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# MONTHLY

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**This month:  
Childhood Memories Theme**

**MEETING MINUTES**

I'm afraid I don't really have much in the way of minutes since I was not there at the July meeting. For those wondering about the absence of "The Scuttlebutt", John Thirion has had computer problems that have prevented him from sending articles to me. Hopefully, we'll see a new entry from him soon. As a reminder, the September meeting is on the 10th to coincide with the family celebration at the church.

See you all at the meeting.

Next themes are-

August - Childhood Memories ( Build a kit from your childhood or something you remember from it.)

November - Vignettes and dioramas

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Here we are nearing the end of summer, where has the time gone? I hope everyone had a good meeting last month. I looked at the calendar and had it in my mind that the forth week was the 30th. It is a stupid calendar that started the first week on the upper page instead. Imagine my confusion when I arrived at the church and there isn't anyone there. No matter that the email mentioned the 23rd and all the conversation was done in the days before the meeting. Thanks to those that stepped up to organize the meeting. Guess no one missed me.

This month is the next theme about something from you childhood. Boy, that sure can bring back memories. I have so many kits from back then that I always intended to refurbish. I thought about buying another kit and building it again. In the end I will try to repaint and restore something sitting in the box. Do I have all the pieces or will it be too much trouble to scratch build a new part. Of course, something happens that block my completing the model. Then I think, that's all right; I have others I can whip out quickly. No wait, something else puts up a roadblock. Then in the mail comes another kit that I have been waiting for and have this crazy notion that I could start it and finish it without troubles. Oops that ain't gonna really work. In the end, I come to the conclusion that I won't finish something for the theme month. Oh well, what else is new. It is just another project in the fire that will take years to come back too. So what happened?

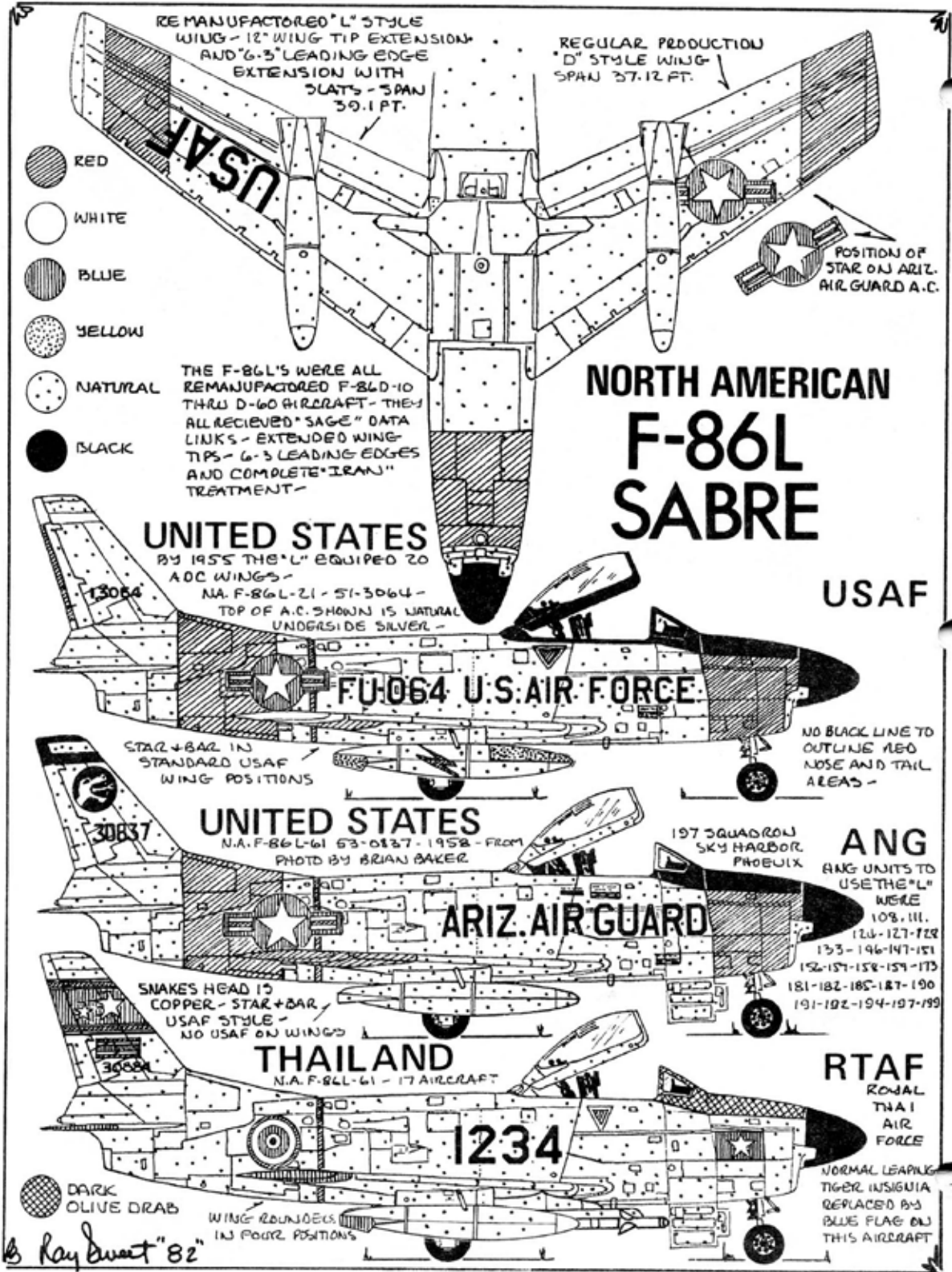
I keep encouraging everyone to keep building even when you have vacation, outdoor activities, and so many other commitments. This is something tough to live up to after I write it. I have discovered that this year started off fast with many builds and thought this is great, I will have many, many projects done. However, life comes into play. I have been taking all the overtime work is offering and I am constantly tired. Then my girlfriend underwent surgery and I have been taking care of her during her recovery. Over the summer, I find very little time to model. Why is life so complicated and interfering with model building? Doesn't any one know I can't live to be 172 years old to finish my kits? Enough ranting and venting. Build your models, write an article for the newsletter and see you the THIRD Saturday of this month.

See ya Saturday, Bill

**MEETING MODELS**







**RAY SWEET TRIBUTE**

