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Next meeting date:

Monday, May 18th

7:30 pm to 10 pm

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Our next meeting at the library will be on the 18th, I'd like to thank Jim for his clinic last month. Any clinic is helpful for there are various techniques to accomplish similar tasks. I'm not going to schedule another clinic this month but will try for June. So let's have a general meeting for you to bring down models finished and in progress.

I attended the first one day Noreastcon held in Albany on May 2nd. Bill and Kyle also went and

we were the only members of our club to attend. The weather was perfect and the Polish Hall had comfortable people requirements. Here was the layout. There was a bar where you could get some food and any kind of liquids. A room designated for the model contest consisting of 46 eight foot tables. A smaller room for a few vendors who showed. Fan was the largest vendor with boxes of his armor kits. I believe he had five tables that took up almost one long wall. I scouted past the other small vendors who were selling mostly older kits which I wasn't interested in. I didn't count how many but I'd say six vendors with one or two tables around the remaining walls. The center contained a large rectangle of raffle items that utilized four tables and two tables of club member sales. I don't believe there were many walk-in visitors. I didn't get a number count from the club on that.

I received an e-mail from Art who gave me totals of 66 modelers attended with 376 models entered. Their category awards were a gold, silver, and bronze medallion of their logo in color on a red, white, and blue 2015 ribbon. The special awards were a flat black engraved plate mounted on a wood grain plaque. After expenses, they settled comfortably in the black. I am in the process of trying to get the Buffalo, Rochester, and NENY to give me their other Noreastcon numbers and combine them with ours to make a comparison chart. It should help the region determine future shows and who hosts them.

In my opinion, after attending or hosting these regionals for the past ten years, this regional just didn't have the feeling of a regional event, but a typical one day show. A regional should have brought out closer to ninety plus modelers, The vendor attendance was way down. If the vendors feel there will be a lack of attendance, they will not attend. There are many questions that can be asked, "what happened". I heard them all. Economic spending on a hobby? Price of quality kits and accessories too high? Less modelers in the hobby? Good weather days keep people home for outside work? Does an event location have anything to do with it? One important question that we do not track. How many modelers will spend overnight expenses to attend a two day regional vs a one day regional? Oh crystal ball, what is in our hobby future?

Keep on building!

Bob



Model: Russian Tank. Unknown

Photo: Al Zygier

1/48 Avro CF-100 MK IV

by Hobby Craft, # 1650

Reviewed by Steve Muth

The CF-100 was Canada's indigenous Cold War long range interceptor. Designed to meet RCAF requirements for an all weather day/night fighter capable of effectively operating in the Arctic regions, the CF-100 was intended to counter the growing threat of Soviet bombers in the late 40s. The prototype flew in January 1950 and was accepted in 1953. Dubbed the Canuck, its sturdy construction earned it the nick-name "Clunk". Developed through Mk 1, 2 and 3, the Mk 4B entered operational service in 1954. It was eventually replaced by the CF-104 Starfighter in 1963. It was retired in December 1981 after 31 years of service.

I always thought the CF-100 was a cool bird so when I saw one in the vendor area of RepLIcon 27 recently I picked it up for \$20.

What did I get in the box for my \$20? Well, it's all in a rather sturdy top opening box that has 63 parts, a decal sheet slightly out of register and an 8 page instruction sheet with 10 assembly steps of the exploded view variety. There is a four view black and white painting guide with FS# callouts and instructions in both French and English. All parts are bagged in several bags; the decals are in a separate sleeve. There is a one piece canopy thrown in one of the sprue bags (I assume it was instructed to avoid being scratched by the sprue). There are few stencils on the decal sheet and no instrument or side console decals. One aircraft is featured.

