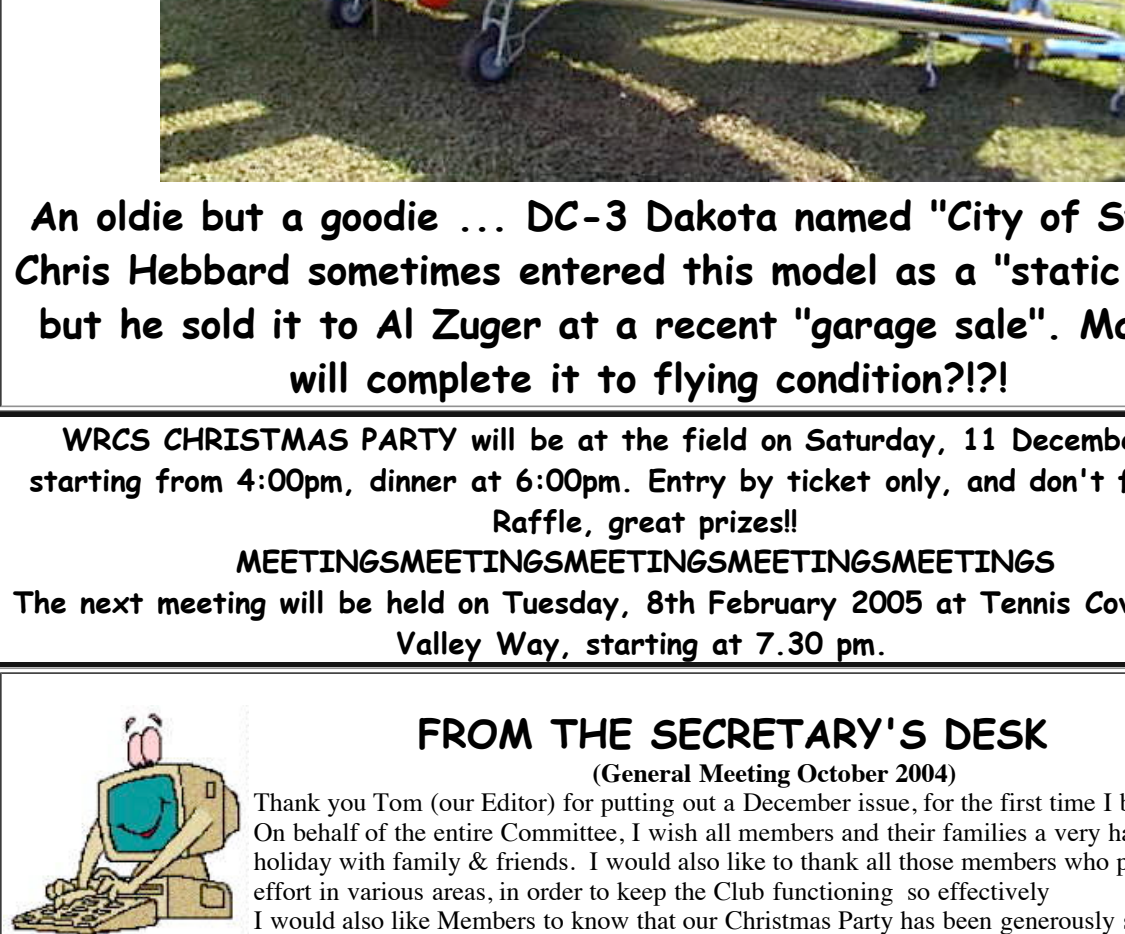
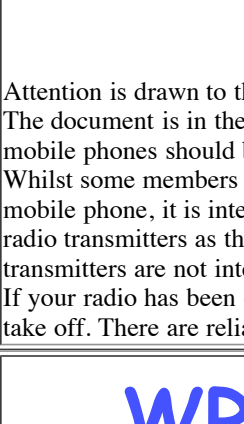


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An oldie but a goodie ... DC-3 Dakota named "City of Sydney". Chris Hebbard sometimes entered this model as a "static display" but he sold it to Al Zuger at a recent "garage sale". Maybe Al will complete it to flying condition?!

WRCS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be at the field on Saturday, 11 December 2004 starting from 4:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Entry by ticket only, and don't forget the Raffle, great prizes!!
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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th February 2005 at Tennis Cove, Eastern Valley Way, starting at 7.30 pm.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK
(General Meeting October 2004)
Thank you Tom (our Editor) for putting out a December issue, for the first time I believe. On behalf of the entire Committee, I wish all members and their families a very happy and festive holiday with family & friends. I would also like to thank all those members who put in that extra effort in various areas, in order to keep the Club functioning so effectively. I would also like Members to know that our Christmas Party has been generously supported by XTRIME HOBBIES of Dee Why and Kingsford and HISTORE at Miranda. A very sincere thanks guys.
The Road:
The news from the Administrator of Warringham Council in a letter received today is that the unmade public road from Morgan Road will be upgraded before the end of November. In our letter of the 27 September to the Council, we requested that "this road be brought up to an acceptable standard for access and safety reasons. If necessary our Club could possibly contribute some funds to assist in an asphalt sealing of that section of road of concern, that is, from the first bend to the end of the second bend (the 'S' section), that due to its slope, is prone to erosion in times of rain..." The last time the Council Engineer VJ carried out work it was prematurely stopped as a result of unwarranted interference from a narky neighbour. Nevertheless the work that was completed was excellent and lasted a reasonable time. I am guessing that the repair will be the same technique of using recycled grindings and not an asphalt sealing, however any work is welcomed and we have been well served by the Council Administrator's timely and positive response. Thank you Dick Pearson.
The Donation to the Rural Fire Service.
The September meeting resolved to invite the Fireys to a BBQ and learn to fly while the sausages cooked day and receive a Club donation of \$1000. We have made contact with the Captain and President of the Belrose Rural Fire Service and we have invited the Fireys to a sausage sizzle and a intro/training flight on Saturday, 29th January 2005. Members are asked to bring along a trainer so that we can accommodate the expected numbers of learners, the Club will put on the BBQ lunch on the day!!
The Liberator Restoration Fund.
Not a problem with our \$500 donation to the Liberator Restoration Fund approved at the October meeting. A thank you from Colin Grey. The Project Development Manager together with their Newsletter was received 5 days later. In our letter to the Fund we included a coloured copy of our June 2003 Newsletter which had Alan Place's story of flying a Liberator into Darwin. Alan was sent their Liberator Newsletter, and his letter of thanks has been forwarded to Tom for inclusion in a future Newsletter. There were of course other matters discussed at the last meeting of 2004 which may be read on our web site, such as: we decided to purchase a new generator * we decided on the Competition Schedule for 2005 and volunteers were found to run each event
May your landings equal your take offs in 2005!

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ATTENTION ALL FLYERS

From MAAA Newsletter 6/04
Attention is drawn to the M.A.A.A. Policy on Mobile Phones. The document is in the M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedures which is on the M.A.A.A. web site. It basically states that mobile phones should be kept well away from radio transmitters. Whilst some members have in opinion that this policy is an overkill as it appears that their transmitter is not affected by a mobile phone, it is interesting that a major radio manufacturer recommends that mobile phones should not be taken near radio transmitters as the signal from them exceeds the design specification of their equipment. To ensure that radio transmitters are not interfered with by mobile phone members should be aware of and comply with the M.A.A.A. Policy. If your radio has been close to a mobile phone that was switched on check very carefully that it functions correctly before take off. There are reliable reports of information in the memory being changed

WRCS CHRISTMAS PARTY

4 pm on SATURDAY 11th December

Book NOW because tickets will not be available on the day at the Party!!

THERE WILL BE CONTROL LINE, PARK FLYERS AND FREE FLIGHT EVENTS BETWEEN 4pm AND 6pm!!

