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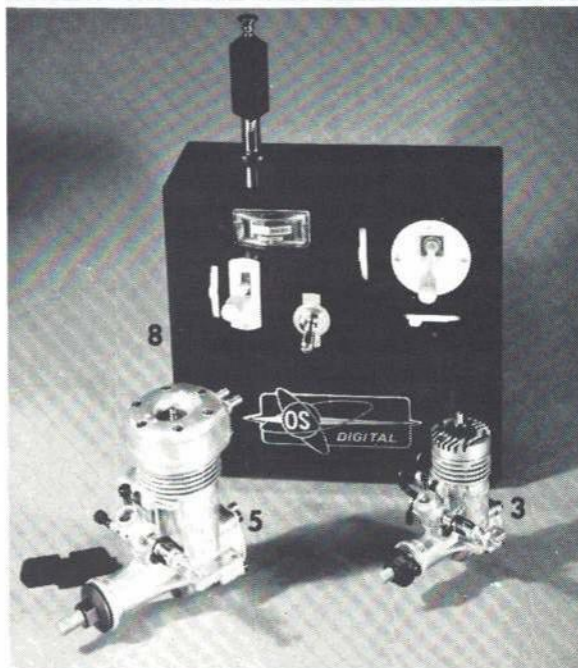
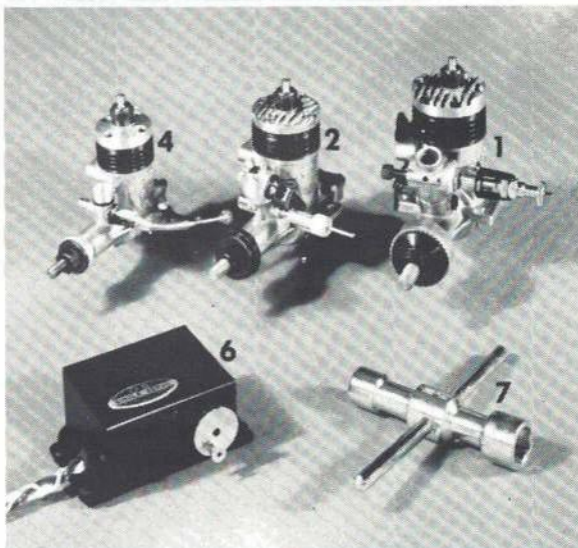
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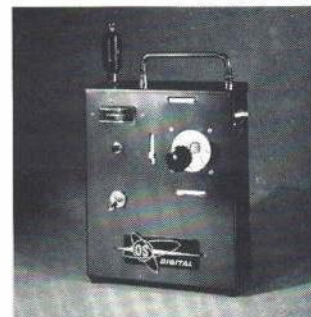
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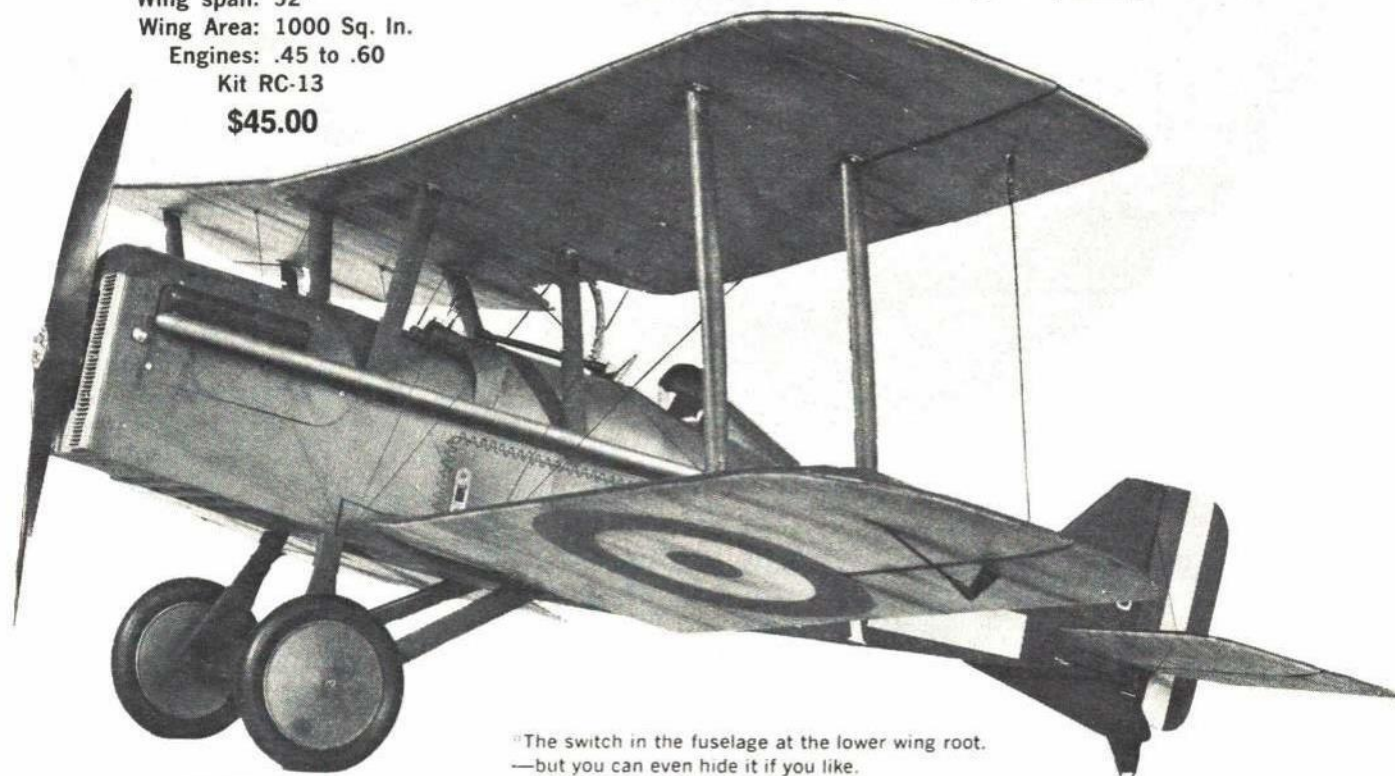
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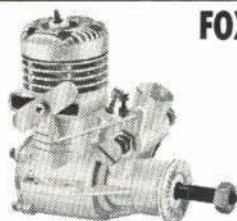


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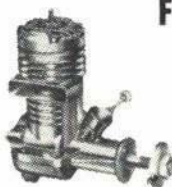


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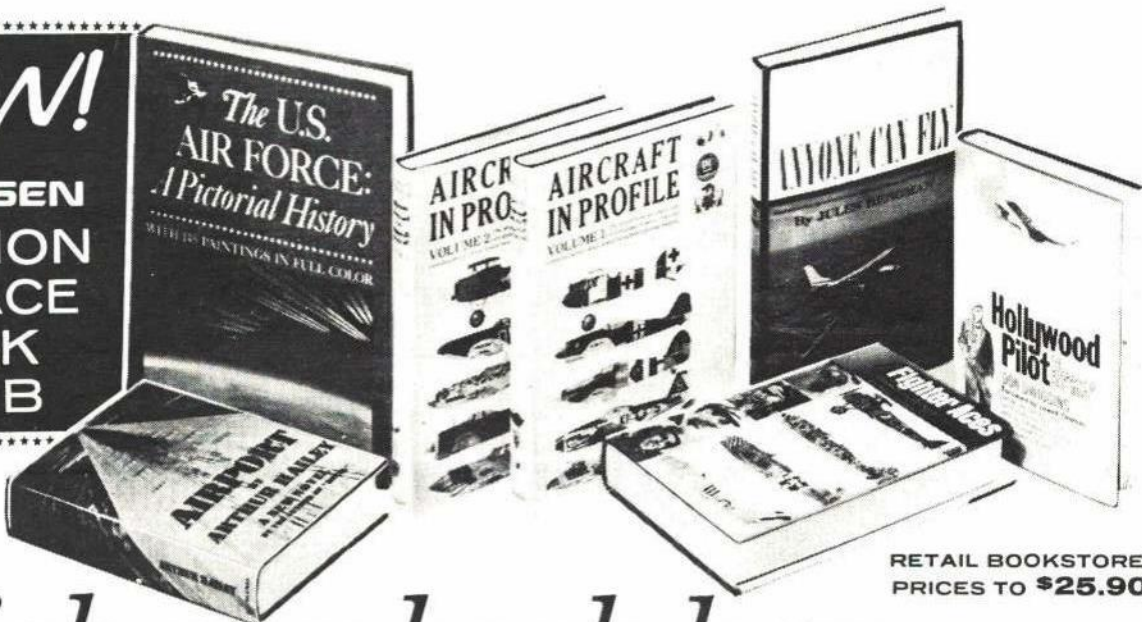
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## STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

**Did you know that magazines are constantly searching for new material. What's your thing?**



WITH the kind indulgence of you readers who rightfully expect a nobler message than this one, we shall permit ourselves the luxury of "beating the bushes" for more and better material for publication. All the magazines constantly need new material, new fresh ideas and original concepts. But whereas every hobbyist once fancied himself a potential contributor, possessing the model everyone would want to build, or the article everyone would have to read, these days an editor practically has to pluck talent from among a shy mob of wall flowers.

The apparent drying up of talent surely is an illusion. How would you explain it? Perhaps, when magazines were kind of rough and ready, we all identified more readily. Many readers may have belonged in a more informal sense, and had self-confidence. Now, maybe, they are more overawed. They certainly do exhibit an expectation that somebody else will always "publish" plans and things for their benefit. As we know, particularly from the rocketry people, the most talented and well-spoken modelers, seem to think that some special genius is required to "write." They are not writers. Who in the heck is? None of us need "writers." We do want your ideas. And tens of thousands of modelers, particularly kids and beginners of all ages, indicate they desperately need something to sink their teeth into.

How do you sell something to a magazine? This magazine's recommendation is that you query the editor. How do you do this? Write a *short* letter. Describe your proposal briefly. Do you wish to write an article? What about? Will you include rough sketches or finished drawings if needed? Or photos? Do you have a construction project? If so, can you supply a finished plan, or rough pencil working plan, and pictures? If it is a model, enclose a picture or two to help the editor evaluate the ship—to visualize what you are talking about.

He will say yes, no, or maybe. If there is action, he will tell you the sizes for the plans, the length of the article, and will give you guidance in its preparation. This approach narrows the possibility of wasted effort. You might have the finest project in the world—but the magazine may be holding one or more comparable projects and therefore cannot use yours. By a series of queries you can find a target—assuming you do have something worthwhile to offer. And if you are weak in some areas, the editor may have suggestions. He can arrange for finished drawings by some draftsman, for example.

What kind of material do magazines need? The greatest need is for plans and construction projects. How-to-do-it features, especially with sketches or pictures, also are as scarce as hens' teeth. There is an urgent and con-

stant need for decent free-flight items. The supply of control-line projects is spotty. Rocketry articles and projects are almost non-existent. (Presumably, rocketry fans are so well educated by Centuri and Estes materials, that they expect to be spoon-fed.)

We need articles and photo features on all sorts of techniques, from covering to construction, from starting engines to bending wire.

Do magazines make assignments? Yes, they certainly do. What kind of work will they assign? To begin with, there are always special models editors would like built. For example, Tenderfoot projects are required for this magazine. Simple, attractive, flyable, inexpensive stuff. They can be rubber or gas powered, or just gliders—or even radio control. A Tenderfoot is not necessarily a 12-year-old. He might be 50 or 60. Who knows? We'd encourage the development of interesting sport jobs of all kinds: ornithopters, helicopters, and off-the-beaten-path stuff, as well as practical small-field free flights (and they can be cabin, open-cockpit, high-wings or low-wings). Canards and pushers, autogyros, biplanes, flying saucers, or just pleasing, different lines on old standard configurations. And that goes for control-line and radio as well.

How do you qualify for assignments? Just tell us about yourself and your experience and capabilities. What can you do? What are your interests? Have you a competition record for example? Do you have writing experience of any kind? Can you make pencil drawings? Tracings? Have you done anything for a model airplane magazine before? Send any photos you have of your models. Are you a photographer? What kind of camera equipment do you own?

What do magazines pay for material? Roughly speaking, there are three broad categories, as well as assorted special cases worked out by negotiation. First, model designs. This depends on type of model, work involved, complexity of plans. Payment may run from as little as \$75 to as much as \$400. If the magazine must pay someone for a final, inked plan, that sum will be subtracted. Drafting work in general is paid for on an hourly basis. General articles range from \$50 to \$250, averaging \$100 to \$150. These are ballpark figures.

When is material paid for? Articles and construction projects are paid for approximately 45 days prior to newsstand dates. Assigned drawing and photographic work are considered services, and are paid for on approval. When circumstances require it, the editor will establish prices before work is undertaken.

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### The 'elite' group

To the group of R/C flyers that seem to think the AMA serves no useful purpose for them, who in h... do they think they are? I flew R/C multi (reeds, remember them?) until cost got so high that I couldn't be in the running without propo. So now, I only fly F/F and U/C.

I never paid anyone to build my models for me! I was, as I still am, always ready to help anyone, of any age, kid or not. These self-centered, ungrateful clowns should all be made to fly their \$600 radio rigs in plastic toy airplanes. This "elite" group of fellows would have no competition standards, no contest data information, and none of the other advantages that we "poor, outcast, non-informed" AMA members have.

If, after thinking over all the progress and advantages of AMA in the past years, the "elite" still think they can do better by themselves (how they can work and lead a group when they are, for the most part, too lazy to build an airplane is beyond me), then I say let them go! The twenty thousand of us that will be "left in the darkness of non-R/C" can muddle through somehow.

**Jerry Farr, Abilene, Tex.**

We certainly agree that the unreasonable, uninformed concept of an independent R/C organization is bad for all of us. Might we ask what happened to the monies collected for such a purpose the last time this happened? These movements are not spontaneous, but led and inspired. Who stands to gain? Too many of us are swayed by the printed word. We'll believe anything. To justify such an organization it first is necessary to trump up charges against AMA, to distort truth, to destroy if necessary. For what genuine purpose? As to "toy airplanes" Jerry, we think you have it all wrong. In radio the name of the game is flying. Most R/Cers don't have the time to design and build from scratch. If we had to, we could not fly. It's mighty nice on a Sunday afternoon to be able to put one of these fine products into the air, to get over a tough week. We may prefer to build our own, but that is impractical. If we wish to build, there is always a leisurely free-flight, a glider, an ROG, or a profile control-liner. But, man, you cannot fly on the basis of building one R/C a year—if it prangs, you spend the season watching the other guys fly. Ed.

### Facts of life?

I am 28 years old and am answering Robert Hayman's letter in the May '69 issue.

I built three hot rods before I was 18 on a teenage budget and can remember what you are going through now.

Let's face it, R/C is for people with money, adults, or guys with generous parents. No one owes you the time it requires to teach someone to fly. This sort of thing isn't exactly automatic. Further, now that most people are flying digital proportional, most fellows don't know the first thing about single-channel or GG.

What you need is another "facts of life" lecture.

Fly control-line or free-flight till you are ready. How do you think everyone else got started?

See you in ten years.

**Russ Verbael, Pensacola Aero-Modelers, Pensacola, Fla.**

### Example for adults

Recently you have published many letters from younger modelers trying to get into R/C. One of their common problems seemed to be indifference on the part of adults.

I am 15 years old. Several days ago I went out to test-fly my R/C airplane. I was very fortunate to receive the aid of an adult flyer who wanted to help me. Because of his help, I was able to make several controlled flights. None of these was very smooth but I did manage to get the aircraft trimmed out.

I never did find out his name but I have written this letter in the hopes that other adult flyers will read it and follow his example.



"Say that's neat.....what is it?"

My only complaint about your magazine is that you never seem to have construction articles on single-channel trainers, or articles on adjusting them for flight. McEntee's articles help, but they don't deal with the actual flying of model aircraft, which is the topic most beginners are interested in.

**Bill Kosar, Deerfield, Ill.**

Any of you contributors got ideas? Ed.

### Control that Mini-Glider

After several months of experimenting with the Mini-Glider by John Zaic, I have an idea that I would like to submit.

Author Zaic pointed out several ways to control the Mini-Glider. Weighted wing tips, tilted wings, offset wings, tilted stabilizer, washin and washout. I built several of these gliders, ten to be exact. I got one glider to make a flat circle without trimming the glider. This was accomplished by forming one wing with a slow, under-cambered airfoil, and the other with a fast airfoil. The ratio of the two airfoils determines the flatness and diameter of the circle that the glider will make.

I hope this idea will help outdoor hand-launch gliders from making out-of-sight flights.

**Jim Rezich, Rockford, Ill.**

### Revived interest

I was pleased to see the great editorial on rubber-powered scale, which appeared in the April '69 issue. I too think that rubber scale is a very rewarding and satisfying form of modeling. My interest in aircraft is scale modeling (free-flight and control-line), and I have been modeling for two and a half years.

The bulk of my modeling has been done with rubber-powered scale and I was beginning to tire of the tiny jobs. When I read your editorial I was pleased and inspired. It opened up new vistas of modeling for me. Thank you.

Are any of Mr. Ott's or Mr. Stahl's plans still available? Also your magazine is much better since you added the color center-spreads.

**Andrew Cottle, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

Unfortunately, Ott and Stahl plans are no longer available. Your best bet is back issues from some commercial supplier.



Ads sometimes appear in the classified section. Ott plans appeared in the old Popular Aviation around 1930. Stahl plans were in various magazines from the late Thirties until just after WW II. Ed.

### Third aircraft?

Major William O'Dwyer is to be highly commended on his clinical inquiry into the death of Richthofen in the Feb. '69 issue. However, he admits a wealth of doubtful detail on other aspects of the incident.

With Floyd Gibbons (The Red Knight of Germany) and many other writers, Major O'Dwyer visualizes a three-plane chase low over the Australian lines. No contemporary report by or on behalf of the machine gunners who fired on Richthofen's all-red Fokker triplane makes any reference to a third aircraft; later accounts mention a third machine only to emphasize that none was present. The only other plane within thousands of yards was the one the "Red Baron" had been tailing.

As demonstrated by the present writer in the Summer 1963 and Spring 1967 *Cross and Cockade*, Capt. Brown evidently attacked a red-winged triplane in a running fight 5000 feet over the German front line. Who the German pilot was, or what became of him, has yet to be established.

Frank McGuire, Quebec, Canada

### Ace who flew the Spitfire

I just noticed on your March centerspread of that beautiful Spitfire (my compliments to Bjorn Karlstrom) that it says "as flown by British Ace Wing Commander Douglas Robert Stewart Bader."

I wonder how many people know the story of Douglas Bader. Just before the Second World War, he had a terrible accident in an airplane while performing low loops over an airfield in England. As a result of this, one leg had to be amputated just below the knee and the other at mid-thigh. He was fitted with artificial legs and progressed very well with these—walking normally, dancing, driving his car.

In a short time he was good enough to fly a fighter plane and was put back in action. Bader went on to become one of the highest-scoring English aces of the war (30 airplanes). In August, 1941, he was shot down over France and taken to a German prison hospital. The doctor who examined him was amazed to find he had no legs. Bader soon escaped from the hospital. Oh, by the way, when he bailed out of his Spitfire, his right leg came off. If it hadn't, Bader would have been critically hurt. Well, the Germans let the British parachute down a new leg! Anyway, Bader escaped but was recaptured by the Germans. Eventually he became enough of a problem for the Germans and he was transferred to Kolditz, a castle turned into a prison for "bad boys."

Bader was released at the end of the war. He was highly decorated during and after the war. He is classed as the best fighter-leader and tactician of WW II. But his greatest triumph was overcoming his handicap.

John Hill, Arvada, Colo.

### Original design is fun

As an engineering student I must say I enjoy your magazine very much, probably because of the emphasis it places on original design. One certainly doesn't need a Ph.D. to design good model airplanes. A little wing theory, stability and balancing knowledge is about all it takes.

I never tried any original designs until I read "Straight and Level," in the Jan. '69 issue. Now I've got a free-flight Caudron "Simoun" half done and I don't think I'll

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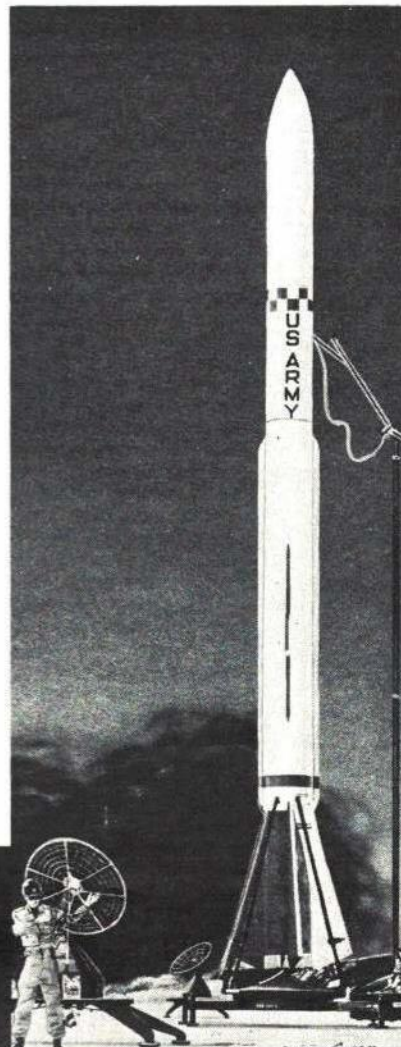
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The best approach to submitting articles is to query the editor. Tell him what you have, why it is good, etc. If a model, show him a picture or two. If he is interested, he'll tell you how to go about it. Ed.

**Steve Chew, Saratoga, Calif.**

**Join the fun**

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# Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!



Engine starting, operation, break-in, and trouble-shooting is a matter of technique and practice. Here's how an expert does it.

**G. B. TELFAIR AND WILLIAM M. JOHNSON**

GENTLEMEN, start your engines! Each Memorial Day this cry, echoing across the Indianapolis Speedway, brings a score of racing power plants roaring into life at the start of the Indy 500. But, on the model airplane flying field, such is often not the case. The Tenderfoot, who has just bought his shiny, new model airplane engine, is having his difficulties getting it to run.

As frustration sets in, and the Tenderfoot and his Dad are about to decide that they're stuck with a lemon, an Old Modeler enters the picture. The Old Modeler goes through

a few motions, flips the propeller a couple of times, and the previously obstinate engine leaps into life and purrs like a kitten.

"Now, what did he do that I didn't?" wails the Tenderfoot.

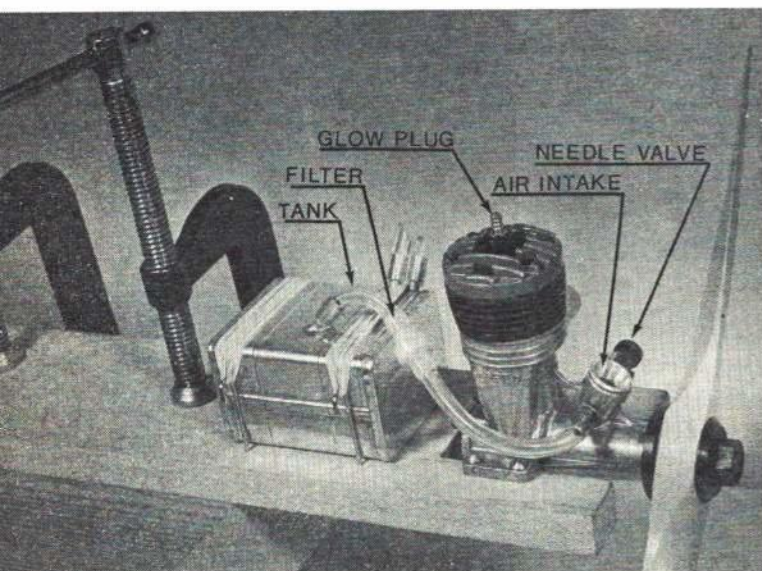
In this article, we'll try to give you the answers to his question. Any experienced modeler can tell you that there's no real difficulty in operating a model airplane engine. You just have to attend to some details. Properly cared for, all modern sport-type engines will start easily and consistently, will run smoothly, and will have a

long and satisfactory life. So, to get started properly, study the accompanying photographs as well as this article. We've based the photos on a popular sport-type engine. However, the principles are applicable to all conventional model airplane engines.

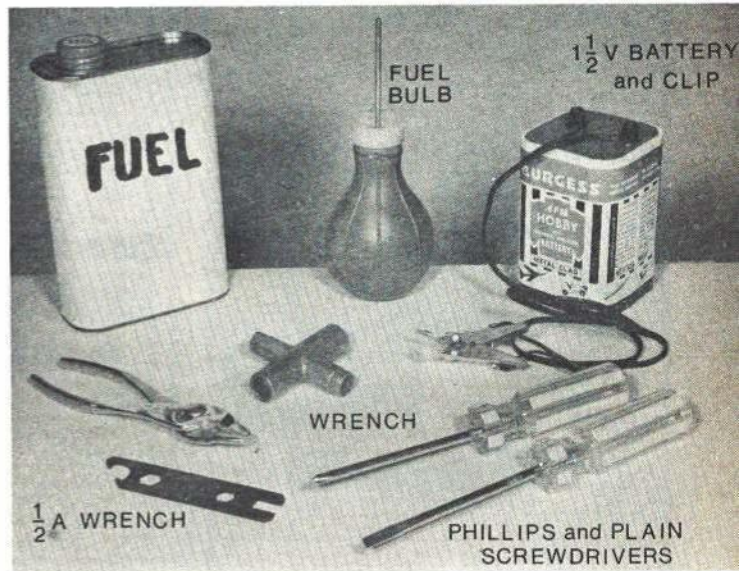
In addition to the how-to-get-started photos, we've included ideas on what to do if the engine seems not to want to start. And we've included a few pointers on operation to assure a long and useful engine life.

If you have a new engine, remember that all new engines require careful break-in if they are to continue to give reliable operation. So, please be familiar with the section "Breaking in the New Engine" before you set out to start it for the first time. Take it easy, don't overspeed it! There'll be time, later, to demonstrate its high performance.

A few starting pointers: Priming causes most beginners to stumble. A couple of turns of the prop with the air inlet choked, plus a few drops of fuel in the exhaust port is usually all that is necessary. Some en-



With engine mounted on a board clamped to an outdoor bench, practice starting and adjusting it before mounting it in a plane.



Use fresh sport fuel, new battery, clean glow-plug clip, and have all the tools for your engine. The wrench is by Austin Craft.



gines may require only the initial choking, while others may require a juicy exhaust prime. You will need to become familiar with your particular engine.

When you start flipping the propeller and hear a mild "pop" every flip or so, the engine is trying to start, so keep cranking! A new engine can be stubborn and may require quite a bit of cranking before finally catching. So don't be discouraged if it doesn't fire right away. Many perfectly good engines have been returned to hobby shops because their inexperienced owners did not recognize this trait.

The experienced modeler's trick — to tell when the engine is ready to fire — is a useful one. Don't worry about the propeller being pulled out of your hand; the explosion force isn't that powerful if you have a firm grip on the blade. When you feel the light "catch," a few flips should have the engine off and running.

When your engine starts it probably will run roughly, emitting much blue smoke and raw fuel. That's because the needle valve is set too far open (too rich). Close the needle valve slowly (rotate clockwise) and the engine will start to run smoothly. Disconnect the glow-plug clip. If the engine slows, the mixture is still too rich, so reattach the clip and close the needle valve a touch more until the engine runs smoothly with the glow-plug clip removed. As you close the needle valve further, the engine will speed up and reach a "peak." Beyond this peak, as the needle valve is closed further, the engine will slow again as the mixture becomes too lean.

Don't run the engine at these over-lean settings, because it will overheat and damage itself. A well-broken-in engine runs best at a needle-valve setting about one-half turn richer than the setting for peak rpm on the ground. In flight, the air stream will provide enough extra air to lean the engine out to about its maximum speed.

**When it won't start!** No matter how carefully you have prepared, the time will come when you crank, and crank, and crank, and nothing happens. While you're resting your tired arm, check a few common causes:

- Are the battery wires loose, at the battery or at the glow-plug clip? Is the battery run down?

- Are the glow-plug clip contacts clean? Dirt there can prevent the current from flowing.

- Is the fuel line kinked so the fuel won't flow? Soft rubber tubing often does this. Is the line loose from the engine or from the fuel tank? Has the fuel line contacted the hot cylinder and burned a small hole in the tubing wall?

- Is the propeller positioned correctly? Is the propeller secure on the shaft?

- Are you using the propeller recommended in the engine instructions?

An over-large propeller can be too heavy for the engine to swing. If your starting preparations and these points show O.K., then it's time for serious trouble-shooting.

**Needle valve set too lean:** A quick, screaming burst, followed by a sudden stop means that not enough fuel is reaching the engine. All it's doing is using up the priming fuel. If the fuel line isn't kinked or loose, open the needle valve another turn and try again after repriming. We've found a few individual engines that used needle-valve settings quite different from the manufacturer's recommendations.

**Dirt in the fuel supply:** If the engine still runs out the prime and quits, check for dirt clogging the fuel line or the needle valve. If you're using transparent fuel line, inspect it carefully for specks of dirt inside, particularly where the tubing joins the needle valve.

These particles can come from several places. An over-aged fuel bulb may be starting to shed rubber crumbs into the fuel as you squirt it into the tank. If the fuel tank is an old one, it probably has dried fuel residue in it, which flakes off when the new fuel hits it. And dirt may have drifted into your fuel can. Reputable fuel manufacturers are carefully clean, but if you let the fuel can sit around with the cap off, dirt will get into it. Save yourself a great deal of trouble by using a filter between the fuel tank and the engine. Clean the filter after every flying session, being careful not to lose the little screen that's inside and is the heart of the filter.

Dirt can be flushed from the fuel line by squirting a little fuel through it with the fuel bulb. Or replace the line with new tubing. Then, remove the needle from the needle valve and attach the fuel bulb directly to the needle valve inlet. Squirt fuel through the valve to flush out any dirt.

To remove dirt from the fuel tank, remove the tank from the test block or the model and flush clean fuel through it. In

the case of a small engine with an integral tank, carefully remove the tank, following the manufacturer's instructions, and flush it out with clean fuel. Just be careful that you don't introduce more dirt than you remove!

**Loose parts:** After several cycles of the heating and cooling to which a model engine is subjected, cylinder-head bolts and crankcase bolts and glow plugs become slightly loose. This looseness can cause the engine to leak enough to prevent starting. Tighten them up (with the correct screwdriver or wrench), including the engine-mount bolts, before and during each flying session.

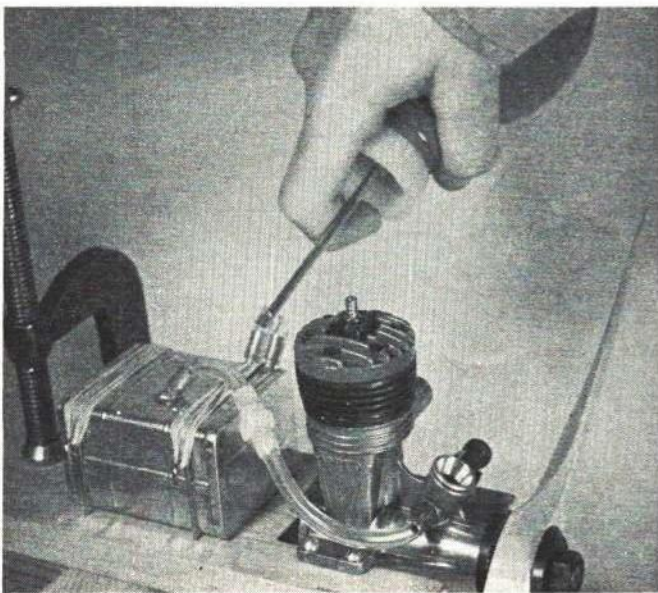
**Glow plug troubles:** If the engine shows no inclination to fire, either from the beginning, or after one of those screaming, too-lean bursts, first check the glow plug. It may have burned out or have been the victim of vibration. The easiest check is done by attaching the glow-plug clip and looking into the exhaust port with the piston down. An orange glow shows that the plug is O.K. If you're still not sure, remove the plug and place it across the jaws of the clip as shown in one of the photos. The plug element should light up (in bright daylight you may have to shade it to see the glow). If it doesn't glow, select a new plug, but test it before putting it in the engine. (Funny thing, the battery might have been dead all along, although new plugs have been known to be faulty!)

If the engine quits after the glow-plug clip has been removed, the plug may not be holding its glow in the heat of the combustion chamber. It may be just "tired" from over age or too much high-speed, high-temperature running. The only cure is a new plug.

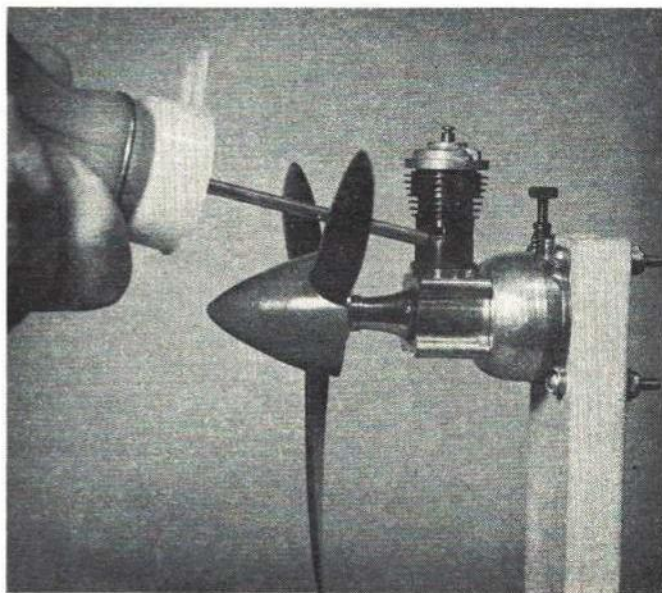
Sometimes the glow-plug element, through use, gets against the plug wall and causes a short circuit. If this appears to have happened, gently use a straight pin to pry the element away from the plug wall. This may restore the plug and save you 50¢.

