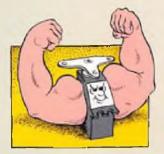


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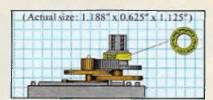


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after it in the house; then as he began
walking he realized that Dad was
controlling it; he took it over and it's now
his favorite toy.

The following is a little-known Socratic dialogue, in which the famous philosopher addresses himself to the question of whether radio control flying be a hobby or a sport. Translated by Professor Emeritus.

The Phlydo

The scene is a club flying field just outside the city walls of Athens, about 420 B.C. It is early morning. Phlydo the Sophist kneels in the dewy (no relation) grass, refueling a .60 powered, 10am and fiberglass ARF. Socrates arrives, carrying a diesel powered triplane and a burnished teakwood field kit.

"Hail and good morrow, Phlydo. I see you have beaten the Sunday morning crowd."

"Nay, but I have beaten the very sun itself, Socrates. For I did creep from my house this morning by the dawn's early light —lest my wife should awaken and think upon the uncut lawn."

"You are indeed wise, Phlydo, for you forget not the words of the Ancients: 'business before pleasure, except on weekends.' What are you flying today?"

"It is called a Super Migraine. I purchased the kit just last evening, from the little shop near the Lyceum."

"Truly? And have you assembled it so quickly, Phlydo?"

"It is an ARF, Socrates. The veriest details, even unto the pushrods and servo rails, were completed at the factory.

"For I must confess, Socrates, that I find no pleasure in constructing models from plans or kits. My life is full and busy, so that time spent in building, for which I have little love, would be time robbed from flying, for which I have greatlove.

"Yet I am ashamed to meet a skilled modeler such as yourself upon the field. For the hours of loving craftsmanship that you lavish upon your models do put my simple ARF's to shame. And even though my planes may cost many times more than yours, yet they do appear cheap and vulgar by comparison. Does this not place us in two separate and hostile camps, my friend?"

"Truly, Phlydo, you do express your feelings of guilt and unworthiness with the eloquence of a protestant hymnist — nay, better, even, than a veteran California encounter groupie. But let us examine this question dispassionately.

"You have said that you love flying, Phlydo. By this, I suppose that you mean you take pleasure in escaping your normal pursuits in the city, to come to this field for the sole purpose of guiding your models through the sky — landing, taking-off, flying fast or slow, high or low, at your will."

"Yes, I enjoy doing these things, Socrates."

"This flying, then, is a recreation, is it not, Phlydo? For a recreation is defined as "a means of refreshment or diversion"."

"That is true."

"And do you now guide your models better or worse than you did last year?"

"Oh, much better, Socrates. Last year I was but a rank beginner, and did often scare the toga off my fellow fliers when I attempted to land."

"So this recreation of yours requires a certain amount of physical skill to be truly enjoyable, does it not, Phlydo?"

"It does.

"Then flying is a recreation or diversion requiring physical skill?"

"Yes, that is correct, Socrates."

"And have we not just defined a sport, my friend? For what is golf or hunting, tennis or archery, if not a recreation requiring physical skill'?"

"Truly, model flying is a sport, Socrates, and we who fly models are sportsmen."

"And is it necessary that sportsmen build their own equipment, Phlydo? Do golfers make their own clubs, hunters their own shells, tennis players their own racquets, or archers their own arrows?"

"Indeed, Socrates, hunters do often make their own shells, and archers their own arrows – just as fishermen often tie their own flies, or bicyclists and auto racers build their own machines."

"And yet these things are not necessary to the full enjoyment of the sport, are they, Phlydo? It is quite possible for the hunter, archer, fisherman, bicyclist or race car driver to pursue his chosen sport with equipment built by someone else."

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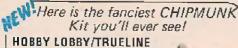






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efore I forget to mention it somewhere during this month's discourse, let me again remind you of the First Annual Southwest Jumbo R/C Fly In, to be held at Thunderbird Field, just outside of Fort Worth, Texas, July 22 and July 23, 1978. This Fly In is for all large aircraft, not just scale, but any biggie. It is a Fly In, not a contest, so you won't risk your bird in any type of competition other than static display. You can fly if you want to, but there are no prizes for flying. There will be trophies awarded for "most impressive model", "best scale model", "best non-scale model", and one for the entrant who traveled the farthest distance to attend this Fly In. The trophies will be awarded based upon the votes of all of the entrants, you won't catch me trying to decide which is the "most impressive". A five buck entry fee will be charged each entrant, but that entrant can enter one model or one hundred models. So plan to attend. Bring your bird if it is finished, semi-finished, or just a gleam in your eye. We plan on having a good time, and we'll have a better time if you're there also. For further details and entry blank, write to me at 2440 Colonial Parkway, Forth Worth, Texas.

Since my interest in big models is a natural outgrowth of my interest in building and flying antique and old time R/C aircraft, it would seem to me that this is a somewhat natural pattern — but this may not be so. I have been reading lately that many pilots of big aircraft have had trouble trying to adjust to the size of their aircraft, and keep landing on the other side of the runway because they thought that the bird was nearer to them than it really was. This can be a problem, but those who have learned to thread a needle and land a soaring Old Timer won't have this problem moving into the Biggie class. You know, model aviation is simply the greatest hobby around. There is always something new to get a grip on you, and something that you can enjoy doing. I really feel sorry for all of the non-modelers sitting in front of the tube, just wasting their life away, not enjoying the many, many thrills of R/C modeling. Modeling in any form is great, but R/C simply has to be the most enjoyable of all because of the great variety of fun that it offers. It makes no

difference if you are flying 1/2A or a Suevia 25cc powered aircraft, the fun is there for your enjoyment. I've been modeling for over forty years, and darn glad and proud of it. And, I hope that you are all proud of your hobby too. It may be a demanding hobby, but it is by far the best. Okay, off of the soap box and back to basics for awhile.

The other evening I watched a demonstration on covering with Super Coverite by our outstanding gal type model builder, Rosemary Edwards, She uses a normal size laundry type iron turned way up, wrapped in a cloth, to stick down the Coverite. The results are great. Same is true with MonoKote, but here she uses the normal sealing type iron. These new (well, how about ten years old for MonoKote, Solarfilm, etc.) type coverings have really made modeling more enjoyable than ever before. And these newer covering materials have made the building and flying of large aircraft much easier to do. There isn't any way that I would tackle as many large aircraft as I have built in the last couple of years without these great covering materials. A great plus is that if you work carefully with them and use your head when covering and shrinking, you won't have any warps. And, if you do screw up and get a warped wing, you can remove this warp rather easily. But how? First, start with a warp-free item. Most warps are in the wing, so let's talk about this first.

When you build the wing of your bird, and I don't care if it's a 3' span or a 10' span, you must use a warp-free building board. If you always have a warped wing on your model, then chances are that you may be using a warped building board. Check it out. A solid core door is a great building surface, and even a hollow core door works fine, as does a piece of 3/4" plywood, provided that they are warp-free. You can check this by sighting along the flat surface of the door, board, etc. If it isn't straight, get another one. Also, check your building board support, it may not be square, thus causing the building board to warp when it is fastened to it. Check it out before you build any more wings. Next, take a look at your building technique. Do you pin all of the pieces down securely to the building board, or do you let some of the pieces "float" a bit?

Speaking of pins, visit your local office supply store and invest in a quarter pound box of banker's pins rather than trying to bring home some dress makers pins from the local five and dime . . . (five and dime --- ye gads, more like fifty and a buck now). When you are building your wing, do you leave it pinned to the board until it is really dry, or do you yank it off in a hurry so that you can construct the other half. Frankly, it's a good idea to let the wing structure dry about 24 hours if you're using any type of "white glue" so that you know that the moisture is thoroughly dried out of the glue joint. Lots of the newer glues are "fast grab" or "quick tack", but they still take awhile to cure. Take an extra day and let each wing panel dry thoroughly before removing from the building board.

Covering your new wings with a plastic film is easy, and the instructions with most of the films make this a very easy task - - - but shrinking of the film is another matter, and this is the place that you may build in a warped surface. Before shrinking the plastic film to the structure, take a nice sharp pin and make one small pin hole in each space between ribs on the bottom of the wing. This hole is to let the heat escape while you're shrinking the covering material.

When you start to shrink the material, alternate from the top to the bottom of the wing. By this I mean that if you start shrinking at the wing tip, do the tip and the first two panels on the top of the wing, then turn it over and do the tip and the first two panels on the bottom, and then two more on the bottom. Turn over, do two on the top, plus two more, then back to the bottom and so on. This will help prevent a warp. It is almost a positive thing that if you do all of the top, and then do all of the bottom, you're going to wind up with a warped surface. Do the same for the tail section, no matter if it is a solid sheet surface, or a built-up section. If you're of the old school and simply must use dope and silk, then alternate in the same fashion when applying the dope to the wing

If you have followed all of this, and still wind up with a warped wing, don't worry about it, it's easy to fix. It takes two people to do it, so grab your wife and get her to help you. Hook up the heat gun again, then grab the wing, twist it until the warp is out, and just a bit past the

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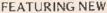
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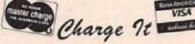


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Engine Clinic CLARENCE LEE



had hoped this month to be able to give you a full report on the Damo 218 four cycle twin cylinder engine from Sweden but, fortunately or unfortunately, as the case may be, the rains finally came to California and Sunland/Tujunga in particular where I have my home and business. At the time of this writing (March) Sunland/Tujunga has had 45" of rain this season and it is still raining today. I do all of my engine testing out of doors, and although there has been a few sunny days in-between storms, my engine running site is knee deep in mud which sort of throws a wrench in the works until things dry out. Hopefully, we will have the test report and article for you next month, if Sunland/Tujunga doesn't get washed out to the Pacific Ocean. Believe me when I say that there were a couple of times in the past two months when we were ready to start building an Ark.

Before getting to the letters this month, I have a new item to bring to your attention that some of you might find useful. Bob Lopshire who heads Idea Development, Inc., sent us one of their latest products this past month. A heat sensitive paint Bob calls "Hot-Hed" that will let you know if you are trying to melt your engine or not. Some of you guys seem to have a tin ear when it comes to properly setting the needle valve. For some reason this always seems to mean running the engine on the lean side rather than the rich side. Naturally, everyone tries to get every bit of power possible and then in hopes of a few hundred more rpm's, turn the needle a couple of clicks leaner. When the engine sags in climbing maneuvers and won t scream the whole flight out, you wonder what is wrong with the lousy thing. Hot-Hed will not help the lean running but it will let you know when you are running the engine too lean. Hot-Hed is simply applied to the head of your engine with a toothpick, small brush, or whatever is handy. The normal color of Hot-Hed is olive green and it will stay this color as long as you operate your engine in the proper heat range of 375°-390°. This is the cylinder head temperature at which most model engines operate. When you exceed 400°, you get into the area where oils begin to break down and

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Dear Mr. Lee,

I have written you a few times before. All your answers proved extremely helpful and I am very thankful.

Now a new problem –I decided to get into ducted fans, and I just can't get the engine to run right. I am using a Perry Pump (extra wide intake) carb instead of the exhaust baffle throttle which costs an outrageous \$25.00! The carb I am using, I took off my K & B .61. The venturi size is the same as the stock carb on my Racing .40 (K & B rear rotor). The problem I am having is that the engine doesn't run for any length of time, unless I don't move the throttle.

The fuel tank is 2 to 3 inches higher than the carb and I believe this is causing my problem, but there is no other place to put the tank. By the way, I am using a Perry Pump/Regulator as in the Scozzi/Violet Systems I method. What can I do? I tried hooking up the pump position of the Perry unit to the engine crankcase pressure tap by building a "chamber" around the rear portion of the pump. This way, I would transmit the variable pressure from the engine to the pump. No go. I heard the valve working, but the pump wouldn't

pump, even when I applied my electric starter and observed the end of the fuel line. Nothing flowed through. Is this because of the timing of a racing engine? Would the Robart Pump work?

I feel that a pump is my only solution, but any idea you could supply me with would be most appreciated. Thanks for any help you might be able to give me.

> Very truly yours, Jay Sabot Roslyn, New York

The Perry Pump cannot be used in a remote chamber using a pressure tap and connecting line. The pressure impulses are not strong enough to actuate the diaphragm. This might work if you were to use a large diameter connecting line, but you are then making this line and the chamber part of the crankcase of the engine and there is too much volume involved which the pumping action of the piston could not handle. For the Perry Pump to operate, it must replace the back cover on an engine. This is why most fellows are not using the K & B 6.5 front rotor racing engine which can be modified to accept a K & B.40 Perry Pump. In your case, as you are using the 6.5 rear rotor racing engine, you would be better off using the new Robart Super Pumper in conjunction with the Perry Pump carburetor. You will not have the advantage of the Perry regulator system which means that you can expect the engine to lean out considerably as the fuel level in the tank drops. Especially when you will have to use a 16 ounce tank to get in an 8 to 10 minute flight. The racing engines develop high power and rpm, but also use a lot of fuel doing so. You did not say what type of aircraft you are using the ducted fan in, but you are going to have to do something about lowering the fuel tank, 2"-3" higher than the carburetor is always going to cause you trouble - especially idle and through the mid-range. Tank position is one of those things you have to take into consideration when designing an airplane (something even a lot of kit manufacturers seem to forget about). Your 6.5 rear rotor engine will also idle better if you use a full length tuned pipe: the pipe acting like a muffler to help keep the plug hot at idle. If your design will not



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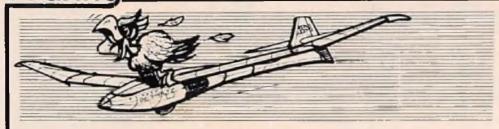
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ne of the most talked about in the field of airfoil design by modelers, is the Reynolds number. After giving this subject much thought. What is it? What does it do? What does it tell me as a modeler?

Armed with a tape recorder, pencils and a pad, I spent many evenings in a local college library reading and noting, trying to compile an understood meaning of the Reynolds number. Hereafter noted as Rn.

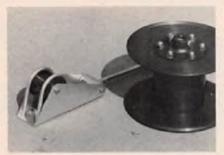
The term Rn is named after Osborne Reynolds, who first noted its significance in fluid flow problems in 1883. Like the Mach number, the Rn is a dimensionless ratio and serves as an index used in predicting changes in flow character.

At low Rn the boundry layer is laminar and at higher Rn the layer becomes turbulent. The transition from laminar to turbulent flow is the key to Variation of the airfoil coefficients with the Rn.

The Rn varies with speed, size, and Kinematic viscosity, the greater the speed and size, the greater the Rn, and the greater the Kinematic viscosity, the smaller the Rn. Operation of modern aircraft involves large variations in the Rn because of the great speed range and high ceilings designed into these airplanes. A modern military airplane is capable of attaining a maximum speed up to 25 times its stalling speed and is capable of flight in the stratosphere where Kinematic viscosity may be many times as great as at sea level. Such an airplane is thus capable of 25 fold increase in the Rn at sea level and further increases at altitude. Additional Rn variations are encountered on a tapered wing because the tip chord is smaller than the root chord and therefore operates at a lower Rn.

It is clear that one cannot avoid variation of the Rn in flight, accordingly, the effects of such variations must be evaluated. To accomplish this evaluation, we shall first consider the physical picture.

A turbulent layer is more stable than a laminar layer. This is true because of the interchange of energy among the various fluid particles in the turbulent flow. Which gives the turbulent layer a higher energy level close to the surface. When dealing with either a turbulent or a laminar flow, energy is lost because of friction. So that the energy level in both



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types of boundary layer is always less than in the free stream. It follows that separation of the boundary layer must always occur if an adverse pressure gradient is present, as is the case with flow over wings, the difference between the laminar and turbulent cases being that a laminar layer will separate earlier than a turbulent layer.

At low angles of attack, when an airfoil produces only small values of lift coefficient, the separation point is generally close to the trailing edge, regardless of the type of boundary layer. Separation of this sort has no noticeable effect on the lift characteristics, but does increase the pressure drag.

As the angle of attack is increased, the separation point moves forward and the pressure drag increases. Close to the stall the movement of the separation point becomes rapid. The final result is that the lift drops off and the pressure drag increases sharply.

Separation occurs regardless of the type of boundary layer, however, a laminar type always separates earlier than a turbulent layer under the same type of adverse pressure gradient. At very low speeds and with small chord airfoils, the Rn throughout the boundary layer remains low and the transition from laminar to turbulent flow either does not occur or occurs well back on the airfoil. Because of this, the pressure drag coefficient is relatively greater at low Rn and the stall occurs at lower angles of attack. As the Rn is increased and the boundary layer becomes turbulent over more of its length, the separation point moves aft, resulting in a reduction of pressure drag and an increase in stalling angle of attack and maximum lift coefficient.

Although a turbulent boundary layer results in a reduction of pressure drag, it also produces an increase in skin friction. drag as compared to a laminar layer. In order to achieve minimum drag, the ultimate airfoil would be one with a laminar layer over its entire chord. coupled with a separation point for aft. This ultimate airfoil will never be designed for two reasons: (1) At high forward speeds a laminar layer is not possible over the full chord. (2) Although the adverse pressure gradient may be minimized at low angles of attack, it cannot be minimized over a wide range of angles of attack, thus the separation point cannot be fully controlled.

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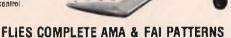
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After take-off and flying out about 300 ft., and making a 180° turn, the engine quit as though it were lean. I brought the plane in, restarted the engine, set the needle valve 5 clicks richer, and took off. Again the engine quit the same way. With Sid's permission, I drained his tank and filled it with Magnum Power 10. We restarted the engine, set the needle valve, and Sid noticed an immediate improvement. We now had a good idle and good transition from low to high. I took the plane off, got up to altitude, and handed Sid the transmitter. For the first time all summer, the engine ran fine for a complete flight. After landing, Sid said that Magnum Power had made a tremendous difference in the way his engine ran. It was much freer and the first few minutes of running had cleaned out all the varnish from the old fuel. Sid then made

many more flights, and his engine ran reliably from the beginning to the end of the tank.

Another time, Dr. Alan Spievack asked me if it was true that engines ran longer with Magnum Power. Alan flies a tri-motor Stinson with three OS Wankels. He was getting only 8 or 9 minutes running time with his fuel (also a well-known national brand). I gave him a gallon of Magnum Power 10, and he decided to run a test. Using a regular fuel, he flew an entire flight until the engines quit - rather daring with a scale job. He then filled with Magnum Power, and restarted. He had to lean his engines more than with his old fuel, and picked up several hundred RPM as measured with a tach. He then flew an entire flight again until the engines quit. After landing, he could immediately touch the engines, which he had not been able to do for several minutes with his old fuel, since they ran hotter with it. He also noticed a black residue that had been cleaned out by the Magnum Power, and now his exhaust was clear and clean.



Dr. Allen Spiavack with his tri-motor Stinson with 3 O.S. Wankels.

He was extremely surprised to find he was getting well over 10 minutes with Magnum Power. He now had plenty of time to complete his schedule of running maneuvers. Alan went on to run tests with various airplanes and engines, and found that everything that is said about Magnum Power is true and then some.

These two cases just confirm all the experiences I have had with this fuel. In every case when Magnum Power was substituted for the previous fuel, there was an immediate slight RPM increase, the engine ran longer per tankful, and the exhaust was very cool and clean. There is no doubt in my mind that Magnum Power fuel has something that none of the other fuels has.

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wonder if anyone else noticed? In the descriptions published to date covering the Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, the apparent direction being taken by next years rules, leads me to believe that those of us into the larger models may well be leading the way. Next years judging appears to be made to measure for large, stand-off scale models with scale-like propellers turning at more or less prototypical speeds. As I read it, the judges will be looking for more realistic performance from the models and for less of pattern type flying from scale models.

This seems to have become a trend in the past couple of years where models like Bob Nelitz' Chipmunk do very well in the air, flying much as the full scale prototype rather than like a pattern ship. Dave Platt's comment reported at the World FAI Scale meet in Sweden last year, referring to Nelitz' Chipmunk, that it was nice to see a model flying on its wing rather than its propeller, was very much to this same point. I have hopes of being able to attend this years T of C especially now that it seems to be headed in this direction in pattern as well as scale.

Andy Sheber flew his 1/3 scale Pitts S2-A at the '77 T of C, and as I hear it, it was the only model flown in the high winds of the first day, estimated to be in the 50 mph range. Andy's Pitts did not score all that high, but let's face it, to have been in that kind of competition for the first time with that kind of model is in itself a bit of a triumph.

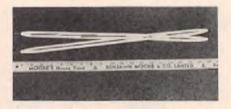
One further note, Circus Circus and Bill Bennett rate the thanks of modelers world wide for sponsoring this prestigious event. I'll be very much surprised if they do not establish this sort of flying as a spectator sport of some stature in years to come.

In my last column I covered the use of a pantograph in enlarging plans to the sizes in which we are interested. This month the third method will be the use of a set of proportional dividers. If you cull through your past issues of Model Builder, you'll find plans for a set of proportional dividers you can make yourself. They are also available as a commercial item through your local drafting supply house. The commercial

model has a vernier adjustment for setting the degree of enlargement (or reduction) but are a bit small for use in the sizes we will be concerned with and good ones are rather expensive, cheap ones are not too good. (See Photo 1.)



Basically, the instrument is a set of dividers, with an adjustable pivot point. The pivot point, or center, is adjustable in that it can be moved back and forth to establish a ratio to suit the plan being modified. The set in Photo 2 were homemade in less than an hour and should not tax the capabilities of the experienced modeler. The center slot was cut by dropping the blade of a radial arm saw through the wood (carefully!) in the correct place and then moving the wood along to the other end of the slot. the two arms are held together with a 6-32 nut, bolt and washers. There is a washer on each side and a thin spacer between the two arms for ease of swinging them in relation to one another.



The two parts are held together by this nut and bolt set-up, but, the nut and bolt can be moved along the open slot to establish the ratio desired between the ends. Once tightened down, the nut and bolt will hold the setting, but permit the two arms to be swung in relation to one another without disturbing the setting.

It's not a bad idea to mark out both ends of the dividers on the work sheet before you start, just in case you disturb the setting you can re-set it without having to re-measure. With a convenient reference handy, they can be checked or re-set from time to time without the annoyance of having to re-measure each time this is done.

I always use a reference line on the

original from which to work. The thrust line marked on the original plan works fine, a line drawn through a wing from tip to tip, or the parting line of a fin and rudder or stab and elevator is quite adequate for this purpose. I then lay out the same line on the new drawing material and use this as the same line on the enlargement.

On a fuselage, the former stations can be laid out with the dividers in their appropriate places. For example, when enlarging a plan to twice it's orginal size, the dividers will be set at 1:2 and we step off the distance from the firewall to the first former on the '1' end of the dividers. then reversing them, we step off the appropriate distance on the new plan using the '2' end. The various stations can then be plotted be repeating this process until they are all marked on the new plan. We can then use the dividers to establish the height above the reference line of all stations, and likewise the distance below the line at each station. If necessary for accuracy, it is possible to insert dummy station lines between formers in order to give us additional points to establish the fuselage outline. These may or may not be necessary, depending on the complexity of the plan and the skill of the planner! As with any plan, once a sufficient number of points have been plotted, the points may be joined using french curves etc., in order to establish the outline.

The above process is repeated for all parts of the plan until it has been completed. Straight lines may be measured with a rule in the usual way, but should be checked with the proportional dividers from time to time in order to assure accuracy. When a fuselage side is constructed of framed square stock, the lines indicating the square stock are usually straight so they can be measured and laid out with the rule, no need to make things any more complex than necessary! Naturally, you'll want to use the dividers for odd-ball ratios other than 2:1,3:1, etc.

Doing a plan in this way produces a finished product from which to build in the usual manner. As mentioned in a previous column, if you produce your plan on tracing linen or mylar, it can then be inked for duplication any number of times. Enlarging your own plans, as pointed out previously, will require

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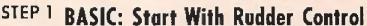
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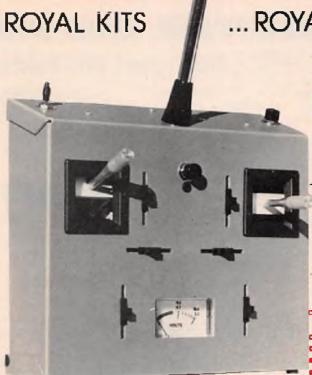
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providing yourself with drawing instruments, T square, triangles, a good assortment of french curves and the related items required to produce good drawings. If you design your own models or enlarge plans for your own use, these items will become part of your standard hobby equipment and your skills will improve with practice. The ruling pen can subsequently be used to detail a model as well, laying out panel lines, doors, access panels and so one. A lettering guide is a valuable tool as few of us can letter perfectly free hand and properly noted plans have a finished look which is lacking when we use our normal scrawl. Lettering guides in various sizes are in-expensive as are the tools required to ink the lettering.

As with any 'do it yourself plan', be sure to make best use of the space by laying everything out in advance. You should also 'try fit' the parts as construction proceeds. It is not unusual to find minor discrepancies as you go along. However, be sure you make the alterations in the plans as these changes are made. You'll never remember them if they are not done as you go along, and no one needs a plan-

that cannot be built!

Naturally, you'll need an area spacious enough to spread out the enlarged plan and this can require a lot of room. I have a few plans which are so large that it is difficult for me to have the plan laid out and find room enough in my relatively small shop to build it as well.

In the case of a very large plan, you will find it convenient to roll the material on which you are working at each end of your drawing table, and then use the T square along the bottom of the board laying the triangles up to the square as usual but working at right angles to the 'normal' method.

When you get to the building part of the larger models, things are going to be a bit different from what you are used to. For one thing, that old building board is probably not going to be large enough for some of the larger plans now becoming available. Since starting in on the really big birds, I have been building on a door, and before you have visions of trying to build on the door to the bathroom, let me add that the door I have been using is one I bought especially for a building board. If you watch your builders supply ads you'll likely find, as I did, they frequently have damaged Mono-doors which are sold at special prices. The damage is usually only on one side or along the edge of the door and this does not interfere with its use for building. The surface of the door is light mahogany plywood laid on a

wooden core or framework and will take pins quite well. It will be long enough for all but the very largest models. Thes are absoluely flat, quite light and can be stood up out of the way while you wait for the glue to dry.

When enlarging a plan from a smaller, currently available plan up to the sizes we are interested in, (i.e., 3" to the foot). you'll probably be using materials other than balsa in the construction. It is rarely necessary to enlarge the size of material used in the same ratio as you enlarged the plan. For example, if the original construction was quarter square stock. don't go to half inch material for the larger model. Rather, use quarter square, but go to another maerial. Using spruce in place of balsa in this instance will rarely require larger wood. Just use quarter square in a stronger material.

This is meant as a guide only as there may be highly stressed areas where you feel the larger stock would be wise and this is where your own judgement will come into play. I tend to go a bit huskier than is really necessary for my own peace of mind, but remembering that I want the thing to fly and it will only do that

if the weight is right.

As far as weight is concerned, you'll find many of your ideas will change as you get into building larger models. The wider wing chords and deeper airfoils will lift a lot more than their mere size would indicate. Doubling the dimensions of a wing will quadruple it's cubic capacity and increase it's lift. Dave Platt suggested in a recent article that 5 cubic inches to the ounce is about right, but in the larger models this can be reduced quite successfully to almost half that figure. For example, my J-3 Cub weighs in at 16 pounds for 19 ounces to the square foot wing loading and a friend here has a nine foot DH Beaver approximately the same size, which comes in at around 37 ounces to the square foot. The take-off run on these models at a full Quadra power is 32 feet for the Cub and 35 feet for the Beaver, so the weight and wing loading have not made a significant difference in performance. In this type of model (high wing-flat bottomed airfoil) you'll be surprised how quickly they get airborne and how they want to float on landing. Ground effect as they flare is also quite noticeable and flaps make a significant difference in landing speed, although they are rarely necessary in the larger models of the high wing/high lift variety.

I have had a few comments about my Cub weighing as much as it does. As mentioned earlier. I tend to over-build a bit, to err on the side of strength as the engines I have been using (Quadras) have amazing power and their vibration is of a lower frequency than glow engines so I have concentrated on strength as weight reduction is not as important a consideration as it might be in a smaller model. Up to around the 20 pound weight (depending on the type of wing being built) weight is of less importance and I'd much rather have a bit too much strength than any too little.

In actual construction, I have been taking a leaf from the EAA's book and have added gussets to all joints, in both fuselage top and sides. That is to say, when building the usual framed fuselage. I gusset each joint on the inside of the side framework with 1/32 or 1/16 plywood scraps. Then, when adding the top and bottom cross members. I gusset them as well, back and front and both sides. In this way I'm assured a much stronger and more rigid joint and provide significantly greater gluing area as well. Our usual butt joints is all right for the smaller models with higher vibration frequencies, but I feel a lot safer my way, especially when that big bird is up in the air. Photo 3 illustrates the gussets used on a scratch built Mr. Mulligan from Bud Nosen plans. (Okay, purists, it's not really scratch built as it isn't my own plan, but it isn't from the kit box!) The addition of all these gussets does add to the time required to build, but it's worth it in the sense of security it provides



Firewalls for the larger engines should be doubled from the original plan. This is particularly necessary if you are to use one of the larger engines. I prefer half inch aircraft grade plywood. This adds a bit of extra weight forward as does the engine. The Quadra weighs in at 3 pounds, plus or minus, and it needs a bit more behind it than your average glow engine. This applies to balance of the model as well, with that extra weight up front you can afford extra weight in the tail feathers and this will allow sturdier construction that might be normal in a smaller model

In future columns, I'll be covering some of the methods we have been using to mount these larger engines and which have, to date, stood the test of some considerable flying.

Control surfaces on these larger models present some problems, they are a good deal larger than we are accustomed to and present a heavier work load (and therefore higher current drain) to a servo. I have been using standard EK SM servos to date and they have proven adequate to the job. It is a good idea to use a servo on each aileron





Those Winnipeg boys like RCM (especially the cover) – from L to R; Leo Menard, Bill Heywood, Ross Taylor and Danny Pethrick – note the two Proctor Bipes under construction.



Bill Heywood (L) and Danny Pethrick (R) building twin Antic Bipes - Ross Taylor (far left) lends a hand these boys have been building together every Friday night for years.



L to R - Leo Menard, Ross Taylor, Bill Heywood checking Antic Bipe plans note the beautiful Stand-Off Scale ships overhead -- Dan and Bill build two of everything.

 "ATC clears flight 715 present position INS direct Winnipeg — maintain flight level 390."

That's good — a direct clearance will cut a few minutes off the flight plans and get us into Winnipeg early. Ross Taylor, the Trans Air maintenance crew chief at Winnipeg International Airport, will be waiting for me at the hotel. He says he's got some club members for me to meet at a weekly 'building and bull' session.

It was one of those typical February evenings in Manitoba — 22° below zero — clear as a bell, with the aurora borealis blazing away overhead.

During the drive to Dan Pethrick's home (our host for the evening), Ross told me a bit about R/C in Winnipeg.

"The Winnipeg Radio Control Club (WRCC) has about 80 active members. The club started as MALM (Model Aircraft League of Manitoba), but evolved into WRCC about 10 years ago. We're associated with MAAC (Model Airplane Association of Canada), the equivalent of your AMA."

I was especially interested in Ross' comments on the club's flying facilities and interests.

"We have a 3 runway paved model airport 15 miles south of Winnipeg; also, the sport fliers have the unlimited use of Marcel Tailliau's (a local contractor) private grass strip 4 miles west of town. All Marcel asks is that we clear the field for him when he lands his full scale Cessna. The club is heavy on 15-500 pylon, pattern, world class scale, and sailplanes--- and there are a lot of sport fliers like the two you're going to meet tonight. These boys are super model builders --- they don't enter contests any more --- too hectic --- simply do it for fun and fellowship."

I found out that R/C gear costs the Canadians about 30% more than their American cousins pay. They have access to just about everything we do, and (of course) R/C Modeler is their favorite magazine (especially the cover).

Danny Pethrick and Bill Heywood have been building and flying together for more than 30 years. They have every Friday night set aside for a building session; and the door and refrigerator are always open for friends. This night,



Dan's SE-5 and Spitfire, E.K. Radio, both use Veco .61.



Dan has a fantastic collection of plastic scale models – uses these to help in detail work on R/C projects.



Dan's radios in front of his plastic scale collection.

Leo Menard had dropped by to 'kibitz' a bit.

Twin Proctor Bipes were under construction on Danny's table. It seems that over the years, Bill (a modeler since the early 30's, and an aircraft fabric worker by trade) and Dan build twin ships — two of everything. Currently in their stable are two Sterling Spits, two to page 161

By William R. Shirley CUTTING LINE FOR RAZOR SAW WORK STOP PIECE OF WOODEN WEB

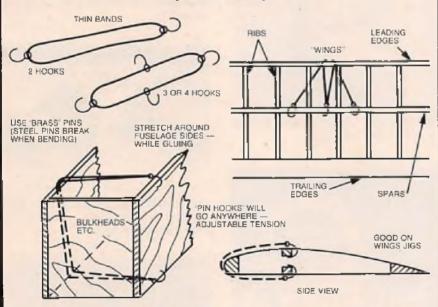
Scratch builders faced with the tedium of cutting multiple, identical parts like webbing for wing spars, may be interested in this simple, temporary cutting jig. If you regularly scratch build, a flat piece of 1/2" or 3/4" plywood could be substituted for the scrap board shown in the sketch.

Assemble the parts with small nails, leaving the heads protruding so that the parts may be relocated; the work stop to control the length of the parts to be cut, and the fence to establish a new cutting line when the cutting board surface inevitably becomes slotted from the razor saw.

The fastest way to set-up for a cut is by placing a flat metal ruler in place under the square, then locating the position for the stop by reading the proper dimension on the portion of the ruler extending past the cut-off line. Cut one trial piece and measure it carefully before manufacturing a whole batch.

MAKE YOUR OWN MODEL CLAMPS

By D.B. Mackay



Model clamps come in all sizes and varieties, but none are made so versatile as to fit every need. This idea will fill in the gaps and is also quick, economical, and inexpensive to make.

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encompasses all types of flying, I'll try to list most of the proposed tasks so you can be practicing to do your best. The contest will have a variety of types of helicopters flying and, after reading some of the tentative tasks, you'll see what I mean.

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Both 3" and 4" Angleometers as used to check and set pitch.



Close-up shot showing how to properly use 4" Angleometer and X-Acto clamp.

Figure 8, ending with a landing. Then lift off and a climb out into a procedure turn to the left or right at pilot's option, then into a large 360 flying circle, then to a large square procedure approach and descent to a landing. After the landing, a lift off and proceed to the precision gates. For the Sportsman class there will be three sets of three gates. The first set of three gates will have 6' total rotor clearance and each gate will be placed to page 158



3" Angleometer used to level flybar and level the machine for accurate checking.



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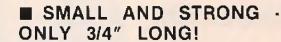
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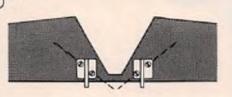


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HERE'S HOW-



his month's Here's How is a switch from my usual how-to format. I ran across this neat little RC Flight Simulator and felt it was well worth passing on to all you readers out there. I have never seen anything like it in my years as an RC'er, and feel it has much to offer those who want to know more about RC flying before investing a pile of money. I think you will agree, after looking it over, that it's certainly unique in its reflection of what really happens in RC flight. Of course, seeing the actual operation of the simulator will convince you further. I was completely amazed when I took hold of the controls; however, let's back up to the beginning and learn how it all came

Bremen, Indiana is a small farm community located in the northern part of the State. As you enter the city limits a big sign indicates, in very large letters. that this is the home town of Governor Otis Bowen, the current governor of the State. Bremen is also the home of Dale and Martha Heuberger, owners of one of the most complete RC hobby shops in the area. The hobby shop is better known as Heuberger's. Modelers from as far as forty miles away stop in at Heuberger's for their needs. And they can be sure that the latest RC items in demand will be in stock for their inspection. Heuberger's are proud of this fact and take special pride in keeping abreast with our great hobby/sport. It is something special to enter their shop and find two people so completely on top of their job.

Many potential RC'ers come to Heuberger's to find out what it's all about, and, Dale spends considerable time giving them some idea of what to expect. However, the prospective RC'er is soon overwhelmed and somewhat frustrated after viewing the many different radios, kits, engines and hardware now available on today's market. Realizing that more information was needed and this was a serious problem. Dale began to look for a way to demonstrate the "feel" of actually flying an RC airplane.

This would give the newcomer a fair idea of the flying aspect and what to expect should he decide to become an active RC'er. Dale reasoned that an RC Flight Simulator (RCFS), coupled with the experience of a seasoned RC'er, would certainly be a valuable tool to convey additional information to the newcomer.

Over several months the idea of the flight simulator began to form in Dale's mind. At first it seemed quite simple but, as more functions were added, the project became complicated and cumbersome. Keep in mind that each function must be accompanied by control reaction on the simulator. For example, when up-elevator is applied on

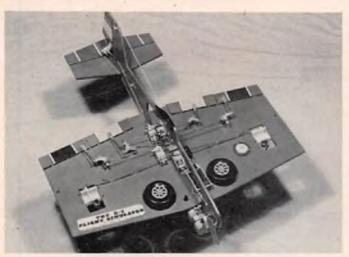
the transmitter, the flight simulator's elevator will move up and the simulator itself will pitch upward and show the direct relationship of action from control reaction. Perhaps you can now better understand how hard it was for Dale to keep things on a simple basis.

Let's take a look at Dale's RCFS and see exactly what it does. First and foremost, the RCFS demonstrates the actual characteristics of a model flight, visually and mechanically. Because of its open construction, it gives on the spot visualization of both RC mechanics and RC function.

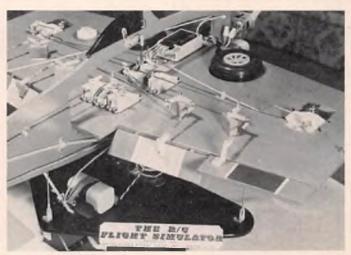
The RC function is very evident as one operates the control sticks on the transmitter. There are three main functions; roll, yaw and pitch. For you beginners, that's aileron, rudder and elevator. Remember, as the control surface moves the simulator reacts to that particular control. Then, engine throttle. To simulate this aspect, Dale installed a small electric motor and propwith a speed control. As the throttle stick is advanced the rpm on the prop increases proportionately. With the throttle all the way back, the motor is turned off. Flaps and retracts make up the additional two channels. These are not normally needed to fly an RC airplane but add to the overall realism and glamour of the Flight Simulator. When the flaps are lowered, the canopy slides back simulating a dual function with one servo. And, watching retracts go up and down can also intrigue the newcomer as to what is available and what can be done.

