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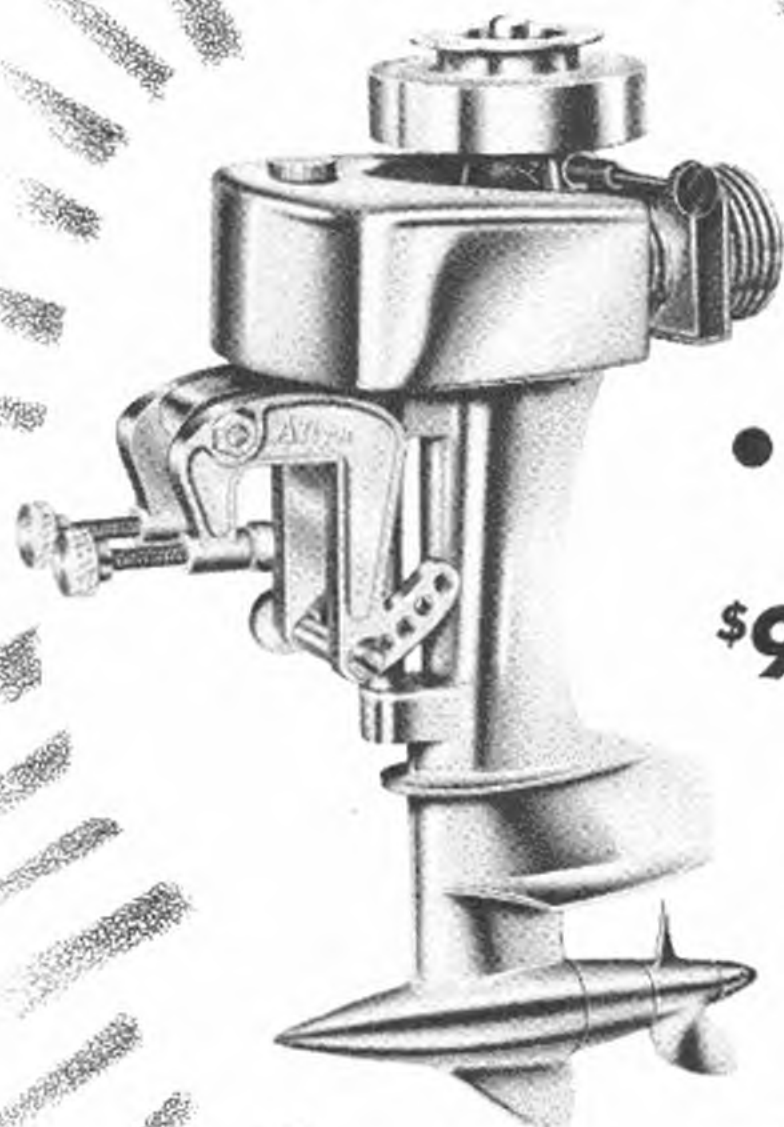
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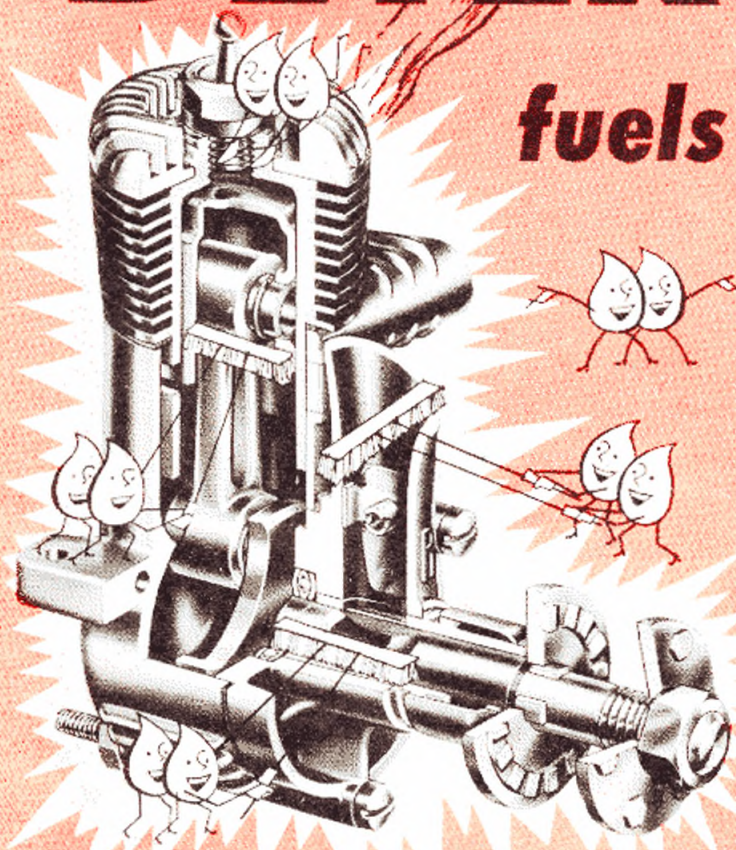
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MAN is 25 years old this issue. To our younger subscribers, a quarter century ago is as remote as the Ice Age. Many of them have not lived half that long (the irrelevant thought comes to mind that one 12-year-old wants to build a Quick Sixty for his new McCoy). To others, that first issue, in 1929, is only yesterday. For such a momentous occasion as a twenty-fifth birthday, one would expect that a few sky rockets be shot off or, at least, a Dynajet fired up in the hallway. But it seems to us that the younger readers will be sufficiently impressed by the event (the flying model hobby has existed since 1903 or thereabouts, coinciding with the flight of the Wrights, making MAN half as old as either modeling or aviation), and the many faithful readers of many years' standing will remember much without benefit of noisy comment. So, having directed your attention to the pictures and short commentary on

pages 9, 10 and 11, we'll get on with the business of the day.

