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(Editor's Note: Wayne's column for last month was delayed in the email server and was received a week after it was sent. Because of this delay, Wayne's column was not posted in last month's hard copy newsletter... but it was posted on the online newsletter. That's another advantage of the online newsletter – last minute updates. His last month's column can be found in this newsletter after "Upcoming Events" below.)

President's Column

Wayne Weathers

Hello fellow flyers. Welcome to the March edition of the PCC Newsletter now being brought to almost 40% of our membership exclusively online. That's right!! As of the last count from Paul Lum, we now have over 45 members that will receive the newsletter online vs. in the mailbox. This will allow us to continue to bring the publication to everyone more affordably, with more content, and yes; even in color. As the year progresses we should see even more improvements.

As an incentive to getting even more members to remove their names from the newsletter mailing list, it was suggested that we have a drawing to giveaway a prize to one member chosen from all those who have removed their name from the physical mailing list by the May general membership meeting. So, your wish is my command. At the May meeting we will have a special drawing for those members.

To get your name removed from the newsletter mailing list please contact Paul Lum at Paullum@hotmail.com. Thanks.

Speaking of the internet, Greg has been working hard to get the website looking even better and with more content. There is now a complete calendar of events schedule for the entire 2001 year on the website including events, meetings, Gremlin combat days, etc. So please go there and check it out. I will have copies of the calendar at the next meeting as well for those members without internet access.

Coming up this month, we will have the first scheduled Gremlin Combat day on march 18th before the next meeting. Hopefully we will have some pictures to share at the meeting.

ATTN GREMLIN OWNERS: In order to generate interest for the 2001 season, please bring your airplanes to the March meeting to display them. At the last meeting we had an unofficial count of over 20 members with or wanting to fly combat this year. What a great turnout !! Look forward to seeing you and your planes there.

Sunday March 25 will be the annual spring clean up day at the field. Please show up at 9:00 to help clean up the site and re-furbish the pits and runway for the upcoming season. We will have lunch for all who show up to work. With a good showing of members, and a little help with the weather, we can get a lot done in a short time and be flying by afternoon, so please plan to attend. Bring work gloves, and any tools that you think might be useful for fence repair, runway repair, and cleaning up the field.

Speaking of fun, Gary Ware left me a message that we are cleared for our annual display and raffle at the Half Moon Bay Dream Machines Show on the last Sunday in April. We will have our perfect location where we were last year. More to come in future news.

Gary has also asked that if any members have an old JR Radio and trainer cord that they would like to donate to the club we are looking for a radio blank to be used as a buddy box for training member who have JR equipment. If you are interested in helping out please call Gary Ware.

Well that's all from me. Our March meeting should be lots of fun with the Gremlins and we will also have a short tech talk from Bruce Estes in some proper balance and trimming techniques for your new models to make that first flight a lot less eventful and to give more opportunities for a second flight with your models. Bruce promises to be brief and informative so lets try to have a good crowd for him and the meeting.

I will look forward to seeing you there!! Until then, keep your gear down and your tails up!

Wayne

Minutes - February 21, 2001

Kirk Phaling

The February meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Pres. Wayne Weathers. There was a goodly bunch of RC fliers and guests in attendance, as evidenced by the almost total lack of coffee remaining in the decaf pot and the goodly amount gone from the regular pot. Since we no longer take attendance at meetings, the coffee pots are a good indication of attendance. The

number of donuts remaining is also a good barometer. On low attendance meetings there are usually 8 to 12 donuts left over. There was only one left after the February meeting. Isn't this fabulous? Where else could you get this kind of hi-tech information except through this newsletter?

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Ray Squires, PCC RaffleMaster, displayed the Raffle prizes. The main one being a Great Planes Patriot.

Pres. Wayne passed around a sign up sheet to list the members having an E-mail address. The purpose is to build a database so that members can be notified of various events and other information by E-mail instead of having to be contacted by phone or letter. These members can also get the newsletter by reading online or by downloading to read later. Members without E-mail will still get the newsletter by snail mail and be notified of events by phone or mailed notice.

The purpose of having this database is to be able to cut down the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter and notices. The E-mail addresses will be kept private.

Those members not present at the meeting are requested to call Wayne or any club officer to add your E-mail address to the database.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER:

The state of the PCC treasury is in good order as told by Ellsworth Crowell.