All of the control rods are plainly visible, and demonstrate typical hook-ups from servo to control surface or other functions. With all the pushrods in plain view, the beginner has very little to imagine with regard to control hook-up.

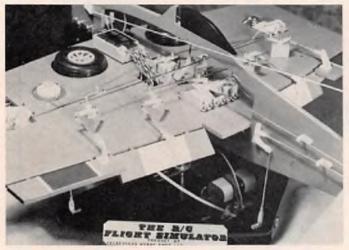
Although the Flight Simulator is at home in the hobby shop, it shows its true value when taken to an RC show, or flight demonstration. Wherever there is a large crowd of people at one of these shows, you will find them gathered around Dale and his Flight Simulator. When demonstrating the RCFS to a large crowd, the buddy box is employed. Generally, it works this way. The battery is removed from one transmitter and that transmitter is fastened to a stand. This eliminates the danger of someone dropping it. And, without a battery it doesn't matter if they turn on the switch. The buddy box is placed out front, close to the Flight Simulator. Dale operates his transmitter and has control of the buddy box. This allows the interested spectator to operate the Flight Simulator. In this way. Dale has perfect control at all times with no chance of accident. This method



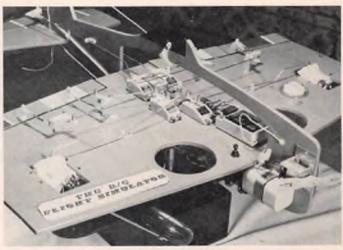
Overall view of Flight Simulator. All flight control surfaces are color coded to further aid visualization. Entire Simulator is made of aircraft plywood and painted.



The Flight Simulator with flaps extended. Receiver power supply is mounted on the base for ease of accessibility.



Left side view. Note center bubble level mounted on wing denoting level flight. Bellcrank mounted on side of fuselage transmits pitch action from elevator. Canopy is open with flaps extended.



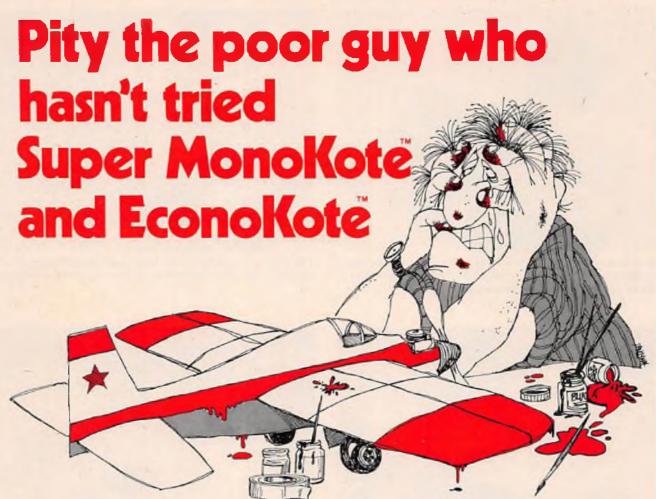
Retracts are headed down. Receiver on-off switch located in front (Du-Bro). Battery mounted in front is power supply for electric motor and speed control operated by the throttle stick on transmitter.



When demonstrating Flight Simulator, transmitter is mounted on stand and used as a buddy box. Control is given over to student from the transmitter held by instructor – the buddy box method.



The R/C Flight Simulator at half throttle, full right aileron and full up elevator. A small light on each wing tip blinks on and off to let you know it's ready for action.



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Sunday FlierKEN WILLARD







This was Toledo 1978 --- a seething mass of R/C enthusiasts --- jamming every booth, buying everything in sight – and a half scale airplane hovering overhead.



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r. Dum-Dum lives! As you may recall, I was beginning to wonder, since the letters were pretty slow in coming. But my faith is restored; there are still a lot of you out there who manage to screw things up like I do. But, when I do it, I really get things backwards. Reminds me of a story - - which I'll clean up a bit, but you'll get the idea.

Seems there was this aspiring young actor, who was making some progress in the local Little Theater group. He'd studied hard, learned how to paint scenery, move sets, get the lighting arranged for scenes, and that sort of thing, but he just seemed to choke a bit when he tried to say his lines. After awhile, though, the director felt sorry for him, and gave him a very simple speaking part - - - one line. He was to come in from the wings, stop, cup his hand to his ear and say "Hark! I heard a pistol shot!"

So he rehearsed, and rehearsed, and rehearsed some more. He was letter perfect. Came opening night; the play was going great. There was his cue! He rushed on stage, cupped his hand dramatically to his ear, and cried "Hark! I heard a shishtol pot! Ah-h, I mean a shotstol pit --- postle shot! Oh, M---! Horse spit, Bullshot! I didn't want to be an actor anyway!"

Well, did you happen to read my column about 1/2A engines, in which I pontificated on throttles, their pros and cons, and wound up telling you which one was the best I had found - - - at least for me? So, what did I do? I extolled the virtues of the "Hotchkiss" throttle. No sconer than the magazine hit the stands, but only a split second later, I got phone calls and letters aksing, "Where can I get that throttle?" Mr. Dum-Dum strikes again - - - what I really meant was the Hiscott throttle! Boy, it's a good thing I wasn't as rattled as that actor - - - think of all the possibilities!

While I sort through the letters and pick the winner, here are a couple of examples. First, though, before printing some letters I did get - - - how about the one that I didn't get? I suppose it's not too unusual for readers to get the columnists mixed up - - - I've been accused of losing my interest in small R/C jobs because "I designed the Lazy Ace!" And I would bet that Chuck Cunningham got a lot of letters about downwind turns back when we were kicking that around.

But this one went even further. A modeler wrote to the Editor of another magazine, said he "understood they were looking for entrants in the youngest and oldest categories of R/C fliers." Then he went on to list his entries. Now get this - - - he would have won on both counts in the contest I was running - - - if he had sent the letter to me! And I can't give him the Dum-Dum award because he didn't enter it! A real loser.

This one's funny because it could

have been a disaster but turned out to be only embarrassing. Tom Geary, of Warner Robins, Georgia, writes: Dear Ken,

I would have written you sooner concerning the Mr. Dum-Dum contest but you see I hadn't pulled my boner until last Saturday afternoon at the field.

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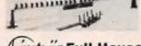
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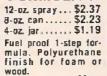


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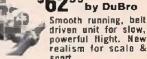
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HOW TO START A CLUB

Ithough R/C car racing is growing very fast, there is still many areas that are not organized yet, to the point of having clubs and regularly scheduled events. Even in areas where there is strong club activity, it's hard for the beginners to find clubs and racing events.

You can write to R.O.A.R., 20860 Homeland Rd., Matteson, Illinois 60443, and ask them for the name and address of the club nearest you. R.O.A.R. (Radio Operated Auto Racing), the National organization, keeps a record of clubs in the USA. New clubs can also send in their name and address to R.O.A.R. to add to this list so that new racers in their areas know where to contact them. Also, for \$5.00 you can join R.O.A.R. and receive a copy of Revup every other month. Revup is a R.O.A.R. publication that keeps the members informed of what's happening around the country.

If there is no organized activity in your area yet, it would be very easy for you to start it up. Ask your local hobby dealer if it would be all right for you to post a small 8" x 11" notice in his shop about R/C cars. On the notice, you could have a photo of a R/C car. You could also state something to the effect that "Every Sunday afternoon, at 1 pm, there will be a demonstration of R/C cars in the parking lot at Main Street Shopping Center, at Main and Broadway Streets. For further information call Joe Racer at 637-7654." Change the wording around to suit yourself. The important thing is to take the first step and get the noticed posted in the hobby shop. Pick a location to run on that has a lot of exposure to people walking by. There are an awful lot of would-be car racers that would like to race, if they only knew that there was such a thing as an R/C car. If you run on a parking lot where no one can see you, then there will be no new people to join your fun.

Wherever you run, try to keep some kind of safe crowd control. Don't let the people get too close to where you're actually driving, and it's not necessary to show the crowd how fast you can go. It's much better to set up a simple course and just drive around it. When you stop running, be prepared to answer a million questions. This is a very important



This is a scene from a race in So. Calif. at Briggs Cunningham Car Museum being run by the Orange County R/C Car Club. A flat bed truck serves as a platform for lap counters. Transmitters are impounded on folding tables. A permanent driver's stand and 12" high boards that surround the track are also shown.



The Central Florida RiC Auto Racers Club in Orlando, Florida has a self contained trailer that is used for transmitter impound and race tags. It also is used to haul the boards that surround the track.

step. The interested spectator is what it takes to become a future R/C car racer. You'll be answering the same questions a hundred times, but if you can get 4 or 5 guys really interested, you've got your club started.

Once you get 2, 3, 4, or 5 guys running at the same time, then it's a lot easier to get more new people interested. It's fun running by yourself, but it's a whole lot more fun running with other racers.

Most hobby shops would be glad to let you post notices of your R/C car activities. It wouldn't cost them anything to do so, and they know that you would be helping them by bringing in new customers for them. All the hobby shop owners I've met have been real nice people who are genuinely interested in helping their customers.

Some hobby shop owners are a little apprehensive about R/C cars, mainly because they are quite familiar with airplanes, but they don't know anything about the cars. Clean up your car and show it to the hobby shop owner. I'm sure he would be glad to take the time to look over your car while you explain the different parts to him. As soon as he finds out the cars are a lot easier to understand, than he might have thought, he'll be much easier to work with.

Don't expect him to rush right out and put in a huge stock of R/C cars. It doesn't work quite that way. In the beginning he'll be glad to order whatever parts you need, as we'll as a complete car for a new customer. When there are 4 or 5 racers in his area, he'll probably start to stock a few parts for them. As the number of racers grow in an area, you'll start to see the stock of R/C car parts growing in the hobby shop.

When you get up to 5 or more racers, it's time to form a club. With your club formed it's then time to have regularly scheduled events. Normally a 2 week spread between races is good, but you can vary this to suit your club. Here in Southern California between the 1/8 and 1/12 scale clubs, there's from 1 to 4 races every weekend, year round, between the 9 clubs. And it's still growing!

With your club formed, you should



If you know the right people, like the Northwest R/C'ers Car Club in Seattle, Washington do, you can get Tony Bellezzi to take a semi trailer and build a double decker platform for a driver's stand and lap counter's stand and put a cover on it.



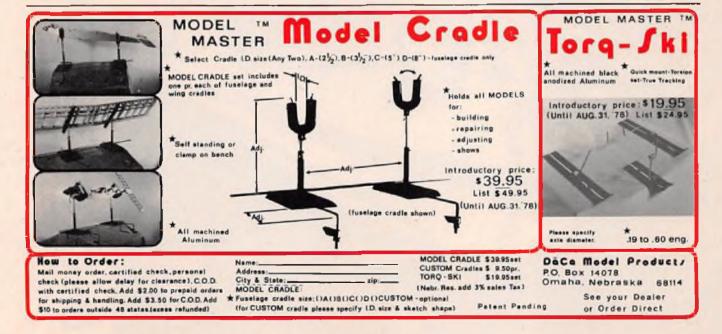
start to collect dues. Don't make it too much to begin with, you don't want to scare anyone off. You'll need some money to make boards to surround the track, to protect the spectators from your overly enthusiastic driving lines. As your club gets larger you'll want to buy clocks and a P.A. (public address loudspeaker) system.

For your first races you should also present trophies. About one trophy for

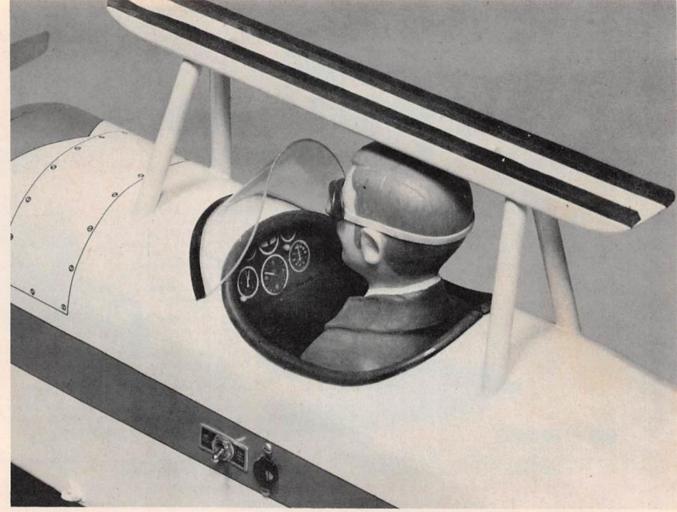
every 4 or 5 competitors is enough. Trophies are very important because there's nothing else in the world like winning your first trophy. The trophies are paid for by the race entry fees, the amount of which is determined by your club members, \$2, \$3, \$4, or whatever you decide on. Trophies should be awarded at the conclusion of the days events.

When your club is new, you won't

need clocks or a P.A. system to begin with. As an example, you can run a series of short races. You'll find that in the beginning, short races are much better for the majority of racers than long races. Limit your races to say, 4 or 5 ten lap races. Give 10 points for 1st place, 9 for 2nd and so on. The racer with the most points at the end of the day wins the trophy. A series of shorter 10 lap



SUPER





ARASOL



he Heath Super Parasol was designed, built, and first flown by Edward Bayard Heath in 1925. Ed Heath was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1888 and grew up in Amsterdam, a town 25 miles northwest of Albany, New York. Heath's interest in aviation started at an early age. His first successful aircraft, a Bleriot type monoplane was flown in 1909 on a flight of 40 seconds duration. This aircraft was severely damaged less than a year later, when in spite of Heath's small physical size (5' - 130 lbs.), the clearing of a 3' high fence at the end of the field became an impossible task for the fragile monoplane.

Young Heath then went to work for Curtiss in the hope of finding work in the aircraft division. As luck would have it, the only position open to Heath was in the motorcycle department. While employed by Curtiss, Heath acquired a thorough understanding of motorcycle engines and was able to at least study and observe the various Curtiss aircraft designs. This wealth of knowledge would be put to good use in subsequent Heath designs.

Being of a pioneering and creative nature; Heath was not to stay at Curtiss long and after returning to the Amsterdam area for a short time, where he rebuilt his original 1909 monoplane for use in country fair demonstrations; Heath headed for Chicago and formed the E.B. Heath Aerial Vehicle Company. This company, which provided the many sundry items to the infant aviation industry, flourished and it was during World War I that the prophetic Heath decided that what was needed was a low cost aircraft that would be within the average man's means. The resultant design was called the "Feather". It was a single seat biplane with a 20' wing span, weighed 270 lbs., and was powered by a 15 horsepower motorcycle engine. The Feather flew guite well, however, Heath's intentions of manufacturing it were scrapped due to the glut of low cost government surplus aircraft and engines, that were readily available after World War I. Heath instead, turned to providing replacement parts for these surplus aircraft. The company name was changed to the Heath Airplane Company and in 1921, Heath again turned to designing aircraft with a biplane named the "Favorite". This was a three place aircraft powered by a Curtiss OX-5 engine. The "Favorite" was flown by Heath to a third place finish. in the "On to St. Louis Race" segment of the 1923 National Air Races. This success inspired Heath to design a shoulder wing monoplane type racer; with the help of an aircraft engineer named Claire Linstead, which was to win the Philadelphia National Air Race. The A .19 powered, 3 channel Stand-Off Scale/Sport flyer version of the 1928 original by the Heath Aircraft Company.

By Bob Wallace



prize money from this race was put to use by Heath and Linstead in designing the first parasol model. Powered by a converted Henderson Motorcycle engine of 23 HP, the Parasol proved to be a stable, easy to fly aircraft. After building and testing several Parasol variations, the Heath Aircraft Company began in 1927 to produce the Super Parasol in numbers. The original factory fly away price was \$595.00! In the years that followed, the Super Parasol was offered in kit form with or without engine and propeller, or a complete set of blueprints could be purchased for \$5.00. Also available were kits in progressive groupings, wing ribs for \$12.47 etc., for the installment or "pay as you build" buyers. The Henderson motorcycle engine, an inline, upright, four cylinder, air cooled type, was modified by Heath and redesignated the Heath B-4 engine. It was available with propeller for \$285.00 or the "do it yourself" conversion kit could be purchased for \$65.00.

Between 1927 and 1930 many plans and kits were sold. The purchaser needed only basic hand tools to assemble his super Parasol. However, as is usually the case with home built projects, the quality of construction ranged from crude, poorly assembled models to modified "show piece type" specimens.

The Super Parasol had a wing span of 25', was 17' long, weighed 260 lbs. empty, and could carry a useful load of 300 lbs. The top speed was 70 mph, landing speed was a modest 28 mph and the cruising radius was 200 miles on 5 gallons of gas.

Although many Super Parasols were built and flown, virtually no two were built alike. This included the factory built Super Parasols, which were continually being improved and modified.

The Parasol design was also developed in a mid and low wing configuration. It was in the low wing version that Ed Heath was to be tragically killed, when the wing failed on a test flight in 1931.

The death of Edward Heath prompted the sale of the company several months later to a group of Chicago investors, who re-named the firm, The International Aircraft Corporation. In the years that followed, the Heath Super Parasol was offered by International in the conventional and mid wing configurations. The low wing version was never produced. The last Super Parasol was built in 1936, although parts and blueprints remained available up to World War II. The company which had by then become highly diversified, flourished and grew, particularly in the radio and electronics field. Today as everyone knows, Heath Kit Corporation is a giant in the electronics kit industry.

What first prompted me to consider building a R/C model of the Heath Super



HEATH SUPER PARASOL

Designed By: Bob Wallace TYPE AIRCRAFT Stand-Off Scale/Sport WINGSPAN 521/4 Inches WING CHORD 9½ Inches TOTAL WING AREA 490 Square Inches WING LOCATION Parasol AIRFOIL Flat Bottom WING PLANFORM Constant Chord DIHEDRAL, EACH TIP 2% inches **OVERALL FUSELAGE LENGTH** 34 1/4 Inches RADIO COMPARTMENT AREA (L) 5%" x (W) 3%" x (H) 2%" STABILIZER SPAN 16 Inches STABILIZER CHORD (Incl. elev.) 5 % Inches STABILIZER AREA 85 Sq. In STAB AIRFOIL SECTION Flat STABILIZER LOCATION Top of Fuselage **VERTICAL FIN HEIGHT** 61/a Inches VERTICAL FIN WIDTH (incl. rudder) 65% Inches **REC. ENGINE SIZE** .19 Cu. In. **FUEL TANK SIZE** 4 Ounce LANDING GEAR Conventional REC. NO. OF CHANNELS **CONTROL FUNCTIONS** Rud., Elev., Throt BASIC MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION . Balsa & Ply Fuselage Wing Balsa, Ply & Spruce Empennage Wt. Ready-To-Fly



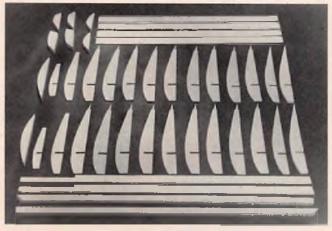
Parasol was a strong interest in home-built aircraft of the 1920-1930 era. The Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut has on display, a partially restored Super Parasol. After viewing it, I simply had to build one. The Super Parasol shown in the accompanying plans is intended as a Stand-Off or Sport Scale project. The nose has been lengthened slightly, but the only substantial change is the reduction of the elevator and rudder surfaces for better R/C flight characteristics.

The R/C Super Parasol is both easy to build and fly. If you have a yen to build a "fun to fly" R/C model, with a vintage home-built look, the Super Parasol should be of interest to you. Whether you build it as a Sunday sport flyer or a more detailed contest type model, you won't be disappointed. For the contest type of model, two excellent sources of scale detail information on the Super Parasol are available from the following: The Thomas Studio of Melville, New York, who offer an outstanding historical documentation booklet on the Heath Super Parasol and the Historical Aviation Album, P.O. Box 33, Temple City, California, which has an issue (Volume IV) that covers Ed Heath and his numerous designs.

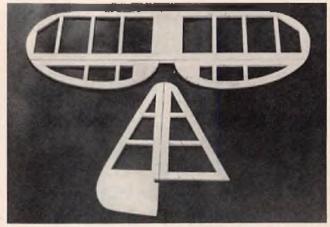
CONSTRUCTION

Wing:

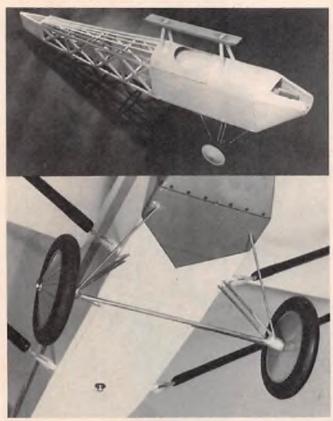
Start by cutting out the ribs, using the outlines shown on the plan. All ribs are 3/32" sheet except the two center ribs; which are made from 1/4" sheet. Stack and pin all the wing ribs according to their respective numbers and sand to a uniform contour. Cut the wing tip pieces (WT1, WT2, WT3, & WT4) from 1/2" sheet. Cut out the 1/8" and 1/16" plywood strut support pieces and the 1/4" x 1" x 1" hardwood wing bolt blocks. Pin the 3/16" x 3/4" main spar in place over the plan (be sure that your building surface is absolutely flat), this sparshould be either hard balsa, spruce or pine, and the step down cut from rib W3 to the tip should be made prior to pinning it in place. Pin the bottom trailing edge 1/16" sheet in place. Position several ribs on the pinned down main spar and use them to locate and pin the 3/8" x 3/4" leading edge in place. Pin and glue the bottom 1/16" center section sheeting between the leading edge and main spar, and the trailing edge and main spar. Pin and glue all the W1 and W2 ribs in place. Since the bottom center section sheeting covers the rib locations in this area, use the rib positioning lines which are shown beyond the leading and trailing edges. The 1/4" center rib should be angled 5° to produce the proper dihedral angle. Pin and glue the 1/2" wing tip pieces in place and add the W3 and W4 ribs. Glue the 1/8" plywood strut support plates in place along with the 1/4" triangular stock reinforcement pieces. Glue the 1/4" x 1"



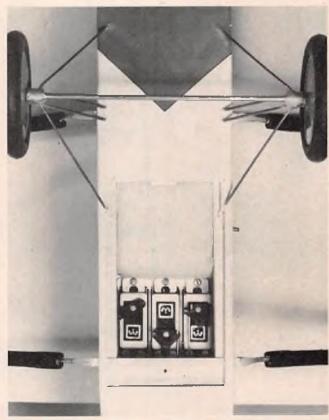
Complete wing kit made up and ready to glue together.



Completed tall feathers sanded and hinges fitted in place.

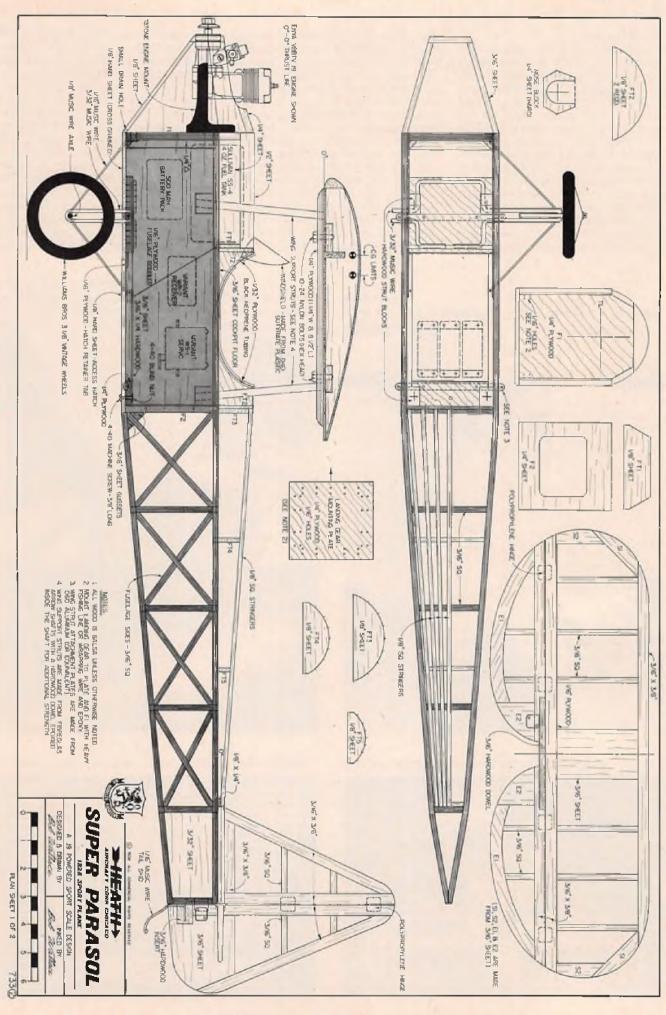


TOP: Fuselage sanded and ready to be covered. ABOVE: Note excellent soldering done on landing gear. Simulated cowl screws inked on with draftman's pen.

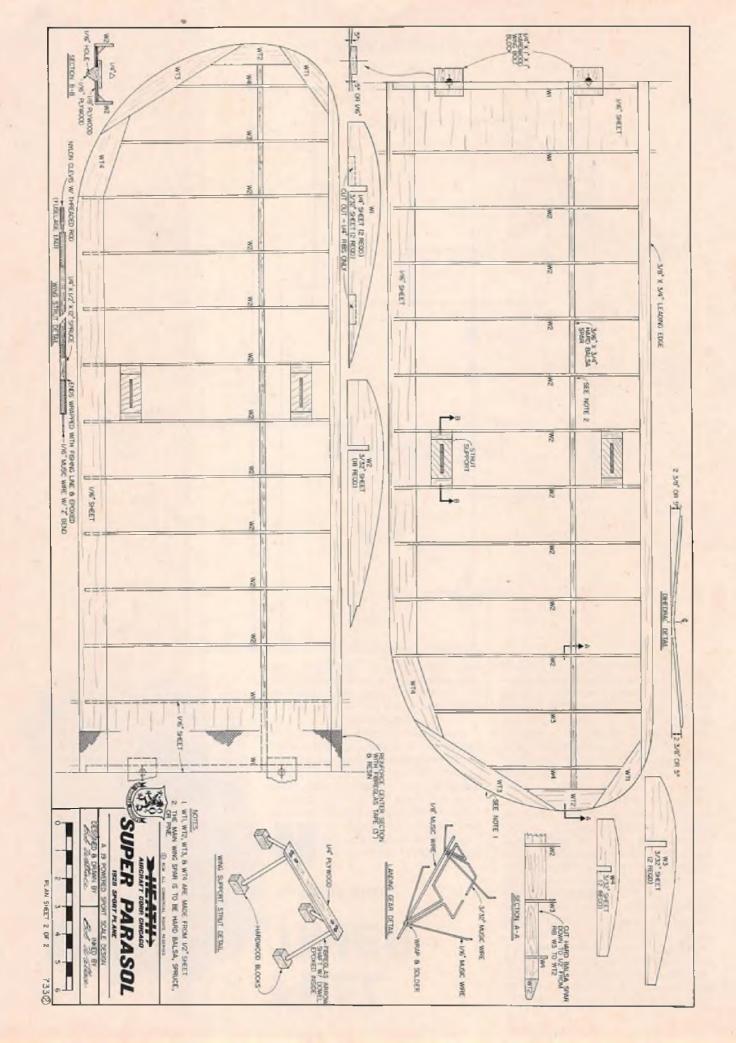


View of radio compartment hatch removed. Very neat installation.

x 1" hardwood wing bolt blocks in place. Be sure that you have bevelled the bottom of these blocks as shown before gluing them in place. When dry, remove the pins from the trailing edge sheet and add the top 1/16" trailing edge sheet. Add the center section top 1/16" sheeting over the W1 ribs. Let assembly dry. Repeat construction sequence for the opposite wing panel, except for the wing bolt blocks which were installed in the first wing panel. These blocks should slide into the notches cut in the 1/2" center rib of the wing panel that you are now building. When both wing panels are dry, they may be removed from the building board and joined together at the proper dihedral angle. Be sure that no twist or warp is built in when you glue the two wing halves together, by pinning them down at the center on your building board, and blocking up the tips to the indicated angle. Glue the 1/16" plywood strut attachment plates into the 1/8" plywood plates. Shape and sand the leading edge and wing tips to the proper contour. Sand the center section sheeting to a smooth ridge free surface and apply a 3" wide strip of fiberglass cloth to the center section joint with polyester resin or thinned down epoxy. An easy method to apply the fiberglass cloth and resin is as follows: Cut the cloth strip about 20" long. Apply the resin liberally to the center section area to be covered, with a brush. There is no need to be fussy in applying the resin. Lay the cloth onto the resin and wrap it around the leading edge. The two ends should overhang the trailing edge. Gently smooth out all bubbles and wrinkles and then blot off all excess resin with toilet tissue or paper towel. Don't worry - - - it won't stick to the cloth or pull the cloth up! Let the resin cure and harden. Trim off the excess cloth which extended beyond the trailing edge and lightly sand off any high spots and feather the cloth edges. The wing can now be fine sanded in preparation for text to page 144



FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE - SEE PAGE 187





FUEL TIMER

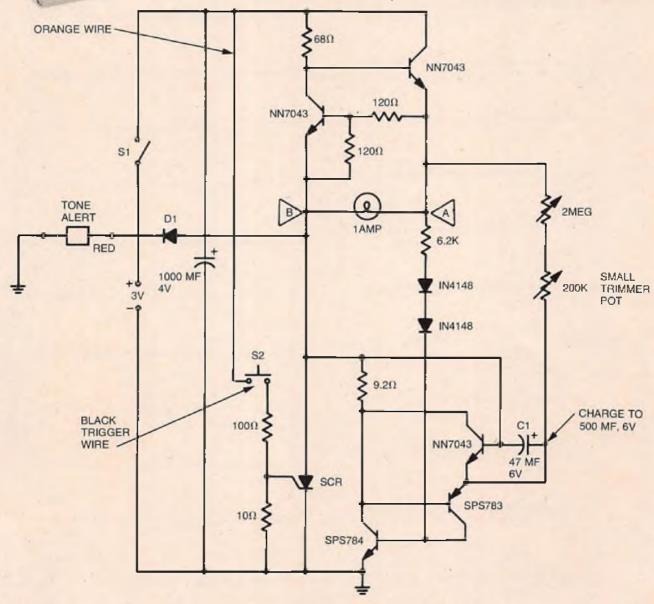
By David Auxier

ave you ever had trouble keeping track of the time and finding your plane running out of fuel, thus causing you to make an emergency landing? This easy to build little timer, which can be installed in your transmitter or in a small metal box, should help solve the problem. It can be adjusted from approximately 1½ minutes to 18 minutes, giving a beep when it's time to land.

Construction

The timer is built with a few readily available parts plus a capacitor discharge photo timer and tone alert module obtainable from a Poly Paks

catalogue. First, you will have to replace capacitor C1 on the photo timer with 500 uf electrolytic capacitor. This will extend the operating time of the timer from 2 minutes to approximately 18 minutes. Next, solder the anode lead of the 3017A diode to the B lead of the small light bulb on the timer board. This can be easily done by slipping a short piece of insulating tubing over the lead of the diode and then soldering it to the foil side of the board. Solder the cathode lead of the diode to the red lead of the tone alert module. The diode acts as a switch which only allows the alert module to draw current when the bulb on the timer goes off. Solder the black lead of the tone alert module to the foil where the negative sign is located on the timber board. Now attach the black trigger wire from the timer to one terminal of the push button switch and connect the orange wire coming from the positive mark on the other terminal. Remove the white wire from the timer board and solder the black wire from the battery connector in



FUEL TIMER SCHEMATIC

its place. Solder the red wire from the battery connector to one of the terminals on the toggle switch. Run a wire from the other terminal on the toggle switch to the positive input on the board.

Testing

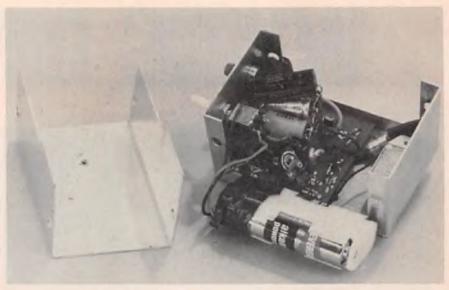
Connect the batteries to the timer. If you have not mounted the tone alert module firmly, press down firmly on it so it will operate. Flip the toggle switch on and you should hear a beep from the tone alert which indicates that the timer is operating.

Installation

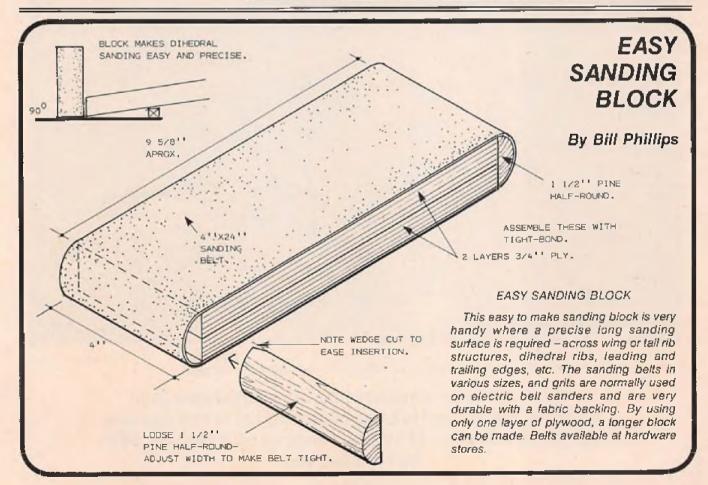
The unit can now be installed in either your transmitter or a small metal case. Simply drill holes for the two switches and for the shaft of the time control pot. A little care must be taken when drilling the hole for the pot shaft so that the photo timer board with pot can be placed right behind the front of the case with the pot shaft extending through to the front. Now take a small drill bit and drill a few small holes in the position you wish to place the tone alert module. The timer board and module can now be secured with some 5-minute epoxy or silicone glue.

Operation

To operate, just flip the toggle switch on and tap the push-button which starts the timing mode. The time length can be adjusted with the 2 meg pot. The timer can now be calibrated with a watch, marking with a labeler the minutes around the pot shaft on the outside of the box or transmitter.



PARTS LIST					
Item	Quantity	Part No.	Cost		
Photo Timer*	1	92CU 3492	\$2.50		
Micro-tone Alert*	1	92CU 3513	1.98		
Capacitor C1	1	500 uf @ 6V Electrolytic			
Diode D1	1	RCA SK3017A	TVIEL V		
Battery Holder	1	AA Type 2 Battery Type	MEDIOC CO.		
Battery Connector	1	Double Snap Fastener	The second second		
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S2 Switch	1	Miniature Push-Button (N.C	D.)S1		
Switch	1	Miniature Toggle (SP. ST.			
Batteries	2	AA Eveready Alkaline	AA Eveready Alkaline		
Metal Box (op.)	1	Aluminum (3¼ x 2½ x 15%)			
*Can be obtained from Poly	Paks, P.O.	Box 942, South Lynnfield, Mass. 0	1940.		
The Tone Alert Buzzer ca Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne		ourchased from: Formula Internatio 90250	nal, Inc., 12603		



WHING DING II



Dottie Curl poses with the WD II at Rancho Bernardo Playground in Southern California.

A Stand-Off Scale model of the ultra-light home built biplane. The original full size has a span of 17 feet against our model's span of 42 inches. Powered by a Tee Dee .049.

By Paul Denson

obert W. Hovey's thoughts of building the 'Ultra Light' were brought on by the advent of the McCulloch 101A. This jewel of an engine inspired the WD-II design. The WD-I had a single wheel like a glider. but didn't work out too well. After analysis and design changes, the WD-II was contructed in a four month period and the first flight was made at Mojave, California, in February 1971.

Roll control is done with wing warping, however, the WD-II is so stable, some people turn with rudder only. If, after construction of the model, you desire to build the full size version, plans are available for \$15.00 and an information packet for \$2.00 from Aircraft Specialties, P.O. Box 1074H, Canyon Country, California 91351.

The original WD-II is advertised as an Ultra Light Biplane, ultra simple, ultra low cost, and ultra fun. The plane weighs 118 lbs., is powered by a 12 HP McCulloch engine and has a wing span of 17'. It is designed for 50 mph with a fuel capacity of 1/2 gallon which keeps it in the air for 15 minutes.

The three-views were found in the library of the Aerospace Museum in San Diego and I thought what an unique model this would make. The flight picture included with the three-view showed the sun shining through the wing so that all spars, diagonals, and ribs showed, which made me decide then and there nothing else but silkspan would do for the wing covering.

it was my intention to keep the plane as near scale as was practical without making the construction too difficult. This decision nearly ended the project on the first flight. The stab is full flying with 1/3 forward of the hinge line and 2/3 behind. The smallest movement available with the servos used would probably have been enough for the full size plane. Needless to say it was way too much for the model. After an uneventful hand launch, it flew well until the first stab correction was necessary then it went wild. Every time I touched the stick it was too much and it looked as if it was locked to the tracks of a roller coaster. The ensuing touchdown, if that is what you want to call it, wasn't too bad, but it did indicate that the boom had to be much stronger and the stab had to be changed. I put the stab in o° position and epoxied the hinge line then cut off the rear 1" of the stab, hinged it and added the horn — this turned out almost perfect.

In the plans stage, I thought about using aluminum tubing for the boom; this turned out to be unavailable so a built-up boom was tried. It consisted of two layers of 1/32" balsa wrapped with cloth and the whole thing given two coats of epoxy. The tubing was formed around a 3/8" dowel baked dry in the oven, then another tube formed around that, then baked dry. The two tubes were

cemented together then wrapped with the cloth strip and given the two coats of epoxy. This was just great until I tried to get the two outer Gold-N-Rods down the tube - - - they just wouldn't go. I contact cemented two turns of a sandpaper strip on the end of the 3/8" dowel and reamed out the center of my fabrication - - - this was just enough to let the Gold-N-Rods

WD II Designed By: Paul Denson

TYPE AIRCRAFT 1/2A Stand-Off Scale/Sport WINGSPAN 42 Inches WING CHORD 7 Inches TOTAL WING AREA 588 Square Inches WING LOCATION Biplane AIRFOIL Flat Bottom/Overlapping T.E. WING PLANFORM Constant Chord DIHEDRAL, EACH TIP 11/2" (Both Wings) O.A. FUSELAGE LENGTH 31¼ Inches RADIO COMPARTMENT AREA (L) 6" X (W) 1% " X (H) 1% Plus Rovr. Comp. STABILIZER SPAN 14 Inches STABILIZER CHORD (incl. elev.) 41/2 Inches (Avg.) STABILIZER AREA 60 Sq. In. STAB AIRFOIL SECTION

Flat STABILIZER LOCATION

Top of Boom VERTICAL FIN HEIGHT 7½ Inches

VERTICAL FIN WIOTH (incl. rudder) 41/2 Inches (Avg.)

