

Tom Schaefer

Tom, if you ask, will tell you his combat career was very brief. Tom has lived in Westfield, New Jersey since the early seventies. He is a long time Middlesex Modeler and before that a charter member of the Livingston, N.J. Flying Tigers. He also got to spend time at Rich's Hobbytown in Parsippany, N.J. where he was exposed to many of the prominent modelers in the area. It was there that he got to see what "real" models were like!

In 1961 Tom attended the Nats, his folks took him down for a day. That year the Nats were in Pennsylvania, at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. It was a case of sensory overload! It was at that time he knew that he had to compete. His first contest was in 1962 where he flew combat at a meet in White Plains, N.Y. He had two planes, a Voodoo with a Fox Rocket on pressure and a Giant Killer with a McCoy 35. He won Junior Combat that day flying his Voodoo. It was to be the only combat placing that he ever had. Tom still has the trophy.



1962 photo of Tom with his Giant Killer. The young man helping him is Bob Young, a fellow member of the Flying Tigers club



This is a current photo of Tom
I told you he still has the trophy !!!