The many people whose letters plead that MAN remain a model airplane magazine should be reassured. In the face of the heaviest correspondence in the history of the magazine, it would be suicide to consider any other course—not that a change in policy has never been seriously contemplated. There is this business of boats. More than half the readers who write in want boat material included. Since these folks are model plane fans primarily, it would seem proper to publish an occasional water project, but without detracting from model plane contents. The airplane-only people should not begrudge them this.

Talking with Dallas Sherman of Pan American about the experimental controlline PAA (Continued on page 6)



### PLANE ON THE COVER

The flashing McDonnell Demon and the ghostly Boeing F4B biplane fighter in background show how much aviation styles have changed during the 25 years that MAN has been appearing on the newsstands. One of the more imaginative of Jo Kotula's cover renderings, this now-and-then painting fittingly sets off MAN's 25th anniversary issue. The Boeing was a 30-foot job that did but 184 mph with a 500 hp engine. The 650 mph-plus Demon weighs more than a DC-3 transport, out-powers locomotive. It is one of the Navy's latest jet fighters.



### NEXT MONTH'S COVER

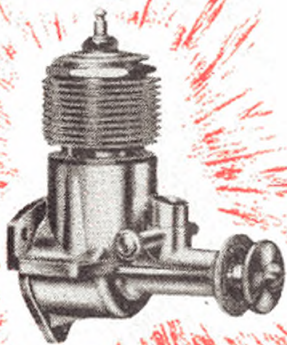
Another true great, the never-to-be-forgotten Curtiss JN-4D, or Jenny, enhances the September issue. Powered by the equally famous Curtiss OX 5 engine of 90 hp, more than 4,500 Jennies were made. A standard trainer of World War I, it afterward was a barnstormers' favorite. Kotula saw this scene as a boy in Texas.

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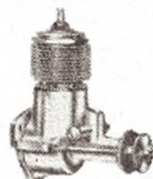
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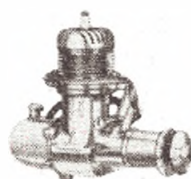
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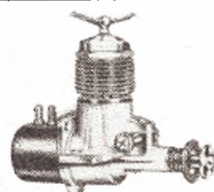
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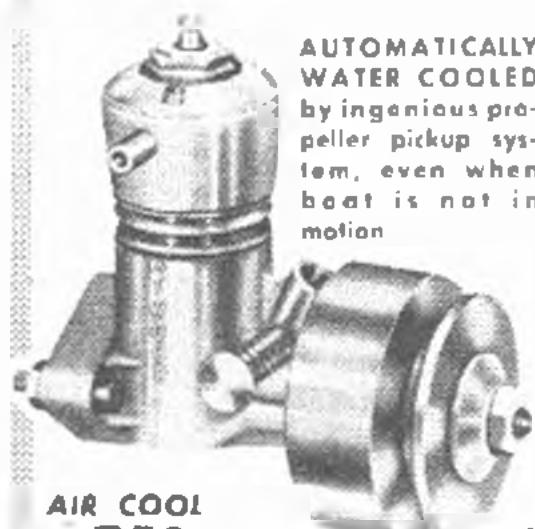






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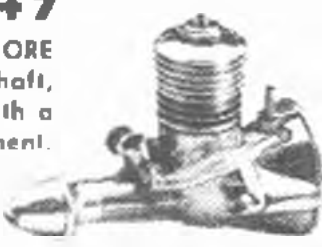
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MAN at Work

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Load event tried for the first time this year at the Mirror Meet, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y., May 15, the often fought-over AMA pull test rules came up. (Chris Schuck, New York, flew for one hour and 33 minutes, running a quart of fuel through his K & B .23). Pan Am had stipulated a 3-lb. load for every model. Schuck's answer was a non-such U-control that looked like an RC job in the wrong event. If a job like this weighed 3 lb. empty, plus 1 lb. for fuel, and 3 lb. for payload, it would gross 7 lb. The pull test calls for a load of 20 times the weight of the model, or 140 lb. No comment! This also reminds us of a blast from Tom Oliver, Beaumont, Tex., who does a slow burn every time he sees a speed job pull tested.

"Sure, I know it is necessary," says Tom, "but I think someone ought to come up with a solution to these ships that fly apart in mid-air. When a model is pull tested, the owner grips it with both hands around the fuselage. This will prove that the lines and controls will take the centrifugal force, but what about the parting of top and bottom in mid-air? Too many builders are tying top and bottom together with nothing more than a bicycle spoke through a balsa cowl with a tie-down bolt at the rear. This is definitely unsafe and should be outlawed.