Always follow the engine manufacturer's recommendations for glow plugs. Small engines usually take short plugs; large engines usually use long plugs. A long plug in a small engine can interfere with the piston travel, at the least keeping the engine from starting and, at the worst, damaging the piston.

**Flooding:** Probably the most common

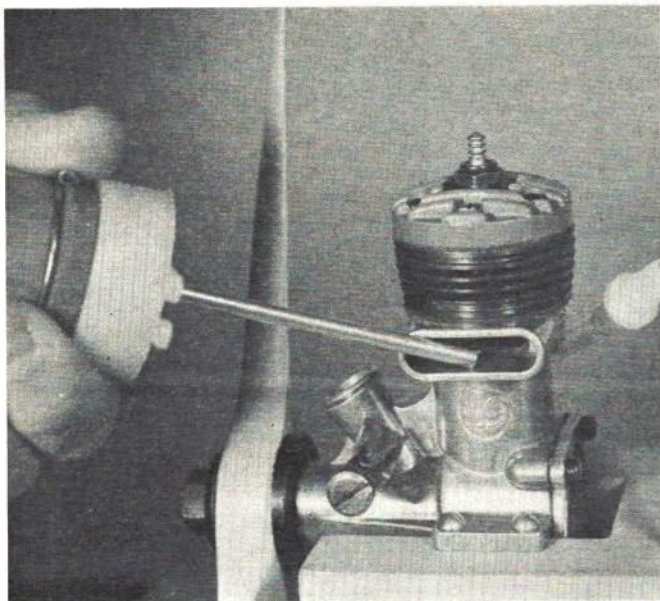


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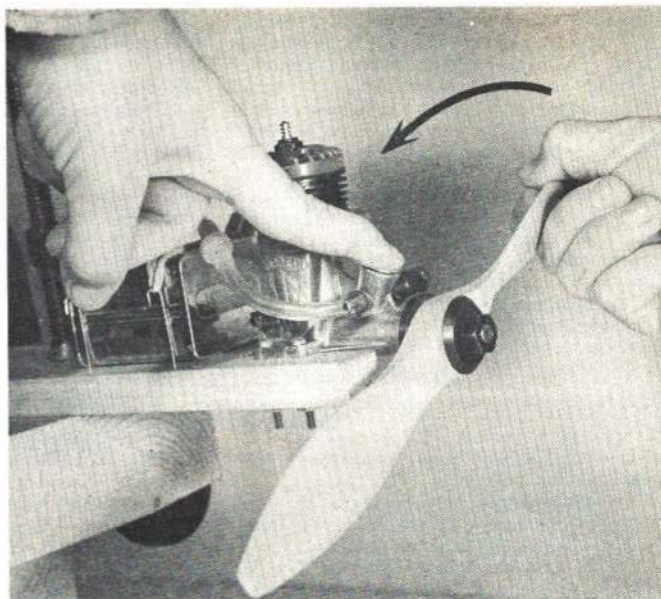


Bolt a radially mounted 049 engine to a sturdy piece of wood which is then clamped in the work-bench vice. Priming method shown.





When priming the larger engine, place the prop so that the piston is at its lowest position, squirt a few drops into the cylinder.



Choking the engine means closing the intake or carburetor opening with your finger, while holding and rotating the prop a full turn.

cause of starting difficulties is flooding. This means that there is so much raw fuel in the engine that the fuel-air mixture reaching the combustion chamber is much too rich. This mixture won't burn properly, and also tends to quench the glow plug. Flooding is caused by over-priming, or a too-open setting of the needle valve, or both. It can usually be recognized by the raw fuel being thrown out the engine exhaust and being spit back through the air inlet when the propeller is flipped.

A light or moderate flooding condition often will clear itself by evaporation while you're checking the glow plug, fuel lines, etc. So, after making these preliminary checks, it's a good idea to try a start without any prime, on the chance that there's enough fuel remaining in the engine for a start.

A lightly flooded engine may emit one loud "bang" and stop when it is cranked. Invariably, the force of this backfire has

loosened the propeller. Remove the glow-plug clip, reposition the propeller, reattach the glow-plug clip, and try again. If the engine doesn't respond after a dozen flips, reprime and try again. If it still won't cooperate, check the glow plug; the force of the backfire may have damaged it.

Heavier flooding is best cured as follows:

- Disconnect the fuel line and close the needle valve.
- Connect the glow-plug clip.
- Crank until the engine starts. It will run roughly for a short burst and quit.
- Continue cranking until the engine fires again, runs longer, smoother, and then stops.

● Reconnect the fuel line, open the needle valve, and proceed to start as usual.

In cases of very heavy flooding, remove the glow plug and invert the engine, keeping the inlet low. Rotate the propeller by hand and fuel will flow out the various openings.

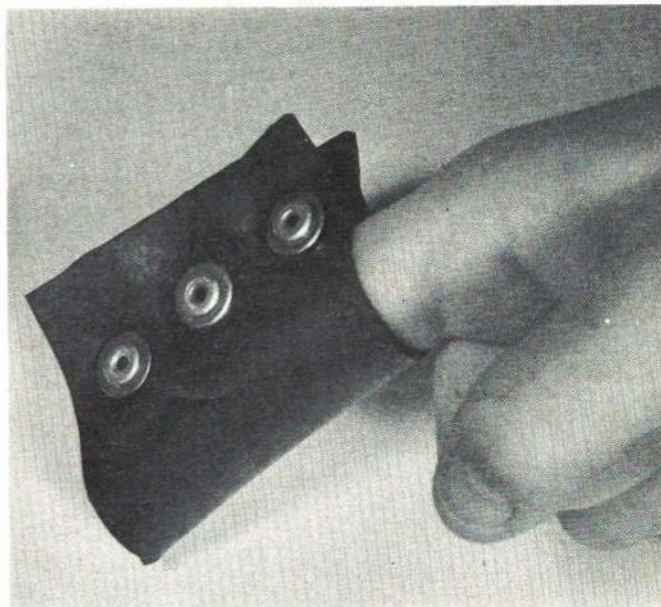
**Loose needle valve:** If the engine starts well, and runs for a while, and then starts to slow or run erratically, check the needle valve. It is probably loose. If the spring clip that retains the needle is not tight enough, the needle can vibrate open or closed. Sometimes the spray-bar, into which the needle valve screws, becomes loose in the air inlet and turns so that its spray hole no longer points down into the engine. Reposition and tighten these parts, making sure that the spray hole points directly down the air inlet.

**Breaking in the new engine:** If you are starting with a brand-new engine, don't try to get top rpm's from it until it has had a chance to break in. All you'll accomplish will be overheating and damage to the engine. This damage will not show up right away, but it will show up, eventually, in drastically reduced engine life.

There's no trick to breaking in a model engine. Just run it at a relatively low

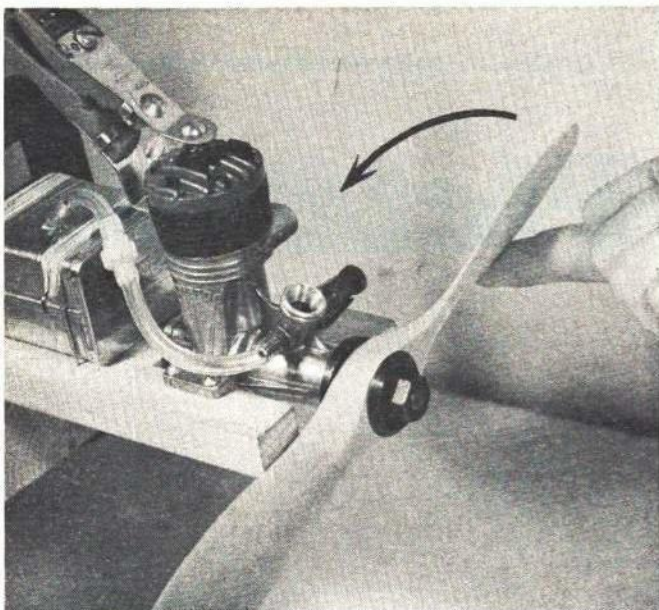


Opening the needle valve will run your new engine slower with a rich mixture. It will run cooler and have more lubrication.

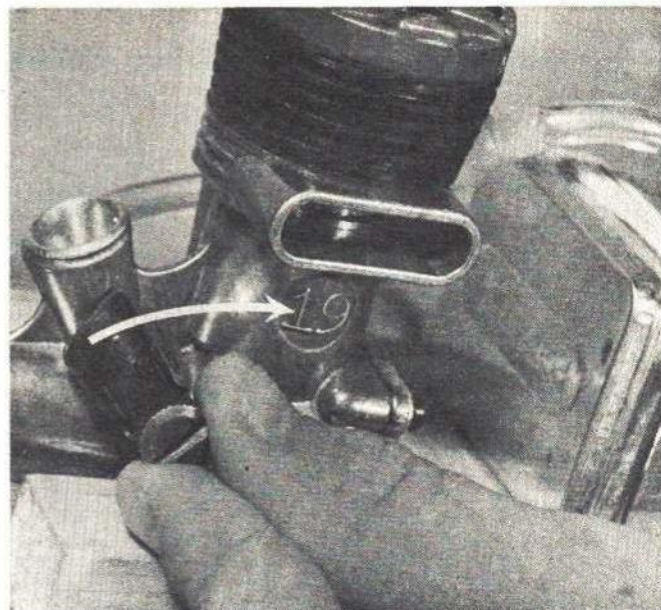


Engines do backfire and fingers can get cut. A simple inner-tube rubber finger guard is easy to make. Use it on all sizes of engines.





Set the needle valve per article, then clip and flip. With finger behind prop, pull across forcefully as quickly as possible each time.



With engine running, adjust needle valve. To run faster turn valve clockwise. This leans the mixture by reducing the fuel flow.

speed for several tanks of mild fuel, letting it cool between each run. The first two or three runs should be only about 30 to 60 seconds. Then, work up through a few runs to full tankfuls. Control-line modelers often put a new engine in a trainer after the first couple of test-stand runs, and complete the break-in program with a rich mixture in flight. The airflow around the engine keeps it from overheating. As before, let the engine cool between runs.

As the break-in progresses, the engine performance gradually improves, the running characteristics become smoother and smoother, and the engine becomes easier to start. You can tell if your engine is properly broken in by practice-flipping the propeller against the engine compression. If the propeller bounces back, nice and springy, the engine is broken in properly.

**Operating tips:** This may sound like a broken record, but treat your engine right and it'll treat you right. It never hurts an

engine to be run slightly rich. On the other hand, it can be quickly ruined by overheating from flight after flight at high speeds with an over-lean mixture. Don't be fooled by the way engines are operated in Speed, Rat-Race, Combat, or Navy Carrier events. The contestants are demanding the most the engine can give and expect a relatively short life.

In Sunday flying, though, there's no need to beat the engine to pieces. Remember, when the model is in flight, the engine receives more air than it does on the ground, so it runs leaner. Therefore, set the needle valve about one-half turn richer than the setting for peak speed on the ground, and it won't over-lean in the air.

We shouldn't have to mention it, but every so often someone tries to fly with a nicked or split wooden propeller. *For safety's sake, don't!* The prop is likely to fly apart. Aside from pieces of wood flying like bullets, the brief, violent vibration that oc-

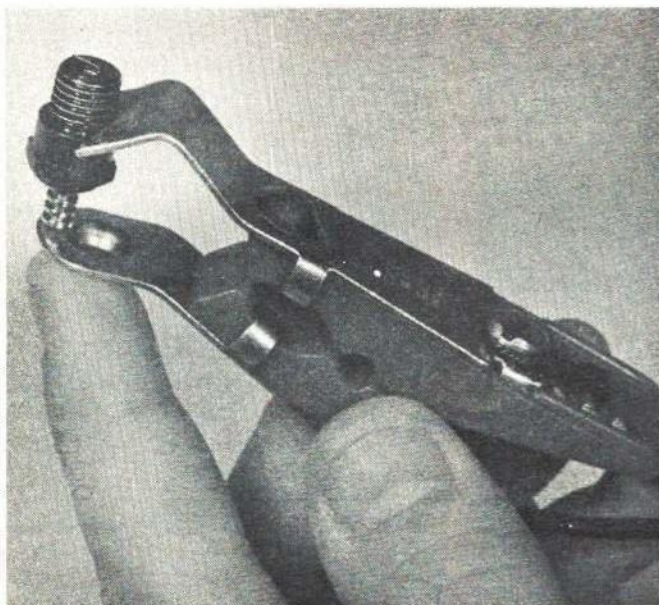
curs before the engine stops has been known to rip the engine right out of the model.

Nylon propellers are popular because of their durability. However, if the tips become frayed, they should be trimmed and the propeller rebalanced. Otherwise, the unbalance will rapidly wear the crankshaft bearing.

If you use a "chicken stick" (a short, rubber-padded wooden stick), don't bat at the propeller with it to start the engine. The blow can damage the propeller.

If the propeller nut becomes stiff to turn, and you have trouble removing it (the result of cross threading or crash damage), insert a hardwood stick or a broken propeller blade through the exhaust port into the combustion chamber to hold the piston and crankshaft while the nut is turned. Don't use a screwdriver for this; it will damage the piston and cylinder liner.

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Check the plug if the engine won't start. If it lights up, then both the battery and plug are good, but if not, check the battery.



Try new plug only if your battery is good. Always use wrench when installing plug or tightening prop nut. Just get plug snug.



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**PETER M. BOWERS**

Drawings by Robert Parks

ONE of the big surprises of the amateur-built airplane movement is the sudden popularity of the ancient Pietenpol Air Camper. Since this is a relatively crude and low-performance airplane dating from 1928, there must be a reason for it. Perhaps it's just the modern builders' rebellion against the current trend toward more power, higher performance, more complex structures, and, of course, more cost that is taking place in the homebuilt field as well as in the rest of the general aviation activity. Certainly, the Pietenpol reverses this trend and goes as far in the other direction as possible while still being capable of flight.

The Air Camper was the brain-child of Mr. Bernard Pietenpol of Spring Valley, Minn. The prototype was started in 1928, a time before the new federal regulations began to catch up with the little guys who wanted to design, build, and fly their own airplanes. In spite of the increasing severity of the rules, the Air Camper design caught

on. Plans were published in installments by *Modern Mechanics* magazine in 1930 and appeared all together in the 1931 issue of the famous *Flying and Glider Manual* published as an annual by the same organization (this has since been reprinted by EAA, so the old plans are now available to new builders).

Costs were kept to a minimum by using commercial grades of wood, a converted Model-A Ford automobile engine that produced approximately 40 hp, and quite a bit of cheap World War I surplus hardware that was still available at the time. Another appealing feature of the Air Camper was the fact that it was a two-seater, something rare among the few available amateur designs of the day.

The design was what is known as a parasol, with the wing above the fuselage. This was built in one piece, with the spars spliced in the center. The spars were lightened somewhat by routing them to an I-section on a table saw. The airfoil section was a Pietenpol original design closely resembling the U.S.A.-27 section dating from WW-I.

While performance was extremely marginal by present-day standards, it must be realized that the owners' requirements for a homebuilt airplane in the early 1930's were considerably different from what they are today. Miles per hour, rate of climb, and aerobatic capability were not important then. The big thing was just to get off the ground and fly around the countryside in a plane that would hold together and get back down in one piece. Remember, these were the depression years. Major aircraft firms were folding up all over, none of the would-be amateur flyers could afford steel tubing or the new light airplane engines that were just then coming on the market, and few could afford flying lessons. The Pietenpol, therefore, was a workable answer to a lot of dreams. The raw materials were cheap,



Author's plane is all-original Pietenpol except new parts substituted for safety reasons. Engine is the Funk Model E, a special aircraft conversion of the Ford Model B.



Water-cooled engine has radiator in front of pilot. As long as radiator doesn't leak, it



low cost, and docile performance.

# Air Camper 68

anyone who was good at tinkering could make the simple Pietenpol-developed conversion of the Model-A, and the airplane itself was certainly simple to build. In fact, nothing developed in the following 40 years has been able to match the old Air Camper's combination of simplicity, ruggedness, low cost, and docile performance.

While many of the Air Campers built in those early days did get publicized in the pages of *Modern Mechanics* and the old *Popular Aviation* (now *Flying Magazine*) which also boosted amateur aviation, many did not, which is just as well. As mentioned, many of the amateur builders could not afford flying lessons. With lots of open space and few nosey inspectors in those days, many builders of Pietenpols also taught themselves to fly in them. This naturally led to a lot of accidents that no one heard about, but it is a tribute to the sound aerodynamics of the Air Camper that so many were able to go this route successfully.

When amateur-built airplanes were finally recognized by the federal government in 1947 and granted legal status, a number of the surviving Air Campers of the 1930's came out of storage, were refurbished, and proudly took to the air again with the new Amateur-Built airworthiness certificates in the Experimental category. At first, however, they drew little attention. The home-

built movement didn't really get rolling until the early 1950's, and the handful of Air Campers was regarded more as restored antiques than the equals of the new crop of amateur designs then putting in an appearance. If anything, they were regarded with some derision: "The guy fixed up that old clunk because he couldn't afford the materials for a new one."

That attitude didn't prevail for long. By the late 1950's, some new Pietenpols began to appear. A few were built by purists who were willing to accept the limited performance of the Ford-powered original for the satisfaction of flying a genuine American classic. They weren't out for speed, performance, or transportation; all they wanted was a piece of sporting goods—something to have some simple fun in.

However, some of the latter-day builders, trained to different standards, accepted the Pietenpol concept of simplicity and low cost but wanted a little more performance than the Air Camper was intended to deliver. These people made little "improvements" here and there; trying to perk up what they thought was pretty feeble aileron effectiveness by adding wing-tip plates, changing wing-tip and tail shapes to express their own individuality, substituting a "better" airfoil like the Clark Y (which dates from 1922) for the original Pietenpol, and seeking better climb and speed by using modern 65 hp flat-four aircooled airplane engines. While the wing and tail changes accomplished practically nothing, many of the engine changes introduced serious new problems.

The main one was that modern engines were considerably lighter than the old cast-iron Ford engine and radiator combination, with the result that the "improved" airplane becomes very tail heavy. This can be corrected in one of two ways: by adding ballast to the nose, or by moving the lighter engine forward to restore the balance. The latter course is undesirable for a number of reasons. First, the longer nose considerably alters the lines of the airplane. Second, the longer nose, coupled with an already short tail, increases the tendency of the gyroscopic action of the propeller to make the nose swing on takeoff. One recent builder of a long-nose Air Camper had so much trouble from this that, in desperation, he converted his ship to tricycle landing gear!

Most of those who altered the original Pietenpol design soon found out that it is hard to make only one major change to an airplane—several other things have to be changed to accommodate the first change. Some changes are relatively simple, however, and cannot be regarded as tampering with the design. Since the original Pietenpols flew from grass strips, they were equipped with tailskids. With most modern sport flying being done from paved runways, steerable tail wheels, and even brakes on the main wheels, have become mandatory. The purists who stick to tailskids and brakeless wheels know enough to operate only from the grass.

While some of the Pietenpols with modern engines have been relatively successful, the lessons learned from the less successful have begun to sink into other builders and a higher percentage of "pure" Air Campers with Ford engines are now beginning to appear. The cheap stigma has been completely removed from the old design and it is now more popular than ever. Even Bernard Pietenpol has built another to use as a test bed for his experiments with an aircraft version of the Chevrolet Corvair engine.

While the difference between the 40-hp of the Model-A and a modern 65-hp Continental may seem considerable, the modern builders don't realize that old-fashioned and modern horsepower aren't the same. The Continental has a displacement of 170 cu. in. and delivers its 65 hp to a 74-in. propeller at 2300 rpm. The Model-A, however, has 200 cu. in. and delivers its so-called 40 hp through a 76-to-78-inch prop at 1800 rpm. In actual pounds of thrust, the two

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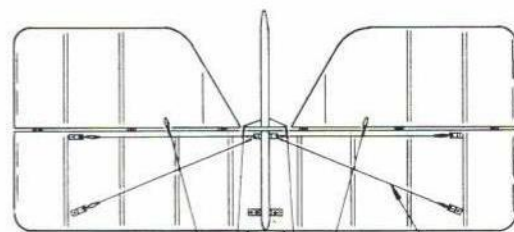
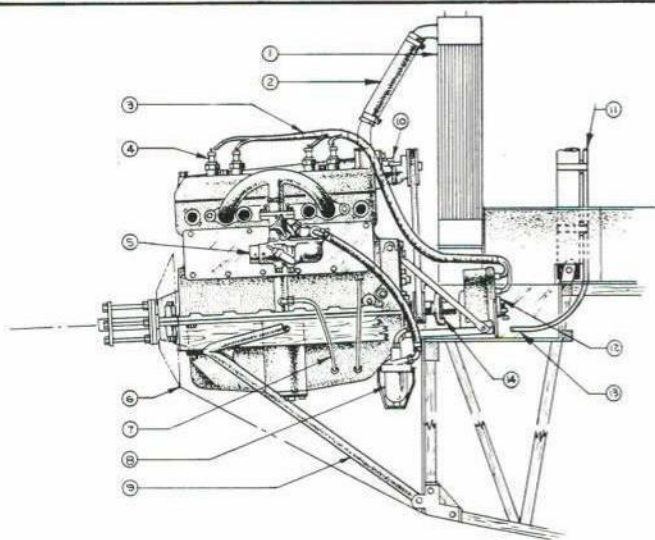
provides warmed air for pilot's face on a chilly day. Engine gives 62 hp at 2200 rpm.

Author holds hinged wing section which allows easier entry into rear cockpit. For lack of old-style clincher tires, modern motorcycle wheels and tires, with covered spokes, are used.







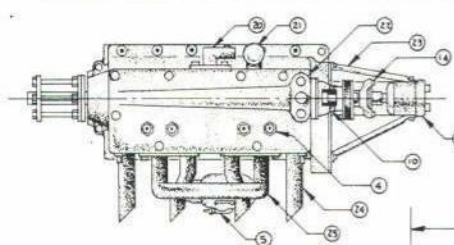
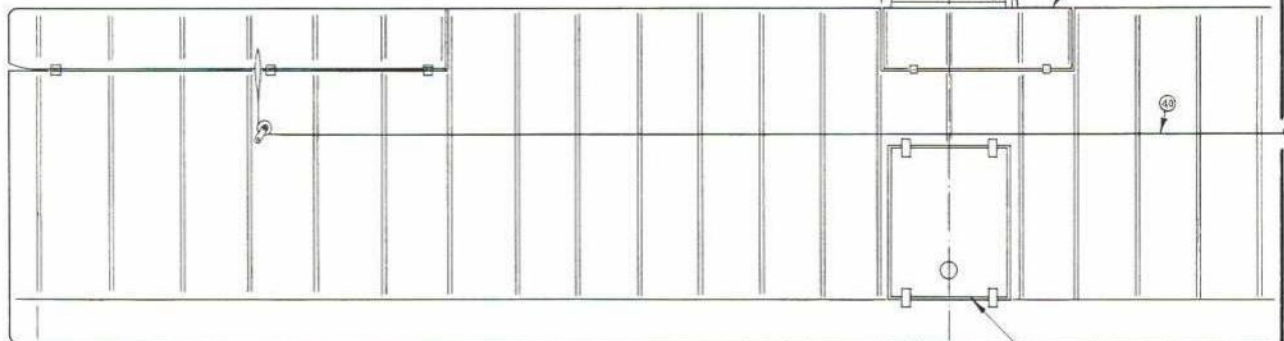


- 1 W.W.I. WAR SURPLUS RADIATOR
- 2 UPPER WATER HOSE
- 3 IGNITION HARNESS
- 4 AUTOMOBILE TYPE PLUGS
- 5 MODEL-A FORD CARBURETOR
- 6 ALUMINUM CONVL OUTLINE
- 7 REROUTED OIL LINES
- 8 FUEL FILTER BOWL
- 9 TUBULAR MOTOR BEAM SUPT.
- 10 REWORKED WATER PUMP
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- 13 FUEL LINE TO FILTER
- 14 MAGNETO DRIVE COUPLING

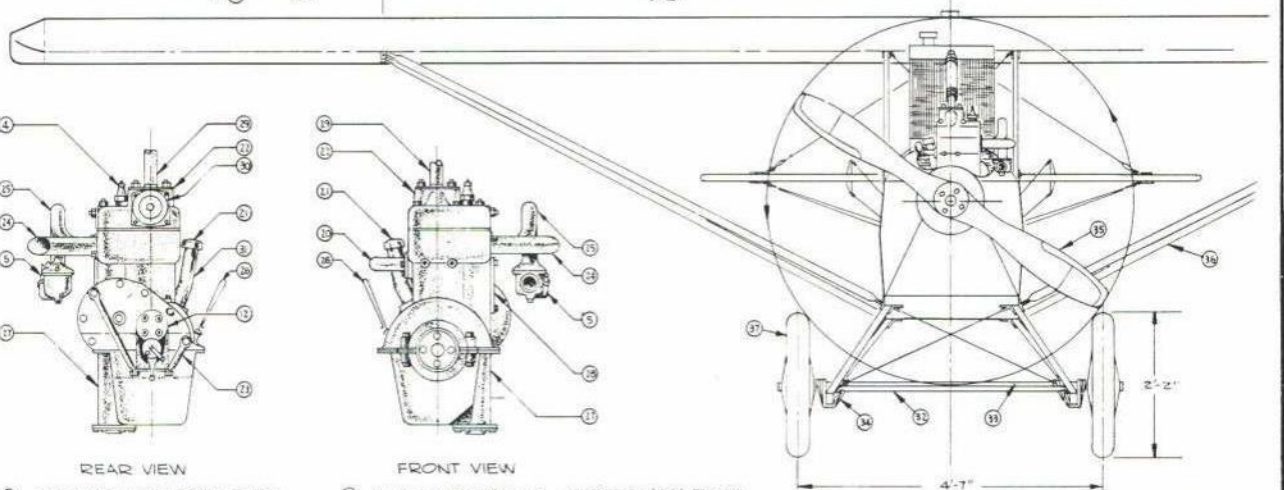
- 15 BRACE WIRES
- 16 ELEVATOR CABLE
- 17 RUDDER CABLE
- 18 REAR SEAT
- 19 REAR SEAT ENTRY FLAP

SCALE IN INCHES & FEET

SHOWN ABOVE IS THE CONVERTED FORD MODEL-A ENGINE INSTALLATION MOST COMMONLY USED IN THE PIETENPOL AIR CAMPER. VARIOUS AUTOMOBILE ENGINES WERE TRIED; FORD MODEL-T, CHEVROLET OVERHEAD VALVE '4', & THE MODEL-A. THE MODEL-A WAS CHOSEN FOR ITS POWER, RELIABILITY, LOW COST & PARTS AVAILABILITY. ENGINE MODIFICATIONS FOR THE AIRCRAFT CONVERSION WERE RELATIVELY SIMPLE. REWORKED WERE: OIL PAN BAFFLES, OIL LINES FROM PUMP, OIL PASSAGES, SHAFT SEAL, WATER PUMP PULLEY MOUNT, CARBURETOR, INTAKE MANIFOLD, MAGNETO (NEW), & OIL FILLER PIPE.



- 20 WATER CONNECTION FROM RADIATOR
  - 21 OIL FILLER CAP
  - 22 WATER PUMP HOUSING
  - 23 MAGNETO MOUNT
  - 24 EXHAUST STACK
  - 25 INTAKE MANIFOLD
  - 26 OIL DIP STICK
  - 27 OIL PUMP HOUSING
  - 28 VALVE COVER PLATE (NEW)
- NOTE: ENGINE PLAN VIEW AT LEFT AND REAR & FRONT VIEWS BELOW ARE DRAWN TO SAME SCALE. 1 1/2" EQUAL 1 FOOT.



REAR VIEW

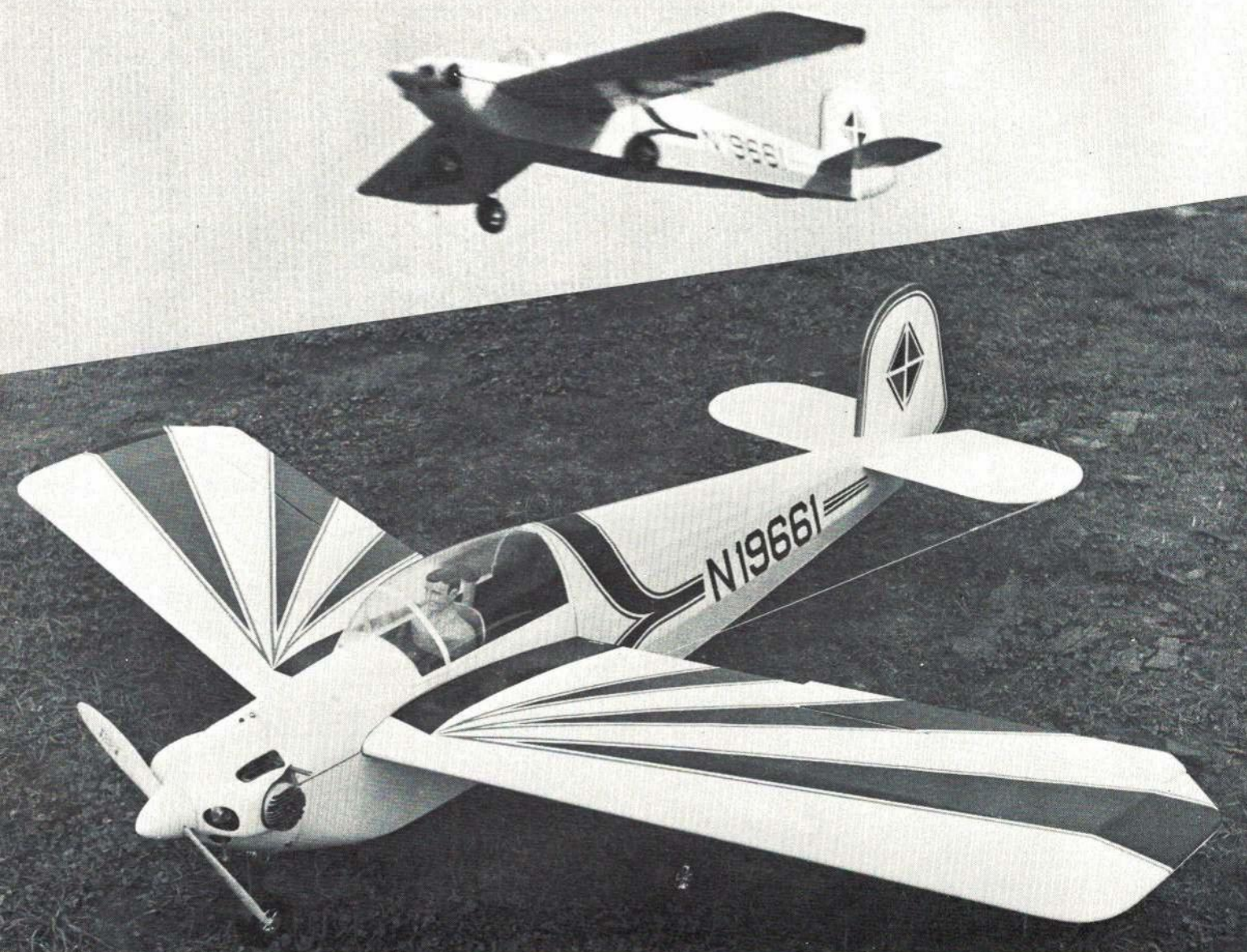
FRONT VIEW

- 29 RADIATOR HOSE CONNECTION
- 30 WATER PUMP PULLEY
- 31 OIL FILLER PIPE
- 32 STEEL TUBE SPREADER BAR
- 33 STEEL TUBE AXLE
- 34 BUNGEE SHOCK CORDS

- 35 W.W.I. WAR SURPLUS LAWRENCE '28' PROP
- 36 STREAMLINED STEEL TUBE STRUTS
- 37 WAR SURPLUS WHEELS
- 38 HOME MADE GAS TANK
- 39 OZO ALUMINUM COVERED LEADING EDGE
- 40AILERON CABLE

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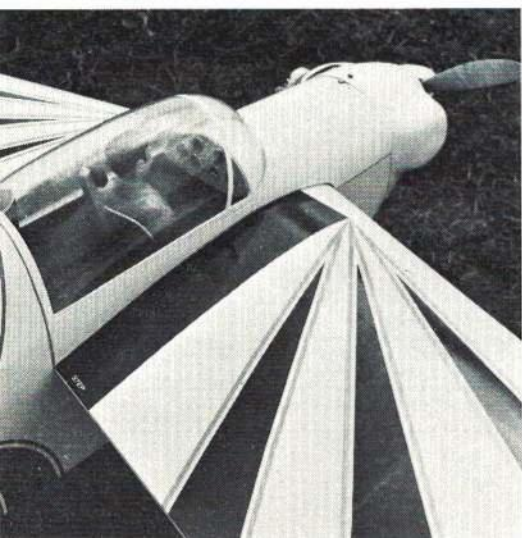


If you envisioned a monoplane version of the great Jungmann biplane would it be like this? Swept wing helps with perfect tracking through stunts and permits easier, slow landing approaches.

# JUNGSTER

Two-inch Williams "Sportsman" pilot fits under home-made canopy. Burnished aluminum panel with Tatone instruments.

Wing has no dihedral because the swept wing supplies adequate lateral stability. Also permits easier wing construction on flat working board. Knife-edge flight should actually climb with all this side area and large rudder. Main gear is wing mounted as on low-wingers.





An aerobatic model designed to look and fly like a full-scale plane. Article describes unusual cowl and canopy molding methods.

## GERALD C. LEAKE

WHAT the heck is a Jungster? It's a Jungmann gone single-wing, and modernized. It's simple and fast to build, and resembles a modern homebuilt aircraft.

My scale Jungmann had such good flying characteristics, I decided to build a single-wing version for aerobatic competition and Sunday flying. Coincidentally, the nose and tail moments are the same as a Kwik-Fli. The Jungster goes together quickly and cheaply since the fuselage is just a bundle of sticks with no carving of big, expensive blocks of balsa. And it's rugged.

The entire plane was built in one week. Only the fiberglass cowl took time. The mold took 24 hours to set up; the cowl molding within the mold only about two hours. Covering takes a couple of nights, and painting a week.

Out to the field we go with our 720-sq. in. Enya 60-powered, 6½ lb., true-scale Jungster. It does every maneuver in the book with the greatest of ease, and it looks splendid. I've had any number of people come up and say, "What's it a scale model of?"