REC. ENGINE SIZE .049-.051 Cu. In. FUEL TANK SIZE

2 Ounce LANDING GEAR

Conventional REC. NO. OF CHANNELS

CONTROL FUNCTIONS Rudder & Elevator

BASIC MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION

Fuse. Balsa, Ply, w/aluminum boom Wing Balsa, Ply, Spruce, Music Wire Empennage Baisa & Ply Wing Loading 6-7 Oz/Sq. Ft.

pass through. This boom shattered in three places on the first flight. I turned to the expert on gliders and hang gliders, Mark Smith of Windward and Windfree fame, and he came up with a piece of aluminum tubing from one of his old hang gliders which fit the bill just perfectly. It was 1/2" OD seamless aluminum tubing 6061 T-6 and is not

much heavier than the built-up boom, but much more rigid.

I cannot claim credit for designing the bucket seat; I read about the idea in some literature quite some time ago. Ask you pharmacist to save the proper size pill bottle for you. Since I teach chemistry, all I had to do was look up and down the chemical shelf, pick out the right size plastic bottle, and transfer the contents to a glass jar, and I had my bucket seat. I hope no one looks for the Paradichlorobenzene! You can outline your seat with black rubber tubing and secure it with Hot Stuff.

The rigging is not only nice to look at, but it is functional. If you tighten the turnbuckles just right you can take out wash-out or wash-in and, furthermore, it keeps the wings attached to the fuselage. The #1 turnbuckles are available from Proctor Enterprises.

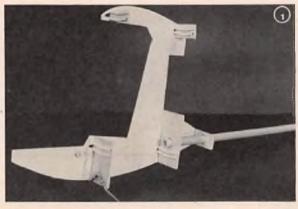
All brass fittings are made from .005". shim stock available in the K & S rack in your hobby shop. .005? that's what the micrometer says it is --- .005. I don't believe it is that thin, but that is what it says - .005". (Grumble - grumble, gonna' throw that dumb micrometer away.)

There are three hatches in the fuselage, the front hatch under the stick is for ballast and the small 500 mil. battery. I am sure a 250 mil. battery would work just as well. The hatch cover is sprung in place being held down with lips at each end. The cover for the receiver compartment is held in place by the seat, the servo mounting tape sticks only to the seat back. A screw through a hole in the seat holds down the cover to the servo compartment.

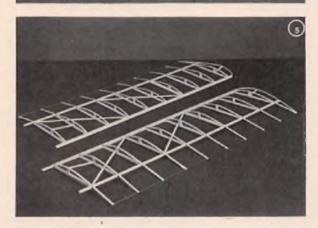
Wing:

I am different from most people, I like building wings and there is where I start - - - besides this wing is so different from the normal wing, it is much more fun to build. My building board is made of Celotex for ease of shoving in pins. Drape the plans over the edge of the building board in such a way that the spar is exactly on the edge. Pin the spruce spar in place, add the leading edge after it has been tapered. While drawing the plans, I envisioned using trailing edge stock here but, the taper is wrong and it is less expensive to use 3/16" x 3/8" stock and plane your own bevel. Cut and glue the 1/8" square spacers. From a 7" long sheet of 1/32" ply, cut the 1/8" wide cap strips. Glue and pin the forward end of the cap strips to the leading edge and allow them to stick up into the air; make sure they are perpendicular to the leading edge. When they are absolutely dry, put a drop of glue on the top of the spacer and on the spar, bend them down and back over the spar, glue in place and pin. The excess will hang out over the edge of the building board. Add the diagonal braces. When completely dry, remove from the

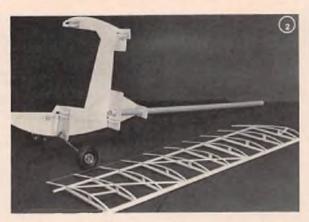
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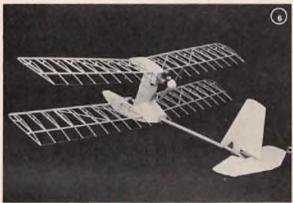


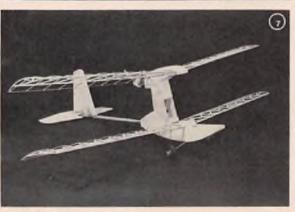


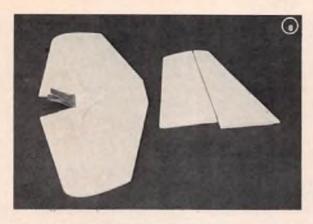
(1) Fuselage side shown with bulkheads in place. Landing gear has to be wired and epoxied in place before bulkhead is installed. Boom is not epoxied in at this point. (2) Another view of partially completed fuselage shown with one completed wing panel. (3) Left fuselage side ready to be joined to fuselage. Wing is shown set in leading edge and spar holes in fuselage side. 1/8" sq. spruce guides hold wing in dihedral position. (4) Fuselage approaching completion stage. Again note holes for wings to plug-in; these have to be accurate as they determine the wing incidence. Note receiver location. (5) One completed wing shown ready to be covered. Note ultra light construction built very similar to full size aircraft. (6) Three quarter rear view of completed Whing Ding prior to the painting and wing covering. (7) Three quarter front view. Only thing missing is the three hatches and something to keep the wind from blowing through the wings.



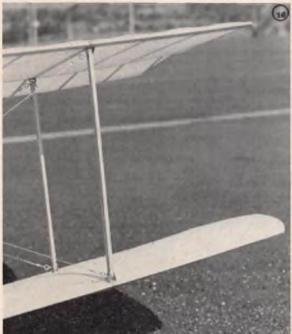




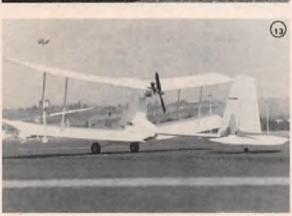




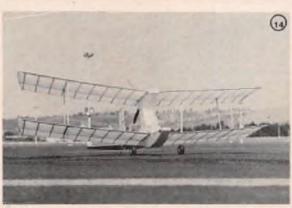












(8) Completed tail section. Note brass attachment plate on stab to attach to tail boom also 1/32" ply plates on both stab and fin. (9) Close-up of completed tail assembly on finished model. Boom slotted for pushrods. Rudder exits on right side. Brass sheet wraps around boom to help secure vertical fin. (10) Close-up of the wing struts and attachment brackets. Rigging wires are permanently attached at strut end. (11) Cox Tee Dee .049 set up on an Ace R/C 1/2A mount. Note Proctor #1 turnbuckles used on rigging. Turnbuckles placed at fuselage where rigging is taken apart when removing wings. (12) Plastic pill bottle makes a perfect pilot's seat. All that is missing is the pilot. (13) Photo looks like the real thing. Only the engine and receiver switch gives it away as an R/C model. (14) From this view it shows that the rigging is a very functional part of holding the wings on and in alignment. The wash-in or wash-out can be corrected by adjusting a turnbuckle on the rigging.

building board, block up the spar until the leading edge and the trailing edge of the tips just touch the board. Cut the tips to a straight line, put wax paper under them and glue a piece of 1/32" music wire to all of the tips to act as the trailing edge. This glue joint is only temporary, it will be necessary to reinforce each joint with a small strip of cloth cemented top, around the wire and back along the bottom side of each cap strip. The wing-tip is a cap strip turned sideways. Make four wing halves and be sure to allow the leading edge and spar to extend into the middle.

For your consideration, the wings did bow slightly as the paper tightened, this is not objectionable as the upward bow just increased the dihedral. It was intended to keep the WD-II as near scale as possible and the three-views did not show another spar - - - in fact, I added the spacers. I was reluctant to put one in place of the spacers. The rigging adds the necessary strength to the wings, but a 3/32" x 3/8" spar in place of the spacers might stop the bowing tendency. If you do this, the spar would have to be notched for the diagonal braces.

Fill in-between the cap strips on the leading edge with 1/32" x 1/8" balsa strips. When you cover the wings, let the silkspan extend 3/8" beyond the trailing edge on top, then fold under and cement. (Remember the newspaper and flour paste kites we used to build?) The bottom of the wing is covered from the leading edge back to the spar only. Fuselage:

Cut the two sides to shape using 1/16" medium hard sheet balsa and duplicate each side from 1/32" ply, trying to keep the materials cross grain to each other. Laminate the ply to the balsa with contact cement. Sand the two sides together to shape. Cut out formers from materials indicated on the plans. In addition, you will need a compartment bottom under the fuel tank, and the receiver, and you will need two bulkheads in the upper wing area for channels to hold the top wing, cut from 1/8" sheet. These were not shown to shape on the plans as they will vary slightly depending upon your choice of tanks and radio equipment.

Bend the landing gear wire to shape and sew it to former #2 with copper wire or heavy thread. Using formers 1 and 3, the ply boom former and the firewall, build your fuselage box by gluing the formers upright on the right fuselage side. Add the compartment bottoms and the two formers in the upper wing area. It should now look like a maze and the task is to get from point A to point Z without passing Go or collecting \$200.00. Now that you are out of Jail, you might glue the other side in place. I did not put the channel strips on the formers until I had the fuselage finished to the point that I could install the wings. Then the channel

braces were installed to hold the wings in the dihedral position. Be sure and cut holes in the compartments for servo and battery wires, then most of the 3/32" edging may be applied. Keep the boom compartment open until the last when you will epoxy the boom in place (small wedges hold it in place until you are ready to epoxy).

Empennage:

The rudder is pretty straightforward except for the 1/32" ply stiffeners which are contact cemented in place. The stab. like the wings, is a horse of a different color. Even though you don't intend to use the whole thing for control, it is still a unique and good way to affix it to the boom. Cut it to shape from 1/8" sheet. cut the stiffener from 1/32" ply. Make the hinge by cutting the pattern shown from .005 shim stock, fold it around a 1" length of 1/16" ID brass tubing and solder. Cut a 6" length of 1/16" music wire and insert through the tubing. Cut a groove in the stab where shown and lay music wire in the groove; epoxy then cover with the stiffener. The long end of the hinge is attached to the boom. Before installing the empennage on the boom, make a tapered wooden plug from 1/2" dowel which is inserted in the tail end of the boom and epoxied. Form the hinge over the plug and onto the boom, bend to fit the curve of the boom and epoxy in place. Drill a 1/16" hole through the hinge boom and plug. Make the tail wheel pivot in the same manner as you did the stab hinge and fasten it to the fin with a 2-54 nut and machine screw. Roughen the top of the boom with a coarse file and epoxy the fin to it. To make sure it is at right angles to the stab, push a short piece of 1/16" music wire through the whole set-up till it hardens. Bend the right angle on the tail wheel wire, push it down through the pivot and on through the boom, slide on a wheel lock and secure. Bend the remainder of the tail wheel wire and add the wheel.

Place the fuselage on the wheel wires and block up the tail end so that it assumes the position shown in the side view on the plans. Note the incidence of the wings. Cut the holes in the sides for the leading edge and spar extensions. Elevate the wing tips for the proper dihedral and block in place. Cut four struts 6%" long from 1/8" x 3/16" medium hard balsa stock. Use a strut to keep the top wing parallel to the bottom. Glue the 1/8" square spruce strips in place, as shown on the plans to form channels for the leading edge and spars. Remove the wings and cut notches just above the leading edge holes and spar holes for the rigging anchors. Put them in place just before installing the wings for rigging. Install your servos now before you add the edging. The servos may be removed through the hatch, but it is rather tedious; add your switch and harness. Install the bottom edging made from hard 3/32" balsa, line the battery-ballast compartment with 1/16" ply for strength. Add the remainder of the edging except for the piece over the boom. Add the soft balsa nose plug and sand. When you are ready, make sure the fin is parallel to the upright part of the fuselage and the stab is perpendicular, epoxy the boom in place and close the compartment. Give the fuselage, stab and rudder a couple of coats of sanding sealer, finish sand, and paint with white dope. Before the wings were given their final coat of dope, they were fogged white to match the fuselage.

Run your pushrods through the boom and attach to the servos and proper part of the empennage. Unless you are willing to take the consequences, do not fly the plane with the full flying stab. When the plane is blocked up with the tail in the air, make sure the stab is parallel to the building board then epoxy the hinge joint in place. Use the back 1" of the stab for the elevator.

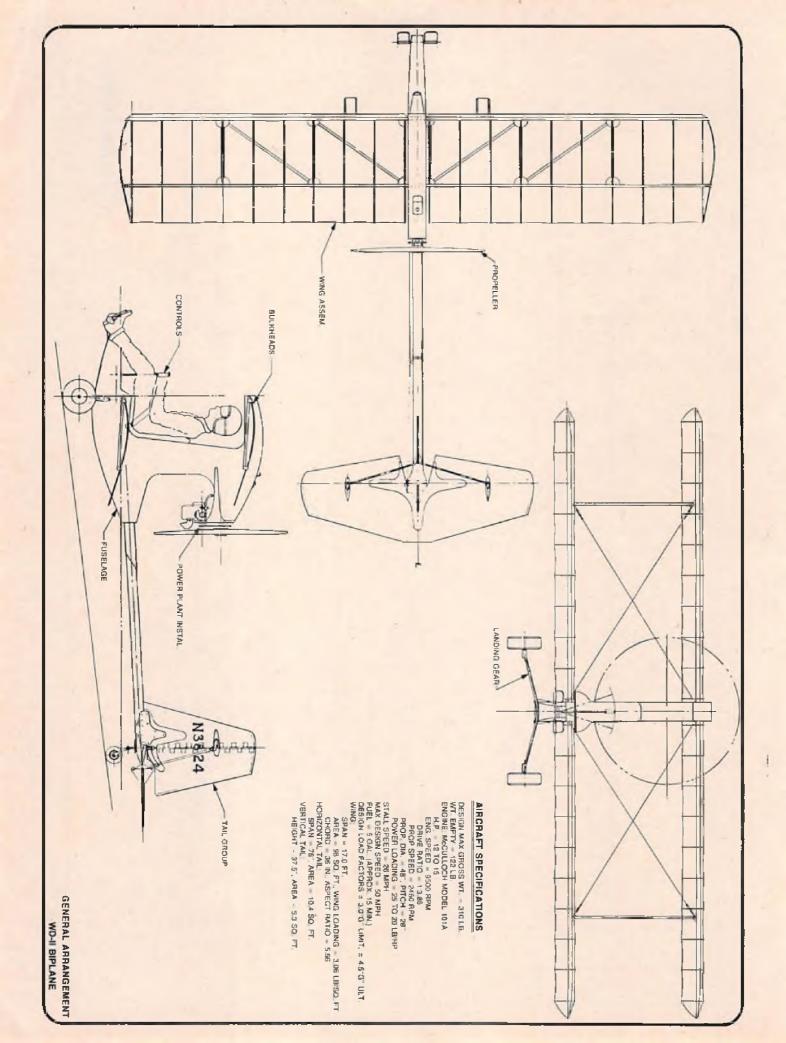
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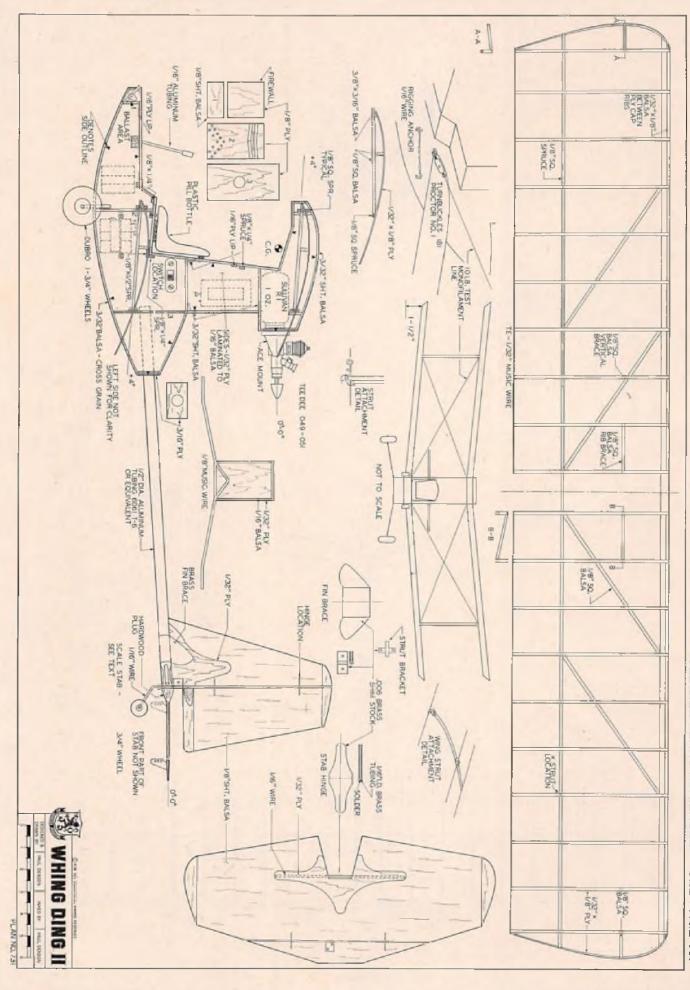
Make the rigging brackets from .005 brass shim stock and affix to the wings. The front brackets bend around the leading edge and are epoxied there for strength. The rear brackets on the bottom of the upper wing bend around the spar and are pinned with liny 3/8" pins. The rear brackets on the lower wing were also pinned through to the 1/8" spruce spar. Anchor pins have a loop on one end and pass through the bracket and strut end then they are bent over at right angles to secure. The turnbuckles are at the fuselage end of the bracing wires. The bracing wires are 10 lb. test monofilament fishing line, I used 1/16" OD aluminum tubing as swages. Cut the tubing into 3/16" lengths (16 of them). Thread a piece of the line through a swage, through the loop in the anchor pin, back through the swage, pull up taut and squeeze the tubing flat with pliers. Open the turnbuckle about half way, pass the line through the eye of the turnbuckle, pull taut, and swage. Do this for all eight lines. Look at the ends of the wings for wash-in or wash-out and relieve by tightening or loosening the turnbuckles. Safety wire the turnbuckles:

It must be remembered that the maximum gross weight of the full size plane is 300 lbs., with the plane weighing 118 lbs. - - - that leaves 182 lbs. for the pilot who sits just forward of the C.G. We do not have that mass available for the model so it will necessitate quite a bunch of lead in the front end to get the plane to balance at 1/3rd of the chord.

No other engine was tried other than a TD .049, but I imagine a Cox Black Widow would work just as well. A right hand prop starter spring is available at most hobby shops. If you use the Black Widow, the fuel tank is unnecessary.

The stick and foot rests are just decoration and can be made of text to page 142





FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE — SEE PAGE 187



AMA MODEL AVIATION HALL OF FAME HONORS KEN WILLARD

n ceremonies aboard the Queen Mary, Ken Willard was awarded a plaque signifying his election to The Model Aviation Hall of Fame. AMA President, John Clemens made the presentation in recognition of Ken's outstanding contributions toward the advancement and prestige of aeromodeling.

Nearly a hundred prominent members of the modeling fraternity attended the banquet to honor Mr. Willard. Among the distinguished guests were Hall of Fame members Carl Goldberg and Nathan Polk. Prior to the actual award, close to two hours were devoted to tributes to Ken by several of his long time friends and associates. These were presented in the popular roast style and loaded with zingers that would even top Dean Martin's writers.

Ken Willard is world renown through his "Sunday Flier" column in RCM. He has been associated with RCM for more than 13 years and has held high popularity ratings in the reader's surveys throughout those years. His model designs featured in RCM (many of which have been kitted) are too numerous to

Ken Willard was test pilot for Lockheed's RTV-1 program. Vehicle shown weighed 340 pounds, had 12' wingspan, and was powered by a 24 H.P. snowmobile engine.

ABOVE: Hall of fame plaque was presented to Ken Williard by AMA President John Claments. Hall of Fame members, Carl Goldberg (Left) and Nathan Polk (Right), were guests at the Awards Banquet.

list. His innovations include a 1940 Control Line Patent, extensive R/C seaplane developments, and successful experiments to increase sailplane wing efficiency.

Willard helped organize the League of Silent Flight and the South Bay Soaring Society (California). He was president of the Los Angeles LARKS and chairman of the LARKS' Fund Drive for the Los Angeles Model Airport. He also contributed to the design and layout of the Model Airport, working with The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and The L.A. Model Hobby Association.

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Some of his other contributions include: an unofficial AMA world endurance record for indoor seaplanes (1927), world's smallest RC model (1962), first cross-channel RC model flight from California to Catalina Island (1957), and the world's largest RC plane using sport RC equipment (1972). He was a pilot for two U.S. Department of Defense contractors for RPV's from 1972 to 1976, providing one with a basic design used for airborne real time TV transmission.

Ken, like his fellow Hall of Famer, Maynard Hill, is one of those who has been instrumental in gaining appreciation from aeronautical scientists and engineers for the capability of model aircraft in research programs. He has thus done much to gain professional respect for model availation as an adult activity.

Ken's distinguished career with Lockheed ended with his retirement in the fall of 1977. He is now applying his abundant energy to free-lance writing and modeling.

We are proud to have Ken Willard as a member of the RCM family and congratulate him for receiving this well deserved honor. □



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MICROCOMPUTER-CONTROLLED PATTERN PLANES

By Svante Berglund

have noticed in your magazine, that the authors very often begin their articles by testifying that they are not really beginners, but have 40 years or so of experience in the field. Here is my list of qualifications:

I started with model flying at the age of 10; at 15 years old, full size gliding; for 10 years, from 18 years of age, I was a jet pilot in the Swedish Air Force, then some private piloting and gliding. During these last years I have returned to model flying and so, for me, the circle is closed. I especially appreciate R/C gliding here in Switzerland because it offers many possibilities to combine flying with walks and picnics in the mountains together with my family.

However, to the subject: During the next decade our society will be increasingly penetrated by microcomputers. Our cars will have a microcomputer to control or supervise the ignition, fuel mixture, brakes, instruments, etc. Many of our measuring instruments already have microcomputers to perform calibrations, tests, and other tasks, to make the instrument easier to use. There is a long list of applications for these small technical wonders. We may, of course, also ask how these new components could be used in radio control model

From time to time one can read articles about electronic sequencers which generate control signals to perform certain aerobatic maneuvers. For example: You connect a little box to the buddy-box connector of the transmitter; you press a button and your pattern ship makes a perfect roll. It is a very natural improvement to use a microcomputer instead to generate these control signals.

My ideas are based on using an Intel 8748 microcomputer (Figure 1) which has an 8 bit central processor with 1K (1K=1024) words of 8 bit read-only, 64 words of data memory, etc. It has also an interval timer with 8 bits which is especially useful in this application. All that on one chip (40 pins) and only a single 5v power supply is needed. We also need to connect 2K of read/write memory to the processor.

The digital part of our transmitters generates a sequence of 5 pulses (for a 4 servo system). After that there is a sync pause and the sequence is repeated again. The time between the first and the second pulse defines the position for servo 1. It is 1.5 ms (typical for the servo in neutral position) while

1 ms and 2 ms give the extreme positions. Assume that an analysis of a 2 second long maneuver shows that the servos move, as shown in Figure 2 (continuous line). These movements can be approximated by a staircase which can easily be generated by the computer. As mentioned before, this microcomputer has an internal timer which works in the following way: the timer, which is in fact a counter, can be loaded with a number 0-255 decimal. (The computer has, of course, binary notation and 255 is the highest number which can be represented in an 8 bit word.) At a given start command it starts to count down with a certain frequency which we are free to select. When the counter comes to zero it interrupts the central processor in the computer. We now select the frequency so that if we load the counter with 150 we interrupt the processor every 1.5 ms; the frequency must in fact be:

 $\frac{150}{5 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 100$ KHz.

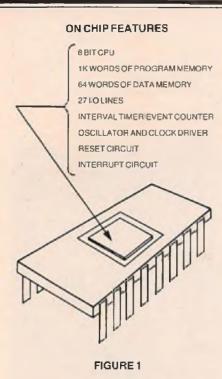
That interrupted signal will also trigger a monostable which modulates the RF of the transmitter. Let us now load 4 memory cells in the computer with the numbers 150, 100, 200, 175. At time zero we trigger the monostable and load 150 into the counter. After 1.5 ms it triggers the monostable and interrupts the central processor which then loads 100 into the counter, etc. After we have loaded all the 4 numbers, we let the processor go into a wait-loop for about 8 ms to generate the sync pause and then go back and load 150 into the counter again, etc. We have now generated a sequence, which sets servo 1 in a neutral position; 2 in extreme left, 3 extreme right; and 4, half right (Figure 3). We now repeat this sequence during 250 ms. After that time we select a new block of 4 words from the computer memory, because we want a new setting of the servo every 250 ms (Figure 2). To generate the sequence in Figure 2 we thus need to store in the computer memory the following sequence: (156, 168, 165, 156); (172, 194, 175, 169); (190, 198, 175, 175); (194, 170, 175, 169); (181, 130, 175, 157); (166, 115, 175, 153,); (155, 130, 158, 152); (150, 147 154, 150). How much memory is needed? Not so much. To store 5 different maneuvers, each 10 seconds long and 10 maneuvers each 5 seconds, we need $5 \times 10 \times 16 + 10 \times 5 \times 16 = 1600$ memory locations, which is a cheap

memory nowdays.

We also need some simple peripherals, one keyboard (10 buttons, 0-9), one display (3 numerical characters) and a simple portable cassette recorder. We need all of this to be able to do modifications in the number-sequences on the field. The cassette tape will also serve as a permanent store of the programs. As mentioned before the 8748 has a read-only memory with 1K words. Here we can store an editing program which will be used to facilitate the manipulation. of the number sequences, which can be quite long. It can also make some checks on the numbers; for example, give a warning if we enter a number smaller than 100 and larger than 200. because these numbers will try to move the servo outside the extreme positions.

Of course, the pilot cannot be replaced by a system like this. Take-off and landing cannot be done under computer control. What one can hope to do is one aerobatic maneuver, probably maximum 10 sec. long, starting from a given initial situation, straight and level at a certain altitude and a fixed speed. After that the plane must be flown to a new reference situation by hand. As mentioned in the title of the article, this method of control can be used only for pattern planes because they have neutral stability, are heavy and less affected by turbulence, and have motors which run reliably. Somebody may argue that the plane will move step-wise because the servo arm moves step-wise. But this will not be a problem. First, one can do some electrical filtering of the control signals to avoid over swing of the servos and then the mechanical inertia of the plane will do the rest to get smooth movements.

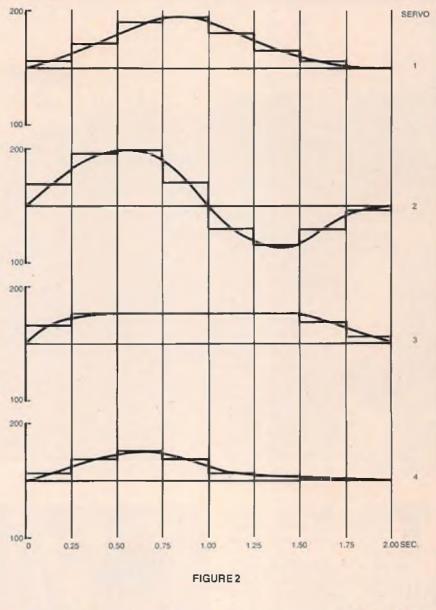
The disadvantage with a system like this is that it is an open loop control system. We apply it by using certain demands of the computer but there is really no check that the model behaves as we want. We must make a landing, change our parameters and try again. One can, of course, close the control loop and have sensors of orientation and velocity in the model whose outputs would be sent back by telemetry to the computer. The wanted and actual movements of the model could be compared and the computer could immediately do the corrections to get the perfect maneuvers. In this way the computer could force the model through long sequences of very complicated maneuvers. Such a system is, of course,

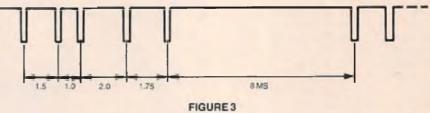


too complicated for a pure amateur. However, there is another more simple possibility. One could use the eyes and brain of the pilot as an error amplifier. One could modify the signals from the computer with the signals from the normal control sticks on the transmitter in such a way that the computer generates the ideal control sequence and the pilot only concentrates to make corrections to get the perfect pattern.

With the exception of the last ideas, we have, up to now, not assumed any modifications of our actual transmitters. We have just connected the signals generated by the computer to the buddy-box connector of the transmitter and we have a switch to select manual or computer control. It is, of course, also possible to completely replace the pulse generating circuits in our actual transmitters with the microcomputer. We would then also replace the potentiometers on the control sticks with, for example, code discs which directly generate numbers understandable for the computer. We could then, by programming, introduce several new features for manual flying for example, changeable sensitivity of the servo response. It would be easy to program a nonlinear servo response. We would also get another method of reading control sequences into the memory. We let the expert pilot fly our plane through a difficult maneuver and we program the computer to read the stick positions every 250 ms and store the values directly into its memory

Now, why build a system like this? I find it to be a technical challenge to incorporate modern electronic components into our R/C equipment.





Already today people have slow roll buttons and snap roll buttons, etc., on their transmitters. All these things can be integrated in the system, but we get more freedom to make changes and add new features. Maybe this system also can be a help for the expert pattern pilot to analyze his difficult maneuvers and systematically change the control combinations. One thing is obvious. Every time one starts a control sequence, the settings of ailerons, rudder, elevator and power of the motor will come in exactly the same way.

I have tried to show that it is already technically and economically feasible for a person with background in R/C flying, electronics and computer programming to introduce computer control in R/C flying. I, myself, have that kind of experience, but for the moment I have put this project on the shelf and returned to my gliders. I also know that in the future even the smartest computer system can never predict the behavior of my gliders in the air. Even in the future my gliders will be controlled only by myself and the winds.



Master Sergeant Joe Kutcher "pilots" Hunter's Ryan during a test flight.

achikawa AB, Japan — Take it from Charles Hunter, building a radio controlled model airplane is no breeze.

"I really didn't know what I was getting myself into," the Air Force master sergeant said. "It was just too big a project for the first try, but, after I got involved, I couldn't put it down."

Hunter was ushered into radio controlled models via the Ryan STA Super 200 Special — a one-fifth scale of Claude Ryan's 1936 design.

Ryans, the 38 year old sergeant explained, were purchased by the U.S. Army and designated XPT-16. As the country drifted toward war, orders for Ryans soared. They were to be used to support the fledgling pilot training program.

Long since dropped from the military inventory, Ryans, today, number only about 30. Some, however, are still used in air shows around the country. Because of their scarcity and unique design, the value of the light aircraft has jumped more than four times its original \$5,000 cost.

Hunter's decision to build a scale model of the Ryan was no accident.

"I was sixteen ... cutting grass at Ft. Lauderdale Airport in exchange for private pilot lessons ... when I saw my first real, honest to goodness Ryan," he



Hunter makes final adjustments prior to a test flight at Tachikawa AB, Japan.

reminisced. "It was just sitting there with a \$900 price tag on it. I wanted it bad, but, my Dad said no way."

As the years passed, so did Hunter's hopes of owning a Ryan; until, he arrived at Yokota AB last spring to join the 475th Civil Engineering Squadron.

"One day shortly after I got here, I walked into the Yokota Hobby Shop and there it was," he continued. "Not the real thing, of course, but, it was a Ryan...a scale model do it yourself kit of the plane I'd always wanted to own. If I couldn't have the real one, I'd have the next best thing."

That was the beginning of what the sandy-haired sergeant calls the longest and most frustrating, yet rewarding, year of his life. Almost to the day, it took him 12 months to build the popular sport plane — a job that was accomplished almost entirely on his dining room table.

It took more than 700 hours of working during lunch hours, after duty hours in the evenings and on weekends to complete the job. Also, it took infinite patience and a pocket full of money. To date. Hunter has invested more than \$350 in his Ryan.

"I think my wife showed the most patience," he mused. "She didn't ask too many times about when we were going to get a new centerpiece for the table."

In every detail, Hunter's model is "super scale." It's 18" high, 54" long, has a 72" wing span, and weighs 9 pounds. Powered by a 60 Enya 1.3 horsepower engine, the craft features a special manifold with exhaust pipes.

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A view of the detailed cockpit of Hunter's Ryan - - - a 1/5 scale model of Claude Ryan's 1936 design.



A couple of young spectators admire Hunter's handicraft.



Tinkering with his \$350 toy, Hunter says it took him more than 700 hours to build the radio controlled model.



Hunter, his Ryan and daughter Renee.

Scale Views CLAUDE McCULLOUGH



"The Black Sheep Squadron" must be every scale modelers favorite program. TV star Robert Conrad sent this autographed photo to all those who replied to his recent RCM ad asking for letters to NBC urging the program to be kept on the schedule.



Bud Atkinson took an Airtronics Acro-Star kit and added the scale look of the Avia 534 WW II Polish fighter. This qualifies the bipe for the 10% scale bonus awarded in the IMAC Aerobatic Biplane events.



Bud Hall of Waterloo, lowa, built this sharp Waco "E" from the Sterling kit. The "E" is the ultimate and most valued development of the Waco cabin series. Only 5 are still on the FAA register and some of these are not in flying condition.

Differential Makes A Difference!

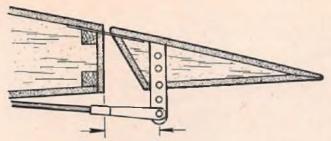
ome R/C fliers assume that ailerons should always be hooked up with equal up and down movement on either side of neutral. This is the easiest way and most standard pattern designs seem happy with equal aileron movement. In fact, some pattern designers are opposed to differential, as unequal movement is called. On pattern's fairly light wing loading models, laid out to the requirements of a cut and tried formula, emphasizing symmetry between upright and inverted flight, tinkering would be daring and might be unprofitable. But this doesn't prove a case can't be made

for aileron differential, particularly on scale models.

Let's take a look at why. As one aileron goes down and the other goes up, lift is increased on the first wing and decreased on the second, causing the aircraft to roll in the direction of the raised aileron. Simple, except the problem here is that the down aileron also creates a certain amount of drag at the same time, which pulls the nose of the aircraft toward the down aileron side — just the opposite of the desired turn. At best, in some R/C models, this spoils the looks of maneuvers (unless opposite rudder is fed in) and at worst can louse up controllability completely.

The cure for this disease is to

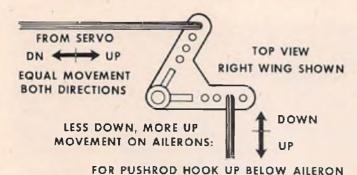
introduce a correction such as changing the movement of the ailerons so that the one going down moves less than the one going up, creating less drag in the process. You may be flying with a differential in movement already and not realize it. Figure 1 shows a common type of alleron construction used on many scale models as a building convenience. (In at least one full size prototype, this is the exact scale cross section, the only difference being that the hinge has an even more practical location on the top surface of the wing, instead of below the planking. The designer of the Shinn 2150, now back in production in Phoenix as the Varga Kachina, must have been a modeler!) The rearward location of the

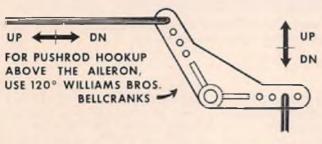


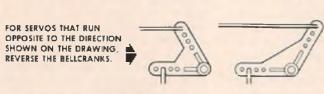
THE GREATER THE DISTANCE FROM HINGE TO HORN, THE GREATER THE DIFFERENTIAL.

FIGURE 1

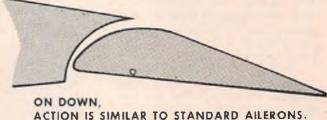
WILLIAMS BROS. 60° BELLCRANK HOOKUP



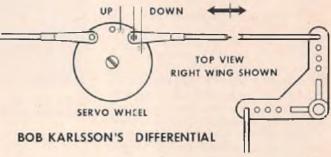




FRISE AILERON AILERON HINGE POINT NEUTRAL ON UP AILERON, NOSE PROTRUDES INTO SLIPSTREAM, CAUSING INCREASED DRAG.



ACTION IS SIMILAR TO STANDARD AILERONS. FIGURE 3



FOR PUSHROD HOOKUP BELOW THE AILERONS.



FOR PUSHROD HOOKUP ABOVE THE AILERONS, REVERSE THE BELLCRANKS. FOR SERVOS THAT RUN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, USE THE "FOR PUSHROD HOOKUP BELOW AILERON" DRAWING BUT HOOK THE PUSHROD ABOVE THE AILERON.

VICE VERSA FOR BELOW AILERON HOOKUP.

FIGURE 2

horn behind the hinge point in Figure 1 gives less down movement and more up. The farther back the horn is placed, the greater the difference between down and up. This principle can also be applied to other aileron cross sections.

Williams Bros. make 60 and 120 degree nylon bellcranks which produce differential movement. Figure 2 shows hookup of the bellcranks to the ailerons. Note that the amount of movement can be increased or decreased by moving to appropriate pick up holes, as is shown here for the aileron pushrod. The servo pushrod can also be shifted. Moving to other holes does not affect the differential, which is set by the angle of the horn.

Back in the early days of pattern flying, another way to eliminate the effects of adverse yaw was often used. Ed Kazmirski put Frise ailerons on his pioneer "Orion" and others followed the example. He said at the time that the aileron hinging of the Piper Apache inspired him to try the idea. Figure 3 shows the Frise aileron configuration. Any time you pick a scale subject having Frise type ailerons, be sure and use them. They will get extra scale points during judging as well as improve flying performance. As for Ed, he dropped Frise ailerons from his next design, the classic "Taurus", and opted - as everyone soon did - for the simplicity of strip ailerons that Harold deBolt had

FIGURE 4

popularized. Differential can be easily introduced into strip ailerons by bending the wire horns away from the servo if the horns are below the wing (as on a high wing model) or toward the servo if they are above the wing (as on a low wing

Bob Karlsson, Scale Contest Board representative from AMA District IV and a long time scale and pattern flier, believes in differential. Bob told me in a letter, "Differential aileron deflection is very often required in scale models. I've flown a model Smith Mini-Plane that at half speed turned the wrong way, due to the high drag of the down aileron! Our Curtiss Wright Jrs. required almost no down aileron at all. Most parasols

behave this way, especially if they have dihedral. The more dihedral, the more differential required. We had a guy who put ailerons on an old deBolt Champ. It would not turn at all with ailerons. When all dihedral was removed, it responded fairly well. Differential made it almost normal."