"How about having a safety committee inspect all planes at the time of processing and rejecting all ships that are unsafe?" Oliver goes on. "In the case of top and bottom tie-downs, all systems are structurally unsound, would have to be wrapped with a safety wire before flight." Tom also mentions a single line jet that caused the timers to seek refuge behind their chairs.

It seems to us that something should also be done about the jet rules because an underwinged jet which dives toward the deck when traveling downwind is more susceptible to disintegration than any motor job because of the method of installation of the power unit. Put a crowd close by on the downwind side and you have something to think about.

Recently mentioned how one of the family taught himself to fly with a Guillow profile trainer. Until he was told that you used "up" to land, he was breaking all the props in the house. Since we are a bunch of bunglers in this family, the trial did prove that .19-powered (this happened to be one of good RC Torp .19's, alas and alack) all wood profile is a natural beginning point. With the same power, made a Sterling Ringmaster. Still uninstructed, our guinea pig (pardon, R) proved the transition was easy. His first attempt at upside down was wild. Having covered our eyes, did not see how he missed the ground, but he got away with it. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread, so, not being a ukie man, we don't hesitate to offer a theory on going inverted. Seems to us that in either U-control or radio it is a mistake to think in terms of left or right, or up and down, and what you must do to apply controls. Things happen too fast to do any reasoning—action must be instinctive. Have noted that many people get fouled up with a beep box—right becomes left when the ship is coming toward me and what do I do now? Have watched expert fliers, professional plane pilots, too, turn their backs on a tone job so that they make the stick coincide with the turn of the airplane. Similarly, it is torture to keep figuring, when flying a stunt job, that when I go upside down, up becomes down and vice versa. Why not simply fly the airplane? Down is down, always, and up is up. Give it down and the ship will always move in the direction of

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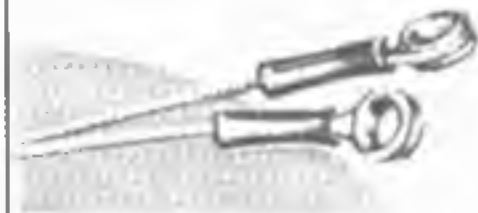
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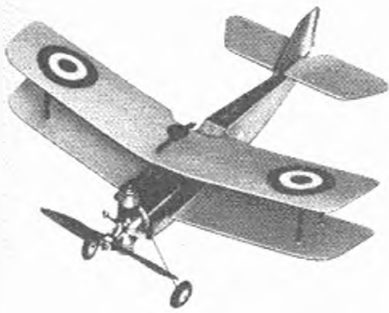
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▶ *Twin Mustang, North American F-82:* Made for engines of .035 to .074 displacement. Twin pre-carved fuselages, air-foil shaped wing, two plastic canopies, die-cut parts, metal cowlings. Flies one or two engines. Scientific Model Airplane Co., 113 Monroe St., Newark, N. J. Retail \$2.95.



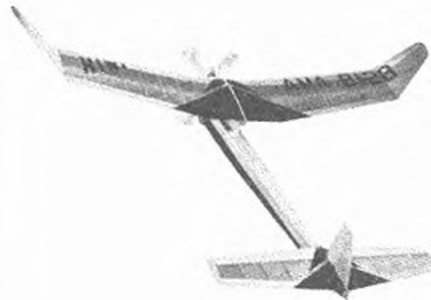
▶ *Plastic Balsa:* Fuelproof, easily workable plastic material for fillers, moulding, filling holes. Looks and feels like wood and can be sanded. Comes in tube (shown) at 30¢ for 1-1/2 oz., or in 4 and 8 oz. cans. Hardens quickly. Pactra Chemical Co., 1213 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

▶ *Sea Dart:* 16 in., 6-1/2 in. beam, racing outboard type for those hot new marine motors by Allyn and Atwood, is prefabricated from plastic. Kit complete with fin-



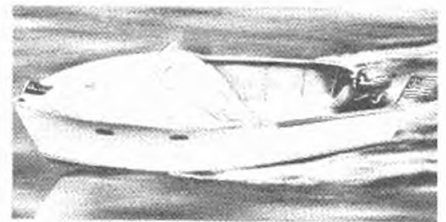
ished hull, plastic die-cut cockpit fairing and motor mounts. Decals, integral bridle mounts for round-the-pole racing. Also electric motors. Sterling Models, 153034 N. Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa. \$3.95.

▶ *Kiwi Free Flights:* Big News in world of free flight is purchase by Paul K. Guil- low, New Salem St., Wakefield, Mass., of K & B Mfg. Co.'s kit designs by Lew



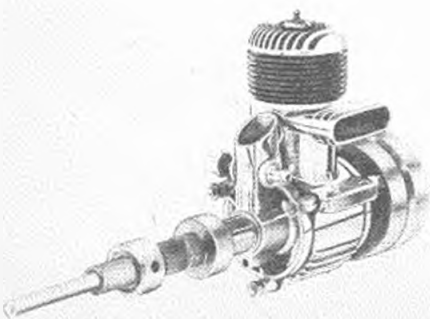
Mahieu. Kiwi 1/2-A, \$2.50; Kiwi A, \$4.50; Kiwi ABC (to be released later). Contest type free flights designed for maximum endurance. Die-cut parts, etc. Half-A 35 in., 200 sq. in. area; Kiwi A, 48, 375