(Food will be served at 6pm)

Adults \$20; Children 5-12 \$10; under 5 FREE

Enquiries and Tickets available from Brian Porman and Steffy Grech

Raffle tickets are also available from Brian Porman and Steffy Grech, or by mailing your cheque to:

Brian Porman at 27 Kirkpatrick Street North Turramurra 2074

First prize is a pick of: ARF Piper Tomahawk (77 inch span) or a PICA Cessna 182 kit (86 inch)

Tickets are \$5 each.

AT THE UK NATS 2004

Is there a man among us whose heart does not beat at the phrase "I'm going to the Nats!" When I last went to the UK Nats in 1963 I went on the back of Mick Lowe's Norton 88SS, we camped on a windy RAF base called Barkston Heath in Lincolnshire and the place was awash with grubby campers and every sort of model. Times change, with so many entrants and comps, one location is not big enough so I went to the RC & C/L Nats at the same Barkston Heath aerodrome. This time I went in style in the van as did most others (a sign of the economic times). I arrived on the Friday afternoon at about 5:00pm and joined about 150 vans already in the holding area waiting to get onto the site, by the time everyone arrived there must have been 500 or more caravans and campervans (RVs to my friends across the pond) and half as many again in tents.

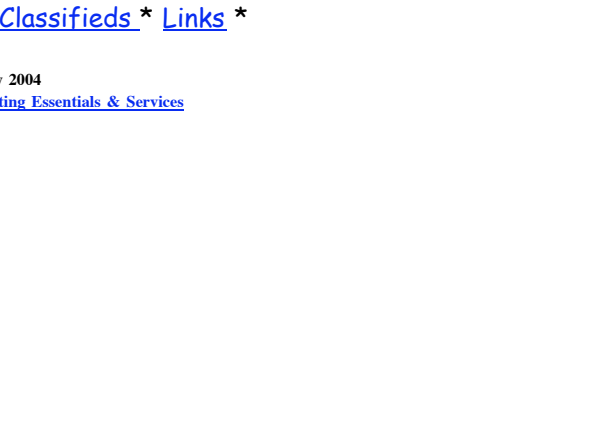
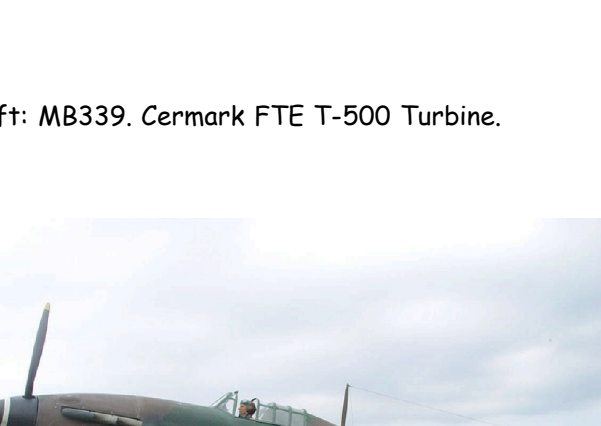
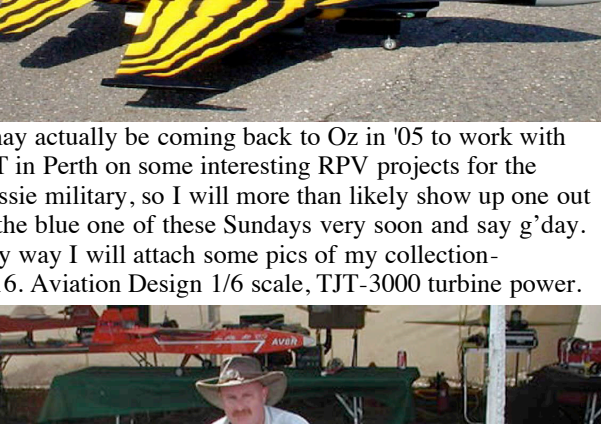
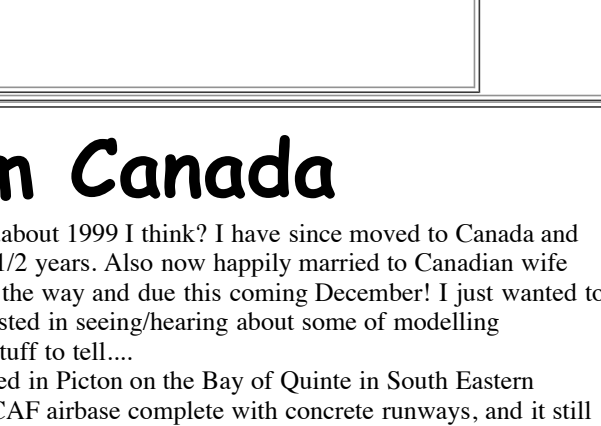
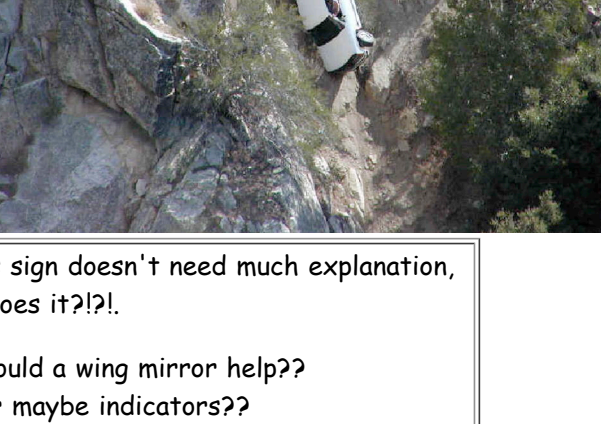
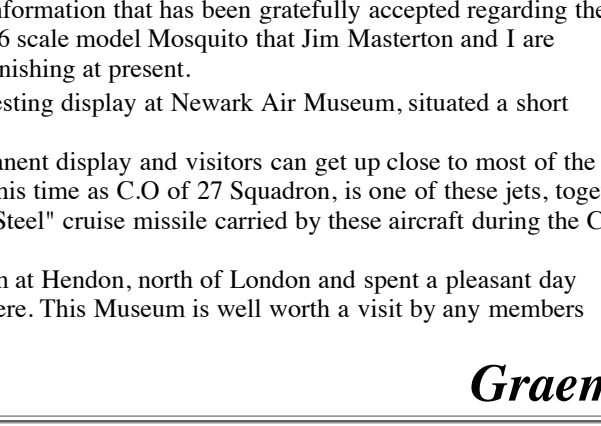
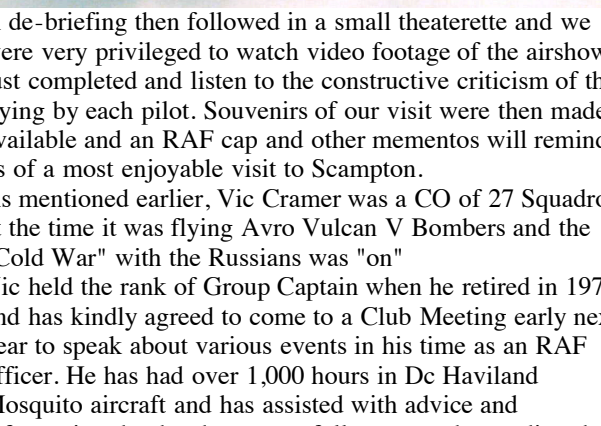
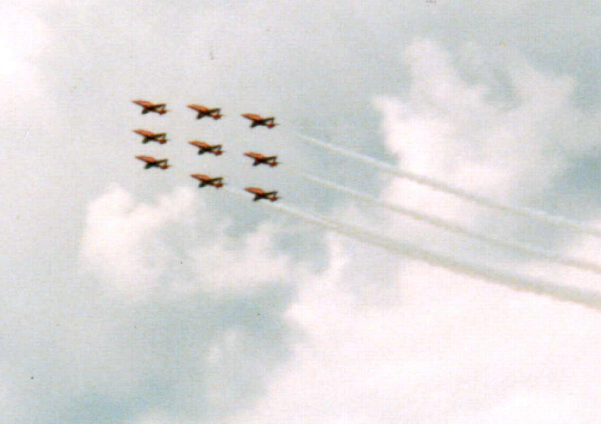
