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*Merry  
Christmas!*

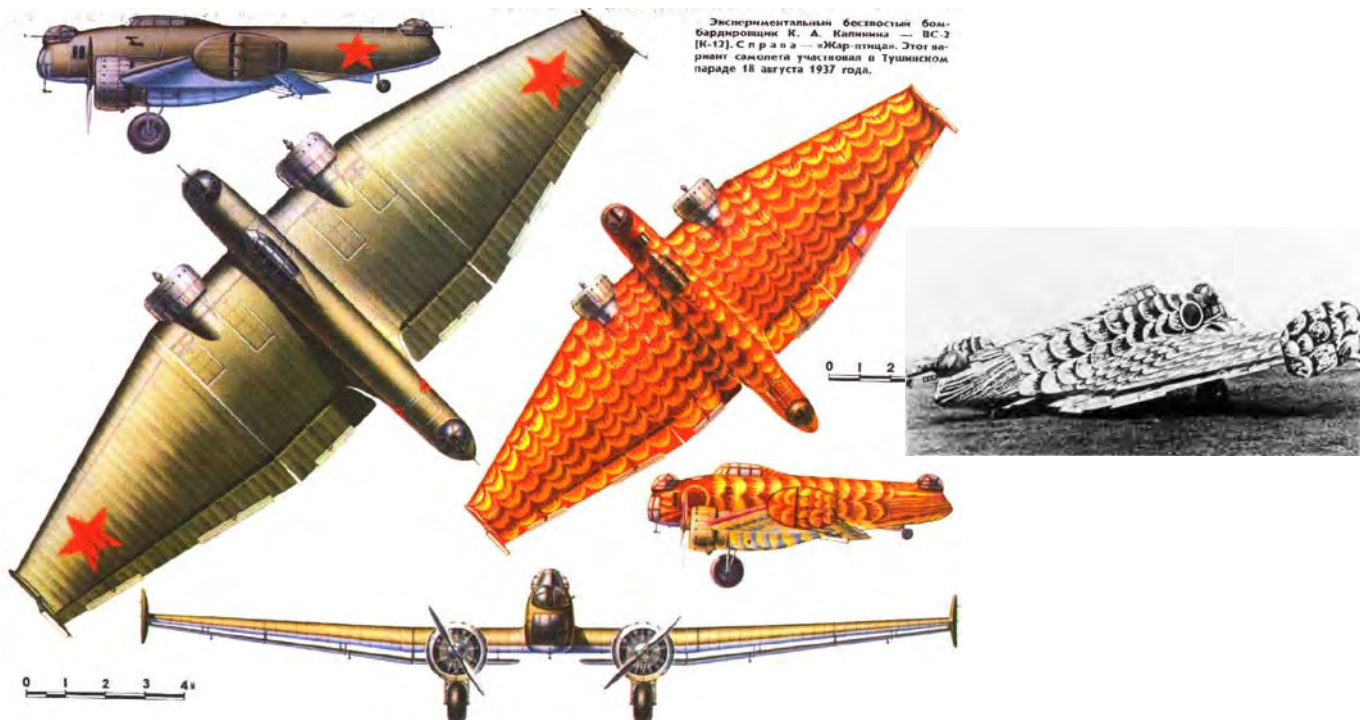
## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS HSRCC MEMBERS!**

Some of my best memories from childhood are centered around Christmas, of course. I had looked through the Jetco, Guillows, Centuri, and every other catalog I could send away for.... and I had alerted my parents well ahead of time what might be a good kit to suggest to Santa, as shipping took 6-8 weeks back then. Shortly after 10 AM on Christmas morning, my room was converted into an aircraft factory, with balsa bits (from cutting out all of the frames, no laser cutting in the old days) and the smell of Ambroid filling my room. Back then, there was nothing as satisfying as making good progress on your kit, and I still gauge my day's progress in a similar manner. Although the nature of model aircraft have changed quite a bit over the years, I hope your Christmas morning still finds you with a twinkle in your eye as you remove the paper from that long, rectangular package. Merry Christmas everyone!

-Dave Triano

## **NAME THE MYSTERY PLANE-----**

Last month's 'Mystery Plane' was a tough one. These drawings show the Kalinin K-12: a Russian Reconnaissance Bomber designed in 1933, with the prototype made in 1936. It made 46 flights, and 10 production aircraft were begun. In 1937 the prototype was painted in a wild orange and yellow 'feathered' pattern, shown below. However, the unfortunate Mr. Kalinin was accused of spying, and was arrested and shot as an 'enemy of the people'. The prototype was scrapped, and the ten production planes were abandoned.



## ***THE HSRCC 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY***

Boy, we sure did whoop it up at the HSRCC Christmas Party! Kudos to Lance Morrison and his hard work with the San Marcos Grill for setting the party up. We had a great buffet of delicious Mexican food, and our own bar! Four great ARF aircraft and a 'Chicken Stick' were the prizes for the raffle, very nice items.

Dave Vandenberg and Frank Gomez manned the check-in table, and also took money for dues and dinner tickets. Dave Triano took care of the raffle ticket sales, and was later aided by Frank. Lance set up an excellent video, showing a compilation of the year's HSRCC flying events and providing good atmosphere for the festivities. Financially the club pretty much broke even, and quite a few folks went home with delicious leftovers from the event.

What a warm and friendly gathering, a celebration of the wonderful fascination we all share for the world of flight.

It was heartwarming to see you all there, how about we do a 'mid-year' party in 2018?





**The Gregorays, Morrisons, Sullivans, Etchetos, and many more tested the delicious guacamole, salsa, and margaritas.**



***THE FROZEN FINGER FUN FLY IS NEXT UP!***

It is time to usher in the New Year of 2018, and we all know what that means! Gary Fuller is calling us all to come out to the Pony Express Airpark on January 1 to freeze our keysters off! This event has always been a fun one, with some years having snow on the field, and others surprising us with decent weather. If you have been diligent after Christmas, perhaps some of those fancy ARF kits you received for gifts will be ready for a maiden flight!

Things will get going around 9:00 AM, with hot cocoa and chili on the menu for the morning. So get those skiis, thermal undies, gloves and heat packs ready and come join us for a great time!

***LANCE'S LATEST VIDEO:***

Visit this address on YouTube to view Lance's great HSRCC Christmas compilation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFHPFpF5Lgs>



***Most of all.....***

***HAVE  
FUN!***