▶ *Chris Craft 16 Outboard Cruiser:* By Berkeley Model Supplies, W. Hempstead, N. Y., 1 in. to foot scale. Hull, foredeck formed from vinyl plastic. Kit includes cast

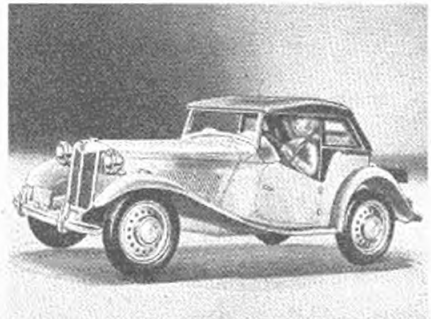


deck hardware, plastic cement. Electric type or any of the new gas engined outboards easily fitted. Real boat from which this kit is copied is Chris Craft's newest boat kit. Lightweight construction, model speedy.

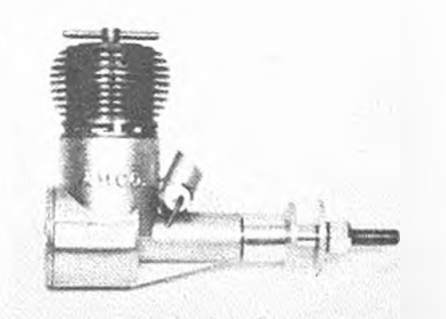
▶ *Cheminol's O & R Marine Engine .299:* Designed expressly for rugged demands of power boats. Wobble free front end heavy, dual counterweight crankshaft. Ball type thrust bearing, crankshaft equipped with roller bearings. Cheminol Corp., 9307 E. Bermudez St., Rivera, Calif. For \$14.95.



▶ *British MG 1953 Sports Car:* (Revell, Inc., 4223 Ocean Park Ave., Venice, Calif.) One of two models in foreign car series being added to Revell Highway Pioneers. Finished plastic model accurate in all details, including figure of driver. Other: Renault, French World War taxi, 69¢, 89¢.



▶ *Amco 3.5 Diesel:* Plain bearing version, imported from England by International Hobbies, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Near constant power between 9,000 and 13,000 rpm permits prop selection for controlline, free flight, radio. Weight is 3.75 ounces. US equivalent displacement is .2005. \$14.95.



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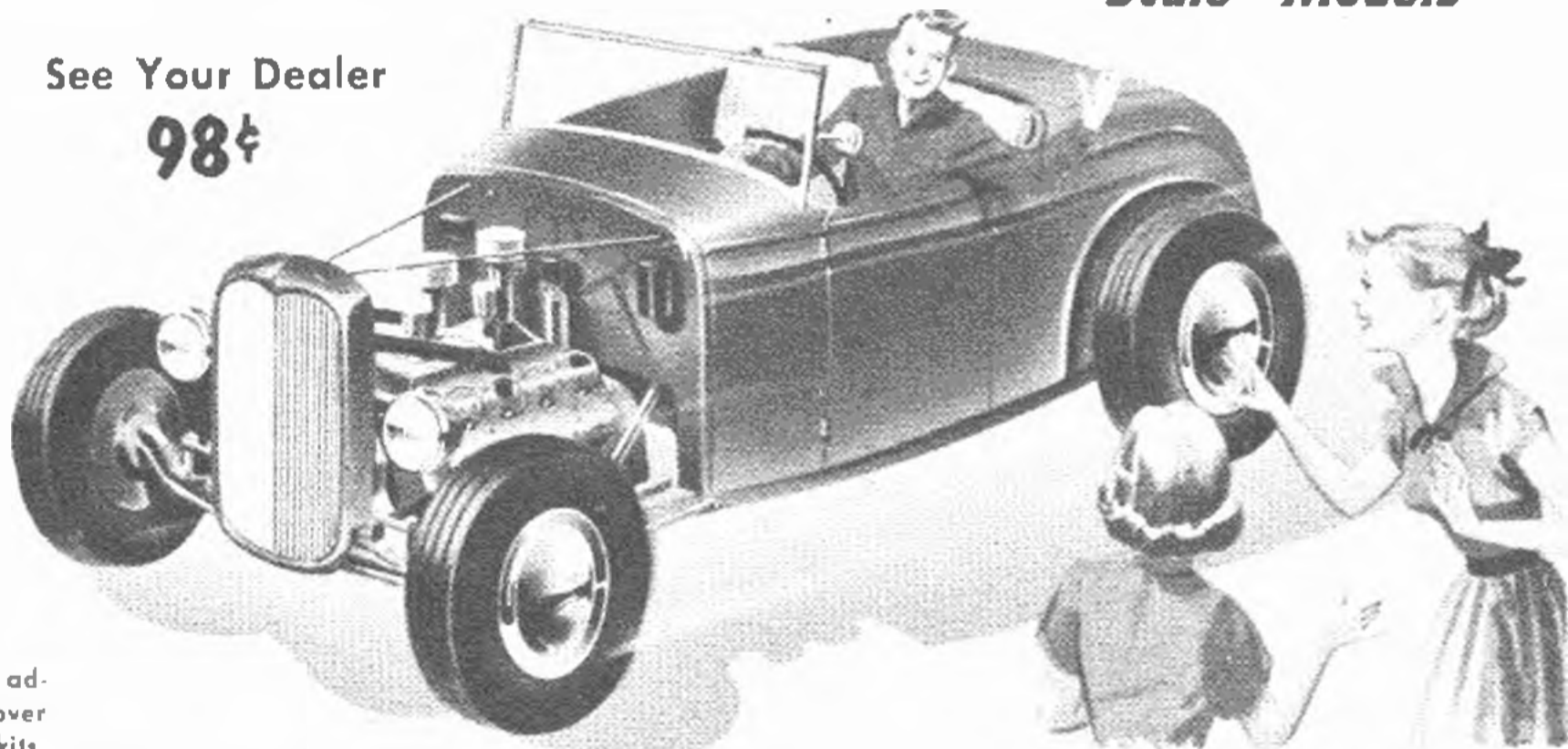
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**1929:** First issue of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS appeared during the 1929 Nationals, held in Detroit. Then owned by MacFadden. Written note really appears on copy in layout.