Moldings? Well they did use them and they do not have any flash. But... the engraved recessed panel lines are very deep and wide. They are better on the fuselage and worse on the wings and tail surfaces. Different mold makers I guess. There are no sink marks in evidence but there are ejection plugs on the seat backs. This is not a problem if you use the two seated pilot figures but a pain if you don't want to put them in the seats and you will have to be fiddled with them. The cockpit detail is good except for the console sides, which are flat. The instrument panels and console tops look suitably busy. The wheel wells are recessed but totally devoid of detail. On the plus side the

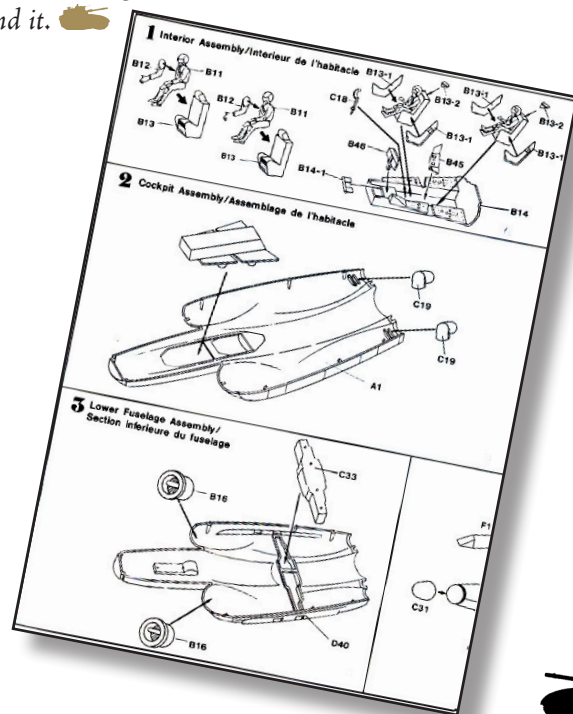


wheel well covers and wheels have adequate detail. The jet intakes have turbine blade faces so you can't see through the engine compartment. There is also a plain recessed plug in the exhaust.

The forward fuselage is split horizontally while the aft fuselage is split vertically. The elevator/horizontal stabilizer is one piece and a 30-50 gram weight is called out in the instructions (but not provided in the kit). Landing gear strut detail is minimal and lumpy while the instrument panels are nicely done.

So... there you have it. This is a kit that is definitely showing its age. But then again it is the only 1/48 game in town and it is not too bad. Who knows, Trumpeter may come out with a new mold kit (probably after I complete the model and am putting on the decals).

I would recommend it but for the panel lines that are really bad on the wings and tail surfaces. With that caveat I recommend it. 🐻



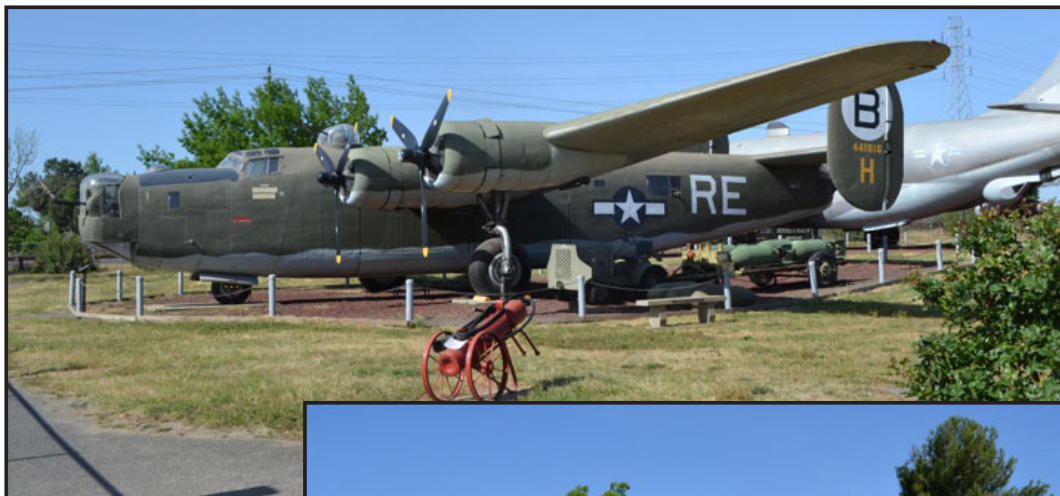
Castle Air Museum

by Steve Muth

The Castle Air Museum is located about 100 miles east of San Jose, California in Atwater, CA. We visited it on April 6th, 2015. It is essentially a bare bones outdoor museum with a small entry building/gift shop and another small museum building with some artifacts and a B-52 cockpit simulator/trainer. All the aircraft are out doors in various stages of weathering. There are 81 aircraft with 11 of them either in storage or restoration. From the looks of the aircraft, it appears they are on some sort of schedule for periodic external restoration. Curiously, there are several US Navy aircraft – RA-3B, A-4L, RF-8G, and RA-5C – and several foreign – Avro Canada CF-100 and Avro UK Vulcan B.2. For the most part the displayed aircraft are post WWII but there are a few WWII examples – B-17G, B-18A, B-23, B-24M, B-25J, B-29A, C-46D and C-47A. While we were there they were putting in cement pads for three more fighter size aircraft.

