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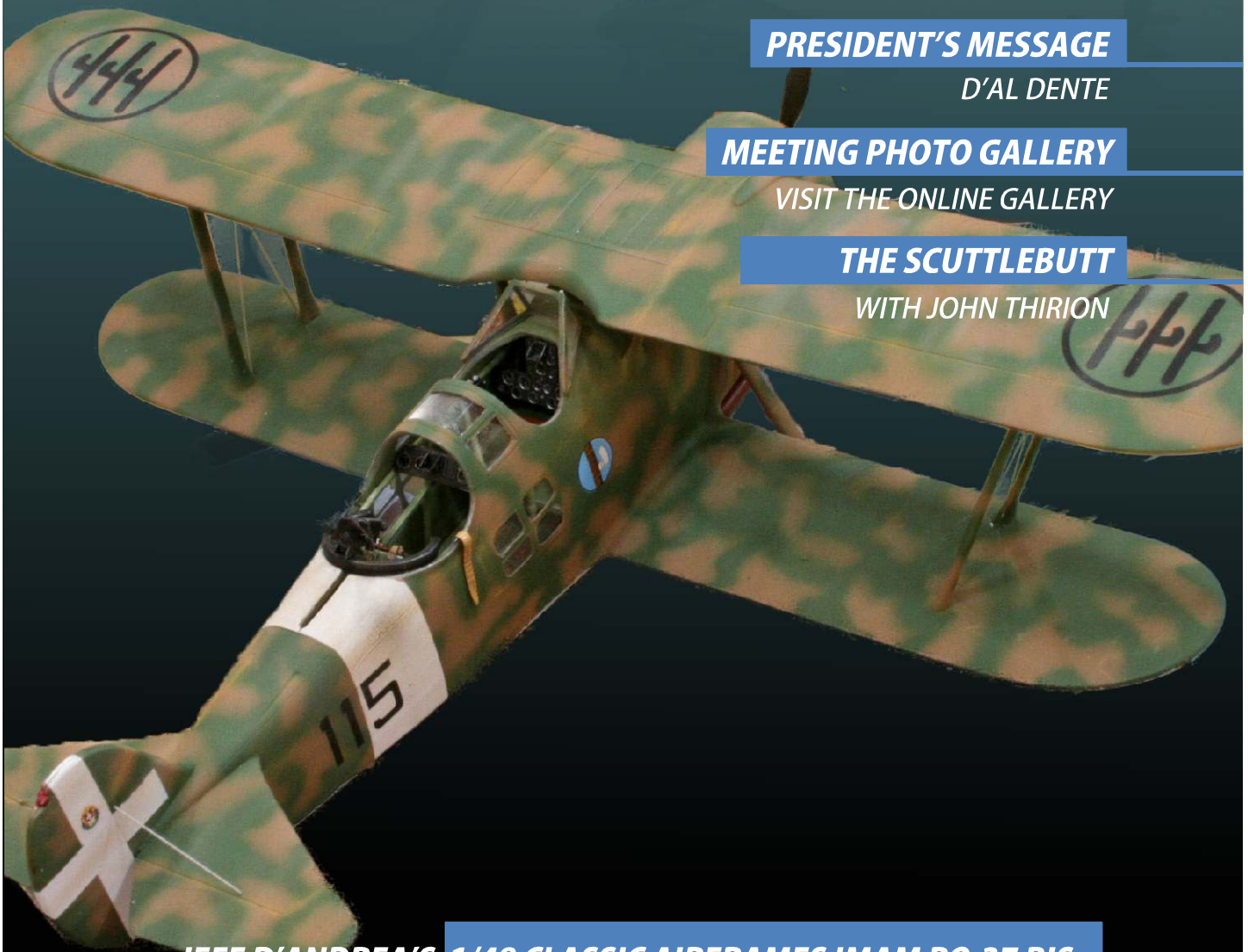
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JEFF D'ANDREA'S 1/48 CLASSIC AIRFRAMES IMAM RO.37 BIS

D'AL DENTE

Well, I'm gonna raise a fuss, I'm gonna raise a holler

'Bout workin' all summer, Just to try to earn a dollar

*Sometimes I wonder what am I gonna do,
'Cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues*

I think it happens to most of us. Summer rolls around, you're job seems to have you working more and more and your hobby room is just sitting there beaconing to you. Come back! There are more kits and everything else in there then you could possibly need, it's just missing YOU.

