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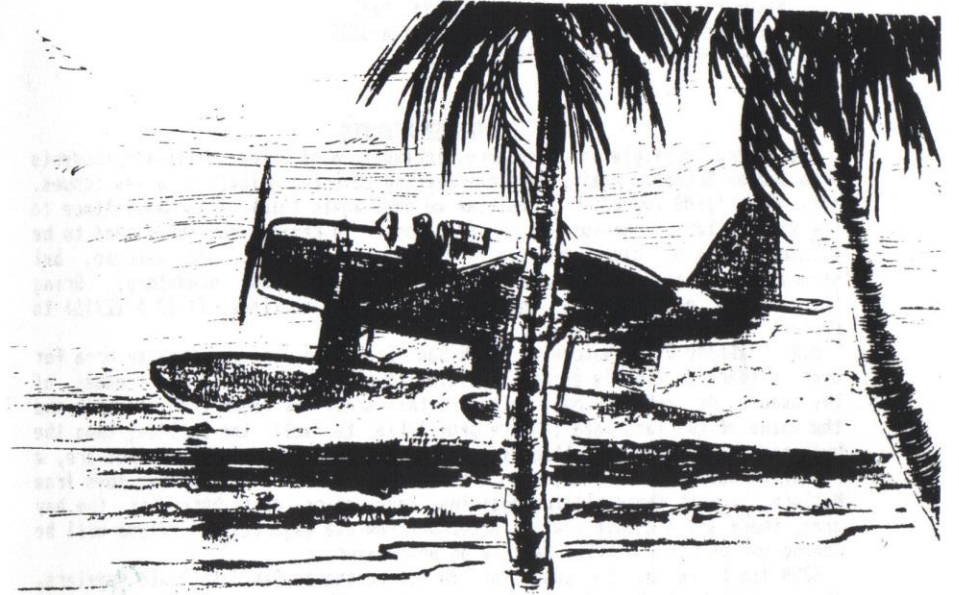
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OCTOBER 1988

Next Meeting: October 21, 1988, Friday

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM - Gab, Shop,
 8:00 PM - Business, Raffle

Location: Mercury Savings Meeting Room
 19376 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino

This newsletter is the official publication of the San Jose Scale Modelers. All inquiries, change of addresses and submissions may be sent to: San Jose Scale Modelers, Attn. Editor, P.O. Box 1052, Cupertino 95014. This newsletter is sent free to all current members. Annual membership is \$10.00 paid at the meetings or mailed to the same P.O. Box 1052, Attn. Treasurer.

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SEPTEMBER MINUTES

There were 48 people in attendance, including 6 of Rodney Williams' students from Denman School. Again, we had a meeting covering quickly on a few issues, sort of a "IPMS Lite". It is time we once again think of our assistance to the VA Hospital in the form of kit donations. To remind you, these need to be without paints or glue in them, and complete. Paints are welcome, but separately. Non-military themes are preferable, but not mandatory. Bring these to the meeting. We only have two more meetings (11/18 & 12/16) to collect these.

D.N. Mallory Distributors of South San Francisco, serving the bay area for over 50 years is finally going to be closing its doors due to retirement of the owner. As with so many things in this area, the labor costs (union) and the value of the land make it more profitable to sell the building than the business! The point of telling you this now is: 1) there will be, and are, a number of sales in the area (such as at D&J - 50% off) on closeout buys from Mallory, 2) with their closing goes the last major distributor in the bay area, there are a couple smaller ones, but now the majority of items will be coming out of L.A., S.L.C., Seattle or where ever.

SJSM (that is us in case you do not recognize San Jose Scale Modelers, abbreviated) is looking for logo ideas. We really need input here, so sketch out your ideas (doodle while on hold for the boss, or stuck in traffic if you have to!). Ideas, preferably, would not be in one theme, such as military, or aircraft, or such, and remember that we will need to be able to reproduce them in fairly small form, so they should not be too intricate.

Andy Garcia came up with a discount book deal for us from Classic Motorbooks and Zenith Aviation. We could get up to a 45% discount for an order of 50 books or more. I believe Andy will be at this meeting, and hopefully with the catalogs, and you may start reviewing what is available and start assessing what you can afford, or can't live without.

The video library listing seemed useful as many members came up looking for specific tapes, by number. The listing is too big to print each issue, but updates will be included. Bob Miller may be handling sign in/out this meeting, probably to the right of the execs. (your left).

RANTING & RAVING

As a club newsletter editor, I am required to remind & prod you that this newsletter is yours, and is what you make it. If I get no kit reviews or how-to's, then the newsletter gets none. I want articles, NOW, any condition! Think nobody wants to read your topic? You are wrong! Think you do not write well enough? Well, then I will re-write it for you. It takes me 30 minutes to re-type a page, 1 hour to re-write one, but over two hours to research and write one (one typed page here is 2+ handwritten). With 90 members, I have only had 8 contribute. This is all the help I get? Contribute or else!

MEIKRAFT MODELS

Tom Young was one of the 10 vendors at the Reg 9 Convention, and was selling the Meikraft Models, for which he is Research & Development Director, as well as his own Model-Aire International (MAI) models, and his book on 1/72 aircraft models, mentioned in previous issues.