All aircraft had a low barrier fence around them with prominent signs saying “Do Not Cross Over the Barrier”. Attempts to get permission to cross the barriers met were rebuffed. Most of the cockpits had reflector material inside while most of the wheel wells had screening to keep out birds and other animals so any useful photography would have been minimal anyway. It is a shame because they have some rare birds there, like the Cf-100, Vulcan, B-18, B-23 and RB-36H. All I was able to do was take portrait photos of almost all the planes. I suspect the Air Force view it more as a recruiting tool than a serious museum dedicated to preserving the planes and allowing research on them. Many of the planes were on loan from the National Museum of the USAF in Dayton, Ohio.

So, it is a mixed bag. On the one hand, the museum is good for general viewing but on the other it is not good for research or walk around photography.. 🐾



The B-24M-4-C0 is one of the first planes you see upon entering the museum.



The B-17G is another you see immediately.



The WB-50D "Flight of the Phoenix".

The Avro Vulcan B.2 was presented to the Museum by the British Government.



This RF-8G participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis and flew Viet Nam

This RB-36H was recovered from Chanute AFB and reassembled at Castle by volunteers. It is marked in 28th BW markings at Ellsworth AFB where it was assigned.



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This F-106A was stationed at Castle AFB with the 84th FIS in the late '70s.

This is an F-102A, the worlds first supersonic all-weather jet interceptor.



This F-101B was retired in 1982 and is painted in 84th FIS markings which it wore when stationed at Castle AFB.



This F-100C was used for high speed research at Ames Research Center in Mountain View, CA.

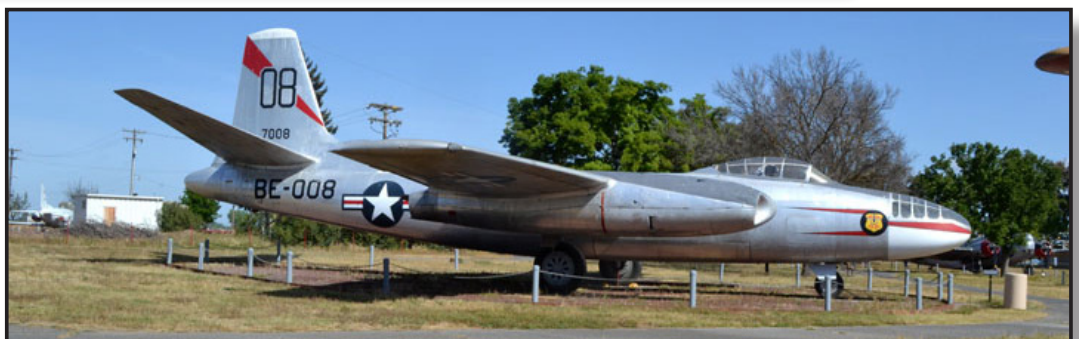


The B-18A was based on the DC-2. It is the oldest aircraft in the Museum's collection.

The B-23 started as a modified B-18. this one served for two years - from July 1940 to August 1942.



This B-29A was built from three derelict targets at China Lake Naval Weapons Center, CA and carries Korean War markings.



The 8th B-45A built, this aircraft was passed to the navy and used as a drone controller and later as a ground photographic target at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

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This B-47 flew into Castle AFB in 1986 after volunteers spent over 36,000 hours restoring to flying condition at China Lake.



While serving in Europe during WWII, this C-46D sustained considerable flak damage for which the aircraft commander received the Distinguished Flying Cross. After WWII it was turned over the Japanese Home Guard and in 1970 was flown back to the US and donated to the Museum in 1984.



This is a C-47A

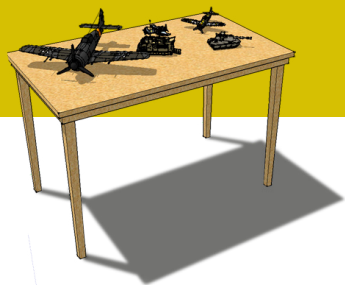


Based on a troop glider, the C-123 ultimately had 2 piston engines and 2 jet engines and used as a transport and also night interdiction.

