Engine Stuff

The following comments were lifted from Dave Ramsey’s May 2001 “Exhibits” the newsletter of Model Museum Flying Club

AHC STILL DOING IT TO MODELERS: Good old America’s Hobby Center, who over fifty years ago was pushing that infamous piece of junk, the GHQ engine, by advertising it as a fine piece of machinery, is not only still in business, they still in “business as usual.” On page 45 of the March (2001) issue of RCM, there’s an ad for a GHQ engine which is being billed as a “Collectors Item.” From the picture and the presentation, they are obviously trying to capitalize on the reputation of the original “real” GHQ, which was so notoriously useless that today it has a distinct campy following among engine collectors.

But the GHW being currently advertised appears to be just a cheap modern glow engine. It doesn’t even resemble the genuine GHW, but worse yet, it might even start and run right out of the box, and perhaps even fly a plane, even if poorly. So, buyer beware, this thing is certainly no collectible — yet.

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