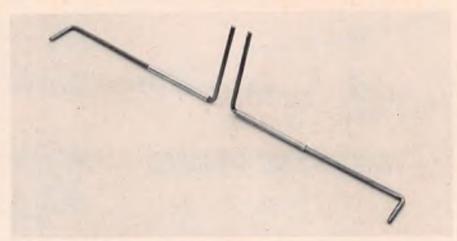
Incidentally, the Smith Mini-Plane Bob refers to was not built from the Sig kit.

Karlsson feels that the required amount of differential is hard to determine in advance, so he has worked up the system shown in Figure 4, using a rotary servo wheel. For equal up and down movement, the aileron pushrods would be hooked into the center hole. The farther to either side of the center hole the pickup points are moved, the wider the differential between up and down movement. It can be carried to the point that no down movement of the aileron at all takes place.

I've always incorporated differential aileron movement in my scale designs because full size practice and theory said it was the way to go. Even though some were fairly heavy, they flew and maneuvered in a docile and no-vices manner. Given my below average piloting coordination, that is the type of flying I'm interested in. When checked out by better fliers, aerobatics did not seem to be adversely affected. So a question suggests itself: "Is equal movement of ailerons really the best for the specialized requirements of pattern aerobatics or is this just a common consensus opinion that has not been tested recently?" I know there are some dedicated pattern fliers who put in many long hours of practice trying different model set-ups. It would be interesting to hear from any who happen to have strayed to reading this column and can comment on observations of performance with and without differential. When it comes to models, regardless of what a theory book says, there is no substitute for some practical. rule of thumb trials of what works and what doesn't work.

This kind of discussion could prove to be of interest to both scale and pattern builders. The 1978 Tournament of Champions shake-up into an entirely new class of competition, combining features of scale and pattern, might be the handwriting on the wall for the future. There are a lot of pattern fliers doing something unusual — poring over 3-views of possible subjects for this developing trend. So even if the present "groove on a track" style of pattern flying requires no consideration of differential, that specification may soon be changed to something more scale-like. And I am convinced that most scale models fly in a more scale-like manner when differential is used - just as it is used by most full-scale aircraft.

Thank you friends for all those cards



To create differential on strip allerons, bend the horns. Photo shows a pair bent toward the servo for a low wing model. Bend away from the servo for a high wing installation.



A top view of a low wing with differential horns installed on strip allerons. The more the horns are bent, the greater the differential.

and letters!

My nomination for the most consistently interesting and informative column appearing anywhere in the model press is Clarence Lee's "Engine Clinic", right here in RCM. Much of the best material in this excellent feature comes in Clarence's reply to questions. Now I can't hope to equal his unique efforts, but perhaps I have forgotten something useful on scale research, design or building that a letter from an RCM reader will bring back to the surface. Send in your questions and we'll pick the best of them to appear in the column. I'll undertake to answer personally any that aren't used in print if a self addressed stamped envelope is enclosed. This will have to be within reason and the limits of my time. For example, I'd be glad to try to remember all i've seen on a particular airplane you intend to build next, but not for the ones. you plan for the next ten years! At least not until you've built the first one and sent in some pictures.

Speaking of pictures, there are a lot of fine scale models that are never seen in print because of the simple absence of a photo. After all that work, isn't it essential that a good picture be taken of the completed gem, safe from the ravages

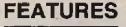
of the fickle finger of flying fate? If you can't take pictures, look up a relative or friend who does. All rules about scale model pictures are secondary to the major rule: Get the model out in the open, away from clutter and busy backgrounds, so that we can see it.

Send in some prints, we'll use all we can with the column. Black and white is most useful, but a really sharp color photo on smooth paper can sometimes be converted to black and white and made to do. If you were really shooting for top notch color for reproduction in print you wouldn't want to use color negative film anyway, color transparency film is much better. Also consider this - many decades after a color print has faded to an indistinguishable blob, a black and white print will still be as good as new. So keep that in mind before allowing the color photo fad to take over your family album completely.

We'd also like to hear your opinions on rules, ideas for better ways of scale building, experiences with models, etc. Remember, a columnist is no better than his correspondents let him be. So help me keep my allocation of RCM's valuable space filled with interesting items about scale.



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MISS GRANDIN

By Ed Happich

iss Grandin is a large 81%" wingspan flying boat, designed for a .60 engine and which is a refined version of the original sport design first built in 1967. Five have been built to date and two are in excellent condition and are still being flown.

Lake Grandin, for which the design has been named, is a fresh water lake, comprised of 900 acres in the town of Interlachen, Florida. Living in a cottage on the East shore of the lake, where I am pleased to call home, I do all of my building and flying there.

Although this design is not recommended for the beginner, any experienced kit builder should have no difficulty with the construction methods used, especially if he has strip planked any round or oval fuselage or nacelle surfaces in other modeling endeavors. It was not conceived with acrobatics in mind, although it has performed such maneuvers as loops, wing overs, Cuban Eights, spins and consecutive horizontal rolls. The gas tank installation does not permit inverted flight. Touch and Go's,

as well as full stall, full stop landings, are

a joy to perform. Because of the deep "V" hull and concave forward bottom, it will land easily on the water, even in a moderate surface chop. The water rudder is completely effective in crosswinds and is retractable for beaching. The completed model, ready to fly without fuel, should weigh in at approximately 9½ pounds or less, depending on the covering and paint job used.

The cabin area at the wing rest is completely sealed watertight. The wing

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ed Happich is the average Sunday Flyer type who has loved and enjoyed the R/C hobby since 1955 when Howard Bonner won the 1955 Nationals at Los Alamitos, California with his "Smog Hog" design. He attended that National competition and went to the hobby store in the hangar and bought a DeBoit "Live Wire Cruiser" kit, a Bonner "Varlcomp" escapement, a Babcock single channel hard tube receiver and a Fox .25 engine and was on his way. Ed figures he has been buying part interest in the local hobby shops ever since.

ABOVE: Miss Grandin resting in its transport cradle. RIGHT: Mrs. Dee Ector, a flight hostess for Eastern Airlines, shows off the sleek seaplane with Lake Grandin, Interlachen, Florida, in the background.

floats are designed to rip off on a poor landing, however, no wing structural damage will result. Simply replace (two) 1/16" plywood splints, secured with rubber bands.

If you have been curious enough to read this far, why not continue? Check the plans; the parts will fit. Build it, and you will be rewarded with many hours of relaxing fun. Furthermore, you won't be flying by yourself for long.

CONSTRUCTION

Hull Jig: In my opinion, the time spent building a jig which will insure a perfectly aligned hull, and facilitate ease of building, is not merely desirable, but a necessity. It can be built in two nights time once the materials have been purchased.

Study the full size plan of the jig. With a ruler and drafting triangle, precise positioning of frame notches and base securing blocks can be accomplished.

Hull Construction Using The Crutch Method: For those who do not want to build the hull jig, the crutch method could be used although it has not been used on any of the prototypes.

By using the hull center line shown on the side view as a reference, 3/16" x 1/2" notches can be cut in each frame at the appropriate height and two pieces of 3/16" x 1/2" balsa used as a crutch. Once the frames are glued to the crutch, the keel and bottom chines are glued in place. The wing seat doublers and top longerons are next, with the 1/8" x 1/4" balsa cross members following. This brings you up to the point of applying the hull side sheeting.

Hull Construction: All frames are constructed from 1/8" sheet balsa, except frames No. 5 and No. 7, which are sawed from 1/8" plywood and 3/32" plywood respectively. Select medium hard balsa to construct the balsa frames. It should be noted that hull frames Numbers 2, 3, and 4 must have extension pieces glued to the front sides in order to reach the base balsa securing blocks for "T" pinning. Extension pieces are cut from 1/8" balsa and are 5/8" x 41/2" long. They are later cut off flush with original length of side frame, with a razor saw, when the hull is removed from the jig. Cut the forward keel from hard 3/16" sheet balsa, then (two) forward chines from 1/8" sheet balsa and, finally, the wing rest doublers from 1/4" sheet balsa.

Before locating the frames in their respective notches in the keel plate, I recommend that the top edge of the keel

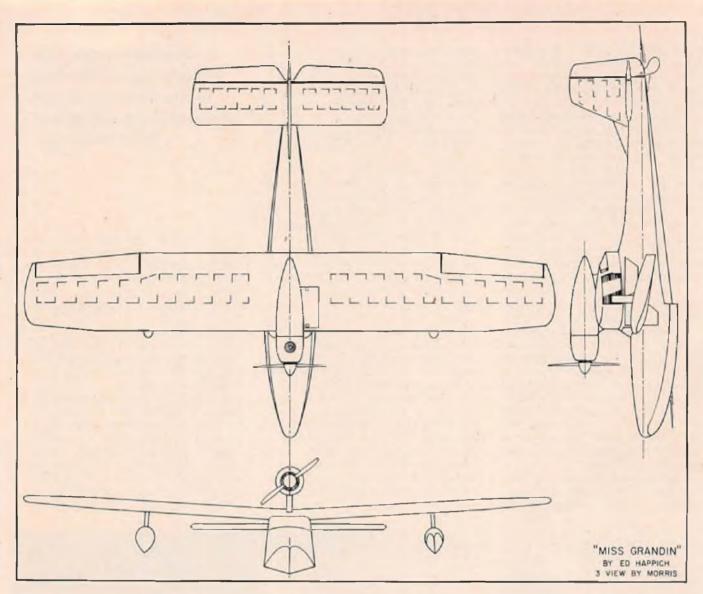
plate be rubbed with candle wax. This will prevent excess glue from accidentally bonding the keel to the jig. Having done this, the frames are placed in the slots. Place frame No. 1 against the front vertical surface of the vertical keel plate and, with the keel notch in the frame flush with the keel plate top surface. "T" pin in place.

Proper alignment of all frames is mandatory. This is accomplished in two steps: First, all frames are made snug in the keel plate slots by folding waxed paper as shims, and in sufficient layers, over the bottom cross numbers. 1" to 11/2" wide strips will do fine. Check that all frames are plumb to base board. Proper placement of the 1/2" balsa securing blocks should insure this. Now, with a pair of dividers, check that the distance from the chine notch in each frame to the base board measures the same distance on both sides of the frame. We cannot tolerate the frame to pendulum right or left, without causing an unwanted bulge in the side at that point. As each frame is checked in this manner, "T" pin the frame to the balsa block on the base board to maintain rigid alignment. Next, bevel the tail post to the proper dimensions, cut to the exact length and pin it to the rear vertical surface of the keel plate. Apply two or three thicknesses of wax paper shims to prevent aluing to iig. At this time, install If you want a spectacular aircraft, both on the water and in the air, try this .60 powered flying boat with an 81¾'' wing span.

the 1/4" x 3/16" after body keel strip. Apply "T" pins through the keel into the keel plate of the jig. Add the forward and after chines, the sheer rails and the 1/4" balsa wing seat doublers. I used Titebond glue for this assembly to this point. Let dry thoroughly. This completes the basic framing construction of the hull before applying the sheeting. You have probably noticed that the framing has now gained considerable strength.

In order to arrive at a reasonably close pattern for cutting the sides which are cut from 1/8" balsa sheet, cut a piece of paper to a rectangle of 1" x 5". Brown wrapping paper will do, however, I used drafting paper vellum. With masking tape, secure the paper to the tail post on one end and to No. 1 frame on the other. Stretch it as snug as possible. Using





finger tips, crease paper along perimeter of hull side framing. Remove paper, and trim with scissors to allow approximately 3/8" excess on all sides of creased lines. Side sheeting required is as follows: two pieces of 1/8" x 6" x 48"; two pieces of 1/8" x 2" x 36"; and two pieces of 1/8" x 4" x 10".

Lay the 1/8" x 6" x 48" sheet on a flat surface and butt glue the 1/8" x 2" x 36" to the bottom of the larger sheet 3" from the left end. Extend the larger 1/8" x 6" x 48" by adding 10" of the 1/8" x 4" x 10" piece by use of a 30 degree angle scarf splice as shown on the plans. Apply a 2" wide 1/8" doubler to reinforce the splice. Make two sides, one left and one right. Insure doublers are reversed on one side so that both doublers face inboard. Lay the paper pattern on the top of side material and trim each side carefully to the lines of the pattern.

The side sheeting may be applied to the frame more easily if the base board is "C" clamped to the workshop table top in a vertical position, thereby permitting the sheeting to be glued, clamped and pinned while in a horizontal plane. Apply glue, insure that the sheeting is tight against the framing and side edges of all

frames. Let dry 30 minutes and turn base plate over to opposite side and repeat the process. After both sides are dry, excess sheeting can be trimmed and sanded in preparation for application of the bottom sheeting. Add a 3/16" x 3/16" spruce strip to the top edge of the forward balsa 3/16" keel. Start bottom strip planking with 1/16" sheet balsa, the first piece being cut to the pattern shown on the plans, Planking should start adjacent to the keel and progress outward to the chine. Use pins on each strip added at each frame. I recommend "Duco" Cement as it is fast drying and waterproof. Two ply is required to complete forward bottom. Now, the bottom hull sheeting of 3/32" x 4" x 48" balsa can be applied from step aft. When entire hull bottom has been covered, it is now ready to be removed from the jig. Double check that all "T" pins have been removed from hull frames, keel and tail post. Apply even upward pressure and, with a slight rocking motion, lift the completed hull shell from the jig.

Before proceeding with further construction of the hull, waterproof the inside bottom (bilges if you please), including an area 2" up the sides with Hobbypoxy No. 2 or fiberglass resin. This applies from the trailing edge of the wing forward.

Transporting Cradle: Constructing the cradle at this time will permit it to be used for supporting the hull, without damage, or dents during the remaining work to be done on the top of the hull. Check plans for full size templates and construction details of the cradle.

Cut formers for hood deck T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5 and also 5A. Next, set the hull in the cradle and razor saw extension pieces, glued to the side of frames of F2. F3, and F4, flush with the top of the frames. Re-cut sheer rail notches if required. Now glue the top formers of the hood deck directly on top of "F" hull frames. Former T5 glues directly to the front side of 5A. Glue 1/2" x 1/4" pieces to top of bow sheer rails and to side edges of former T1 through T5. Check cross section of frame No. 2 on plan for clarity of top deck and sheer rail construction details. Add 3/16" x 3/16" square balsa stringers. Top deck 1/8" strip planking is now added. When completed, sand and radius top decking to sides to conform to curvature of the

windshield template shown on the plans.

Using windshield front and side view templates, saw and carve the windshield blocks. Balsa grain should run horizontal. Sand with fine sandpaper and glue in place. Use filler to apply a small fillet and insure a smooth fit. I use "Dap" vinyl spackling paste.

Carving the bow blocks would be appropriate at this time. Cut the top and side view templates of the bow blocks from the plans. Laminate two blocks of balsa 2¼" x 5" x 5". The glue line should run vertical and the balsa grain fore and aft for ease of carving. Using a flat wood bit, drill a hole into the back of block, slightly top of center, 1½" in diameter and 1¾" deep to receive lead ballast.

Using a scrap of pine 2 x 4, a small piece 6" long will do, drill a 11/6" hote through side of 2 x 4. Cap the hole on one side with a scrap of 1/8" plywood, by nailing with small brads. You now have a mold to pour the lead. Pour the molten lead into the hole until filled, and a slight crown appears - - - do not overfill! When cold, split wood with a chisel and epoxy lead casting into the rear of the balsa bow block.

Glue the weighted block to face of F-1. Make certain lamination glue line is centered on the center line of the bottom keel. With a ball point pen, project a line as a continuation of the chine. When carving and sanding, keep the keel stem and chine line sharp, no radius! A piece of 1½" PVC pipe approximately 8" long wrapped with No. 80 grit sandpaper to help shape the concave bottom surface. Finish up with fine sandpaper as usual.

At this time, place hull upside down in the cradle and sand strip planked portion from step forward. Fill, if needed, with "Dap" spackling compound. Cover forward hull bottom, including bow block, with Midwest lightweight fiberglass cloth and brush resin smooth.

Tail Surfaces: Horizontal stab — Since the construction is extremely conventional, no further instructions are deemed necessary. The vertical stab is built entirely of 3/8" material and can be built on a flat surface. Do it to it!

The rudder is laminated as shown on the plans. The center 1/8" sheet grain runs horizontally and the 1/16" outside laminations run vertically. The cavity formed on the bottom permits horizontal retraction of the 1/16" plywood water rudder. All surfaces are covered with silk and doped.

Nacelle and Pylon: The plans show, in detail, the construction of the pylon and nacelle. I have used this construction successfully on all previous models and prefer not to change to a crutch and carved block method of construction.

Start construction by laminating 1/4" plywood to 1/8" plywood to obtain 3/8" thickness required for the pylon. Use 6-32 blind nuts behind the 1/4" plywood firewall to secure the "CB" alum. motor

mount and drill a hole for the throttle pushrod and fuel tubing before starting assembly. Be sure to elongate the throttle pushrod hole. Construct a fuel tank next. Cut a 3/4" square tab at bottom, back wall of a 14 oz. tin can (I used a tomato sauce can), to permit tack soldering of 1/8" brass pick-up tube to bottom. This having been done, bend tab back flush and cover with a 1" x 1"

MISS GRANDIN Designed By: Ed Happich **TYPE AIRCRAFT** Sport Seaplane WINGSPAN 81 34 Inches WING CHORD 11¾" (Avg.) **TOTAL WING AREA** 978 Square Inches WING LOCATION High Wing AIRFOIL Semi-Symmetrical (2415) WING PLANFORM Constant Chord - Double Tapered Tips DIHEDRAL, EACH TIP Station D.A. HULL LENGTH 56% Inches RADIO COMPARTMENT AREA X (W) 21/2" X (H) 21/2" STABILIZER SPAN 31% inches STABILIZER CHORD (incl. elev.) STABILIZER AREA 207 Square Inches (Approx.) STAB AIRFOIL SECTION Symmetrical STABILIZER LOCATION Top of Hull **VERTICAL FIN HEIGHT** 9 Inches VERTICAL FIN WIDTH (incl. rudder) 10¼ Inches **REC. ENGINE SIZE** .60-.61 cu. in. **FUEL TANK SIZE** 16 Ounce LANDING GEAR N/A **REC. NO. OF CHANNELS CONTROL FUNCTIONS** Rud., Elev., Throt., Ail BASIC MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION Hulf Balsa & Ply Balsa & Ply Wing Balsa Empennage Weight Ready-To-Fly 148-156oz. Wing Loading 21.9-23 oz./sq. ft.

doubler patch. Sweat solder in place. Solder the pick-up tube well at the front wall of the tank and solder vent. Pressure test under water and never worry about it. The tank will last years!

Before starting assembly of the nacelle, install the throttle torsion rod, horn and bearing assembly now. I used a Midwest steel elevator control horn 6" wide and cut the long horn exactly in half, using the cut off piece for the horn

on the right throttle side, soft soldering in place. Horns are soldered 90 degrees apart. Cut torsion rod to proper length. The original horn which is factory silver soldered, is connected to the clevis and cable going to the throttle servo. Epoxy 3/16" ply bearing blocks to rear side of firewall as shown; control end play with 3/32" wheel collars. The distance from the center line of the torsion rod to the hole used in the horn for clevis attachment should be 1/2" both horns. Radius ends of sawed off horns before installing on firewall.

Epoxy firewall to 3/8 ply pylon, insuring angle is 90 degrees. Before adding gas tank and formers, complete throttle installation.

Solder Du-Bro clevis to Du-Bro flexible throttle cable. Be sure it's a good job, as you cannot get to it later! Attach clevis and cable horn on left side of pylon as per plans. The horn should be within 1/16" from side of pylon. Insert nylon housing and sew to pylon with nylon thread. Drill through pylon with No. 52 drill for this purpose. Mark two parallel lines 3/16" apart to indicate on the pylon the exact location where all nacelle frames are to be glued. Next, epoxy gas tank in place. Use scraps of wood cut as wedges to hold securely in pylon. Make certain the vent line is pointing straight up and that the fuel suction line is centered in hole previously cut in firewall. The remainder of the pylon is constructed using "Duco" cement. Add frames N-1 through N-7 at this time. When dry, clamp bottom end of pylon into table vise and, with a narrow sand block, lightly sand frames to proper bevel. Commence strip planking. I started the first strip at top center and worked around to the pylon in each direction. Add tail cone block to nacelle and carve to shape. When completed, sand, fill, and apply several coats of Aero-Gloss sealer and set aside to dry.

Wing Floats: Cut template of side view and top view from the plans. Using the side view template, cut to shape the two center 3/8" sheet pieces first. Cut out lightening holes as shown. Cut to shape four 1" thick blocks and, finally, four pieces of 1/4" x 3" x 9" doubler blocks. Permanently glue the 1/4" x 3" x 9" doubler blocks to the 1" blocks. Temporarily tack glue the 1" blocks to the center 3/8" piece. Easy on the glue, as the 1" blocks must be separated later. Once the glue is dry, use top view template and transfer outline and band saw to shape. Carve both blocks to identical symmetry and, using a 3/4" x 8" piece of PVC wrapped with No. 80 grit sandpaper, will be very helpful in shaping the concave "V" bow.

When shaping and sanding is completed, cut apart and hollow as shown on plans. If you are fortunate enough to own a Dremel Moto-Tool, use a ball burr and the job is made easy, but oh! what a mess on the floor. Use care



Close up of hull jig showing blocks to secure hull frames.



Author's hull jig on work bench. To date, five hulls have been built on this jig.



Basic frame work of hull has been completed at this point.



Note temporary extensions of bow frames to reach base board (see text).



Base of hull jig is "C" clamped in vertical position for ease of installing side sheeting.

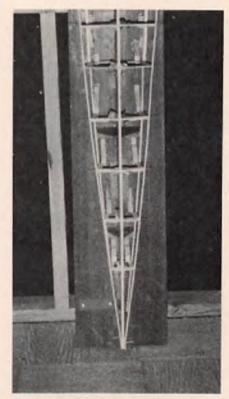
around the foward keel and concave areas. When completed, re-glue the outside sections to the center piece and install 3/8" x 1" bass wood float strut. Every time you walk past these beauties in the shop admire them, and brush on another coat of dope!

Wing Construction: Cut out all of the ribs from medium 3/32" sheet. Score halfway through all aileron ribs where shown by the dotted line on the plans. Later, when the wing is completed and the aileron is removed from the wing, this scored line is cut completely through, and the front 1/8" aileron cap piece is glued in place. All ribs shown on the plans have two holes 2½" apart. These 1/4" holes fit steel rods which I

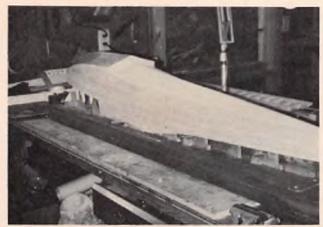
use on an A-justo-jig. **Note:** If builder does not have a wing jig, the wing can be built as a straight chord wing which can be more easily built on a flat board. Also, 3" of wing can be omitted on each side, making a total span of 3' each panel, plus wing tips. This will result in a slightly higher wing loading, however, this will present no problem. In this case, make sure wing float position remains the same distance out from the centerline of the wing.

Before starting actual construction of the wing, cut out all ribs and set the wing dihedral angle for 2" at 36" out from the centerline. Place the two center ribs of 3/16" sheet 3/8" apart plus two shims of ordinary tablet writing paper. Using a piece of 3/8" x 3" x 3" sheet balsa as a spacer, plus the paper shims, place between the center ribs and insure the dihedral angle is bisected equally at each wing panel. Use care as the pylon and engine nacelle is later glued between these center ribs.

Place ribs on jig as shown on plans. Add front and rear, top and bottom spar. Saw eight 1/8" ply dihedral braces, glue and clamp in place. Rip or sand to shape the 3/16" leading edge capstrip and glue in place. Remove 1/8" from front edge of 3/16" center ribs and install 1/8" ply L.E. doubler to back edge of 3/16" L.E.



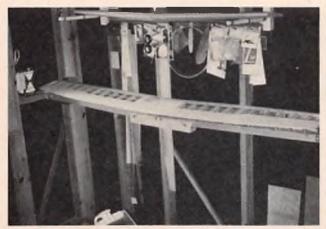
Jig set aside on floor while frame work is drying.



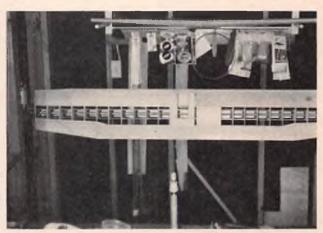
Side and bottom sheeting complete. Set aside over night to dry prior to applying fiberglass cloth and resin.



Stab framed & sheeted on top only. Ready to turn over and complete bottom side.



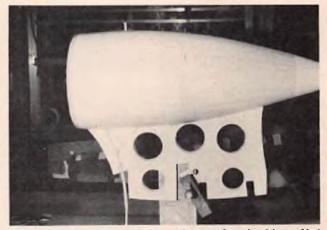
Near completed wing in jlg. Ailerons ready to be cut loose with razor saw.



Planform of wing in jig. Wing can be shaped and sanded while still in jig.



Shows servo compartment and slot for engine pylon.



View of nacelle and pylon after strip planking. Not difficult but takes time.

capstrip.

The wing 3/32" sheeting can now be applied. Start out with the bottom trailing edge sheeting. The entire trailing edge is cut from 4" wide and 48" length 3/32" sheet. Glue bottom T.E. sheet without cutting aileron taper allowing edge of sheet to extend 1/8" beyond tip of rib as shown on plans. Glue and pin in place. When dry, using a straightedge, cut taper in aileron and again allow 1/8" beyond tip of rib. Now top T.E. sheeting

can be applied. When dry, cut aileron taper as before.

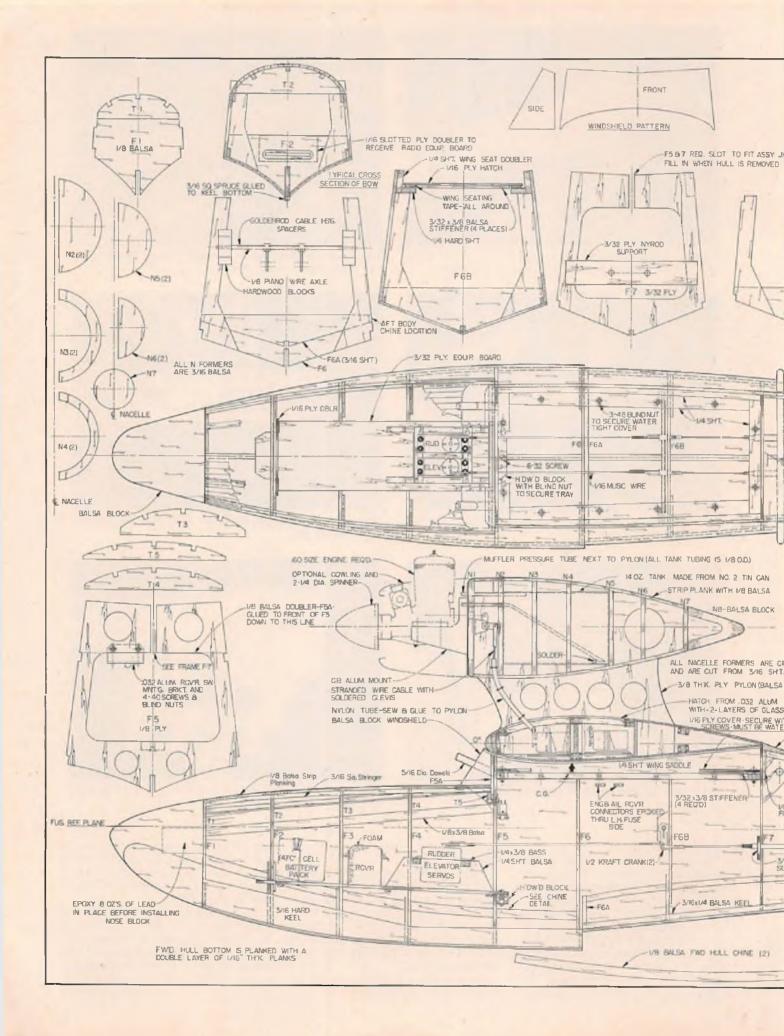
Pylon and nacelle can be cemented to wing at this time. Check dry fit. Make sure pylon can be pushed through center ribs flush with the bottom. You will have to cut 1/8" slot in rib to permit throttle cable to align with torque arm of servo. When okay, glue permanently in place, using epoxy.

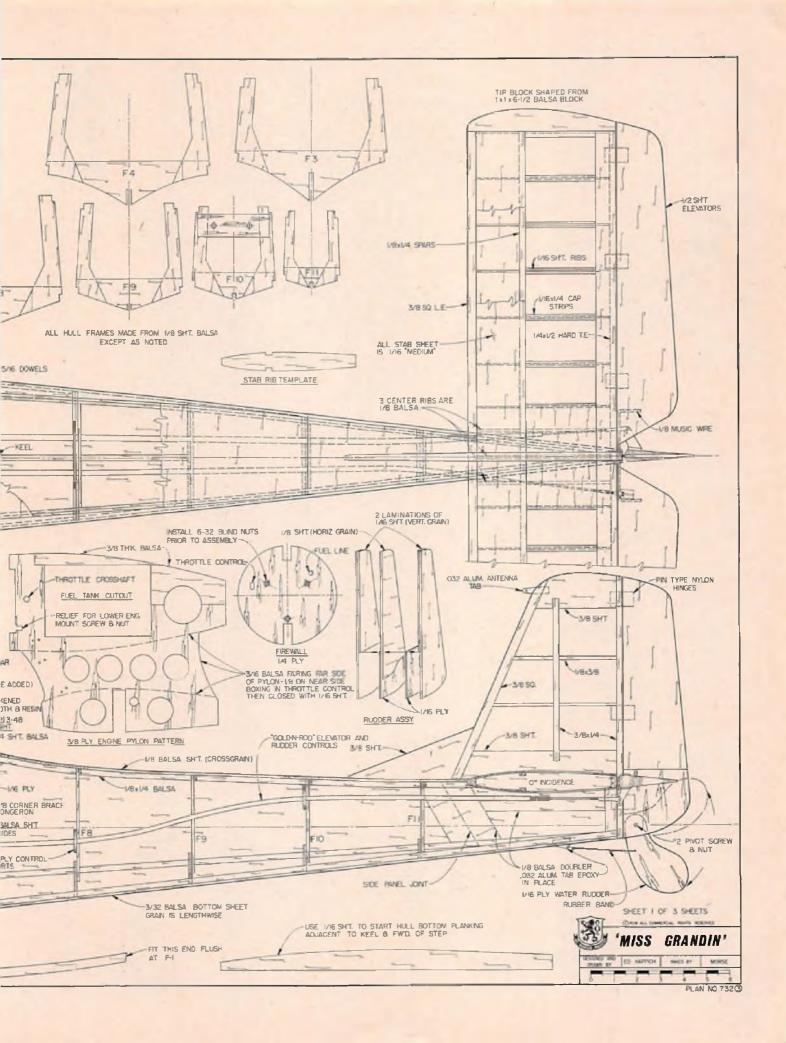
Leading edge sheeting can be cut from 4" x 36" length sheet, as it is

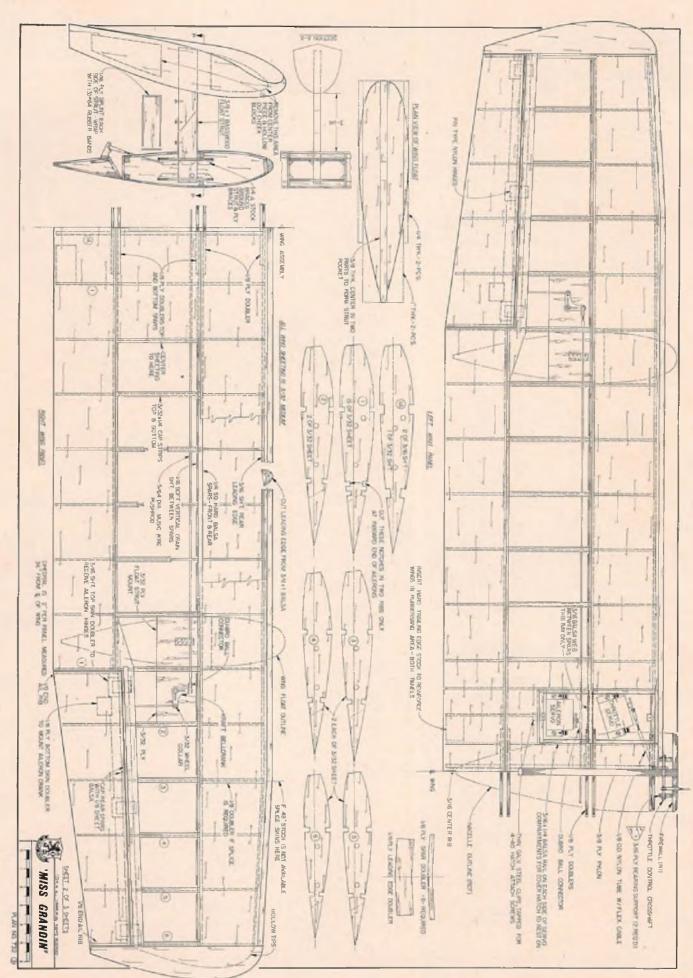
applied in two pieces. There is a butt joint where the L.E. taper begins. Pre-cut and check before gluing. Go to it! Only seven more pieces to go and L.E. sheeting is complete.

All center section 3/32" sheeting, top and bottom can be applied now, as well as the top rib capstrips. Sand L.E. capstrip with a sand block to prepare for gluing 3/8" x 1" L.E. into position. A butt splice is made at point where taper

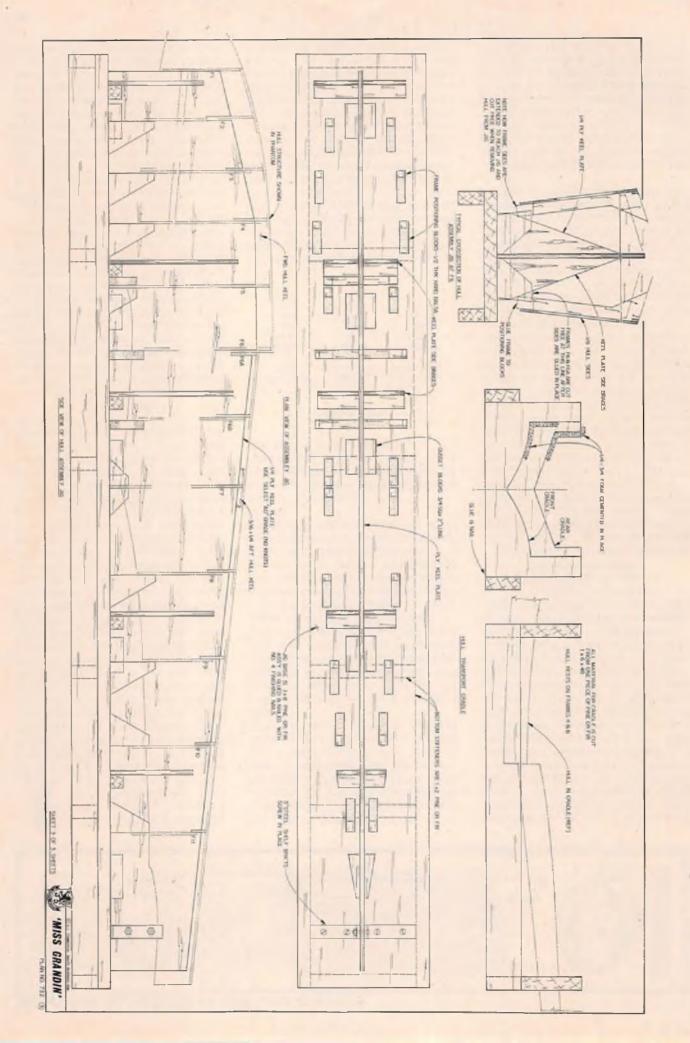
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FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE - SEE PAGE 187



Radio Spectrum JIM DEDINO



f the mail bag is any indication, there are quite a few people having the same problem reported by Mr. Hansen in the April issue. If you recall, we briefly discussed charging techniques for 12 volt motorcycle and gel cell batteries. It seems that none of the chargers sold in the R/C industry for this purpose do what the manufacturers recommend. The net result is relatively short battery life. This month we'll discuss gel cells and charging techniques in detail and hopefully come up with a procedure that will assure that you have 12 volt power when you need it. I've chosen to emphasize gelicells because I think they are better for our purposes, but most of the comments also apply to lead acid motorcycle batteries. I don't want to give the impression that I have spent the last five years researching gel cells and that I have come to all these conclusions through hours of test and evaluation. I have done some testing, but the bulk of material presented is taken from documents published by Eagle-Picher Industries and Globe-Union, two leading manufacturers. I'd like to thank Geral Cromer of Cayce, South Carolina for passing on the info.

The Gel/Cell

The Gel/Cell is a registered trade mark of Globe-Union, but has become a generic term for all batteries of the sealed, gel type electrolyte construction, regardless of manufacturer, just as nicad is used to describe all nickel-cadmium cells even though it is a registered trade mark. So when I speak of gel cells, I'm speaking of that type of battery and not just those built by Globe-Union. The gell cell is a lead-acid battery and has basically the same chemistry and, therefore, pretty much the same terminal voltage - as the conventional lead-acid battery. The differences and advantages are significant and make them attractive for modeling use. The biggest difference is the reduction in maintenance. Water or electrolyte is never added. No need to check liquid levels. The next attractive feature is that they are spill proof. No corrosive liquids to leak out. And they can be operated and charged in any position.

The conventional lead-acid battery, such as the motorcycle batteries used

for years, contains antimony to strengthen the grids. The antimony is a contaminant and will eventually be deposited on the negative plates which leads to short battery life. The gel cells use a lead-calcium alloy, free of antimony and should have a life five times that of a conventional lead-acid battery.

The open circuit voltage of each cell is approximately 2.12 volts. A six cell battery as is used for starters and field charging of R/C equipment, would then have a no load voltage of 12.72 volts. This will vary with the state of charge and temperature, but is pretty constant.