But its summer, when you're not at work why would you be indoors? Why indeed? With boating, camping, Golf, road trips and just about anything else you can do outdoors, it seems your favorite hobby takes the back seat. Albeit in the back of the convertible ☺

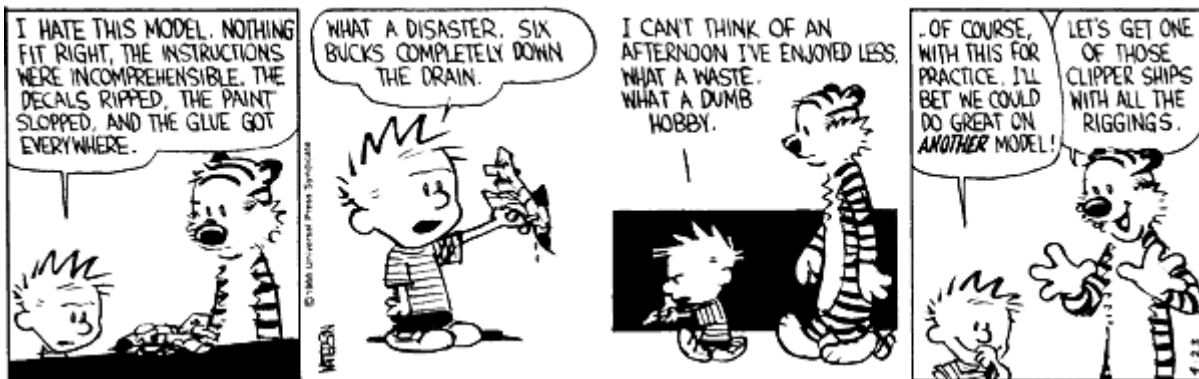
It's ok. Sometimes absence makes the heart grow fonder. The time away and doing other things may actually help you when you ready to get back to it and build.

Summer is a great time for research! At least that is what I call it. I took the opportunity last



weekend of visiting my son in eastern Idaho to take in the Rexburg Air show. No it was not one of those flashy shows with tons of military displays and Jets flying all over the place. It was one of those nice home town Air shows, which included aerobatics by a Pitts Special, Stearman, Christen Eagle, Yak 52 and even a super chipmunk. Of course topping it off were the war birds 3 P-51's and a P63 King Cobra. It was quite enjoyable only about 5,000 people great weather but most of all great flying. Now the research part, (wink, wink) You can walk around the planes take a nice look in, meet some of the guys that fly the planes you might model, you can photograph actual aircraft in great detail. See that counts as research.

The one thing I cannot understand about our hobby is during summer time when you have all these other interruptions; it seems they have all the BIG shows. Look at the Nationals, middle of summer! Our hobbies equivalent to the Super bowl, Stanley cup, World Series and Christmas rolled into one. In places you really don't want to go in the



summer! Arizona 150 degrees in the shade, Florida 95/95 temp/humidity, Nebraska dust and locus, California....really? If you're going to have it in a coastal state you better make it a block from the Ocean. Ah but it does come to the mountains next year. Why are not more of the bigger shows in the early spring or late fall? I really don't know. But I do know it sure seems hard for me to do modeling and attend multiple shows during this time of the year. I guess I just do not have my priorities right. When do I get to retire again?



Jeff D

On a somber note, Paul Erlendson has been diagnosed with Leukemia and Lymphoma. He suffered a bad reaction to his first chemo treatment and was sent to the ICU. He has since returned home from the hospital so we hope he's doing better.



Please keep him and his family in your thoughts & prayers.



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(L to R) Jeff D'Andrea, Herb Arnold, John King
Winners!



Out-of-Box Theme Contest



1st Place 1/48 Classic Airframes Imam Ro.37 bis
by Jeff D'Andrea



2nd Place 1/72 MPM Northrop XP-56
by Herb Arnold



3rd Place 1/144 Eduard MiG-21MF
by John King



1/144 Eduard MiG-21MF
by John King

MODEL OF THE MONTH

meeting models



1/35 Dragon M-10 Ersatz
by Ian & Trevor Robertson



1/35 Dragon Neubau-fahrzeug
by Brian Geiger



1/144 Platz A-4E
by John King



1/35 Tamiya Panzer II Ausf. G
by Brian Geiger



Revell Messerschmitt
by Bob Smylie



1/24 Revell '67 Chevelle
by Bob Olson

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1/144 LS MiG-25
by Herb Arnold



1/144 Revell Germany F-15E
by John King



1/144 Gloster Meteor Mk 3 & 4 (F-toys & Hong Kong Models) by Herb Arnold & John King



1/38 Pegaso Monocoupe
by Terry Falk



1/72 Huma Messerschmitt 309
by Kent Eckhart



1/35 Tamiya Stegosaurus
by Leroy Jones

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1/48 Monogram F8E Crusader
by Keith Portch



1/700 Revell Colombo Express
by Randy Hall



1/48 Special Hobby Nardi FN 305
by Jeff D'Andrea



1/72 Hasegawa AH-64 Apache Longbow
by Terry Falk



1/72 Italeri P-40 in progress
by Darrin Bringman



1/35 industriamechanika.com figures
by Gil Flores

1/35 industriamechanika Sasha
the Welding Girl by Gil Flores



1/12 Solarwind "Talyn" resin
figure by Randy Hall



The Scuttlebutt

New Kits

Cyber Hobby 1/350 USS Freedom



The USS Freedom is the lead ship for the LCS class (littoral combat ship). The concept is to have a ship designated to operate in relatively shallow water of the coastal regions. Designed by Lockheed Martin it is in competition with the General Dynamic entry.

