



# AMS CHRONICLE

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<b><u>NEXT MEETING:</u></b>  <b>02 OCTOBER 2019</b> <b>1900</b>	<b>Tank Killers</b>  Any subject with the primary role of destroying tanks, <b>but not a tank itself</b> . A/C designed with a primary anti-tank mission.	Eric building an SU-25(?)

### EDITOR RAMBLINGS FROM THE BUNKER

Привет Всем

It seems my monthly newsletters tend to have a theme. It is not intentional, just what I come across. This is starting out as a bad theme.

I have a new genre, as if I need one. Fortunately I have a lot of short range/ medium range 1/35 Russian ADA and picked up the MENG PANTSIR 8x8 and, gasp, a tracked SA-13. My SA-6is tracked but the 2, 8, and 9 are warwheels. Of course TRUMPETER and TIGER are coming out with versions of PANTSIR.

Think I will dump my TRUMPETER SCUD and SMERCH MLRS and get some long range Russian SAMs.

Model T French ww1 ambulance (Odessa, 1919, RCW) is almost done. WHIPPET is coming along. I have a dio in mind for MK-V Hermaphrodite outside of Tsarityen in 1919. Just have to research which arm the British tank commander was missing.

Did well at the Centennial auction: an AIRFIX paddle wheel engine, French 155mm SPA, 1/48 JU-88A4, TAMIYA IJN staff car and GAZ Soviet 6x6..

High Plains seemed a bit light this year. I bought NOTHING. John Trueblood won a couple, Mike Mctigue took 3 or 4 armor and I had a few.

Никто не Забыт  
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## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Noting new

## **A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY**

Members in attendance, 20

Contest: Bad Model Kits, winner Cliff

Program: Virginia Museums and air shows, John Trueblood

Officer reports:

Treasurer: no report given

Contest committee: Eric

Looking for the themes for next year, send in your suggestions

Upcoming contests: High Planes, Sept 28, Colpar, Oct 26

Chapter business:

Old business: none discussed

New business

2020 Rock Mountain Train Show

Requested that the club present a seminar for the beginner model builder

Discuss of subjects and agenda will be held at the next meeting.

Colpar swap meet is scheduled for November 2nd

## **Plastic Model Contest**

Saturday, October, 26th

At Colpar's HobbyTown in Aurora

\*Open to all plastic modelers

\*Come show your talent!

\*Juniors Contest (age 17 and under)

\*Prize Trophies!

\*No Entry Fee!