Fuselage construction is the same as building a rubber-powered model. It's a stick box with sheet balsa in front, and sticks in the back. Build two identical sides. Epoxy the plywood bulkheads and firewall vertically to one fuselage side and then epoxy the other fuselage side to the top of the bulkheads. Make sure all bulkheads are vertical to the sides. Let dry, pull the tail together and epoxy. Then epoxy in the sticks to complete the fuselage box. Make sure it's straight before the epoxy is dry.

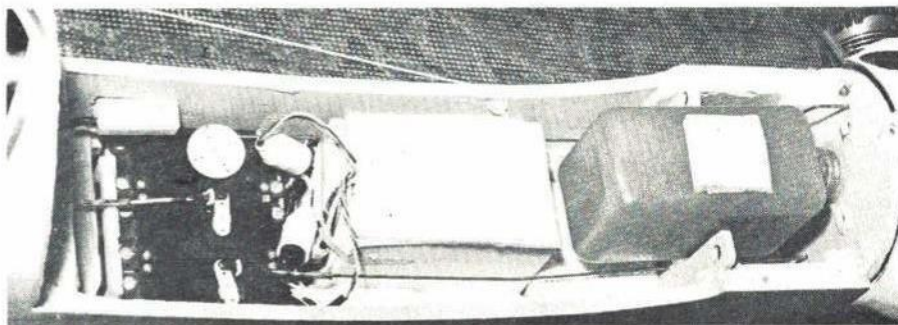
Glue on the formers for the turtle-deck structure and add the stringers. Sheet the forward bottom half of the fuselage, add fairing strips where indicated, and the basic fuselage is completed. It takes about two nights to build.

Build the wing and tail feathers next. The tail is sanded to shape after all the ½" sticks are dry. The wing is built conventionally except that it is best built upside down and as one piece. It also can be built as two pieces, joined. It has no dihedral (15 degrees of sweep); therefore, it can be built flat on the work bench. The spars and center section ¼" balsa splice can be built before the ribs are glued in place.

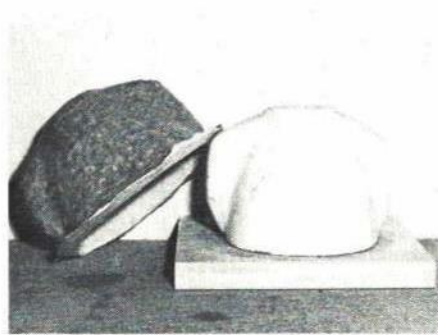
The ailerons are cut out after the wing is constructed. Position triangular jigs even with trailing edge of the wing. Lay the trailing edge sheets flat on the jigs. Lay down the main spar assembly and glue down all the ribs. Glue the top spar in place. Add leading edge, aileron spar, and vertical webs between ribs and through spar structure center section.

Sheet top of wing. Let dry and sheet bottom of wing. Don't forget to poke pin holes through the wood to mark where you should cut out the ailerons before you sheet the top trailing edge. Also, epoxy in the aileron horns before the trailing edge is sheeted. Add the bellcranks, rods, and wing tips. The servo hole can be cut out after the wing is covered. The wing and tail feathers can be built in two nights.

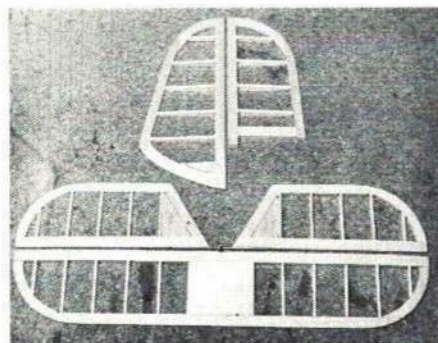
To build the fuselage canopy-hatch, cut out the ¼" hatch sides; glue the formers in



Virtually any control system will fit in this cavern! With swept wing, radio must be as far aft in fuselage as practical. Holes in bulkhead beside tank are for wing-mount dowels.



New method for making fiberglass cowls. Latex rubber mold is made over pine plug, then glass cowls are made in rubber mold.

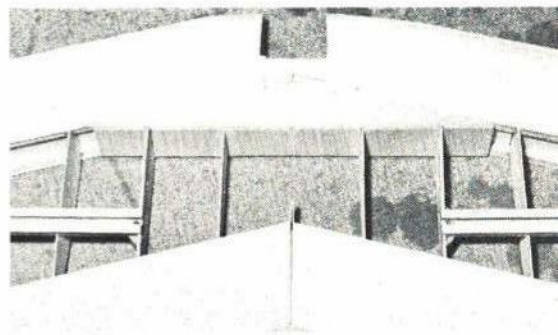


Built-up tail surfaces are light and sturdy. Generous control surface areas give powerful control responses. Great for spins.

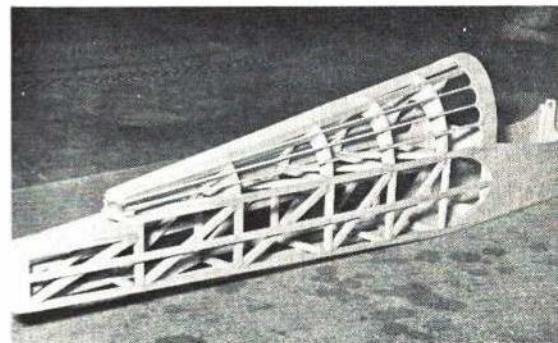
place and let dry. While the hatch is drying, shape a mold for the canopy out of pine or poplar. Allow at least a half inch extra on bottom of the mold.

Sand the hatch sides to match formers and sheet the top of the hatch. Add the ¼" block to the back of the hatch. Add the ½" sheet in the cockpit area. Now, epoxy finish your canopy mold. Don't use dope as it will blister when the hot acetate is drawn over it, and remember, the canopy is only as good as your finish. After the hatch is dry, put the wing on the fuselage and carefully align it so it is square. Put the hatch on top and trim as necessary to get a good close fit. Hold the hatch in place and drill a ¼" hole through the hatch, wing, and wing hold-down block on the fuselage.

A ¼" blind nut can then be inserted in the bottom of the hold-down block. The hatch acts as a clamp to hold the wing in place; therefore, no special beefing up of the trailing edge of the wing is required. A nylon ¼" screw works great to hold the wing and hatch in place. The forward part



Joining wing halves requires no dihedral braces as such; rather, a special built-up box holds sheeting and spars together.



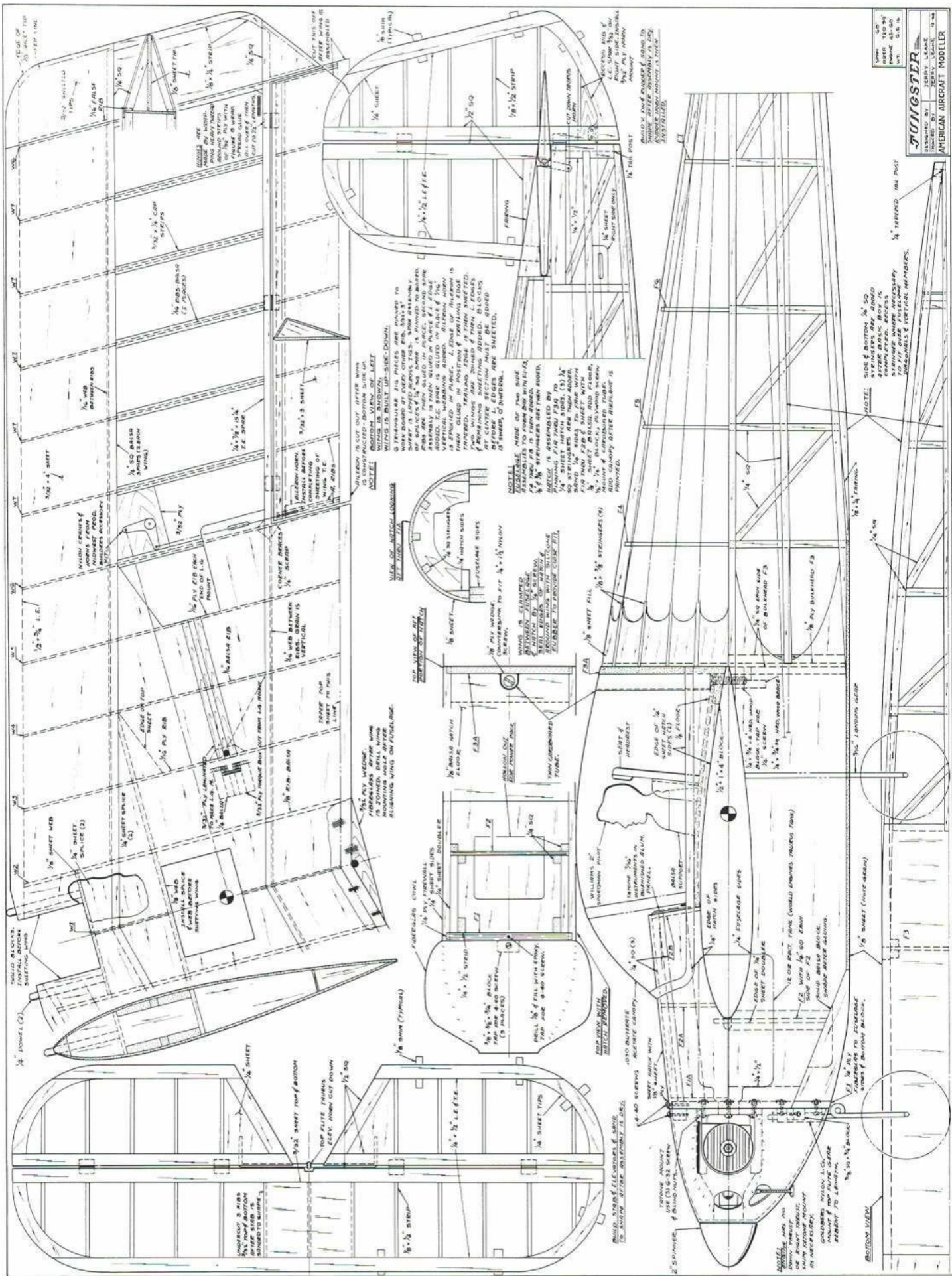
Fuselage is made up of sticks of ½" square balsa as with a rubber-powered free-flight. Formers, stringers, and doublers are added.

of the hatch is drilled with a 3/32" drill clear through into the top edge of the firewall. The firewall is then tapped with a 4-40 thread. Don't forget to put a plywood insert in the screw hold-down area at the front of the hatch and over the wing hold-down screw hole at the back of the hatch.

The canopy can now be formed. First build a vacuum box. Build an open top box a little bigger than the length and width of the canopy and about 2 to 3" deep. Bore a hole in one end of the box, just the size to press a vacuum cleaner hose into. Be sure it's a close and tight fit. Fasten the canopy mold to a sheet of peg board (with wood screws from underneath), the size of the box and seal the top to the box. Make a frame from ½ x 1" lumber that has the same dimensions as the box top. A vacuum box is now completed. Air tightness is not critical, but the box should be glued and nailed.

Forming the canopy is easy despite its size. Fasten a sheet of .030" butyrate acetate to the bottom of the frame with staples.

















The original Taylor Cub with short windshield, exposed cabane struts, and open cockpit. Design developed into closed-cockpit Model F-2.

# Taylor Cub F-2

This .02-powered model is just like the real plane—which Taylor Aircraft described in 1931 as soundly engineered, sturdy, safe and economical to own and fly.

## TED SCHREYER

COMBINE the finesse of a rubber-powered scale model with the excitement of gas-powered free-flight and you come up with the "mini-power" scale model. The Taylor "Cub" F-2 is such a model. With a  $35\frac{1}{4}$ " span it is easy and economical to construct. The little Cox .020 Pee Wee engine puts out just the right amount of thrust to provide beautiful, realistic flights, sure to make an afternoon of flying pleasure.

Why was the Cub chosen for a free-flight scale model? Well, it provides a simple and stable design which, with its airframe of straight lines and flat surfaces, makes for easy building and covering. It also makes a very attractive model of one of the interesting and most important lightplanes in aviation history.

The plan was drawn to a scale of  $1" = 1'$  from a 3-view drawing in "Flying for 1936"—published by The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc.—with an assist from data and photo courtesy of the Piper Aircraft Corp. Wing dihedral and tail surface areas were increased to improve flight performance. This Cub model is a practical flying scale design, not a super-detailed exhibition piece.

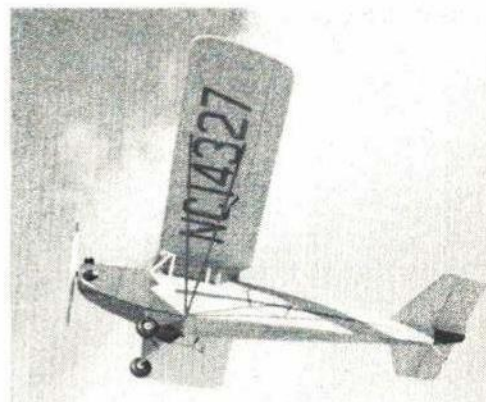
The Taylor Aircraft Co. of Bradford, Penn., produced this lightplane in 1931 that, in their words "... must look and perform like the larger, expensive planes; must be soundly engineered, sturdy and tough ... and it must be safe. Above all, it must be economical to own and fly." The resulting success of this plane, and the later Piper Cub designs, is legend. Construction was strong and long-lasting, with wing of aluminum-alloy ribs and spruce spars; fuse-

lage of welded, tubular steel; tail assembly of tubular steel; and the plane fabric-covered except for the metal engine cowl.

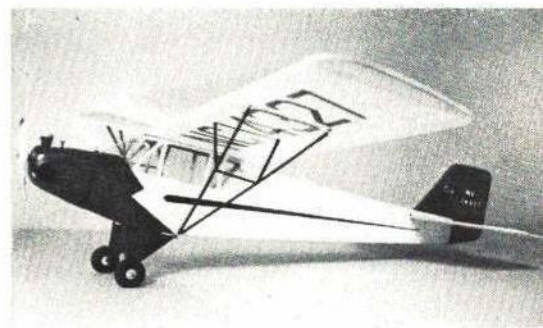
The F-2 was powered with a three-cylinder Aeromarine AR3-40 engine of 40 hp, had a cruising speed of 85 mph, a gross weight of 950 lbs., span of  $35'-3"$ , length of  $22'-3"$ . It seated pilot and passenger in tandem, and cost \$1540 with enclosed cabin. The same Cub airframe was fitted with a Continental A40-2 four-cylinder opposed engine of 37 hp and called the E-2.

**Construction:** Study the plan to familiarize yourself with the model. When buying your supplies choose the wood carefully, since a few minutes spent selecting good balsa will make your model easier to build, last longer, and fly better. Soft balsa lacks strength, while rock-hard balsa is too heavy. This model is on the sturdy side to withstand the rigors of everyday flying, which also makes it easier to build because of large wood sizes. Give all joints a second coat of glue for strength.

**Fuselage:** Make two sides, one at a time, over Saran-wrap protected plan. The fuselage side is shown shaded. Longerons and uprights are  $\frac{1}{8}"$  sq. balsa, while most diagonals are  $\frac{1}{16} \times \frac{1}{8}"$  balsa. Make cuts in the longeron where it changes direction, and glue. When a side is dry, remove from plan and add the  $\frac{1}{8}"$  sq. cabin doublers, extending from fuselage top to bottom. Bevel inside rear of sides and glue together. Cut the cross pieces to length from the top view and glue in place, working from tail to nose. Check often to keep fuselage sections rectangular and fuselage longitudinally straight. Glue plywood firewall "A" to fuselage front, then glue in place balsa formers "B" thru "N."



Caught at its usual slow gliding pace, model has generous areas for good stability.

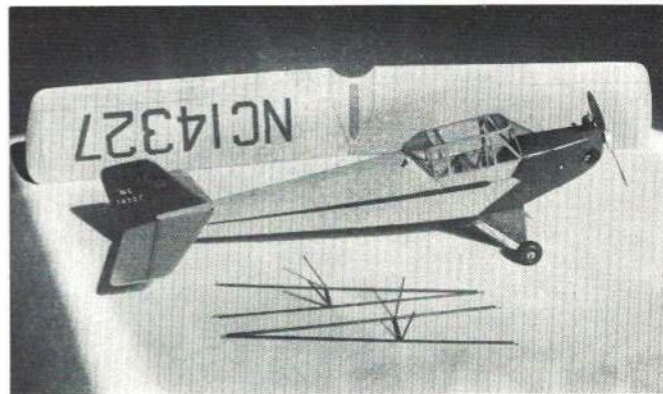


Model engine simulates top cylinder of the Aeromarine 3-cylinder engine used on F-2's.

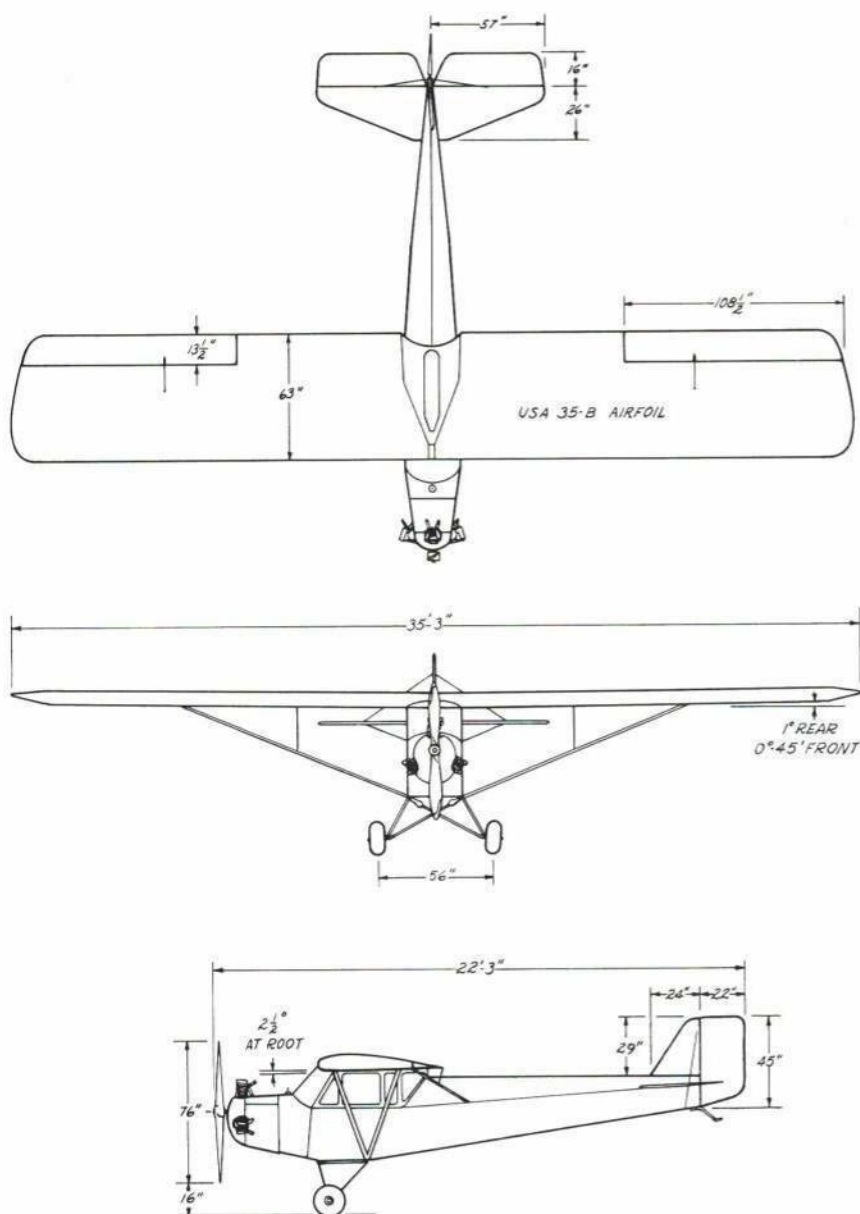




Among the greatest joys of modeling is flying small, near-scale free-flight models. Flying the real plane was much the same; you flew for the sheer enjoyment of it.



Struts are non-functional and may be removed for flying. Wing is removable for crash protection and easy carrying. Scale-like wheels are available from Williams Bros.



**TAYLOR AIRCRAFT COMPANY**  
Bradford, Pa.  
TAYLOR CUB F-2 — 2 PLACE  
ENGINE: AEROMARINE AR3-40

Bend the two landing gear wires to shape, attach to their bulkheads, and glue in place. Then bind and solder l.g. wires together near axle. The cabin roof is slightly V-shaped to fit wing underside. Top and side turtledeck stringers can be glued in place, but leave free at tail until stabilizer is added later. Add the dowel gussets and the  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch dowels for wing hold-down, and the  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch dowel struts. Make the cabin top-front strong.

Finish the fuselage by gluing the  $\frac{1}{16}$ - and  $\frac{1}{32}$ -balsa sheet-cowl pieces in place; then shape the two cowl blocks to the plan outline and glue lower block solidly in place, but use only spots of glue to fasten top block (this will be the way the cowl is fastened).

Trim the cowl blocks to final shape and sandpaper smooth; then, by sliding a razor blade in the joint, the top block can be removed and both blocks hollowed out to make room for the engine. Give the firewall and inside of cowl blocks three coats of black fuel-proof dope, and don't forget the drain hole. Mount the Cox .020 with small wood screws. Spot-glue top cowl block back in place. Finish cowl with sanding sealer and fine sandpaper.

**Tail:** The rudder and stabilizer are constructed on the plan in the normal manner. The  $\frac{1}{16}$  sheet tail surfaces provide a bendable area for flight adjustment.

**Wing:** Cut one W3 rib to shape carefully, mark it so it can be identified, and use it as a template to cut out all 18 ribs. (The W1, W2, and W4 ribs need only slight modification from the W3 pattern.) Check the size of spar notches as you work to obtain a good fit. Build one wing panel at a time. Notch the trailing edge to receive the ribs, slide ribs in order on the spars, and assemble the unit on the plan. Add the leading edge, wing tip, gusset, and let dry.

When both panels are completed, set the centers together, trim to fit neatly, and with both tips blocked up  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches, glue together with the  $\frac{1}{8}$  x  $\frac{1}{4}$  center braces and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -sheet trailing edge piece. Finish by adding the  $\frac{1}{16}$ -sq. top center spars (straight across from W1 to W1). Work carefully building the wing since it is the source of lift and lateral stability for your model.

**Covering:** Use fine sandpaper to smooth all outer wood surfaces and round the edges of wing, rudder, and stabilizer. Cover the model with light-weight Silkspar. Leave the cabin and turtledeck uncovered until the stabilizer is covered and glued in place, then cover the turtledeck. Cover the rudder and glue in place.

Cover the wing from W1 to W4 with one piece of Silkspar, then use separate pieces for the other panel, the center section, and

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The first all-metal plane designed and built in the U.S. Extremely rugged, with a high-lift wing, it was shipboard operated.

# MARTIN MO-1

A vintage aircraft's functional design is the basis for this Junior-age-class record setter.

DON GERBER AND CHARLES REEVES



The winning records with the MO-1 were set by Don Gerber and son, John, in both Class I and II Navy Carrier. Difference between Classes is use of 40- or 60-size engine.

ONE of the most rewarding aspects of this hobby is the designing of a model and then following through with the building, perfecting, flying, and winning with this aircraft. I tremendously enjoy flying in competition and am always looking for something different, something original that I can call my own.

While going through the books in a library 400 miles from home, I found the first bit of information which led to the design of this model. The book, "Airplanes of the World—1490-1962" by Doug Rolfe and, of all people, Bill Winter, showed a small drawing of the plane, and gave the information that the MO-1, designed in 1921 as a shipboard observation plane, was the first all-metal plane designed and built in the United States. The word "shipboard" was all the incentive that I needed.

During the summer of 1967 I corresponded with the Martin Marietta Corp. and got a photograph of the real plane and a good three-view drawing. Invaluable was the letter from Martin Marietta verifying the MO-1 as being carrier-based: "In response to your request for verification of the use of the early Martin-built MO-1, our records indicate that this plane was carrier-based along with the bombing and torpedo squadrons of the U.S. Navy in 1924, but was classed as a light-weight scout monoplane."

With this information I drew the first set



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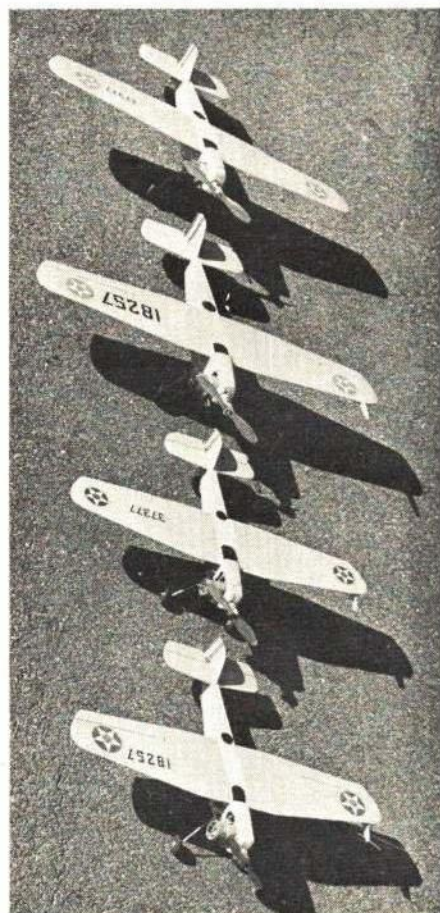
of crude plans. Later that fall I started corresponding with Mr. Don Gerber of Laureldale, Pa., who was the current class I record holder. Since he was interested in the model, I sent him a copy of the information that I had, and a rough copy of the plans I had drawn. That winter he redrew the plans in detail, developed construction techniques for both class I and class II versions of the MO-1. He and his son (John) built several of the planes of both classes. The contest record of their MO-1's during the summer of 1968 is phenomenal. They had a total of six first-places, five second-places and one third-place, and these include the AMA class I and class II junior records and a first-place win in junior class I navy carrier at the 1968 Olathe Nats for John Gerber. They had done all this, and I hadn't even started construction on mine.

I should make it clear that this is a joint article presented by both myself and Don Gerber, and that Don should receive the lion's share of the credit for developing and testing the model.

If this plane doesn't convert a few of you rat race flyers to navy carrier, then you just can't be converted, because it sure has the looks of a good, clean rat racer. The construction is similar too, with the exception of the metal pan used on most rats today.

Start construction with the solid wing by gluing the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " redwood leading edge to the balsa plank and working down the wing with a razor plane to the airfoil shape shown in the fuselage side view and the wing tip section. Make sure the wing center section bottom is flat, out to the point where the leading and trailing edges begin to taper, and then works to a symmetrical

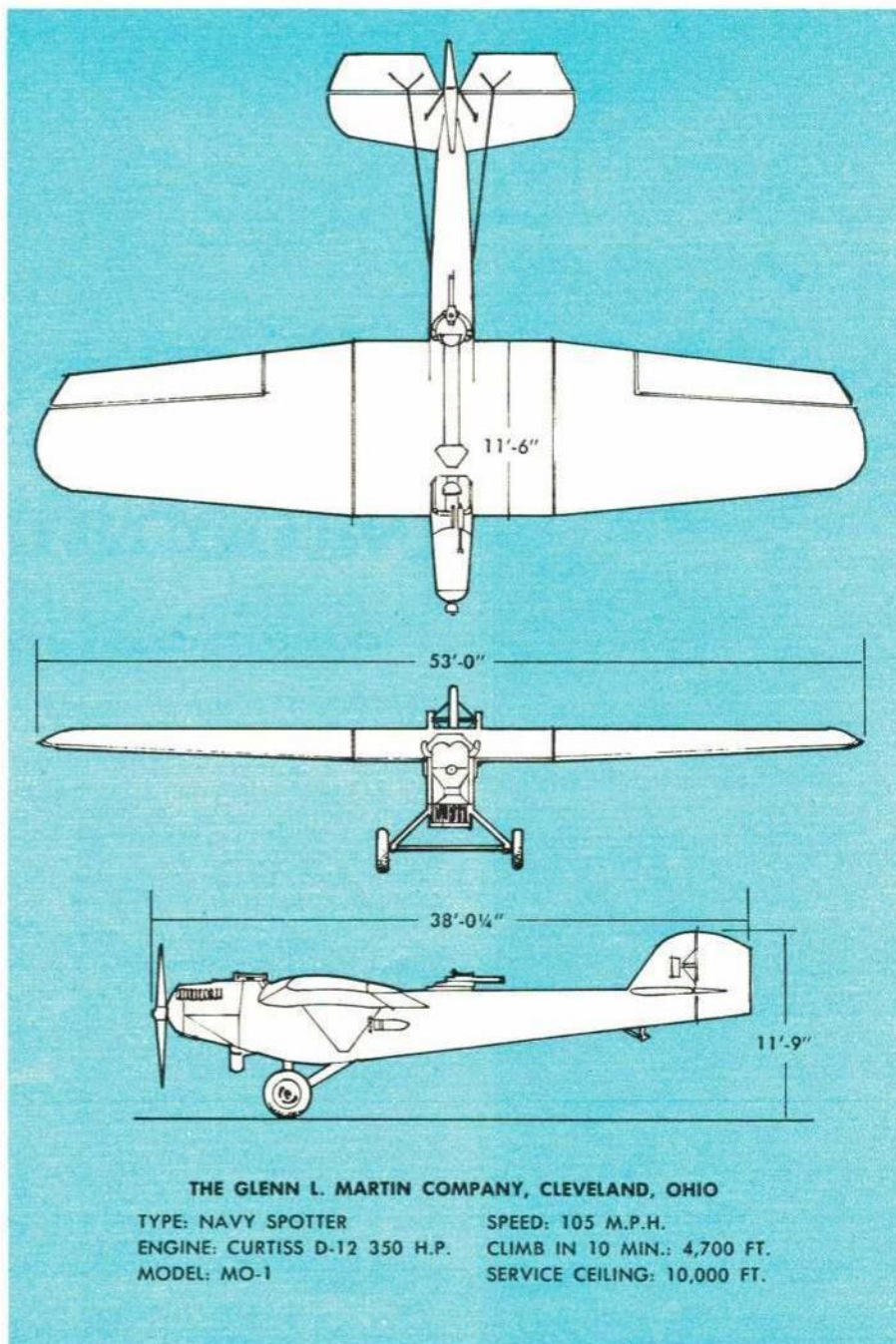
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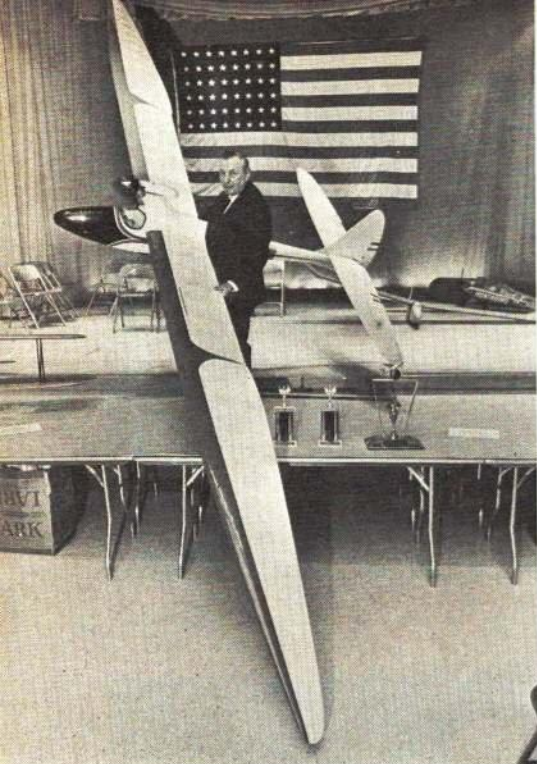
Rossi 60 speed and K&B 40RR engines set up by Bill Johnson, known as "Throttle Man."



Important features here: adjustable leadouts and hinged ailerons instead of flaps.





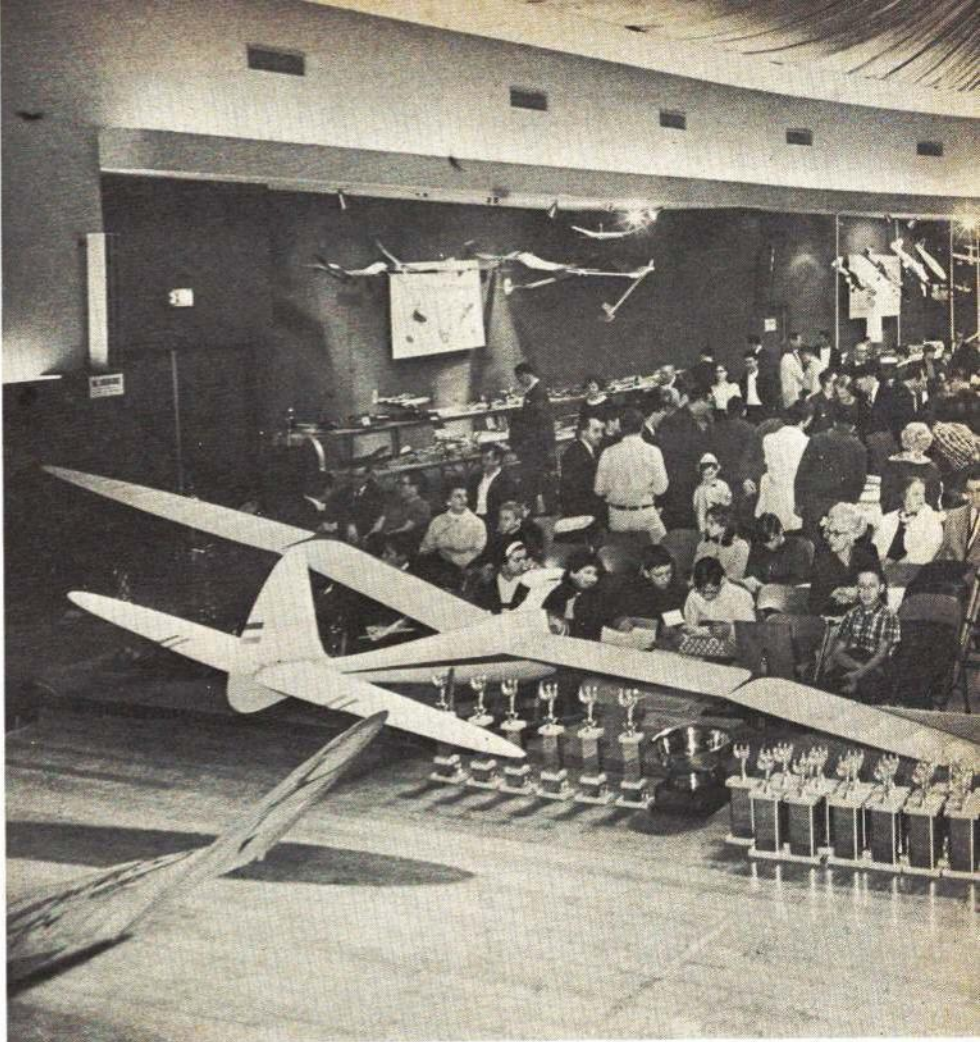


Biggest entry was Best Finish Award winner, a 20' R/C Condor sailplane by Harold Van Horn. Doubled Cleveland Model kit.