Meikraft's Vindicator looked similar, in production style, to one of the earlier Pegasus kits, but has more parts, and the purchase-optional etched-metal parts look quite nice. Other kits shown for sale were a Seversky P35/P35-A, Piper Cub L-4, Hansa Brandenburg W.29 (early or late) and Albatross D-1, D-11 or OEFFAG Variants. All are 1/72, have decals, optional parts included and some have brass-etched parts either included, or purchase-optional. Coming Soon; Midget Mustang (1/72!), Aeronica Glide bomb, Beech Staggerwing & BE-2C. They also have unique detail and accessory items. Write them at: Meikraft Models, Preston Hollow Center, 4343 West N.W. Hwy., Suite 1001, Dallas, TX 75220.

Tom's MAI resin products (all 1/72) looked very attractive, with the PT-19 displayed. MAI also has a Yak.11 "Moose" and N.A. AGM.28 Hound Dog. Soon to be released are Curtiss P-40B/C Tomahawk, Waco UPF-7, McDonnell ADM-20 Quail, Rumpier C.IV and Curtiss-Wright CW-21/CW-21B Demon. Write them at: Model-Aire Int'l, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950

MODEL COMPANY COMPLAINT

The model companies are once again going crazy trying to outdo each other with enormous packages (relevant to contents size). I guess a big outer package size is supposed to correlate to a bigger contents. Well plastic models are like female models, what you see ain't always what you get, to the point you feel betrayed and think there ought to be a law. Well, there was, or is, in California (not for females, though) a law, about 10 years ago, saying there could not be more than 20%, or so, empty volume in retail packaging. Are you listening Testor's, Revell & Ertl?!

What's wrong you ask? Well, first, the contents gets broken because it shifts around, and crushed because the broad, flimsy box can not protect it and has no inner support design! Secondly, stores can not put as many on a shelf, if they fit at all, and therefore carry less stock and restrict the selection, so you loose again...write the model companies and tell them you do not need poster-size box tops (congrats to Heller), but you DO NEED boxes that are informative too, they show & tell what optional parts & decals are included, what details & armament and how many pieces you get (congrats to Testors but a big zero to Heller, here).

I mean, when you open up a box and find; in the case of AMT's Indy Winners set that you could fit TWO such sets (six cars!) in the space for the three, or Testor's Peterbilt conventional truck tractor where there is 40% empty space and the die-cuts in the corrugated cardboard tray were never folded up for box support, so the chassis' (14" long ones, too!) are warped (13 consecutive kits), then what is the point? If they are going to make the package that big, at least have the sense to protect the contents with fillers and supports, even though they are still wasting the retailers shelf space. Retail space is expensive, and the more retail dollars the store can get within a given square foot of floor lowers their cost and keeps them in business. Over-sized packages cost the retailer money, much more than they make by the extra sale of a customer buying a big package, when the customer would not have bought it, solely, if it had been smaller (read; reasonable). Just when they produce great kits again, they play us for box suckers!

REGIXINCOMPAC - 1988
(Region 9 Annual Contest)

Well, this was the Silver Wings attempt at a 2-day Convention & Contest. I understand that we tried the same thing some years ago. I am afraid neither can be considered a great success. It was still fun and there was a reasonable number of models per entrant, but I heard the number of entrants as only 59 (our last contest had 84). This certainly has to be a disappointment for the hosting Silver Wings chapter, and they certainly lost money on the deal. The site had a number of pros & cons, but was a good price for the Silver Wings. Two members put in most of the organizational effort, and the strain showed on them. Some things were well organized, and others seemed discoordinated. As the proceeds went to the California Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, the Silver Wings certainly will not be able to give the kind of donation they hoped for.

There was a good tour, plenty of interesting speakers, and a reasonable number of models to view. Some categories had a good number of entries (particularly armor) and good competition in quality, other categories lacked in one or both. The Raffle was a success for the ticket holders, as there was over \$2000 in prizes distributed among the smaller than expected crowd. Even though the crowd spent fairly well on tickets, total raffle dollars were still disappointing. I came away with well over a \$100 worth of prizes, just from the "cheap" tickets, I only bought about 20 of them, and won nine times!

I have not got the results, though I know Rodney's Cutlass won its class. I do hope Silver Wings is not too disappointed to try again, or even another chapter. It was still a pretty good time for those attending. However, the 2-day format, especially for the contest (with the intention of closing its registration at 9:30 am on the day of judging) is a much more difficult road to follow than a simple one-day contest, and is much more difficult to make successful. I salute IPMS/Silver Wings for their initiative and effort.

VEEP NOTES
By Eric McClure, VP

Hope you all enjoyed the Olympics. The Stockton Contest was a lot of fun and some beautifully built kits. The contest seem almost like a SJSM meeting or D&J get-together with the amount of familiar faces there. Those who I know of that came away with trophies were: Mike Burton, Bill Ferrante, Kent McClure, Bert McDowell, Rodney Williams and Alan Wolcott (hope I did not miss anyone). This being the first contest that I have attended outside of our contest, I found it to be fun & a learning experience with the way another chapter runs a contest.