SAFETY:

Due to changes in his work status Ken Adlawan will not be able to attend meetings for several months. In the mean time anyone should comment about safety matters. It was pointed out that with advent of the wet weather the edge of the cliff is much more likely to crumble away into the ocean. It is imperative that everyone be kept away from the edge. Especially notify guests of the hazard and keep an eye on them to be sure they observe this safety measure. It is really important to warn and watch the children.

FIELD:

It was noted that the impound box is turning into a dump. We need a committee (of about 2 or more) to take charge of the box to keep it neat and in repair. It should NOT be used as a catchall for the junk that currently occupies it. The box is to be only used to store the weather station box, the telephone, the freq. flags, and transmitters. There is a container under the box which can be used to store other items as required.

Please call Wayne to volunteer to be part of this committee.

Also note that it is the responsibility of every member to help keep our field neat. The next time you go flying take a garbage bag with you to pick up any trash and take home to dump. Remember, PCC does not have trash service. TRASH ARE US.

We are in the rainy season, so be careful where you park. During the wet season, park on the gravel near the outhouse and walk up to the pit area to check the state of the ground at the parking area by the pits. If soggy and wet don't drive there. Stay on the gravel and carry your stuff to the pits. This will be a little more work but it will keep you from getting your car stuck and tearing up the ground.

MEMBERSHIP:

The following were voted in as Full members: Chris Mennenga, Wayne Norman, Ed and Seth Friebertshause. Ryan Friebertshause became a Junior member. Not present, but former member Peder Samuelson will be returning.

ACTIVITIES:

Pres. Wayne has put together a calendar of PCC events for 2001 and it will be published in this newsletter. A Gremlin combat contest is to be held before the next meeting. John Bassetto will be making up some kits, so contact him to get one. Dave Santana noted that the TomCats club (Morgan Hill) is having races using the World built T-34 ARF with no mods and a stock OS 46. He has the rules if interested in this sport. It is getting very popular.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Ware noted that a number of new members are using JR radios and that PCC does not have JR buddy box. Wanted- a JR buddy box.

DUMMY-OF-THE-MONTH:

Jim Smith had been learning to fly on a buddy box. After his turn at this he forgot to get the freq flag and turned on his Tx. Gary Ware was flying on the same freq. His plane did a perfect figure 9. Jim got the D-O-M award.

SAD PATCH:

Jeff Obertellii was flying his Advance (a favorite of his) to get back in the groove after not having flown for a while. He had flown once without incident and was ready for the second flight. At this time of the year the sun is somewhat low in the sky. Jeff was taking off north to south and was flying low to keep below the sun. This is a very good plan provided that the planner stays below the sun AND above terra firma. Unfortunately, Jeff kept the plane below the sun but NOT above the ground. Jeff says the tail of the Advance is in fine shape. However, He lucked out in one way. The kit is out of production now, but he found one in the liquidation bin at Sheldon's.

HITS & MISSES:

Gary Ware reported a hit-Boca bearings are great. But Boca has a miss-the new instructions they provide for the installation of front bearings are OK, but are wrong for rear bearings. Disregard and install with the open face (no shield) to the crankcase.

SHOW & TELL:

Ellsworth Crowell showed what had been a 60 size Ugly Stik at one time. It had been modified into a flying wing and used a K&B .61 for power. Flies great says Ells.

Wayne Weathers had a new Hangar 9 60 size Stik. Had an ST .75 for power and Wayne had installed pull-pull cables for the rudder. He used a fiberglass motor mount instead of the supplied one. Wayne used a Mac's muffler and had to add 6 oz. of lead in nose to balance. Not flown as of meeting. A great looking plane.

John Bassetto and Dave Weldon each had an electric Speed 40 pylon racer. They are made in Russia of fiberglass and are excellent. Also they are hard to get-orders are backlogged.

Ken Martinez had a Zagi glider, a nice little 1/2 A plane he got at the auction with a Cox Dragonfly for power, a painting fixture he made, and he reports that he is building a 100 inch glider from scratch.

Jake Chichilitti showed his .20 size Supermarine Schnieder float plane racer which he had modified from a Great Planes Super Sport 20. Jake made the wing with no dihedral and made the plane so that either wheels or floats can be used. He is using an OS 25 FP for power. Jake likes to use silkspan for covering and Brodak dope to spray paint. Looks great.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. and was followed by the Raffle.

Pete Schuit (who had just said he had NEVER won anything in the raffle) got lucky and won the Patriot. Great going, Pete.

Various others won the other items.

