1. The history of the city begins in 1933, when the building process of the CHAI (“TSAGI”) institute was initiated by order of Ordzhonikidze. Small Stakhanov village was built nearby the institute for TSAGI staff. In 1940, famous pilot Mikhail Gromov advised on starting the LII (Flight Research Institute), and in 1947 the name Zhukovskiy was given to the city. Since 1993 Zhukovskiy holds status of the city of science (Naukograd).
2. The city of Zhukovskiy was home to many famous Russian aviators. Mikhail Gromov had been working there for almost all his lifespan. Amet-Khan Sultan, twice the hero of the Soviet Union, ace pilot, had been working there since 1946 up until his death in 1971.
3. Quite a lot of great Russian minds had worked in Zhukovskiy along the history. N. E. Zhukovskiy and A. N. Tupolev were the ones who made the TSAGI institute such popular in the aviation science community. Tupolev actually lived and worked in Zhukovskiy for quite period of time. Also one of the 4 General Constructors of MiG, Mikhail Korzhuev, my grandfather, happens to be from Zhukovskiy.
4. Every odd year, the MAKS expo is held in Zhukovskiy. Massive amount of international aviation-related exponates is shown to people.