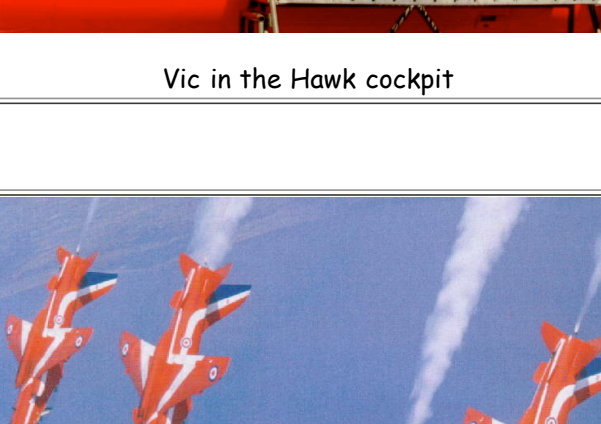
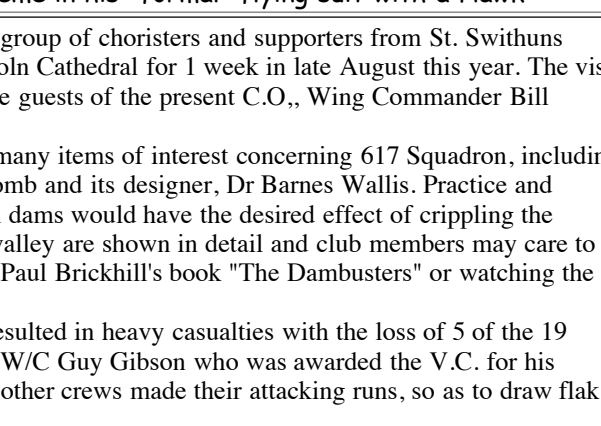
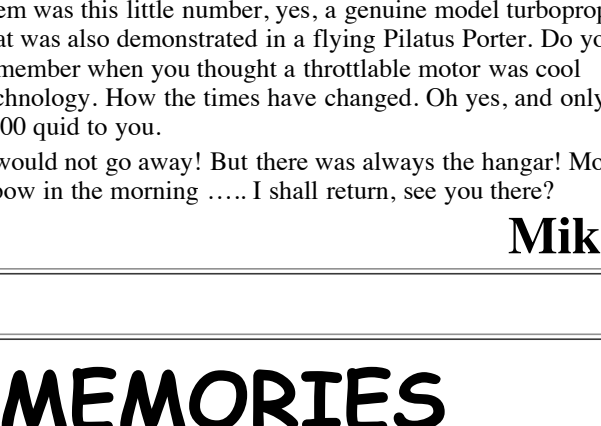
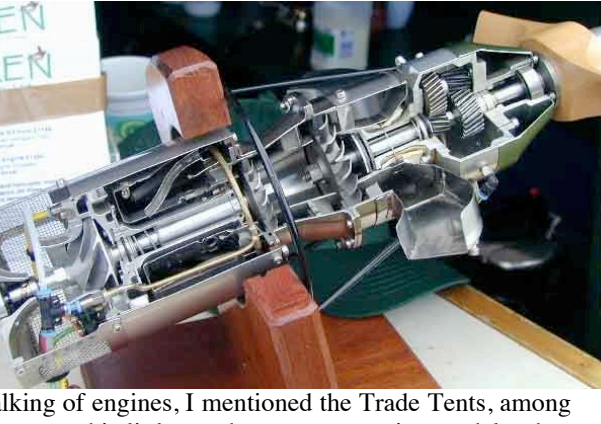
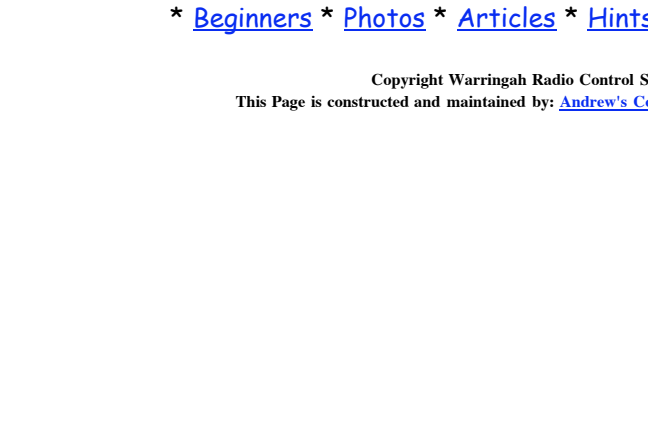
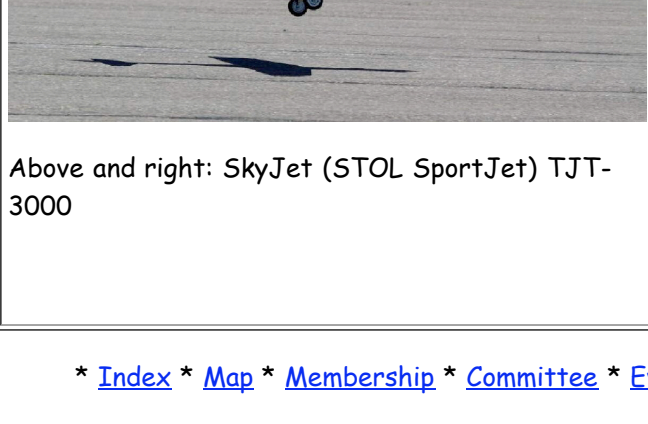
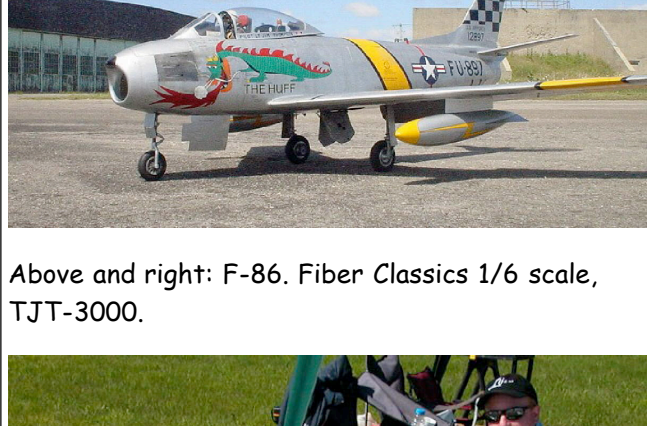
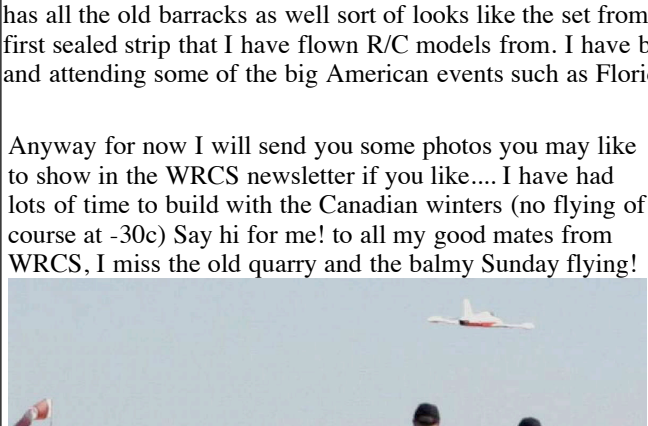
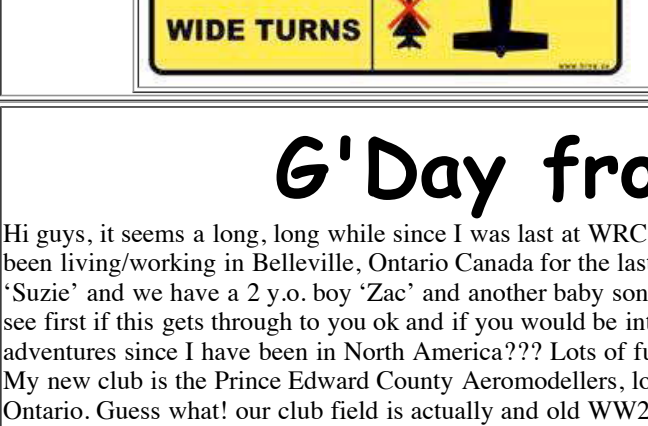
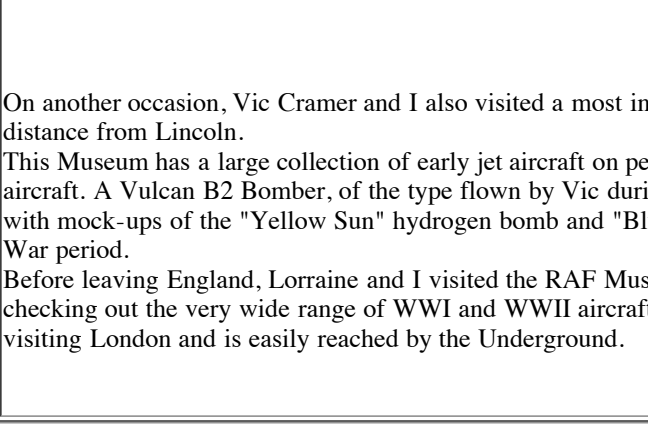
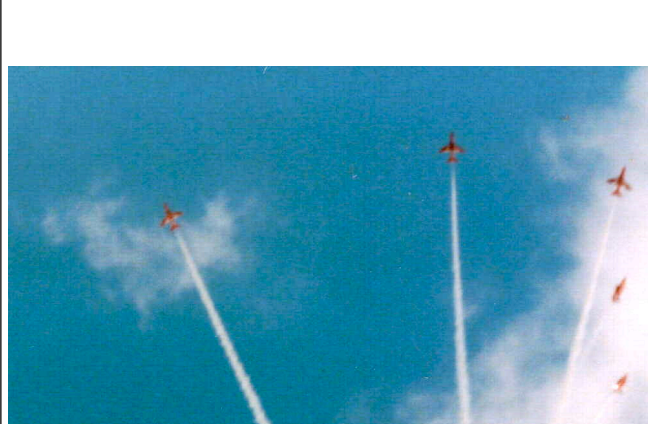
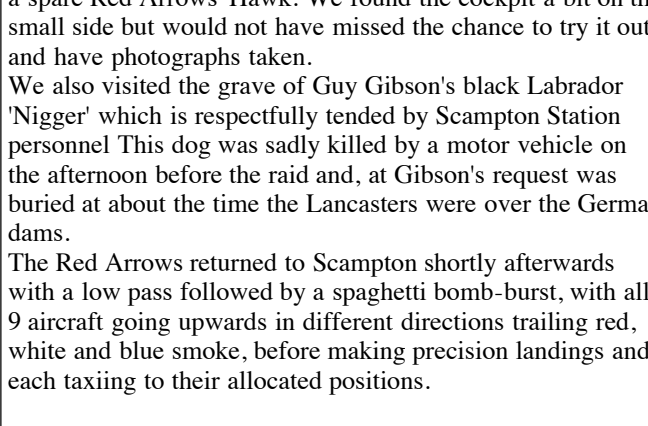
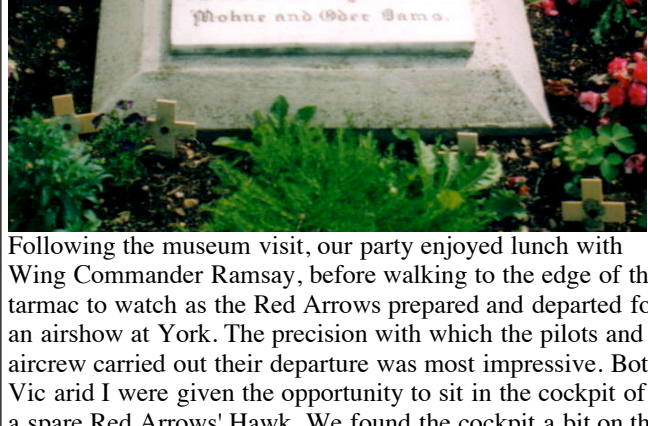
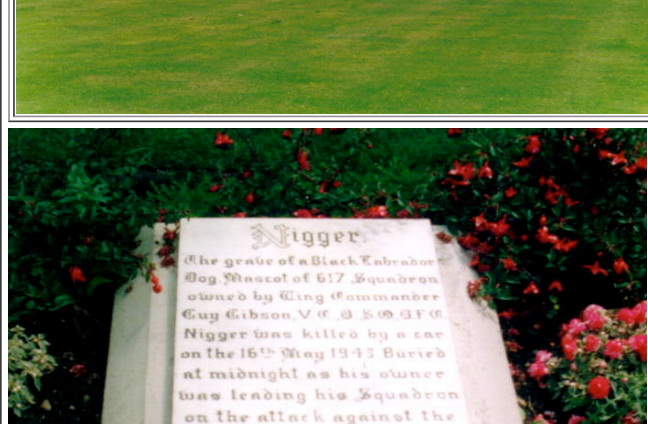
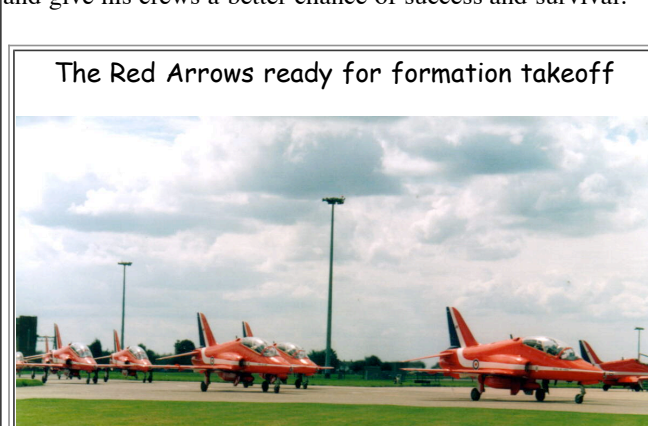
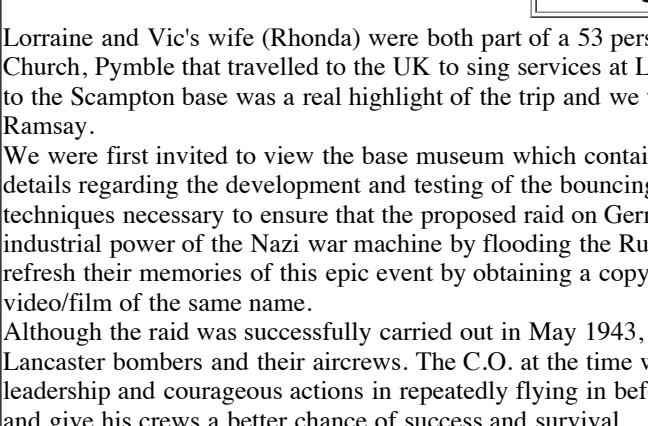
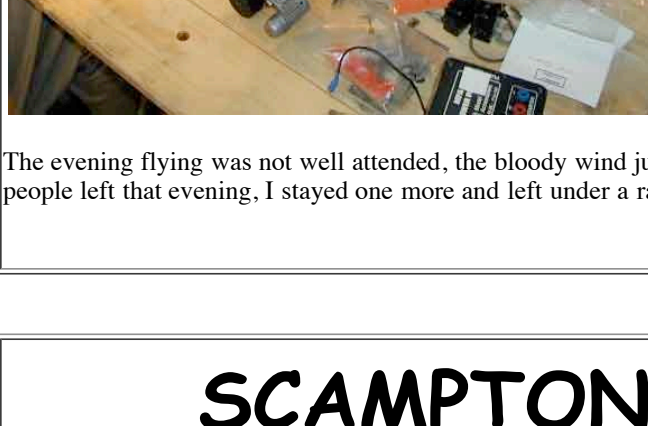
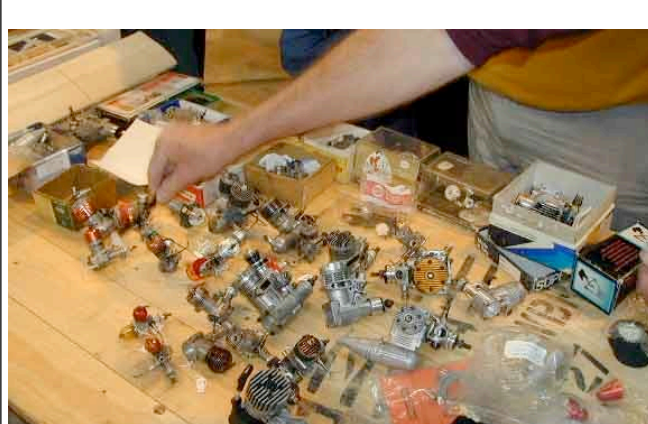
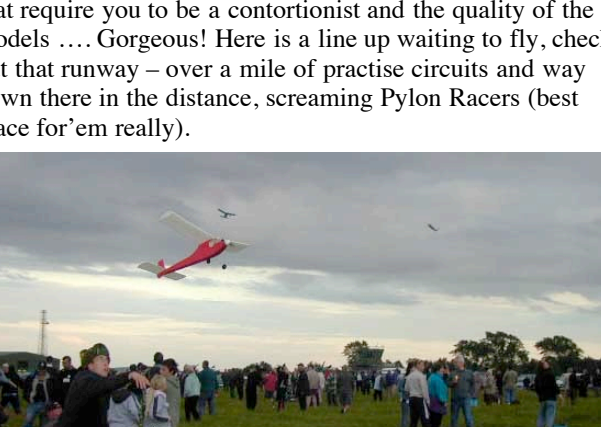