The Avro Canada CF-100 Mk. V was retired in 1981. this one was flown to Castle in January 1982 and was a gift of the Canadian Government.



Castle Air Museum entrance signs.



April 2015 ON THE TABLE

Well, after the terrific turnout at the last meeting, there was bound to be a rebound. There were only 6 models on the table this time. I guess it averages out pretty good though. There were three works in process and three completed models. Come on guys we can do better than six models. Alas, I should talk! I didn't bring anything either. To paraphrase an old Brooklyn saying "Wait 'til next month". 🍷

Steve Muth

German 10.5 cm howitzer with gun crew in 1/35 by Steve Andreano.



Hasagawa H6K5 Mavis in 1/72 by Ray O'Niell.

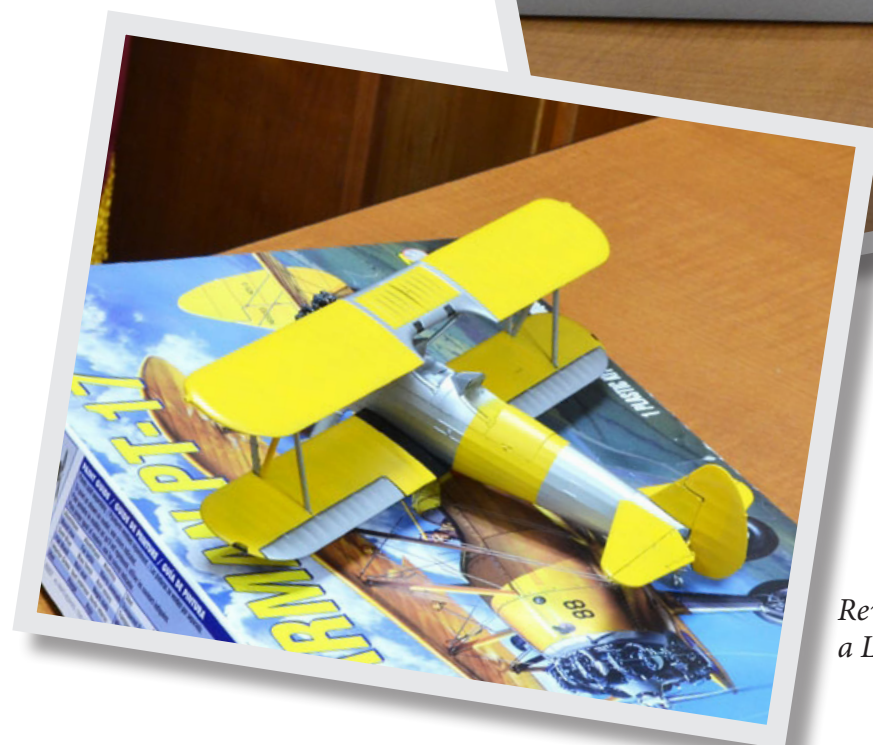


M1A1 Abrahms in 1/144 by Mike Goldberg.



*British F2A Buffalo in 1/32
by Bill Koppas - favorite.*

*Work about to get started - a
1/35 French Medium tank, a
Somua 535 still in the box.*



*Revell's new PT-17 in work. Finally
a Lindberg replacement.*



Photo Essay of the Avro CF-100 Mk IV

The CF-100 Canuck was Canada's indigenous All weather day/night fighter developed in the early 1950s and deployed in 1954. It was a large aircraft with a wingspan of 53'-6". It was designed specifically to operate in the arctic to intercept Russian bombers coming in over the North Pole. It also served in NATO. This particular aircraft was photographed at RAF Duxford Air Museum in the UK on November 22nd, 1997. The cockpit was closed so all the cockpit photos were shot through the canopy and no clear shot of the instrument panel was possible. It is clear though that, like the UK aircraft of the time, the overall color of the interior is dull black. This should help those that decide to build a CF-100 "Clunk".