I would like your opinions/comments on the Box Stock category for our contest. What do you think should be allowed in the class, should it be limited to any kind of kits (non-"hi-tech")? What exceptions to the items included with the kits should be allowed; decals, seat belts, panels? Should modifications be allowed; reshaping, thinning, vac-canopies, different tires for cars? Drop or bring me a note on your feelings.

This is your contest, so here is your chance to voice your opinion. Well, that is all. Remember this month's theme: The Last Kit You Finished! Keep Modeling.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22
PRESIDENT'S FUN DAY
11 am to 4 pm

That is right, THIS SATURDAY.
ALL MODELS, ALL MODELING
NO Business
NO Contest
NO Formalities
Some Bull

OPEN TO: OUR CLUB
OTHER CLUBS
GUESTS
ANYONE

Just Bring Yourself, plus anything you want, such as guests, models, books, kits, parts, ideas, fun, modeling tips, and then talk to friends, make friends, just gab & browse to your hobbyist delight. There probably will be video(s) showing. You can also bring a few kits to sell (such as one reasonable sized box, this is not a swap meet).

A NOTE: Last Year was unusually windy, though it is not likely to be as windy this year, it is October, so some wind protection for models, etc. is suggested.

LOCATION: MERCURY SAVINGS MEETING ROOM
19376 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino

For those not familiar with the location, it is about 5 miles northwest of the Hwy. 280 & 17/880 interchange. Take Hwy 280 to the 3rd exit, Wolfe Rd. (From the S.F. Peninsula, it is the 2nd exit after the Hwy 280 & 85 interchange). Go south, under the Mall, to Stevens Creek Blvd. and then turn left (East) to the 3rd building on the right.

AT THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING

We will have an auction of two donated vacuform kits. The kits were donated from the VA Hospital, but due to their complexity, we will auction them off and convert the cash to kits for the VA. Kits are; Rareplanes C-121/Connie 1/72 (nice!) and Airmodel C-124 Globemaster 1/72 ("old Shaky", unique, BIG, and pretty rough). Both kits are complete with instructions, but not in original packaging and sheets are cut apart. Check them over before the post-break auction. We will have a raffle again (sorry I forgot last month).

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL THEME: The Last Kit You Finished (and we won't ask how long ago!). November is the Bi-Annual Quarterly Contest, Special Theme: 1968.

WANT ADS

WANTED: Old Bandai 1/48 WWII Armored Division Series: Tanks, half-tracks, jeeps, howitzers, trucks (1/2 ton to 8 ton), cargo trailers, motorcycles, 3-wheels, command cars, light weapons, diorama sets, livestock, accessories sets, German, British, Japanese, US, etc. Bring to next meeting or call: 272-5724 after 7pm M-F. Bob Turner

WANTED: Return of the Pima Air Museum Book I loaned out, bring to meeting, (I forgot who I loaned it to) Rodney Williams.

FOR SALE: 1/32 Car Models & Slot Cars (have Revell Morris Minor Wagon), plus other asst. models. At meeting, see Bob Turner.

TO RETURN: Owner of Victory At Sea Series, please see Secretary, Alan Wolcott

WANTED: Revell Cousteau PBV, reasonable, any cond. Alan Wolcott at meeting.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SNAP & AUCTION: Jan. 15, 1989, West Coast Model Expo, 10AM-4PM, Sunnyvale Hilton Hotel, 1250 Lakeside Dr.

Contact: WCME, 19088 Santa Maria Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546

CONTESTS: Dec. 5, 1988, Holiday Classic Contest, Silver Wings, Sacramento at Howard Johnson's, Hwy 50 at Bradshaw.

Feb. 19, 1989, IPMS/San Jose Scale Modelers, Milpitas Comm. Ctr. Contact: San Jose Scale Modelers, PO Box 1052, Cupertino 95015

DISPLAYS: January 14, 1989, NML Western Nationals - 5th Annual (Model Car) New Hours: 10AM-10PM, Sunnyvale Hilton, 1250 Lakeside Dr.

Contact: WCME, 19088 Santa Maria Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546