Best WW I plane was this R/C Nieuport 11 in realistic white paint job by George Tychan. Five-foot-span, from VK Models kit.

This high-school group was co-winner of the Lew Silvey Trophy. Prize was free trip to Wright-Patterson AFB.



# National Plane and

CHARLES TRACY, AVIATION EDITOR, THE CLEVELAND PRESS

CLEVELAND'S aviation industry lends a helping hand every year to its junior-grade admirers who get their kicks from model airplanes. A large percentage of the full-scale air world gets uniquely involved in staging the National Plane & Space Model Show in the Higbee Co. 10th-floor auditorium at the heart of the city.

This was the 22nd year for the glamorous event that excites modelers of all ages and produces some of the finest projects ever assembled. Dates were April 4, 5 and 6.

Under leadership of Benjamin T. Franklin, director of Air Foundation Inc., and the Aviation Dept. of The Cleveland Press, aircraft manufacturers and airlines are among firms supplying prize trophies for winners in 36 separate divisions of the show.

In fact, the show has grown to such proportions that it takes more than 50 engineers, executives, model-plane experts, and scientists to inspect hundreds of entries and select winners. They spend an interesting, four-hour evening to do it. But there's never a problem assembling the judging corps. Pilots, plane designers, government aviation officials, and aircraft operators ask to be selected.

An underlying reason is they want youth to get excited about aerospace, a rewarding

industry that today is the nation's No. 1 employer.

There's another reason, too. Model aircraft builders develop a rare knack for original thinking along complex mechanical lines. They work out retractable landing gears, movable controls from cockpits, come up with some amazing ideas for planes of the future, and frequently startle judges with new materials and methods.

Because of all this ingenuity, cultivated by building intricate models that really fly, they become choice candidates for science and engineering careers. The industry needs people with such talent.

Jack Hamilton, vice president of marketing for Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co., which makes landing gears for such planes as Lear Jets, Boeing 747s and many others, expressed the feelings of the industry when he said: "We like aviation and want to be part of this civic project designed to inspire youth."

The show has just about everything but actual flying. Open-age modelers who enter say it takes two years to create a winning powered-scale entry now because standards have reached such a high peak. Many work in secrecy on copies of historic aircraft so competitors will not know until the show





Best Air Force control-line model in open-age division is Lockheed P-38 by Peter Christ. Disassembles like an R/C.

Glamorous 10th floor auditorium of Higbee Co. department store in downtown Cleveland is annual site for the show.

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# Space Model Show

Annual model exhibition brings together modelers and the aircraft industry.

opens just how much work is required to be a winner. Painstaking research goes into the top winners. Credit is given for this.

Planes that have flown also get extra points in the judging. Any plane that has won a first in the AMA Nationals, for instance, can get 20 points added to its judging score. Good performance in lesser meets can gain a percentage of this point quota. This prevents a beautiful "hangar queen" that's never been aloft from beating out a plane that has really proved its wings.

Sponsors of the show are Air Foundation Inc., headed by Fred C. Crawford, honorary board chairman of TRW Inc.; Greater Cleveland Growth Assn., formerly the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce; and The Cleveland Press. Their committee collects some \$1500 for prizes and expenses from other firms that are members of Air Foundation, dedicated to advancing aviation education.

Higbee's donates space for the show and provides its professional display artists to glamorize it with arranging talent, signs and club insignia which fills the 2000-seat auditorium with colorful planes. (Seats are removed.) Prizes are presented in stage

ceremonies on a Saturday afternoon when everybody comes to see and talk about the planes, perhaps take home one or two trophies.

Show officials have even figured out how to get prizes distributed down below those perennial winners who always win everything and reduce the average builders to runners-up. They created an "Aces" division. There's no limit on how many entries one builder can have, except that all first-place planes from the previous year are barred. Entrants police this rule and there never are violations.

Aces are the five highest-scoring entrants. They forfeit claims to first-, second-, and third-place awards, are presented one extra-special silver cup to represent all their winnings in the show. Then, by a complex reshuffling of positions, all places vacated by Aces are filled in by moving up other entrants within the various divisions formerly won by Aces. This results in people out of prize positions moving into them as Aces are lifted out of competition. The system is well worth the effort and ought to be applied to all big air meets as it develops more incentive by spreading rewards down to average builders who often go through

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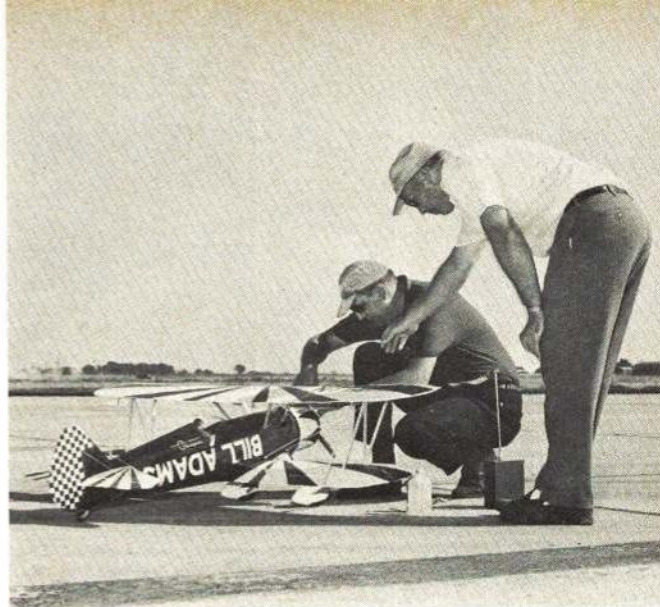


Aero Commander trophy to aluminum-covered DC-3 by Daniel Sherry. Plane weighs 14 pounds. Best Commercial Plane Award.





Robert Keenan's much-modified Sterling Stearman PT-17 kit is a near-perfect replica of Bill Adams' famous air-show performer. Note headrest extends to the rudder for more fuselage side area.



Upside-down lettering emphasizes the real plane's frequent inverted position. Model flies like the big craft; has considerable control surface area, is quite maneuverable. Scene at '68 NATS.

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#### Technical Notes

**Elevator trim for GG:** Those who have servos, such as the Rand LR3 or Controilaire Ghost but do not use the throttle capabilities, may be interested in a suggestion of Al Casper (8703 W. Cheyenne St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53224) to use the throttle arm for wide range elevator trim. Many GG transmitters have trim levers built-in, but often these can't be shifted too far in either direction without getting to the point of "go around" when signaling for a moderate turn. By leaving the transmitter trim lever close to the neutral position, and adding Al's gadget, you can have as wide a trim action as you wish. This will come in "steps," since this is how these servos provide throttle action.

Simply add a small pivoted lever to the normal elevator pushrod attachment point, link this to the throttle lever, then attach your pushrod on the new lever at the point that gives you the desired amount of normal elevator motion and additional trim. Our sketch shows the setup, which Al notes will drive the elevator to down trim with fail-safe (loss of signal thus could possibly prevent a flyaway). Also, the system "gallop" somewhat cuts down.

**Your own wind tunnel:** Those who wish more knowledge of wing sections than just hearsay, can rig a very simple "open air"

wind tunnel, per drawing and suggestions from George Siposs (10462 Parliament Ave., Garden Grove, Calif. 92640). You need a fairly good-sized electric fan, and an air-stream straightener. Latter can be made of cardboard in many shapes. Circular deal we show is one way, or you can use "eggcrate" construction. In any case, the straightener should be reasonably long—all the spiralling tendency must be removed from the fan blast, or your readings won't mean much.

The test wing section is suspended from a "universal joint" so it can swing freely in every direction. The upper fork of the U-joint is pivoted on the overhead support arm, and provided with a pointer and scale marked in degrees. A very light pointer (soft balsa should be fine), attached to the bottom of the test section, swings over a sheet of paper taped to the floor.

With the fan running, you set the angular scale at progressively larger angles (mark each angle setting on the paper) and note the pointer position. The wing section will swing farther and farther from vertical as the angle increases, until you get to the stall point of the section. Then lift will drop off and drag will rise rapidly. You make a pencil dot by "projecting" the end of the pointer to the paper, then join the

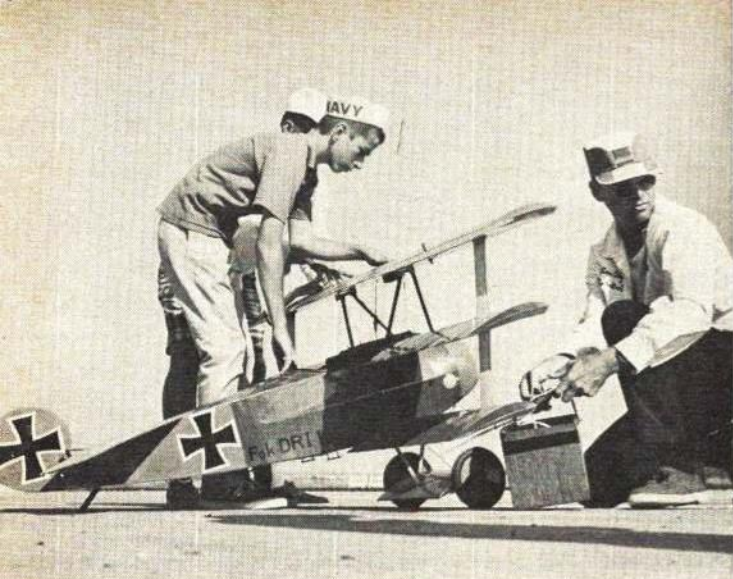
dots with a smooth curve, to see how your zip-zip section operates. This very elementary setup won't give results comparable to even the smallest normal wind tunnel, but should provide useful comparative data on a group of different wing sections (made up in the same overall size).

This might make a good entry for youngsters seeking a Science Fair project. Needless to say, a smooth rounded curve that doesn't show a very abrupt drop-off after stall is what we seek for most purposes. Cigarette smoke may be blown through the fan to get an idea of actual airflow under different wing angles. Test section span of around 6-8" and chord of perhaps 2½" should be ample.

**Invisible hatch fastener:** A pet peeve of Thomas R. Sanders (83 E. Shore Blvd., Timberlake, Ohio 44094) is to see a plane with sleek nose lines and fine finish—and a couple of big pegs with a rubber band over them to hold the forward compartment hatch cover in place. Tom offers suggestion seen here. The cover is far less visible if placed *under* the nose area, and the retaining band is internal. Internal strips around the fuselage opening provide a seat for the cover edges, and the forward projections on the cover lock it in place.

**The monocoque wing:** Recent issue of the





Does this give some idea of how large  $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale is? A Fokker DR-1 Triplane by William Laubengayar has S.T. 71 turning a 23"-diam-eter prop at sort-of-scale rpm's. When running, the prop whistles.



With breeze blowing across the runway, the DR-1 was airborne quickly but made only slow forward progress. Bill proved to all that a shiny finish is authentic. Used Super Quik-Coat covering.

Valley Forge (Pa.) Signal Seekers newsletter *Hear Ye* extolls the virtues of the monocoque wing. For those not familiar with the term, this indicates a wing with no internal spars. Dan McLain hates to build wings, and settled upon this form of construction as the easiest way out. Ribs are employed to keep the top and bottom covering shaped properly, but spanwise strength comes strictly from the covering. He has even constructed 9'-long glider wings this way! (The wing of Jerry Nelson's big glider, sold in ready-to-fly form, is built this way, but utilizes a fiberglass-balsa sandwich material for the wing surfaces.) Material selection is important.

Dan has persuaded quite a few VFSS members to try his methods, with wings sized all the way from small and docile rudder planes up to big multi stunters. Balsa sheeting of the quarter-grain variety is preferable. For medium-sized planes, up to perhaps those with 45 engines and larger,  $\frac{1}{16}$ " sheet seems best. Planes with 01 or 02 engines can use thinner stock, while those with over 45 power utilize  $\frac{3}{32}$ " sheet. The only balsa strips are those at the extreme leading edge, where it would be difficult to make sharp curves in the balsa sheet. Rib spacing can be even throughout the span, but latest idea is to use closer spacing near wing center ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", for example). Gradually open up spacing as you go toward tips, to perhaps 2". The ribs are generally attached with contact cement, the

L.E. strip with white glue.

Wings must be built right the first time — you can't "unwarp" them! Wood strip is used as T.E. if wing has strip ailerons. For inset type ailerons, strips must be used to edge area into which aileron fits and is hinged. Wing halves are joined with reinforcing band of silk, celastic, fiberglass, or other material, depending upon size and wing use. System apparently works well — and it does speed construction.

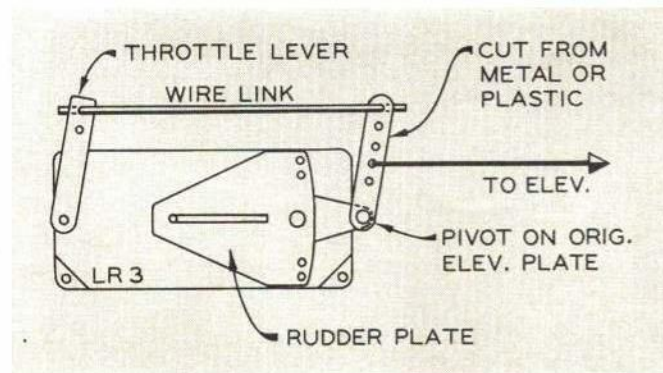
**Fuel additive:** Members of the Central Kentucky RCC have been experimenting for about a year with addition of iso-octane to their model plane fuels. Their conclusions: the material causes fuel to burn much cleaner, it gives more power, and a far longer run from a tankful. It does not "burn up" engines. After a season of use, Gene Bradley (one of the editors of CKRCC newsletter, *The Airfoil*, 302 Blueberry La., Lexington, Ky. 40503) claims that engines are much cleaner than with normal fuel.

Iso-octane is an additive in some makes of auto gas (Amoco, for example) where it greatly boosts the octane rating (or reduces the knocking tendency of the fuel). Its use in model plane fuels was pioneered by Charles Frenzel of CKRCC; he and Gene have given it a full season of use to find the best mixture, see how it affected engines and so on. They have used it mostly in Enya and K&B engines. From fine results with these two makes, they assume it would do as well in others. Gene reported operat-

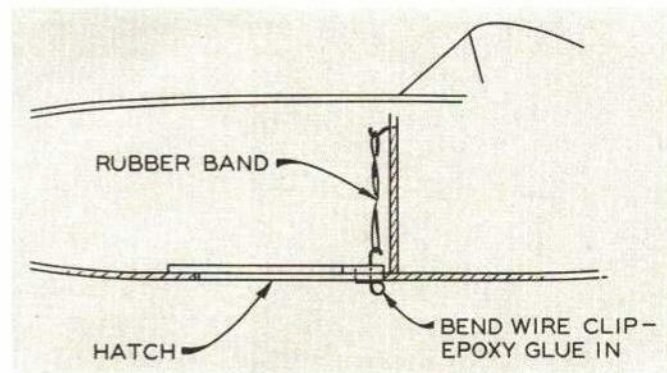
ing an entire season on a single glow plug!

Those who want to try this additive can get it under its chemical name — "2,2,4-trimethylpentane (99.5%) (Pract.) Eastman Kodak EK P 2396" — from E. H. Sargent & Co. (35 Spring Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081). Costs \$2.55 for 500 gms, \$5.80 for 2 kilograms, etc., and is used as a laboratory solvent (aside from its use in gasoline fuels). Their preferred mixture is 4 oz. iso-octane to one quart of K&B 100, plus a capful of Glow Life. We understand that Hobby Lobby Int. (Nashville, Tenn.) sells this material under the name of White Lightning. They claim you can run a 60 engine for 12 minutes on a 5 oz. tank using this additive!

**Muffler conversion:** More and more clubs are inaugurating "muffler rules," in order to retain valued flying fields. Recent Eastern clubs to go this route are the DC/RC and the NJRCC (Northern N.J. area). Latter group will require mufflers at their field on county park property for all engines over 15 displacement. In addition to several makes of mufflers produced in the U.S., which we have described in recent issues, several foreign makes now are sold here. German and Swiss modelers (mufflers are mandatory in both countries) are partial to what are called "venturi" or "flow-through" mufflers. The Swiss-made KO unit of this kind is available from Nelson Model Products Inc. (Box 2027, Dublin, Calif. 94566) in several sizes and models; write them for data sheet.



The best trick yet with Rand LR-3 servo is this broad-range elevator trim system by Al Casper. Reduces gallop, too. Most GG flyers use 049 engines which lose too much power with throttles fitted.



To eliminate the unsightly lines of a fuel tank hatch on top of the fuselage, Tom Sanders suggests locating it below with internal rubber-band attachment. Don't put anything heavy above it!



Last month in this space we described a conversion worked out by Californian Bill Willis, for the ST mufflers. This, too, ends up as flow-through design. (Prices for the conversion parts only, are: \$3.00 for the medium size (#51/1) muffler and \$3.50 for the largest (#71/1) ST unit.) However, owners of Supertigre and some other engines should check one point before fitting this or any other type of muffler to their engines. Look to see if the engine utilizes "sub-piston induction." Peer into the exhaust ports and turn the shaft until the piston is as high in the cylinder as it will go (top dead center); if the lower edge of the piston—or any side cutouts of it—leave an opening at the lower edge of the exhaust ports, your engine will most likely be a real dog with a muffler.

Why? The designer allows this under-piston air intake into the crankcase to promote efficiency; it augments the crankcase charge that comes in via the normal carb intake. With no muffler or lengthy exhaust stack on the engine (a normal exhaust throttle, when open, isn't very detrimental) fairly clean air goes through the exhaust ports into the case. But with a muffler, you get a load of burned gases. They dilute and heat the crankcase mixture leading to heavy loss of power. Since Supertigre makes a very neat muffler, some modelers feel these units will work beautifully on all ST engines. Unfortunately, 'tain't so. Oddly, some ST engines have sub-piston induction, others in the same "series" do not. We checked a ST.56 which does, but a ST51 we've flown a lot does not. The latter engine worked well with a muffler, with just a modest power drop. Supertigres aren't the only engines with S.P.I.—quite a few others use this principle too.

**National Guard interference:** When driving in to a model flying field in the North-

east, we noticed a group of National Guardsmen clustered around what was obviously a "communications truck." We asked them what frequencies they used, were told that they were sure their transmitter was much higher than what we use for radio control. The man who knew the exact spot frequency was located, told us "We transmit on exactly 72.2 MHz!" Since this is only a few hundredths of a MHz from our 72.24 spot, the conclusion was obvious. If you see National Guard maneuvers anywhere near your flying area, check carefully to ascertain the frequencies they are using. No use to complain to the FCC about such interference—we were given the 72-76 MHz spots "subject to interference from other legally-operated transmitters on this band," or words to that effect. The Guardsmen mentioned above thought all R/C operation was conducted on the 27 MHz Citizen's Band.

#### Grassroots

**Winter hazards:** Item in the Tri-Valley R/C News (Tri-Valley RCC, South Bend, Ind.) intrigued us. Said that while Loren Pratt was flying his plane (we presume during a cold damp winter day) he noted the craft was becoming nose-heavy and he applied some "up trim." He had to do this several more times until all the trim range was gone. With constant back pressure on the stick, the plane was brought in for a good landing—and the cause was immediately apparent. Model was "iced-up." Estimates were that it must have weighed around 10 pounds with its load of ice!

**Definitions:** Seen in Memphis Monitor (Memphis, Tenn., RCC): *Happiness*—6" off the blacktop at 100 mph and still not crash-in! *Dexterity*—Holding an oil-soaked Goodyear racer in one hand, the starter with the other, adjusting the needle valve at same time turning it all over without

getting your tie caught in the prop! *Panic*—The instant (after launch—Ed.) that you realize your receiver is turned off!

**Get-Acquainted booklet:** Model for a booklet to hand to new and prospective members of a club is seen in a 12-page effort put together by the District of Columbia RCC. It includes info on how to join, how the club started, outstanding members and their particular R/C developments, club social and competition events, detailed maps showing the club flying fields and meeting place. Also the constitution and by-laws, a little info on R/C as a hobby and international sport, its applications to science and engineering, list of past presidents, and flying field regulations. One provocative paragraph needs emphasis: "What can I do for the D.C.R.C.?" With well over 200 members, this big club really needs such a publication. But other, and much smaller, groups might find something similar of real use to them. Going out on a limb, we think the DC/R/C might be willing to send a copy to interested clubs; you can reach them c/o their Secretary (Carl Maroney, 11429 Cherry Hill Rd., Beltsville, Md. 20705).

**Hardwood airplane:** Coming across a nice clean redwood plank in his cellar, Mike Klintworth (member of the Whirlwinds, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., club paper, "Breeze") sawed off a  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick sheet, was impressed by its strength and light weight. This started a building project that ended with a "hardwood Phoenix." Full-length sides were cut to shape from the  $\frac{3}{16}$ " redwood sheet. The firewall was  $\frac{3}{16}$ " ply, cross-pieces back through the fuselage were  $\frac{3}{16}$ " sq. redwood. The rounded turtledeck was fashioned from clear, dry white pine, with strips to start the curved shape, and topped with a piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pine that was hollowed to about  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thickness. With all parts well cemented,

## An editorial 'Perhaps the props just can't be expected to take this ever-increasing power—and the increasing vibration that often accompanies it.'

**Editor's Note:** Realizing the importance of this editorial, we have obtained the response of the manufacturers involved.

This will be found after Mac's editorial. There is no present answer to this propeller problem. You can be sure when a solution is found—the manufacturers will use it! Until that time we can only urge SAFETY on the flying field.

"I was lucky," proclaims the editor of *Flypaper* (R/C Flying Club of Toronto). He had just demolished his multi plane, which crashed out of control on a road edge. Repairs and replacements cost some \$70—to say nothing of perhaps 50 hours of his time to get back in the air. Lucky? Read on.

On a nice Saturday, the plane was flying fine when a couple of white objects were seen to fly off—the engine started to scream. Fortunately, the engine could be cut and there was enough altitude to make a good landing. The Nylon prop had shed both blades at the hub! Lucky so far.

Another Nylon prop was put on the 56 engine and the plane had three more uneventful flights. The following weekend, it was again airborne, same engine, same prop, same fuel, etc. Shortly, this prop shed one blade. Vibration was so bad the engine couldn't be throttled. The plane became completely un-flyable, crashed as noted. But he was still lucky! Why? Those blades could have flown off while the engine was being peaked out on the ground, or while it was flying closeby.

Canadians are touchy on this matter; one flyer lost an eye to a broken prop blade (admittedly this prop was of a plastic

other than Nylon). Another flyer was starting a 61 engine when the Nylon prop shed a blade, cutting him severely over one eye. Other flyers have lost blades on the ground and in the air—sometimes losing the plane too.

Most of us recall recent and similar incidents. Engines with more and more power are being marketed. Perhaps the props just can't be expected to take this ever-increasing power—and the increasing vibration that often accompanies it. One prop maker suggests that his Nylon props should be boiled in water before use—another doesn't think it's necessary. And one club paper editor (U.S.) stated that this possibly vital safety precaution should not be left to the purchaser—who more often than not just doesn't bother. It's apparent that better and stronger props, possibly better materials, are needed.

Meanwhile, what precautions should we take? Start your engine in low or medium speed, then move back of the prop to peak it out at top. Do not run engines in the pit area—the noise and the dirt stirred up should preclude this anyway. Demand better balanced props (and engines) from the manufacturers. Until we can get them, carefully rebalance every prop before you use it. Use only wood props on the large engines—possibly those of 40 cu. in. and over (and balance these props before use, too!). Don't use Nylon props in cold weather, when they apparently become much more brittle. Inspect all props most carefully when you buy them, and again before use. Don't use or buy props that have any noticeable flaws whatever in the hub area (flaws include evidence of internal bubbles, nicks,

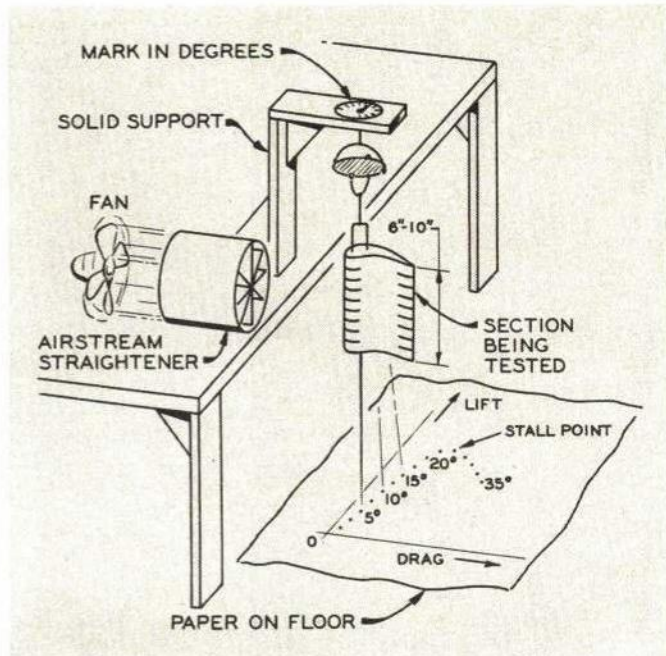
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There is much interest in vibration-free twin-cylinder engines. Now in production is the Kronk 61 Twin, a German import. It offers as much power as conventional 60's. Comes with mufflers.

An open-air wind tunnel by George Siposs is helpful only for very basic airfoil performance studies. Try it and see the differences between the popular airfoils used on our modern R/C models.



Mike started smoothing the whole assembly to shape (he comments that pine doesn't sand like balsa!).

Stab was framed with white pine, sheeted with  $\frac{1}{16}$ " balsa. Elevators are of redwood, fin and rudder of  $\frac{3}{16}$ " sheet balsa, nose area of balsa blocks for ease in working to the desired shape. Foam wing has  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ " spruce spars top and bottom, is sheeted with  $\frac{1}{16}$ " pine. The fuselage, with no gear installed or any finish, weighed 1 lb. 11 oz.; as Mike comments, "... it is an extremely strong piece of merchandise." The wing, less ailerons, tips, or fiberglassing of center section totaled 2 lb. 4 oz. The finished plane with Heathkit (1968 version) radio and Veco 61 weighs 8 lb. 2 oz.

Acrylic lacquer was used on the entire plane. The primer and acrylic applied to the wing added 4 oz. to that component. Though not too happy with wing weight, Mike feels the fuselage came out very well, in view of the materials used. He notes, "One thing for sure, when we fly through the trees with this baby, we are going to

take off a little bark." That's for sure!

**Monmouth 4th Annual Show:** Swamped at their 3rd annual last year, the Monmouth MAC rented a large exhibition hall in Asbury Park, N.J. for their 4th R/C Show, held April 26, 27. Some 1000 persons paid admissions, but were rather lost in the large space. Although it is doubtful we have reached the saturation point in such shows, some new factors must be considered in future planning.

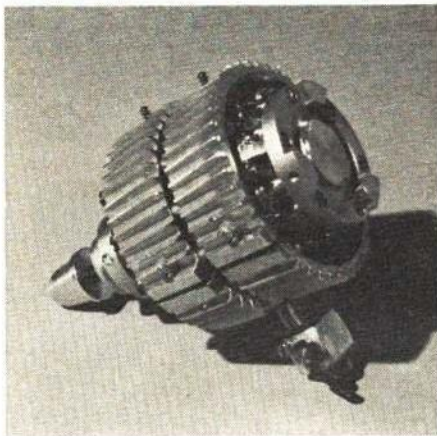
Around 30 manufacturers had tables for display. Much table space for showing planes built by individuals went unused — aren't modelers proud of their creations any more? Prizes to 3rd place in eight different categories should have been incentive enough for a bumper turnout of such models. The MMAC gang also had a Swap Shop and had scheduled an information banquet for Saturday evening. Pre-show publicity was excellent and widespread. How come they weren't swamped?

Most people felt that more than one show in any one area within a short time is too

much; a similar show, just north of NYC, a month prior to the MMAC affair, drew out most of those who will attend such affairs in a given area. We've made pleas in past issues for more of these local R/C shows — but not in the same general area at the same general time! Perhaps it is time for the RCIA (to which organization most of the manufacturers and many dealers in our field belong) to issue "sanctions" for such shows to prevent duplication in any one area. Manufacturers just can't afford the time and expense to travel long distances to these affairs, unless they are assured of a really big turnout.

Possibly such local shows (unless they are held in areas far from any similar show, and far from such super-shows as MATS and Toledo) can't bring out enough modelers to justify the expense of a two-day show. Beautiful Spring weather may work a disadvantage! Modelers who have been aching to get out to the flying field may just decide to go fly, not go to a show.

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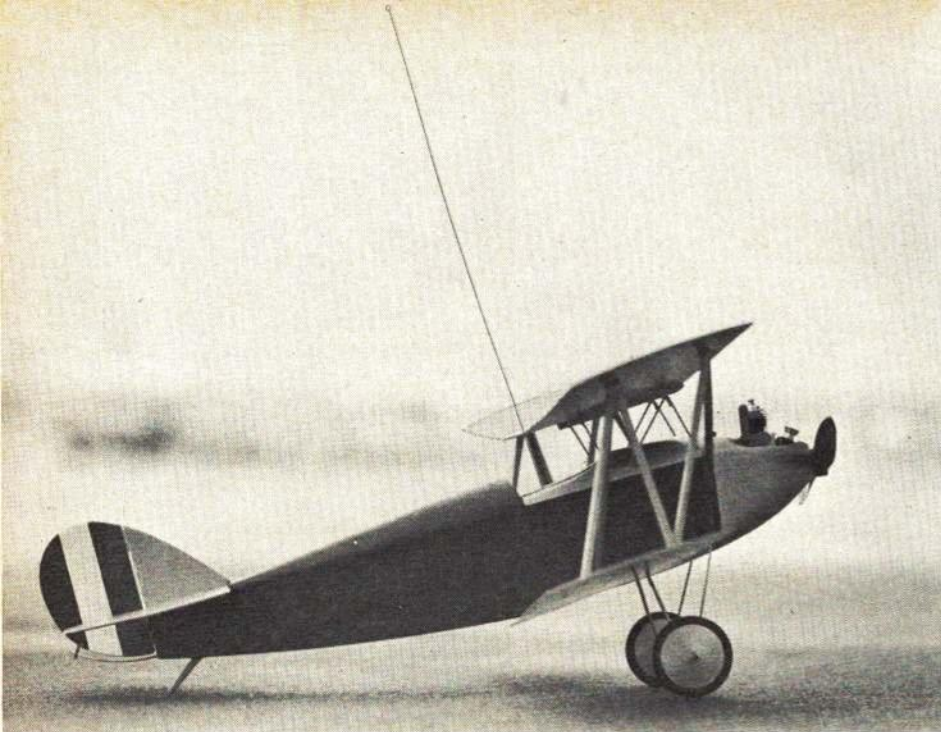


The proposed twin-rotor 60 Wankel engine to be produced by Graupner uses single carb, is small, but quite powerful.

Fred Militky holds Graupner's unusual injection-molded fuselage Cirrus glider. Lovely slope-soaring hill in background.







Backyard flying at its best with tiny scale planes which use the most basic rudder-only pulse-control system. Very inexpensive.

Author launches the Sperry Verville Messenger. A smooth, level hand-launch is most important. Takeoffs are a bit too tricky.

# R/C Mini-Scale

With modern light gear and .010 engine, stable flying-scale birds can be built right from magazine-size plans.

## DAVE ROBELEN

WOULD you believe a 13" span, 2.4-oz., true-scale Sperry Messenger? Or a 19", 2.6-oz. Corben Super Ace? Recent developments in R/C equipment, plus a few different techniques, have made such models practical. Also included in my fleet is an 18" span Lil Esquire that is an example of a model of a model.

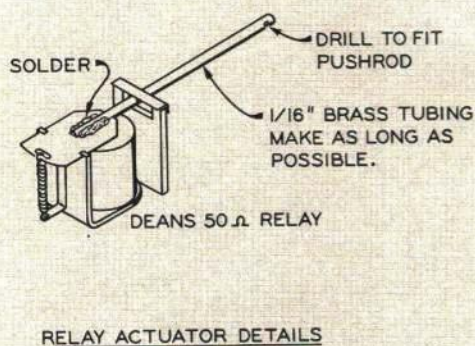
All are easy to fly, being much more gentle than many larger types. The Sperry, for example, zooms along at, perhaps, 15 mph and is very steady. The main reason for

this is the light wing loading. Simple to construct, these little models are well within the capabilities of Mr. Average Modeler.