**H**ERBERT HOOVER was President, Babe Ruth was in his hey day, and the Great Depression (and that is ancient history) had not yet begun when Bernarr MacFadden, the famous publisher, decided that the nation's sprouting modeling movement needed a rallying place and put the first issue of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS on the stands in the summer of 1929.

And what of the model field? The twin pusher was king pin. Gas engines were undreamed of. Jo Kotula, who later would do 22 years of fine cover paintings for MAN—he is still going strong—had yet to make his mark. Charlie Grant, fiery, visionary editor of the thirties, was busy manufacturing ready-to-fly airplanes that have yet to be surpassed. Capt. Loftus Price was editor

—your present "old timer" editor (MAN's fifth) was a school boy. But, as always, there was a National Contest and there was MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS.

Plastic models? Prefabrication? Unheard of. Cleveland Model Products Co.'s super-detailed flying scale kits were the rage: there is nothing like them today. The Ideal Model Aeroplane & Supply Co. had kits that were a match for the best flying model kits of present day prefabrication. Price wars were raging. Solid model kits got down to two for a nickel. Some advertisers would sell you 16 strips of wood for a cent.

Within a few years, in the depth of the depression, MacFadden sold the MAN title to the present publishers. And in the years that followed, great

# 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1929-1954

After quarter century of continuous publication, MAN has a history that virtually is the history of model plane building. This collection of "birthday" covers is reproduced with humility and considerable awe. To the many faithful readers who have made MAN, thanks.

**1954:** Color cover photography and radio control models unheard of in 1929.





1930

Aviation education, pioneer feature.



1931

Junior mechanic idea found wanting.



1932

Stockton Ferris modeled Hawker Fury.



1933

MAN sponsors first modern Nationals.



1938

4,500 IGMA members given to the AMA.



1939

U.S. wins Wake.; Zipper, Ohlsson .23.



1940

Jim Walker shows U-control Fireball.



1941

Goldberg's Comet Zipper a revolution.



1946

Vets founded many companies—profabs.



1947

First K & B Torps a wow at the Nats.



1948

Infant appears, then other Half-A's.



1949

Jetex, Dynajets, radio gain ground.

things happened at MAN. MAN jumped into the breach to organize the first of the modern Nationals, a two-day affair held in New York in 1933, when, after the 1932 Nationals, the old Aviation Model League of America tossed in the towel. One day for outdoors at Roosevelt Field (now gone forever), and one for indoors at a city armory. Making the occasion memorable was Maxwell Bassett (now a transport designer) and his gas model, with an engine by Bill Brown. Bassett ran away with the meet and new rules had to be

rushed for 1934. Carl Goldberg, now of Top Flite, and frequent indoor record holder, through the years, wrote up the Nationals Indoor story for MAN. Years later, he invented the pylon gassie and designed Comet Model Hobbycraft, Inc.'s, immortal Clipper, Zipper, Sailplane, Interceptor series. When, a few years later, a spite group sought to have gas models banned throughout the country, MAN organized the International Gas Model Assn. with chapters in numerous cities. Once the magazine and the IGMA had won the battle,



1934

Hawk producing its 1/4 scale solids.



1935

Gas model ruled a Class E fuselage.



1936

107 entrants first IGMA gas contest.



1937

Atwood Baby Cyclones were in demand.



1942

Berkeley's flying scales take lead.



1943

War cuts contests, materials, kits.



1944

Herkimer plugging their .60 engine.



1945

Industry attained \$30,000,000 sales.



1950

465 is first examination-free band.



1951

Testor's Freshman kits begin series.



1952

America "discovers" FAI gas events.



