

Solid Model Memories **2025**

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**Dedicated to preserving the art of hand
carved solid wood models**

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All skill levels welcomed

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Solid Models: History and Significance

The history of Solid Scale Models, when the aviation component is considered primarily, begins with the inception of flight itself proceeding, but playing a lesser role right up to the present age. Over time they have been used in every capacity from prototypes of design-stage aircraft to wind tunnel test models; from military aircraft recognition models to travel agency, manufacturer, sales and airline promotional materials; from movies to museums, and; from ground schools to commercial kits for both young and adult.

The prime of Solid Scale may be represented by the 1936 kit of the China Clipper featuring a hollow fuselage and four hardwood ready-made engines. Later, during the early war years, kits consisting of a 3-view plan, a block of balsa for the fuselage and thinner pieces of balsa to be used for wings and tail surfaces were still offered for sale. However, as the war proceeded, balsa became progressively scarcer until only a block of unyielding hardwood and cardboard made up the kits. This led to the initial decline in Solid Scale; its ultimate complete demise, almost, coming about with the advent of the highly detailed, realistic but comparatively effortless and less time-consuming plastic models of the post-war era.

Nevertheless, such internet sites as Solid Model Memories and Kenny's Old Time Model Magazine – together with similar sites and links – indicate that there exists still, in spite of a more arduous commitment and deficiencies in realism, a vibrant and expanding enthusiasm for the traditional form

Cliff Strachan 1931 – 2019

Solid wood modeling survives through Ray Bennett's vision of creating a place for like-minded craftsmen to gather and share their passion.

The Forum continues to be a place to post progress photos of our members' projects and holds a growing list of tutorials for the novice builder.

The Gallery provides free access to plans as well as photos of all models submitted over the years. All images are accessible without membership and all files may be downloaded for free.

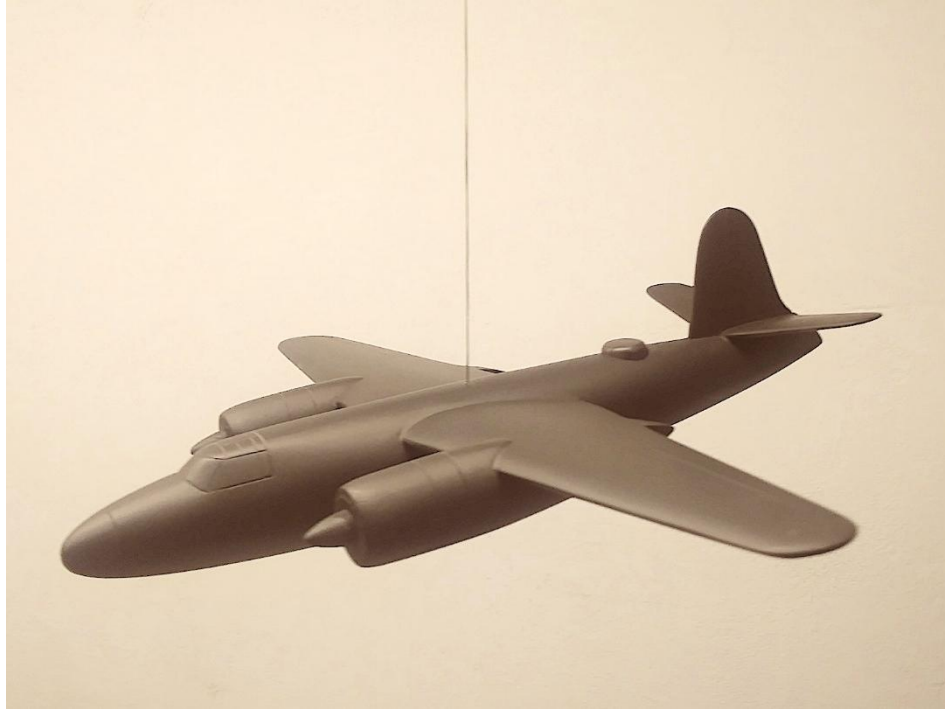
Solid Model Memories issues an annual yearbook to commemorate our modelers' submissions. The 20255 submissions are as follows