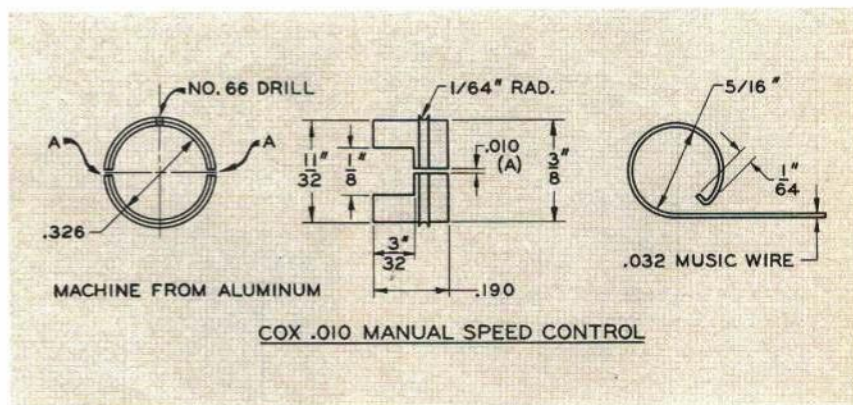
In choosing an aircraft to copy in miniature, there are a few requirements to consider. Only one powerplant is suitable for these dwarfs: the Cox Tee Dee 010. The radio systems are proportional rudder-only with actuators that are low in muscle and battery drain. These requirements establish a model size of approximately 60-80 sq. in. wing area with a total weight of about 2.5 ozs.

These aircraft must have sufficient dihedral for good rudder turns. The tail sur-

faces should be large enough for stable, safe flight. If you are working from plans for a larger model, the stability requirements will most likely have been met. The dihedral, however, should not be excessive or a jerky flight will result. About four degrees under each wing panel is excellent for a cabin monoplane or biplane, while a low-wing design would need about seven degrees. When working from drawings for full-scale aircraft, be careful that tail surfaces are not too small, or dihedral insufficient. When in doubt, compare the airplane to a successful model, or ask someone familiar with model design requirements.



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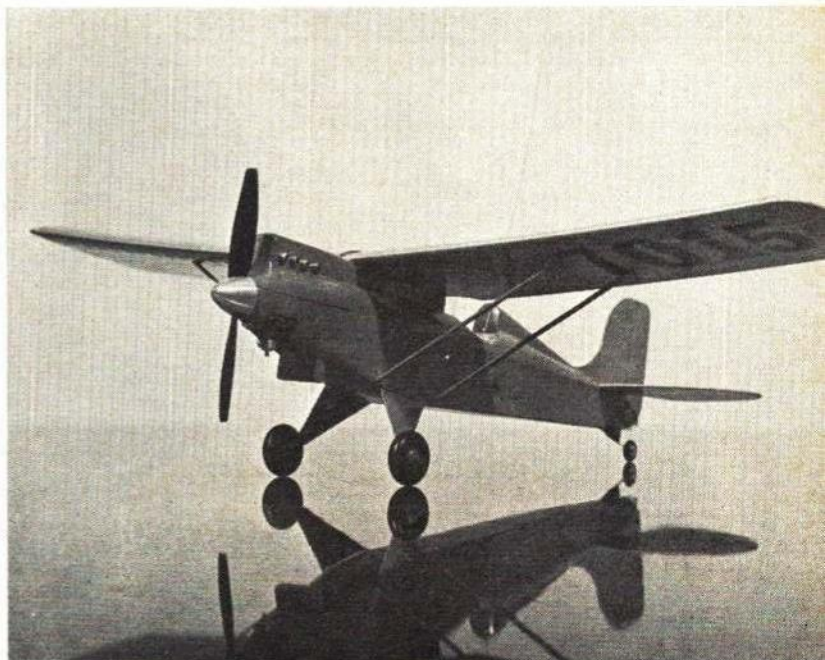
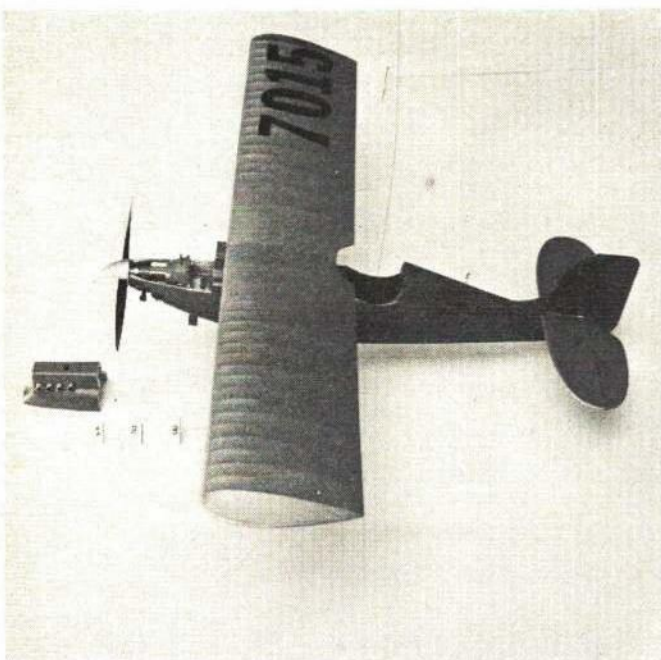


COX .010 MANUAL SPEED CONTROL

The little rudders need only the power of a 50-ohm relay; movement is increased by armature extension.

Don't attempt to fly without an exhaust restrictor. Engine has more thrust than plane has weight! Your local machine shop probably can make the restrictor for you.





Corben Super Ace has neat, inverted-engine installation. It is always easy to start, if you prime with the exhaust ports closed.

The Ace flies faster than the Sperry and has a built-up wing. These light models are nearly unbreakable. Note vertical antenna.

The success depends upon a reliable engine. It must be clean. The jet holes in the carburetor are so tiny, and the flow of fuel so small, the tiniest piece of trash in the jet holes can spoil a flight. The fuel should be filtered. Silkspan works well, or get some filter paper from your druggist. A transparent fuel container is handy. There are a number of good polyethylene plastic bottles available. Avoid glass bottles for safety reasons.

I use a glass hypodermic syringe to transfer fuel to the model tank (you can see how much you are placing in the tank) to minimize overflow spillage. This also allows you to make a last check for dirt in the fuel. That long needle also makes it very easy to fill tanks that have vents in odd locations, such as the Corben where the vents are inside the cowl. The Cox fuel in the blue can has always worked fine for me, but at higher elevations above sealevel the red-label fuel may be necessary. The blue-can fuel is much easier on model finishes, however.

Since the 010 Cox engine has far too much power for these tiny models, the power output must be reduced. Don't depend on a rich engine run because a sudden burst of full power will carry the model nearly out

of control. Restricting the exhaust is by far the most reliable method of reducing power. The muffled exhaust note is a pleasant side-effect.

The restrictor should be a variable type that can be opened to start and tune the engine, then closed to the desired level. The restrictor consists of two precision-turned aluminum half circles and a wire spring clip to hold them in place on the cylinder. This wire clip also serves as the actuating arm that moves the restrictor. (The drawing shows dimensions.) The restrictor is available from ACE R/C and will soon be available from Cox, also.

To install the restrictor, first remove the engine cylinder and clean thoroughly. Use a small file to smooth any burrs on the outside of the cylinder. Fit the restrictor to the cylinder before the cylinder is replaced on the engine. This allows the spring clip to be slipped into place over the bottom of the cylinder. After replacing the cylinder bend the wire arm to the most convenient angle.

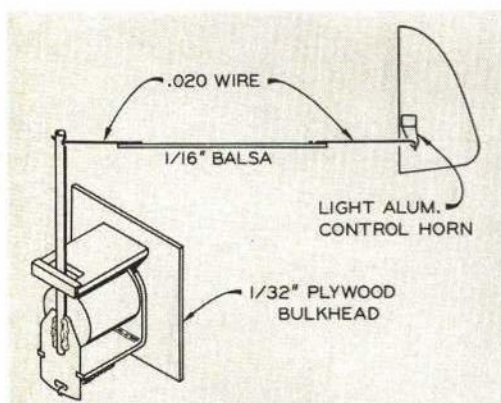
Run the engine a few times before installing it in order to become familiar with the restrictor, and approximately where to set it. Use a  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2$  Cox Nylon Hi-Thrust propeller in place of the 3" propeller furnished;

this gives greater fuel economy, and makes starting easier. With this propeller, the ports are almost closed when the restrictor is set for flying.

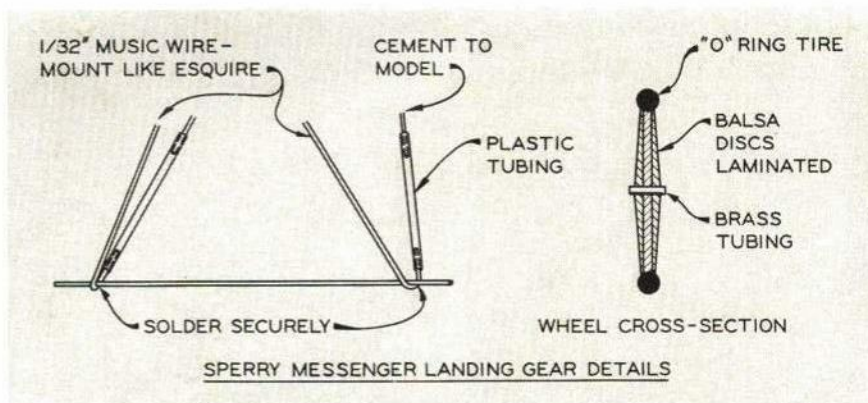
Choice of radio equipment is limited because the maximum weight for the equipment can be only about  $\frac{3}{4}$  ozs. total. Only two receivers are currently available, both superregens with similar battery requirements. One is custom-built by Hilmar Bentert (1 Berlin 31, Zahlinger Strasse 33A, West Germany). It comes with an 80-ohm magnetic actuator and costs approximately \$35. The actuator is \$5 when purchased separately. Although the receiver is a super-regen type, it only accepts a tone near 3.4 khtz. Thus, it is relatively immune to interference. Mr. Bentert can supply a small transistor transmitter with built-in pulser; power is 150-MW, and it produces the 3.4 khtz tone required by the receiver. It costs \$35, less batteries. (Payment should be by international money order.)

The other receiver is the ALBIN, available from ACE R/C. This receiver is a single-output relayless type, and may be used with the Bentert actuator, a modified relay to produce proportional control, or a Baby Adams actuator. The ALBIN receiver may

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There should be no bends in the pushrod between actuator and rudder. No slop or binding allowed.



Since we really can't expect to make graceful landings with such tiny wheels, the landing gear can be light wire and the wheels sandwiches of balsa with O-ring tires.



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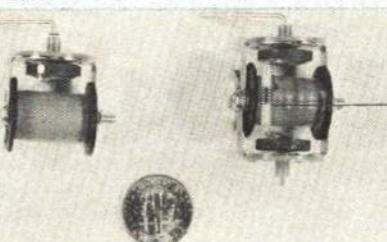
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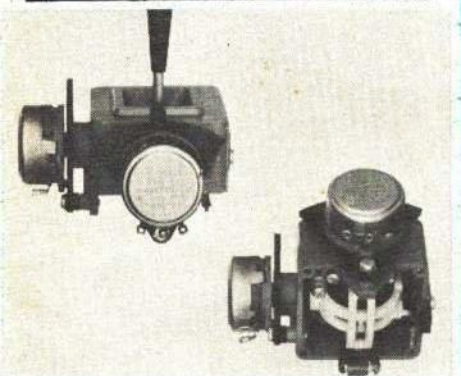
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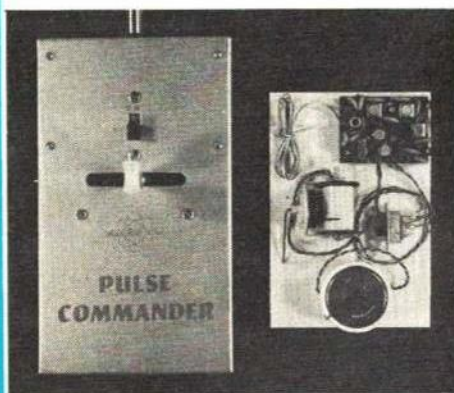
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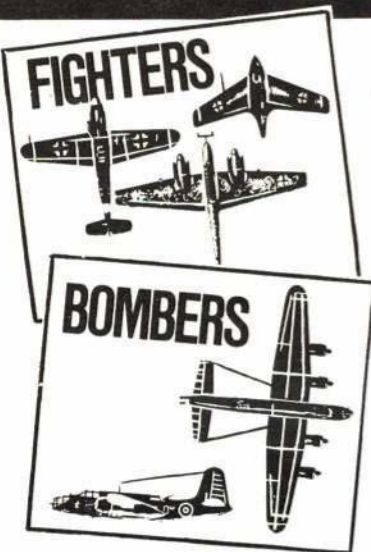
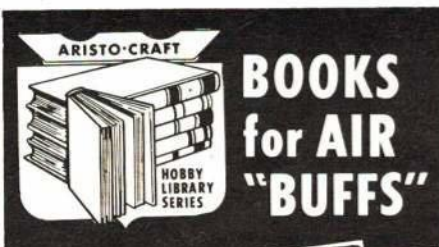
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### DIVIDE THE U.S. INTO SIX AREAS?

In March, NAR's Director of Section Activities, Bob Atwood, announced a plan to divide the U.S. into six areas known as "divisions." The six areas have been commonly used by scores of other organizations successfully for nearly 100 years to accomplish Bob's proposed goal: to assist in the conduct of NAR activities on a more local level.

The change would especially benefit those sections west of the "Ole Miss" that have a difficult time planning to attend NAR events in the east. Bob also noted the possibility of extending the breakout further by department heads for each state, and finally, to urban area chiefs for the major concentrations of population.

The six areas are: Pacific, Mountain, Southwest, Midwest, South, and Northeast. More info will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, though Bob has had this plan under study for more than a year, he welcomes section ideas toward its success. Write to: NAR DSA, Rt. #3-Box 98B, Annapolis, Md. 21403.

### NO RECORDS — NO WORLD CHAMPS?

This month NAR's eleventh national model rocket competition will be hosted by the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 11-15. Each NARAM generates a great amount of interest in the "setting of records." Soon after NARAM, however, this interest is forgotten by most sections — some with the very potential to establish a U.S. first.

The fact that our nation's contest board chairman has not received a record attempt to forward for an NAR or FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) world records serves only to increase the opportunity open to European and other modelers who have but one goal in mind.

One NAR official brought this fact to light recently, adding that if American model rocketeers fail to face the present challenge, they stand to face stiff competition across the entire spectrum of international model rocketry in the near future. In fact, first official MR records in FAI could be established this summer or by 1970. (See April AAM.)

How long has it been since your section took special time at one meeting to review the contents of the '67 pink book, used it to plan six months to a year in advance those local-area meets, and ensure that all members understand both the point system and record attempt procedure?

Record attempt forms are available from the NAR Contest Board Chairman, Albert G. Kirchner, 49 Chesire Rd., Bethpage, N.Y. 11714. (Credit — BM, PVS.)

### N. J. ROCKETEERS LAUNCH NEW CONCEPT

A series of meetings during January and February has led to the formation of four different New Jersey groups into one large NAR section. The section will be called "Pascack Valley" and will consist of the

four districts which pioneered the change: Kenilworth Rocket Research Society, Orbital Rocketeers of Fanwood, Rocket Club of Piscataway, and PVS of NAR. Each of the four districts has at least one NAR senior member, a launch site, and a place to hold regular meetings.

The small groups decided to join together for the obvious advantages in their area if they could belong to a large NAR section. Their Exec Board for '69 includes Bob Mullane, NAR #4157 as president, and Karl Feldman, NAR #1136, treasurer. Temporarily, PVS will operate without a VP or secretary (until qualified members are recognized and tabbed).

Some of the benefits PVS members say they hope to gain include: 1) low annual dues, 2) use of a central launching site, 3) quantity purchase discounts, 4) more competition, and 5) exchange of materials and instructors for classes and projects.

"Individual members who live quite distant from any of the districts are being encouraged to form a new district in their local area with aid from PVS," explained President Mullane. He named the district presidents and encouraged local rocketeers to contact them: Robert J. Mullane, 34 Sixth St., Harrison, N.J. 07029; William Conrad III, 42 Dorset Dr., Kenilworth, N.J. 07033; Gary Lindgren, 15 Hunter Ave., Fanwood, N.J. 07023; Mark Wargo, 954 River Rd., Piscataway, N.J. 08854.

### SHORT BURSTS FROM THE PAD

Does your section have the common problem of finding out about what another section across the nation has accomplished six months ago? Are you missing out on their plans for new birds, equipment, and activities? Why not exchange section newsletters, etc.? Most charge for postage; some will exchange info for free (see the May issue for addresses).

NAR Orbiters in Rochester, N.Y. 14609, at 86 Tottenham Rd. (new address), have finished a new launch system which is compact, fully portable, etc. It features six launchers on a rack and facilities for 3 additional tilt-a-pad launchers for spot landing contests. Orbiters say they can use any combination of launchers at any one time. Maybe they will haul it out to Colorado the second week of August? Officers of the section are Harry Parker, president; Dick Hammond, VP; Robert Staehle, treasurer; and secretary, Dana Schwartz. . . . Birch Lane Section has competed with rival Dixon Haven Hitters in Calif. several times recently . . . so far it sounds close to a draw, rocket for rocket in the quest for contest points in NAR. . . . Glen Ellyn Rocket Research Society in Ill. reports a revision of their constitution in line with NAR and continued enjoyment of NASA films at all meetings.

Metro-Denver Rocket Assn. now has 31 members registered with NAR since empha-

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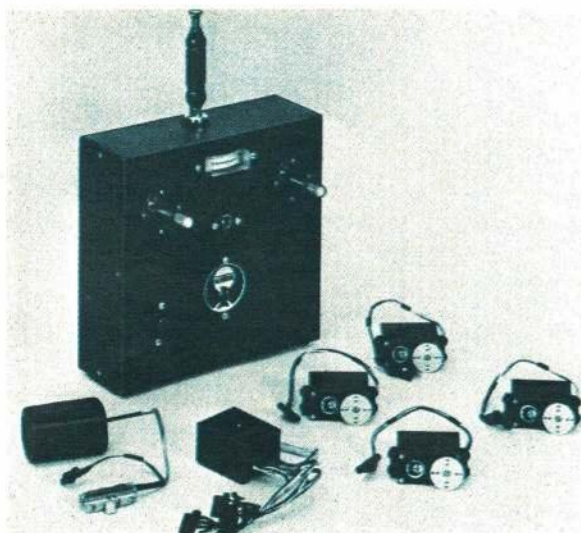
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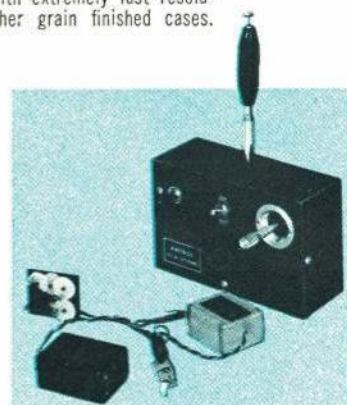
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# GETTING STARTED IN R/C

What to do if your equipment quits—before you return it to the manufacturer.

HOWARD MC ENTÉE

THIS sounds something like "What to do before the doctor comes?" Before you send ailing R/C equipment to the "doctor," there are a few simple checks you can make that might cure the problem, saving you money and reducing the time you might be grounded while doc puzzles over your problem.

First, what's the main trouble? If, for example, none of your servos will work, the fault is very likely not with the servos but with transmitter, receiver, batteries, or wiring. If all operation is erratic, the same components could be at fault. If just one servo is acting up, try it in substitution for one which works. Vice versa, try a good servo, plugged in, in place of the faulty one. If this shows the one servo itself is guilty, wiggle its leads and the connector. If you can't isolate the fault here, better return just that servo to the maker for check.

Many transmitters today, even single-channel types, have a test meter on the front. On some this merely indicates battery voltage. On others it shows RF output. In either case, you should have a good idea if it is showing the normal reading. If the transmitter is possibly at fault, are you sure the batteries are charged, or up to snuff, if of the dry variety? If dry, substitute a known good battery and check results. Most nickel-cad chargers have built-in lamp indicators to tell you if they are actually charging. With most, if the lamp is lit, they are putting power into the battery pack. Does the lamp light about the same as usual? Either a brighter or dimmer lamp could indicate trouble with the charger, or the battery pack.

When we get to the receiver we must ask did your problems come from sticking the plane into the ground due to pilot error? We stress pilot error here. If the crash was due to one of those mysterious troubles that you just can't spot, better send the works back for a checkup. But if you know you goofed on the controls, after you picked up the wreckage (even though the equipment looks undamaged), and after you have checked for the obvious broken or loose wires connecting battery pack, switch, and receiver, you might take the receiver cover off and listen carefully while you shake it. A broken crystal is sometimes the fault, and you can often hear the pieces rattle in the tiny case.

Back to the transmitter for a moment. If you can locate a field-strength meter or a monitor among your flying buddies, you can check for RF output, and for proper pulsing or proper tone output. Since transmitters don't take the beating that equipment in the plane does, they are not subject to heavy vibration, to occasional "hard landings" (another term for a semi-crash!), and they are generally made with larger and more rugged components. They aren't as apt to cause sudden trouble as plane components. But even the best of parts can go sour. If your system, or your transmitter,

quits, try a spare crystal, even if of slightly different frequency from the one you normally use (if frequency differs, a superhet would not work with the transmitter, of course). Most any crystal on the 27 MHz spots will give transmitter output without retuning. On 50 or 72 the R/C spots are much further apart, and crystals on widely separated spots might not work without transmitter retune.

If your receiver has a relay, and this clicks in response to transmitter signals, but there is no action in escapement, actuator, or servo, you might just have some dirt in the contacts. Pull a narrow strip of clean white paper (writing paper is good) through the contacts and try again. Try moving the relay armature with your finger to see if you can produce control action.

On the simpler types of control systems, look for binding linkage, jammed servo gears, and always for a broken wire. If you do find the problem, should you try to fix it? A broken lead might be the fault, and if you know how to solder, do the job, as long as the lead isn't in a critical position. But if it's somewhere deep in the receiver, better look at your warranty, for such repair work could void it on the claim you were "tampering" with the equipment.

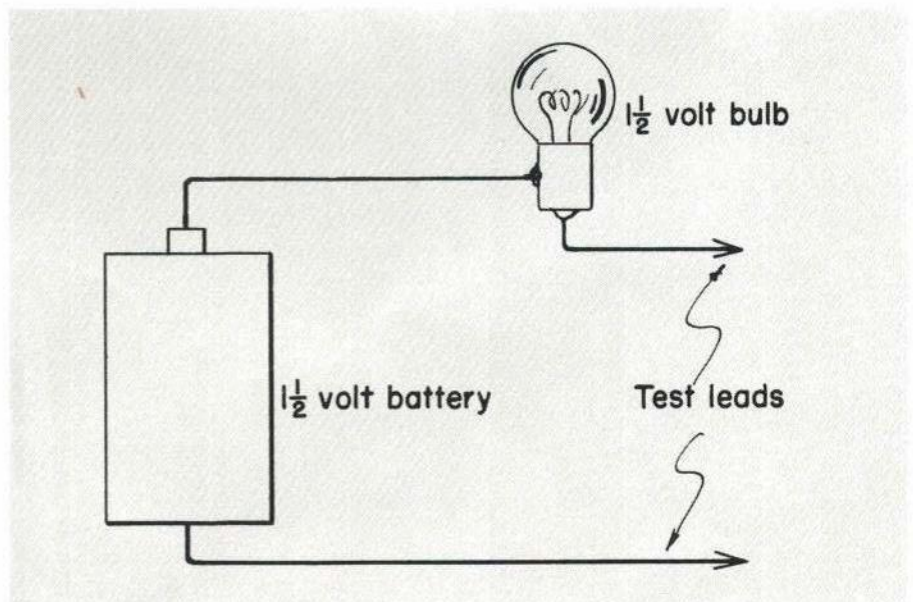
On less critical components, especially those you have had to supply, you can make your own repairs. Switches come in this class, and they often are points of trouble. If they have dirty contacts you can often produce partial operation by wiggling the

leads, lugs, or the knob. Or check them with a single cell in series with a flashlight bulb (use an ohmmeter, if you have one). If in any doubt, better replace the switch.

Does your system use battery boxes or holders? Another possible source of woe! Look for dirty or corroded contacts. Does the holder put plenty of endwise pressure on the cells? Dead cells left in a holder will often badly corrode the terminals. Scrape such points well, clean with a small wire brush, put on a bit of vaseline to prevent new corrosion at the same point.

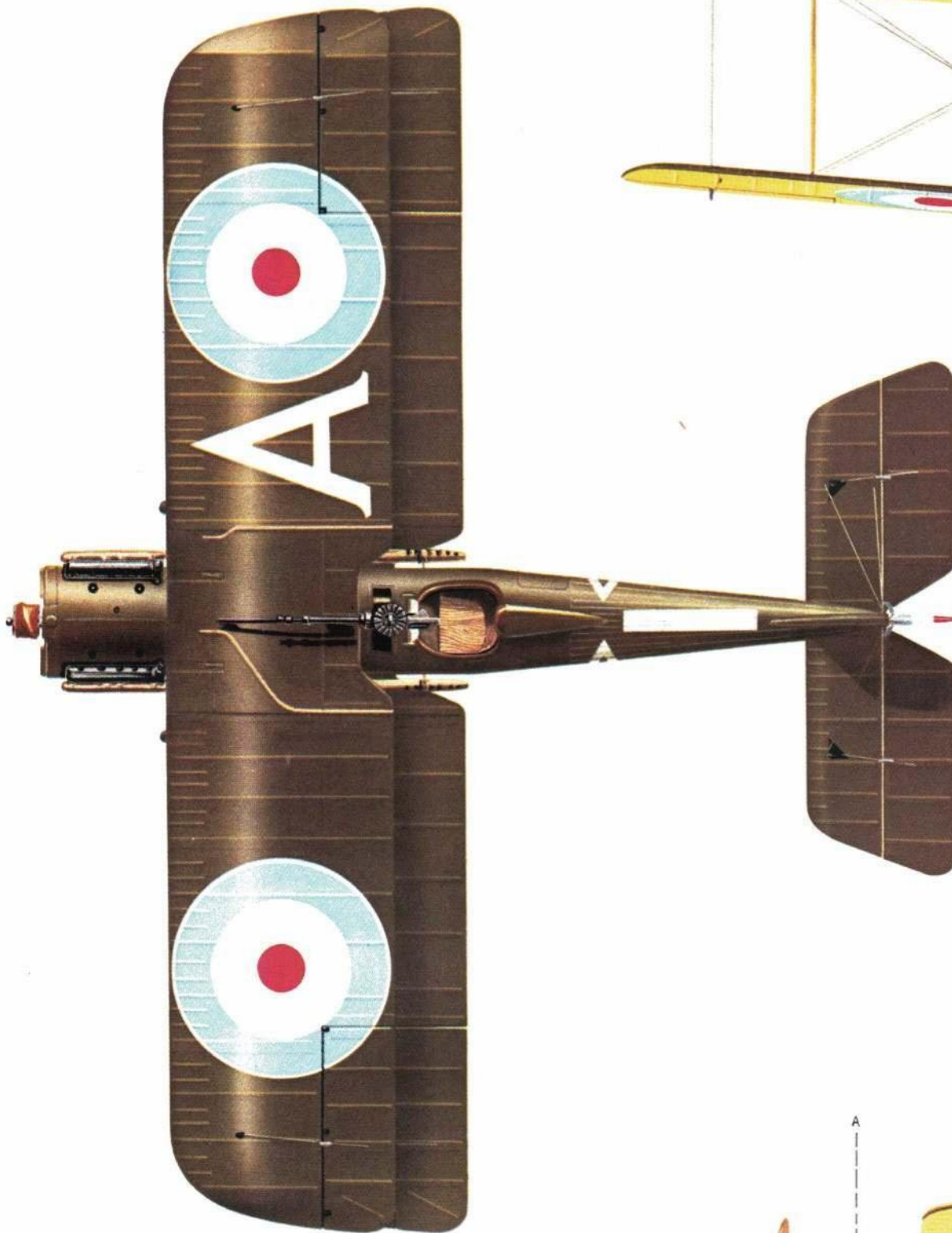
If you can't find the trouble, and decide to send the rig back to the maker, you may not have to send the entire outfit. If no servos work, these components are probably not at fault and don't have to be returned (unless you want them checked for crash damage). But generally you should send transmitter and receiver together, along with their battery packs. Don't send dry batteries; they are costly to ship, and you should have checked to make sure such batteries aren't at fault. Pack well; include a clear description of your troubles.

Trouble-shooting is a real art. You can't do much without the proper tools, test equipment, and knowledge of how to use it. We've covered just a few highlights here, based on considerable extent on words of wisdom on this subject from Dave Gray (Airtrol of Adrian). We agree with Dave. Look for the simple and obvious faults, but don't get in over your head! Let a qualified Doctor handle the real tough problems!



To find a broken lead or bad plug connection, which might be the cause of your equipment failure, use this simple tester. Put a test lead on a battery terminal and with the other test lead trace the battery wire through the switch to servos and receiver.





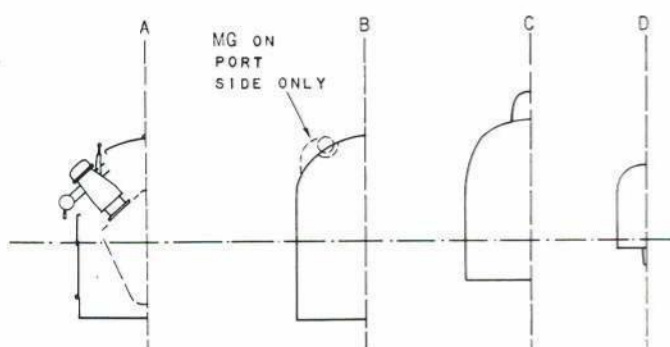
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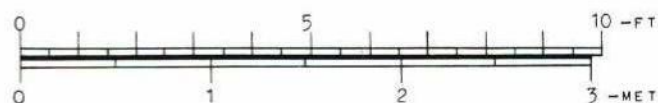
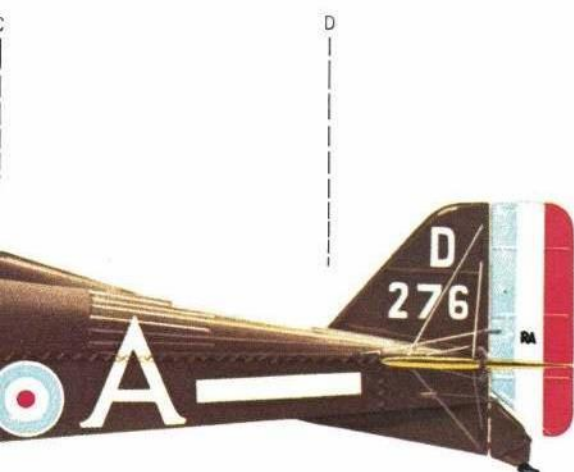
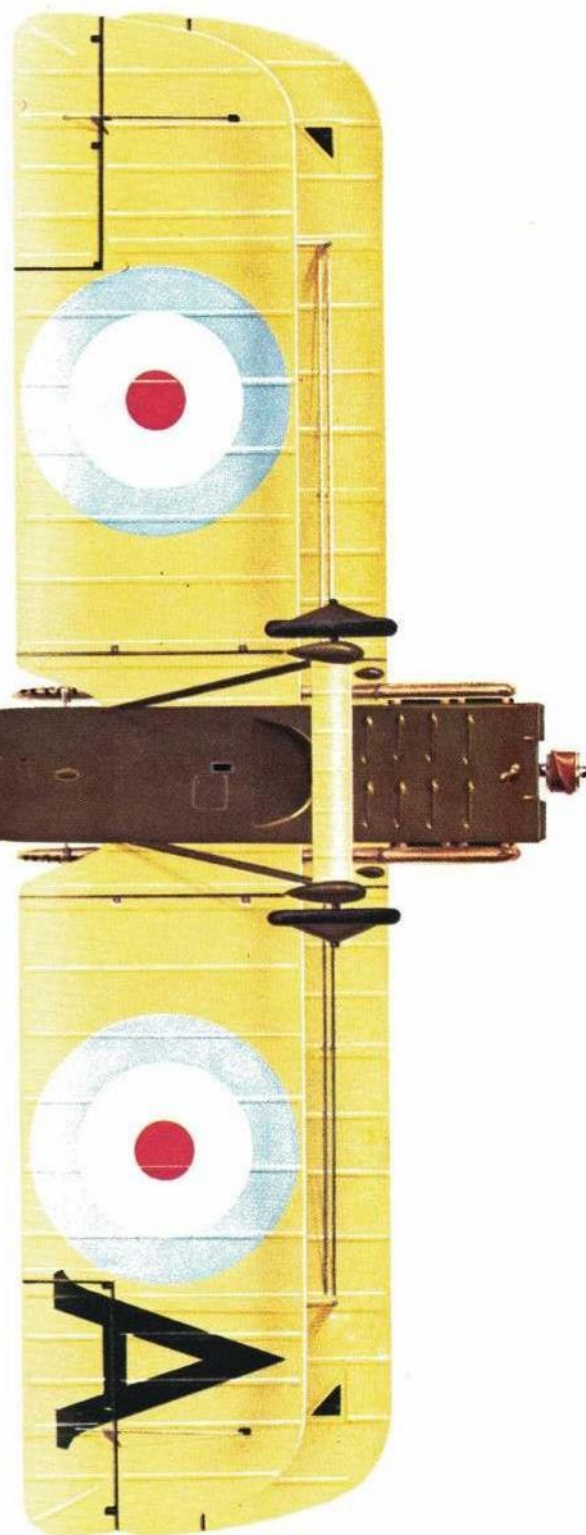




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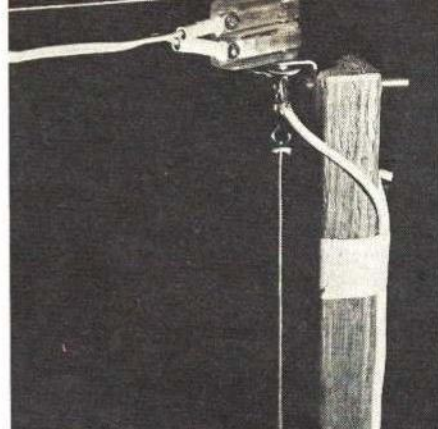


JOHN KARTLIS









Tether head as described is easily built using a piece of Plexiglas shaped by hand drill and file. String is elevator control.

All kinds of planes can be tether flown with electric motors. This is an ideal trainer. Gentle responses but rugged.