Kirk

Vice President's Column

Dave Santana

Greetings fellow members,

Well, I told you guys to get out there and fly before the rains started and now they have. I have not been to the field in a couple of weeks. The drainage system we put in this fall has been working well up to now, but this rain will be the real test. Remember not to drive out to the pit area. The ground can be deceptively soft. A few years ago we had a member drive out to the parking area after weather conditions similar to this month's. He was able to drive out OK, but after flying he returned to his van to find it sunk up to it's axles in the soft ground. I made the mistake of driving a few yards past the graveled portion of the road down by the shed and got stuck in about three inches of slimy muck. So be careful driving out there.

At the meeting in February, there was a surprising amount of enthusiasm for combat flying. I have always liked it, but when we asked for a show of hands of those who wanted to participate in combat, we counted fifteen people. There are even more members who were not present that I know would be interested. Now is the time to build those gremlins for the spring. John Basseto is going to be putting together more of the kits for sale to members. Contact him if you are interested. I found a place on the inter net that cuts cores for Gremlins. RA Cores sells Gremlin Cores, kits, almost ready to cover Gremlins, and almost ready to fly Gremlins. John tells me that these are not the same as the ones we build. They have a lot of the fuselage cut away exposing servos and radio gear. Our version protects the radio gear, and maintains the strength of the wing by not cutting it away. However, at \$12.00 per wing core I thought one of us should buy one to see what they are selling. I sent for two of their cores and will bring them to the March meeting. We can look at them then and judge them better. I also found another combat kit that I liked at <http://www.Lynchshanger.com>. The name of the kit is the Combat .20. It is a fairly conventional model. It is all balsa and light ply construction with ailerons and elevator for control. It looks a lot like the Ali Cat model I built from a Scat Cat. I may have one to bring to the March meeting as well.

See you at the field,

Dave

Treasurer's Report

Ellsworth Crowell

March is here members. This is your last reminder to pay your 2001 dues. Anyone who hasn't paid by the March 21 meeting will be dropped from the P.C.C. roster.

So, to maintain your 2001 membership, send me a check made out to P.C.C. for \$85 and a copy of your 2001 A.M.A. membership card.

Mail them to:

**Mr. Ellsworth F. Crowell
424 Oxford Way
Belmont, CA 94002-2752**

According to my records, the following members haven't paid their 2001 dues: Roger Caplan, James Lee, Ashok Popat, Alvin Tsang, Darrow Watt, Terry Windust, and Eric Wallace.

They all said they will join P.C.C. in 2001. Maybe not Roger Caplan.

Please attach your 2001 year bar to your field badge. The field badge with year bar attached is to be worn at the field at all times while flying. Not only does this verify that you're a paid up member for 2001, but it also helps other members to get to know your name.

Remember the field gate lock combination is on the front of your membership card.

Lock the gate "Lock to Lock".

Ellsworth Crowell

p.s. We will try for a 2001 Roster in the April Newsletter.

Editor's Column

Paul Lum

New Printers

Well, we put out our first newsletter through the new printers, Copy:2000. We didn't have a current mailing list. I had an old mailing list so Ellsworth had to go through his records to update the old list. After he made out his correction, he brought it over to my house. I entered the data on to my computer and printed up a new mailing list. Ellsworth went through my mailing list catching all of my mistakes. I assembled the newsletter and printed it on my printer. I prepared a mailing list and saved it on a diskette in the Excel format.

Ellsworth was getting worried so he grabbed me by the hand and took me down to the printers. We were afraid that we wouldn't be able to get the newsletter out in time, being that we were going to be working with a new company. But it wasn't half as bad as we thought it was going to be. Daisy, at Copy:2000, took our order. She said we could take the finished newsletter to the post office and they would put the stamps on for us. Two days later, on Saturday, Ellsworth picked up the finished newsletters. I met him at the post office. We went in and asked the clerk if they had a service where they would put the stamps on for us. Nope! (Maybe I heard what I wanted to hear and not what Daisy said.) Oh, oh. I had to put the stamps on manually. So I took the 100+ newsletters home.

Before I started putting on the stamps I started planning my weekend in my head. "I'll set aside twenty minutes today, twenty minutes tomorrow and twenty minutes the following day for putting the stamps on." I started applying the stamps. In twenty five minutes I was done. My flying fingers held up. Guess in the old days, you had to moisten the glue on the back of the stamp before applying it. If it wasn't wet enough, the stamp could fall off. If it was too wet, it could fall off. It had to be just right. But now with the new "stick em" type of stamps I didn't have to worry about that.