1953

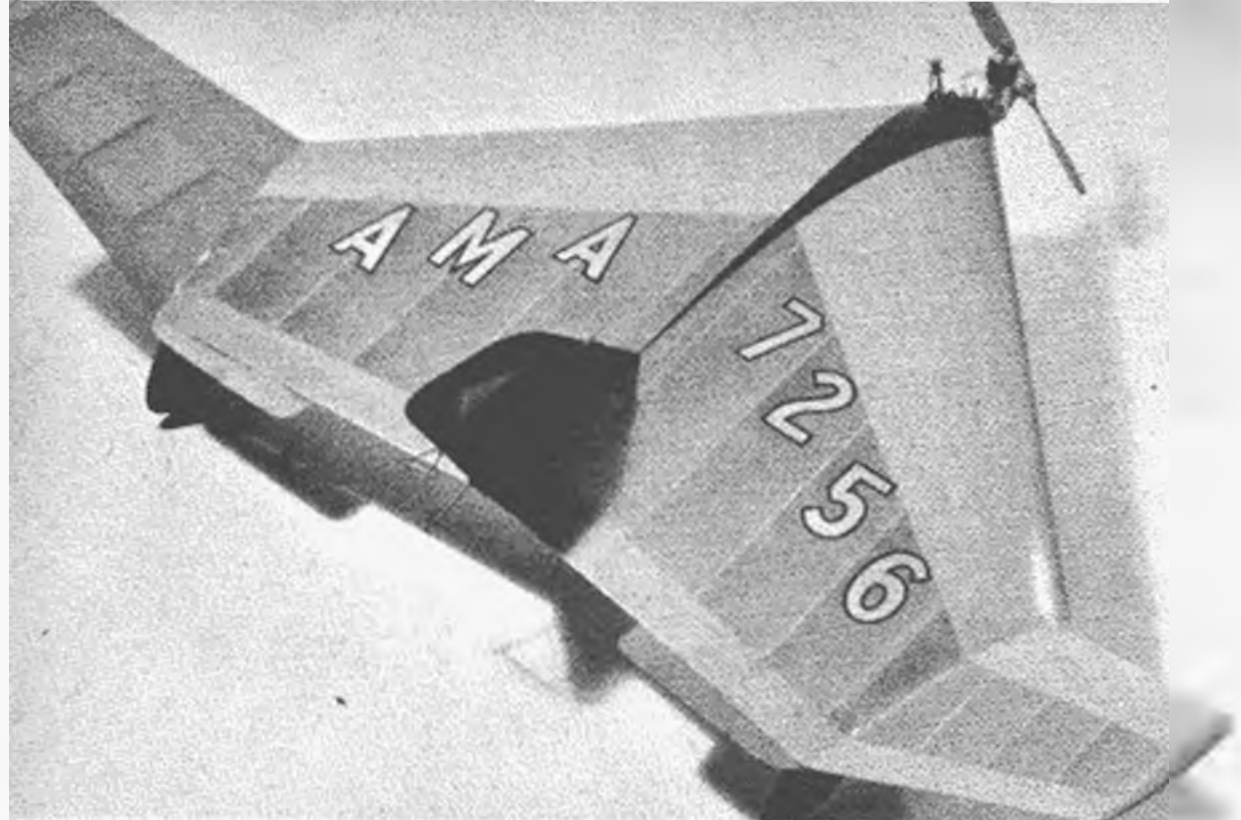
U.S. wins first in Wakefield, FAI gas.

the roster was given to the Academy of Model Aeronautics then taking its first shaky steps.

To recapture even just the highlights of the first quarter century would be a hopelessly presumptive task in a single issue. What better way, then, to reflect these 25 years than with the gallery of 24 covers, one for each year, reproduced above? For the first and the latest covers, see page 9. Incidentally, the written note on the first cover is not an editorial trick. These highly appropriate words were written, it is be-

lieved, by George Tweney, for many years an engineer, but then just a youthful modeler.

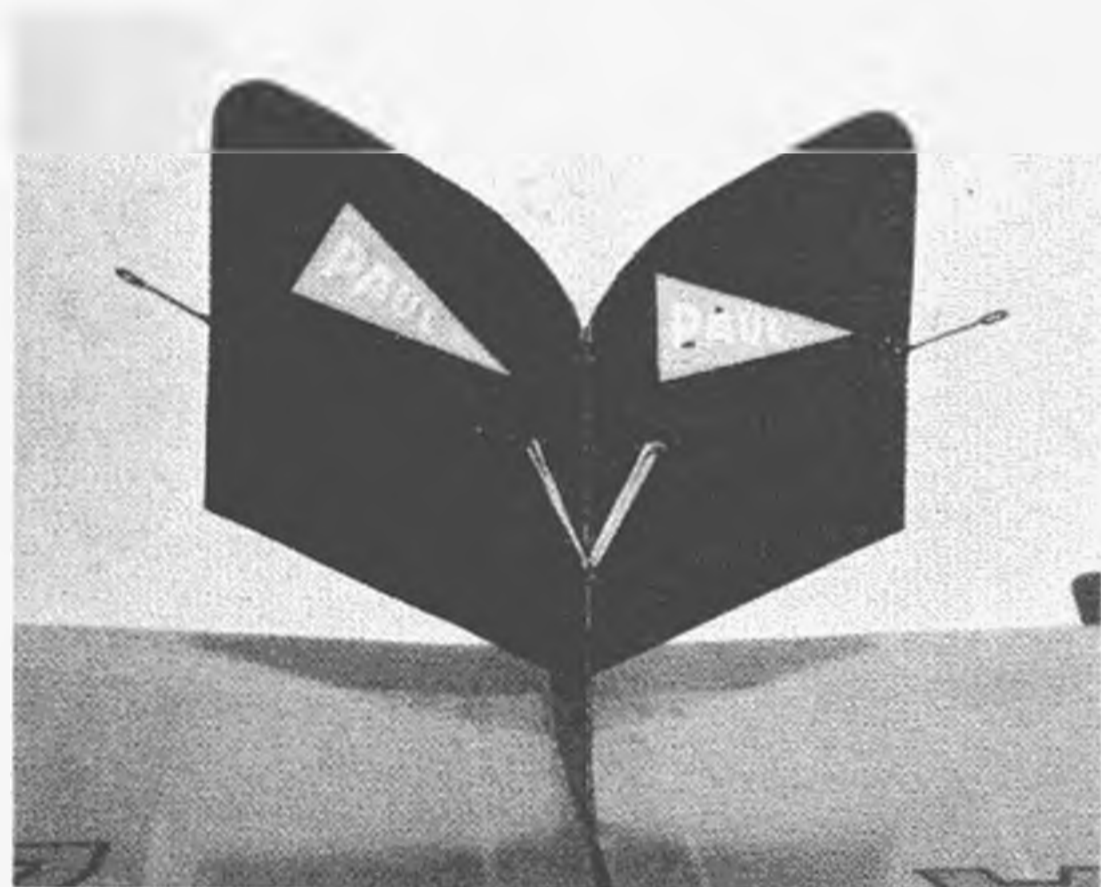
If there is a mysterious key to this pleasant success story made possible by MAN readers, it can be found in the two dozen samples cover above. While economic eras changed and great wars were fought—in other words, ceaseless change—MAN has remained basically the same. By 1931, MAN had found (note "and Junior Mechanics" under the title on the July, 1931 issue) that (Continued on page 48)