# Voltswagon

Electric indoor tether flying with slot motors and light balsa planes

is ideal club-oriented activity. Elevator and motor control are used.

PAT MARCH

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FLYING powered models becomes more difficult with vanishing flying sites and complaints about noise. Voltswagon solves these problems as well as offering complete throttle and elevator control, ability to fly indoors or out, and no starting problem. The modern slot racing motor makes this possible.

I have built electric-powered pylon models with wing spans from 4 to 25", with areas up to 150 sq. in. Larger wing areas make for remarkable maneuverability. Speedsters using hefty motors and small, high-pitched props have logged speeds of over 40 mph. These models are flown on a tether from a pylon, with power brought out from the pylon head through slip-rings.

A single light cord concentric with the slip-rings serves to operate the elevators. Up-elevator only is used, since down-elevator turned out to be a disaster.

Voltswagon is an ideal introduction to the field of electric flying. It is docile at the controls, yet has good maneuverability and speed. It lends itself well to experiments with Payload, Speed, Carrier, and other such events as may be dreamed up. It is also useful as a primary trainer for U-Control.

You must first obtain a suitable power-pack. Fourteen volts at 2½ amperes was needed to match the full capabilities of the motor used. It is suggested that you go first class on power-packs because you will wish to make other, more demanding electro-

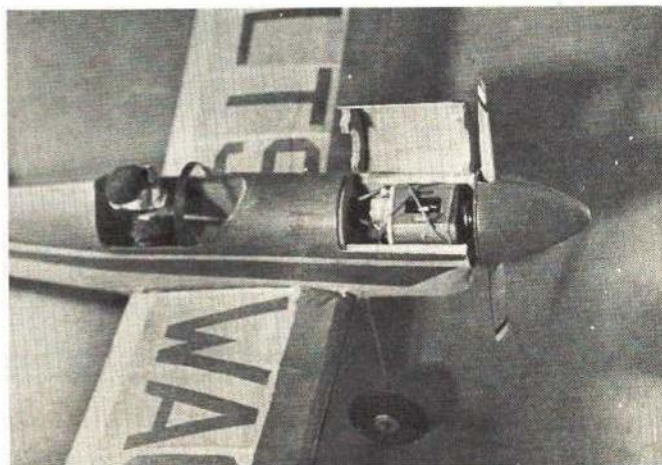
planes after experimenting with Voltswagon. Perhaps your club could be persuaded to purchase a suitable industrial power supply that will give plenty of capacity for future needs. A slot-racing throttle regulates power to the motor. The "brake" feature on these units is undesirable and should be left disconnected.

A 12-volt automobile battery also is suitable. There is plenty of amperage and long life between charges. When discharged you can have it recharged at a gas station. A second-hand or reconditioned battery is fine. The voltage will be adequate but, if your motors demand more voltage, a 6-volt battery can be used in series with the 12-

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Author and members of Tri-County Model Club show off their many planes. Events include Speed, Carrier, Scale and Payload.



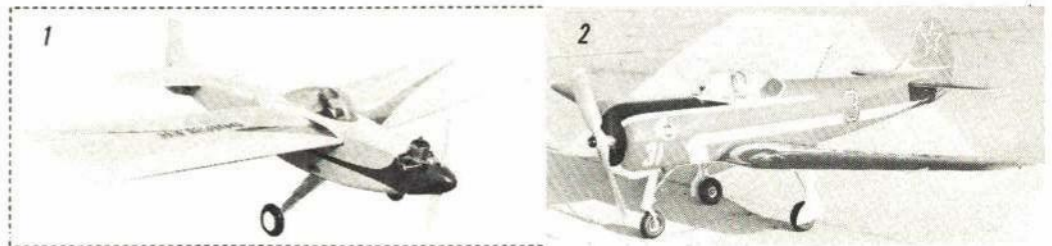
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1/8 x 28	80c	1/4 x 1/2	45c	1 1/2 x 27	71c
3/16 x 28	85c	3/16 x 1/2	49c	2 x 27	74c
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## AMA Helps Snoopy Get His Wings

Snoopy and the Red Baron have been dueling in the skies of comic strips for years, but only recently was it realized that Snoopy has been flying his doghouse without credentials—he never had officially won his wings. But Snoopy is a legitimate pilot now, thanks to Fred Williams of San Mateo, California.

Fred is a member of the Peninsula Channel Commanders, an AMA chartered club. He's also a member of the Navy League, a longtime aviation buff, and a patriot. Fred believes that an individual can and should do his bit to make the world a better place to live in. He started with a simple idea that captured the imagination of everyone who heard it, soon involved hundreds of people, and got national attention.

The idea was to honor the old-time virtues which have gotten lost in a generation and communications gap: honor, integrity, bravery, patriotism. Fred felt these were still strong enough to bring people together from all walks of life, young and old alike. Everybody loved Snoopy, he felt, and his creator—Charles Schulz—lived nearby. Why not a ceremony to honor them for their contributions to those ideals?

One press release did the trick. In no time at all the whole country was involved and other AMA'ers joined with Fred to put the idea over. Another San Mateo modeler, Roger Tennyson, made the wings. Roger used his dentistry know-how and modeling techniques to design the wings and make a mold. He then cast and polished a magnificent set of genuine gold wings.

Al Signorino, of the McDonnell-Douglas RC Club of St. Louis, also joined the effort. Al brought his famous radio-controlled doghouse to fly for the California press and television people, and to prove that Snoopy's flying was no mere figment of Schulz' imagination—he also provided a good example of the ingenuity, skill and resourcefulness of model flyers.

AMA President John Patton supported the project by authorizing John Worth, the AMA executive director, to join the effort in person, to help make sure that modeling's contribution would be recognized. (As side projects Worth would also have AMA business meetings with the executive director of the National Free Flight Society, the secretary of the Western Associated Modelers, and representatives of the Air Force Association.)

It all came to a head on March 12. The wings presentation took place outdoors on the steps of the Hillsdale Inn in the late afternoon. About a thousand youngsters were on hand, as well as hundreds of adults representing almost every civic group and military installation in the area. The Navy's Blue Angels precision aerobatics team was

featured, as was singer Jimmy Dean. Schulz, Dean and the Blue Angels signed autographs, and the Hamilton Air Force Band provided martial music while a trio of Stearman biplanes roared overhead.

It was Memorial Day, July Fourth and Armistice Day all rolled into one, with speeches, flags and bunting. Most miraculous of all was the weather. Storms were all around the area all day, but for the two-hour afternoon program there was only sunshine at the Hillsdale.

It wasn't that way earlier. Signorino and Worth got Snoopy in the air during morning rains at nearby San Carlos airport. Mud prevented use of the planned takeoff area so they used a well-puddled parking lot adjacent to the operations building. They fought wet and weak batteries, strange fuel and shifty winds. But finally Al got Snoopy to fly for the press and tele-

vision cameras. Soaking wet, but triumphant, Signorino got Snoopy and his doghouse up and back to a pancake landing right in front of the cheering crowd. Worth then flew a tiny Fly-Navy AMA Cub which had a subminiature Snoopy aboard.

Much more went on, including cocktail parties that night and a banquet at which TV star Barbara "Jeanie" Eden signed autographs, topped off by a late news television bit showing Snoopy's earlier flying. It was a wild windup to a spectacular day in which Snoopy and AMA shared the spotlight.

The last we heard, Snoopy was gunning for the Red Baron again with a souped-up doghouse and a blinding flash of gold wings on his chest. If he hasn't crashed or retired by then, on July 20 he'll be flying for the crowd again in the Nats air show at Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

Al Signorino photo



Elwing Studio photo

His RC Flying Doghouse as famous to modelers as Snoopy is to readers of Charles Schulz' comic strip, Al Signorino, starting engine, assisted with festivities when the Navy Blue Angels presented Snoopy's wings. Assisting Al is AMA Executive Director John Worth. Fred Williams, who put forward the idea, looks on. Inset shows the gold wings crafted by Roger Tennyson. The inscription reads, "Wings for Snoopy," presented to Charles M. Schulz, San Mateo, Calif., March 12, 1969. Presented by Navy Blue Angels for Aviators Everywhere."



# 1968 Best Year Yet: AMA Financial Statement

Last year we passed a significant milestone in AMA's 33 year history — 1968 was the first year that income (and expenses) exceeded \$200,000! The big membership boom last year produced the milestone figures, and despite steadily rising costs of supplies and services in 1968, we fortunately managed to end up in the black.

Our operating income came out \$517 over expenses — close, but in the black. With the addition of "other income" (contributions and interest from savings accounts) the net profit was still greater — almost \$3,000. This means that all the "other income" went toward reducing our old deficit. For two years in a row, therefore, we have reduced the debt significantly — a total of \$5,500.

Some other highlights of the 1968 financial statement:

**Model Aviation**, our membership publication, totalled just over \$55,500. This included purchase cost of each copy, HQ salaries for production of material, postage, percentage of rent, telephone and other overhead. The cost would have been much higher had all members received every issue during the year, but the nature of the AMA membership is that many people join or renew well after the year begins — they paid the normal membership fee but got less service. The effect, because of a fixed allocation of magazine costs per member, was to reduce the average cost to all members.

The **National Model Airplane Championships** — as always — shows an apparently heavy loss. But the Nats expenses include slightly over \$10,000 in HQ salaries — almost exactly the amount of the loss. This means that aside from the HQ salary cost allotted to the Nats (most of which would go on with or without the Nats) we came close to breaking even — about \$24,700 income versus about \$25,200 in other expenses.

Looking back, we have completed a five-year period of dramatic developments. In 1963 AMA was practically bankrupt. We barely squeaked by that year, without an Executive Director and \$15,500 in debt, and about \$97,000 income. A dues increase in 1964 dropped membership from almost 20,000 to less than 17,000, but income went up to \$117,000. In 1965, we invested heavily in improved HQ services, and income went to over \$135,000, but costs increased the deficit again, to almost \$19,000. Finally, in 1966 — with a new club program and initiation of our commercial magazine arrangement — membership started up again. In 1967 we broke the previous 30-year membership record by going to almost 23,000 members; we topped that in 1968 by 3,000 more members than the year before — and in both years we operated in the black.

Now, in 1969, we look to another very successful year. Despite a hefty dues increase we are ahead of last year's renewal rate — over 23,000 already. We have matched last year's dues income and stand to increase it considerably since we have half of the year to go.

Indications are that we will match last year's membership total and considerably exceed 1968 income. On the other hand our

expenses for 1969 will also jump substantially — which is why we have the dues increase. Magazine costs have gone up, NAA fees have increased, we reduced the club charter fee, more is going into Junior Programs and Public Relations, and the cost of living continues to climb. So, although we did well last year and are doing good now, we need to temper optimism with caution.

**Note:** It has been a matter of precedent that an AMA financial statement be published annually in the general membership publication. Until recently this publication was in the standard accounting type format. The statements were largely ignored or else a matter of complaint — that only legal or accounting types could understand the format. Last year we tried a simplified report, using only words and figures rather than the chart-type presentation. This, too, was apparently not really satisfactory in that it seemed too general, without sufficient detail.

This year still another format is offered — a cross between the description and the chart type. As always, the presentation is intended to show where and how AMA money is received and spent — and to indicate the complexity of national association operations carried on for and by members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Further information is available from AMA's eleven district vice presidents — every three months they receive a highly detailed financial statement. In addition, an independent audit of the AMA books is done each year, with copies supplied to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

John Worth, Executive Director

## AMA Financial Statement Year Ending Dec. 31, 1968

### Balance Sheet

#### Assets:

##### Current Assets:

Cash/Checking Account	\$ 81,946.34
Petty Cash	14.81
Cash/Savings Accounts	28,309.57
Accounts Receivable (owed us):	
Nats Trophy Sponsorship	1,110.00
Misc. Accts. Receivable	917.20
National Assn. of Rocketry	3,123.84
Advances/Employees	84.29
Deferred Exp. (paid in advance):	
Prepaid Insurance & Expenses	12,113.53
Supply Inventory	5,213.05

##### Fixed Assets:

Furniture and Equipment	17,402.75
Less: Depreciation Reserve	(6,682.20)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$143,553.18</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Worth

##### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable (we owe)	2,558.19
Deferred Income (service due):	
Membership Dues/1969	132,904.00
Other	10,803.50

##### FAI Team Funds (Donations & Program Entry Fees in trust for team travel within U.S.):

Free Flight	8,119.15
Radio Control	1,588.11
Indoor	646.45
Control Line	—0—
Scale, General	57.00

##### Other Funds:

FCC Fund	243.45
Scholarship Fund	1,013.00

##### Net Worth:

Deficit: From Dec. 31, 1967	(17,361.89)
Gain — 12 months	2,982.22
<b>Total Liabilities/Net Worth</b>	<b>\$143,553.18</b>

### Expense Statement

#### Operating Expenses — by Department

Nationals	\$ 35,393.32
Membership	69,623.04
Magazine	55,537.01
Supply and Service	3,136.58
FAI Programs	14,652.39
Contest Administration	8,786.62
Officer Services	2,181.74
General Administration	17,182.54
<b>Total — All Departments</b>	<b>\$206,493.24</b>

#### Operating Expenses — Detail

Salaries and fees	79,692.96
Payroll taxes	4,055.47
Rent	4,200.00
Telephone	2,259.44
Postage, general	10,520.07
Office supplies	7,805.68
Public relations	3,676.94
Insurance, general	1,419.58
Legal and audit	1,097.40
Depreciation	1,512.63
Membership supplies	5,077.70
Rulebooks	1,827.50
Insurance, membership	17,980.00
Cost of supplies sold	954.88
Junior programs	2,666.36
Magazine, purchase	32,384.44
Magazine, postage	6,332.77
FAI meetings	991.30
FAI records (NAA fees)	57.51
FAI franchise fee	1,000.00
FAI team expenses, CL	2,642.73
FAI team expenses, Indoor	378.00
FAI miscellaneous	60.84
Nats hobby shop	3,934.13
Nats trophies	3,346.74
Nats officials fees	3,875.00
Nats officials travel	533.52
Nats staff travel	271.85
Nats planning conference	1,019.70
Nats trade shows	439.99
Nats supplies	2,746.17
Nats miscellaneous	1,731.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$206,493.24</b>

### Income Statement

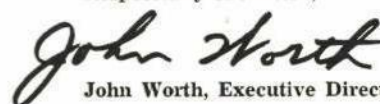
#### Operating Income — by Department

Nationals	\$ 24,699.91
Membership	79,207.42
Magazine	48,509.11
Supply and Service	6,585.33
FAI Programs	14,702.75
Contest Administration	8,979.50
Officer Services	4,054.50
General Administration	20,272.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$207,010.52</b>

#### Operating Income — Detail

Dues/25,761 members	\$135,150.75
Sanctions (AMA, FAI meets)	2,158.00
Sanctions (FAI records)	350.50
FAI stamp sales	837.25
NAR membership processing	7,500.00
NAR insurance	1,800.00
Supply and Service	5,850.39
Magazine subscriptions	734.94
Mailing services & serv. chgs.	5,732.27
Club charter fees	17,078.95
Non-charter meet fees	618.00
Jr. programs (Aero Club/Wash)	2,334.06
Monthly mailings & Contest cal.	2,101.50
National Capitol meet ('67)	64.00
Nats sponsorship	6,865.00
Nats hobby shop	5,005.06
Nats entry fees	11,447.77
Nats concessions	1,109.08
Nats/other	273.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$207,010.52</b>
Less: Operating expense	206,493.24
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>\$ 517.28</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>	
Contributions/life membership	\$ 500.00
Booster fund	641.03
Interest/savings accounts	1,323.91
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$ 2,982.22</b>

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Worth, Executive Director



# Record Reviews

**A report of selected recent record holders highlighting the designs and equipment used.**

**FF Unlimited Rubber national AMA record, Open age class:** 27 minutes, 40 seconds, established by Walter Ghio, Stockton, Calif., on March 10, 1968.



Ghio's own-design model of 53½" wingspan, 4¾" chord, had its 22" diameter by 22" pitch prop powered by 16 strands of ¼" Pirelli 26" long. Airfoils of the wing and the 20" x 3½" stab both were Ghio's own.

Model was covered with Sig Jap tissue and finished with nitrate dope. Prop assembly parts were from FAI Model Supply; Sig dethermalizer fuse was used.

**CL ½A Profile Proto Speed national AMA record, Junior age class:** 86.09 mph, established by James Wade, Anaheim, Calif., on February 9, 1969.

Model used was the "Santana" design of Dale Kirn, published in the September 1968 *American Aircraft Modeler*. It was powered with a Cox TD .049 fitted with a left-hand crankshaft and fuel tank pressurized from the crankcase.

Prop was a Dale Kirn original single blade, left-hand, of 5" diameter, 4¼" pitch. Victor Stanzel Mono-Line was used for control.

**FF Unlimited Rubber national AMA record, Senior age class:** 21 minutes, established by William Vanderbeek, Palo Alto, Calif., on September 15, 1968.

This model was designed by Vanderbeek for the Coupe d'Hiver rules, but for the Unlimited record he increased power by using 10 strands of ⅝" Sig rubber 10" long, giving a power run of 20 seconds. (He indicates that six strands would have complied with the Winter Cup rules.) Model has a wingspan of 36", 4¼" chord, polyhedral. Stab span is 14¾", 3½" chord. The planform of both wing and stab is rectangular; undercambered airfoils were used for both. Overall fuselage length is 32¾". The prop had 16" diameter and 16" pitch.

The model's wing and fuselage were covered with Jap tissue—the stab with superfine tissue. The model was finished with Superior nitrate dope.

Despite a working dethermalizer, actuated by Sig fuse, the record holder reports that the model stayed up for over 15 minutes on each flight—thermals too strong for the model's light weight. Unfortunately the

fuselage was broken during the fourth flight, preventing a fifth flight (and potentially a much higher record) to which he was entitled.

**Indoor FAI Stick national AMA records, FAI Ceiling Cat. I and AMA Ceiling Cat. I, Junior age class,** established by Kristi Brock, Richardson, Tex., on January 25, 1969.



Kristi's model was designed by Ralph Tenny. It has a wingspan of 25.5", major chord of 5.4", 8% arc airfoil. Stab span is 14", 4½" major chord, 5% arc airfoil. Model weighed .048 oz.

A 17" diameter non-helical pitch prop was used, powered by 2 strands of .073" Pirelli. The model was covered with home-made microfilm. The tail boom of the fuselage was built-up. For bracing, Dacron monofilament was used.

**Indoor FAI Stick national AMA record, FAI Ceiling Cat. I, Open age class:** 18 minutes, 27 seconds, established by Robert Champine, Hampton, Va., on March 1, 1969.



This original design model of .033 oz. airframe weight had both the wing and stab mounted off-center to the left. Additionally, the wing and stab chords were tapered, with the left tips ⅛" wider than the right. Overall wingspan was 25.5", 5½" major chord; stab span 15½", 3½" major chord. A 5% arc airfoil was used for both wing and stab, covered with Micro Dyne Type A microfilm. The tail boom of the fuselage was built-up ala Bud Tenny.

The prop was of 16½" diameter, 36" pitch, powered by 2 strands of .050" Pirelli 12" long. Green soap lube was used. The prop thrust line was set at ½° down, 2° left. No steering was required on the record flight.

## RC Committee Report

The most significant action of the special committee to investigate the feasibility of an RC organization within the AMA structure was a recommendation to form an RC Executive Council. The committee envisions that the RC Executive Council would be comprised of elected vice presidents from each AMA district, and that each vice president be vested with authority to appoint personnel representing the various RC interests—pylon racing, competitive aerobatic pilots, sport flyers, scale and soaring; the RC Executive Council would have the power and authority to administer all RC matters within the AMA, according to the committee's recommendation.

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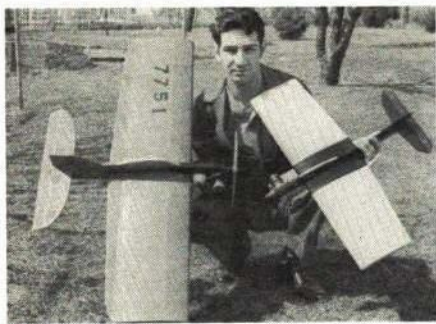


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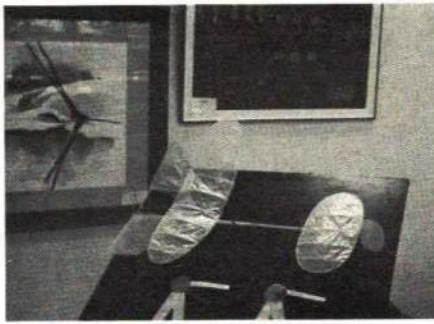


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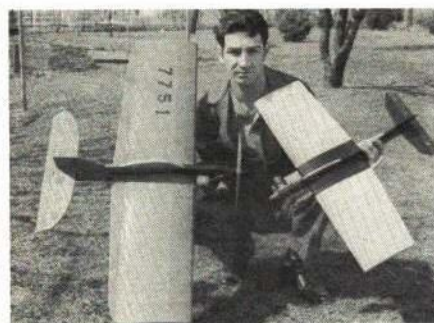


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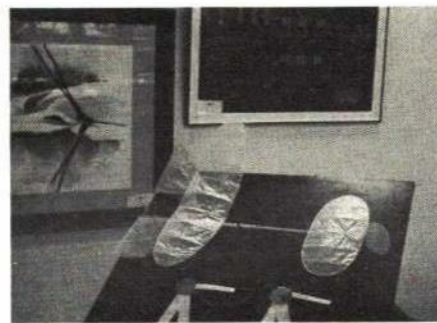


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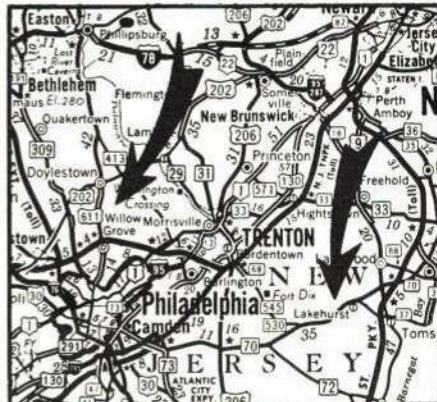
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#### British FF Team Member Steps Down

**Ray Monks**, who had won team spots for both the Wakefield and FAI Power World Championships this year, requested the S.M.A.E. (British equivalent of AMA) to release him from the Wakefield team so that he could concentrate on Power. **Bob Wells** has replaced Monks on the Wakefield team.

#### B.I.R.D. Club Follow-Up

Last May 10-11 the AMA chartered **BIRD Club** of Signal Hill, Calif., put on two 45-minute RC flying shows each day for the California State College. The demonstrations were a part of the **Commemorative Air Show** at Dominguez Hills, Calif., site of the **First International Air Meet** in the U.S. (in 1910). On July 4th the BIRD Club is planning a repeat performance at the **Corona Air Fair**. Last year the Corona RC show was broadcast live over local radio stations. In April the club participated in a **PTA Carnival** in Garden Grove; the field was too small for safe flying, so RC models were limited to taxiing demonstrations and static displays. A busy group!

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The **National Miniature Pylon Racing Association**, AMA affiliated, allows RC Pylon flyers to accumulate points for the NMPRA Season Championship only from April 1 through October 31. NMPRA Editor **Ed Shippe** explains that this is so flyers in warm weather climes—California, Texas, Florida, etc.—won't have an undue advantage over their northern neighbors. "You can accumulate points all year long toward an Exhibition Pilots classification," says Shippe, "so be sure to turn in your points all year long if you haven't made the rating."

#### RC Check Out Tip

The newsletter of the AMA chartered **DC Radio Control Club** provides a simple, but important, spring tip.

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From *R/C Spirit*, newsletter of the AMA chartered **Spirits of St. Louis Flying Club**, we learn that the club was planning to introduce a free-style RC pattern event option for the expert class in their June 21-22 open contest. Each contestant would make up a flight plan from among the maneuvers in the AMA rule book; then he would be judged on (1) maneuver selection, (2) flying ability and (3) overall presentation. "It is hoped that this format will bring to the contest a 'free style' type of flying demonstration to relieve the repetition of identical pattern flights," said Contest Director **Bill Butters**.

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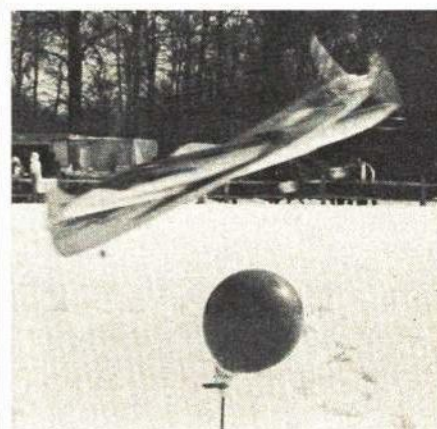
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# AMA News Extra . . . . .

## CONTEST BOARD MEETINGS--1969 NATIONALS

Meetings of the three AMA Contest Boards, involving 33 modelers throughout the country who represent modelers in each of the 11 AMA regional districts, will be held during the 1969 National Contest (N.A.S. Willow Grove, Pa., July 14-20). Purpose of the meetings is to discuss and either accept or reject rule-change proposals which have been submitted by AMA members during the past year. Each of the 11-member Contest Boards is comprised of experts in their respective category. The Radio Control Contest Board consists solely of RC modelers--likewise the Control Line and Free Flight Contest Boards consist only of CL and FF modelers, respectively. Board members are appointed by AMA District Vice Presidents who are put in office for two-year terms in a general election by AMA members.

Through means of the Competition Newsletter provided to about 450 AMA chartered clubs and over 2,500 subscribers, most competitors as well as many other AMA members will have already seen the detailed Contest Board agendas and, hopefully, will have been in touch with their district Contest Board members to express their favor or opposition to the various proposals. Recognizing that it is not possible to print here the detailed proposals which will be dealt with, it is suggested that interested modelers (who have not reviewed the proposals) contact an officer of the nearest AMA chartered club for details (see listing beginning p. 80 of 1969 AMA rule book). Following is a summary of the items before the Contest Boards.

### RADIO CONTROL

Pylon Racing. To consider whether Formula II should be retained or whether it should be replaced by Sport (Open) Pylon, a new Bendix/Thompson class, or a new class for scale model Unlimited Racers. The Board also intends to review present Sport (Open) Pylon rules especially relating to wing area and minimum wing thickness.

Pattern. To consider whether there may be some present "grab bag" maneuvers which are unpopular (or unjudgeable) and should be removed. Also, to consider a championship-caliber class.

Scale. To consider a class de-emphasizing scale fidelity judging by doing such judging at a distance from the model--on the order of 6' to 10'. Also, to consider adopting FAI rules but with AMA aircraft limits, to consider tightening the builder-of-model rule, to consider further defining the allowed degree of prefabrication.

### CONTROL LINE

Speed. To consider requiring two-line control systems in most categories. To consider several Junior-only or Novice event revisions or additions: Class C with .40 limit; a Sport Speed event with .36 engine limit and point adjustment according to engine size; a Class B Profile Proto event; a Beginner's Class B Speed event with engine restrictions; a Beginner's Class B Proto Speed event. Also, to split present Class C into two classes having limits of .301-.400 and .401-.650, to not disqualify previous flights for a whipping infraction, to restrict engines to those available through the U.S. hobby dealer-distributor network, and to allow Proto Speed flyers two full laps for getting in the pylon.

Scale and Dive Bombing & Strafing. To consider revising the minimum required wire diameters of the control line(s).

Scale Racing (Goodyear). To consider limiting the fuel capacity to one ounce, lengthening the heat and feature races, and revising the name of the category.

Stunt. To consider classifying entrants as Novice or Expert instead of by age, to allow a second model in some instances, and to provide a graduated break-down of minimum wire sizes for engines from .401-.650.

### FREE FLIGHT

General. To consider reducing the max flight limits for all categories together with reducing the gas-powered model engine run, to specify the required time period for completing outdoor record flights, to allow entry of two models in events presently limited to one, to allow others to start and regulate the engines of Juniors larger than .051, to restrict entry in an event (or class) to once, to create a new Provisional class for Catapult Gliders with participation limited to Juniors. Also, to review whether the present Provisional and Supplemental categories (Helicopter, Payload & Cargo, Easy B Indoor and Coupe D'Hiver) should remain in their present status, be elevated to "official" rules, or be dropped from the rule book.

Gas. To consider the adoption of categories for various size flying fields by keying engine run, max flight and flyoff into four groups, and in conjunction, to provide for hand-launch only of landplane models.

Indoor. To consider revising the requirements for cabin models and the measurement of required minimum fuselage cross-section. Also, to consider revising the rule book paragraphs for Official Flight, Unofficial Flight, Timing and Scoring.

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## Official Sanctioned Contests of the Academy of Model Aeronautics

July 4 — Vineland, N.J. (AA) VMAC 3rd & 4th July CL Meet. Site: Landis Park. P. Haley CD, St. Bernard St., Malaga, N.J. 08328. Sponsor: Vineland MAC.

July 4 — Mentor, Ohio (AA) M.A.R.C.S. All RC Pylon Day. Site: Club Field. F. Vidmar CD, 26500 Zeman Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44132.

July 4-5 — Tullahoma, Tenn. (A) U-Control Meet. Site: Club Flying Field. C. Anderson CD, Rt. 2, Tullahoma, Tenn. 37388. Sponsor: Coffee Airfoilers.

July 4-6 — Tulsa, Okla. (AAA) Tulsa Glue Dobber 20th Annual FF, CL, RC & Indoor Meet. Site: TGD Field. W. Salmikov CD, 9906 S. Yale, Tulsa, Okla. 74135. Sponsor: Tulsa Glue Dobbers.

July 5-6 — Frederick, Md. DCRS Mirth of July RC Meet. Site: Municipal Airport. M. Hill CD, 2001 Norvale Rd., Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Sponsor: DC RC Club.

July 5-6 — San Jose, Calif. (AA) Wavemasters RC Contest. Site: Club Flying Site. R. Morse CD, 3351 Pruneridge, Santa Clara, Calif. 95051. Sponsor: San Jose Wavemasters RC Club.

July 5-6 — Sebring, Fla. (AAA) Confederate Nats for FF & CL. J. Wagner CD, 274 E. 9th St., Hialeah, Fla. 33010.

July 6 — Queens, N.Y. (AA) Luftmeister Custom Tailored Stunt & Flying Scale Meet. Site: Flushing Meadow Park. P. Bianchini CD, c/o 131-30 223 St., Laurelton, N.Y. 11413.

July 6 — Denver, Colo. FAI FF Qualifying Trials. Site: E. Colfax Air Park. E. Collins CD, 4318 E. Utah Pl., Denver, Colo. 80222. Sponsor: Magnificent Mountain Men.

July 6 — Urbana, Ill. (AA) C-U Aeronauts 7th Annual CL Meet. Site: Illini Airport. J. Fasimpaur CD, 2314 Palomas N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110. Sponsor: Campaign-Urbana Aeronauts.

July 6 — Suffield, Conn. (AA) Nor-East Air Races '69 for RC. Site: NCRCC Model Air Park. G. Sawn CD, 6 Audrey Lane, Thompsonville, Conn. 06082. Sponsor: Northern Connecticut RC.

July 12-13 — Summerville, S.C. SC Lowland Fun Fly. Site: CRCS Flying Field. J. Bradham CD, 10 Hawthorne St., Sumter, S.C. 29105. Sponsor: Charleston RC Society.

July 12-13 — Albuquerque, N.M. SWAT FF Qualifying Trials. Site: Boy's Academy. C. Averill CD, 2314 Palomas N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110. Sponsor: South West Aero Team.

July 12-13 — Oaks Corners, N.Y. Hobo Fun Fly for RC. Site: Hayes Rd. H. Ford CD, 11 Stephens St., Clifton Springs, N.Y. 14432. Sponsor: Sky Rovers RC Club.

July 12-13 — Oldcastle, Ontario, Canada RC Meet. Contact Len LaPorte, 3256 Bernard Rd., Windsor, Ontario.

July 12-13 — Oklahoma City, Okla. (AAA) Sooner State Model Aviation Championships for FF & CL. Site: North Western & Memorial. F. Miller CD, 1900 Rolling Ridge, Bethany, Okla. 73008.

July 13 — Hastings, Minn. FAI FF Qualifications. Site: Webers Flying Field. D. Monson CD, 131 W. Wentworth Ave., W. St. Paul, Minn. 55118. Sponsor: Minneapolis Model Aero Club.

July 13 — Hastings, Minn. (AA) Minneapolis MAC Annual Summer FF Meet. Site: Webers Flying Field. D. Monson CD, 131 W. Wentworth Ave., W. St. Paul, Minn. 55118. Sponsor: Minneapolis Model Aero Club.

July 13 — Fountain Valley, Calif. (A) Rubber & Glider Meet for FF. Site: Mile Square. G. Wallock CD, 229 LeRoy Ave., Arcadia, Calif. 91006. Sponsor: Thermal Thumbers.

July 13 — Richmond, Va. Brainbusters FAI FF Qualification Trials. Site: Curles Neck Farm. D. Orr

CD, 102 Bickfield Dr., Hampton, Va. 23366. Sponsor: Brainbusters.

July 13 — Weston, W. Va. Central West Va. Model Club RC Meet. Site: Jacksons Mill Airport. G. Vilard CD, 3301 23 N.W., Canton, Ohio 44708. Sponsor: Central W. Va. Model Club.

July 14-20 — Willow Grove, Pa. (AAAA) 1969 National Model Airplane Championships. Site: Naval Air Station. See June issue AAM for event details.

July 19-20 — Tacoma, Wash. (AA) Mount Rainier RC Society W/W I Contest for Scale Replicas. Site: Bethel School Dist. Location. B. Gale CD, 811 9th Ave. S.W., Puyallup, Wash. 98371. Sponsor: Mt. Rainier RC Society.

July 20 — Denver, Colo. (A) MMM Monthly Outdoor FF Meet. Site: Prop Busters Field. D. McGhee CD, 1260 Elm, Denver, Colo. 80220. Sponsor: Magnificent Mountain Men.

July 26-27 — Tahlequah, Okla. (AA) 2nd Annual Tahlequah Cup RC Races. Site: Municipal Airport. J. Wingo CD, 2615 Elgin, Muskogee, Okla. 74401.