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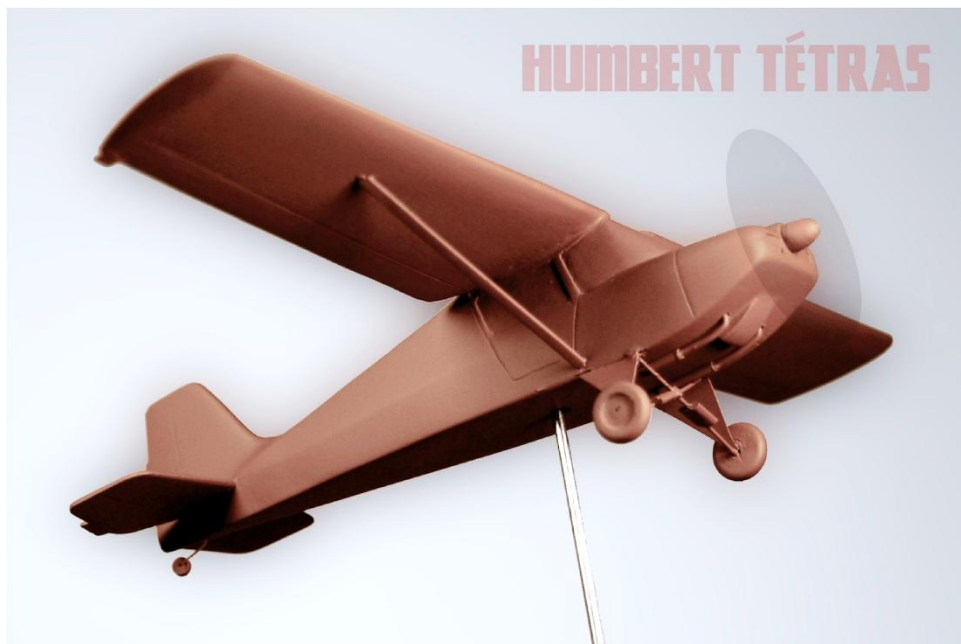
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Jordan's Projects

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Ken's Projects

1/48 Vought Crusader



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Lou's Projects

1/87 Sikorsky H-19 Chickasaw



Mark's Projects

1/72 Fairey Gordon



1/72 Douglas Havoc



Special Feature

Paul aka Buccfan

Paul has a natural ability to create fanciful delights.

McDonnell Hornet





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McDonnell Douglas Phantom II





Embraer EMB-314 Super Tucano





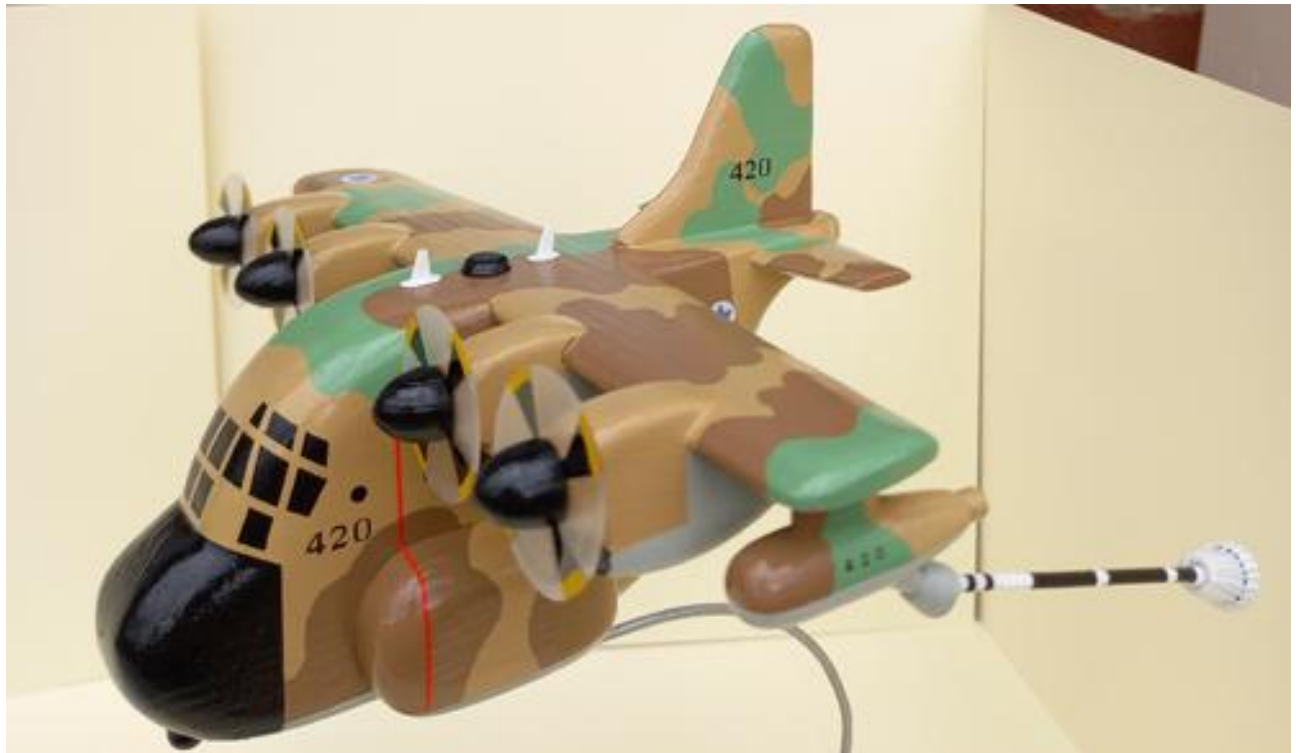
McDonnell Douglas Harrier





Lockheed Hercules





General Dynamics Fighting Falcon





Mediterranean refueling



Solid Model Memories continue to provide a vital service to those who cherish the original modelling methods.

SMM admin team wishes you happier time in 2026.

Ray-Garet-Louis