By toeing in the dihedral break line, the tips are given washout, or a slight negative angle for increased stability. Note the trimming tabs.

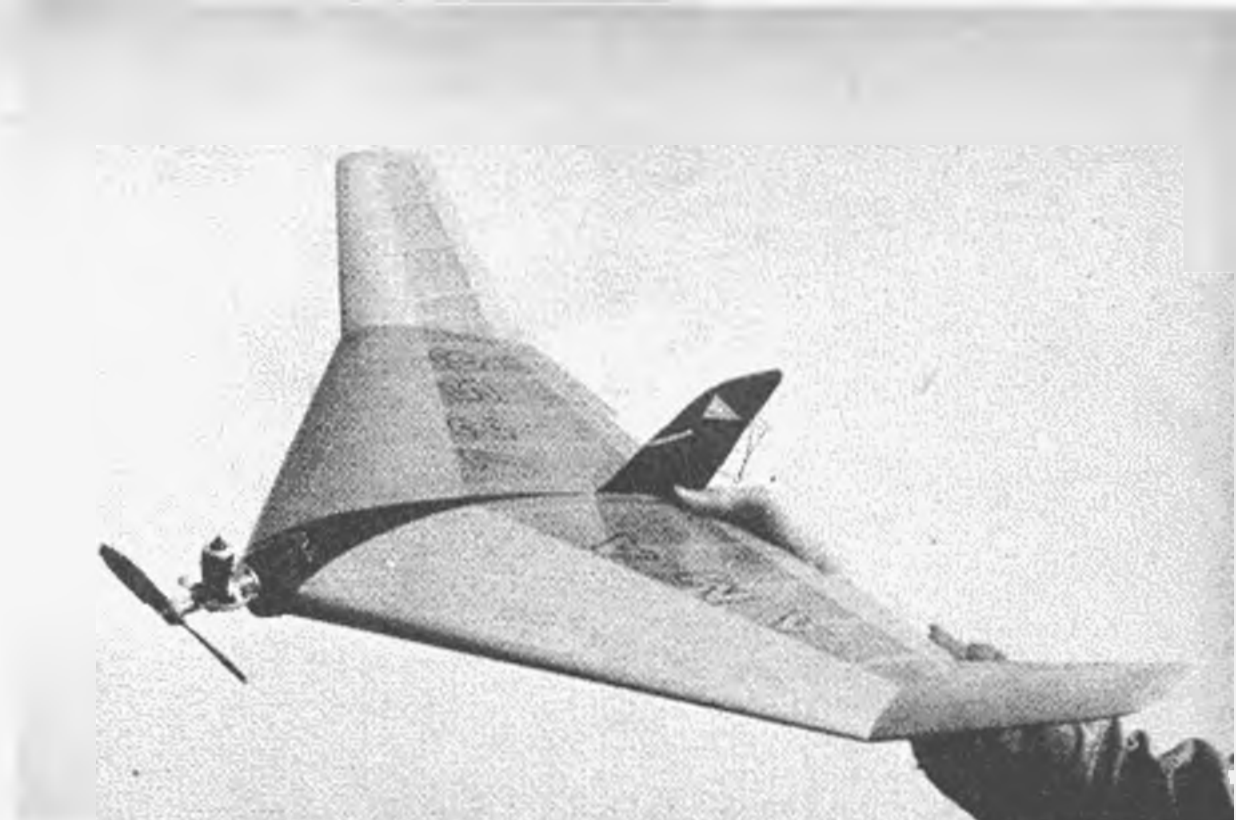
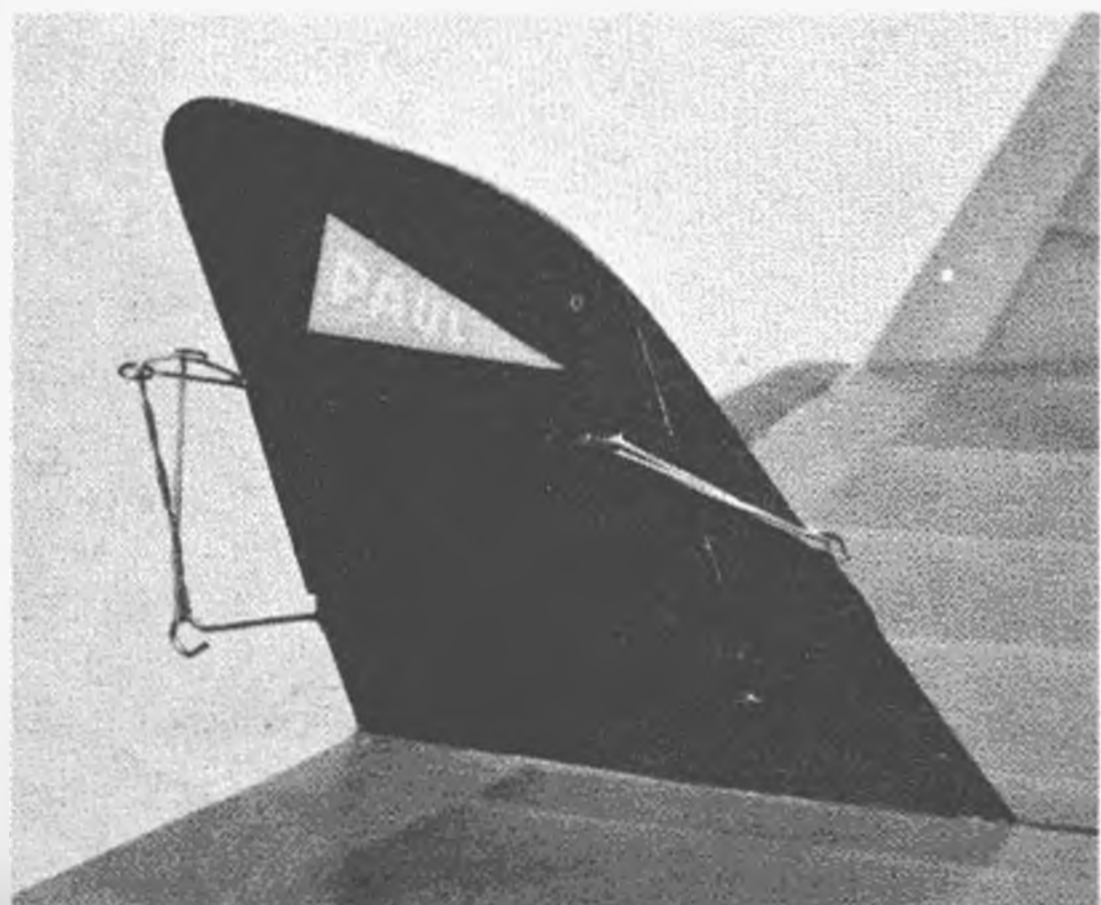
# half-A Delta