The cells are rated at room temperature at a 20 hour discharge rate. This means that a 5 amp-hour battery will last for 24 hours if the discharge current is 5/20 amps or 250 milliamps. It does not mean you can pull 5 amps for one hour. In fact, you will get only about 62% or,

 $.62 \times 5 = 3.1 \text{ amp-hrs}.$

at the one hour rate. Table one provides some data that will let you estimate the capacity you can expect to get out of your battery at different rates.

TABLE ONE

Discharge Rate	(% of Rated)	End Voltage (Volts/Cell)
20 hr.	100%	1.75
10 hr.	97%	1.70
5 hr.	88%	1.65
1 hr.	62%	1.5
.5 hr.	52%	1.0

The efficiency decreases as the temperature decreases. For example, we will get 5 amp-hrs. out of our cell at 70°F with a 250 milliamp load, but only 90% or 4.5 amp-hrs. at 40°F and only 70% or 3.5 amp-hrs. at -5°F. So if you are going to crank away at your stiff old engine, back in Ohio in the winter time, don't expect miracles out of your gel cell.

The life of the cells can be greatly affected by the service condition and the charging method. A number of service categories can be defined such as deep cyclic, shallow cyclic, and float. If you are going to use the gel cell to recharge your electric powered airplane, you will probably discharge it from 50% to 100%

each time you go out. This would be considered a deep cyclic service. If you use it for starting your engine, glow plug and recharging your R/C system, you probably will remove 5% to 50% in each outing which would be considered a shallow cyclic (unless you were in Ohio in the winter as we mentioned earlier). Float is defined as the condition where you are using insignificant amounts of current continuously, but are also charging continuously as you might do in a fire/smoke detector or intrusion alarm or as we might suggest for the winter or other periods when we are not using our gel cells. Some manufacturers actually make different batteries for the different services in order to increase life.

Charging Phenomena & Recommendations

To achieve the optimum performance and life, the charging method must be adjusted to the conditions of service. If you overcharge, the water in the electrolyte is decomposed and the battery is aged prematurely. The gel cell has a re-sealable vent to prevent pressure from building up, but it does not allow you to add water. Undercharging can also eventually reduce the available capacity of the battery. The following is a direct quote from the Globe charging manual. "To assure maximum Gel/Cell service life and capacity, and favorable recharge times consistent with charger safety and economy, Globe battery recommends a constant voltage limited current charging technique."

Generally, the voltage should be set at 2.4 volts per cell and the current limited to 3 to 4 times the 24 hour rate. For example, our 5 amp-hr. battery had a twenty hour rate of 250 ma so the charge current should be limited to a range of 750 ma to 1.0 amp. In the deep cyclic service, a 2.5 volt per cell constant voltage is recommended; and 2.3 volts per cell is recommended in the float mode.

A temperature compensating charger is recommended to enhance charge efficiency. Values for various modes of service are shown in Figure 1.

Let's try to define what this 12 volt charger should do, one more time. We want to set its output to a constant potential or constant voltage of 13.8v (6 x 2.3) to 15v (6 x 2.5), depending on the type of service, when the

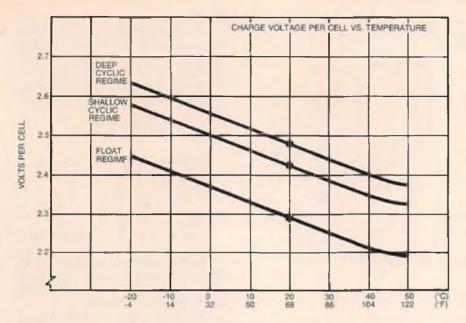


FIGURE 1
CHARGE VOLTAGE PER CELL VS. TEMPERATURE

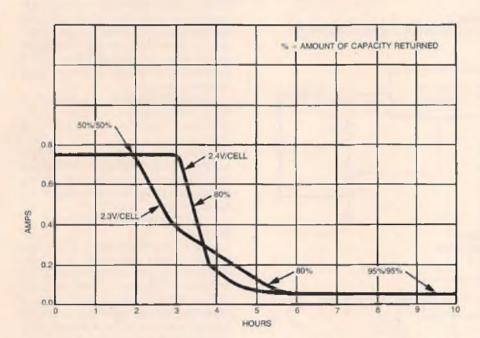


FIGURE 2

temperature is in the 65° to 70°F range. We want to limit the maximum current to .75 to 1.0 amp. A typical charge current vs. time graph would look like Figure 2.

Notice how the current remains constant for the first few hours and then tapers off to almost nothing when the battery is 95% recharged. The current limiting device actually protects the charger, because a gel cell that is discharged at a high current rate could draw several amps when connected to an unlimited charger.

The battery is fully charged once the current stabilizes at a low level for a few hours. Notice that two things determine when a battery is fully charged — the final current level and the peak charging voltage while this current flows. Notice that I emphasized peak. The battery

acts like a big capacitor and actually loads the charger when it is drawing current. Therefore you have two choices for setting the charger output voltage. Set it with a fully charged battery connected or get a large, low leakage capacitor (5000 to 10,000µf). In either case, the voltage you read on your DC voltmeter will be the peak voltage that your charger can deliver with that setting.

Before we get into chargers, let's talk about charging batteries that have been stored in a discharged state. According to Globe, these may initially appear to be "open circuited" or will accept far less than normal current when the charger is connected. They recommend leaving it connected and usually the battery will start to accept larger and larger amounts

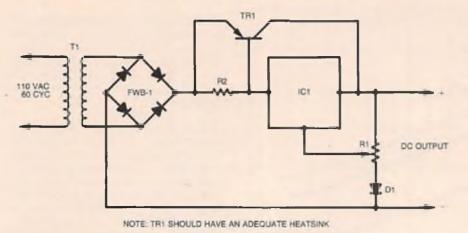
of current until the normal current level is reached. On future recharges, the battery will then behave normally. They do warn that if it is stored for an extended period in the discharged state, there is a risk that the battery cannot be recharged.

Chargers

Quite often charger cost is the primary consideration. This usually results in the choice of a constant current charger. The battery is then forced to accept a constant amount of current regardless of its needs. You can build a cheap charger at the expense of recharge time or service life if the current is not properly set. Globe recommends a trickle charge of .5 to 2.0 milliamps per rated amp-hour. For our 5 amp-hr. battery, this would yield a maximum of 10 milliamps. At that rate, it would take forever (not guite) to recharge. So what most manufacturers are selling are chargers with charge rates in the .5 to 1.0 amp range, which means they must be disconnected or they will boil away the electrolyte and dry out the battery. The problem then, as Mr. Hansen pointed out, is when to disconnect. You could build a charger that would charge at a constant 750 ma for 3 hours and then switch to 10 to 20 ma or so, but why not do exactly what the manufacturer recommends? Figure 3 is a circuit recommended by Eagle-Picher for high capacity batteries. It can be used in this form for lower capacity batteries or you could eliminate R2 and TR1 if you've only got a 5 amp-hr. battery. Without TR1, IC1 will limit the current to about 1 amp. Most of Globe's recommended circuits involve discreet components and are therefore more complicated from a construction standpoint, without adding to performance.

Globe does show one circuit with a three terminal integrated circuit regulator as shown in Figure 4, but interestingly enough, recommends a current limiting resistor in the output and, therefore, do not depend on the limiting properties of the IC. A better way is suggested by reader Clell Dildy of Panama City, Florida. His circuit shown in Figure 5 is based on a circuit recommended by National Semiconductors.

The current limit is set by the 1.5 ohm resistor across the base emitter of the 2N2222. When the voltage across it reaches approximately .6 volts, the transistor starts turning on and bypasses the current through the 2.4K resistor, thereby lowering the voltage across the battery and therefore the charge current. This circuit will, therefore, limit at .6 divided by 1.5 or 400 milliamps. I'm not sure why Mr. Dildy picked this value instead of using a 1 ohm resistor which would yield a current of 600 milliamps, anyway, he says he has used this circuit many times to



★ IMPORTANT: TO ADJUST OUTPUT VOLTAGE, USE A 10,000 MICROFARAD CAPACITOR IN PLACE OF THE BATTERY.

T1 241-7-16 (SIGNAL TRANS. CO. FWB1 MDA952-1 (MOTOROLA) TR1 MJ2955 (MOTOROLA) 1C1 MC7805CP (MOTOROLA) R1 10K POT (BOURNS) R2 15 OHM (OHMTE) D1 F2 (SARKES-TARZIAN)

FIGURE 3 12 VOLT BATTERY CHARGER — FOR 15-30 AH CAPACITY BATTERY

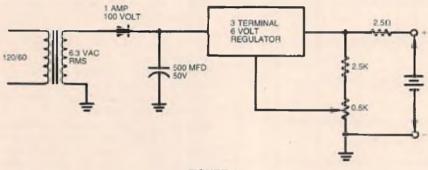


FIGURE 4 6 VOLT CHARGER

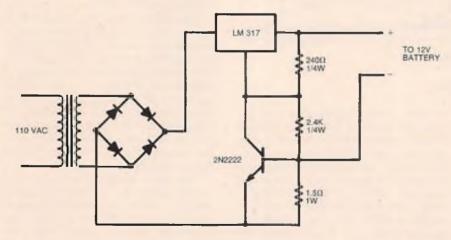


FIGURE 5

charge gel cells in his business. He could very well have smaller cells than we are used to using.

The big decision is to decide on what output voltage to set for our typical modeling application. Looking at Figure 2, I'm tempted to recommend using the 2.3 volt per cell level, inasmuch as most

of the time we will charge at least overnight or a minimum of 8 hours. As you can see, our battery will be charged sufficiently in 6 hours, but we are essentially in a float mode so we could leave the charger on continuously without overcharging. In fact, we could leave it connected all winter and never

worry about the battery self discharging and then deteriorating due to the fact that it is stored in a discharged condition.

We need to talk a little about self discharge. The rate is significantly influenced by the storage temperature. Table 2 gives you a feel for the problem.

TABLE TWO

Temperature (°F)	Loss Per Day (%)	Loss In 6 Months (%)
30	.07	13
60	.13	23
80	.25	45
100°	.5	90
120°	1.1	100% 90 days

The message is, if you choose not to build a float charger to keep your gel cell charged up, store it in a cool place and/or recharge it periodically.

The next problem is to accurately set the output, because most people don't have voltmeters that are too accurate. I get the feeling reading the literature that the difference between 2.3 and 2.4 volts per cell is significant, but I must admit I don't really know. To be safe, it might be wise to set the voltage on the low side if you want to leave it connected continuously.

These same chargers can be used on your motorcycle battery. The "accepted" voltage is 14.4 volts for a 12 volt system.

We've tried to hit everything you might want to know about your 12 volt batteries and the recommended charging techniques, but if anyone has anything to add, we'd all welcome it.

Transistorized Ignition

Dear Sir.

I wish to thank you for your very fine column "Radio Spectrum". It is very informative and up to date. My problem is ignition engines in reference to interference in radio control. I know many fine articles have been written, but can you give us your version of a transistorized ignition system.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, H. Botkowsky Brooklyn, New York

I'm afraid I'm not up to speed on the latest state of the art in model ignition. engines. I have seen articles that recommend the usual 10K resistor in series with the high voltage lead to the plug and complete shielding of the coil. capacitor and batteries; but I haven't any personal experience. Mr. Botkowsky's letter implies that going to a transistorized ignition system will solve your radio interference problems. At first glance, I would not think the fact it is transistorized would help solve the problem. How about hearing from some of you that have successfully licked ignition interference. I'm sure with the cost of glow fuel going up and the size of

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RC FLYING AND THE LAW

I have never encouraged, pleaded, or implored our readers to read an article in RCM before, but for your own sake, please read this one!! . . . Pat Crews

By Arthur J. Sabin Assoc. Prof. of Law

PART V

t the time of the year that you are reading this article, the chances are that your flying site is in "full bloom" — lots of spectators, lots of action in the air, perhaps a contest or two. It is a good time to take a hard look at the safety precautions and standards maintained at your flying field to see whether there hasn't been some "slippage". We tend to get more relaxed, perhaps more sloppy as the summer wears on about things like maintaining safe flying standards.

Let me argue the case for the necessity of maintaining and carefully monitoring the safety aspects at your flying field. It is imperative that the first priority be that of safety considerations: these translate into insisting on proper transmitter use (impounding or other precautions to make certain that frequency is clear for any particular pilot), insisting that planes be carefully inspected before they are allowed to fly: that novices have assistance (whether they like it or not) to insure that their flying is safe and that spectators are kept well away from the flight line. A number of clubs have utilized the idea of appointing a committee as the "Safety Team". These people are specifically appointed and empowered to watch over all safety considerations at the flying site. They have the designated power to ground anyone who they feel should not be flying because their plane is not right, because that person has not demonstrated sufficient capacity to fly alone and an instructor is not available or because an individual has violated safety precautions in their flying.

If shock value is needed, consider what has happened to one of our flying fraternity in the now famous (perhaps infamous) Pennsylvania case. The events, themselves, are deceptively simple; the pilot had flown for a number of years and seemed thoroughly familiar with the plane he was flying on the date in question. The plane went out of control and apparently seriously injured a woman who was a spectator at a swimming meet some distance away. He reported the accident to the A.M.A. and to his homeowner's insurance carrier. As you may remember from reading previous columns in which this matter was treated, the homeowner's insurance carrier refused to honor the claim stating that the exclusion which appears in every homeowner's policy from any liability for accidents involving "aircraft" applied to this radio controlled model! Of course, the A.M.A. carrier disagreed. Remember that your A.M.A. insurance (which is part of your A.M.A. Membership) is secondary coverage; that is, it picks up on coverage up to one million dollars after the limits of the homeowner's policy. If you don't have a homeowner's or tenant's policy, then the A.M.A. insurance picks up from the first dollar of liability.

The two insurance companies hassled over whether the homeowner's policy excluded radio controlled models under that "aircraft" exclusion and eventually the A.M.A. carrier sued the homeowner's carrier to get a court determination as to whether that exclusion was applicable to radio controlled models.

To the amazement (and chagrin) of the A.M.A. carrier, their attorneys and Academy officials, the court ruled in favor of the homeowner's carrier to the effect that the exclusion included radio controlled aircraft. That case is now on appeal in the Pennsylvania courts and should be decided within a few months. The implications of that case pose a real threat, I believe, to all R/C pilots because if the lower court is sustained and our homeowner's or tenant's policies are held to exclude coverage when we are flying our R/C models, then it looks pretty certain that the cost of the A.M.A. insurance which will now become primary will skyrocket. This is important to us because to fly without liability insurance is really stupid.

The case has now developed further with suit filed by the woman that was hurt, her husband and their child. You might immediately ask, what's the husband and the child got to do with this if they weren't injured. The answer is that the husband has alleged that he suffered damages by way of loss of services, society and consortium of his wife as a result of her injury. That's not at all unusual in personal injury cases; what is interesting and unusual is that the child also has joined in this lawsuit

with allegations that the child was seated within five feet of her mother, that she was put in fear of immediate and serious harm and that thereafter she suffered a severe and prolonged occurrence of psychological trauma.

The complaint filed by the injured woman, her husband and on behalf of their child runs in excessive of thirty pages of legal size paper! In addition to suing the R/C pilot, the manufacturer of the kit, the distributor of the radio control system, as well as the retailer were joined.

Of particular interest and importance are the allegations against the R/C pilot. Reproduced here is the actual language drawn from the complaint; these are only a few of the allegations, but they are particularly significant to anyone who flys R/C models because they define acts of negligence for which an R/C pilot can be held liable. In each case I have deleted the name of the actual defendant and inserted the words "R/C Pilot" because these are the allegations that can be made against you or me with respect to defining what actions or inactions carry potential liability. They are as follows:

(1) In that the Defendant "R/C Pilot" on the date in question negligently and carelessly failed to inspect the model airplane prior to its being flown by the Defendant, his agents, servants or employees, when reasonable inspection of the airplane would have shown that it was not in proper operating condition.

(2) That Defendant "R/C Pilot" negligently and carelessly permitted the motor or other working parts of the model airplane to be in a state of disrepair when Defendant "R/C Pilot" could or should have, by the exercise of reasonable care, have ascertained the condition of the motor or other working parts of the model airplane or its component parts.

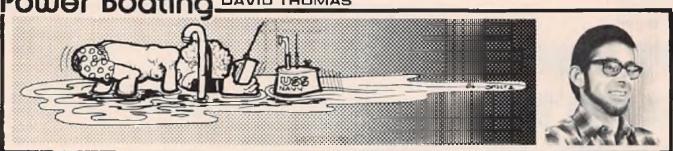
(3) That Defendant "R/C Pilot" through his agents, servants and employees negligently and carelessly permitted improper parts to be installed into the working apparatus of the model airplane when Defendant knew or could have known by the exercise of reasonable care that the parts were not fit for the proper operation of the model airplane in question.

(4) That the Defendant "R/C Pilot" negligently and carelessly permitted the said model airplane to be flown without having it inspected by an expert prior to its flight.

(5) That the Defendant "R/C Pilot" negligently and carelessly permitted said model airplane to be flown in an area next to or adjacent to an area where members of the public, such as your Plaintiffs herein, were congregating, when Defendant "R/C Pilot" knew or should have known that it

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Power Boating DAVID THOMAS



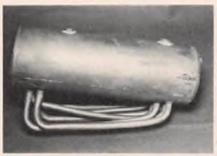
sometimes wonder whether other modelers get as frustrated as I do about time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if only there were eight days a week instead of seven, about 26 or 27 hours a day? Then maybe I could do about half the things I want to do. And if you think you have seen this sort of comment before, then you are right.

The reason I bring it out for another airing is because of a big parcel I have just received, containing something which it has been my ambition to own ever since I started modeling (a few more years ago than I care to remember). It is a steam engine. Not any steam engine, but Stuart Turner Double 10 with reversing gear. Now, to those among you who know nothing about steam engines, this won't seem very exciting, and I can just imagine some of you sitting there saying, "Well, so what's all the fuss about?" To understand, it is necessary to know that Stuart Turner is just about one of the oldest model steam engine manufacturers in the world they go back to the end of the last century - and that their products are known all over the world, and are considered a bit like the Rolls Royce of the steam field.

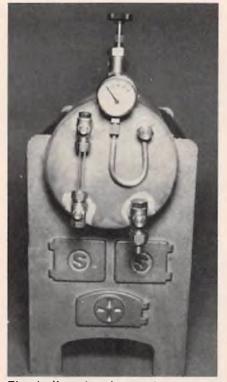
I have absolutely nothing against the modern Japanese steam engines, quite the contrary, because they have brought steam within the reach of the uninitiated, and helped to popularize it. But, in my opinion, they just cannot compare with the mechanical grace and solidity of Stuart Turner's impressive models. They are well-proportioned, and while they have that delightful look of Victorian old-worldiness about them, they also breathe power in every line.

There are many models available, some of them miniature replicas of old machines, and some destined to be used in boats, but they have one thing in common, they are all working models. There is even a twin cylinder job that can be used to power a full size boat, up to about 16' in length.

Most of the engines are available in three different modes, and this is a very good idea, because in this way all tastes are catered to. In the first place, for the modeler who has a lathe and the necessary skill and knowledge, the engine can be sold as a rough set of



The Stuart-Turner Bancock 504 boiler, showing water tubes.



The boiler showing water gauge, check valve and pressure gauge. The tap on top is the steam take-off valve, masked by the safety valve.

castings. This allows the man who wants to build from scratch to do so and, if he is a competent workman, to end up with an engine he built himself, and of which he can justifiably be really proud. (If he finds any real problem, for an additional charge, Stuart Turner will supply the part in question already machined). The second option is to buy a complete kit of parts, already machined, drilled and tapped. There is some work to be done



The Double 10 engine and boiler mounted "dry", to see what it looks like. Note the size by comparison with the servo bottom left.



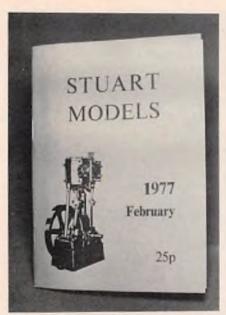
The boiler parts, including the long, cast-iron chimney.



Layout of the parts of the Double 10 engine, less reversing gear. It looks very impressive, but goes together like a construction set.

with a file, and then the assembly. This is the option I have chosen, and I will explain why.

In the first place, I don't have a lathe, and if I did, I wouldn't have the skill to use it. In the second place, I like building, and this is a way to at least be able to say that I put the thing together myself. Third, it is an excellent way of getting to know any engine. And, finally, there is the financial



The Stuart-Turner catalogue, just full of goodies for the steam enthusiast!

side. While the castings cost 15 Pounds in England, the machined parts cost 45 Pounds. This is a lot more expensive, but stick around — the third option is to buy the machine complete, ready to run, and in this case it costs 109 Pounds! So, not only do I get the fun of building it knowing that the machining is accurate, and I only have to follow the instructions for it to work properly, but I also save myself some money.

Stuart Turner also make boilers, and every single accessory necessary to build the finished power plant — and that includes suitable propellers. In other words, the complete service for the steam enthusiast and, believe me, they are really helpful and good guys.

Over the next few months, I shall be building the engine and boiler, and installing it in a suitable model boat, and I'll be telling you how I got on. I wish to say right away that I am not an expert in steam, far from it; the idea is to help anyone who is considering having a go at steam themselves, and to help just a little in popularizing a form of modeling which is coming back into general interest. One of the good things is that there is a club, the Stuart International Model Engineers Club, with members all over the world, including a whole lot in the States, and some of those boys are really clever people. I hope to get in touch with a couple of them, so that in the case of troubles, we shall have a panel of real experts who can help us along whenever anything goes wrong.

For those of you who want to know a bit more about these engines, here are some addresses for you to write to; they all stock Stuart Turner parts and kits: Caldwell Industries, Lulling, Texas 78648; Cole's Power Models, P.O. Box 788, 1355 Church Street, Ventura, California 93001; Carolus Engines, 3082 South 200 East, Bountiful, Utah 84010: Pen-Models "The Steam Shop", 366 Kerr Street, Oakville, Ontario Canada; Western Scale Model Supply, 1769 - 15th Avenue South, Seattle Washington 98144; Modern Engineering Co., 1695 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver B.C. Canada; And the address of the S.I.M.E.C. is 54, Berkshire Road, Henly-on-Thames, Oxon England.

The photos show the parts of the engine and the boiler, and I also took one of a dry-run fitting of the engine. It's just like a construction set, and I can see no difficulties at all in my attempt to build a really powerful and sturdy steam engine, capable of driving a model boat up to 6' long. We'll talk more about this as the work progresses.



The Mocontrol Electronic Speed Controller, with by-pass relay. Neatly made, and first tests are already promising.

The other new item I have to talk about this month is an electronic speed controller from Galler Electronic Industries. The model I have is the MOVB, which is pretty versatile. It gives progressive forward speed, dynamic braking, and reverse. In addition, there is a by-pass relay which cuts in at the top end of the scale, giving the full accumulator voltage across the motor terminals for maximum speed. This is particularly important at the lower voltages. If the motor runs on 12 volts. and the speed controller drops half a volt, percentage-wise, this doesn't make a lot of difference. But with a motor running on four or six nicads, percentage-wise the drop is far greater, causing a loss of top end speed. The by-pass relay completely eliminates this power loss, thus making the unit a must for competition work. The controller, according to the instructions, which are very complete, will handle 10 nicads (12 volts nominal) at up to 15 amps, but this latter figure would appear to be for intermittent use only.

I shall be trying this control unit shortly, together with the Workrite Controller, which will give us an interesting comparison between two totally different systems of governing the speed of electric motors. In the meantime, if anyone is interested, they

can get in touch with Galler Industries, P.O. Box 87, South Walpole, Massachusetts 02071.



The Super Cycle, after two years of use. This is one item I wouldn't be without, and I consider it a very worthwhile investment for any serious modeler.

I have just been informed that I am to run in the World Endurance Championships again, this time in England. (It's not that I am the greatest, it just looks like no one else is sufficiently interested!) Anyway, with this prospect in view, I decided that I had better check on the capacity of my radio batteries. Like all good modelers, I had sent all my radio gear back to the manufacturer during the winter for revision and any necessary maintenance, but this of course did not include testing battery capacity. So, I hooked them all up to the Supercycle, and set the discharge. Not too good! Okay, so I recycled everything three times. That is to say, I discharged all batteries down to 1 volt per cell, and then recharged at the 14 hour rate, and repeated the action three times. To be quite honest, the results were astonishing. In terms of time, the capacity improved by about 35% on average, which is very appreciable.

Having done this, I dug out some very old pencell nicads that I have had around for a very long time, and did the same thing. To tell the truth, I have been on the point of throwing them in the waste-bin for over a year, but like all modelers, I have a psychological blockage when it comes to throwing things away. Anyway, those cells, connected up in banks of four, have all been re-cycled, and are still usable. Not, I hasten to add, as good as new cells, but

pretty useful even so.

The moral of this little story is simple don't throw any old nicads away, or at least, not until you have tried re-cycling them. Not everyone will own a Supercycle, but if any of you are thinking of investing in one, then don't hesitate. I have had mine for two years now, and since I also fly planes, run cars and crash choppers, I reckon that it has justified its retail price a couple of times over, in terms of material that didn't crash, and nicads that have been given a new lease on life. (It's not the to page 108



TRANSITIONING

R/C Piloting To Full Scale Flying

PART IV

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By Arthur J. Sabin

t this point in this series I have to assume that you have seriously contemplated undertaking the training necessary for your private pilot's certificate, the license that allows you to pilot your own full scale airplane for business or pleasure. You've examined a number of important facets, hopefully all that have been raised in this series and you have sought out a pilot training facility. The purpose of this article is to review what to expect in terms of the sequence from becoming a student pilot to obtaining that certificate, passing along ideas and suggestions that may be of value to you.

Let me begin with a very pragmatic tip. When you take flight instruction as part of your pilot training program, you are, in effect, renting an airplane and the services of your instructor. Generally you will be charged for the actual time (to tenths of an hour) as measured by a meter that begins running once the airplane engine is started. Most probably you will sign a contract for the rental of that plane for the lesson. Now here's the advice: the company or service from whom you are renting that plane generally insures itself and its instructor for any personal injury or property damage that could occur with respect to third person's property or life. Plainly put, they have insured themselves and their instructor if a plane should collide with another or should end up in someone's backyard doing property damage or injury. Furthermore, the service will normally pick up the tab for insuring you as to injuries you do to the plane you are flying. But that's as far as they go. They do not insure you with respect to injuries to other individuals or property damage that could occur when you are flying either with your instructor or after you have soloed. The same is true after you get your license. The tip is to get insurance as soon as you begin your pilot training which will insure you for personal injury and property damage you might inflict upon others. There are a number of insurance companies that offer that kind of insurance, though the usual insurance broker-agent is not familiar with it. Either use them to get the right insurance or insure directly with a company that offers this kind of coverage to student pilots. Should something happen, you don't want to end up saddling yourself or your estate with a huge lawsuit that could literally wipe out you or your estate. Remember that your homeowner's policy specifically excludes any damages or injury done when you are piloting or even a crew member of a private type airplane.

Here's another good piece of advice concerning your student pilot undertaking: if you find that you and your instructor don't "groove" for any reason, personality or otherwise, don't hesitate to make a change. Most often there are a number of flight instructors available and they do (or certainly should) understand how important matters of personality and style are in this intense process of learning how to fly. If it doesn't work with an individual or particular flight training school, make a move and do so before you get discouraged or too far into bad habits.

Assuming that you are enrolled, either with an instructor or through a club or with a flight school, what should you expect? Just as important is the question, what do they expect of you?

You should expect, and they expect you, to devote a great deal of time to this learning process. Yes it can be done in a matter of months and there is an incredible low number of hours of training in flight necessary to qualify you to take the flight examination. Don't be deceived by those numbers; almost all individuals require more than the minimum in terms of flight training and will not feel confortable unless they have sufficient training. Most instructors and schools recommend a minumum of two lessons per week which will mean devoting as least two hours or more for each session; that does not mean that you will be in the airplane flying for two hours, only that you must minimumally set aside two hours for any particular lesson. As you go on, you are going to want more time blocked out including half days or even full days for cross-country training.

For those two hours, you figure on time spent indicating what this lesson will consist of, the pre-flight inspection that is always necessary, getting off and away from the airport, doing the flight maneuvers or taking you through the material for that lesson and then the return.

In addition to that two hour block of time, especially where you have enrolled in a flight training course as offered by aircraft manufacturers, you have to figure on study time with the audio-visual aids film strips, cassettes and the like. Generally you're best off to get there an hour or and an hour and a half before your lesson to use those audio-visual materials. Sometimes you can get a set for home study; most often the material stays at the base of operations. This study is part of your ground school training.

At home you will be studying lessons using a text and a workbook. You will use a flight computer for working flight problems. You will find material reasonably well organized and most of it totally new and very challenging. You will spend a great deal of time studying those materials. At this point it should be mentioned that a number of local colleges and high schools as well as owners or operators of airports offer ground school instruction. You may want to supplement your work with this

kind of involvement or you may find that this is what you will rely upon for ground school where you are working with an individual flight instructor rather than as part of any specific course. But in any event, there is plenty of study ahead of you, probably some 200 hours between the time you begin and the time you take your written private pilot's license examination.

Before you solo which is generally an event that takes place after between ten and twenty hours of duel flight instruction, you have to have a medical certificate from a specially appointed FAA physician. Naturally, the examination is to determine whether you should be flying from a physical condition standpoint. On the back of that medical certificate, is your student pllot license which must be carried at all times when you fly. It is that student pilot's license that is endorsed by your certified flight instructor when you are ready to solo.

You can see that what you will be undertaking is a program of instruction that integrates learning everything from the theory of flight to meterology and air navigation at the same time that you are taking lessons and actually flying the plane. While there are some who go through a ground school and take the private pilot's written examination prior to ever getting into an airplane, or vise versa, never get near a book until after they have soloed, the better combination is to do both.

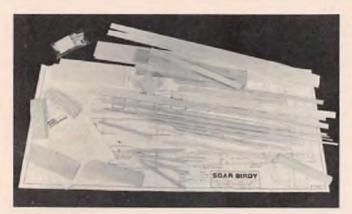
Assuming you are enrolled in a flight training course, you will have quizzes along the way which essentially test your ground school training and workbook exercises along with aspects of the knowledge you should have obtained from flying the plane. These quizzes or examinations are given during intervals during the flight training course and then, by the end of the course, there is usually a final examination reviewing all of the course and preparing you for the private pilot's examination.

Once you have completed your flight training course which would include reaching the plateau of soloing, continuing with dual instructions as well as solo practice and your ground school work, you will be ready for that written examination given by the FAA in order to certify you as a licensed private pilot. The written examination is a mulitiple choice examination and really quite difficult and in some respects, tricky. The idea is to test your knowledge of rules and regulations relative to flying as well as to correctly plan and execute a cross-country flight, this time on paper. There are a number of ground school courses offered on an accellerated basis, that is, companies who offer 18 or 20 hours of intense ground school instruction over a weekend followed by your taking the exam.

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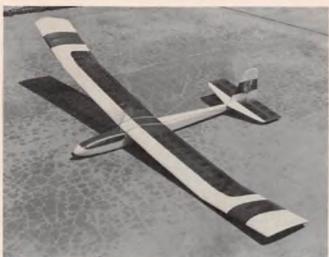
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Bridi Hobby Ent. SOAR BIRDY



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Packaging		-				Pre-Shaped Parts	•				
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Written Instructions						Overall Parts Fit		•			
Quality of Hardwood					-	Ease of Assembly	•				
Quality of Fiberglass			NA			Fidelity to Scale			NA		-
Other Materials		•				Flight Performance					
Accessories			NA	-		Overall Appeal	•				
Die-Cutting			NA		1						

E = Excellent / G = Good / A = Average / F = Fair / P = Poor



n our view, one of the most outstanding features of this kit is the simple construction required. This quality, coupled with good balsa, accurate machine cut parts, and easy to read and follow building instructions make this kit an ideal one for the person new to R/C flying. Hi Johnson's "Supertape" was used to join the plywood doubler to the balsa sides of the fuselage. To date there has been no evidence of splitting, lifting, or curling on the sides that were joined with this tape. The main adhesive used was Wilhold Aliphatic Resin, except for those areas like the wing center section which were joined with epoxy. In areas where a quick bond was needed, we first used Hot Stuff. Then, for additional strength, these joints were painted with a coat of the aliphatic resin. It was covered with white and transparent red Solarfilm, with metalic blue MonoKote and gold DJ's Multi Stripe for trim. We started building the Soar Birdy after a Sunday flying session and had it ready to go for the following Sunday. The total building time was 21 hours over the one week period. Simple, easy, and quick going.

Because we were working to build a competitive sailplane and wanted to bring it in under the manufacturer's flying weight, lightening holes were drilled in the elevator and light geodetic construction was used in the tail. And, to strengthen the trailing edge of the wing so the elastics wouldn't cut into it, a piece of piano wire was glued in place and wrapped with a piece of light glass cloth and epoxy.

The Soar Birdy sets up as shown on the plans and should offer the Novice or Expert an excellent flying sailplane beginning with the first flight. We set the throw of the control surfaces at minimum for the first time up with the C.G. at the to page 106

SPECIFICATIONS

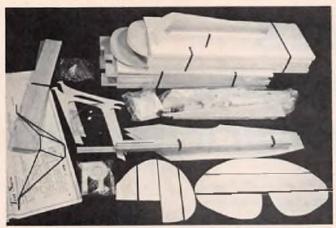
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Mfg. Suggested Retail Price	519.90
Available From	Both Mrg. & Retail
Mtg. Recommended Usage	
Wing Span	78 Inches
Wing Chord	8 Inches
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Fuselage Length	
Radio Compartment Dimensions (L) 71/2	" x (W) 21/4" x (H) 21/5"
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Dihedral	
Polyhedral	
Stabilizer Span	
Stabilizer Chord (Incl. elev.)	
Total Stab Area	90 Square Inches
Stab Airfull Section	
Stabilizer Location	Top Of Fuselage
Vertical Fin Height	6½ Inches
Vertical Fin Width (incl. rud.)	
Mlg. Rec. Engine Range	NA
Recommended Fuel Yank Size	NA
Landing Gear	Neonrene Skid
Recommended No. Of Channels	2
Recommended Control Functions	Rudder & Flauster
Basic Materials Used In Construction	Mudder & Lieraldi
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Wing	
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Hardware Included In Kit	
Plan Size2	nylon horns with screws
Plan Size	. 431/2" x 20" (2 sheets)
Building Instructions on Plan Sheets	No
Instruction Manual	Yes (10 pages)
Construction Photos	No
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PFM TEAM SPECIAL





he Team Special is a .60 powered sport biplane that is kitted in England by PFM. (PFM stands for Pat French Models.) It is being distributed in USA by Mid-Am Distributors, 348 Murray Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40505. (606) 252-4102. Distribution in Canada is by Model Craft Hobbies, Ltd., 1660 Matheson Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2K6. (416) 625-4410

The Team Special is a pleasing aircraft with a distinctively different styling, it is a rugged design that withstands the rigors of sport flying quite well, it should find wide acceptance among the sport biplane enthusiasts. Being a biplane; it is naturally not a beginner's airplane, yet any RC'er with minimal building and four control function experience shouldn't have any difficulty in constructing and flying a Team Special.

The plans, while rather basic, do however provide sufficient assembly instructions to enable the builder to construct this aircraft in an easy and rapid manner. Both wings are constant chord, pre-sheeted foam and the airfoil is semi-symmetrical. The top wing is swept back with no dihedral or ailerons. The bottom wing has 2½" of dihedral and pre-cut ailerons for which the nylon control cable tubing is already installed. Both wings are pre-sheeted with a hardwood veneer about 1/32" thick (we believe it is called obechi). This type of sheeting is very nice to work with; it sands easily, is not heavy, and accepts either a painted or film finish equally well. The quality of the sheeting and foam cores is excellent. The fuselage turtle back is of the same pre-sheeted foam construction. The tail surfaces are all of pre-cut balsa sheet. The fuselage is constructed of balsa and plywood in conventional sheet side/bulkhead fashion. When assembled, it is a very rugged unit with its internal

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Plans	-					Parts Match to Plans			•		
Written Instructions						Overall Parts Fit					
Quality of Hardwood						Ease of Assembly					
Quality of Fiberglass			NA			Fidelity to Scale			NA		
Other Materials						Flight Performance					
Accessories				-		Overall Appeal					
Die-Cutting			NA.								

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1ST ANNUAL WESTERN STATES REGIONAL RC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Photos & Text By Bill Simpson

he first Pattern and Sport Scale contest of the season in the west, the rain-delayed Western States Regional Championships, (yes Martha, it does rain in Southern California), was held on March 18-19, 1978 at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley, California. Co-hosts were the Rockwell Eagles R/C Club and the San Gabriel Valley R/C League.

Mile Square was a Marine Basic Training Field during World War II. Following the war it was used for helicopter training. The Marines discontinued use of the field about ten years ago and the buildings were razed. Mile Square is now under the control of the Orange County Department of Parks. There are about a dozen clubs in

the Mile Square Association which administer the facility. R/C clubs use the main 2,000 ft. runway. The area is large enough to hold Free Flight, U-Control and R/C contests at the same time.

The flying site is surrounded by an 18 hole golf course and grassy park areas with rivers and streams stocked with fish, baseball diamonds, bicycle paths, barbeque and picnic areas, playgrounds, etc. The ocean is seven miles to the west with some of California's finest beaches. Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and other Southern California attractions are 20 minutes away.

Five rounds were flown under partly cloudy skies and 70 degree weather. There were 59 entries with pre-Novice

drawing the most --- 13. Pre-Novice was limited to those who have never flown in a sanctioned Pattern contest. Fixed gear only and no tuned pipes were allowed. A simplified Novice Pattern was flown. It gave some new people a taste of Pattern competition and some of them were surprised at how well they did. No question that this event will bring more flyers into Pattern competition. Try it in your area!

The winner of Novice Class, Rick Horn, was flying in his first Pattern contest. He looked more like an Expert than a Novice. We'll be hearing a lot more from him!

RCM Associate Editor, Jim Oddino, won Master Class with a Curare with a to page 100



Tony Arand's Spitfire had a battery problem and couldn't compete.



Corsair entered by Bud McKnight.



Betty Stream did her usual masterful job running the desk.



Jim Oddino fires up his Curare.



The pit area. There were 59 entries.



Don Lien's winning AT-6. Won both static and overall.



Joe Bridi fires up his UFO. His son, Dave, assists.