\*Winners will be entered in HobbyTown's –

**National Model Contest**

---- Registration - 10am to 11:30am

---- Judging – 12:00pm to 2:30pm

---- Awards - 2:30pm to 3:00pm

Models may be picked up after 3pm

## ...2019 MONTHLY CONTEST THEMES

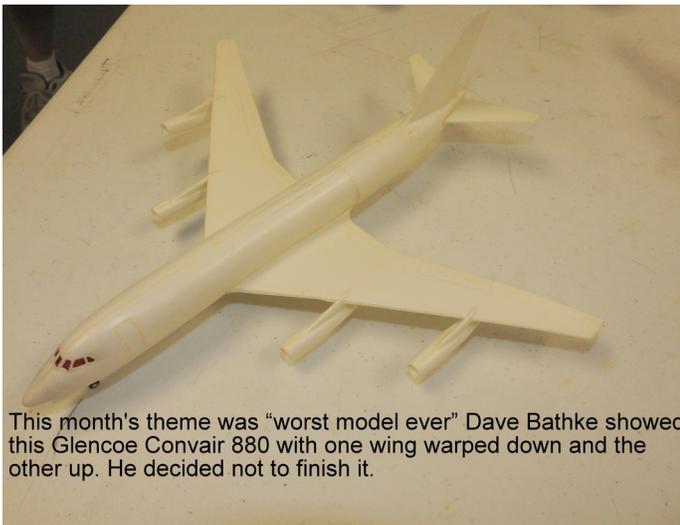
Month	Theme	Description
January	Uncharted Waters	Subjects representing the first use of a design concept or technology
February	<u>At Least a Dozen</u>	<u>Any subject with engine(s) of 12 or more cylinders. 2 engines with 6 cylinders does not count.</u>
March	Twins	Any subject with 2 major design elements. Examples: F-82 Twin Mustang, ZU-23 twin gun anti-aircraft.
April	Club Kit Auction	Get rid of your trash and buy my treasure!
May	Club contest: Special Theme: NAFTA  Special Category: Grab Bag	Theme: Any Canadian or Mexican subject. May be manufactured in either country or in national markings. Category: Entries from the December Grab Bag Exchange
June	Recon	Any subject specifically designed or used for reconnaissance
July	The Eagle Has Landed	In honor of the 50 year anniversary of the moon landings, any real space subject
August	In Memoriam	Remembering the departed through kits or subjects from departed members / friends / family
September	Worst Kit Ever!	The worst kit you have tried to build, finished or not. <b>Must be at least 50% built</b> + must explain reason why it's the worst kit
October	Tank Killers	Any subject with the primary role of destroying tanks, <b>but not a tank itself</b> . A/C designed with a primary anti-tank mission.
November	Monochrome	Any subject where the majority of the color scheme is black and/or white.
December	Cut Throat Gift Exchange	It's better to give than receive, but even better to steal what someone was given!

## SEPTEMBER CONTEST

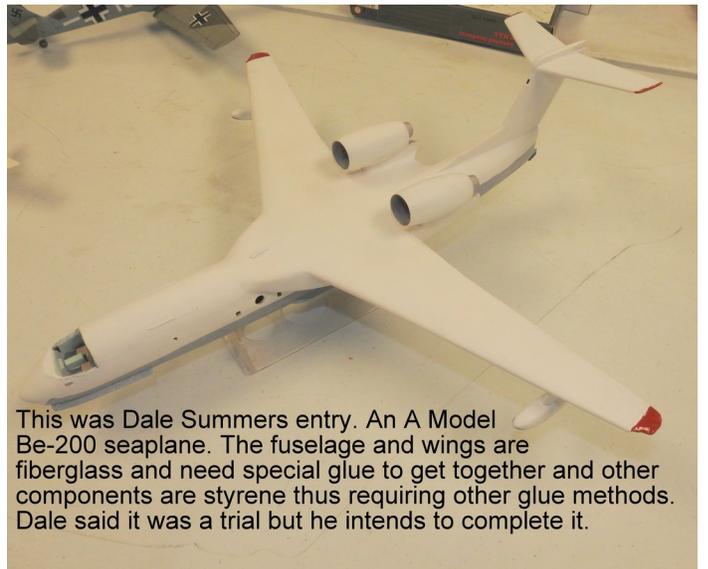
Cliff Davis entry was this 48th Valom Hampden.

There were some fit problems but the main one was that the nose clear enclosure was bigger than the fuselage. This called for a lot of build up using .010 strips and a heap of sanding and fitting.

Cliff did win the monthly theme contest.



This month's theme was "worst model ever" Dave Bathke showed this Glencoe Convair 880 with one wing warped down and the other up. He decided not to finish it.



This was Dale Summers entry. An A Model Be-200 seaplane. The fuselage and wings are fiberglass and need special glue to get together and other components are styrene thus requiring other glue methods. Dale said it was a trial but he intends to complete it.



Martin Sagara's entry was this old Aoshima 72nd Helldiver said to be the worst kit ever produced. He got it built but one can see it lacks alot in fit.



John Trueblood's example was this 32nd Eduard ?? Me -109. His problem was the myriad of corrections to make the kit accurate which required a lot of research and a lot more work. Still turned out beautiful.