July 26-27 — Sunnyvale, Calif. Kosby Memorial Contest. Site: Pioneer Field. J. Sunday CD, 6667 Rainbow Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95129. Sponsor: Pioneer RC Club.

July 27-Aug. 2 — Rockford, Ill. EAA Delta Dart Program. Site: Greater Rockford Airport. J. Grege CD, 255 Grand Blvd., Bedford, Ohio 44014.

July 27 — Portville, N.Y. Fly for Fun RC Meet. Site: 1 Mi. So. on Rt. 446 adjacent to Gravel Pit. G. Flynn CD, Rt. 2, Box 456, Olean, N.Y. 14760. Sponsor: Olean MAC.

July 27 — Dayton, Ohio Midwestern CL Championships & FAI CL Team Selection Meet. Site: Municipal Model Flying Field. C. China CD, 5028 Broughton Pl., Dayton, Ohio 45431. Sponsor: Dayton Buzzin Buzzards.

July 27 — Chicago, Ill. (AA) 4th Annual Aero Angels Model CL Meet. Site: Irving & Cumberland. A. Hardt CD, 7371 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, Ill. 60064. Sponsor: Chicago Aero Angels, Inc.

July 27 — Irving, Tex. FAI FF Trials. Site: New S.W. Airport. B. Wilder CD, 2010 Boston, Irving, Tex. 75060. Sponsor: Dallas Cloud Climbers.

July 27 — Fresno, Calif. (A) Fresno Monthly FF Meet. Site: Near Kerman. F. Gallo CD, 1725 Kenmore Dr. W., Fresno, Calif. 93703. Sponsor: Fresno Gas Model Club.

Aug. 2 — Salt Lake City, Utah (AA) Summer RC Fleets. Site: Saltair Modelport. C. Pannier CD, 1781 Mountain View Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah 84106.

Aug. 2-3 — Chicago, Ill. (AA) 3rd Annual SAC RC Contest. Site: Flossmoor Rd. & Central Ave. S. Peterson CD, 6418 S. LaPorte, Chicago, Ill. 60638. Sponsor: Suburban Aero Club of Chicago.

Aug. 2-3 — Cleveland, Ohio (AAA) Cleveland Jr. CL Air Races and FAI CL Team Selection Meet. Site: Cleveland Model Flying Field. A. Montagino CD, 3811 Daisy Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

Aug. 2-3 — Riverview, Mich. (AA) 16th Annual

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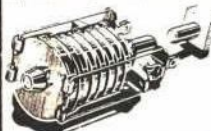
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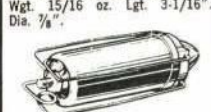
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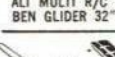


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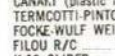
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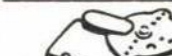
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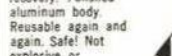
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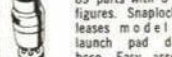
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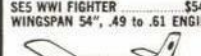
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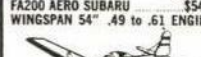
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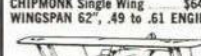
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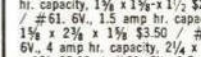
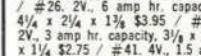
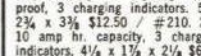
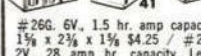
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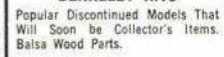
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## R/C World

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Nearby flying and boating demos should perhaps be held down to a couple of hours. As was the case at the Asbury Park affair, continuous flying (Saturday only) and R/C boat operation within sight and sound of the exhibition hall doubtless kept some from going in—and drew many others away from the exhibition area for long periods (it was so nice out in that warm sun!).

One might think that 1000 paid customers coming to see the wares of 30 manufacturers and dealers would be considered a bang-up affair. In smaller, less costly quarters it would be, though there probably then wouldn't be room for that many exhibitors! In a very large hall, as we had at Asbury, and spread over two whole days, these numbers could spell a serious loss for the sponsoring group. Probably some exhibitors felt the same way.

The Monmouth boys had scheduled an informal banquet for 9:15 Saturday evening. Unfortunately, a previous banquet in the same quarters ran far overtime, and the R/C group didn't get in to eat till more than an hour later. The hotel simply reneged on a promise.

But the 4th Annual Monmouth MAC R/C Show was not a disaster! It did bring out the point that we will have to be more careful of the timing and location of such affairs in the future.

### Competition

Plea for 1/4-midgets: Noting there is little activity in what they feel could be a very interesting category, Bob Penko (9183 Rt. 306, Kirtland, Ohio 44094) says his club (the Mentor Area R/C Society) will sponsor a 300 sq. in. race on Oct. 5th at their club field. They have never heard of another

race for planes of this size, so are inviting everyone in the U.S. Trophies will read World Champion. Rules are very simple. Besides max. 300-sq. in. wing area, planes must be powered with stock 15 engines fitted with throttles so they can land with power on. Wings must have 7/8" minimum thickness at the root. Fuselage must total 5" high at canopy or windshield, must be at least 3" wide at cockpit, which must hold a "pilot." Planes must be semi-scale copies of any plane that has ever raced. Course will probably be similar to that used for Formula I but with pylons 300' apart, with 10 laps equal to 1 mile. Race-horse starts, no handicaps.

Bob says they have several planes of this description flying, both scale and non-scale, and no problems have shown up. They have had a ball with simulated races. Most builders have omitted rudder, or coupled it with ailerons. CAR is no problem, as one-piece planes (non-removable wing) in this size are entirely practical.

Datatron, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif., announced May 1, it had reached an agreement in principle to acquire Orbit Electronics, Inc., and its wholly-owned subsidiary Micro-Avionics, Inc. Both will operate independently as wholly-owned subsidiaries.

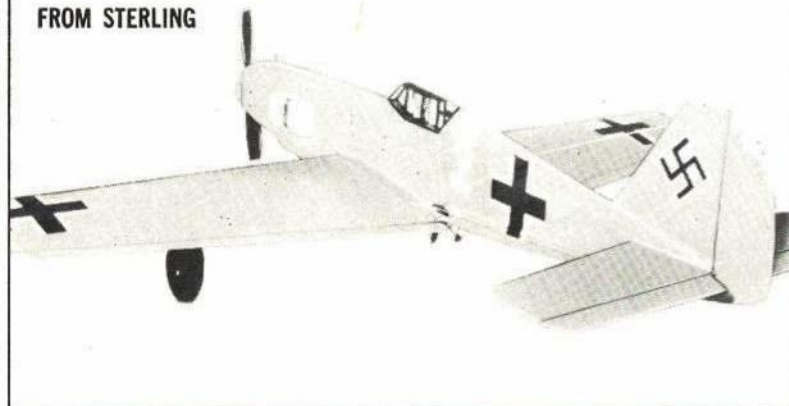
Orbit Electronics and Micro-Avionics are two of the leading manufacturers specializing in electro-mechanical guidance devices used to remotely control model airplanes, boats and race cars. Recent applications include remote control of bulldozers operating in hazardous terrain, and control of movie cameras mounted on race cars in filming the movies "Grand Prix" and "The Winners." Combined sales in fiscal 1968 were in excess of one million dollars.

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## New in R/C

By Howard McEntee

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Difficult to locate small diameter hook-up wire, needed for sub-min installations. Package of 3' lengths in six different colors, now part of **More-Craft "Goodies"** line, from **Ace Radio Control** (203 W. 19th St., Higginsville, Mo. 64037). Wire is a bit under 1/2" dia. including PVC covering, is very flexible, \$1 per package. Ace stocking up on many sub-min parts, since they push tiny planes featured at Toledo display. **Fokker D8** and **Nieuport 17** profiles are first planes for which Ace sells plans (\$1 each). Next will be **Trainer** similar to Cub or Cessna, then an ancient **Bleriot**; latter 30" span, 162 sq. in. area, rear portion of fuselage open construction (though a profile). Soon others to follow.

Fine kit by **Johannes Graupner** concern (Germany) for the **Kwik-Fly III** (that's how they spell it) available **B. Paul Model** (413 E. Allegheny Ave., Phila., Pa. 19134). Kit has several unusual features. Front fuselage-side sheeting sandwich of two layers of balsa, one of thin ply; these assemblies come cemented, shaped and curved. Many fuselage formers 1/4" thick 3-ply balsa. Die-cutting extremely good. Kit includes two kinds of cement (white glue, cellulose glue), three 2 1/2" aluminum and sponge-rubber wheels, finished dual-strut nose gear. There are two large plan sheets for construction, two more for installations of two types of digital multi (control systems marketed by Graupner, but most helpful). Four instruction books in four languages, very detailed lists of parts, many assembly photos, clear instructions. \$43.95 from above address, plus 5% handling and shipping.

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Little room in Toledo coverage (June issue) to describe in detail new line of plastic planes from **Carl Goldberg Models, Inc.** (Chicago 60608). First design is **Ranger 42**, very attractive cabin high-wing mono that can be flown F/F — up to fullhouse multi! Latter version demo-flown at Toledo. Has 42" span; trike LG; upright engine from 049-09, depending upon radio equipment carried. Costs \$14.95. Foam wings nothing new, but foam fuselages not common. Special foam densities for each to give desired strength, but retain light weight.

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Main features of new **Heathkit** digital system may be familiar to most readers; however, little **Tachometer** not so well-known. Jokingly called "Thumb Tach," this kit #GD-69 designed expressly for model plane engines. Indicates rpm of many other items. An optical instrument — simply point unit at prop and get direct, immediate reading. No load placed on engine. Photocell under a lens picks up reflected light pulses from prop blades; pulses counted electronically. Housed in a 5 1/4 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/2" blue-crackle finished case, meter has two rpm ranges (0-5,000 and 0-25,000) to cover idling and top speeds. Calibration instantly checked by pointing unit at 60-cycle lamp; scale said to be accurate to 2 1/2%. Since most props have two blades, instrument gives actual rpm when pointed at such a prop. Conversion factor allows use on props with other numbers of blades. Powered by internal 9V battery; regulating circuit assures accurate reading as battery voltage drops. Maker claims 2-3 hour assembly time. Kit costs \$19.95 from **Heath Company** (Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022).

With increased interest in smaller planes with simple rudder proportional control, **Controlaire** (World Engines Inc., 8960 Rossash, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236) single-channel pulse system should be of real use. Based upon Pulsed-Mule transmitter (regular Mk II Mule with built-in pulser). Compact transmitter has no tuning adjustments, comes with center-loaded antenna. Pulse-width lever projects from top of case, also a trim lever. Only other control is on-off switch (fitted with off-lock). Superhet receiver similar to **Controlaire SH-112** with no relay, but mounted on open (no case) P.C. board 3 1/2 x 1 1/2". Board has mounting grommets at four corners, and on one end

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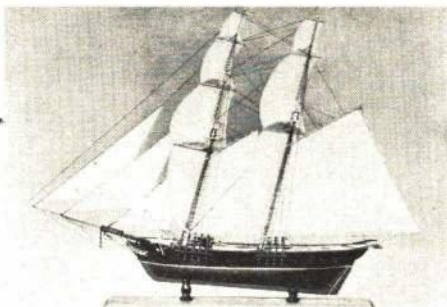
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is mounted large-size Adams actuator. With outfit comes a dual nickel-cad pack of 500 mA cells, wired to switch and connector. Wiring is complete — no soldering to do. Completing outfit is single charger for receiver battery; has isolation transformer (many multi-digital transmitters don't have this safety feature!) and pilot lamp. Costs \$78.98 ready to use. Needs only 9V battery for transmitter (Eveready 276 or equiv.). Plane installation weighs 4 1/2 oz.; could save about 1/2 oz. weight by substituting Adams Baby actuator — price same. New item from W.E. is the **Servo Tester**, kit form at \$9.98. Intended especially for checking **Controlaire** and **MAN 234** digital servos, can be adapted for many other types. Consists of small metal box with pot on top. Inside is integrated circuit and several small parts, to be mounted on the furnished P.C. board. Unit has connectors to receiver battery pack and to servo.

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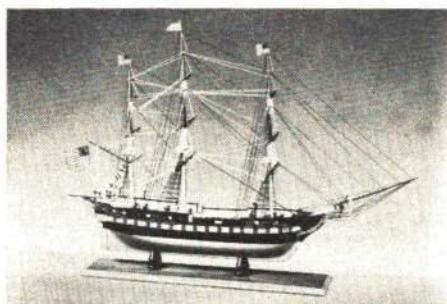
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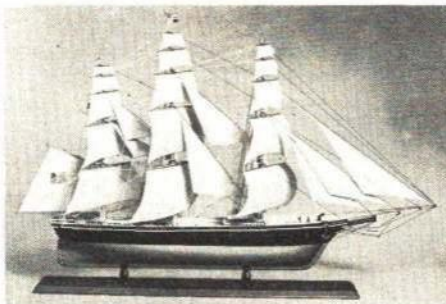
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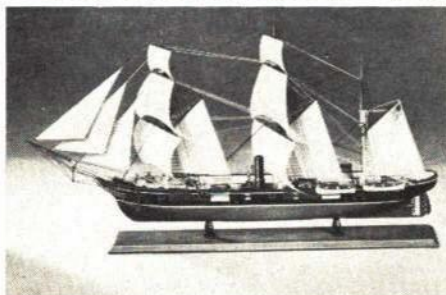
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## Martin MO-1

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section at the tip. Don't cut out the ailerons until the wing has been completely shaped and sanded. Notice I said "ailerons" and not "flaps." The MO-1 had no flaps, so the ailerons are used as ailerons during low speed to bank the model toward the outside of the circle and hold the lines tight.

At this point it would be good to make all the assorted hardware, such as the aileron horns (which I found to be easy to make from mild steel welding rod material), the aileron transfer horn, the arresting hook and tail skid on their plywood mount; the main landing gear on its plywood mount, the fuel tank, firewall, bellcrank mount, leadout guide, and motor mounts.

Some of the special construction techniques developed by Don for this model are now apparent. His first MO-1 had a solid balsa wing which failed in flight, so the redwood leading edge was incorporated to strengthen the wing. Special motor mounts were needed to tie the nose to the wing to eliminate a stress crack in the fuselage at the wing leading edge, so mounts were laminated from birch plywood to tie together the wing, bellcrank mount, firewall, landing gear mount, and the fuselage bottom. Also the top block on the nose was changed from balsa to bass and extended back over the leading edge of the wing. Oh yes, the motor had to be moved as far forward as the nose would allow to keep the center of gravity in a decent location, and since it has been mounted in a side-winder fashion like on a combat plane, no outboard tip weight is required.

One word about the control unit, and then we'll continue with the construction. The bellcrank is the J. Roberts inverted unit with the bellcrank cut to 2¾". These can be purchased from Sturdi-Built, or you can get the custom assembled unit from Bill Johnson, the "Throttle Specialist." Bill's units are made from Sturdi-Built parts, but because he only does custom work, he can get a better fit and smoother operation. All

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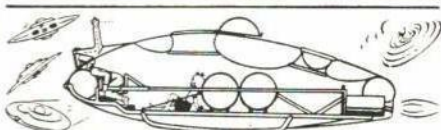
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To start the fuselage construction, drill the motor mounts for the mounting bolts and bolt the motor to them using blind mounting nuts. Then glue in the firewall and main landing gear. Next, mark the centerline on the bottom of the wing and glue the wing to the motor mount unit, making sure to align the motor mount and wing centerline perfectly. Attach the leadouts to the bellcrank, bolt the unit to the plywood bellcrank mount, and glue the whole unit to the bottom of the wing with the bellcrank hanging down. This will go right around the motor mount.

Cut out two identical fuselage sides and glue the tank to the inboard side. That's right—glue it on! Add filler blocks between the motor mounts and the fuselage side, and glue the inboard fuselage side to the motor mount-wing-landing-gear unit. Make the elevator pushrod long enough to reach to the vicinity of the elevator horn and attach it to the bellcrank. Also, make up the throttle pushrod and run it to the engine. This has been omitted on the plans because of the many types of throttles that can be used. Install this to suit the type of throttle that you are using on your engine. After this has been installed, the engine should be removed, filler blocks added to the outboard side of the motor mounts, and the outboard side of the fuselage glued on.

Shape the rudder, stabilizer and elevators, hinge the elevators, and glue these together as a unit. Now position the stabilizer on the rear of the fuselage, adjust the pushrod to the correct length, and glue the unit to the fuselage, pulling the rear end of the fuselage together at the same time.

The arresting hook and tail skid unit can be installed along with the rest of the aileron linkage. The spring should be just strong enough to pull the hook down and deflect the ailerons, but not strong enough to flip the plane up on its nose. With the addition of the fuselage planking on the top and bottom, this thing finally looks like a plane. But wait, it doesn't have any motor now! You took it out. Remember? Build a removable cowl section into the outboard side of the nose. This should be just large enough to get the motor in and out, and to get to all the plumbing and throttle linkage required for your engine.

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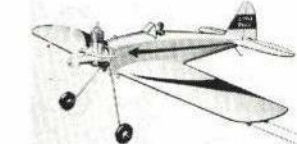
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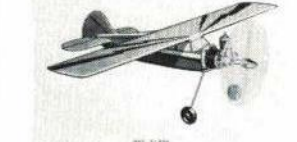
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mold dry for 24 hours and then peel the rubber mold off the cowl molding. You'll find that it is about 1/16" thick and fairly stretchy; however, it retains its shape. Wash out the inside of the mold with warm water and behold, one master female rubber mold. You can make all the replacement cowlings you want.

To make a fiberglass cowling, we need a supporting frame. Get an 8"-square piece of 1/8" plywood or hardboard. Lay it over the firewall of the plane and trace around the firewall with a pencil. Carefully cut out the hole in the plywood and save the center piece. Now build a little box (no top or bottom) about 6" deep. Nail the plywood to the box. Push the rubber mold through the hole until the lip of the mold supports the mold all around the hole and the mold is hanging down inside the box. Put a bead of glue all around the lip of the mold and glue it to the top. Place the center piece into the top of the mold to ensure the mold has exactly the same shape as the front of the airplane firewall. Let the glue dry and remove the center form.

A fiberglass cowling can now be formed. Mix up some polyester resin and lay in one coat of resin all over the inside of the mold. A parting agent isn't really necessary. Let the first coat almost dry. While the first coat is setting up, cut out 2" wide by 6" triangular pieces of 4 oz. glass cloth, about enough to go all around the mold four times. Lay a triangle of cloth in the mold when the gel coat is still tacky and apply resin through the glass cloth. Repeat until you've built up about four layers all around the mold and let dry. The cowl molding will be about 1/16" thick. The cowl molding should be dry in about two to four hours. Break the lip of the mold loose from the box (the rubber

stretches) and push the mold out the bottom of the box. Peel the rubber mold off the cowl molding and trim the excess cloth.

The rubber mold can be used over and over. Cut out the holes in the cowl molding with a sander on your Moto tool and trim to fit around the engine and against the firewall. Install hardwood mounting blocks on the firewall, place mold over blocks, and drill with 3/32" drill. Tap the wood blocks with a 4-40 thread; the cowl molding can then be mounted with 4-40 screws.

Cover the airplane with silk and finish any way you wish. Super MonoKote could also be used. It would be a crime not to put a good finish on the plane after going to this much work. The cockpit can be spruced up with a man and Tatone instruments. I mounted my instruments on a 1/4" burnished aluminum panel. I also used one of the Williams Sportsman 2" pilots which helps give the impression of a true home-built aircraft. The inside of the cockpit is painted flat black. Don't forget to install a cardboard shield around the wing hold-down hole so that the screw can't get loose and rattle around in the cockpit. Epoxy the canopy on the plane after it is all painted, then mask the border of the canopy and paint with matching color.

I'm sure you'll like the way the wide-tread landing gear helps the airplane stick on landings. The 3/16" wire may be a little hard to come by unless you check in the Yellow Pages for a local spring manufacturer. You can obtain 6 ft. of the stuff from him for about 50¢.

If you complain about not having enough room in the fuselage to get your big fists in, you're nearsighted and using 1936 radio gear. Proportional gear is recommended but it could be flown with reeds. Just lengthen the elevator horn. I'm sure you'll get as much pleasure out of building and flying the Jungster as I have.

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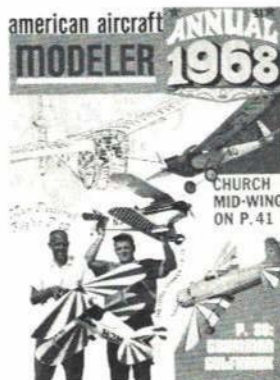
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Battery supply is two Eveready S76E 1.5-volt cells. This is a tiny hearing aid cell, and is quite light, cost about 35c. Local drugstores probably stock them. So do large mail-order electronic parts suppliers. For a battery holder, tape the cells together, then tape the hook-up wires to the ends. The leads ends are soldered to washers to make a better contact surface. I usually wrap tightly a small rubber band around the battery pack for additional security. Such precautions are worthwhile.

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The construction of all my models has been similar. The Sperry Messenger is true-scale in outlines and incidence angles, exceptions to scale being additional dihedral and thrust-line offset. A full-size drawing for the model I built can be found in the March 1968 American Aircraft Modeler. This is Jess Krieser's fine article on a multi-scale Sperry.

My engine has 7 degrees down- and 5 degrees right-thrust measured at the propeller. This means that the engine is mounted above and to the left of the center-line at the firewall. This prevents the nose from taking on a lop-sided appearance and insures a straight, true flight. If the new thrust-line is drawn on the top and side views of the plan, the firewall location for the 010 can be found with ease. Just draw

a line perpendicular to the new thrust-line 1.4" back from the propeller location on top and side views.

My fuselage is constructed quite similar to Mr. Krieser's except for wood sizes. The sides and doublers are cut from stiff but light  $\frac{1}{32}$ " sheet balsa and assembled in the same manner. The wing strut system is constructed in the same manner from  $\frac{1}{32}$ " wire, except for the top wing fastening. This is fashioned from small hardwood strips shaped to mate with the scale wing undercamber. These are bound with thread to the top of the wire struts and then securely cemented. The upper wing is later cemented to these hardwood strips. The two strut assemblies should be cemented into grooves in the fuselage-side doublers. I did not use the triplers shown on the plans but, instead, coated the strut mounting areas with epoxy cement.

My landing gear also differs from the plan. The front strut is formed in two pieces similar to the main struts of a Goldberg Falcon to make a torsion-type landing gear. These are bound securely with thread to a small hardwood cross member and cemented in place behind the firewall. The axle is a length of  $\frac{1}{32}$ " wire soldered to the bottom of the front struts. Bind this joint with fine copper wire before soldering. The rear struts are short lengths of radio wire insulation fastened in scale location.

The engine firewall is cut from  $\frac{1}{32}$ " plywood and the engine mounting nuts are cemented to the back side. The only other full bulkhead is located at the rear of the cockpit. Behind this point, there are two  $\frac{1}{16}$ " sq. stiffening strips cemented vertically to each side. The entire top of the fuselage is shaped from soft  $\frac{1}{2}$ " sheet and hollowed out for lightness. The engine cowling and bottom nose block are also shaped from light balsa and hollowed for lightness. (Please use the lightest balsa you can find for these parts or the plane will be too heavy.)

The wings, stabilizer, fin, and rudder were all cut from one sheet of  $\frac{1}{16}$  x 3" balsa. This sheet of balsa must be quite flat as well as light and stiff. Choose it carefully. The tail surfaces should be flat and, of course, light. The wing airfoil is formed by doping the bottom surface of both wings with clear dope after cutting them to shape and sanding them smooth. When the dope begins to dry, the wings should start curling toward the correct airfoil. As soon as the undercamber reaches  $\frac{3}{32}$ ", pin the wings down around the edges to a flat surface and let them dry for 24 hours. When the wings are cut apart, and the dihedral cemented in (4 degrees per panel) the camber will be locked in.

The wing struts should be made from  $\frac{1}{16}$  x  $\frac{1}{8}$ " hardwood (spruce, etc.), including the

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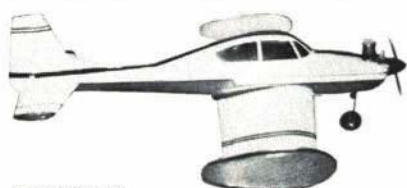
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lift struts shown on the scale drawing. The wings, struts, etc., are cemented firmly in place on my Sperry as this makes a very strong model for the inevitable tumbling around. The large cockpit opening provides access to the radio.

I made my wheels using O-rings for tires (check the plumbing service shops) and balsa disks sandwiched together for hubs. The wheels use three laminations of 3/32" for each hub. The center layer is left flat and the two outer layers are sanded conical. Check the scale drawings for scale shape. Cement a short length of brass tubing in the hub for a bearing to run on the 1/32" axle wire.

The finish on my Sperry is four coats of clear dope, lightly sanded with one coat of color on the wings and tail, and two coats of color on the fuselage. It is painted to simulate the prototype Sperry: Silveira aluminum on the nose panels with mahogany brown on the rest of the fuselage. I cheated on the wings and tail and painted them yellow for visibility. Finishing Touch decals complete the model.

The model is not easy to hold for launching and it does not exactly soar in the glide, so glide-test it in soft, deep grass or weeds. If the model balances at the point indicated, and the weight does not exceed 2 1/2 ozs., it will fly! The glide should be smooth and straight without any sign of stalling or diving. Any necessary trimming may be accomplished by bending the elevator as necessary. The rudder moves about 1/4" each side of center, giving a very smooth positive turn without wobbly flight tendencies of a more sensitive model. For first flights, use short engine runs with a low power setting. The model is amazingly slow and realistic in flight. As a result, it is quite easy to fly.

The Corben Super Ace is constructed in much the same manner. It has 1/32" basic fuselage sides and bottom with soft block

balsa hollowed out for the entire fuselage top and cowlings. The tail surfaces are also cut from light 1/16" sheet. However, the wing has a built-up construction to keep the weight down. My model has a span of 19.5" with a chord of 3.3". It is scaled from a drawing in a Sept., 1956 Model Airplane News, and is 1.5 times as large as the magazine plan. The method of scaling up the drawing is quite simple. You could also build one directly from Bud Atkinson's model in the June 1967 American Modeler.

Using the machinist's ruler, the necessary dimensions are taken from the plan and multiplied by 1.5. The only necessary drawing is a basic wing framework drawing. Most of the parts can be laid out on the balsawood. The engine thrust-line angles are seven degrees and zero degrees from the airplane centerline that intersects at the propeller location, and then move back 1.4" to locate the firewall.

I fastened the firewall to the bottom nose block which is glued securely to the main fuselage. The top half of the nose block is a removable cowlings lightly cemented in place. To gain access to the engine mounting, simply cut the cowlings free with a thin razor blade. I give the entire inside of my cowlings a coat of thin epoxy glue which very effectively fuel-proofs against oil soaking. The radio access hatch is on the bottom because of the unusual shape of the fuselage top. Again, lightly glue the hatch in place and cut free with a razor blade when necessary.

The wing has 1/32" ribs with a 1/8" sq. leading edge and 1/8 x 1/4" spar. The trailing edge is 1/8 x 1/2" triangle stock. The wing should have about four degrees dihedral in each side, and is covered with fine white tissue, along with the rest of the model. A few coats of clear dope should give a nice base for spraying on a color finish. The pigmented dope must be applied as lightly as possible to prevent excessive weight. My



Corben has silver wings and stab, with a red fuselage and fin.

The wheels are lightweight wooden ones painted for realism. Rubber wheels would be far too heavy. My Corben balances at 30% of the chord and weighs 2.6 ozs. This gives a very gentle performance. The rudder should be set to move about  $\frac{3}{16}$ " each side of center. This gives ample turn. Again, glide the model into soft grass and bend the elevators until the glide is nice and flat. Due to the monoplane efficiency, this model will have a very flat, reaching glide and requires very little power to fly in a realistic manner. Be especially cautious on test flights not to set the engine for too much power because the speed really builds up in a dive.

I have all kinds of ideas for the future. For instance, how about a tiny low-wing WWII fighter scooting realistically about the sky? Grabs you, doesn't it?

**Editor's Note:** Mini-Scale models for rudder-only light-weight gear which can be built from plans as printed in recent American Aircraft Modelers are listed as follows. Use the same techniques as Dave Robelen has outlined for the Sperry Messenger and Corben Super Ace. Stits Flut-R-Bug May '67, Mooney Mark 21 May '68, Porterfield June '68, JN4D Jenny Sept. '68, Stits Play-boy Oct. '68, Junkers D-1 Nov. '68, and Piel Emeraude April '69.

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volt one for a total of 18 volts.

The motor used is the Mabuchi FT-36D, marketed by Revell, Cox, and others under various trade names. Use the photos and drawings as a guide for choosing the correct motor. Other motors have flown in different models, ranging from the tiny-size Mabuchi to the big Tradeship and MPC Dyno-Chargers.

Since the Voltswagon was built many much more advanced types of high-torque motors have become available. With some of the newest slot-car racing motors an armature rpm of over 70,000 is not uncommon. Torque is tremendous and current consumption high. Again, use of low-pitched small-diameter props will let the motor turn up efficiently. Or you might try some simple gearing arrangement, so that the propeller turns at only 15,000 rpm while the motor is turning at 30,000 rpm. Be sure to have adequate cooling available since more power means more heat. With gearing, more pitch and/or diameter can be used.

Having secured your motor, power-pack, and materials, start construction of the pylon. A first-class approach will pay dividends. (This might also be an excellent club project.) The most exacting portions of the pylon are the head and brush holder; study the drawings and photographs carefully. The head consists of inner and outer slip-rings made from  $\frac{1}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " brass tubes. Cut the outer ring  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long and solder into a hole in a sheet-metal bracket. Cut the inner ring one in. long and solder a small wire lug around the lower end. Insulate the inner ring with a paper or fiber disk just above the lug. Wrap it with Scotch Tape until it is a snug fit in the

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outer ring. Fit the two rings together and cut off any excess tape. Lightly sand both rings to get them clean and bright.

The prototype brush-holder was sawed, drilled and filed from  $\frac{3}{8}$ "-thick Plexiglass. Other insulating materials should work as well. Drill a hole for the smallest slip-ring first, then the larger one, letting the smaller hole guide the drill. Depth is not too critical on the larger hole. You will probably find that some scraping or sanding inside the holes is needed to obtain a free running fit on the pylon head. File the grooves for the brushes to intersect the slip-ring holes. Drill  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-dia. holes for mounting brushes in the grooves. Make the brushes from  $\frac{1}{32}$ "-thick brass. Make sure they are smooth, bright and free from rough edges. Assemble the brushes to the brush-holders with 4-40 screws and double nuts. Fit to the pylon head. Bend, twist and file as needed

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To make the pylon structure, fasten a sturdy 2'-long wooden post to a piece of plywood at least 15" square. This joint takes a beating so use strong glue and at least two husky screws. You may wish to equip it with guy wires if doubtful about the integrity of the joint. Mount the head on the upper end of the post with screws. Finish off by connecting about ten feet of lamp cord or other two-conductor insulated wire to the pylon head. Solder or crimp one lead to the lug on the inner slip-ring. Connect the other to one of the pylon head mounting screws. Tape or tie the wire close to the post.

Install a small screw-eye in the base very close to the bottom of the post directly below the pylon head. Use light nylon, dacron or linen cord for the elevator control line, feeding it through the pylon head and the screw-eye with a swivel installed in between. At the pilot's end of the string, pass it through a small hole in the end of a piece of hard cardboard or sheet plastic about 3 x 6". An eyelet in this hole will reduce friction. This is used to keep the line close to the floor, and prevents accidental "carrier landings." Then tie a ring or bar to the end for a hand-grip. A small wire hook tied to the upper end of the string serves as an attachment to the airplane.

Obtain a length of light double-conductor stranded wire. Number 24 speaker cable is suitable. Cut to the length needed for the airplane leads. Five feet is suggested. Three feet can be used and as much as 12 feet is possible. Split and strip the ends and attach small wire lugs. Make sure the lugs grip the insulations as well as the conductors or the wires will soon fatigue and break. Hook up one end of the wire to the screws that hold the brushes.

Construction of the airplane is straightforward with only a few points worthy of special mention. The propeller mounting is one. The recommended method is to use a brass No. 10 machine screw drilled through the center as an adapter. Solder it to the motor shaft. This drilling is easily accomplished with a metal lathe, but is nearly impossible otherwise. Any small machine shop should be able to drill out a screw at little or no cost. A good prop to use is a 5 1/4 diameter by 4 pitch Topflite, drilled to fit, and clipped to 4 5/8 inch diameter to avoid a motor overload.

The spinner can be made from a balsa block, using your motor as a lathe for finish sanding. Force the adapter screw into a hole in the rough-carved spinner and sand with very light pressure. Blow sanding dust out of the motor frequently to prevent overheating. Cut a cavity to fit the prop hub and notches for the blades. To mount the spinner dead true, cut an accurate disk from fiber or light cardboard with a hole in the center fitting the No. 10 screw. Fit this behind the propeller and cement the spinner to it.

Make the "engine room" by tracing off and cutting out a pair of doublers, a firewall and a shelf from 1/8" hard balsa. Don't skimp on the holes in the shelf and firewall. These motors release a lot of heat, and need every bit of cooling air they can get. As-

semble these parts as shown on the drawing. Add cross blocks to the shelf, notching them to fit the front and back ends of your motor. Fit wire hooks fore and aft for a rubber-band motor hold-down.

Make the fuselage sides from medium 1/16 sheet balsa and cement to the motor mount assembly. Add formers, then sheet in the underside from the tail to the wing trailing-edge position. Make sure the two side planks do not come quite together at the rear. A 1/4" gap is about right. Cover the upper portion of the fuselage with 1/32 sheet. Make an engine hatch with two 1/8 sheet formers, and 1/32 sheet covering. Hinge the hatch to the fuselage with a bit of Silkspar. Make sure the hinge is on the left side of the airplane so that centrifugal force will hold it closed. Form the landing gear strut from 3/64 music wire and mount on the firewall. Finish off the fuselage by fitting a 1/4"-thick block to the underside of the cowl, whittling and sanding to shape. Go over the completed fuselage with sandpaper and dope, then cover with tissue. Carefully cut the engine hatch open. A tail wheel (from a plastic model) adds a nice touch.