AIR SHOW TEAMS: Thunderbirds -

10/29; Salinas, 10/30; George AFB, 11/12; Bakersfield

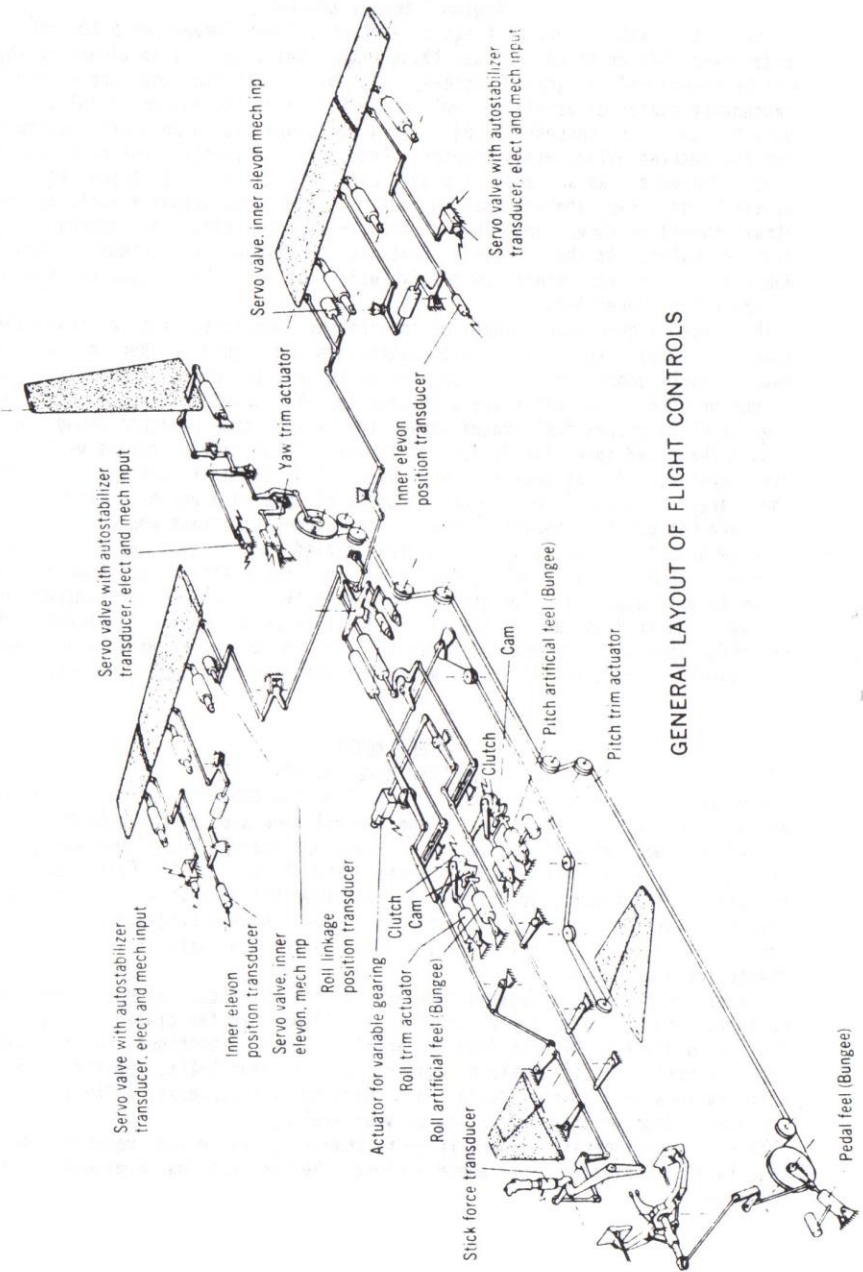
NEWS OF NEW (Kits)

Some new and exciting kit news surfaced just before printing (some, literally, by hours). From FSM, Hobbycraft Canada is planning to release; 1/72; CL-41 Tutor (Hooray!), EA-6B, Su-25, Beaver with pontoons, and one with skis & wheels, and DHC-8 (Dash 8). In 1/48; Hawker Sea Fury(!), Seafire Mk.XV, Spitfire Mk.XIII, Cutlass F7U-3/3M, CF-100 Mk.V, Otter with pontoons, Otter with Skis & Wheels. In 1/32; Sopwith Camel.

News just back from the Hobby Industry Assoc. Show; Monogram will do 1988 March & Lola 1/24 Indy cars (with Chevy/Ilmor, Cosworth & Judd powerplants) (see, they listen to letters & polls), Ertl will do 1988 Penske 1/25 Indy cars (!), Tamiya will do a 1/20 1988 F-1 McLaren-Honda and I believe a Benneton, Hasegawa will release the XJR-9 Jaguar in IMSA Castrol (Daytona 24 hour assumed) & 1988 LeMans winning markings, Fujimi will release a GT40 Ford at about \$15, probably in Hi-Mecha or Hi-Tech series (wanna' bet on P-4 Ferrari & Porsche 904 & 917? They are all box top background cars. They have released the Porsche 356, background in the Flatnose 911, and the Ferrari Daytona, which was background on the Dino Coupe box).

Vacuform companies are taking up where Monogram left off in 1/48, with Koster doing a A20-B/J with 274 parts (!) in white metal, vacuform, resin & etched metal, Combat Models Lockheed Hudson, and C.A. Atkins A-26B/C.

And Hasegawa re-releases the 1/32; P-12E, F4B-4, P-26A, BF2C-1.