Enjoy 🍷
Steve Muth

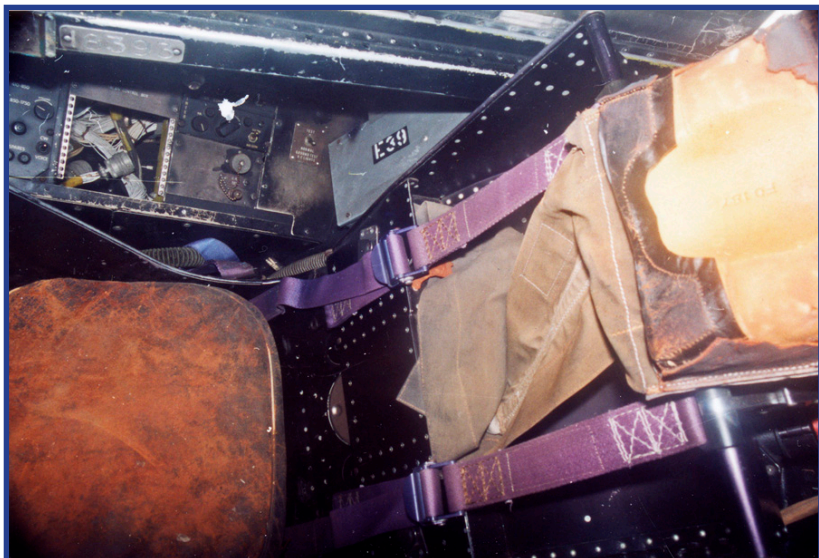


Left front side of the nose.

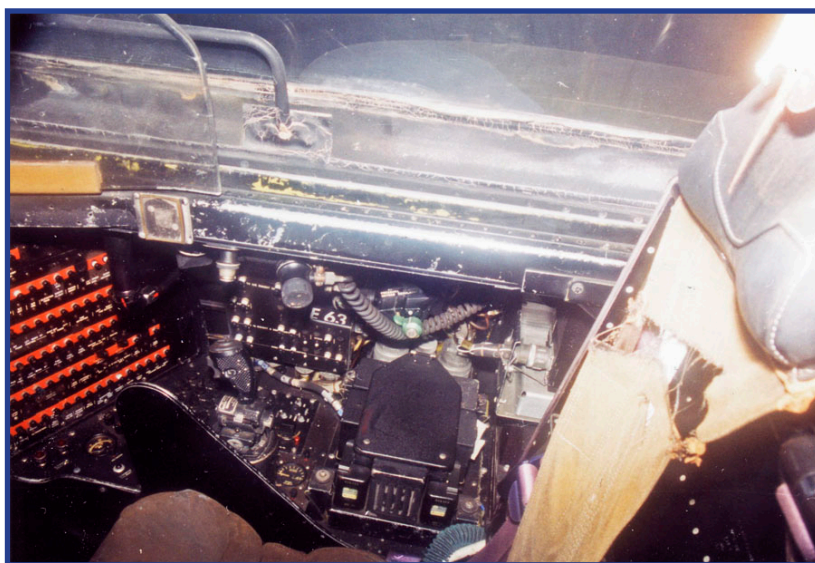
Front cockpit right side. The interior of the cockpit is overall dull black.



Front cockpit left side.