Dave Wilson, last year's Novice Class NATS winner, files before Judges Dick Corman and Chuck Beardsley.



Don Weitz fires up his Dirty Birdy. Joe Bridi assisting.



Rick Horn won Novice Class in his first try in pattern competition. His wife, Mary, calls. The judges are Ed Paige and Don Butman.



The Scale Squadron turned out in force.



Rick Horn, winner of Novice Class, fires his Dirty Birdy. His wife, Mary, assists.



Marty Wittenberg, winner of Advanced Class at the NATS last year, fires his Dirty Birdy. Jim Kimbro assists.



Buddy McKnight's Corsair lifting off.



Dave Wilson, 1977 NATS winner in Novice Class, fires his Dirty Birdy.



Don Lien, scale winner, prepares his AT-6 for flight.



Don Lien's AT-6 coming in for a landing.



Contest Director John Garabedian did a masterful job. Shown here with USPJA Judge Ralph DePalma.



Master Class totals.



The winners!



The judges were all members of the United States Pattern Judges Association.



aunched off the ridge with a hard toss, the squat gliders float in the breeze to gain altitude. Soon they bank, roll, zoom, and dive furiously. Chasing each other in formation, the planes Split-S, wing over, loop and roll, trying to touch the long thin streamer dragging behind each plane.

This is radio controlled combal, slope soaring style. Crazy, you say? Well, maybe a little. Fun? You bet. Challening? It sure is. Expensive? Not necessarily.

The San Fernando Valley Silent Flyers feel that successful contests incorporate the popular aspects of sport flying. In a progressive program to include more types of sport flying in its contest calendar, the SFVSF runs a wide range of R/C sailplane contests, including goal and return, altitude, speed distance, and combat.

Bill Watson, a long time member, saw potential for a combat contest in the great popularity of aerobatic flying on the slope as well as in pick-up combat contests he had had with other members of the club. Also, Watson likes innovative ideas. "After a while, thermal soaring and normal slope soaring become routine, but when you have to watch the other guy's plane more than your own, and when you have to maneuver yours without looking at it, it can never be boring." The problem was to devise a contest that encouraged club participation, and discouraged mid-air collisions.

By the time the contest date rolled around, the rules and the bolder pilots were ready.

The Rules:

- (1) 3-4 planes fly per heat.
- (2) 5-10 minutes per heat.
- (3) Each time a plane touches an opponent's streamer, 1 point is scored for the attacking plane.
- (4) Each time mid-air contact occurs, 2 points are subtracted from **both** pilots' scores.
- (5) Everybody flies the same number of times — the greatest sum wins.
- (6) Any F.A.I. legal sailplane may be used.
- (7) The streamers must be equal in length and material. (We used 18' of 1/4" white magnetic tape leader.)

(8) During a heat, airplanes may be re-launched or replaced, but the original flight pack must be in the re-launched plane.

The Planes:

The airplanes must be very maneuverable, fairly fast, and rugged. Bill Watson explains, "Having an extremely durable airplane that reacts as fast as you think means that you can fly recklessly with minimal consequences." Michael Bame, one of the flyers, adds, "Everything happens so fast, flying must be a spontaneous thing. When you see a chance, you must take it. If you think about it, it's too late." So, Michael brought out a quick little 3' span ship that seemed to be at a disadvantage dragging the long streamer around. Nobody told Mike, though, so he managed to win in his class! Rich Hardy used a 6' span rudder and elevator Rubber Ducky that had the advantage in altitude and speed potential, but lacked the immediate response necessary for a combat ship. It unfortunately met its match attempting a subterranean escape. Harold Buyer brought a 6' aileron aerobatic airplane, probably the fastest plane in attendance, and maneuverable enough to be very competitive. The balance of the pilots brought a plane produced by Bill Watson, the Cheetah. This is a 4' span aileron ship with an indestructible polyethylene fuselage, and paper covered foam wings and tail. Not as fast as the larger planes, it compensates with remarkable maneuverability, low cost, and great crash-worthiness.

The contest was very exciting to watch and outrageous fun to fly. It turned out that even with the long streamers, it is much easier escaping an attack than scoring a cut. Since the attacking pilot must keep track of his plane, his victim's plane, planes attacking him, and the ground, it is very difficult to mount an extended attack. Most attacks took the form of grabbed opportunities, diving, or turning into a streamer. Rick Pearson says, "My strategy varied according to the number of flyers. With just one other flyer, I'd just stay on him constantly. With three other guys, you get high, pick and choose your shots, get in and get out to avoid mid-airs. You can't watch more than one plane at a time.

The best escaping maneuvers usually were diving in combination with turning, or maybe a Split-S. Unanticipated or tricky maneuvers, such as turning in towards the hill, were often successful in shaking off attackers. Climbing maneuvers were risky, leaving the streamer hanging in the breeze, just asking to be hit

At the beginning of the contest, midairs were frequent. Later in the contest, the flyers became more cautious in attacking, as it became obvious that reckless flying was earning them negative scores! Mike Reagan: "I mixed it up with everybody! I'd sit and wait for them to

come after me and then we'd go at it! I was always after someone - - - Pearson likes to win. He just sat up there, out of the way, then he'd dive down through everybody, make a cut, and then climb back out."

The contest, as all SFVSF club contests, was flown in two classes, Expert and Sportsman. In the Expert category, Rick Pearson mopped up, using his opportunistic strategy. Mike Reagan finished second on the virtue of his large number of cuts. Harold Buyer seemed to have more than his fair share of mid-airs, perhaps because his plane was bigger than most. Your author was eliminated in the first round by a broken servo gear due to a foolish alleron servo installation. Bill Watson, ever the wild man on the slope, was on his second plane after nine mid-airs at the end of the contest -the best way to finish last! The Sportsmen were more cautious from the start, and their higher scores reflect this. "It's as much avoiding having your streamer cut as cutting one — I think that may be why I did so well," says Sportsman Class winner Michael Bame.

The results, after three rounds of about 10 minutes each, were:

Expert Class										
		Cuts	Mid-airs	Score						
1)	Rick Pearson	9	2	5						
2)	Mike Reagan	10	5	0						
3)	Harold Buyer	2	3	-4						
4)	Blaine Rawdon	0	2	-4						
5)	Bill Watson	6	9	-12						
	Sportsmen									
1)	Michael Bame	3	0	3						
21	Dick Hardy	- 1	0	4						

3) Rich Hardy

After all these mid-airs, all but two of the planes were approximately flightworthy, albeit with a few new dings and wrinkles. Mike Reagan was enthusiastic, "Everyone was hitting me! Man! Five mid-airs without getting knocked out of the air! I really dug having a disposable airplane. I want to see more!"

To summarize the contest, it is fun to watch and just great to fly. Rick Pearson adds, "It's far better to fly with four planes at a time — it's more exciting. That's hard to imagine since two planes are so exciting!"

To win, you must have a strong predatory sense, with an even stronger instinct for self-preservation. The planes need to be simple and resilient. The wings are the most vulnerable part of the plane. Head-on mid-airs are much worse than same-direction love taps. The aileron servo should be in the wing to best protect it. Try to fly close to yourself. At closer range, it is much easier to judge depth, so cuts are easier and mid-airs are less frequent.

If you fly on the slope, and this sounds anything like fun, give it a try! Start on a day when the lift is light, so the planes are slower, until you get the hang of it. Then go for it, Ace!



The planes and flyers after the contest. Left to right: Rich Hardy, Bill Watson, Harold Buyer, Mike Reagan, Rick Pearson (kneeling), Michael Bame, Dick Hardy.



Michael Bame launches his little 3' span original as Dick Hardy awaits a gap in the traffic. Sport flyers on clear frequencies continued to use the hill.



Rick Pearson, high man, has Mike Reagan in serious trouble. Bill Watson banks sharply to join the fray.



Harold Buyer makes a diving attempt at Bill Watson's camoullaged Cheetah. Note the length of the streamers.



Diving out of the sun! A general shot of the territory at Malibu's Snake Hill. The planes are too far away here to accurately judge depth.



Bill Watson's plastic fuse Cheetah after a very solid centerpunch. The dent could be easily popped back out.



Rick Pearson puts the heat on Harold Buyer. A good maneuver for Buyer here would be a full-down elevator cut-away.



The immediate aftermath of a Watson-Reagan midair. Note the skewed wing and broken fin on Watson's ship. It spun four times and recovered even though the fin came off.

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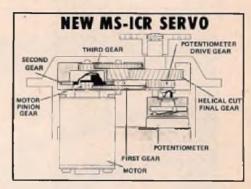
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Flitogias Models DELUXE TRION





he Deluxe Trion kit, from Fliteglas Models, is truly impressive for a pattern ship. All the parts are carefully placed within the box to avoid damage while shipping. I can attest to this for when U.P.S. delivered the kit, it looked as though it was used as a stage for the heavyweight polka party. Not one piece in the box was damaged.

The quality of the fiberglass is excellent, with the surface being almost flawless. The belly pan fit nicely and only a minor amount of fitting was necessary.

The hardware in this deluxe kit was quite complete and of excellent quality. It included: hardwood maple landing gear blocks, wing hold-down blocks, fiberglass center section reinforcement tape, horns, clevises, nylon screws, hinges, blind nuts, alleron torque rods, nose gear steering arm, engine control assembly, fiberglass wing tips, and sheet metal screws with landing gear retainers.

If I had to find fault with one thing in the kit, it would be the quality of the balsa sheeting used for the wings. It was what I would consider average. It was employed in the Deluxe Trion's construction but required a bit more work than I would have liked to see.

The plan sheet is half size, but well thought out and very thorough. The instruction booklet was very well sequenced and, if followed, aids in clearing up any doubts in the construction.

The foam cores are very accurate and a good grade of foam is employed. No trimming was necessary.

In most pattern ships, the firewall has to be installed. The Deluxe Trion has this installed and well fortified.

Very plus features are the incidence marks located on the fuselage sides. These are molded into the fuselage.

I personally prefer the canopy being molded into the fuselage for this eliminates any fussing at fillet lines, etc.

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Quality of Fiberglass						Fidelity to Scale			NA		
Other Materials			NA			Flight Performance	•				
Accessories	•					Overall Appeal					
Die-Cetting			NA								

E=Excellent / G - Good / A - Average / F - Pair / P - Poor

SPECIFICATIONS

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RGM PRODUCT TEST

Southern RC Prod. SOUTHERN KITE





he "Southern Kite" is the first compelition sailplane to be kitted by Southern R/C Products, manufacturers of many fine competition pattern planes.

The "Kite" builds fairly quickly for the experienced modeler, but the beginner may find the directions a little too general to guide him over some of the rough spots. The machining of the balsa and plywood is outstanding, parts fit was very well due to the close tolerances held in making the kit. Accessories included in the kit are an EK adjustable towhook, Goldberg control horns, and Snap Links, and three 10-24 nylon bolts. When building the wing, we went ahead and put in the necessary modifications for the spoilers to be added at a later time. The only other modifications we made to the structure was to replace the 1/4" balsa fillet rib with 1/8" plywood fillet ribs. We found that fatigue cracks formed around the wing rods when using the balsa fillet ribs.

The only fault with the kit is that the wing span is only 136" instead of 144" as advertised, and the wing area is 1077 sq. in. instead of 1200 sq. in. It appears that this may have been an engineering oversight when they produced the kit. If you want a 142" span, just cut one set of ribs, and add one more rib bay to each wing tip. Our prototype is 136" and it flys just fine.

One unique feature of the Kite is that the tail section is held on by three nylon bolts. This makes it convenient to transport or store the fuselage. The other benefit of this feature is that the stab can be shimmed for flight trim, just like trimming a free flight model.

In the flying department, the Kite proves to be very docile, ideal for beginners, yet it proves to be one of the more maneuverable open class sailplanes going. We are presently flying the Kite with only 2 channels and have no trouble putting it very close to the spot on landings. If you are a competition flyer, you may want the spoilers, but the sport flyer won't find them necessary. On the tow line, the Kite is very easy to handle, the wings are so strong you will rarely even flex them on the launch. With the design of the wing, you will break the tow line before you even come close to folding the wings.

Overall, the Kite is a rugged, durable sailplane that the sport flyer will enjoy and the competition pilot will turn in many a max flight.

IMPRESSIONS	ε	G	A	F	Р	IMPRESSIONS	E	G	A	F	P
Packaging						Pre-Shaped Parts					
Plans						Parts Match to Plans	•				
Written Instructions						Overall Parts Fit					
Quality of Herewood						Ease of Assembly		•			
Quality of Fiberglass			NA			Fidelity to Scale	7		NA		
Other Materials						Flight Performance					
Accessories		•				Overall Appeal					
Die-Culting			NA								

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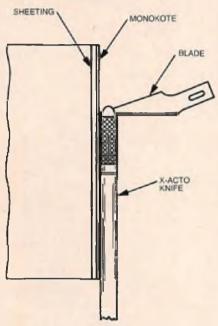
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	Mtg. Suggested Retail Price	\$74.95
	Mtg. Recommended Usage	Competition
-	Wing Chord	9¼ Inches
	Euselane Length	
-	Radio Compartment Dimensions Wing Location	Shoulder Wing
	Airfoil	Fiat Bottom (NACA 6412) Constant Chord - inner panel
	Dihedral	
	Polyhedral	6 Degrees
	Stabilizer Chord (incl. elev.)	6" (Avg.)
	Total Stab Area	
	Stabilizer Location	
	Vertical Fin Width (Incl. rud.) Mfg. Rec. Engine Range	NA
	Recommended Fuel Tank Size Landing Gear	
	Recommended No. O! Channels Recommended Control Functions	
	Basic Materials Used In Construction Fuselage	
	Wing	Balsa, Plywood & Spruce
	Hardware Included In Kit	See Text
	Plan Size Building Instructions on Plan Sheets .	
	Instruction Manual	, Yes
	Kit Includes	
	Wing loading based on rec. flying wt.	9.6 oz./sq. ft.
	RCM PROTOTYPE	
	Weight, Ready To Fly	72 Ounces

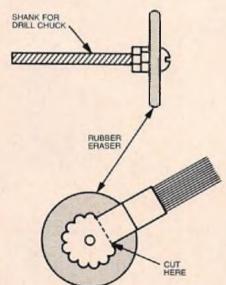
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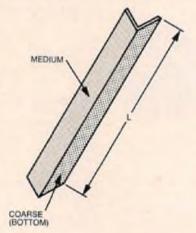
After minor damage to your covered aircraft, the job comes for trimming around the damaged area. No one likes to cut the sheeting and weaken it, especially cardboard covered wings. So to keep from cutting too deep, one can reposition the blade on the X-Acto knife as shown in the sketch. Ronald E. Varner Sr. of Great Falls, Montana has used this method many times and it works very efficiently.



To polish small parts, David Koelzer of Kansas City, Kansas, has taken the round rubber eraser from the type found in most office supply houses and mounted it on a bolt with lock nuts. This can be chucked into your drill or Dremel tool and makes a good abrasive polishing wheel. As shown in the sketch, the brush part can be used to apply the polishing compound to the area to be polished.



Charles Silver, a member of the Rams Club in Seattle, submitted his idea for an excellent sanding tool. This tool can be made from aluminum angle stock readily available at any hardware store. By contact cementing different grades of sandpaper on each side you have a versatile tool to accurately sand leading and trailing edges, wing sheeting, wing saddle, etc. The advantage of this tool is its low cost, light weight, two different sanding surfaces, very accurate straight edge and plane surfaces. Also, since the aluminum angle is sold in 6' lengths, the tools can be cut to fit the job, see sketch. Cut the 6' length into two pieces, one 11" and one 22" long, with the remaining piece as a long straight edge.



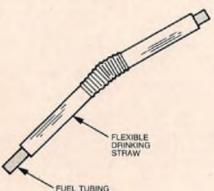
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SEVERAL SHEETS OF SANDPAPER (MEDIUM, COARSE, ETC.)

CONTACT CEMENT

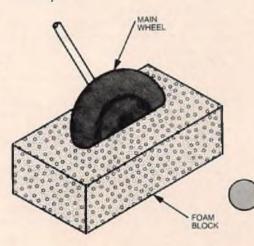
Thomas F. Manners of Apollo, Pennsylvania, discovered a plastic flexible drinking straw to be a useful item. To make 90 degree bends or greater in fuel tubing, Tom recommends using a plastic drinking straw. You can bend the straw in any position desired. Most any angle can be achieved, even an off-set if necessary. With the fuel tubing inside the straw, it will remain



open and not become pinched shut due to sharp bends. See sketch.

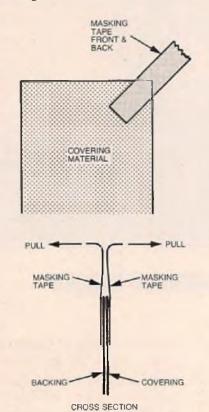
To connect an R/C car body to the chassis without using the out of scale body pins supplied with most car kits. you can use Velcro fasteners which are available wherever fabrics are sold. This two part fastener, which is used in place of buttons and zippers in clothing, works great to fasten car bodies to their chassis. L. Jeffrey Daniels of Browns Valley, Minnesota, has never had the body come loose while running his car under the most severe conditions and track roughness and yet the body may be easily pulled loose when the need arises to get inside to work on the chassis or radio gear. Jeffrey makes an "L" shaped bracket from brass strip and attaches it to his plastic front bumper and to the plastic radio tray on his 1/8 scale Associated RC 100 Chassis, Next, epoxy a small piece of one side of the Velcro to the bracket and epoxy the other side directly to the body inside, directly across from where the body will contact the bracket. The body can be easily slipped over the chassis and positioned. Then a slight finger pressure on the body is all that is needed to connect the two pieces of Velcro firmly. By pulling on the body at the same spot, the two parts of Velcro will come apart to easily remove the body. This method of attaching the car body to the chassis has been most satisfactory.

Worried by those bumps and thumps in the trunk or back of your station wagon? To keep his fuselage from rolling back and forth on the way to the flying field, Slim Modin of Massapequa, New York, fits foam blocks to the main wheels. Cut the inner hole to a snug fit over the wheel using a sharp pair of pointed scissors such as barber's shears. The hole may be cut all the way through without reducing braking efficacy.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

it is sometimes necessary to use a piece of heat-shrink covering material which does not have the starter edge necessary to remove the backing. Dr. Thomas J. Pekarna of Le Sueur, Minnesota, solved the problem by applying two pieces of masking tape to the film as shown in the diagram, one on front, one on back, running across a corner if possible. Press together firmly and pull apart. It may be necessary to re-do it two or three times but the backing will release.



Recently, J.G. Alexander of Slemon Park, P.E.I., Canada, encountered the problem of stripped motor mount screw holes in an a/c using wooden beam mounts. After searching for a simple but safe method to re-mount the engine, he came up with the following method.

(1) Drill out the original motor mount screw holes to size for either a 10-32 or 1/4-20 screw tap.

(2) Tap the holes and screw in a nylon bolt the full depth of the motor mount material.

(3) After the bolt is in place, 'Zap' it, and then cut it off and trim it flush with the mount.

(4) Place the engine in position and locate new screw hole positions on top of the nylon inserts.

(5) Drill holes in the inserts to suit the screws to be used for mounting the engine.

(6) Install the engine and tighten it

down. The mount is now as good, if not better, than new.

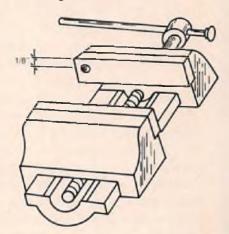
He personally used 10-32 nylon inserts with #6 self-tapping screws to re-mount an O.S. Max .40 Sch. in a pattern aircraft and to date have encountered no problems with the screws loosening or stripping out. However, one must be careful not to over-tighten the screws or you will shear the tops off of them.

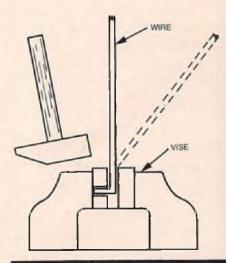
One of the handiest tools that a model builder can have in his shop is the X-Acto razor saw. This super fine tooth saw will cut just about anything from small balsa sticks to maple motor mounts. Its only problem is that its teeth are raked forward, making it cut on the push stroke. This frequently causes the teeth to grab hard, while the builder, having applied excessive force, bends the blade in half, loses his balance as the handle twists, and falls crashing into the center of the almost completed monster old-timer all stick construction fuselage whose last longeron he was trying to trim off. Lee fought this condition many times, and just recently in front of a good friend, and another long-time modeler. His comment was, "Ya Dumb S#\$!!" Fifteen seconds later, he handed the saw back with the blade reversed so that the teeth raked backwards, and cut on the pull stroke! The blade of the saw is held into the sheet metal backbone merely by two light punchmarks through the backbone and blade. To reverse the blade teeth, and put an end to years of frustration and collapsed stick fuselage models, simply chuck the blade up in a vise, pop the sheet metal backbone off the blade by prying up, turn the backbone around 180°, and tap it back onto the blade. Grab a centerpunch and repunch the punchmarks, and you now have an X-Acto saw that is the beautiful, well-behaved tool that makes any craftsman weep with joy. Lee Taylor of Roseville, California, sent this mod to us with the frustration that it took him 25 years to do something so simple and then it had to be shown.

From Earl Haury of Houston, Texas, comes this suggestion on how to prevent hoses from blowing off the fittings of pneumatic powered retracts. Simply place a drop of cyanoacrylate type adhesive (Hot Stuff, Zap, etc.) on the fitting before installing the hose. This has solved all his problems.

How often have you needed a small amount of fluid of some kind at your fingertips? Here is a solution that comes from Elmer Lohrey of Paris, Texas, on how you can do it. Take the Hot Stuff bottles with the black plastic caps; take out the tube when the bottle is empty. Put the black plastic cap back on and put it in some hot water to remove the label. Then drill the bottle out with a 3/16 drill, clean the bottle with fuel. Take a small brass or plastic tube 1½" long and about 1/8" diameter; cut the outer end at a 45° angle. Drill the black plastic cap to fit this tube. Insert the tube in the cap and Hot Stuff it in. Do not remove the gasket inside the cap. This bottle can be used for oil, fuel, water or any liquid, or to prime small engines. Put a label on each bottle.

Cheapest and easiest method for a "Z" bend in your pushrod wire comes from Can Kurdoglu of Instanbul, Turkey. Drill a hole in the jaw of your vise as shown in sketch. Make your first 90° bend on your wire, then stick this tongue in the hole and finish your "Z" with a hammer. Hammer lightly to avoid breaking wire.





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FRANK G. TALLMAN III-

rank G. Tallman III died in an airplane crash on the night of April 16, 1978. Mr. Tallman's distinguished career in aviation began with his first solo flight in 1938. He was the last living pilot who had flown the entire spectrum of aircraft types ranging from a replica of a 1908 Curtis pusher through modern jets. His piloting talents were equally at home in aircraft such as the WW I Sopwith Camel, Golden Age Travelairs and Wacos, everything from WW II, and most of the modern machines. He has shared many of his experiences in his book, "Flying The Old Planes," published by Doubleday.

Tallman was a U.S. Navy pilot during WW II — flying dive bombers and transport aircraft. He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1956 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Frank's long romance with airplanes was probably best known for his work with the movie industry. The majority of the stunts involving full size airplanes that have been seen in movies over the past two decades were flown by him. These wild aerial stunts were actually meticulously planned and precisely executed activities to achieve the desired effect. The lengthy list of movie credits include "It's A Mad. Mad, Mad, World" in which he taxied a plane into a glass wall of a restaurant and flew a twin engine Beech at 160 miles per hour through an open hangar. He then flew the same Beech through a billboard. Incidentally, the large billboard was constructed of balsa wood.

In December of 1963 Frank G. Tallman's lifetime dream of a historical museum of the air was realized. This museum, located at the Orange County Airport in Santa Ana, California, under the name of



In Memorium

Frank Tallman's Movieland of the Air Museum, contains an outstanding collection of antique and modern aircraft that have been gathered from all over the world.

With the opening of the museum, model airplane enthusiasts quickly discovered a warm, considerate facet of Frank Tallman. A typical example involved a prominent modeler, Col. Bob Thacker. Bob was starting an R/C model of the Sopwith Camel and had heard that Tallman had flawlessly restored a full size Camel from original factory drawings. Not only was Bob provided with all the information needed, along with access to the Camel, he was also shown a most accurately constructed model of the

Camel that Frank Tallman was building. Tallman's appreciation for model craftsmanship has led to numerous models being made a part of the museum's permanent exhibits by Southern California modelers.

In 1965 the museum co-sponsored an R/C Scale contest with RCM. The ground judging and display were held at the Movieland of the Air Museum. The very first West Coast Model Airplane Trade Show (MATS, later became MACS) was held at the museum with displays positioned among the full size aircraft.

We are saddened at the loss of Frank G. Tallman, III; aviator, modeler, and a wonderful person. □

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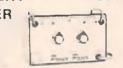
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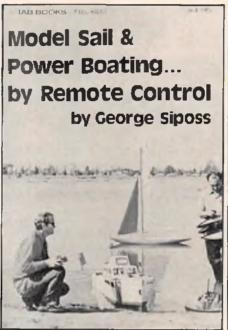
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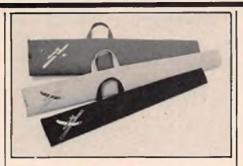
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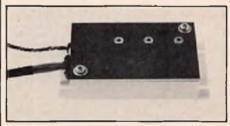
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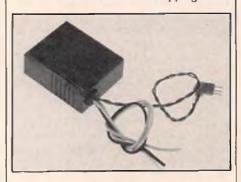
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The ship was finished with red, white, and black K & B epoxy paint over 3/4 ounce fiberglass cloth. Fliteglas Models liquid masking film was used for painting the trim. The ease of working around compound curves makes this method of masking a really unique process. If you haven't tried it, by all means do so on your next painting project. Rom Air retracts were used with a unique addition of Fliteglas in-line air restrictors. This is a new item put out by them and they work beautifully. It brings the gear up nice and slow without the usual slam so accustomed to with this unit. At first, one has doubts as to whether the gear is actually up and locked, but have no fear.

The Kraft Signature was installed and functioned perfectly. There is plenty of room for the radio and retract assembly. The radio installation is really quite elementary and not a problem.

The ship turned out heavier than recommended but this does not seem to hinder performance in any way. It has been my experience in very windy contests that a ship with a heavier wing loading and the power to pull it will fair up better and not be bounced around as much as the lighter ships.

The beauty of this ship is truly impressive. It has a distinct design format and is not the run of the mill pattern ship. There is a lot more lateral area than found on other pattern ships and this is probably why it holds a knife edge so effortlessly.

Compared to other ships, the horizontal stab seems shorter. I'm not really sure how the designer arrived at these dimensions but they work.

I mounted the engine vertically to eliminate the possibility of shearing off the muffler in the advent of a landing gear failure. It has also been my experience that the vertically mounted engine (without the Perry pump and carb) will have more consistent power settings.

Being a tricycle gear ship, the ground handling was excellent. I fly from a turf farm field and this didn't pose any problems. On the turf, I apply the maximum amount of power initially, due to the fact that the grass has a great deal of drag and the gradual increase of power would let the ship get too far away visually. Lift-off is smooth and gradual with no hunting or seeking the intended flight path. With this engine and pumper, the ship has more than enough power. Altitude is achieved quickly and set up for maneuvers achieved gracefully.

Being a pattern flyer and having built most ships to date, I feel that this ship will be a real contender in the up and coming season. Rolls are done without the application of elevator, or very little at best; they are quite axial and the loss of altitude is minimal. Loops are a thing of beauty. The ship will climb straight up all day if elevator deflections are not employed. Pattern loops are achieved easily and effortlessly with large loops posing no problem. Stall turns, inverted flight and all around pattern flight sequence can best be described excellent. Much of the performance of this type pattern plane depends on the flyer, but I feel that the Fliteglas Deluxe Trion will definitely give you the "razor's edge".

Landing, being one of the most important maneuvers, should be carefully evaluated in any pattern ship. The Deluxe Trion, with its thick airfoil wing, approaches the touch-down "X" nice and slow. Aileron response at this slow speed is good all the way in with the only notice being that the sensitivity decreases as the speed does.

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Rossi engine. Associate Editor, Joe Bridi, was 2nd, flying his new "UFO" with a prototype K & B Schnuerle engine. Joe flew better than I've ever seen him fly. He has a winning combination going there. Third Place finisher, Don Weitz, flies a Dirty Birdy with an OPS engine. Joe Zingali was using a new HP "Gold Cup" engine and turning 15,000. That thing is a real powerhouse!

Our thanks to Contest Director John Garabedian, assisted by Noel Allison and Betty and Suzi Stream at the desk. Judges from the All United States Pattern Judges Association were used.

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Proceeds from this year's contest have been placed in a trust account to be used for promotion and awards in following years.

The Los Angeles Times, in its classified section under "Aircraft", publishes a "Plane Talk" section with announcements of up-coming events, contests, etc., as a public service. They also print similar announcements under other headings. For a month prior to the Western States Championships, they ran the contest announcement on an average of every other day. With a daily

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doublers and external diagonally applied balsa sheet reinforcing. Landing gear is fully formed, soldered and painted ready to install. The plan sheet instructions are printed in what we "Colonials" refer to as "British" English or the Queen's Lingo. For example, what we refer to as a self-tapping or sheet metal screw is called a PK screw. An adhesive called Copydex is a type of contact cement. The differences in terminology such as these are in no way a hindrance and the plan sheet even includes a construction detail for an optional "Dolly bird wing walker" mount. Translated: This refers to a music wire post mount for the attachment of a "Barbie" type doll to the top wing in order to simulate a female air show wing rider. It's a novel idea that should appeal to those involved with club R/C shows or demonstrations.

We made several modifications to our Team Special, all but one of which are not necessary but simply reflect a personal preference. We elected to attach the wings with nylon bolts rather than using the included heavy rubber bands and dowels. The plans call for the wing tips to be vertically sheeted with 1/8" balsa. Being a constant chord wing

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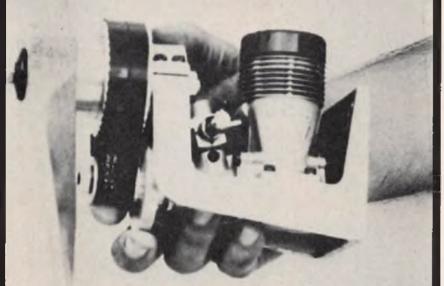
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with rounded tips, this results in a wing tip with a very blunt appearance. We built the tips up with additional laminated balsa sheeting in order to produce a more pleasing vertical radius. The Team Special in all other respects, possesses very clean and pleasing lines. The kit includes 1/16" plywood sheet aileron horns which are to be epoxied into the ailerons. We replaced the plywood horns with Carl Goldberg (large) nylon horns. While the plywood horns will undoubtedly work, we felt that the clevis holes will eventually wear excessively and, as they are permanently imbedded into the aileron, that the nylon horns were a better choice. The only change that we made and would classify as being essential; was in the engine mounting method. The plans indicate that the engine should be mounted with the provided self-tapping screws (PK screws) to the 3/8" plywood engine mounting plate. The plans state that this mounting method is sufficient for any .61 engine installation. Undoubtedly, many modelers have used and are using, this method with no problems. However, we believe that mounting the engine with 6-32 socket head screws, lock washers. and blind nuts, is a far superior and. certainly, a much safer mounting method. Our Team Special was powered with a Merco Black Streak .61 engine. We did go American on the radio installation by using Westport International's Variant System.

The wings were finished with white Solarfilm. The kit also includes pre-cut red fascal pressure sensitive sunburst wedges for trimming the Team Special with a sunburst pattern. The fuselage and empennage were finished with K & B Super Poxy enamel. The ready to fly weight of our Team Special was 128 ounces.

The Team Special is a good flying aircraft. It is slightly larger than most comparable sport biplanes, however, much of the additional size is in additional wing area. The combination of ample wing area, rugged construction, and clean lines, results in a sport bipe that is well suited to Sunday flyer use and is docile, yet fully aerobatic.

On take-off, the tail lifts very rapidly and rudder response is excellent. Lift-off is smooth and realistic. The Team Special will fly at 1/2 to 2/3 throttle with ease and has no apparent "nasty" tendencies.

In summarization, the PFM Team Special is a good flying sport biplane, that has a different look and is designed

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spar. When properly set up, the nose should hang level or slightly nose down. The C.G. was achieved without the addition of any ballast.

For the first launch, a lightweight Hi-Start was used. A heavy duty Hi-Start isn't recommended for this sailplane. It went straight up the line with only minimal rudder corrections — while holding full up elevator. Trimming it was also no trouble. As a matter of fact, the wind began to blow early that day and we got it trimmed out for a 15 mph wind with only the addition of 1/4 ounce so it would penetrate — which isn't bad for an airplane that has a wing loading of only 5.5 oz. per sq. ft.!

To our surprise, the Soar Birdy out-towed most of the Standard Class sailplanes that were flying. We recommend that the novice use the towhook location as shown on the plans. For the competitor, however, the towhook should be located at the front spar or 1/4" behind it. While this makes the aircraft slightly less stable on the tow, it will give you 10 to 15 feet of additional altitude on the launch, which is so important in competition.

The landings are extremely stable, making this sailplane a good choice for

someone who is working on their Level I for LSF. We made three spot landings all within the 80 to 90 fool range. The reaction to lift is very positive, with no tendency to spiral or dive out of very strong thermals at either low or high altitudes. It turns extremely tight, flat, and symmetrical turns, either into the wind or with it. Because it exhibited no tendency to tip stall, no washout was used. When the rudder and elevator throw was increased, we were able to do rudder rolls, spins, loops, and fly upside down.

While we are very pleased with the way the sailplane flys, we did encounter one rather serious problem. When we felt we had the aircraft finely trimmed and flying exactly as we wanted it to, we flew in a 2 meter contest. During one flight, we got hit with a 20-25 mph wind gust, and the wing failed. It broke clean at the center section where the two pine spars butt glue together. It seems obvious that the dihedral brace must be beefed up if the sailplane is to survive unexpected wind conditions or even novice launches up a winch. Besides that, broken wings are hard on radios!

With a beefing up of the wing at the center, we very highly recommend the Soar Birdy as an easy building and great flying sailplane both for good fun flying for the Novice or points at contest time for the competitor.

Manufacturer's Response: Bridi Hobby Enterprises sincerely appreciates RCM's detailed and objective new product testing program. In our continuing efforts to provide quality R/C model aircraft kits and as a way of responding to RCM's findings, we have, as of April 17, 1978, modified the Soar Birdy kits by changing from two, 3-ply dihedral braces previously used, to

three, 5-ply braces. Furthermore, if any readers presently have a Soar Birdy kit that was supplied with only two dihedral braces, if they are returned to us, we will replace them with the three heavier braces. If any readers who have already built the Soar Birdy would tear off the words "Soar Birdi - Building Notes" from the instructions provided in the kit, a new wing kit will be forwarded to them by return mail at no expense. Write to Bridi Hobby Enterprises, 1611 E. Sandison St., Wilmington, California 90744.

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If you have taken your flight training through a club or perhaps with an individual flight instructor, these accellerated training schools are popular. On the other hand, as indicated, there are a number of ways of preparing for that written examination with lots of texts, different kinds of schooling and instruction available.

Once you pass that written examination (a passing score is 70%) you are then qualified to take the flight test or "check ride" with a specially assigned FAA pilot. His job is to put you through the wringer in order to assure the FAA, other pilots and ultimately yourself that you are indeed ready to be a licensed pilot. If you pass your check ride, you are then issued a license and you become a licensed pilot. It is at that point that you can begin to carry passengers and you are free to fly based upon your proven ability.

Just how long will this process take? Of course you know the answer is going to be, "that depends". And indeed it does depend on a number of factors including how much time you can devote in the air and on the ground to your studies and practice, weather conditions as they would effect the amount of flying time you can get and, generally the events of your life as they influence your learning experience.

Under current regulations, the minimum is 40 hours of flight instruction and solo flight time including 20 hours of duel time with an authorized flight instructor, in turn that 20 hours including 3 hours of cross-country flying and 3 hours of night flying if you want night flying privileges; additionally 3 hours must be spent in preparation for the flight test within 60 days prior to the test.

That 40 hours must also include 20 hours of solo flight time with 10 hours of that 20 in solo cross-country flights with each flight having a landing more than 50 nautical miles from the point of departure and one with landings at three points, each of which is more than 100 nautical miles from each of the other two

points; additionally you have to have performed three solo take-offs and landings to a full stop at an airport with an operating control tower.

These are the minimums and while some are undoubtedly unprepared for their flight examination upon completion of these minimums, most take a good bit longer in terms of logged air time than these minimums. One aspect of these minimums deserves special comment; you will notice the point about making three solo take-offs and landings at an airport with an operating control tower. This is to insure that you have experience at something other than some tiny airport in a remote section of the country without much traffic. The presence of a control tower means a significant level of traffic. I believe it is wise to consider taking your training at an airport with a significant amount of traffic and certainly a control tower in order to get used to dealing with traffic situations and communicating with control towers from the beginning of your pilot training. To go the other route, that is, to take all of your training at an uncontrolled airport with very little traffic doesn't really prepare you for the demands that must be encountered if you're going to do any amount of flying. as well as handle the flight examination.

In this flight training sequence, I'm often asked what is the most difficult aspect of flight instruction for the student. The answer for most will be no surprise to R/C pilots; it's the landing. Here is where everthing has to come together right; your physical coordination must groove with your visual perceptions and you must be able to use that marvelous computer-like mechanism we call a human brain to translate an incredible number of input needs into physical coordination and an accellerated judgmental process. All of this is a fancy way of saying that, just as we've all seen in those World War II movies of flight training, ability to land is the crucial "wash out" test, Just as in R/C flying, it is the threshold that makes the difference and, similarly, there are no two landings that are the same.

Certainly soloing is a frightening experience and, though not advertised, plenty of students quit rather than undergo the responsibility of flying by themselves. But once you've got the landing down and assuming you're able to find the airport (no mean trick!) and further assuming that you have confidence in the aircraft you're flying, the soloing is not as crucial a threshold as developing a consistent ability to perform good landings. If you can get those landings down, statistics indicate that four to six months is what it will take to get that private pilot's license.

