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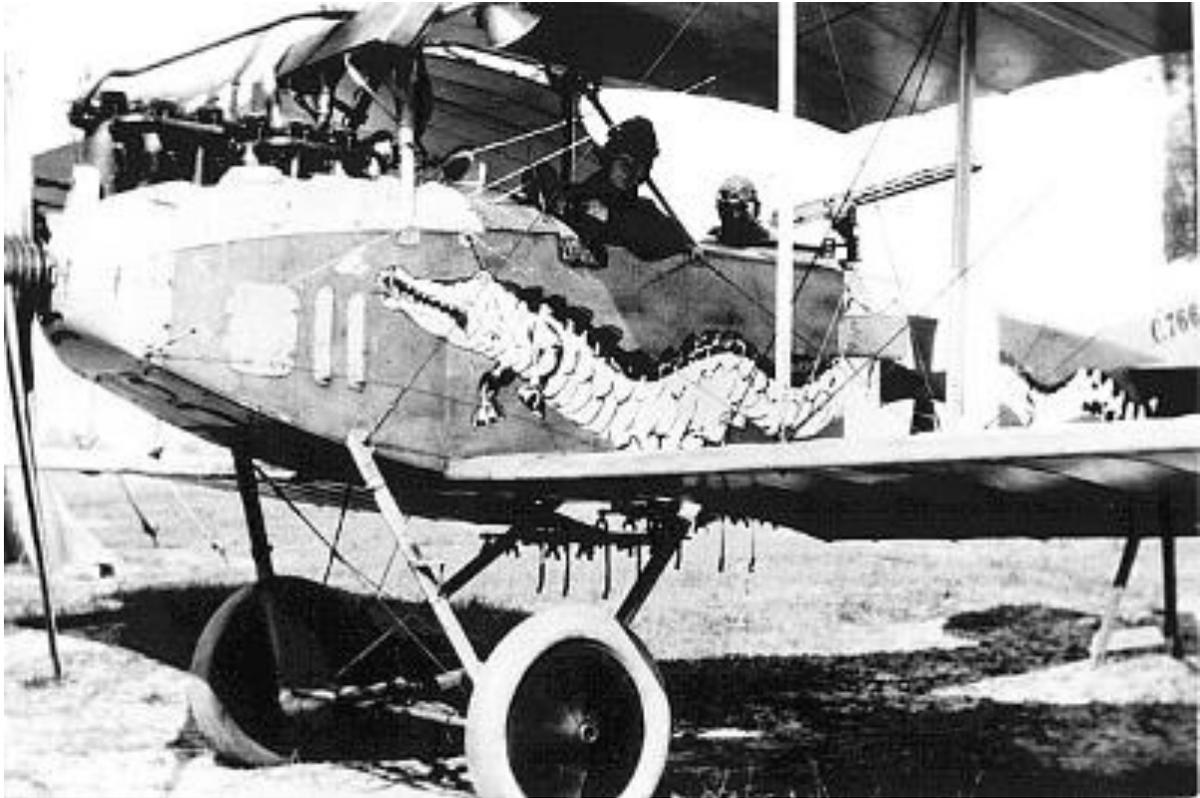
Michael Kennedy's Albatross C-III

Several members stated that we had a very good meeting on the Seventy-seventh D-Day Anniversary. The final total for attendance was twenty, one visitor and nineteen members.

One family member was in the meeting room for a few minutes but was delivering something to her husband.

John Estes gave a short presentation on plans and photo interpretations which he started last month. Those that participated were attentive and asked several questions about the photos and plans used for the presentation.

The cover picture has an interesting story behind the model. Our photographer, Michael Kennedy was looking at some pictures and saw the name Lt. Erwin Bohme as the pilot of the plane shown. He has a friend that happens to have the same last name Bohme, so Mike thought it would make a nice gift for Reiner Boehme, his friend. Werner Boehme, Reiner's father was a gunner in a Bf 110 during WWII. He came to America after the war and became an Industrial Arts teacher in El Paso, Texas., at Bel Air High School, the same school where John Estes taught for 31 years. Yes, the same guy that does this newsletter. It's a very small world, so they say. On page 2, you will find the photos Michael found when researching the kit.



Leutnant Erwin Böhm, left, and observer, Ltn. Ladamacher, and their machine, Albatros C766/16, at Kowal, Russia, August 1916. This photo was in Boelcke's collection under the heading of 'The Humours of War'.



Arthur Berdick's German Aircraft Tractor/Tug



Arthur Berdick's Studebaker US6 Truck

The Studebaker truck, the US6, was only used by stateside US units. However, the Studebaker was produced by both Studebaker and Reo for provision to other nations via Lend-Lease, and as such became one of the most popular and widespread of all of the American trucks. (Taken from the article on the ICM kit.)



Jack Callaway's Beechcraft Bonanza

From *Warbirds Illustrated* by Yehuda Borovik via Jack Callaway:

In November, 1947, the underground military organization of the Jewish community decided to establish an air arm call the "Sherut Avir"(Air Service) with ten light civil aircraft. The Sherut Avir , which later acquired additional aircraft, provided the nucleus for the creation of the Chel Ha 'Avir", the air force in May 1948 when Israel achieved its independence.

During the initial period, aircraft were purchased, irrespective of their condition, from all available sources throughout the world. In the War of Independence in 1948-1949, the line-up presented a very particular appearance and although the total number of operational aircraft was little more than one hundred, more than thirty types were represented.

This particular Beechcraft Bonanza was flown to Palestine from South Africa in 1947 and was entered in Sherut Avir Service. It was fitted with belly mounted bomb racks and flew many sorties during the War for Independence. (edited)

Jack used the 1/48th scale Entex kit to build the model.

Michael Kennedy said that the Special Hobby Albatross C-III was the worst kit he had ever cobbled together. Bad fit, bad engineering, etc. The preview in the box on a web site did not mention anything about these problems as it was just a preview, not an actual build review.

Interesting, at least to me {editor.}



Dixi Fischer's Pirate Ship

This is a work in progress. Dixi used the Revell 1/350th scale kit and she will use the finished model for All Hallow's Eve.



Roger Gutierrez's 50' Plug Door Box Cars

Roger used the Front Range kits for these models. The scale is 1/87th.



Jim Davis's F4-J's

VMFA 333 the "Shamrocks" in 1/72nd scale and the Hasegawa kit 1/48th scale by Jim Davis. However, the 1/72nd kit is the new Airfix kit with J burner cans, so it isn't really a J model.

Just about finished this issue and Jerry Richardson from Amarillo sent pictures of his latest effort.



Hasegawa 1/32 F6F-3/5 done as a Royal Navy F6F-3 Hellcat by Jerry Richardson from Amarillo.

Hasegawa 1/32 F6F-3/5 done as a Royal Navy F6F-3 Hellcat Mk. Jerry used Techmod decals, Eduard seatbelts and IP, seat and stick from the Verlindin cockpit set. Next up is the Revell 1/32 F-14A Tomcat.



Checking out the new stuff.



Getting the latest info.



Waiting for the program to start.



Glad to be at a meeting.



Dixi and her ship



Mike and camera.



Carlos from the photo files

**Our next meeting will on Sunday, July 11 at 7000 Edgemere. 2:00 P.M.
Bring a model and Bring a friend.**

Richard Macias had cataract surgery and will return to the next meeting.



Soviet Badges shown by Justin Segovia