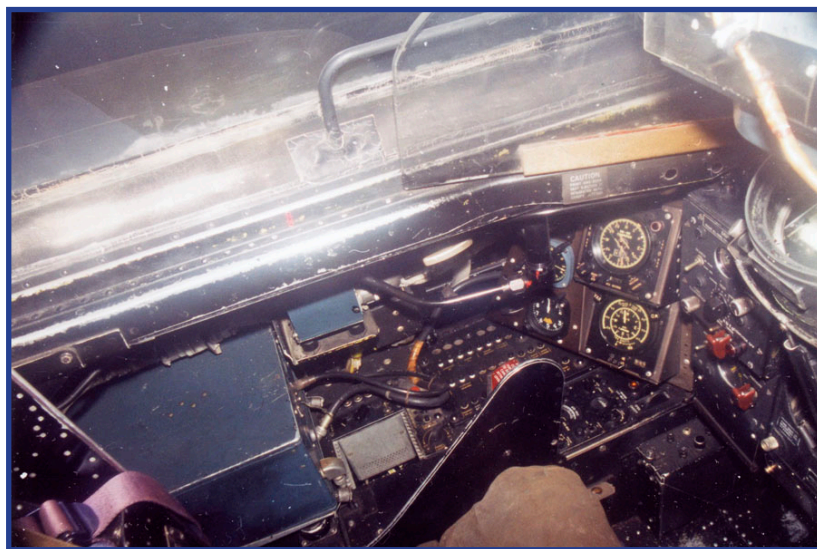


*Front cockpit aft
with a portion of
the seat visible*

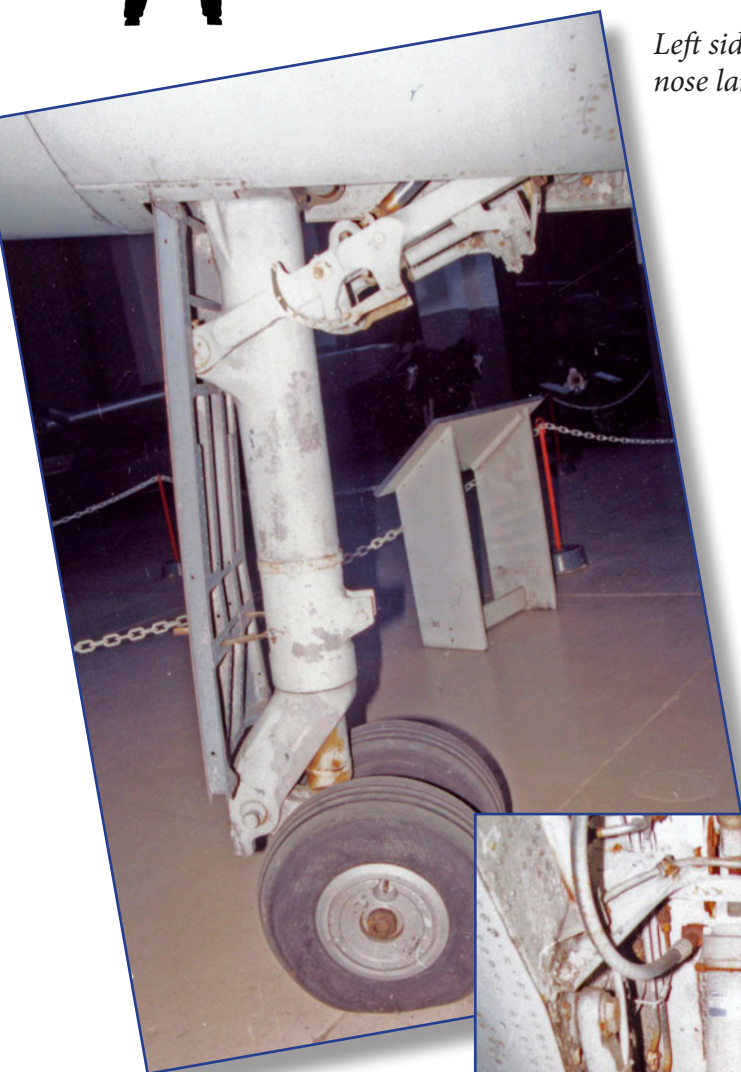


*Rear cockpit right
forward.*

*Rear cockpit looking
left down.*



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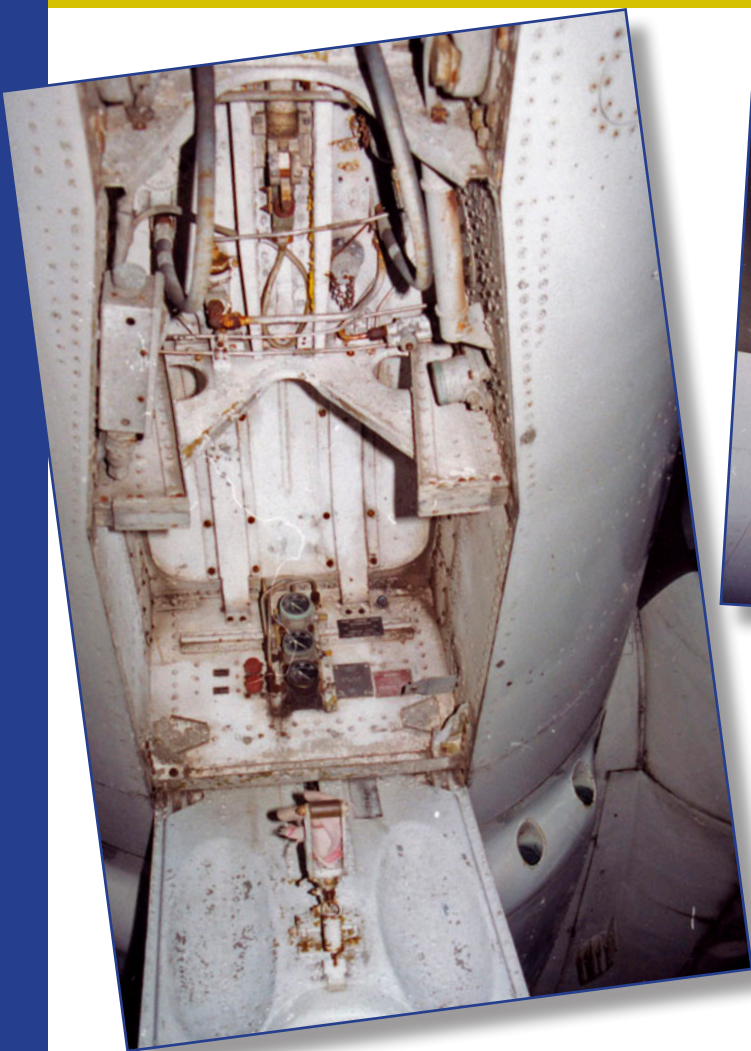
*Left side view of the
nose landing gear.*



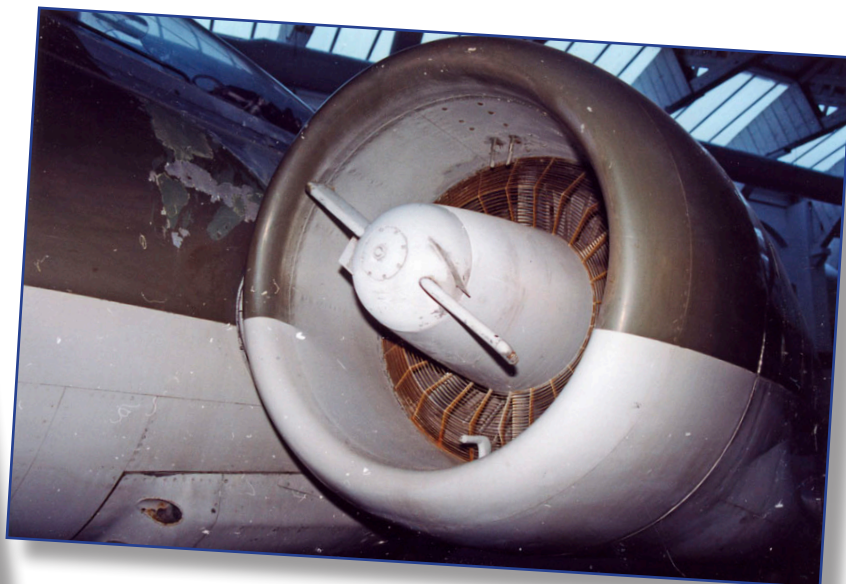