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safer and thanks to radio navigation, getting from point A to point B does not involve the risks that it involved just a few years ago. But there is a great deal to learn and to learn quickly! Once again, what you must realize is that you are entering a different environment, an environment where the dimension of vertical space between you and ground places new demands upon your knowledge and ability to operate in that environment. There are a great many books, guides, sample tests and the like to prepare you for the written part of the certification or licensing process, but more importantly, the point is that you should really learn, not for the test but, for your own proficiency and competency as a pilot. That takes time and real effort. You should give the entire matter of undertaking the flying experience leading to licensing very careful thought. It should not be a spur of the moment type decision; too much is involved ... the commitment is too great. Therefore, the best advise that can be given is to take your time. Talk to people, visit flight schools and flight instructors, read about flying (government publications and especially flying magazines) and evaluate realistically whether, to your world of R/C piloting, you want to move yourself as well as your airplane into the

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Supercycle's fault I crash choppers, the darned things just won't do what I tell them to. I don't think they speak the same language!)

Some of you may remember that some time ago I wrote about the K & B 21 outboard engine, and said at the time that this is probably the most logical form of power unit for a model boat, just as it is full size. Well, it is now well known that

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this engine has become a classic and there are even races which specify its use. I hear a whisper that K & B is working on a much bigger version, so keep an eye on the ads, because if it is as good as the 21, it will be well worth waiting for.

Seems like K & B is not the only one going this way, because AMPS, P.O. Box 449, Novato, California 94947, are also producing outboards. They produce a couple of standard versions. and specials. In the latter version, you send off your own engine — only front valve models are suitable together with quite a large check, because they aren't giving them away, and they will fit it into a custom made outboard motor. They are currently doing this to my trusty Rossi .60 FLR/C, and I can hardly wait to get my hands on it. At the time of writing, it have no idea what the result will be, but I do possess an AMPS outdrive, which I have used for a couple of years on a Webra .60, with no trouble, and if the outboard is up to the same engineering standards, then it should be quite something.

* * * A letter from a reader, who prefers to remain anonymous, has set the cat among the pigeons. He quotes me as saying that there is a "vast range" of small electric motors available on the market, but says that in looking through the ads, he can't find any - or at least, all he can find, and now I'll quote him, are ... either over priced toys or high power, fast battery drain, and expensive types." Well, Robert, what you say is partly true, but I think you are coming on a bit strong. In fact, there are very few ads for this type of motor, and I must confess that I was going on my own personal knowledge of what is available on the market, through my contacts with

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the different manufacturers. So what about it, all you manufacturers and dealers --- there is a definite interest in electric power, and there are a lot of motors around, so how about telling everyone just what is available? Please remember that it is sometimes very difficult for isolated modelers to find material, depending as they do on what they read about; and one thing is sure — if they don't know you've got it, they sure aren't going to buy it!

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Another letter comes from Donald M. Lippoth, in Maine, and this is just the sort of letter we need, because it brings up a prolem that more than one modeler must be suffering from. Don has radio problems, both on deep V's and hydros, and he wants to know if it is the transmission set-up that is causing troubles. He uses a straight brass stuffing box, with no bearings, and a floating drive shaft, and thinks that this may be the cause of the trouble.

Well now, Don, this is where yours truly sticks his neck right out, and probably catches it pretty hot. It is well known that any metal chatter in a model

is very likely to cause glitching, but if your models are set-up correctly, then the drive shaft should not be touching any part of the stuffing box. Hence, this is not a source of radio "noise". What might be causing trouble is the coupling. However, this is not the real problem. In my humble opinion, the real culprit is the tuning of your receiver, plus vibrations, and here I am speaking from experience. In fact, I have had the same sort of trouble in the past, and have found a cure for it. I went to the radio manufacturer and told him just what was happening, whereupon he came to the conclusion that my radio receivers were to page 114

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too highly tuned.

The majority of radios are used for planes and, for this sort of work, the range has to be pretty good. With boats, it is rare for the model to get more than 200 yards from the pilot, so we just don't need that sort of range. Now, fine tuning makes some sets more liable to interference troubles and, in any case, we don't need it. So, he de-tuned all my receivers, and I have had no trouble

since. This has a second advantage, in that if you run with several other guys, you are less likely to pick up spurious signals from adjacent channels. However, a word of warning, Don, do not try to de-tune the receiver yourself, get it done properly, by a competent electronics engineer, and preferably by the manufacturer. Otherwise, you are liable to have greater troubles!

As for vibrations, it is not realized by too many modelers that they are as much of a nuisance, if not more, than in a plane, and for this reason, the radio gear must be isolated from them by some form of damping — the best is foam rubber. Use the rubber 'O' rings supplied by the maker to mount the servos.

As far as the coupling is concerned. this should not be a real problem. However, if you want to go the whole hog, then the system I use is probably the ultimate. This involves mounting the engine on rubbers, and the tuned pipe; fixing the drive shaft tube to the hull with silicone rubber; and using a flexible drive shaft coupled to the engine with a solid coupling nut. This way, there is no vibration and, as an additional bonus, the noise level of your model will drop dramatically. To give you an idea, last year I ran a Mk I Racing Models Jumbo medium V hull, set up this way, using a

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Rossi .60. At 10 meters, the boat was measured at 76 dbs. Maybe this conveys nothing to you. Okay, put it this way. At 50 yards, with a gentle breeze blowing from behind me, I could not use the third servo to adjust the engine. because I couldn't hear it well enough! As I am currently in the process of building the boats which I intend to use in the World Champs, I will show you how it is done, step by step, bearing in mind that the noise limits for The Champs are 80 dbs at 10 meters, plus or minus 3 dbs for background noise. One thing is sure, here is one guy who is not going to be disqualified because his models are too loud! And, what's more, I shall not be losing any speed, as has been proved a few times over the past two years.

So there you are, Don, I think you should de-tune the radio receiver, then make sure that there is plenty of vibration damping around all the radio gear, and you will probably have no more troubles.

Since I have already mentioned the World Endurance Championships, a few words here about them would not be out of place, especially since they may be of interest to some modelers. The event will last about 10 days, and will take place on a big water sport complex a few miles from Heathrow, London's main airport. Apart from the three two-hour races counting for the World Champs, there will be an American-style hydrorace, and I believe that the organizers are looking for competent hydro racers. This event is being held in an attempt to show Eurpoean modelers just what hydro racing is all about. There will also be a series of 10 minute electric endurance races - a field in which the British are pioneers. A series of demonstrations of scale models will fill in any dead time. Finally, on the second weekend, the Saxons club, to whom the lake belongs, will be organizing a series of two hour multi races, which should be as thrilling as the Championships themselves. This will be over a shorter course, so the racing is going to be very hairy! I am down to run in this, and have just laid the keel of a Super Dreadnought, capable of taking all the possible crashes!

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As for those of you who don't go, well, see you all next time.

R/C FLYING AND THE LAW

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was dangerous to do so, in that the model airplane was likely to encounter downdrafts and/or other turbulent air currents which would cause it to lerch and move about suddenly, unusually and violently and cause it to go out of control and injure members of the public.

(6) That the Defendant, his agents, servants or employees, carelessly and negligently failed to control, pilot and operate the model airplane so as to keep same under proper control and carelessly and negligently failed to act in time to cause the airplane to resume normal flight while still at a safe distance above the ground and away from the premises of the swimming pool where the Plaintiffs were situated.

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(7) In that Defendant "R/C Pilot" failed to use that same degree of care and caution that an ordinary person would or should and could have used under similar or like circumstances and carelessly and negligently failed to safely operate and land the said model airplane on the ground adjacent to the swimming pool as aforesaid.

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(9) In violating the rules and regulations promulgated by the model airplane hobbyist community.

(10) In operating and flying his model airplane in such a fashion and in such a place, close to members of the public, and in doing so at such an

excessive speed.

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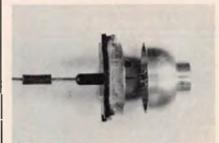
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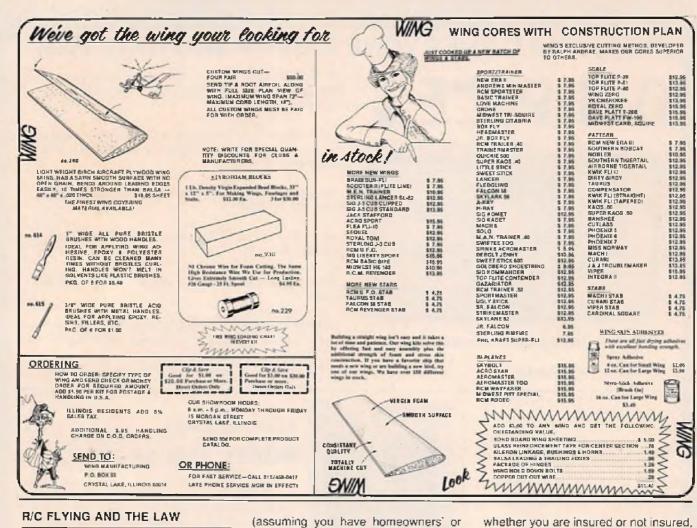
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To operate radio control models without insurance covering your potential liability for personal injury and property damage is utterly foolish. Regardless of how you feel about the value of A.M.A. membership, the one million dollars in "umbrella" insurance

(assuming you have homeowners' or tenants' insurance) or as your primary insurance carrier is a bargain, and, as indicated, is likely to cost more in the future. Without insurance, it is you who are going to have to pay for the cost of your defense including attorneys' fees. court costs and other costs such as expert witnesses, scientific tests and the like. Keep in mind that liability is based upon fault; therefore in any event,

whether you are insured or not insured, you must be at fault to be liable. The failure to behave as a reasonable person operating a radio controlled model would have behaved under the circumstances is the kind of fault we call negligence. Note that in the portion of the complaint reproduced in this article, those were all stating the specific acts of negligence as alleged against that

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defendant. Therefore keep two things in

(1) You don't want to be negligent and therefore, in all aspects of your R/C modeling (from building the plane to flying it), you will keep and observe all safety precautions.

(2) Because all of us can (and are) negligent at one time or another, the law allows us to insure ourselves against our own negligence. Only a fool would not be so insured. Keep in mind, however. that this insurance is tied to your reasonable attempt to conform to safe conduct with respect to your models and flying. Don't forget the words in the A.M.A. insurance coverage that state that A.M.A. members receive general liability coverage, "whenever and wherever they operate model planes, boats and cars in accordance with the official A.M.A. safety code." Thus observing the A.M.A. safety code is more than just "being courteous"; it is a condition of your insurance.

Let's keep our hobby just that; let's not be the R/C modeler who has to answer charges of negligence and be involved in some horrendous lawsuit.

Because of this article we are including an A.M.A. Membership coupon on page 115. . . Pat Crews 🗆

RADIO SPECTRUM

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airplanes and engines increasing, more and more guys will turn to ignition engines. In fact, I know there are a few flying with self-starters; there is no question but what the big airplanes are impressive.

At the recent Birds Contest, Ron Gilman flew one of the quarter scale Cosmic Winds in both Masters and Stand-Off Scale, I was very much impressed, although he did lack power in the vertical maneuvers. The problem I see is one concerning transportation. You will need a big motorhome or trailer to transport these planes.

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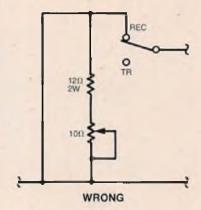
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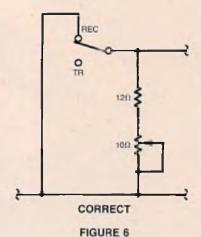
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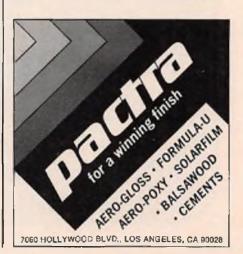
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James Donovan, Louisville R/C Service Center, 5318 Cynthia Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40291, offered to help anyone out with any questions on the Triac or Opto Isolators. We keep hearing about new automatic battery cyclers coming out with digital readouts but so far haven't seen any.

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R/C MODELER MAGAZINE'S

MODEL OF THE MONTH CONTEST

The Model of the Month Award Program is designed to encourage the sport and novice competition flier to submit details of his most recent kit. or scratch-built model to RCM in order to encourage general model craftsmanship and the overall promotion of R/C flying.

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- 5. A statement that:
 - a. The submitter was the sole builder of the model.
 - Parts and/or accessories used were part of the Rit or available to all modelers at retail outlets
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D. Judging will be on: 1. Workmanship

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We got kind of long winded talking about gel cells this month, but before we close, I had to mention a letter I got from Cathy Kay of Bishop Garcia Diego High School in Santa Barbara, California. She started . .

Dear Mr. Oddino,

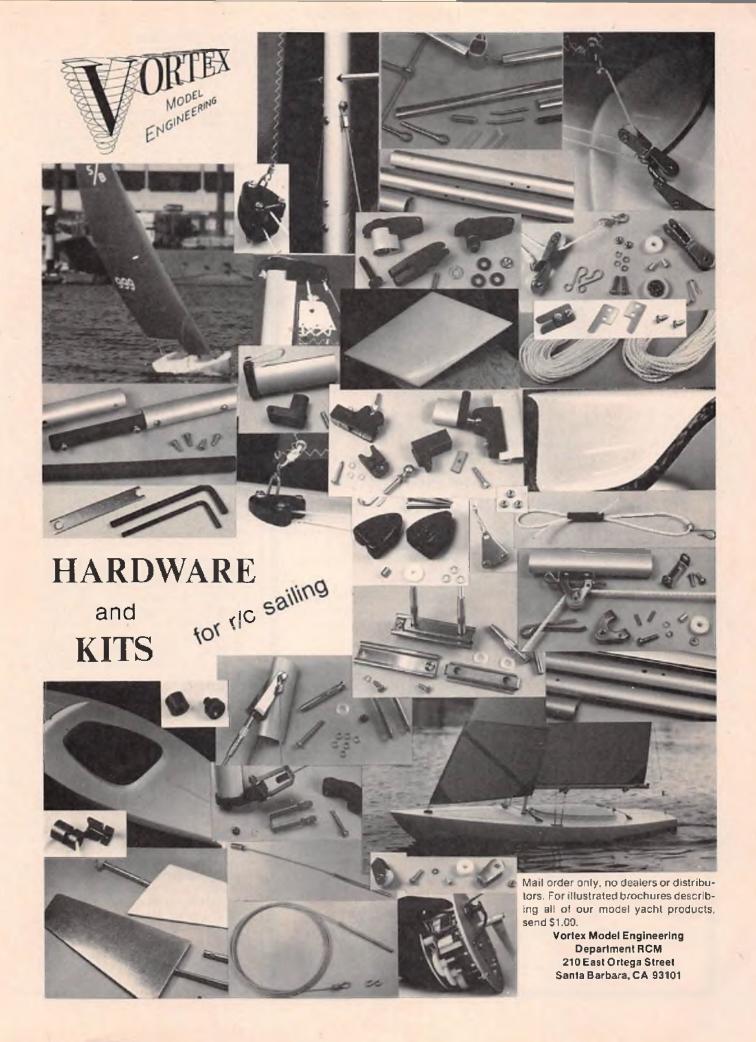
Since I am taking algebra, my dad gave me your problem to work. After much thought here is my answer:

She proceeded to very logically set up the equations and solve the problem including the proper answer. (See May 1978 issue for problem and answer.) I was naturally impressed and thought I might pass on some words of wisdom to other young people who might come

across this column. I sat in a division staff meeting the other day when our chief scientist, who also leads our recruiting team, talked about prospects from the June graduating classes, at such places as Cal Tech, MIT, etc.

You'd think it was the Dallas Cowboys or Milwaukee Bucks getting ready for the annual draft. And just like in sports, statistics are important, so work for those good grades. People entering to page 134

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engineering and science careers won't get the publicity that Tony Dorsett and Marques Johnson get in the sports pages, but believe me the real superstars in any field get recognized early on. Dorsett didn't decide to become a football star after he got to college, and probably wouldn't have made it if he had waited that long. So, if you want to be a superstar in any profession, start today. Especially those interested in radio, electronics, aerodynamics, engines, servos, etc., and don't forget your old friends in R/C when you are making technological breakthroughs. See you in the winner's circle, Cathy.

MISS GRANDIN

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begins. Since the taper portion of the wing is thinner, the excess L.E. material must be removed with razor plane, and sand to shape with sand block. Sand entire wing lightly with 400A sandpaper. This is the appropriate time to cut the ailerons free from the wing while it is still held secure in the jig. Once removed from wing, complete aileron 100% at this time to prevent chances of warping. Cap each end of the alleron with 1/8" sheet, after adding 3/16" sheet hinge support doubler blocks as well as 1/8" ply aileron horn support. Remove the wing from the jig. It's a long "son of a gun", so watch out for hangar crashes!

Add 3/32" ply float strut supporting plates. Glue reinforcing triangular gusset material and install float strut. Insure 45 degree angle on float strut; cut as shown. Also provide a generous horizontal slot, 1/8" x 1/4", at the precise location for the aileron bellcrank push wire before gluing float strut in place. Apply 3/32" sheeting around float strut as per plan.

The aileron bellcrank 3/32" ply platform can be installed now, as well as the bellcrank and the push wire from servo and clevis rod to aileron horn. Apply 3/32" balsa sheet around exit of rod to aileron horn; add tip blocks and wing structure is complete.

Completion of Hull: Install 1/8" balsa stab seat doubler to inside of hull on both sides. Glue top frame 1/8" x 1/4" top horizontal cross members to each frame station. Glue 1/8" x 1" ply cross supports for elevator and rudder Gold'N-Rod push tube housings. Cut slots for exits of push tube housings, and epoxy push tube housings in place.

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MS READ-a-thona simple way to start youngsters reading.

The MS READ-a-thon is a nationwide reading program for boys and girls 6 to 14. That alone is a commendable project, yet it has another purpose, too: to raise money to help find a cure

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Make a template of the horizontal stabilizer seat and cut out top edge of hull sides to a zero degrees incidence fit. Sand as necessary for good fit. Hold stab in place and check for tilt. If okay, glue with epoxy and nail with several straight pins. Add 1/16" plywood doublers for rear wing dowels. Close in top of hull by gluing 1/8" balsa sheeting, with grain running crossways, from the trailing edge of the wing to the leading edge of the horizontal stabilizer. Align and glue the vertical stabilizer with the dorsal fin in place.

This step is optional: On all of my seaplanes, I cut strips of full scale aircraft fabric reinforcing tape cut 1" wide with pinking shears, to the appropriate length and glue this with Duco cement into the 90 degree areas formed by the vertical stab and the top of the horizontal stab; also the bottom of the horizontal stab to the side of the hull.

Taper to a point at both ends. This gives tremendous strength to the tail structure and prevents dope from bridging.

In the cabin area, use 1/4" sheet balsa for framing seat which receives 1/16" plywood watertight hatch cover. Note side pieces have slight curvature. Fabricate hatch cover from 1/16" ply, sand to close fit around perimeter. Glue 3/32" x 3/8" balsa stiffeners as shown. With hatch cover in position, drill 12 holes with 7/64" drill through hatch cover and 1/4" balsa seat. Remove cover and install 3-48 blind nuts with epoxy to bottom of hatch cover seat.

Make the servo, battery and receiver equipment board of 3/32" plywood. The board is 3" wide with a 2" tongue cut 3/4" back from the front edge. Epoxy a piece of maple motor mount stock 3/8" x 1/2" x 1½" to back side of plywood frame F-5 after installing a 6-32 blind nut to bottom of block, as shown on the plans. This anchors rear end of equipment board. Mount trapezoid shaped 1/4" x 3/8" servo rails. Install piano wire hooks as shown to secure battery pack and receiver.

In order to permit easy installation and

removal of the equipment board, plano wire pushrods can be disconnected at the idler arm in the cabin and left attached to the servo. Plans show details of idler arms. Horizontal spacing between idler arms is maintained by cutting proper length spacers from 3/16" red Gold'N-Rod cable housing and slipping them over 1/8" plano wire axle for idler arms. Idler arm maple bearing blocks are then epoxied to the side frames of 6B then bolted with 2-56 screws. Make sure the holes for the 2-56 screws are drilled before gluing in place. Install switch harness and extension plugs for wing servos. Final alignment check: Before applying covering, now is the time to make that all important decallage check. Set hull in cradle. Strap on wing with several rubber bands. Slide hull forward or aft to set horizontal stabilizer at zero degrees incidence as referenced from a level table top. Once you have the same ruler measurement from the table top to the center of the stab leading and trailing edge, do not disturb the hull as you check the wing incidence for zero degrees also. to page 141

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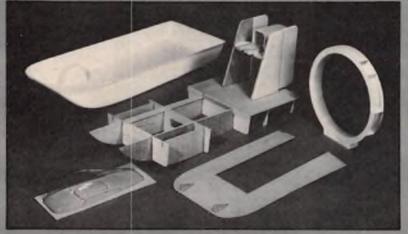
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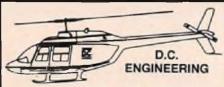
covered with silk and given a twelve coat Aero-Gloss paint job. Finishing is a matter of personal preference and the choice is left up to you.

Flying: First off - make sure that all important radio gear is working properly. Be sure of your batteries and have a fresh charge. Check all controls, both with engine off and engine running at all speeds. Vibration can cause erratic servo operation.

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IT'S THE NEXT BEST THING

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more than 1,000 simulated rivet heads on the fuselage and fixed "cat's paw" landing gear.

Hunter uses a 5 channel radio control transmitter and receiver to operate five servos: aileron, flaps, rudder, stabilizer and throttle.

The balsa wood fuselage is covered with silk, and is finished with 6 coats of dope, 2 coats of wax and polished to a high luster. The color scheme is red and white, with a black and white checkerboard design under the wings.

That Sunday, Hunter's plane made its third flight over the taxiway at Tachikawa AB. It was, however, not piloted by its builder. The sergeant explained that he hasn't mastered the delicate operation of radio control flying.

"Even though I haven't flown it myself, I really got a kick out of watching it take-off for the first time," Hunter said. "I just couldn't believe it . . . I still can't believe that it got off the ground. But when it did, man, did I feel relieved and very satisfied."

As Master Sergeant Joe Kutcher put the Ryan through slow roles, easy dives and lazy loops, there was no doubt that Hunter's handiwork is a product of skill, labor and love. Kutcher, who has flown radio control models for 13 years, noted that the plane has only a few "bugs" that can easily be corrected.

To help learn how to fly his Ryan, Hunter has joined the Kanto Modelaires — a club designed for radio controlled plane and car buffs.

If he puts as much effort in flying as he did in building, the enthusiastic hobbyist should solo soon.

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whatever you have. The stick was made of 3/32" OD aluminum tubing with a piece of black fuel tubing for a handle. The foot rests were made of brass shim stock, soldered to pieces of 1/16" music wire which were Hot Stuffed inside aluminum tubing which went through the balsa nose piece.

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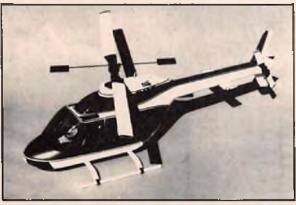
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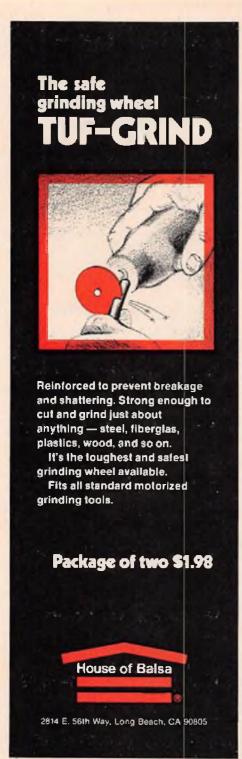
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Using multi-channel equipment, I would not want to recommend this plane. as a typical beginner's plane. I did not go into detail about covering the wings with silkspan or, even better, with silk. Applying these coverings does take quite a bit of technique; furthermore, arranging the radio gear in the fuselage is not easy either.

The more I think of single channel, Ace type, the more I think it might be a fabulous challenge. When you get rid of all the weight back of the Center of Gravity and move everything forward, the plane would balance easier. There would be no problem running the torque rod down the boom and the rudder is set high enough to be wig-wagged. If anyone does single channel the WD-II. whether it is successful, or not, please let me know through RCM; it would be interesting to communicate with you regarding your experiences.

As for flying, it putt-putts around the field at a scale speed and is an instant attention getter. I would not recommend Immelmans or outside loops but, it is a real fun flier and I hope you get a lot of enjoyment out of your Whing Ding II.

SUPER PARASOL

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covering and set aside.

Wing Struts:

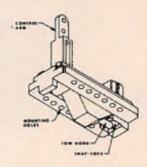
The wing struts are made from 1/4" x 1/2" x 12" spruce. The end attachment fittings are constructed similar to a control pushrod; with a "Z" bend at one end and a threaded nylon clevis for adjustment on the other. Do not omit these wing struts as they are functional. Tail Surfaces:

The tail surfaces are constructed directly over the plan, which is self explanatory. When dry, remove the respective surfaces and sand smooth and round off all exposed edges and movable surfaces as shown on the plan, and cut the hinge slots and fit the hinges in place, but do not glue, as it is much easier to permanently install the hinges after the surfaces have been covered. Finish sand the tail surfaces in preparation for covering and set them aside.

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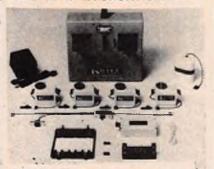
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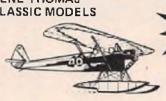
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Install the 1/2" and 1/4" fuselage top sheeting. Glue the 3/16" sheet cockpit floor in place. Install the 1/32" plywood cockpit sheeting. Glue the 1/4" plywood hatch hold-down and strut strap block in place, in the rear of the radio compartment. Mount the aluminum wing strut straps. Glue the 1/8" sheet fuselage bottom sheeting in place cross grained. Make the access hatch from 1/8" hard sheet and fit it in place. Drill the hatch hold-down hole through the hatch and plywood plate. The hole in the plywood plate should be bored out to accept a 4-40 blind nut. Glue the 1/8" square fuselage stringers in place. Install your engine and engine mount on former F1. Be sure the engine's exhaust, carb, and fuel nipple are covered to keep dirt and dust out. Glue the cowl blocks in place around the engine. When dry, shape the cowl and fuselage to the proper contour and sand smooth. Install the elevator and rudder pushrods, and the throttle control rod or cable. Fine sand the fuselage in preparation for covering.

Radio Installation:

Westport International's Variant radio equipment is shown on the plans and was used in my Super Parasol. However, the radio compartment is sufficient in size to accommodate almost all sizes of radio equipment including many of the older large size systems. The best radio installation advise to be given is to simply follow the manufacturer's instructions for your radio system. After all, who knows your radio system better?

Finish:

The Super Parasol shown in this article, being built for sport flying, was finished with silkspun Coverite and K & B Super Poxy with a final coat of K & B Super Poxy satin finish being applied. If you are building your Parasol. for sport flying, then the heat shrinkable films are a good finishing media to consider. If Stand-Off Scale or a model with more detail is your goal, then you will undoubtably want to go the fabric and paint route. The Super Parasol is one Scale type that can "live" with the extra weight associated with a realistic painted finish, because of its generous wing area.

Flying:

The Super Parasol, when balanced within the indicated C.G. limits, is an easy to fly, stable aircraft; very much like a trainer. With its large wing area, it will tend to "float" on landing, so allow for this with a longer or shallower landing approach. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy not only flying your Parasol, but building it as well.

races is much better for the spectators to be able to understand. Remember, these races are not only for your benefit, but for the benefit of the spectators as well. I cannot emphasize too strongly on how important spectators are.

Some of the largest, fastest growing clubs hold their races in parking lots located on large shopping malls. Some of these malls have advertising funds that they use to pay the clubs \$50 to \$150 a race. This money is then used to buy the race trophies. The club is then free to use the entry fees to buy a trailer to haul the boards or for whatever purpose they need. The shopping mall manager should be approached by someone in your club who can give the appearance of being a responsible person. Your club representative can bring along a nice clean car and maybe some photos of races, so the mall manager knows what you're talking about. In the beginning, it's best to just ask for permission to use part of the parking lot which is least used. They'll not be in a hurry to give you a parking lot that is used regularly. Don't ask for money right away. Run a few races first to see if you attract an audience. Then you can ask the mall manager if they would like to contribute to the trophy fund. Also, at your initial presentation to the mall manager, you can tell them that you will be getting site insurance to cover your racing activities. This is very important to the mall manager. You can get insurance for yourself, your club and site insurance from WAM Inc., Route A. Box 19, Lower Lake, California 95457. Write to them for details. Naturally, you'll want to clean up the area after the days racing, because this is also very important to the mall manager.

There is no limit to the amount of sponsorship your club can get for its racing activities if you approach it in an intelligent manner. In Europe, they have over 20 "purpose built" R/C car tracks. A "purpose built" R/C car track is a track that is built for the single purpose of running R/C cars. Such as Go-Kart tracks that you've seen, which were made solely for Go-Karts. These "purpose built" R/C car tracks are sponsored mainly by the same companies that sponsor 1/1 scale racing car activities. The tracks are run and used by the local R/C car club. They'll be paved with a track layout prescribed by the local club, with grass infields, wire fences around the outside, drivers stand, timing and P.A. equipment, etc. In this respect, Europe is more ahead of us here. Our tracks are all located on parking lots. I only know of two "purpose built" tracks in the U.S.A., and these are not club tracks, but commercial tracks. Thorp Raceway in Southern California and Rattey's Raceway near Boston. I

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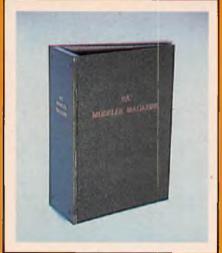
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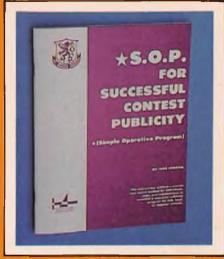
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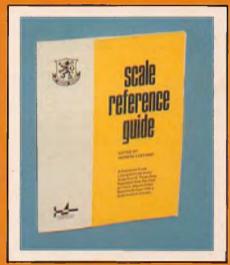
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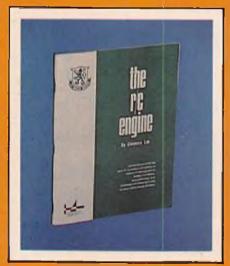


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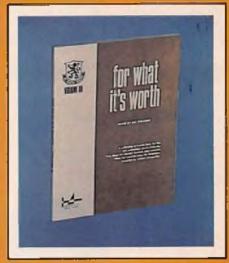


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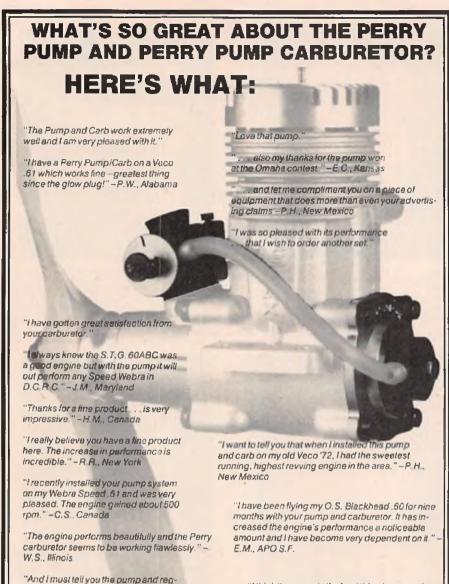
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have heard of some clubs that are working on getting tracks built in park areas. I think this is also a good idea you can look into.

There is no limit to the racing facility your club could have. It just depends on how hard you try and it sure doesn't hurt anyone to ask. Good luck in your search.

SUNDAY FLIER

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wrong. I told him the nose wouldn't stay up. He told me to bring her around easy to an emergency approach. Nervous as I already was, I turned left directly into the sun. I said, "quick, give me my sunglasses, they're on the ground." He looked and looked quickly to no avail and by then the need for them had left. I was having to give more and more elevator to keep it flying. At this point I chickened out and quickly handed the transmitter to my instructor. With some fancy throttle control and other stick maneuvers too numerous to mention, he expertly landed the Blue Goose (as I affectionately call it) on the nose gear with a sudden thud. We immediately ran over to check the radio and servo actuation.

The elevator had plenty of down throw but hardly any up. We stood around theorizing for about ten minutes until I decided to get down on my hands and knees and eyeball the situation. Still on my all fours, I looked at my instructor and said, "George, look here but don't you dare laugh." He looked and yes he burst out laughing. It seems I had a slight cargo aboard my aircraft. The left arm of my sunglasses was hanging out of the wing saddle on the lower side of the wing. I removed the rubber bands and found my Foster Grants hopelessly bent like a pretzel entwined in the arms of my KPS 9 servos.

For this malfunction junction my club, the Central Georgia Radio Controlled League of Warner Robins, voted me the "Dunce of the Month."

Shamefully yours, Thomas Geary Warner Robins, Georgia

No doubt about it, Tom - - - you're a contender. Now here's one that has me guessing.

Dear Ken:

Let's go back a few years, won't say how many.

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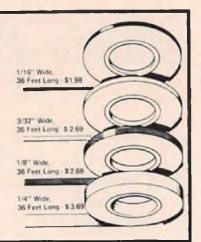
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Side note - also had a lifting airfoil on the stab! It flew well (I think) and I had a lot of fun for the next two years, until I got myself a 10 channel unit and changed the stab and added elevators.

Back to the dumb part.

My friend Roy, went out and got himself a new "Wen Mac" single channel superhet type radio, a .19 powered rudder only airplane with a rubber band powered escapement.

Now, are you ready for this? My Orbit-4 superregen would not hit Roy's Wen Mac superhet and Roy's Wen Mac would only drive my Orbit reeds a little bit. You could only hear them a little bit, and it wasn't enough to bring up any relays.

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We flew together quite a few times with no trouble, until one day. Some other modelers came along and said that we couldn't do that.

Now I tell you, that's dumb.

Sometimes what you don't know won't hurt you as it is true, that a little bit of knowledge can be dangerous.

Jerry G Slater Martinez, California I haven't been able to figure out who was the Dum-Dum. Was it Jerry --- or the guys who said Jerry and Roy couldn't fly simultaneously --- even though they were doing it? And how come they could? My guess is that the superhet was just enough off the Orbit frequency that it didn't get hit, and the Orbit was strong enough with its signal to reject the interference from the Wen Mac. (Somebody's bound to set me straignt if that's wrong.)

I'll have some more for you later, but right now, it's time to announce the winners for the oldest and youngest R/C fliers (whose names were turned in to

me with certification).

Oldest was Eimer Harms, of the Madison Area Radio Control Society. Elmer was born in 1897; he's in his 81st year on this spaceship Earth, and four years ago decided to learn to fly radio controlled airplanes. He belongs to the AMA, and flies all year round - - - even up there in Wisconsin. He takes off from a frozen lake in the Winter! Now that's an active flier.

Elmer's name was submitted by Roger and David Deicher. Roger is the treasurer of the MARCS. They forgot one thing - - Elmer's address. So how do we send him a subscription to RCM? Or will he come to the offices in Sierra Madre to pick it up? (Only kidding, Roger. When you read this, send

Elmer's address to RCM's Subscription Department; tell them Elmer won the contest, and they'll put him on the mailing list.)

The youngest R/C flier is, by now a celebrity. His picture has been in several magazines, he has given demonstrations at contests, and I have personally been present during some of the training sessions when his father was instructing him. His name is Gordon D. Hyde, but is better known as "Chip." Chip was born in October, 1971. He soloed five days before his fifth birthday, and has been flying ever since. I have personally seen him perform slow rolls, Split S's, spins and other maneuvers, and he would be a good competitor in Novice Class at any meet. For that matter, if he has improved as much since I last saw him as he did while I was watching his training, he probably would be a good entrant now in Sportsman Class. So Chip wins the subscription as the youngest R/C flier wholes name was submitted.

Last month I covered the WRAMS R/C show - - - a really great event, even though only ten years old. This month, I went to the Weak Signals Toledo Show, now in its twenty fourth year, with the Silver Anniversary show coming up in 1979. As the saying goes, it's the "biggie" and getting bigger, as they all

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are. Since RCM had four other staff members at Toledo, I'll only make a few observations this time around.

Maybe the Weak Signals Club will have to take a look at Detroit as a site soon. The Toledo Sports Arena can barely accommodate the crowds. Take a look at the photo I took from the balcony. Nothing but a solid mass of people. With one exception, which brings me to the next observation.

Note the huge airplane in the right center of the picture. It's a one half scale version of the Aeronca Champion — 17 foot wingspan. Note I say "version" rather than model. It's too big to be a model. If it were stressed and powered to handle the load, it could well be occupied by a ninety pound pilot and flown as a full scale airplane. It actually was larger than an RPV that I flew back in 1973 which carried a 110 pound payload!

Big airplanes were very much in evidence at Toledo, and the trend continues to accelerate. I am not opposed to them — in fact, I fell in love with Concept Models' 1/4 scale Fleet. I logged about fifteen hours in one back in 1930, and it was one of my favorite planes.

However, big "model" airplanes are bound to raise a question. How big can they get, and still be "regulated" by the AMA as opposed to becoming a subject for control by the FAA? After all, they are getting to the point where they could conceivably create a "blip" on a radar controller's screen. Think about it.

While at the Toledo show, I talked with two experts in their respective fields - fuels in one instance, batteries the other.

I quote: "Heat is power. Anyone who claims his fuel delivers more power, while at the same time runs cooler, is misleading the public!" How do you equate that with some of the claims? I'm not saying I agree -- or disagree. Perhaps some one of you can comment; I'd be interested to hear.

A second quote: "Nicad batteries do not have a memory." In another part of the show, a display says "Cycle vour batteries. Get rid of their memory and let them operate to full capacity." It sure is confusing to a Sunday flier.

This month I'd like to close out the column with a heartfelt "thank you so very much" to all of you who wrote me, or phoned me, or stopped me at the WRAMS and Toledo shows just to tell me how much you enjoyed reading the column about my father. For a long time I had been thinking about writing that story, but it seemed a bit personal. Your response proved that I was wrong, and I thank you for it.

Sometimes the life of a columnist can be very rewarding. This was one of those times for me.

HERE'S HOW

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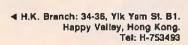
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The Masters will lift off, hover, climb out to a procedure, turn left or right then a Figure 8 any size, then on to what sounds simple enough: a 200' perfectly straight level flight at 8' or less of altitude and then 200' back the opposite direction after which you will try to fly three laps around the 200' pylons at a prescribed elapsed time per lap. You will have 10 laps to attempt to get three laps under the elapsed time limit. After the pylon deal will be the same gate set-up as in Sportsman, only the gates will be smaller. They will have a total rotor clearance on the first set of 2', the second at 1', and the third at 6". The remaining task in Masters will be graduated hoop pick-ups. There will be three hoops to pick-up, 10"-6" and 3". This, then, will be a complete round for Masters.