We learned that Copy 2000 will accept printing jobs online. In other words, I can prepare the newsletter on my computer and when finished, I can email the files to Copy 2000 for printing. That should save a trip down to the printer. Another advantage is that the pictures will probably come out better. In the last newsletter, the picture was a second generation picture... copy of my printed pictures. My printer doesn't print picture too good to begin with. The next newsletter (this one) should have clearer pictures. We'll see how it works out. (But it'll be in color and perfect in the web newsletter.)

It just occurred to me that we have an expert in post office matters in our club. Paul Klahn. I'll ask Paul if he know of a way to have the post office apply the stamps for us.

Otherwise, does anybody know of an inexpensive machine that applies postage stamps?

Online Newsletter

THANKS GUYS! We asked that members voluntarily have their names taken off of the snail mail newsletter mailing list. We've had a very good response. As of this date (2-28-01) 41 members have taken their names off of the snail mail newsletter mailing list. I don't know how many members actually have computers but I would guess that almost all of those who can get their newsletters online have been removed. 41 members out of 112. That's 36%. Pretty good guys. Ellsworth and I whittled another 13 names bringing the total removed to 54. Not too shabby!

Another advantage of the online newsletter and the website is that we can send our newsletter to former members so they can keep up with PCC at no cost to the club. Like Desmond Mullen, Oren Redsun, Placer Samson and etc. We can keep our PCC family together even though they have move away. Hopefully they'll move back to PCC country. Or at least visit us.

But if you haven't had your name removed from our snail mail newsletter mailing list, (here we go again) email me at paullum@hotmail.com and I'll remove your name.

In order to keep the cost of the newsletters down, I will post pictures and other nonsense in the paper newsletter only if there is enough space. Unless instructed otherwise by the club's officers. However, the web version of the newsletter will have all of the pictures and nonsense. So (here we go again) visit ***www.flypcc.org***.

Finally, thanks to Paulo Barros, I now know how to send an email without every recipient knowing every other recipient's email address. (Some people want to keep their email address private. This way they will reduce the number of "junk emails" they receive.) Here's what he said:

There is a simple way to send mass e-mails without disclosing the recipients list. Use the Bcc option.

If you use Microsoft Outlook as your e-mail manager, you can do the following:

- 1- Write your message as usual.
- 2- On the "To" field, put your own email address.
- 3- Then click on the "Cc" icon. It will open a window with 3 different types of recipients.

Two

of them are the traditional "To" and "Cc". The third one is the "Bcc" which works exactly as the "Cc", but does not show to a recipient the names of the other recipients.

If you use a different e-mail manager, I'm sure you can find this option there as well.

I tried this on Hotmail and Yahoo. It works. Thanks Paulo! Having this knowledge, I feel certain that I can notify everyone on our email list when our newsletter has been posted and still keep email addresses private.

Again, thanks for your cooperation!

Paul

***Newsletter Submission Deadline:
Third Tuesday Before The Next Meeting!***

Upcoming Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2001

January

- 10 PCC Board meeting #1 - 7:00 @ Wayne's Office**
- 17 General Meeting @ 7:30**
- 20 Annual PCC Banquet @ 6:30 Villa Hotel**

February

- 21 General Meeting @ 7:30**

March

- 18 Gremlin Combat**
- 21 General meeting @ 7:30**
- 25 Spring Clean Up Day at the field**

April

- 8 Gremlin Combat**
- 11 PCC Board Meeting - 7:00 @ Wayne's Office**
- 18 General Meeting @ 7:30**
- 22 PCC Fun Fly #1 - Pilots Meeting @ 9:00**
- 29 Half Moon Bay Dream Machines Show @ Half Moon Bay Airport**

May

- 16 General Meeting @ 7:30**
- 19 Gremlin Combat**

June

- 2 San Carlos Airport Days**
- 17 Gremlin Combat**
- 20 General Meeting @ 7:30**

July

- 1 PCC Guest Open House - Open Fly Day & BBQ**
- 11 PCC Board Meeting #3**
- 15 Gremlin Combat**

- 18 General Meeting @ 7:30
- 21 PCC Family Picnic and BBQ

August

- 12 Gremlin Combat
- 15 General Meeting @ 7:30
- 19 PCC Fun Fly #2 - Pilots Meeting @ 9:00

September

- 16 Gremlin Combat
- 20 General Meeting @ 7:30

October

- 10 PCC Board Meeting #4 - 7:00 @ Wayne's Office
- 14 Gremlin Combat
- 16 PCC Auction @ 7:30

November

- 21 General Meeting @ 7:30 - Officer nominations

December

- 19 General Meeting @ 7:30 - Officer Elections

President's Last Month's Column

Wayne Weathers

Hello fellow flyers and welcome to February. Despite a few showers, having temperatures about 10 degrees over the season normal does not seem too conducive to building in the garage. The epoxy is setting up too well and the balsa is not warping in the box.

