold on the Van would not come into focus for me. I'm still learning!

Todd McWilliams brought in a Polar Lights Van in 1/24 scale with Federal Express Logos, and a Revell 1/32 Bell X-1, with a detailed pilot figure.



Todd went back to his yute with a Revell '58 Chevy Impala Sport Coupe in 1/24 scale. He had one just like this!



Well that's it. I forgot to take a club picture, so remind to do so at the February meeting, then I'll send all of the Russia entries to FineScale and IPMS.

REQUEST Joe 'Whole Lotta' Love gave me twelve SASE's to send him the Newsletter each month. I'd like to ask that each member who needs the Newsletter by mail to do the same. It will save me from having to explain to my wife where all the stamps went!

See you on February the 24th at 730 PM at the church day-care center.