A new optional to the Masters flyers class has been labeled Hol Dog. This Hot Dog class got its name from Hot Dog Skiing or do your own thing type of flying. You will be able to choose 5 various types of maneuvers and you will have 3 minutes to do them in. The maneuvers were limited to 5 so as to have time to do quality not quantity flying to gain points. Like I said earlier, these are the tentative rules as of this writing and if you have any further questions call Dwyane.

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You know, when it comes to setting up a helicopter, there aren't what you could really call any real trick procedures. If you could say that there are any real tricks, it could be put into one word - - accuracy. The more precise you can

set-up a helicopter, the better it will fly. The problem is finding out the methods to achieve this desired precision. The main rotor system (now notice I said system) has many areas of set-up that can benefit from a more precise set-up. This month we can cover a very exacting method for checking pitch settings on fixed pitched machines; also checking collective pitch settings such as total collective travel; just how much pitch it takes to hover a particular machine at a certain throttle opening; whether one set of blades are more efficient than another; how much cyclic control you have; is the fore and aft cyclic balanced with the left and right, and can it go on and on. But the trick here is that the checking and results are done accurately without any guessing of "I think it's so many degrees" method. This method will tell you exactly and you may be surprised at some of the readings you get.

All checking is done at the tip of the blades because that's where most all of the work the blade does, is done at - - the last 4" to 6". After using this method and keeping notes on your readings, eventually you will be able to duplicate previous set-ups that seem to work well and, also, when conferring with fellow flyers, you can exchange information and, with the exactness that you have in set-ups, you can try someone elses suggested set-ups and get the same results and, also someone else can try your set-ups. What this all achieves is that it eliminates guesswork and you end up with facts to work with.

Some of the pictures in this column will show you what I use for checking pitch settings. My own name for these super gadgets is an Angleometer (I believe the technical name is inclineometer). But anyway by using the Angleometer and an X-Acto adjustable clamp #7004, you can accurately set or adjust pitch on any helicopter. There are two sizes of the Angleometer available, the small 3" diameter or the larger 4" diameter. I use both sizes. The bigger one is much easier to read and is marked in half degrees. Both can be purchased at Sears.

I usually use the small one to level the machine for checking and also on the flybar to keep it level while checking the pitch on the rotor blades with the big one. I have found this to be the best, most accurate way of checking pitch. By using the X-Acto clamp which is about 8" long, I have even been able to check out a full size Hughes 300 for collective and cyclic - - - just like the models. You'll find after you have used this method awhile, you can set-up the machine with much more accuracy than you ever thought possible and you can repeat your set-ups that you know work best with no guessing. The pictures should clear up any questions you might have on how to use these pieces.

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One of the first problems I had when first trying to fly a helicopter, was try to keep the transmitter in one place where it felt comfortable. I always kept pulling it up into my chest until the stick would be stuck in my chest and I couldn't control the thing any more. What I did was to design a box or tray with a strap on it to go around my neck and angled it so it held the transmitter where it felt in a natural position to me. Now I have to admit that tray really helped me tearn to fly because now I could concentrate better on flying.

There is no set design for these trays but if you would like to make one, here's how I would go about it. While you're actually flying, land the machine and immediately have someone take various measurements from your stomach to the transmitter stick — or sticks; from your chin to the stick and, if applicable, any angle the transmitter is to your front.



A Hirobo kit Enstrom by Alan Hickman of Canton, Ohio.

These are the basic measurements for your tray. The tray can be made from anything. At first I used wood paneling for the bottom and wood for the sides. I'm using plexiglass now, as shown in the photos, but it's more for looks than anything else.

I use foam rubber pipe insulation, available from a refrigeration supply. Hot Stuffed to the base to keep it from slipping on my stomach and, also, depending on the type of strap used, maybe the same thing slipped over the strap where it goes over my neck. If you decide to use plexiglass, the best glue to use to put it together with is a very thin viscosity plexiglass cement. They have various types of plexiglass cement but use the thin water-like type. Cadillac Plastics name for it is Cadco 94. But whatever brand, it's proably the same thing. This thin stuff you can use like Hot Stuff on the plexiglass and it's very strong and dries almost instantly.

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Well, as this is being written the Toledo show starts tomorrow and I can't wait to see what's new. Whatever news there is in helicopters I'll be sure to put in next month's column. Until then keep the stick forward.

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Right: Dan Pethrick & his Royal 'O' showing what the average Canadian wears for a winter flying session at 22° below 0.





Dan has an excellent collection of old ignition mills.

Displayed before me was a lifetime of modeling activity - - - the 1947 Nats in Minneapolis; ignition airplanes of all descriptions; and early R/C ventures. Dan still has most of his early ignition mills — Browns, Orwicks, Atwoods, etc. I layed a little MECA propaganda on him — he'd be a fine member.

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Things were still going strong when I had to leave (at 1 am). I had to catch some sleep before my early morning departure for Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, and Newark.

If I'm lucky enough to get more Friday night layovers in Winnipeg, bet you can guess where I'll be!

Readers, I've been blessed with some mobility in my profession. I might get into your town. If there is something of interest that you would like to share with the R/C gang, please drop me a line in care of the magazine. Perhaps we could meet on one of my layovers . . . From Cap'n Dick's Cockpit.

SUPER SCALE

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for a couple of reasons. The two servos share the load which is significant with as large a surface as the ailerons are, and plugging in a couple of servos to a 'Y' connector is a great deal easier than making, and adjusting, a mechanical linkage hook up every time you fly. They rarely get out of adjustment as a mechanical linkage will, and so are much more convenient.

The servos draw much more current than they would in a more conventional model when moving the larger surfaces. so you'll find your battery capacity to be about half of it's normal duration. This can be overcome by using a larger battery of about double what came with your radio (capacity, not voltage!) The added weight is of little consequence. I have been using the automatic field charger, detailed in a recent RCM article, which replaces the charge used in about 15 minutes after every flight. This item is self-limiting so it is impossible to damage your battery with it. All that is required is to assure the minimum charge time and you're home free. In theory, it would be possible to fly all day (or to the limit of TX capacity) charging every flight, and end the day with the RX battery still at full capacity. I have one of these little darlings and it sure solves the battery capacity problem. It won't charge the TX, but it does supply what the large model needs in a convenient package and will do it from your 12 volt battery without problems. (ED. Note: See May 1978 for TX charger. Reprints available for \$1.00, or back issue available for \$1.75.)

When I install separate servos for

each aileron, it is easier to mount the servo right in a wing rib in a convenient location to reach the aileron horn. This will require a long extension to get to the 'Y' connector. I make these runs inside the wing and place a piece of plastic tubing through the ribs to lead the extension cable to the wing root. In case of having to change a servo, I don't have to fish the lead through a bunch of mis-aligned small holes in the ribs. The tubing must be large enough to accomodate the plug on the extension cord, but in the sizes we're working with, that's not a problem.

I have not yet done so on ailerons, but on rudders and elevators, I have been using either wire cables or piano wire pushrods, working in both directions. These large control surfaces would be even more likely to cause pushrods to flex than would be the case with shorter runs and using rods working a surface in both directions prevents any flexing from reducing positive control. I set these up so the rods are quite snug (and there is still a little flexing) but there is a price to pay for this. The additional tension on the servo output arms can, and over a period of time will, cause extra wear in the direction of the tension applied. So, if you are using conventional servos. double check everything twice (that means four times total!) and keep an eye on things as you build up time on the model. We don't need any catastrophes this early in the big game. (Pun intended!) Some of the newer servos coming out utilizing a ball bearing around the output shaft begin to make a lot of sense.

An alternative to regular servos are the many, more powerful servos on the market, including retract servos, although these are a bit slow moving for control surface use. Jomac (formerly Jerobee) the people who make RC cars have a dandy servo. It puts out a reputed 5 pounds at the end of a 3" arm. It has an external amp so only the motor and gearing are in the servo case. They are a bit larger than what we are used to, but this is not a problem in the quarter scale field. They are all but as fast as the standard servos, and the power available is surprisingly good. One of our modelers in the local club has a 1/3 scale Andy Sheber Pitts S2-A with 3 of these installed and if you hold the rear of the elevator and apply full down, it will lift the tail off the ground. That's performance! Jomac's ads appear in RCM from time to

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Throttle is no problem for your regular servos as There is practically no load when the pushrods are properly installed. Some ingenuity may be required to get the movement to the right place in the right direction. (See Photo 4 for one solution on the Quadra).



We have found here that flaps on the larger models are very effective. While these large birds fly more slowly than the smaller ships, the use of flaps gets landing speeds down to very low levels. The Beaver mentioned earlier lands at an estimated 15 mph with flaps and excellent control can be maintained right down to this low speed. The Beaver suffers no appreciable pitch change when the flaps are dropped. Incidentally, there are no plans in existance for this nine foot Beaver, so please don't write and ask for them. The builder drew his own from an Aeromodeler plan from England and enlarged it right onto the wood he used to build with. Judging from the numbers of requests I've had for it, someone better do one soon!

I have finally managed to track down some large plans in Europe and have written for more details. I'll pass them along as details become available. Just

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to whet your appetite, how about a Quarter Scale Me 109, or FW 190, or Bucker Jungman, or a Zlin, or a Citabria, or how about Richard Barron's P6-E or his Stinson Reliant or his up-coming Curtiss Gulfhawk 1 A? Things are starting to move and we'll soon have a small but good selection of subjects and I'm sure more will come along as more and more people get excited about the biggies. Judging from recent magazine features, there must be about a thousand Mr. Mulligans in the air now. with squadrons of P-51's on the way and Bud Nosen is rumored to have a couple of P-47's in the works; a razor back and a bubble top.

Concept Models has an 86" span Fleet Bipe out now and a Texas firm is on the way with another large Biplane. I hope these manufacturers have incorporated other woods than balsa in their kits, both for the sake of strength and cost reduction. The big jobs can be pretty high in cost if they are constructed with balsa only. In future columns I'll be going into some methods and materials designed to reduce costs and sacrifice nothing in strength and appearance.

Next column we'll have some tips on photographically enlarging plans and some more building tips for you. In the meantime, if there is a way we can help you, drop us a line and we'll try to help. If you have a picture of your latest BIG model, I'd like to have a shot of it for my own collection, and we'll use some of them in RCM as well.

Don Godfrey of Binghamton, New York has completed a plan for a stand-off scale Super Stearman modeled after Bud Fountain's air show special. Don has shortened the wings in order to get good performance from the model so it is not tight on scale at all. He has incorporated some features into the construction which look very good on



paper (I haven't built mine yet) and I suspect it will fly very well indeed. Don will keep me in the picture, as their weather conditions at the time of this writing, precludes the initial flight testing of the model. If you are interested, Donwill copy it for you at \$20.00 a set. Drop him a line at 254 Washington St., Binghamton, New York 13901. Dick Barron is making his quarter scale Gulfhawk (mentioned earlier) available at \$10.00, reduction from the regular \$30.00 price up until September 1st. After that time and after the publication date of October 1st, the price will be \$30.00 again. The picture I saw of it looks great and from past Barron plans i've seen, it'il be a great quarter scale project. Now if I can just wheedle out of Sid Morgan what he has up his sleeve for future release. I'll be happy!

Some really good looking scale projects have come to hand recently. If you are a WW I buff, these are for you. They come from Aerotec Model Engineering Co., Box 116, Lincolndale, New York 10540, and they include some 3" to the foot plans, semi-kits and kits. They have a number of 2" to the foot offerings in addition to the quarter scale items I'll detail. The 2" to the foot

projects I'll list below.

The two I have details on are as follows: Spad XIII 3" = 1' plan only, \$19.95 (description is of 2" = 1' plan, presumably the 3" is the same). 106 scale ribs, all drawn and shown in scale placement, scale location of hardwood spars, scale color scheme, three view drawings, all specs and wood sizes shown, scale planking and strut locations. Enlarged details include; scale alleron detail, struts and rigging details, top wing attachment detail, scale control horn detail, scale shock cord gear, scale tail skid, lower wing attachment, gun control, seat and seat belt, head rest, gas tank feed, instrument panel, detail of engine mount and all specifications. The model is reputed to be tremendously strong, having survived a 200' dive into the deck, and that's got to be strong! They



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say it flies like the prototype and, this certainly bears out our experience here with larger models. Their Siemens-Schuckert D-3 and D-4 consists of two sheets 156" and 96" in length and includes such goodies as authentic scale drawings of the Siemens-Halske eleven cylinder rotary engine, scale instrumentation and cockpit detail, scale spandau gun, scale functional gear (sprung) and bungee tail skid, scale planking (ply or balsa with the option incorporated into the formers). Field assembly time claimed is six minutes which has to be tops for a bipe. Wings include scale rib placement, scale spars (box) and their placement is also scale. The lozenge pattern is drawn on the wing plan for accurate finishing. Scale three views are included along with several scale color presentations. Span is 84¾", finished weight 13½ to 141/2 pounds.

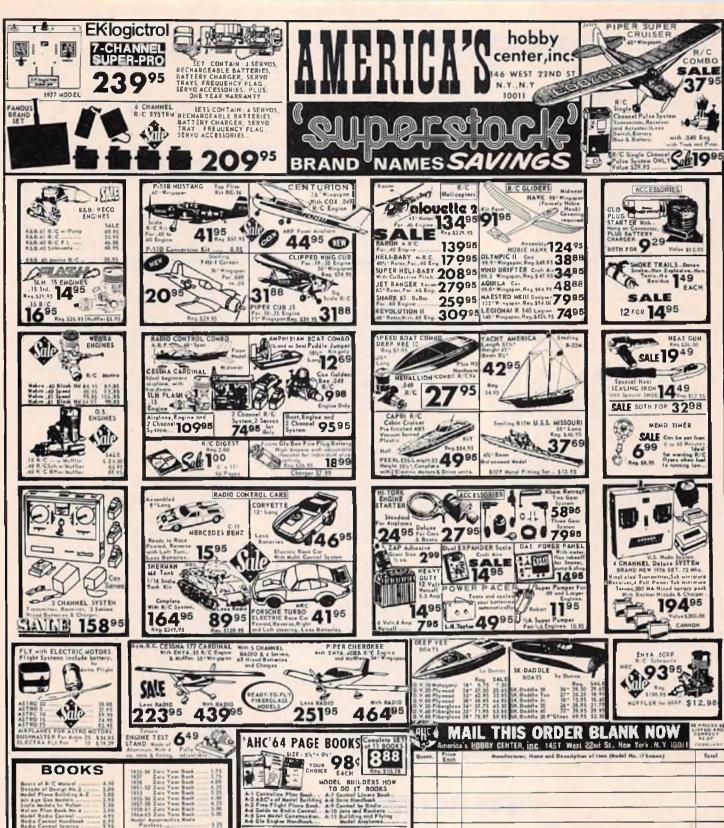
Other offerings are the classic Fokker DR-1 tripe, and a Nieuport 17. These will all be available as plans only, semi kits (plans, ribs, formers), or as complete kits. Additional items are scale vintage wheels in 6¾", 7" and 8", along with dynamically balanced, hard rock maple props which are handmade to order and engine cylinders in two halves.

2" to the foot items include the Spad XIII. Albatross DVa, Fokker DR-1, Fokker E III (Eindecker) and the Boeing Peashooter (P-26a). Write Aerotec Model for further details and prices. Lou Perretti (one of the Aerotec team) has had his 35 pound tripe, on the vintage wheels they make for over two years without any visible wear. These wheels are not spoked, they are solid (nylon) hubbed, with rubber tires. (Or, if you are a real purist, tyres.)

They also have a stand-off scale Fokker V-29 and the Howard 'Pete' racer in 2" scale, plus a couple of non-scale others', one a mono and one a bipe. Judging from the photos they sent, they (the scale jobs) are real beauties, no home should be without one...ortwo...orthree!

Good news for the Super Scalers from E.W.H. Specialties in Arlington, Texas. They have been working for some time now to perfect a new servo, and the rather brief note I have just received announcing it's availability describes it's designers as geniuses. I gather, and this is subject to confirmation, the servo is about the size of the well known KPS-15

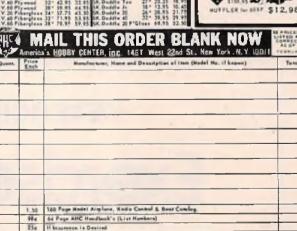
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SUPER SCALE

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and it puts out 10 pounds at the end of a sizeable arm. That's right, Virginia, Ten pounds! Now if that won't move your control surfaces reliably, then they just ain't gonna move, no matter what. I don't have any further information yet as to current drain etc., but I am told you can order them through your dealer, or failing that, order direct from E.W.H. and if you specify your radio, they'll come equipped with the appropriate plug. Retail on these is \$29.95, and isn't that a pleasant surprise? I'll provide more detail as it becomes available from E.W.H. In the meantime, contact them at 607 East Abrams, Suite 10, Arlington, Texas 76010.

SOARING

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extent of the chord than with normal airfoils.

The NACA's work along these lines has produced the one-series through five-series airfoils known as low drag or laminar airfoils. The NACA's six, seven and eight series airfoils represent continued work on low drag airfoils, however, the emphasis on these folls is directed toward achievement of a high critical Mach number rather than extensive laminar flow.

There now. I hope the explanation is somewhat clear, books are written just on the Rn subject so this has been very brief and I hope understandable without charts and graphs or diagrams. I tried to make it as non technical as possible. My research material was from three sources: "Airplane Aerodynamics" by Dommasch-Sherby and Connolly, "The Elements of Airfoil and Airscrew Theory", by H. Glauvert, "General Aeronautics", by H. Lusk.

A new approach to winch drum and turn around construction has been introduced by Bill Amour, of Torrance California. The reel is fabricated from lightweight, red anodized aluminum. Greatly reduces tendencies to fly-wheel or overspin. The flanges are spun and then machined for trueness, with a locating diameter to locate the center section turned on the two end flanges. This way the center hub doesn't rely on the center bolts for centering. The turn

around base and swivel mechanism is of plated steel, spool of anodized aluminum with shielded ball bearings. Note the center hub is tapered toward the center for better line tracking. The spike swivels so that when a sailplane is directly over the turn around it will raise up without loosening hold down spike. For more information contact Bill Amour. 20326 Madison Street, Torrance, California 90503.

At a recent soaring event, an acquaintance of mine (I have to refer to my son this way because he wins more contests than I do), was participating in a Duration Event. With Joe Bridi as a spotter and Dick Kidd as the timer, who could go wrong? By the way, he took home the Second Place trophy.

Tom (Craft-Air) Williams showed up at a recent contest with his new Viking. As explained in the May issue of RCM, the two wing concept is a real boom to the serious contest pilot who travels to various geographical locations and encounters many different tasks and flying conditions.

Time to sign off and get in more practice so I can better that acquaintance of mine.

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ENGINE CLINIC

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allow the use of the full length tuned pipe, you will have to go with the short 4" mini-pipe that comes with the engine. This must be used as the engine has a "pipe" timed sleeve and will not run properly without either the 4" mini-pipe or a full length pipe. This also may be part of your problem — trying to use the engine without a pipe.

Dear Mr. Lee.

How do I tell if an engine has Schneurle porting or not?

> Tom Waller Bronx, New York

You can tell a Schneurle design by looking in the exhaust with the piston at dead bottom. Schneurle ported engines will have a transfer port on either side of the exhaust port/ports and either one or two boost ports directly opposite the exhaust port/ports. There will be no baffle on the top of the piston. Conventional or cross flow engines will have only the transfer ports directly opposite the exhaust port/ports with a baffle to direct the incoming fuel charge

upward. An exception to this is some models of the Super Tigres have the transfer ports opposite the exhaust port but do not use a baffle on the piston. An extra thick sleeve with angled ports directs the fuel.

Dear Mr. Lee:

To set the stage for this skit — first let me say that our hobby is no better than the automotive industry and our government. Both, or rather all three, are sadly derelict in their duty to "us" — we still push a piston up and down to make a wheel (or prop) go around. How much longer must we wait. Even that old "Hero" engine or the forerunner of the Pelton Wheel was ahead of us in the fundemental concept — except for the Turbine and Turbojet engines. It's simply disgusting to feel that our economy has so restricted our technology.

So, I'm stuck with a two cycle miniature antique — recently redesigned, and I need to know how to select my own fuel mix to get optimum performance - - - "my way". What I hope you can provide is a source of practical information for blending the alcohol (there goes my good vodka!), the castor oil —or suitable synthetic lubricant —and enough nitro methane to "build" a series of different fuels to find my choice for each of several engines.

So far, my methanol won't mix with any oils, and hopefully your aid will head me to the reason why. I want dependable idle that won't snuff out my glow plugs after getting a moderately rich max setting.

Every day I admire those old timers more and more for what they have given us so far - even if it is up and down to go around! Now I want to try my own brews. Can you steer me to a source of reference for fuel blending, etc. (I promise not to use Nitro Benzene.)

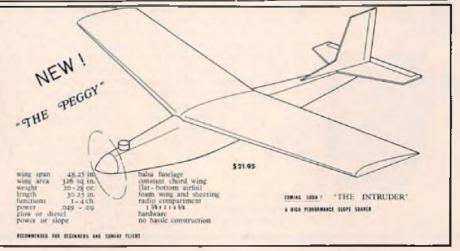
Best regards for all of you fellows at RCM who give us so much info. Even if you can't answer this one.

D.A. Hoffman, Il Springfield, Pennsylvania

Quite a few fellows have been writing in lately requesting information on mixing their own fuels. Many years ago when first starting this column, I did a complete article on fuels and this is reprinted in the Anthology series booklet "The R/C Engine" Vol. I. Although the original article was written many years ago, there have been no changes in fuel formulations other than improvement in synthetic oils. Klotz Special Formula, UCON MA 2270 and MA 731, and K & B's X2C.

As far as mixing methanol and castor oil — there is no problem whatsoever. If you are having mixing problems, then to page 173





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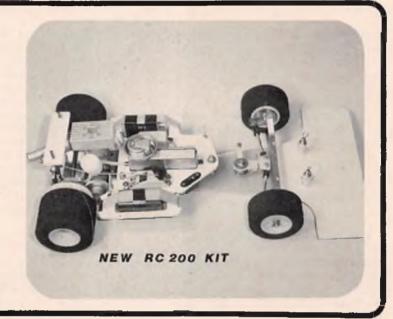
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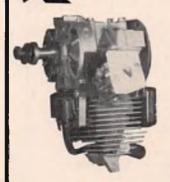
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you have other impurities in your methanol, it is of low grade, etc. There are over 30 grades of methanol and the grade you buy at some paint stores will not work as a model fuel. Methanol should always be purchased from a large chemical supply house specifying their driest grade or, better still, a speed shop that caters to the drag racers.

Methanol will have a tendency to settle out when mixed with castor oil. A few drops per quart of Amyl Acetate (banana oil) will hold the alcohol and castor oil in suspension. If you use any nitro methane in the fuel, it will take the place of the Amyl Acetate. Synthetic oils need no mixers at all. Nitro methane will not mix with castor oil in percentages

much over 50% without the use of Nitro Benzene which is a very dangerous toxic chemical. Synthetic oils will mix with any percentage of nitro methane and recommended when high percentages of nitro are used.

Dear Clarence:

First of all, I want to tell you that I enjoy your engine column very much. It is the first item I read each month.

Noise limitations are quite restrictive in my area and since I prefer medium size aerobatic type airplanes anyway, I am considering an O.S. Wankel. As fuel draw seems to be more of a problem with smaller engines, can the Robart Pumper be used somehow, or would muffler pressure be the only practical way?

Would a tuned exhaust pipe do anything for a Wankel engine?

Finally, I purchased a K & B .40 with a Perry Pump and upon removing the pump from the engine, I noticed that there isn't a cover over the crankshaft counter-balance as there is on my non-pump K & B - Why? I realize that with the pump the crankcase suction may not be as critical, but what about by-passing when the crankcase is under pressure?

Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Richard Shirey Sewickley, Pennsylvania

The O.S. Wankel does not have any crankcase compression, so a Robart Pump can not be used. Although technically, a 2 cycle engine the operation of the Wankel is more like a 4 cycle. Muffler pressure is the only way you can go as far as I know. If anyone out there has figured a way to use a Robart Pump with a Wankel, be sure and let us know.

I haven't tried a tuned pipe on a



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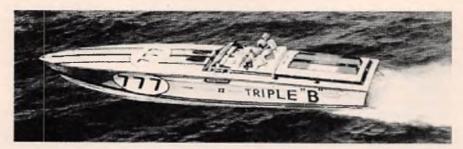
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Wankel myself, but imagine one could be made to work. It would take some experimentation as to length, etc.

K & B has discontinued the cover over the counter-balance on the K & B .40. Your non-pump engine with the cover is just an earlier model than the pump engine. It was simply a matter of production — the cover being an unnecessary step that did not add anything to the performance of the engine. The latest non-pump engines do not have the cover either.

Dear Sir.

I am working on a .60 powered scale project that requires moving the engine back and driving the prop with a 51/4"

extension shaft. I would appreciate any information on prop shaft extensions and their related problems, i.e., bearings alignment, etc.

I would also like to know if the twins, such as Ross, would lend themselves better to such a proposal.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly, A.B. Comerford B.C. Canada

A properly designed extension shaft should not cause any problems. Vibration due to misalignment is usually the big problem. The shaft should be mounted independent of the engine. The shaft should be mounted on beam mounts supported at both ends by a ball

bearing. The shaft, in turn, driven by a boat type "U" joint. Any misalignment then between the engine and extension shaft would not be critical. Bearing alignment of the extension shaft itself being the critical factor. You would have to fabricate aluminum "pillow blocks" to hold the bearings which, in turn, bolt to the beam mounts. The bearings themselves should be of the sealed type which would not require lubrication for an extended interval.

I can't see where a Ross twin would be any better for this type of installation than a single cylinder engine. A single of the same displacement will develop more power which will in turn help compensate for the slight power loss

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due to the extension shaft. The twin would naturally be smoother running. However, in the case of the Ross twin, I believe they are no longer in production MRC being the last producer of the engine.

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am building an Aeromaster, with an HP-61 up front, and want to include a smoke system controlled by an extra servo. I have two articles from other magazines, on how to do it, but I have questions about exactly where to get the pressure off of the engine.

"Crankcase pressure" taken from the back cover plate is one source, but it is not recommended as being as good as

"timed pressure" obtained from the front of the engine.

- (1) What makes the difference between the front and back of the crankcase?
- (2) If fuel and air are drawn in through the carb, which is on the front; this would indicate a negative press. How come it is positive?
- (3) There are 4 screws holding the front plate to the crankcase. The 2 lower ones do not penetrate into the crankcase. The 2 top ones do. Can I use one of the top ones for a press. connection? Is the press. at the top different than at the bottom?

I have asked many people about this and can't get any good answers. Perhaps an article about crankcase pressures would be of interest to your

However, if you could just briefly answer my questions, I would appreciate it.

Thank you, Bill Newcom Feasterville, Pennsylvania

Bill, you have misinterpreted what you have been told about taking pressure off of the front or rear of an engine. When taking pressure off of the back of an engine you tap directly into the crankcase. This is most easily done by removing the back cover screw that leads into the bypass and replacing it with a pressure fitting. If access to the



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bypass/crankcase is not possible in this manner then a hole is usually drilled in the back plate itself and tapped for a fitting. This is called untimed pressure. On the upstroke of the piston negative pressure is created and on the down stroke positive pressure. Due to port timing the down stroke or positive pressure cycle is slightly longer than the negative pressure resulting in slight positive pressure when used to pressurize a fuel tank. Untimed pressure can also be taken off the front of the engine by removing one of the front plate screws that leads into the bypass (if the engine has a removable front plate). It would not matter whether the top or bottom holes were used if one or the other were drilled through into the crankcase. Usually the bottom holes are blind and do not go through. Taking untimed pressure off of the front of the case in this manner is bad practice as the pressure fitting can not be tightened as tightly as a screw and there is always the possibility of the front plate then coming loose.

When you were told that pressure could be taken off of the front of the engine, this was in reference to timed pressure which is considerably higher than untimed pressure. To use timed pressure, it is necessary to drill and tap a hole directly under the intake port in the bottom of the crankcase bearing journal area. Rotation of the crankshaft "times" the pressure impulses and, in effect, makes the engine a small air compressor. 6-8 pounds of pressure may be obtained this way versus 1/2-11/2 with untimed pressure.

That about wraps it up for another month, gang. Keep the letters and ideas coming in. See you next month.

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warp in the other direction. Let your wife hold this twist in place, grab the trusty heat gun and re-shrink the covering over this twisted section. When she lets go, it should stay in place, with the warp removed. If you get warps back into the structure through improper storage or a handling problem, twist, shoot the heat and there you have it. While on this subject, when you have completed your new pride and joy, take the time to check it all over for warps before you go out to the flying field. They are easy to remove at home, but awfully hard to trim out at the field.

Back in the February 1978 issue, I talked about the Rowena 55cc engine that I had read about while visiting in England last fall. Here is a letter that I received the other day that I think you

Dear Chuck:

The February issue of R/C Modeler finally arrived here this week and I was most interested to read of your trip to the U.K. I can answer some of your questions about the Rowena engine because the owner and designer of Rowena Engines, Tony Billing, happens to be my wife's uncle and a good friend.

Tony has promised to let me have photos and specifications for you, but in the meantime, I will give you some brief details.

Rowena Light Engines Limited is located at Liangaffo, Anglesey, North Wales (about 5 miles from the famous village of

Llanfairpwilgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch). (Did I spell it right?) Tony Billings used his long experience in tuning and racing 100cc go-karts to develop the engines for use in hovercraft, RPV's and now model

The current 55cc 'A' type engine weighs 41/4 lbs., and puts out 4 hp, and 23 lbs. thrust on a straight methanolicastor fuel. Normal model type glo-plug is used.

The slightly up-rated 'B' and 'C' types put out 41/2 hp/25 lbs. thrust and 5 hp/30 lbs. thrust, respectively. There are various other types of which the most interesting, to my mind, is the 110cc in-line twin.

As well as the models you mention, the engine also powers Jim Davies' huge scale Spitfire that flew the channel last year and there is a rumour of a nothern modeler building a 1/2 size SE5A!

Your mention of climbing into the models has already been thought of. A Frenchman named Michel Colomban has built a full size aeroplane carrying two Rowenas mounted on outriggers on each side of the nose. This is claimed to be the world's smallest twin winged

The engines are easy to start and run to any modeler used to 2 stroke engines and it is amazing to see them suck up fuel from a tank anywhere up to 3' below carburetor level.

Since the engines are handmade, Tony's biggest problem at the moment is keeping up with the demand. However, his imminent expansion into a new factory should help.

Current list price of the 'A' type works is about \$300.00, but if there is a demand in the U.S. for these we would be pleased to quote price and delivery.

I hope the above is of some interest and perhaps the next time you are in the U.K. we could give you a demonstration. Keep up the good work in your column which is always of interest.

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Perhaps the next time you come, you should bring Clarence Lee with you and we will show him what real silencers (mufflers) are. Currently in our club and many others, no model is allowed to fly if the noise exceeds 80 db at 7 metres range. We find that we can attain this and, contrary to Clarence's words of doom, do not burn up engines. We are amazed that in the ecology conscious U.S. it is apparently normal to run engines either unsilenced or with open front mufflers that do no good at all.

Sorry if this letter has gone on a bit, but it is nice to see some mention of European activities in R/C Modeler which is widely read over here. Let's hope we see more in the future.

Sincerely, Graham Foster Surrey, England

Thanks for your very interesting and informative letter, Graham, and I'd love to take you up on that demonstration - - how about letting me fly the bird that the engine is in. One quicky on the muffler statement, though. Normally, in the U.S., most modelers are flying their aircraft in temperatures that are much higher than in England. A muffler that will

be quite nice at 60 to 70 degrees will burn up an engine if it is running at 90 to 100 degrees in the areas of Texas, California, and the Midwest U.S. in the summer. I burned up one of the first Webra .61 engines because I used an Enya II muffler on it in the summertime, one flight was all she wrote! It was a quiet flight, but a disastrous one too. In traveling and living in many parts of the U.S., I know what a wide temperature difference we can have here, and I also know how nice and mild the climate is in England. Tuned pipes and extractors come the closest to producing the least noise, but are also somewhat bothersome for the sport flier. Thanks again, Graham, and watch out for a knock on your door.

I'd like to close out this month with another letter received about the Lazy Ace.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I thought you might be interested in keeping up with the Lazy Ace. After reading your article on the big bipe, I could hardly wait to begin construction, making none of the usual changes. Using only light contest balsa, I was happy to find she weighed 8½ lbs. After covering with MonoKote, the weight stayed down under 9 lbs. Complete . . . almost . . . I had a very tail heavy bird.

After correcting this, the obese bird tipped the scales at a super weight of 11½ lbs. You must have weighed yours without balancing to get the 9½ lbs.

Living in the high country of Colorado, I knew no .60 would fly the Lazy Ace, so I took one small liberty and installed an O.S. Max .80 and used a 14/5 prop. All our expectations were fulfilled. She took off in about 25-30 feet and flew just like the real thing, slow and easy (even at 7200 ft. altitude).

After flying her a bit, I found the power ratio still wasn't enough to suit me in the vertical maneuvers... so again we took a liberty and installed a Suevia engine 25cc rated at 3 horses, and all flying problems ceased. She now climbs straight up doing vertical rolls as far as I want to go. Hard to believe, she is not much faster than with the .80, but what power. I'm using an 18/6 prop and getting 11,000 rpms.

I have absolutely no stab problems and have had over 95 logged flights at this writing. The Lazy Ace is a fine bird and very enjoyable to fly. Thanks for thinking about the "Big Bird Builders".

> Sincerely yours, Bill Tuttle

Colorado Springs, Colorado Just a word on Bill's letter. Frankly, I don't know how his Lazy Ace turned out tail heavy, as mine came out on the

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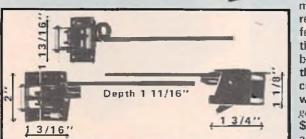
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button, and have heard no word of this trouble from any of the many other builders around the country. At normal altitudes you don't need more than a good .61 to fly her, but at 7200 feet I can see why Bill stuck the Suevia in the nose. Here at 600 feet, I wouldn't think of putting my Suevia in the nose of the Ace. If you're building and flying a Lazy Ace, be sure to not use an 11/anything prop. Use a 12/6 or a 13/5. The smaller props will make a lot of noise, but will not pull the aircraft any place. The same is true of Miss Texas; use a 12/6 or a 13/5. I've completed test flights on the Sporty Ace, which is a scaled down Lazy Ace with 700" of wing area for .40 engines, and she is flying great. The wing is semi-symmetrical, and the stab is a slightly lifting section, and she handles just like her big sister. Take-off runs are straight and true because the lifting tail gets the tail wheel up off of the ground in about 2. Landing can be fast or slow, no snap rolling on a slow landing, just hold back on the stick and she settles down. We will be bringing the Sporty Ace to you in the next few months, if I can just get myself down to the typewriter to do the construction article.

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"That is very true, Socrates. I am reminded of my uncle, Prevaricus the Elder, who has a great passion for fishing. Every weekend and holy day he piles the blue waters of the Mediterranean - - - and every night he bores us with his fish stores. No one doubts that he enjoys his sport - - - yet no one asks whether he bends his own hooks, or braids his own line."

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"Hmmm - - - you argue most convincingly, Socrates. And yet I am loath to set my plane beside yours, for fear of the comparison."

"Ah, now you are comparing form rather than function, friend Phlydo. And the comparison is most unjust. For my



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"Then it is just as I feared, Socrates — we are in two separate camps. You are a modeler; I am a sportsman. You should read RIC Modeler, and I should read . . ."

"Hush! For the love of Zeus, friend Phlydo! Do you want the Emperor (no relation) to hang us both by the neck —or worse? And haven't you ever been in a Socratic dialogue before? You're just the straight man. Your job is to say 'yes indeed, Socrates' and 'that is very true, Socrates.' I'm supposed to do all the brainwork and jumping to conclusions. Is that not so, Phyldo?"

"Yes indeed, Socrates. That is very true, Socrates."

"I am glad you agree, Phlydo. Now we may proceed with our enquiry.

"Is it not true, Phlydo, that all things in nature are found to be a mixture of opposites --- that some evil is found in even the best of men, no cold is ever totally without heat, and even the farrahest of blonds often have dark roots?"

"That is very true, Socrates. Only death and pregnancy are absolutes; for the Oracle at Delphi says, 'It is not possible to be just a little bit . . ."

"... dead. Yes, yes, Phlydo, I am sure we are all familiar with the quotations from Delphi. But surely my point is clear: It is impossible for a modeler to have no sporting blood in him, just as it is impossible for a flyer to have no modelling instincts."

"That is very true, Socrates. Building and flying are merely extreme ends of the same spectrum. For you yourself are a modeler of the old school, yet you come every weekend to the field to fly your creations."

"I do indeed. And you, Phlydo, who claim to have no love of building. Have you not painted this ARF distinctively? And surely those are not stock wingtips?"





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"Very well, Phlydo . . .

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Very well, Phlydo! Let us conclude our dialogue. We are agreed, are we not, friend Phlydo, that our hobby consists of a broad spectrum of people, and those who are primarily modelers reside nearest the end of the spectrum where designs are created, while those who are predominantly sportsmen fall towards the end where designs are field-tested and flown."

"That is true, Socrates."

"And every R/C enthusiast seems to contain a mixture of these two extremes.

"That he does, Socrates."

"And occasionally there are those RC'ers who contain fanatical amounts of both extremes . . .

.. and win every bloody scale contest in sight, Socrates, provided they escape the men with the straight iacket."

Indeed, Phlydo. Such people do often structure their life around R/C, becoming jobbers, manufacturers, publishers or dealers, and thus ruining both their hobby and their income simultaneously. But once again we have digressed from our dialogue, Phlydo. We do agree, do we not, that both extremes, the modeler and the sportsman, are necessary to the hobby?"

"Yes, we are agreed, Socrates."

"And there is room on our flying field, is there not, for people from every part of the spectrum?

"There is indeed, Socrates - and a good thing it is, for here comes a crowd of them just now.

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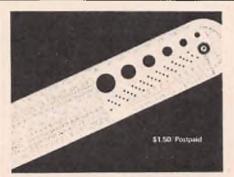
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