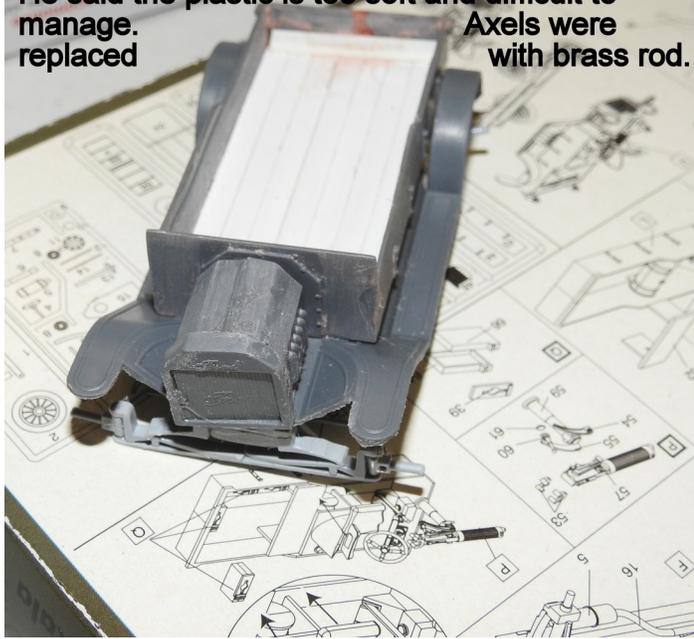


This example is from Matt Oursler, a 32nd Trumpeter A-4M. Matt said the fit was poor and a struggle to assemble although he'll probably finish it.



Eric Cain brought this 48th Lindberg Mig-25. He completed the cockpit and from there on it was so bad he just quit on it.

Wayne Cassell showed this RPM 35th Model T. He said the plastic is too soft and difficult to manage. Axels were replaced with brass rod.



Wayne Cassell did this Meng Pz38 "egg" tank.

Non-contest entries included Bob Pridemore's 1/700th scale Mikasa.



More Mikasa.

John Trueblood finished this test shot



of Tamiya's new 48th P-38 F-G and said some of it didn't even need glue because it fit so well.



John got the kit through the raffle at this year's IPMS convention.



Dave Bathke showed this Hawk 48th T-33 that he bought in 1958 !

## SEPTEMBER 1918 RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR

02	<p>The <b>Revolutionary Military Council</b> (Revvoensovet) is created. This Council will function as the executive board of the Red Army. In 1934, it will be renamed to <b>Military Council</b>.</p> <p>The Bolshevik government proclaims a campaign of Red Terror.</p>
04	American troops join the British troops at Murmansk.
05	<p><b>Battle of Kazan</b> in which 11,000 Reds fight 6,000 Whites and Czechs. This battle will end on September 10, 1918 with a victory for the Reds.</p> <p>Japanese troops take Khabarovsk.</p>
06	Colonel Vatsetis becomes Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Red forces.
10	The Reds re-capture Kazan. The Battle of Kazan had begun on 05 September.
22	<b>Second Battle of Tsaritsyn</b> . This Battle will last until 15 October 1918.
23	<p>A new government is created, the <b>Provisional All-Russian Government</b>, based at Omsk.</p> <p>This Siberian government, sponsored by the KOMUCH will last until 18 November, 1918, when → Admiral Kolchak, currently War Minister in this government, will put an end to it.</p>

# JESSI COMBS KILLED IN LAND-SPEED RECORD CRASH

She was 36.

By [Bob Sorokanich](#)

Aug 28, 2019



Landspeed.com

Jessi Combs—vehicle builder, racer, fabricator, TV personality, and all-around automotive legend—was killed on Tuesday in a crash while attempting to break her own land-speed record in southeast Oregon. She was 36.

The crash occurred as Combs was piloting her jet-powered land-speed car on the Alvord Desert, a dry lake bed where several land-speed records have been set. [According to local reports](#), the crash happened shortly after 4pm local time.

Combs held the title of "fastest woman on four wheels" after setting a record of 398 mph in her jet-powered North American Eagle Supersonic Speed Challenger in 2013. More recently, she had [piloted that same car to 483.227 mph in a single shakedown run in October 2018](#), though that run ended prematurely with mechanical troubles. (Governing bodies require two back-to-back runs in opposite directions to set an official speed record.)