*Nose landing gear
right rear.*



*Nose landing gear
and well looking
forward.*



Nose landing gear well looking aft.



Left engine inlet. Note the FOD screen and wind driven generator



Inboard view of the left main landing gear and well.

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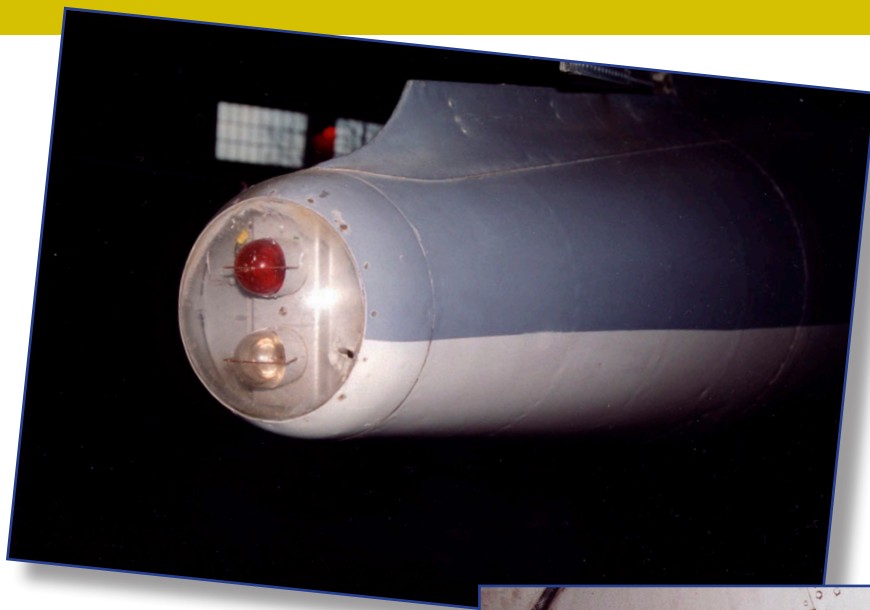
*Left main landing gear well
looking inboard.*