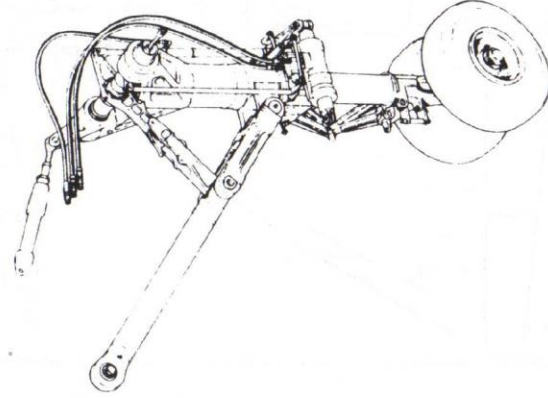
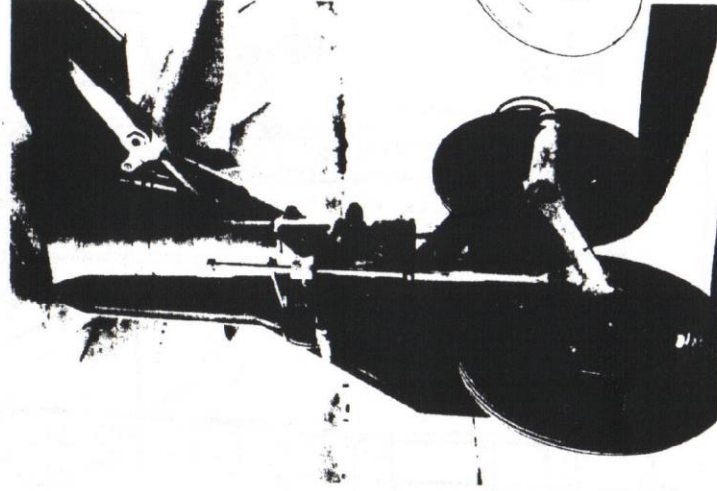


GENERAL LAYOUT OF FLIGHT CONTROLS

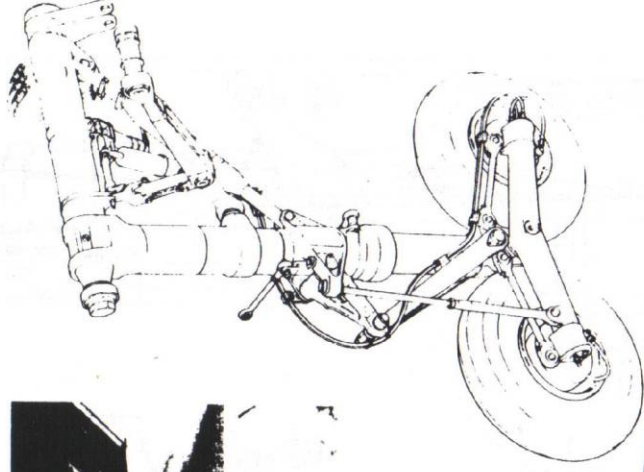
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10/17/88 - TAPES:16-25

SERIES	TITLE	TAPE #	SUBJECT	COMMENTS	LENGTH	COL
	A.F. Tactical Firepower	17			12	Yes
	Air War In Vietnam	19			46	Yes
		23		Com's 1 tape, Fair	46	Yes
	An Air Of Adventure	24	EAA/Oshkosh '86	From Com's 1 tape, fair	60	Yes
	Our World-Wide A.F. 1953-59	17		Warbirds - Com's 1 Tape	12	Yes
	Role Of Air Power & Army	22	Troop Air Support History		47	Yes
	The Rocket Pilots	22	Test Pilots thru X-15	Good!	69	Yes
	Threshold	24	Blue Angels/F-4	Good! Thorough - Com's 1 Tape	89	Yes
	Top Flight	23			46	Yes
	Top Gun - The Real Story	23	Jet Dog Fight Stories		30	Yes
	Wings Over Water	22	Naval Aviation History		30	Yes
	Battle For Britain	16		Interesting	87	Yes
"WWII"	Meaphis Belle	16	B-17 w/25 missions	Com's 1 Tape	No	No
	A Remarkable Flying Machine	16	1st Shuttle Flight	Com's 1 Tape	Yes	Yes
25 Remarkable Years	Eagle Has Landed	25	First Moon Landing	Com's 1 Tape	29	Yes
	Planet Mars	25	Viking Robot Lander	Com's 1 Tape	28	Yes
	World Was There	25	Project Mercury	Com's 1 Tape	28	Yes
	Big Asst.	18	WWII to Korea	about 12 programs	240	No
Air Power	B-58 Low Alt. Bombing Capability	17			10	Yes
B-58 Promos	Champion of Champions	17		Jimmy Stewart Hosts	28	Yes
	Tallean Five Five	17			27	Yes
	The Bleriot Trophy	17			20	Yes
Conquest	#1 - (Conquest)	21	Spaceflight to Apollo XI		44	Yes
	#2 - No Frontier	21	Spaceflight, Apollo XII & on		45	Yes
	#3 - The Phoenix Will Rise	21	Spaceflight into future		45	Yes
Nature of Things	Aircraft	22	A/C History		49	Yes
Nova	Spy Machines	23	Reconnaissance		48	Yes
	Top Gun & Beyond	23	HiTech A/C vs. Pilot		56	Yes
Spaceflight	#1 - Thunder in the Skies	20			54	Yes
	#2 - Wings Of Mercury	20			54	Yes
	#3 - One Giant Leap	20			54	Yes
	#4 - The Territory Ahead	20			54	Yes

