

Show and Tell

What does a nuclear capable US Air Force bomber, a US speed record, and an insect have in common?

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(and you don't have to go to the last page to find the answer!)

Presenting

The Black Beetle, the holder of the **Train** speed record of 183.85+ miles per hour for over 40 years, The builder used the outrigger jet engine pod scavenged from a B-36 bomber from the 1950s, This marvel was fabricated by a train enthusiast that happened to be involved in the aviation industry in 1966. This particular model was actually produced by Proto in their Proto1000 series and is actually powered. I acquired it in a mis-marked box by an EBay seller that posted it, as what was printed on an Athearn Blue Box labeled as an engine ES44AC. Obviously the seller didn't know the differences. It was meant to be MINE! Do I NEED it? HA!

I invite you to visit one of many links to get the true story of this highly unusual engine that was probably 40-50years ahead of its time. Incidentally, the guys wife named the engine the Black Beetle, because of the obvious appearance. A family affair! Please Read the information or Google 'Black Beetle jet'. You will enjoy the story. Thanks,
Tom Tuck

Link to get you started:

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/article/the-black-beetle-jet-train>

What have YOU been doing this past month that you can share?