For those of you who missed the banquet, JIM, we really did have a nice evening. The past president did talk a little long but the food seemed pleasing to all and the raffle was a hit as always. Dave and I still have aspirations for a new venue for next year with a little more of an aviation motif, but the Villa did a great job for us. I would like to say thank you to all who did attend and to Ellsworth for his help in getting the evening put together.

Business to attend to for this month will include discussing the scheduling for the club events for the year and more importantly what we are going to do with regards to printing our newsletter. If you have any ideas or recommendations please come to the meeting or let me know.

ATTENTION: we need more show and tell for the upcoming meeting. If you have a plane or a construction project on the boards, please bring it to the meeting. All of us love to

look at other people's projects and successes, especially our newer members. Please show your support and bring something to show off on the 21st.

Also, we are looking for more fun stuff at the meetings. A mini-talk at the meeting to share a special talent or building aspect would be great. Whether it is covering techniques, painting, building, engines, radios, or just flying we would love to have you share it with the club, even videos from a past contest, or weekend at the field. Please let Dave or myself know what you would like to do.

That's all for now. I'll look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on the 21st. In the mean time, keep your gear down and your tails up.

Wayne

Miscellaneous

For Sale:

Dremel Jig Saw - \$30
Astroflight Battery charger - \$50
Hobbico Accu-Cycler - \$50
OS 120FSR - 4 cycle engine with pump \$325
Zenoah G-38 NIB with Bisson Pitts muffler - \$320

Jim Reimholz, Phone: 650-574-0637

Pictures

You can view these (and more) in color at

www.flypcc.org

ATTABOY ELLSWORTH!!



Ultra Sport 60

This is Ellsworth F. Crowell Jr.'s (424 Oxford Way, Belmont CA 94002) Ultra Sport 60.

It's covered with UltraCote®, powered by an O.S. .60 two-stroke engine, and guided around the sky by a Futaba Super 7 radio. The model features Spring Air retracts, a Mac pipe, and PowerMaster fuel to keep it all flying

It flies great, according to Ellsworth.

Ellsworth is now an internationally known modeler. This picture was in the April issue of the Model Aviation magazine. Thanks to Mike Nadler's sharp eyes... he caught this picture.



Wally with his, ah, yellow airplane. Pretty engine.



Black anodized aluminum with gold valve covers.