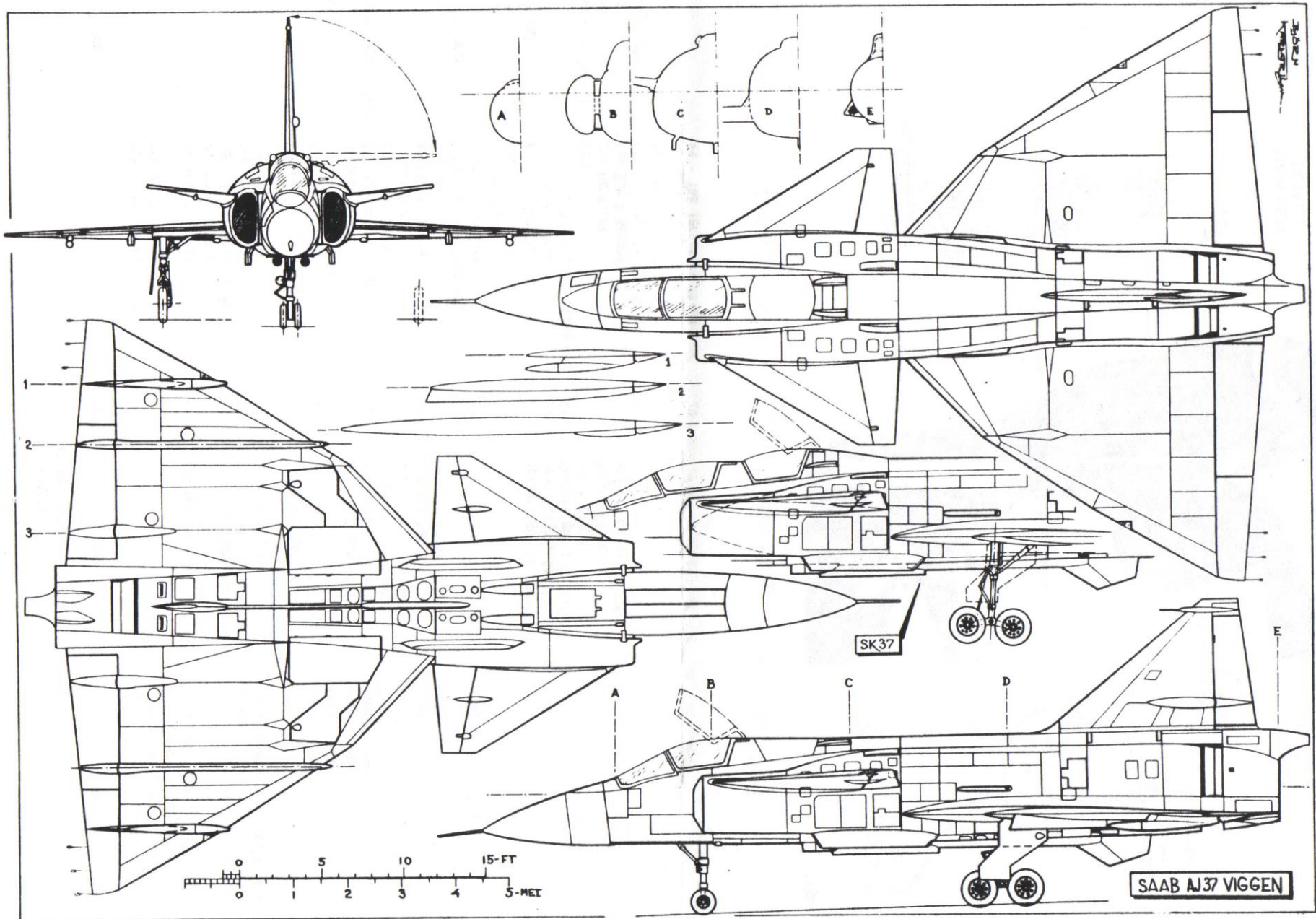
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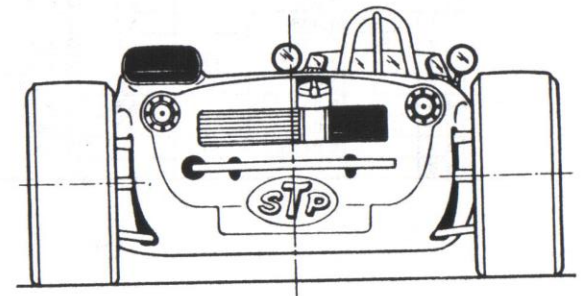
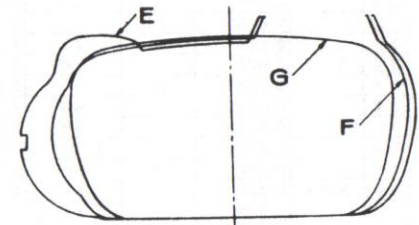