*Details of the lower center
fuselage looking forward.*



Center flap interior.



Dual tail lights are unique



Front view of the rocket tubes.



Lower fuselage vents presumably for the rocket exhaust gases.



OUR MEMBER PROFILE - Bill Koppos



Why did you get into the hobby? If you are returning to the hobby what brought you back?

I always like World War II subjects and just enjoy building them..

What satisfies you about building a model?

The artistry, the painting, and having it all come together like the real thing.

What most frustrates you when building?

I don't like seam filling and canopy frames.

What is your dream project to build?

I would like someday to build a really nice B-17C or D. I'm still waiting for Tamiya to come out with one.

What is the dumbest thing you did to yourself or your model while building a kit?

Once, when getting stuff into the car for the Nationals I dropped my 1/24th Hurricane. The canopy popped off and I then stepped on it. Very bad. The model never made it to the Nationals.

How did you hear about The Long Island Scale Model Society and what persuaded you to come to a meeting?

I went to the show and spoke with Bob DeMaio. As a result I joined.

What was your best and worst excuse for coming home with a new kit?

It's rare and I'll never have another chance to get it. Also, you can never have enough Buffalos.

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

Antique rifles and muzzle loaders, with a particular interest in World War II rifles. 

From time to time we will be adding these member profiles to the newsletter in an effort to let us get to know each other better. I got the idea from other newsletters I have come across and thought it was a good idea. The plan is to interview one or two members at each meeting and run one in each newsletter. If you have any other questions you think would add to the interview let me know either by e-mail or at the meeting. yhaos

Tell us a little about yourself. How and when did you get started building models?

I started when I was very young. I remember building Aurora kits that I bought for 59 cents. Glued them together with tube glue then just painted them.

Favorite Scale?

My favorite scale is 1/32nd for aircraft and 1/35th for armor.

Favorite subject to build?

My favorite subjects are World War II aircraft and armor.

How many models do you build a year?

I build about seven models a year

How big is your unbuilt kit stash and why?

More than I can possibly build. I have about 300 unbuilt kits. I can't seem to build fast enough.

Show Calendar Listing for 2015

See Bob DeMaio for details

Date	Event & Location	Website	Day
March 29	Wings & Wheels Valleycon Knights of Columbus 460 Granby Road Chicopee, MA	http://www.wwmodelclub.org/	Sun
April 4	NJIPMS Mosquitocon 1 Pal Drive Wayne, NJ	http://njipms.org	Sat
April 11	RepLIcon 27 130 Merrick Rd Freeport NY	www.lisms-ipms.org	Sat
April 12	Downeastcon Southern Maine Scale Modelers Thornton Academy 438 Main Street Saco, ME	www.southernmainescalemodelers.org	Sun
April 18	NNL East Ramada Inn Fairfield, NJ	http://www.nnleast.com/contents.html	Sat
May 2	Noreastcon 44 Polish Community Center 225 Washington Avenue Ext	http://www.nnleast.com/contents.html	Sat
July 22-25	IPMS National Convention Columbus, Ohio	www.ipmsusa.org	Wed-Sat
Sept. 25-26	Armorcon Crown Plaza Danbury, CT	http://www.militarymodelers.org	Fri-Sat
Oct. 17, 2015	HVHMG 26 Elks Lodge 29 Overocker Road Poughkeepsie, NY	www.hvhmg.com	Sat
Nov 14	LIARS Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.wix.com/liarsmodelcarclub/liars	Sat
Nov 21	Long Island Figure Show Freeport Recreation Center 130 Merrick Rd Freeport, NY	http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com	Sat

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