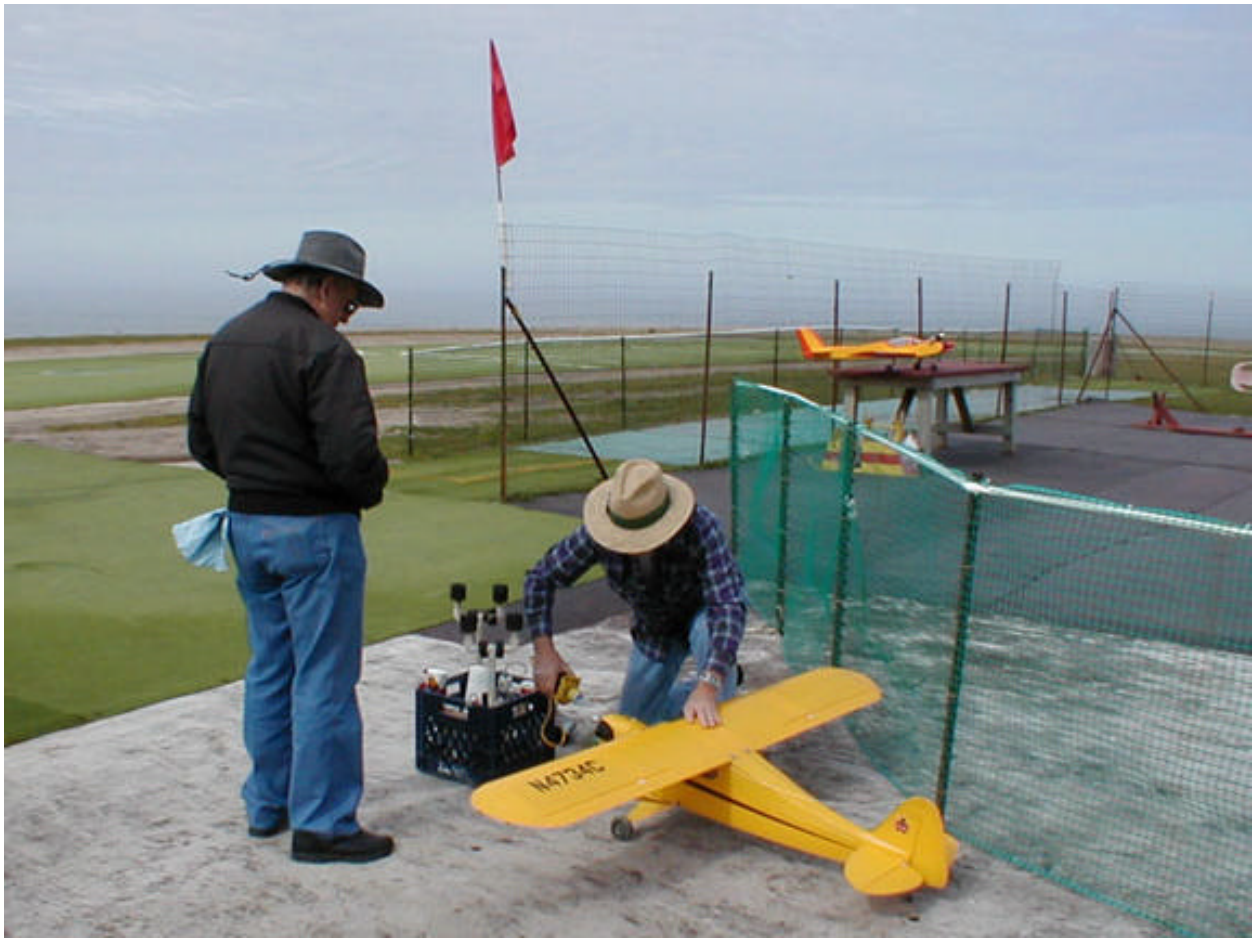
Harry and Mickey racing to see who gets up in the air first.











Wally: *“Did you do a range check? Where’s your badge with the 2001 bar?”*





Mickey taking Harry on a guided tour of his new van.



First beautiful day after three weeks of rain brought out the regulars. We were all ready for work.

Where's Gary?

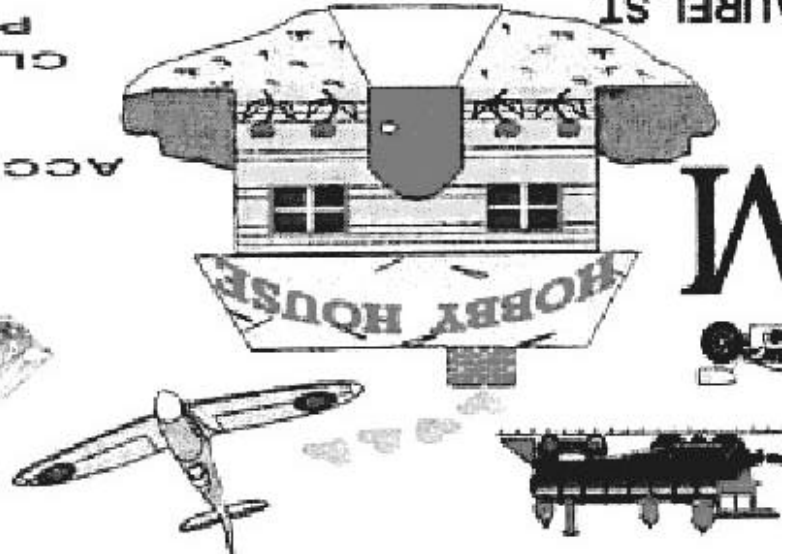
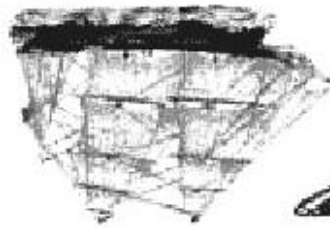


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