Cut the tail surfaces from 1/16 sheet. Form a control horn over the drawing. A paper clip works fine. Cement the control horn to a notch in the elevator. Hinge the elevator to the stabilizer. A spanwise strip of Silkspar on the top only serves this function since the elevator will be pulled up only, not down. Affix a hook to the bottom of the stabilizer and fit a very light spring or rubber band between the hook and the lower loop of the control horn. Use some of the same cord you used on the pylon for the elevator control-line. Route the control-line from the control horn through a hole into the fuselage, through a wire loop fastened to former F-1, and out through the hole in the left side of the fuselage over the wing. Alternatively, the line can be run outside the fuselage.

Wings are of standard construction using 1/16 ribs, 1/4 sq. leading edge, 1/8 x 1/4 spar, 1/2" trailing edge stock, and 1/8 sheet tip bows. Run some of the speaker wire from center to tip of the left wing through notches in the ribs. Solder paper-clip wire terminals, formed as shown on the drawings, to the tip end of the wire. These should snap into the lugs on the electric line, and firmly grip the lugs tightly for safety and conductivity. Cement these solidly to the tip bow.

The wing may be built flat in one piece if desired. However, the dihedral shown looks good in flight and minimizes chances of bashing a wing tip. Splice the wing wires to the motor leads within the fuselage, taping at least one of the splices. Add a small wire line guide to the last rib of the left wing after covering.

Finish off your Voltswagon with 1/4" wheels, a pilot carved from foam plastic or balsa, and a windshield. The original was covered with white Jap tissue, with blue tissue trim on the upper fuselage, blue tissue lettering and red dope trim on wings, fuselage, sides and fin. The model should balance somewhere between the leading edge and the spar for smoothest performance.

Hook up power-pack and throttle control as shown on the diagram; hook up wires and control cord to the plane. Tape the card at the end of the cord to the floor outside the flying circle. Try a bit of power to see if the prop rotates correctly. Don't forget to weight down the pylon with at least ten pounds. There half-gallon bleach bottles filled with water will do. Don't forget to walk the plane around the circle to check for obstacles. If no amount of juggling of the pylon lines will leave you a clear flying area, you can shorten the flying



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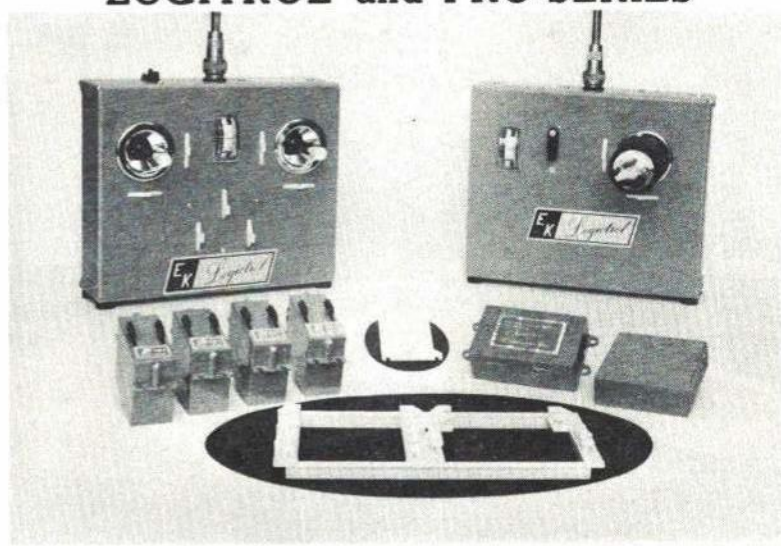
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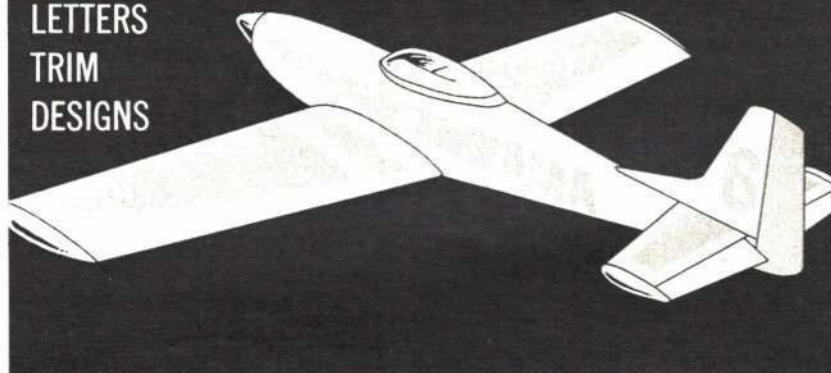
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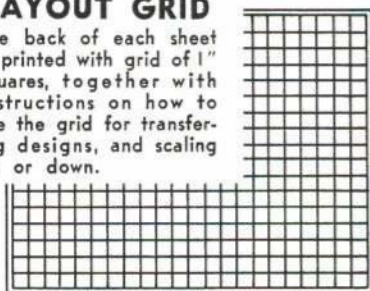


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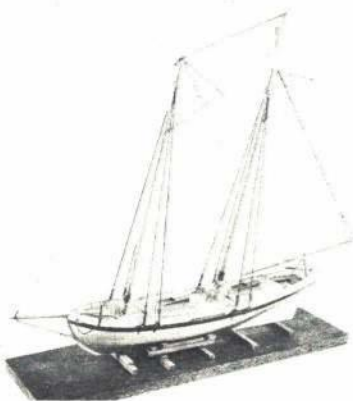
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radius by knotting the power line shorter.

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Most of the time you should fly with no elevator control applied. Light, quick pulls and releases of the control line can be used to level the flight path. For your first few flights, strive to master the art of level flight. When this has been accomplished, try a fully stalled flight; ease power up to full, simultaneously easing up to full elevator. You will be treated to the spectacle of a slow, stately nose-up flight. To recover, ease off throttle while holding elevator, and land the plane; or ease off on the elevator while holding full throttle to return to level flight.

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## Plane and Space

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Dr. Paul E. Garber, U.S. aviation historian for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air & Space Museum, served as chief judge this year as he has for numerous shows in the past.

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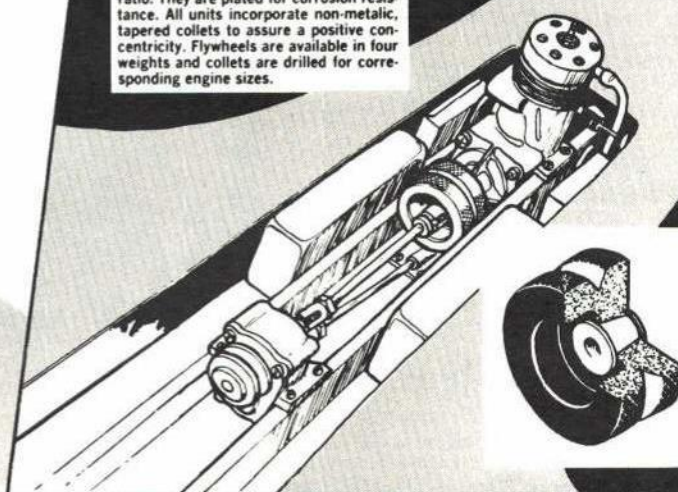
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## R/C Editorial

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deep scratches or cracks). If the prop maker says to boil your props, do it — though we still emphatically agree with the above club paper editor's comments on this matter. Maybe we should all wear hard hats and safety goggles in the pit area!

We believe the AMA has been collecting authenticated reports of broken prop incidents (if you have details of any, send them in to headquarters). In view of the seriousness of the situation it seems this material should be made available to the manufacturers as soon as possible — and also to the consumers who, after all, are the ones most likely to be clobbered by a broken prop blade!

From Top Flite Models, Inc.

First, I want to thank you for letting us read McEntee's editorial before it goes to press. I doubt that all publishers would do this for a manufacturer in order to at least let him know what is going to be said and to offer the opportunity to correct any comments or add information that can be of benefit to the consumer.

This Nylon propeller problem is not a new one and we, as leaders in this field, are very much aware of this and have been working

on it for several years. The matter involves not only the boiling of props to put moisture back into them, or the cold weather which does make them more brittle, but also that a big contributor to the problem is vibration and centrifugal forces that work on a propeller. The one thing that makes Nylon almost ideal for a propeller, so that it will last for many flights, is its flexibility on landings; and yet this is the one thing that works against it. This flexing takes place when the engine is running and the airplane is flying and, together with centrifugal force, causes stresses. In some cases blades will be thrown.

We have been working with many other materials, such as fiber-filled Nylon, Lexon, Delrin, and many others, but none has been successful. However, we have not given up on this problem. Our aim is to make a propeller that is strong enough to withstand rough landings, light in weight to reduce centrifugal force and rigid enough to prevent vibration that causes stress cracks.

The only material, thus far, that is satisfactory in all these requirements is wood, with one exception, and that one exception is on bad landings. But isn't it much safer to break a prop on a bad landing than to lose an airplane, or more seriously, an eye because of the blades flying off? Wood has the quality of being rigid, can withstand a tremendous amount of vibration without fatigue, and the tensile strength to withstand the centrifugal forces induced in a propeller.

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- Aug. 2-3 — Tacoma, Wash. (AAA) Jim Walker Memorial FF Meet. Site: Hart's Lake Prairie, J. Shafer CD, 5720 122nd Ave. S.E., Bellevue, Wash. 98004.
- Aug. 2-3 — Winchester, Tenn. (AAA) Tenn. State Championship Meet for FF CL & RC. Site: Airport, L. Webster CD, 1000 Sycamore, Manchester, Tenn. 37355.
- Aug. 3 — Bong Field, Wis. 1971 FAI FF Qualifying Trials. P. Sotich CD, 3851 W. 62nd Pl., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Sponsor: Illinois Model Aero Club & Chicago Aeroclubs.
- Aug. 3 — Sharon, Pa. (AA) Skylarks 3rd RC Jamboree. Site: Club Field, G. Ehnert CD, 1077 March St., Sharon, Pa. 16146. Sponsor: Skylarks.
- Aug. 3 — Alton, Ill. (AA) Illinois Metro-East Model Airplane CL Contest. Site: Civic Memorial Airport, J. Blum CD, 2417 Glen Pl., Granite City, Ill. 62040. Sponsor: Tri City Sky Steelers & Alton Area Thunder Bolts.
- Aug. 3 — Denver, Colo. FAI FF Qualifying Trials. Site: E. Colfax Air Park, E. Collins CD, 4318 E. Utah Pl., Denver, Colo. 80222. Sponsor: Magnificent Mountain Men.
- Aug. 3 — Wichita, Kans. Wichihawks Flying Circus. Site: Wichita Modelers Council Field, J. Finley CD,

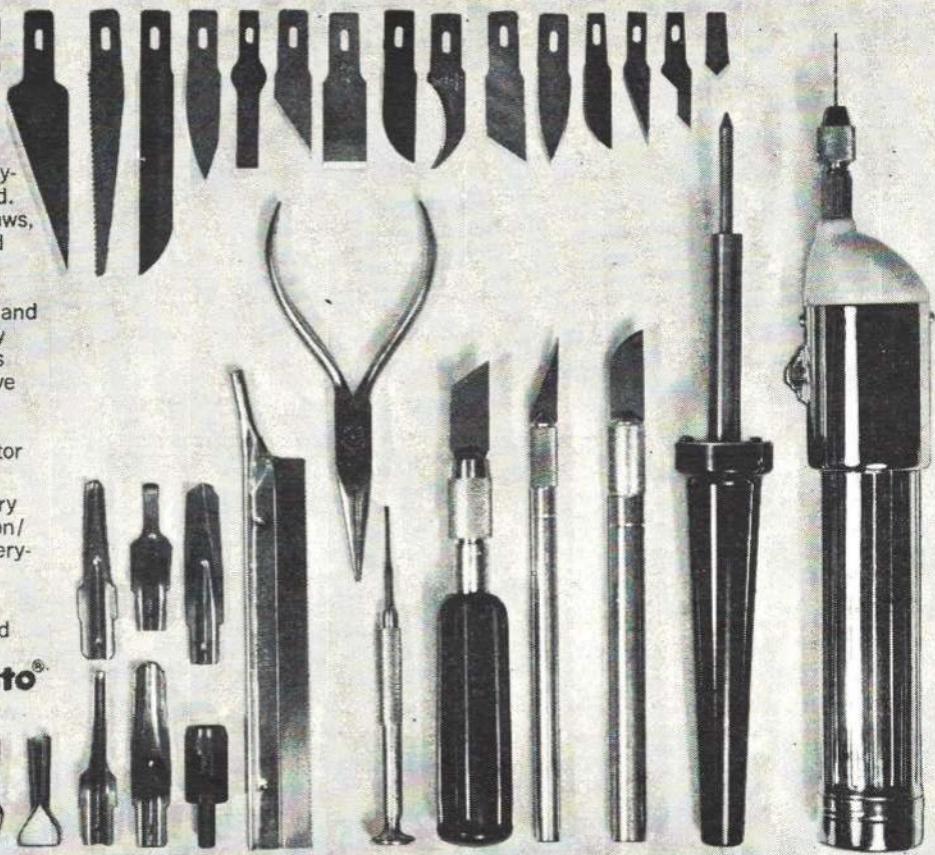


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Aug. 3 — **New Bedford, Mass.** (AA) 1969 Classic for CL. Spec. Jr. Event. Site: Airport. L. Gadamski CD, 166 Richmond St., New Bedford, Mass. 02740. Sponsor: **New Bedford MAC.**

Aug. 3 — **Grand Junction, Colo.** (AA) 2nd Annual CL Contest. Site: Lincoln Park. G. Kirkham CD, 258 Hill Ave., Grand Junction, Colo. 81501. Sponsor: **Grand Junction Modelers.**

Aug. 9-10 — **Jacksonville, Fla.** (AA) Jacksonville RC Meet. Site: Herlong Airport. H. Pierce Jr. CD, 208 W. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32202. Sponsor: **Jacksonville RC Club.**

Aug. 9-10 — **East Granby, Conn.** (AA) New England RC Championships. Site: NCRCC Field. A. Bachand CD, 33 Carver Rd., Framingham, Mass. 01706.

Aug. 9-10 — **Freeland, Mich.** (AA) Saginaw Valley RC Annual. Site: 2240 Lone Rd. G. Gill CD, 2020 Lone Rd., Freeland, Mich. 48623. Sponsor: **Saginaw Valley RC Club.**

Aug. 10 — **Lancaster, Ohio** FORKS RC Fun Fly. Site: Whitley Road S.W. J. Slater CD, Box 489, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Sponsor: **Fairfield Ohio Radio Control Society Inc.**

Aug. 10 — **Cincinnati, Ohio** (AA) Tri-State Combat CL Championships. Site: Lunken Airport. D. Patton CD, 2493 Downing Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45208. Sponsor: **Exterminator Combat Team.**

Aug. 10 — **Sioux Falls, S.D.** (AA) Sioux Empire Model Airplane Championships CL Meet. Site: Fair Grounds. J. Donovan CD, 1409 Thompson Dr., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105. Sponsor: **Flying Eagles Model Club.**

Aug. 10 — **Hempstead, N.Y.** (AA) LIAMAC Annual Invitational CL Contest. Site: Mitchell Field. W. Dunwoody CD, 985 Ft. Salonga Rd., Northport, N.Y. 11768.

Aug. 10 — **Denver, Colo.** (A) MMM Monthly Outdoor FF Meet. Site: Prop Busters' Field. A. White CD, 1373 Bellaire, Denver, Colo. 80220. Sponsor: **Magnificent Mountain Men.**

Aug. 10 — **Hastings, Minn.** (AA) Mpls. Annual Silent FF Meet. Spec. RC Event. Site: Webers Airport. H. Langevin CD, 4854 Aldrich Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55419. Sponsor: **Minneapolis MAC.**

Aug. 10 — **Cleveland, Ohio** (AA) Jr. Air Races for FF. Site: City Field. R. Klueber CD, 2021 Lakeland, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Sponsor: **NOFFA.**

Aug. 16-17 — **Converse, Ind.** (AA) 2nd Annual Converse RC Fly Club Meet. Site: Airport. W. Hutchins CD, 122 N. Munson, Portland, Ind. 47371. Sponsor: **Converse RC Flying Club.**

Aug. 16-17 — **Marietta, Ga.** (AA) Marietta Annual RC Meet. Site: Cobb Co. RC Field. L. Johnston CD,

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Aug. 16-17 — **Omaha, Nebr.** (AA) 15th Annual Omaha Hawks RC Contest. Site: Club RC Flying Site. R. Hess CD, 11720 Cedar St., Omaha, Nebr. 68144.

Aug. 16-17 — **Shakopee, Minn.** (AA) 13th Annual TCRC Meet. Site: TCRC Field. J. Duncan CD, 3835 Tonkawood Rd., Minnetonka, Minn. 55343.

Aug. 16-17 — **So. El Monte, Calif.** (AA) Contest for RC. Site: Whittier Narrows. J. Garabedian CD, 909 N. 3rd St., Montebello, Calif. 90640. Sponsor: **San Gabriel Valley RC.**

Aug. 16-17 — **Odessa, Tex.** (AAA) Odessa-Midland 13th Annual FF Contest. Site: Ector Airport. L. Hood CD, P. O. Box 6622, Odessa, Tex. 79760. Sponsor: **Prop Busters of Odessa.**

Aug. 16-17 — **Endicott, N.Y.** (AA) 14th Annual Aeroguidance Society RC Contest. Site: Tri-Cities Airport. R. Noll CD, 96 Pine Knoll Rd., Endicott, N.Y. 13760. Sponsor: **Aeroguidance Society, Inc.**

Aug. 16-17 — **Baton Rouge, La.** (AA) Baton Rouge RC Club 8th Annual RC Meet. Site: Klempeter Field. L. Boutwell CD, 1739 Oak St., Baton Rouge, La. 70815.

Aug. 17 — **Oklahoma City, Okla.** (AA) Central Okla. CL Championships. Site: Topping Park, 5300 N. Bdw Ext. M. McGee CD, 1805 N. Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107. Sponsor: **Oklahoma City Controliners.**

Aug. 17 — **Flushing Meadow Park, N.Y.** (AAA) Assoc. of MAC of Greater N.Y. CL Meet. Site: Model Airfield. W. Boss CD, 145-24 223rd St., Laurelton, N.Y. 11413.

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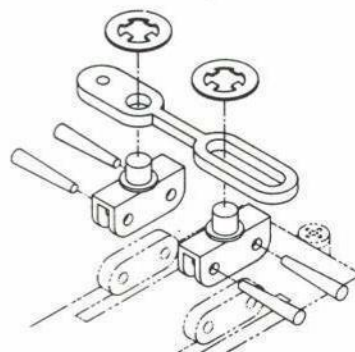
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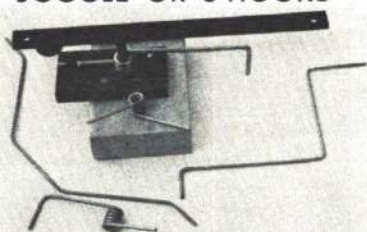
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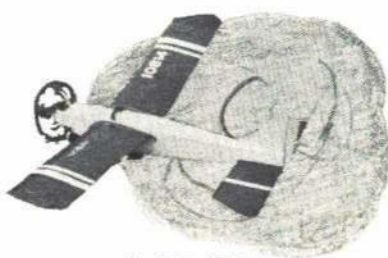
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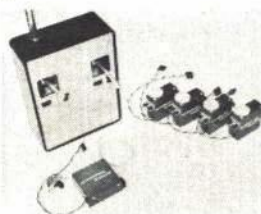
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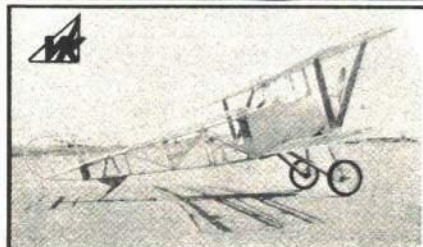
the wingtips. Make four U-hooks, push into the rib at the proper location, and glue. Apply a light water-spray to all covered parts, let dry. The covering should shrink to a tight, smooth surface. Apply two coats of clear dope to entire model. Take off any fuzziness or sharp edges with very fine sandpaper.

**Details:** Bend the tail skid to shape, push into fuselage frame, and glue. A triangular piece of bond paper is folded over the front landing gear wire, and edges glued to the rear l.g. wire to make a cover. Use  $\frac{1}{16}$  rubber cord and tie in place to simulate the shock struts; use rolled paper for shock covers.

Make two dummy engine cylinders from balsa, simulate cooling fins with  $\frac{1}{32}$  aluminum wire glued to the cylinders. Glue cylinders in place on the lower cowl block, add pieces of  $\frac{3}{32}$  aluminum wire for the intake and exhaust pipes. The wing struts are made on the plan, but leave the jury struts until they can be cut and fitted while the struts are in place on the model. Solder washers on the ends of the l.g. axles to hold on the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wheels (Trexler #1 airwheels look great).

Paint the cabin interior Cub Yellow, add an instrument panel and pilot if you wish (1" scale), then cut out the celluloid windshield and windows, fit, and glue in place. Make a fuel gage from a balsa washer and a pin. Pass a monofilament line through pinholes in the tail, and glue to fuselage bottom to simulate the tail brace wire. One detail that is often overlooked, is to paint up a prop to simulate the full-scale one.

**Finishing:** The author's model was painted Cub Yellow with Curtiss Blue trim; but,



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since Cubs have been painted and repainted over the years, almost any color would do. Possibilities are: Cub Orange with Black trim, White with Blue trim, or Cream with Red trim. Give the model three coats of dope in the finish colors.

Decals can be used for wing and rudder numerals (and for trim stripe and detail lines), but a neat job of painting them on makes the model more authentic. Wing numerals can be Black or trim color, rudder numerals White or background color, while the Cub insignia is Yellow. Engine cylinders are Black, as are aileron, rudder, elevator, and detail lines. Paint on cabin roof window on the wing with Sky Blue dope. Wheel hubs are Aluminum. Protect the decals and celluloid with a coat or two of fuel-proof clear dope.

**Flying:** The model must balance at the point shown on the plan. If not, add weight to nose or tail (glue lead buckshot inside cowl, or inside fuselage above tailskid until balanced). The wing, stabilizer, and rudder must be without noticeable warps, and must be aligned in accordance with the plan. Warps can be easily corrected by holding the warped part in the jet of steam from a boiling kettle for a few seconds until pliable, then twisting to the correct position until cool. Repeat if necessary.

Remove the wing struts while test flying; they are not necessary for flight and are difficult to repair. On a calm or near-calm day, test glide your model over long grass to cushion the landing. Hand-launch it into whatever breeze there is on a slightly downward path to a point about 25 feet in front of you. If the model stalls, bend the rear of the stabilizer surfaces down  $\frac{1}{16}$ " and try again. If a dive results, bend up slightly. Or the model may just slow down slightly, then drop off to one side—check for wing warp and correct it.

In order to keep your model in the ballpark, both glide and power flight need a turn adjustment to make it circle. With the rear of the rudder bent  $\frac{1}{16}$ " to the left, the author's model flew in 100'-diameter circles to the left while under power, and larger circles to the left while gliding. Once the glide is satisfactory, and you have run the engine enough to be familiar with its operation—with the engine running smoothly and about 15 seconds of fuel remaining—hand-launch the model on a level flight path into the breeze.

A Top Flite  $5\frac{1}{4} \times 3$  prop was used for flying. The model should have a gradual climb with a circle to the left. Down-thrust is built into the model to compensate for the speed/lift variation between powered flight and gliding, but it may be necessary to add more down-thrust if your model power stalls, or goes into a series of mild power stalls. If the model turns or banks too sharply to the left, correct by pointing the engine slightly to the right. These adjustments are easily accomplished by inserting washers between the engine and the firewall at the proper corners. Generally speaking, adjustments to the power-on flight should be made by working with the engine thrust-line setting, thus leaving the glide adjustments undisturbed.

The Cub is meant for flying, so experiment with the flight adjustments until your model performs well. Takeoffs and landings are realistic from flat surfaces. One word of caution: limit the amount of fuel in the tank or be prepared for some hiking. Questions or comments should be directed to me: Box 132, Newfane, Vermont 05345.

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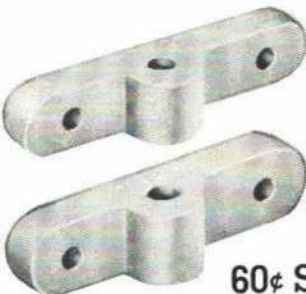
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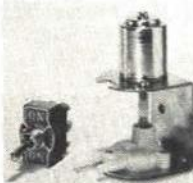
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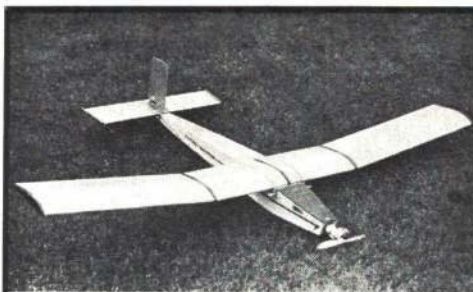
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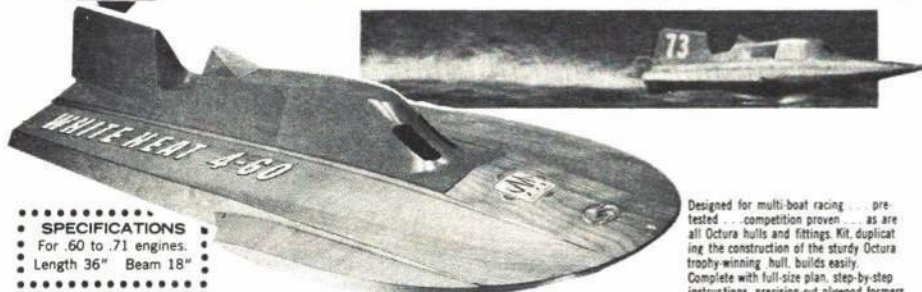
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## Air Camper

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Over the years, Pietenpol has found little need to make significant changes in his original design. He did come out with a slightly improved version in 1933. This retained the Ford engine but picked up a few minor refinements. Where the original used a cross-axle landing gear with wooden struts, surplus WW-I wire wheels, and rubber shock-cord holding the axle to the spreader bars, the 1933 model used a steel-tube divided-axle gear with air wheels in a pattern very similar to that used on the contemporary Taylor Cub. Some of the forward fuselage structural members were altered to give the rear-seat pilot more leg room, and the aileron cables were put inside the wing. Except for a lengthening of the rear fuselage and the use of an actual Piper Cub (changed from Taylor in 1937) landing gear, his current model is not different.

The Air Camper used to illustrate this article, and the subject of a special supplementary view in Bob Parks' drawings, has a rather unique history. It enjoys the distinction of being simultaneously a genuine 1930-vintage antique and a brand-new 1968 airplane. It was built in 1932 or 1933 from the Modern Mechanics plans by Ray Taro and a friend in Everett, Wash. The partnership soon broke up and the plane was hung in the rafters of Taro's foundry in Everett. Pete Bowers heard of it in 1956, long after Taro had died and the plane had deteriorated to a basket case. The shop was scheduled to be torn down soon, so after some fast legwork Pete was able to obtain the Air Camper from the Taro estate. It was almost complete, lacking only some engine parts, the cowling, wing struts, and instruments. The 750 x 125 mm WW-I clincher wheels were with it, but the old tires were useless.

Pete moved the old bird to his place, but only dabbled at working on it over succeeding years. A good friend, Ed Rudolph, undertook the job of replacing every piece of plywood in the fuselage; the original solid parts were all good but the plywood had deteriorated. One major change was made at this time; Pete cut the one-piece wing in two to simplify the storage problem and anticipated future ground transportation problems (incidentally, this is a popular and very practical modification on many of the latter-day Air Campers).

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

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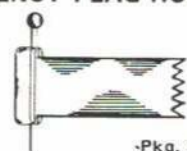


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Since the airplane had never been legal and its original identity had been lost, there was little point in registering it as a restored old-timer. Enough new parts had been built for the FAA to license it as a new amateur-built, and paperwork was issued to this effect. However, it actually was a restored antique with more original parts in it than many current restorations that are virtually new airplanes assembled around old nameplates, and Pete wanted it recognized as an antique rather than a homebuilt. Even though it was actually both, experience in taking other amateur designs of equivalent age to combined antique-homebuilt Fly-ins showed that, even when the plane was older than most factory-built antiques on the field, it was inevitably classed as a homebuilt and judged as such. To get judges and spectators started in the right direction, he had "1930 Pietenpol — restored 1968" painted on each side of the fin. This was supplemented by a short history typed up and installed under plastic in the front cockpit. This approach worked, and Pete's Pietenpol took first place in the class for "Golden Age Monoplanes — 1919-1934," at its first public appearance, the 1968 Merced Fly-in. It made the 1000 road-miles from Seattle on a trailer, and since it didn't have the area limitations removed because of too few flight hours, it needed special FAA permission to make flights outside its home area.

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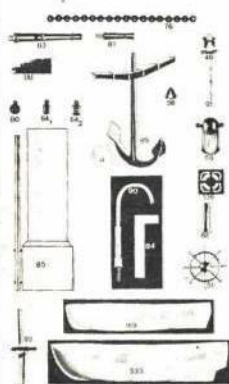
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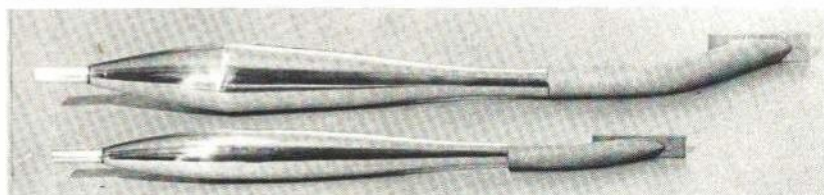
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## You Said It

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makes it stand head and shoulders above anything else.

May I tell your readers about my project? The Boys Club of Denver let me borrow seven boys and a room on Saturday afternoons. None of the boys has had any modeling experience but they are long on enthusiasm. Some have tired of the novelty and dropped out, but replacement isn't any trouble as we have a waiting list. And the kids help each other. The older (?) hands help the newcomers. I hope to expand the

class as we develop leaders and then some day become obsolete. Until then, if any of your readers in Denver would like to lend a hand, they are welcome to join the fun.

Just a few simple kits, glue, dope, brushes, pins, workboards, etc., and I spent \$40. The money was stretching thin when the Optimist Club of S.C. Denver donated \$100. This was great but it won't last forever.

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J. B. Neil, Denver, Colo.

#### Hates attacks on fellow modelers

As a junior, I agree wholeheartedly with your April '69 editorial, and I want your magazine to continue its moves in the direction of remedying the lack of rubber-powered scale plans in the major magazines today.

Your "Snork 93" article wasn't too edifying, but it was hilarious. I want to see more of this in AAM in future issues. We modelers are getting into the dangerous habit of taking ourselves too seriously. We need articles like that to remind us that this is essentially a fun sport and hobby, and should be treated as such.

I don't like the magazines being used by some people as convenient vehicles for airing a pet peeve, or for vicious personal attacks on fellow modelers.

I say "each man to his thing." So why don't those people who are always screaming about what's wrong with our hobby sit back and survey what's right with it. You're always going to have differences of opinion! But that's no reason for attacking another modeler's personality.

I may seem a bit heated, but what brings me to this is a very inflammatory personal attack on John Pond (a man whom I admire very much), which really made my helmet jump. This was in an issue of another magazine which appeared several months ago.

I say if a person wants to see an event added to the contest agenda, he should try it out locally to see if it catches on. Then he should go about making it part of the Nats. However, he shouldn't downgrade another event in an attempt to make himself and his pet project look big.

We should remember: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." And now it is more important than ever before that we stay unified, or work together, and work hard to improve our image in the mind of the average American. The very survival of our hobby depends on it. This is a fine sport, and we should do our best to live up to it.

Gerald Nelson, Canoga Park, Calif.

#### Some never heard of R/C

I think junior participation in our hobby is low because of the unawareness of most kids to what the sport is. About 90% of the kids in my school have never seen or heard about R/C. I think that if there was some way to let kids know about R/C and see what can be done with it, the number of juniors in our sport would greatly increase.

The problem of money is an obstacle to overcome, but with a little determination the money can be earned.

I am 15 and have a Micro-Avionics radio and am at present flying a Sterling F-51 Mustang with an Enya 60. I paid for my equipment with the money I earned from two paper routes and being a carpenter's aide. I believe this shows that it can be done.

Steve Ellison, Salem, Oreg.

#### Not born with silver spoon

First of all let me explain that I have a group of 15 boys working on a 4H project. The project is model building.

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I realize these ads are your bread and butter, but don't you owe something to your young readers?

Another problem: I recently went into a local hobby shop and bought one sheet of 3/32 x 3 x 36 balsa and two yards of silk. That same sheet of balsa last year sold for 36c and it is now 50c. A yard of silk last year was \$1.25 and now it is \$2. A popular engine two years ago sold for \$3.98 and last year \$4.98 and now \$5.98. A kit that sold for \$8.95 last year now sells for \$11.95.

All I can say to this is that if the manufacturers, distributors, and dealers want to cut a fat hog . . . that's O.K. with me, but with their current prices you can bet they aren't likely to get much business from the kids. And they are the ones who will do most of the buying in later years if they get interested in the hobby while they are young. And they aren't likely to get much repeat business from those of us who weren't born with a silver spoon in our mouth.

Of course you have printed the supplier propaganda, e.g., balsa is scarce, a disease is infesting the balsa crop, etc. Well, after seeing a price list of balsa and other supplies over in Europe in comparison with ours, I feel it is about time the modelers in the good old USA did a little boycotting.

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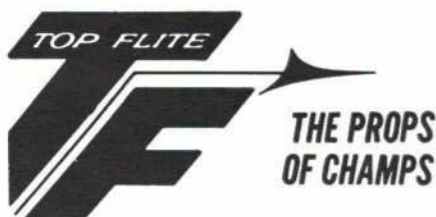
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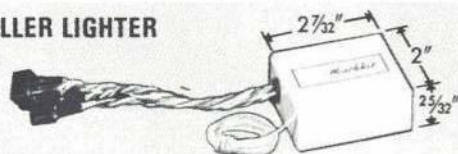


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