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The morning dawned mainly grey but with some sunny bits and not too windy. Lincolnshire is flat and renowned for the wind. There is no way I can tell you everything I saw or send you the mountain of pics but I'll try and give you a taste. I set off to do the rounds, there is a hell of a lot to see, everything from Pylon Racing to Scale to Time Race to Fun Fly to Combat (it went non stop for 3 days!) and includes a show of large models for Joe Public to dream on.

I had seen one the night before in the hangar, a modest 23 ft span B52 powered by 8 (yes - eight!) turbo jets. The fin was taller than me, all I thought I'd check out the T/R first after all that was what had brought me to the Nats all those years ago and right next to the circle I found this. It's an immaculate home built trike based on a 2CV.

The whole thing sparkled and I spoke to the owner, he said he had built it during the foot and mouth outbreak in the UK when most country flying fields were closed and there was no flying allowed - time well spent I reckon! At the T/R it was business as usual with 3 or 4 blocks doing the old short arm shuffle and trying to fly as high as possible without getting penalised. There were some fast planes there, you can just see a yellow blur of one on the far side in the pic - looks a bit high to me but I'm sure he'll claim he was just overtaking.



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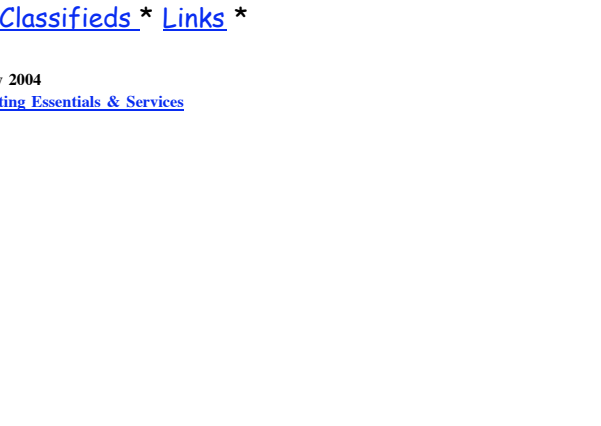
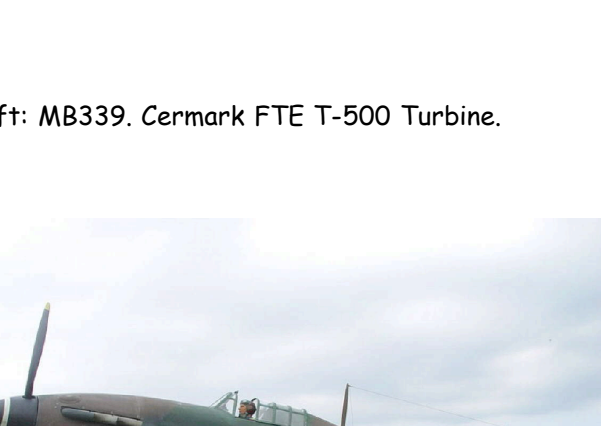
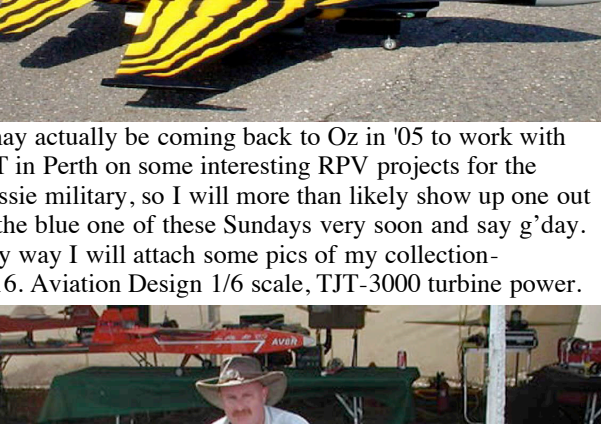
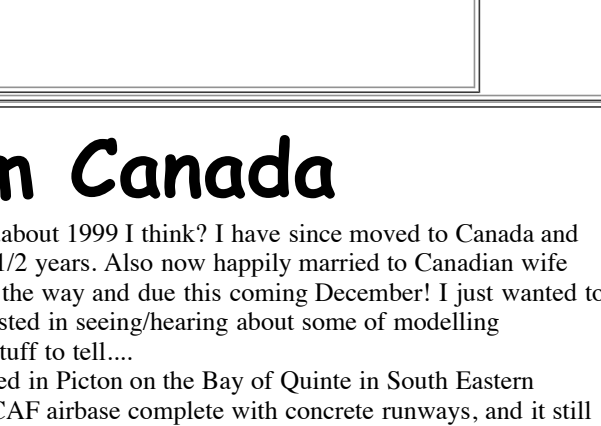
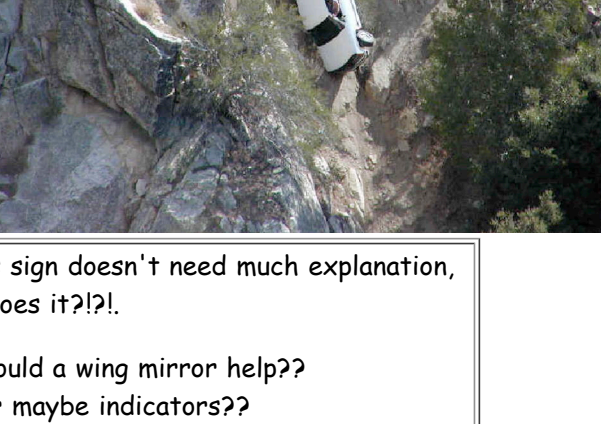
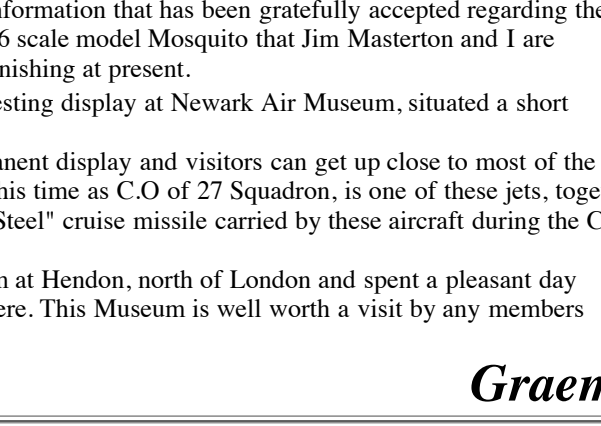
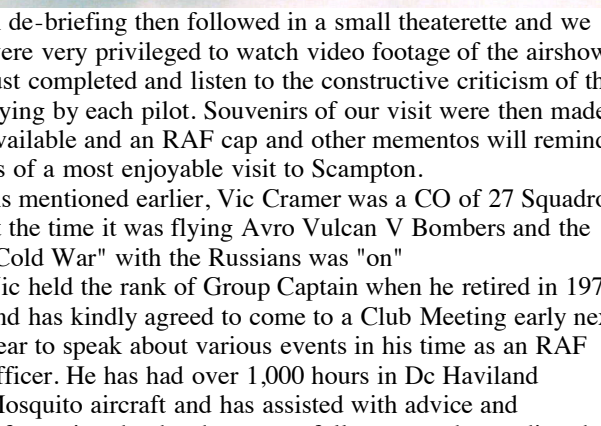
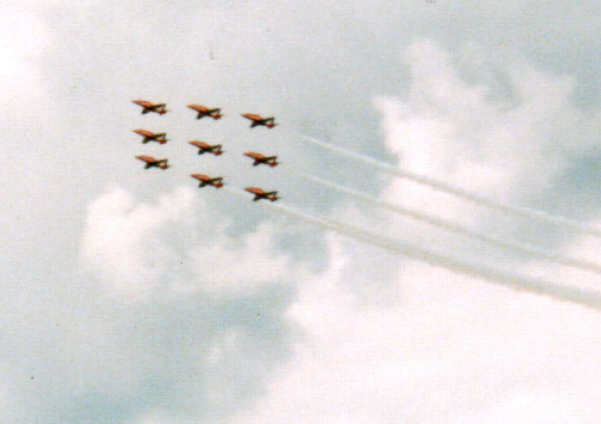
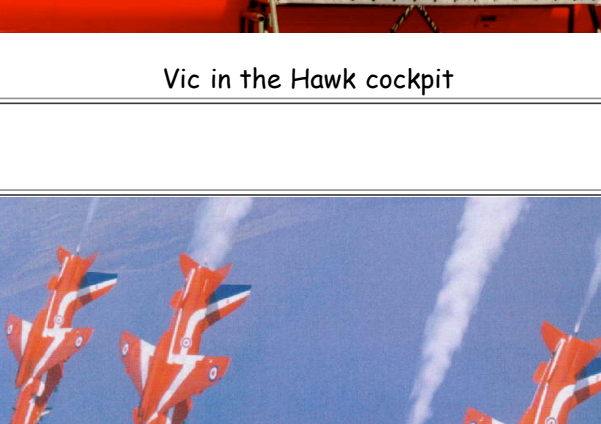
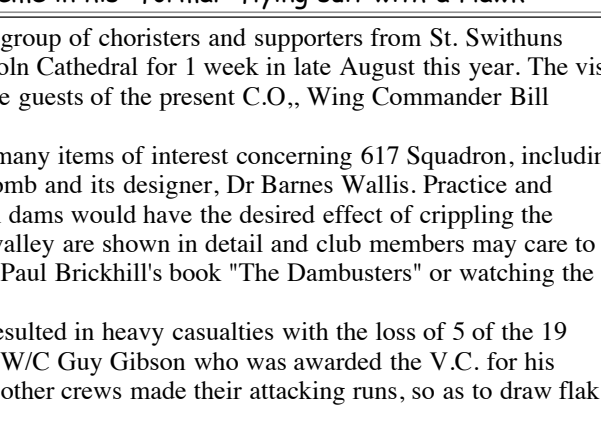
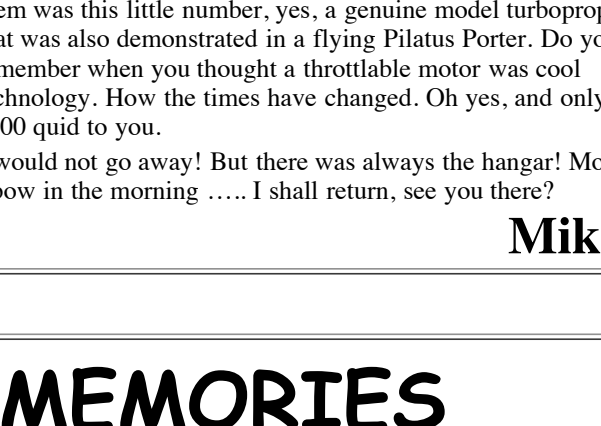
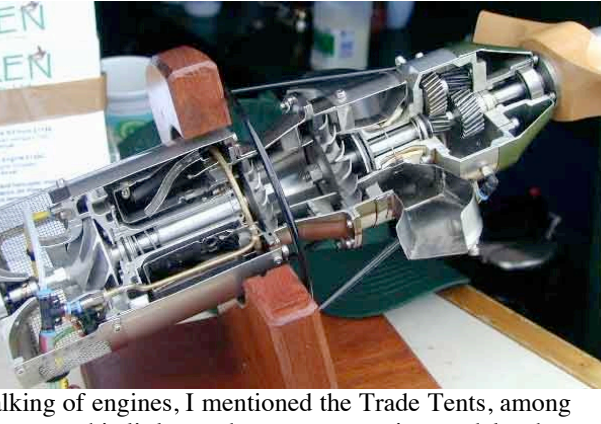
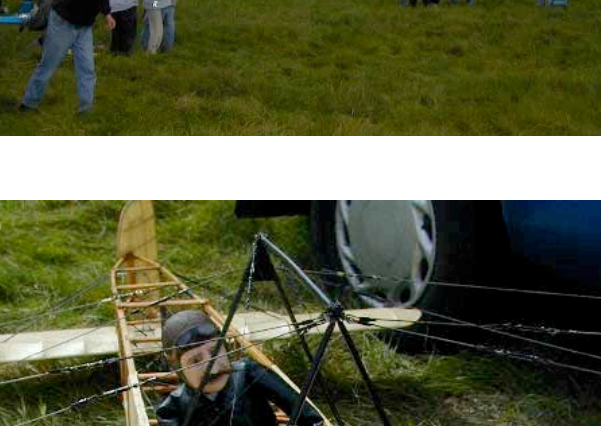
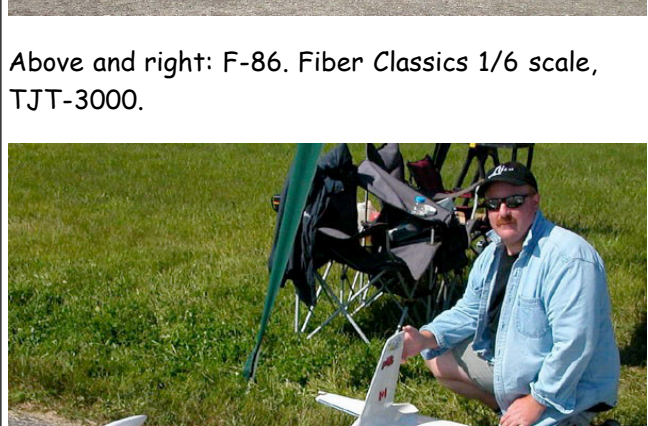
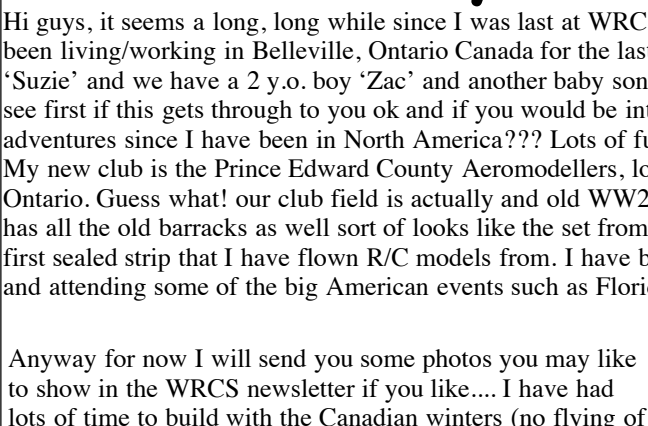
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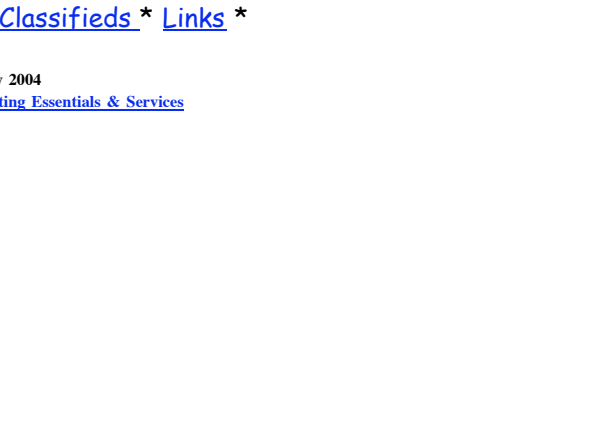