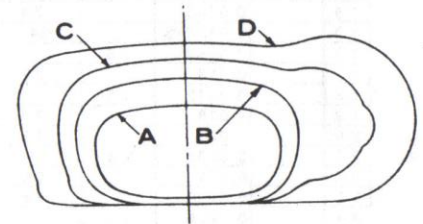
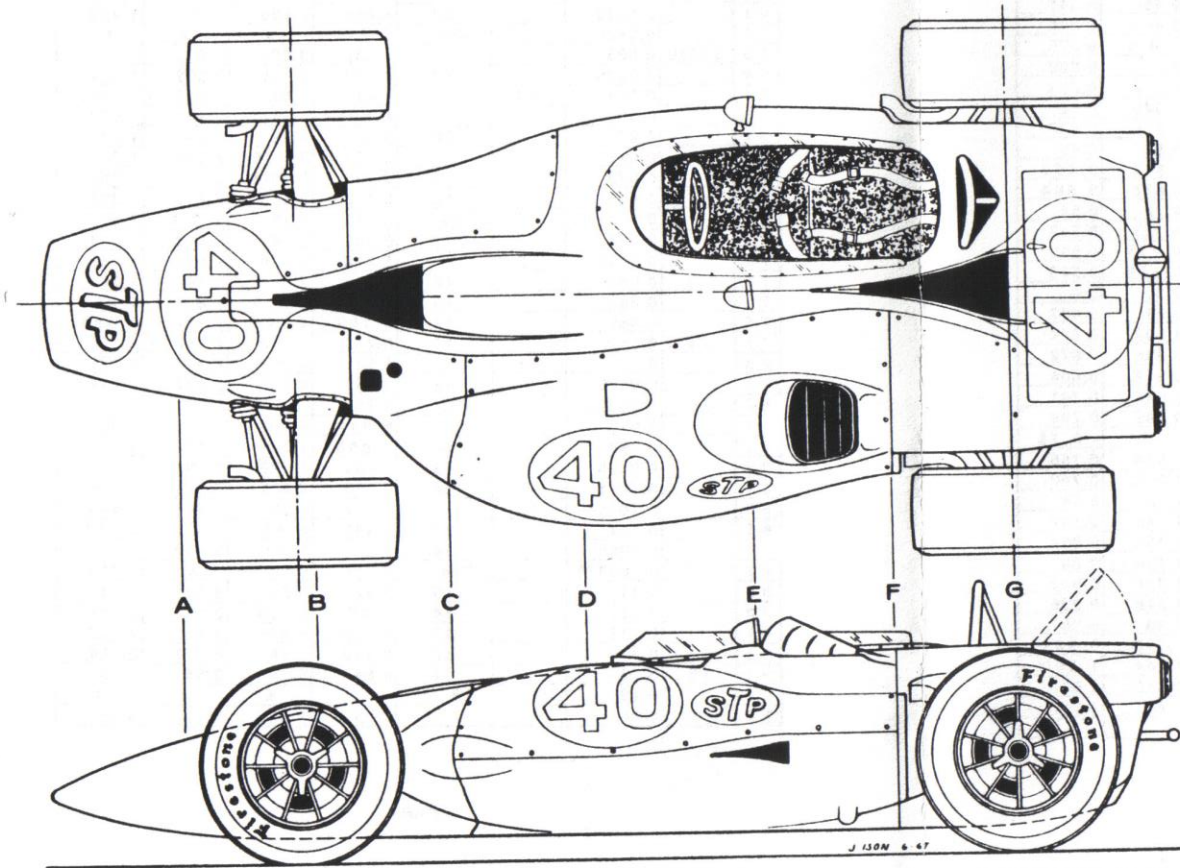
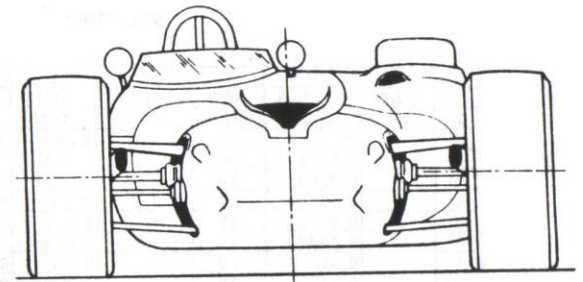
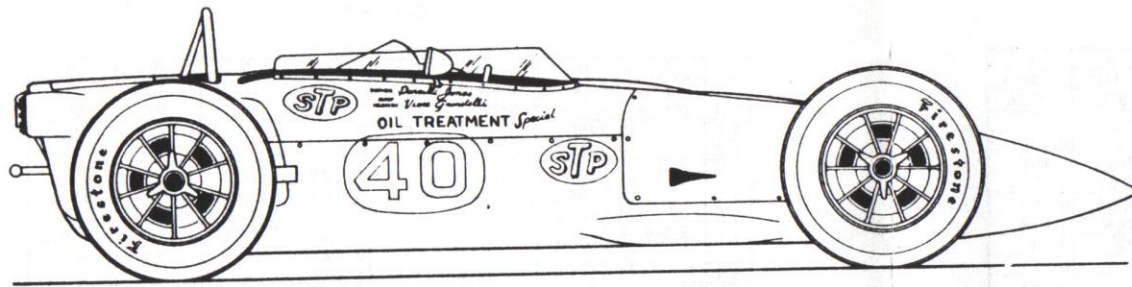