Combs was a legend in the automotive world. Trained in fabrication and hot-rod building at WyoTech, she soon made her way to automotive television. Combs was a host, builder, and technical expert on shows like *Xtreme 4x4*, *Overhulin'*, *Truck U*, and *Two Guys Garage*. She brought about Velocity channel's *All Girls Garage*, and was a host and builder on a season of Discovery Channel's *Mythbusters*.

When not on camera, Combs competed in a wide variety of racing venues. She was the first woman to place at Ultra4's King of the Hammers; she took home a Class 10 podium finish at the Baja 1000; and she ran in the Rallye Aicha des Gazelles, an all-women rally race. She was even the first woman to compete in The Race of Gentlemen, racing a twin-engine 1913 Ford Model T.

Combs joined the North American Eagle Supersonic Speed Challenger team as driver in 2013. Her goal was to pilot the car (built from a decommissioned fighter jet) beyond 512 mph, the record for Fastest Woman on Earth, set in 1976 by Kitty O'Neil.

Combs' team member Terry Madden confirmed her death in [an Instagram post this morning](#):

Jessi Combs will be remembered as a fearless competitor, a master fabricator, an advocate for women in motorsports and the car community, and a constant positive presence in motorsports and media. Our condolences go out to her family, her friends, her teammates, and her fans worldwide.

## 'LONDON BRIDGE IS DOWN': THE SECRET PLAN FOR THE DAYS AFTER THE QUEEN'S DEATH

Pocket Worthy Stories to fuel your mind.

**She is venerated around the world. She has outlasted 12 U.S. presidents. She stands for stability and order. But her kingdom is in turmoil, and her subjects are in denial that her reign will ever end. That's why the palace has a plan.**

[The Guardian](#) |



Matt Cardy/Getty Images

In the plans that exist for the death of the Queen – and there are many versions, held by Buckingham Palace, the government and the BBC – most envisage that she will die after a short illness. Her family and doctors will be there. When the Queen Mother passed away on the afternoon of Easter Saturday, in 2002, at the Royal Lodge in Windsor, she had time to telephone friends to

say goodbye, and to give away some of her horses. In these last hours, the Queen's senior doctor, a gastroenterologist named Professor Huw Thomas, will be in charge. He will look after his patient, control access to her room and consider what information should be made public. The bond between sovereign and subjects is a strange and mostly unknowable thing. A nation's life becomes a person's, and then the string must break.

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## PLANT IS NOT THE FIRST OF ITS KIND RUSSIA'S FLOATING NUCLEAR POWER

A 10MW nuclear reactor floated in a Panamanian lake during the Vietnam War.

[Megan Geuss](#) - 4/30/2018, 3:31 PM

Try as I might, I'm not perfect. My goal is to get every detail in every story right, but sometimes a post gets through with a factual error. Such was the case last night, in a story about [Russia's new floating nuclear power plant](#). Some background research led me to believe that it was the first of its kind. A couple of Ars readers, thankfully, disabused me of that notion quickly (one cool thing about writing for Ars is you always know that you're writing for a bunch of people who are dramatically smarter than yourself). Though such a power system is quite rare, there has been another floating nuclear plant that we can point to as an example: a US Army barge called the *Sturgis*, which was installed in Panama during the Vietnam War.



The US Army Corps of Engineers' Nuclear Power Plant *Sturgis* enters the Panama Canal in 1968. The barge had originally been a [WWII Liberty Ship called the SS Charles H. Cugle](#). It was repurposed to house a 10MW, MH-1A nuclear reactor, and it was stationed in the Panama Canal in 1968.

[Russia launched a floating nuclear power plant this weekend](#)

The 10MW floating nuclear power plant was a repurposed World War II Liberty ship. It was unpowered and had to be towed to its destination, where it [provided electricity until 1976](#). While it floated in Panama's Gatun Lake, it powered both civil and military operations on land nearby, "including powering the locks of the canal during drought to augment its traditional hydropower sources," according to Christopher Augsburger, a spokesperson for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. In 1977, the *Sturgis* was decontaminated and readied for long-term storage, and in 2012 the power plant's official decommissioning began at the Port of Galveston in Texas.