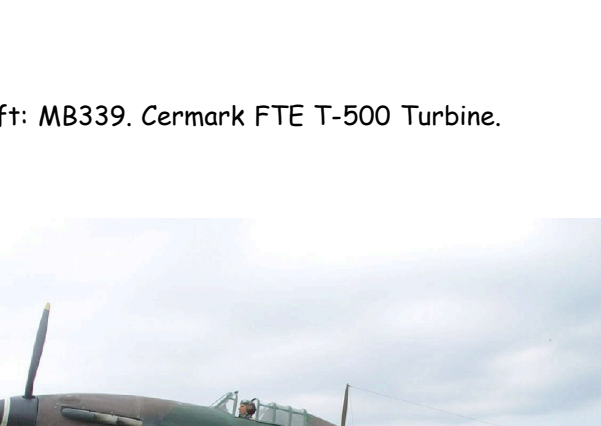
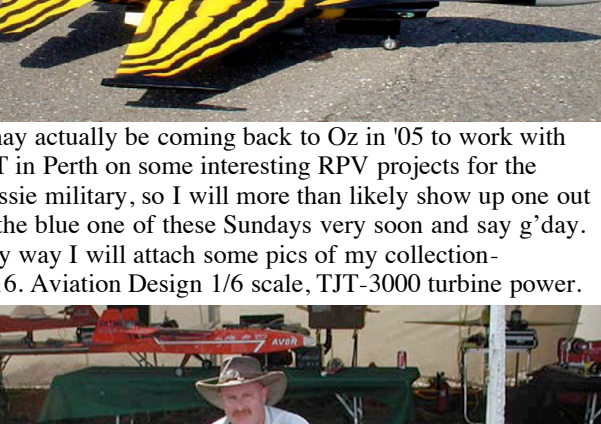
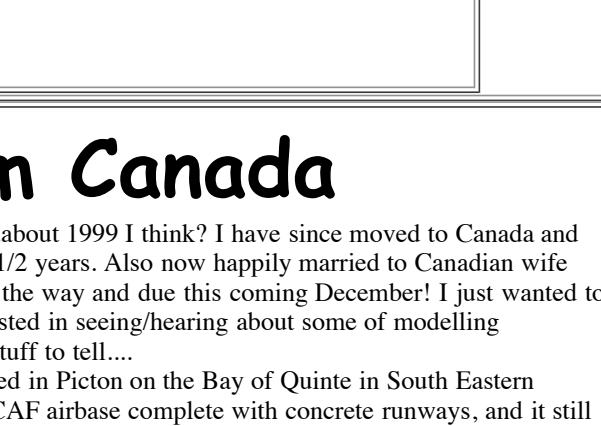
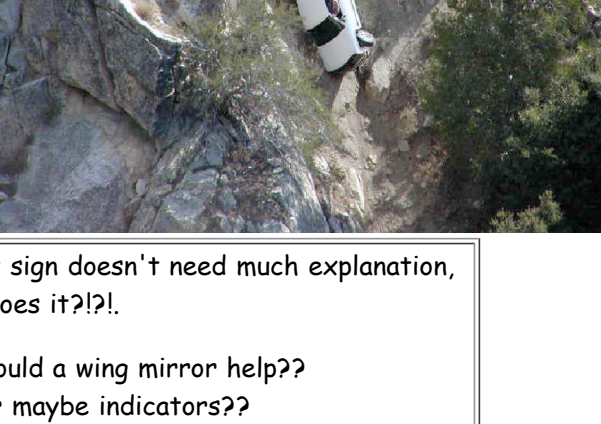
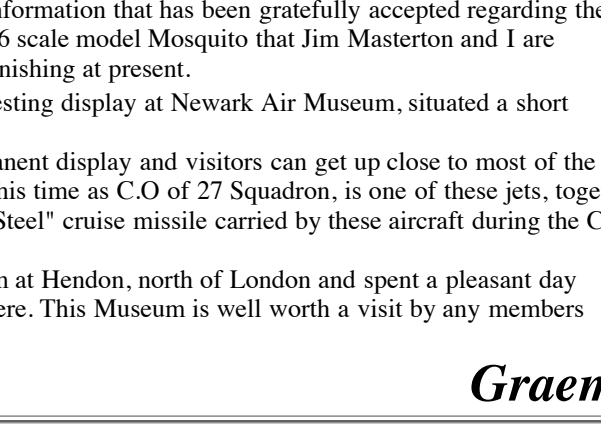
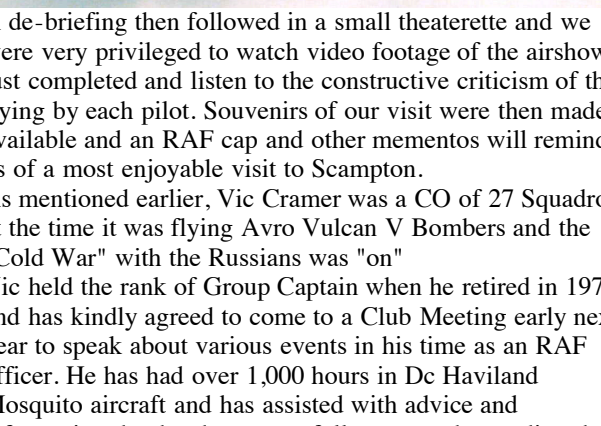
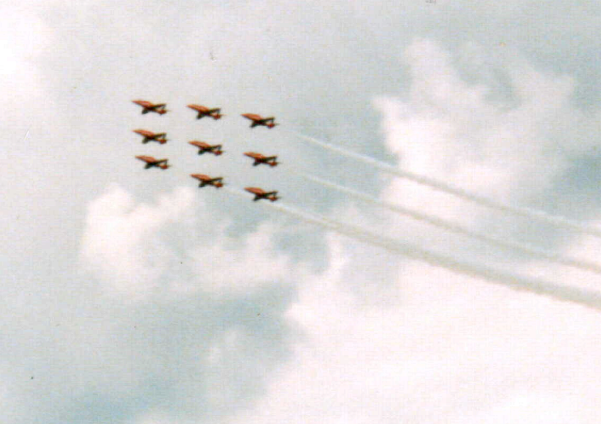
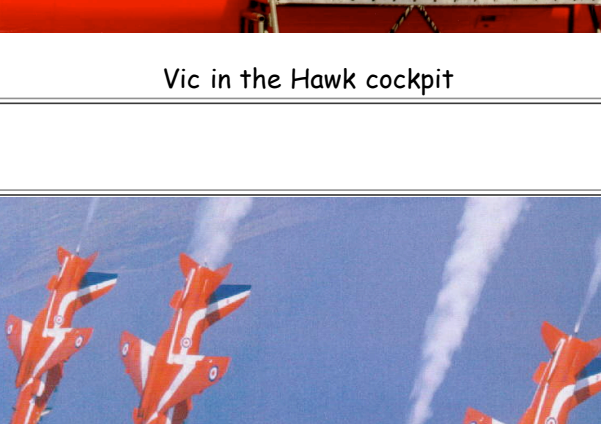
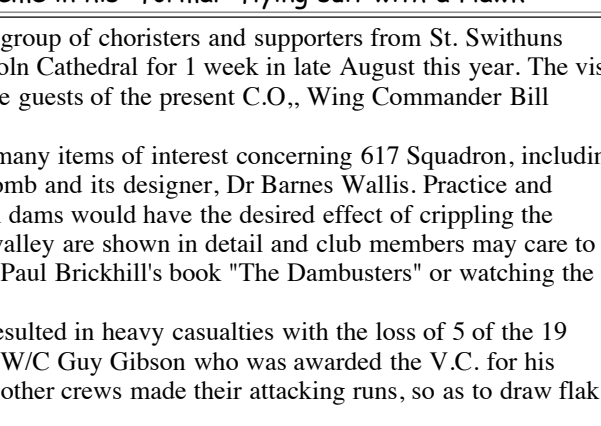
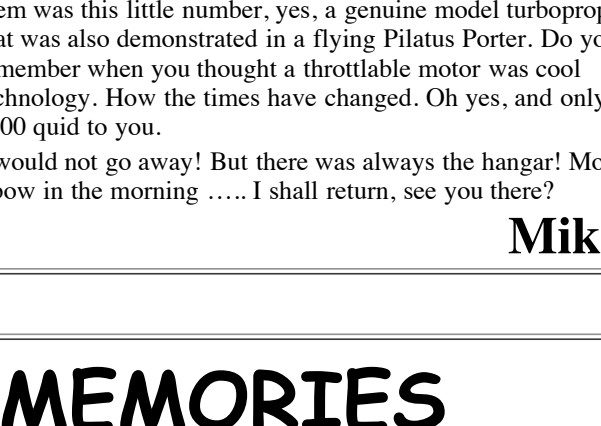
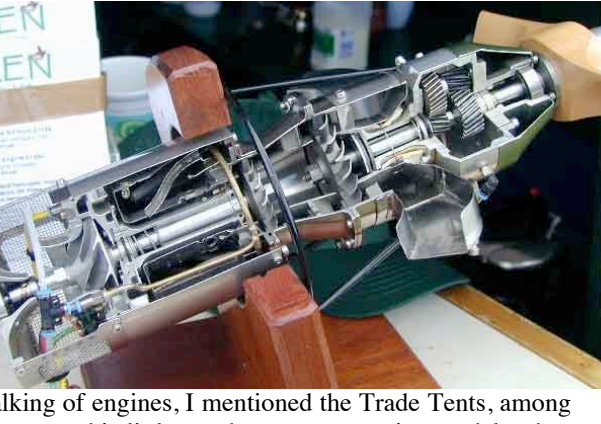
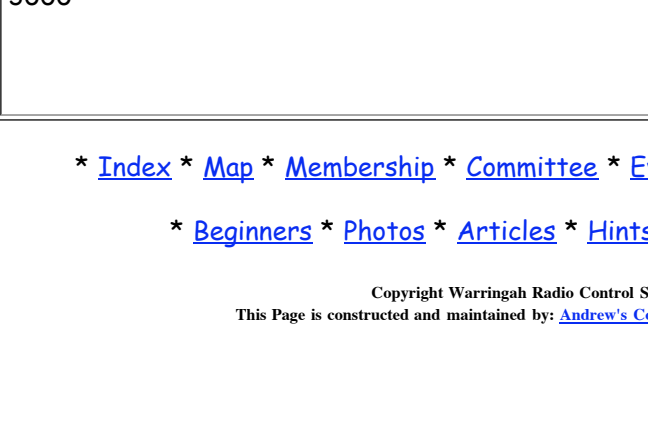
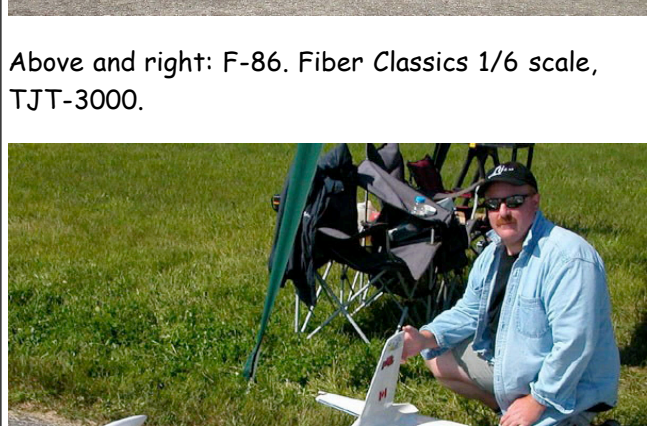
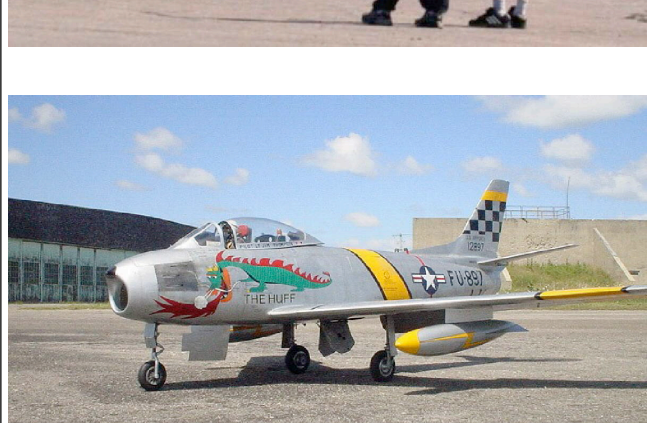
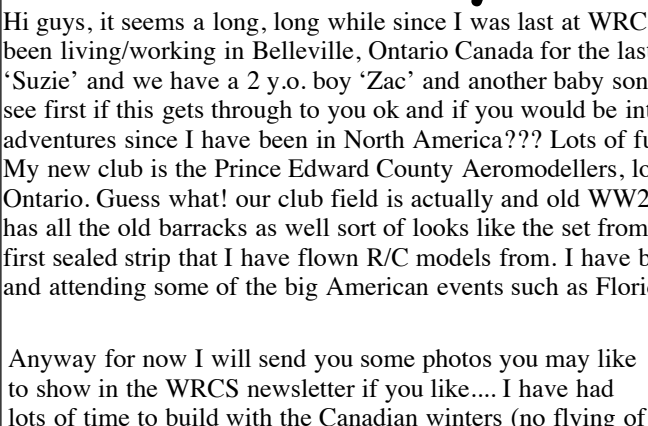
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