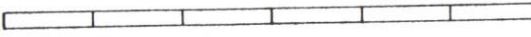
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5		0.0063	34		0.454	0.302	0.202	0.151
6		0.00708	33		0.51	0.34	0.227	0.17
7		0.00795	32		0.572	0.382	0.254	0.191
8		0.00893	31		0.643	0.429	0.286	0.214
9		0.01	30		0.72	0.48	0.32	0.24
10		0.0113	29		0.814	0.542	0.362	0.271
11		0.0126	28		0.907	0.605	0.403	0.302
12		0.0135		80	0.972	0.648	0.432	0.324
13		0.0142	27		1.022	0.682	0.454	0.341
14		0.0145		79	1.044	0.696	0.464	0.348
15		0.015625		1/64	1.125	0.75	0.5	0.375
16		0.0159	26		1.145	0.763	0.509	0.382
17		0.016		78	1.152	0.768	0.512	0.384
18		0.0179	25		1.289	0.859	0.573	0.43
19	S-M1	0.018		77	1.296	0.864	0.576	0.432
20		0.02		76	1.44	0.96	0.64	0.48
21		0.0201	24		1.447	0.965	0.643	0.482
22		0.021		75	1.512	1.008	0.672	0.504
23		0.0225		74	1.62	1.08	0.72	0.54
24		0.0226	23		1.627	1.085	0.723	0.542
25	S-M2	0.023			1.656	1.104	0.736	0.552
26		0.024		73	1.728	1.152	0.768	0.576
27		0.025		72	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.6
28		0.0253	22		1.822	1.214	0.81	0.607
29		0.026		71	1.872	1.248	0.832	0.624
30	S-M3	0.028		70	2.016	1.344	0.896	0.672
31		0.0285	21		2.052	1.368	0.912	0.684
32		0.0292		69	2.102	1.402	0.934	0.701
33		0.031		68	2.232	1.488	0.992	0.744
34		0.03125		1/32	2.25	1.5	1	0.75
35		0.032	20	67	2.304	1.536	1.024	0.768
36	S-M4	0.033		66	2.376	1.584	1.056	0.792
37		0.035		65	2.52	1.68	1.12	0.84
38		0.0359	19		2.585	1.723	1.149	0.862
39		0.036		64	2.592	1.728	1.152	0.864
40		0.037		63	2.664	1.776	1.184	0.888
41	S-M5	0.038		62	2.736	1.824	1.216	0.912
42	P1	0.039		61	2.808	1.872	1.248	0.936
43		0.0403	18		2.902	1.934	1.29	0.967
44		0.041		59	2.952	1.968	1.312	0.984
45		0.042		58	3.024	2.016	1.344	1.008
46	S-M6	0.043		57	3.096	2.064	1.376	1.032
47		0.0453	17		3.262	2.174	1.45	1.087
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51		0.0465		56	3.348	2.232	1.488	1.116
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53	S-M7	0.048			3.456	2.304	1.536	1.152
54		0.0508	16		3.658	2.438	1.626	1.219
55		0.052		55	3.744	2.496	1.664	1.248
56	S-M8	0.053			3.816	2.544	1.696	1.272
57		0.055		54	3.96	2.64	1.76	1.32
58		0.0571	15		4.111	2.741	1.827	1.37
59	S-M9	0.058			4.176	2.784	1.856	1.392
60	P2	0.059			4.248	2.832	1.888	1.416
61		0.0595		53	4.284	2.856	1.904	1.428
62		0.0625		1/16	4.5	3	2	1.5
63	S-M10	0.063			4.536	3.024	2.016	1.512
64		0.0635		52	4.572	3.048	2.032	1.524
65		0.0641	14		4.615	3.077	2.051	1.538
66		0.067		51	4.824	3.216	2.144	1.608
67		0.07		50	5.04	3.36	2.24	1.68
68		0.072	13		5.184	3.456	2.304	1.728
69		0.073		49	5.256	3.504	2.336	1.752
70		0.076		48	5.472	3.648	2.432	1.824
71		0.078125		5/64	5.625	3.75	2.5	1.875
72		0.0785		47	5.652	3.768	2.512	1.884
73		0.0808	12		5.818	3.878	2.586	1.939
74	P3	0.081		46	5.832	3.888	2.592	1.944
75		0.082		45	5.904	3.936	2.624	1.968
76		0.086		44	6.192	4.128	2.752	2.064
77	P4	0.089		43	6.408	4.272	2.848	2.136
78		0.0907	11		6.53	4.354	2.902	2.177
79		0.0935		42	6.732	4.488	2.992	2.244
80		0.09375		3/32	6.75	4.5	3	2.25
81		0.096		41	6.912	4.608	3.072	2.304
82		0.098		40	7.056	4.704	3.136	2.352
83		0.0995		39	7.164	4.776	3.184	2.388
84		0.1015		38	7.308	4.872	3.248	2.436
85		0.1019	10		7.337	4.891	3.261	2.446
86		0.104		37	7.488	4.992	3.328	2.496
87		0.1065		36	7.668	5.112	3.408	2.556
88		0.109375		7/64	7.875	5.25	3.5	2.625
89		0.11		35	7.92	5.28	3.52	2.64
90		0.111		34	7.992	5.328	3.552	2.664
91		0.113		33	8.136	5.424	3.616	2.712
92		0.116		32	8.352	5.568	3.712	2.784
93	P5	0.12		31	8.64	5.76	3.84	2.88
94		0.125		1/8	9	6	4	3
95	P6	0.16			11.52	7.68	5.12	3.84