While the General Dynamic offered a radical new design with a trimaran, the USS Freedom is more traditional in design, a single planning hull. Both designs are propelled by waterjets. The USS Freedom hull is steel while the superstructure is made of aluminum. Slightly shorter than his competition at 377 feet it is also much narrower. At full speed it is capable of 47mph, propelled by 2 diesel and 2 gas turbine engines. The basic crew is only 40, raised to 75 for full mission and aircrew.

The ship has been suffering many growing pains that include engine problems and failure of the hull weldings. But, apparently, it has not been afflicted by

the corrosion problems like the General Dynamic project.

Cyber Hobby has released a very nice USS Freedom in my favorite 1/350 scale. As a bonus, the kit offers a full PE set which contains the railings, netting, help blades, etc. I am not a fan of modern ships but it would made a great addition and an interesting display next to the USS Independence.



Zvezda 1/350 Russian dreadnaught Sevastopol

This one really sparked my interest, a Russian WWI dreadnaught! Some may have doubt considering that it is released by Zvezda which has previously been guilty



of re-releasing some real dogs discarded by other companies (Pyro pirate ship !!!!). But their recent release of the HMS Dreadnaught should alleviate all fear and prove that they are capable of producing some quality models. That release was a big hit with ship modelers and a financial success. The Sevastopol has just reached the market but I will limit the scope of this article to the characteristics and life of the real ship.

The Sevastopol was the first Russian "dreadnaught" part of the Gangut class. Initially this class of ships were to be built by the German company Blohm & Voss but the Russian Dumas refused to release the funds unless the ships were built in Russia. Due to the limited production of high tensile steel in Russia, the building of the ships were delayed over several years. The design was roughly based on the Italian Dante Alighieri. Therefore, endurance and protection were sacrificed for fire power and speed. The armament consisted of 12x12 in. 56 caliber guns, spread in four turrets in a centerline layout. The Russians did not believe in superfiring or waist turrets. Any advantages would be neutralized by the limits imposed by blast damage restrictions. Also, the spreading of the magazines over the length of the ship would result in the limitation of battle damage and the risk of a lucky shot disabling more than one turret.

The ship was flush decked and had a ice-breaking bow resulting in a very "wet" ship at any speed. This was a very fast ship with a maximum speed of 24 knots. The powerplant consisted of 10 Parsons style steam turbines connected to 4 propeller shafts. The steam was provided by 25 boilers which could burn a mixture of oil and coal.

The Sevastopol provided protection for minelaying in the Baltic sea during WWI. During those operations,

the ship ran aground once and hit submerged rocks twice. Also, a fire was ignited by a drop powder charge and several men were burned to death. In 1917 the crew participated in the Kronstad Mutiny. In 1921 she joined the Kronstad Rebellion of the Bolchevik against the Communist. After the rebellion was crushed, the ship was re-named Parizhkaya Communa. In 1928 the ship was refitted and received an elevated and rear angled forward funnel.

In 1938 the ship was again rebuilt, receiving 10 oil fired boilers. The addition of new superstructures made the ship very unstable and this problem was remedied by a 3rd refit and the addition of torpedo bulges which added another 19 feet to the width. In WWII the ship was used in the Black Sea to bombard the German and Romanian army units in Crimea. When the gun became worn out and had to be re-lined the ship was taken out of action and kept as such. The Russians became afraid of exposing their large capital ships to German aerial attack which already had crippled most of the Soviet fleet. In 1943 the ship regained her original name. After WWII she was used as a training ship and was scrapped in 1956.

Laid down; 1909

Launched; 1914

Builder; Admiralty Shipyard, St Petersburg.

Displacement; 23,000 tons.

Dimensions; 600 feet x 88 feet.

Armament; 12 x 12 in (305mm), 16 x 4.7 in (120mm).

Crew; 1,125.

Ship of the same class; Gangut, Poltava, Sevastopol, Petropavlosk.

Medieval Trivia

The first siege of Vienna by the Ottomans brought us the croissant. The Austrian did bake their bread in the form of crescent (croissant in french) to celebrate the relieve of the siege in 1529.

The Ottomans did try again in 1683, but again failed to take the city. This time they suffered an even more severe repulse when they were surprised by the combined Imperial and Polish army. All their supplies were seized, and this included a large amount of coffee beans. A capuchin monk, judging the coffee too strong to the taste, had the idea to mix the brew with honey and cream. The cappuccino was born!

- John Thirion