By early 2017, the decommissioning crews had begun to take apart portions of the radioactive Reactor Containment Vessel that had lived on the barge for 50 years. "During the process of dismantling portions of the *Sturgis* to gain access to and remove radioactive components, the team has been able to safely recycle approximately 600,000 pounds of lead," the [US Army Corps of Engineers wrote](#).

Augsburger told Ars in an email that the decommissioning process is expected to come to a close this summer. Currently, more than 99 percent of the vessel's radioactive parts have been transported to waste facilities. "The major remaining effort for the *Sturgis* in Galveston is essentially radiological surveys confirming the vessel is ready to be released for shipbreaking," Augsburger wrote. "One key note is that environmental monitoring has been continuous since prior to the arrival of the *Sturgis* in Galveston, and no evidence of radioactive material, lead, or increased radiation exposure from the STURGIS has been documented outside of the reactor containment area to date."

Soon only the *Sturgis'* legacy (and recycled steel and lead) will remain.

## **FRENCH CHATEAU WITH A COLLECTION OF WARPLANES: ECCENTRIC COLLECTOR, 87, BOASTS WORLD'S LARGEST PRIVATE FLEET OF 110 FIGHTER JETS (AND A HOVERCRAFT ON HIS LAWN)**

**Planes are parked outside Château de Savigny-lès-Beaune among the rolling hills of Burgundy, France**

**87-year-old Michel Pont inherited the castle in the 1980s and stuffed it with his prized planes and race cars**

**He also has a 1970s hovercraft, a warehouse of old firetrucks, 200 antique motorbikes and 36 racing cars**

**The ex racer said he started collecting after being in the military and didn't want the planes to be scrapped**

By [Ryan Fahey For Mailonline](#)

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The Château de Savigny-lès-Beaune, nestled in the rolling hills of Burgundy's wine country, is the last place you'd expect to find a fighter plane which once had atomic bombs strapped expectantly under its wings.

Michel Pont, who is the world's biggest private collector of fighter planes with 110 according to the

Guinness Book of World Records, inherited the castle in the 1980s and stuffed every corner of his property with his prized possessions.

The former pilot's obsession began during his days in the military and continued as he travelled the world trying to stop vintage planes from being destroyed.

His collection and the abundant size of the property has allowed him to open nine separate museums in the castle, one for each type of vehicle.

In order to fund his vast collection, the 87-year-old opened the doors of his castle to some 40,000 visitors a year.

Scroll down for video.



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The castle is located in Savigny-les-Beaune near Beaune. The website says that it overlooks an impressive estate of several hectares and a fierce collection of fighter jets



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<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7400513/French-chateau-collection-WARPLANES.html>

## REPORT: NORTH KOREA PREPARING BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

Satellite photos appear to show North Korean ballistic missile sub under construction, and possibly being prepped for missile test.

Arutz Sheva Staff, 28/08/19 08:41

North Korea appears to be preparing to test a new ballistic missile submarine capable of launching nuclear missiles, significantly bolstering the regime's ability to conduct long-distance attacks.

Satellite photographs taken Monday of the Sinpo South Shipyard in North Korea show the new submarine with nearby cranes and support craft, suggesting the submarine may be in preparation for a launch test.

Last month, North Korea claimed that Kim Jong Un had inspected a "newly built submarine" at the shipyard.



Submarine (stock image)

The new photographs appear to confirm the claim, say Joseph Bermudez and Victor Cha of Beyond Parallel, a research project backed by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. While North Korea has claimed that the submarine is nearly ready for deployment at sea, however, Bermudez and Cha remain skeptical, suggesting it could take over a year for the submarine to be fully operational, even after its construction has been completed.

If and when the submarine does become operational, it will mark a “significant advancement of the North Korean ballistic missile and nuclear threat and complicate defense planning in the region, given the difficulties of tracking and/or pre-emptively targeting such capabilities,” Bermudez and Cha wrote.

“North Korea is making real progress in developing a second leg of the nuclear triad, bringing them closer to a survivable nuclear force.