*The flying triangles have made their mark in the full scale air world. As models, they offer many novel possibilities and, of course, no fuselage, tail to build.*



Dethermalizer is a split rudder, made up of two thicknesses of sheet balsa, hinged together to open as shown. Rubberband swings them open.

Fuse length determines duration before brakes spring open. Fuse inserted through band, rear of rudder. Synthetic rubberband is the best.



This shot gives idea of the size of ship. Deltas have large area for their span, yet have low drag. Size, therefore, is large for the power.

by PAUL E. DEL GATTO

▶ Within the last few years Delta configurations have been utilized with increasing frequency in the controlling phase of model designs, and in many instances with considerable success.

Having enjoyed some measure of success in the field of controlling Deltas, our own enthusiasm was sufficiently aroused to venture into the abysmal void of free flight Delta design.

In other words, we were venturing into the unknown, and fools that we are, we loved it.

Yet we weren't so foolish as to venture into it without taking some elementary precautions, so we set about to design a hand-launch Delta approximately half the size of what we estimated would be the size of the free flight gas version. This proved to be a sensible approach for, as it turned out, we were able to foresee several modifications, which, when incorporated into the gas version, would produce a better performing model.

The lack of directional stability in the glider was immediately detected as well as some difficulty in obtaining longitudinal trim. Of course, the latter could be attributed in part to the less stable airfoil cross section obtained through the use of the sheet balsa construction.

To rectify the situation we added a center rudder in addition to the underslung rudders to obtain the needed directional stability. Then, too, we increased the dihedral of the tip panels from 1-1/2 in. to 2 in., which by virtue of the toed-in dihedral break, increased the negative angle of the tips, aiding us in reducing the longitudinal trim sensitivity. In effect, the raised tips also added to our rudder area, necessary for directional control, and to our lateral stability which, while satisfactory to begin with, might give us added difficulty in a free flight gas with its torque problem.

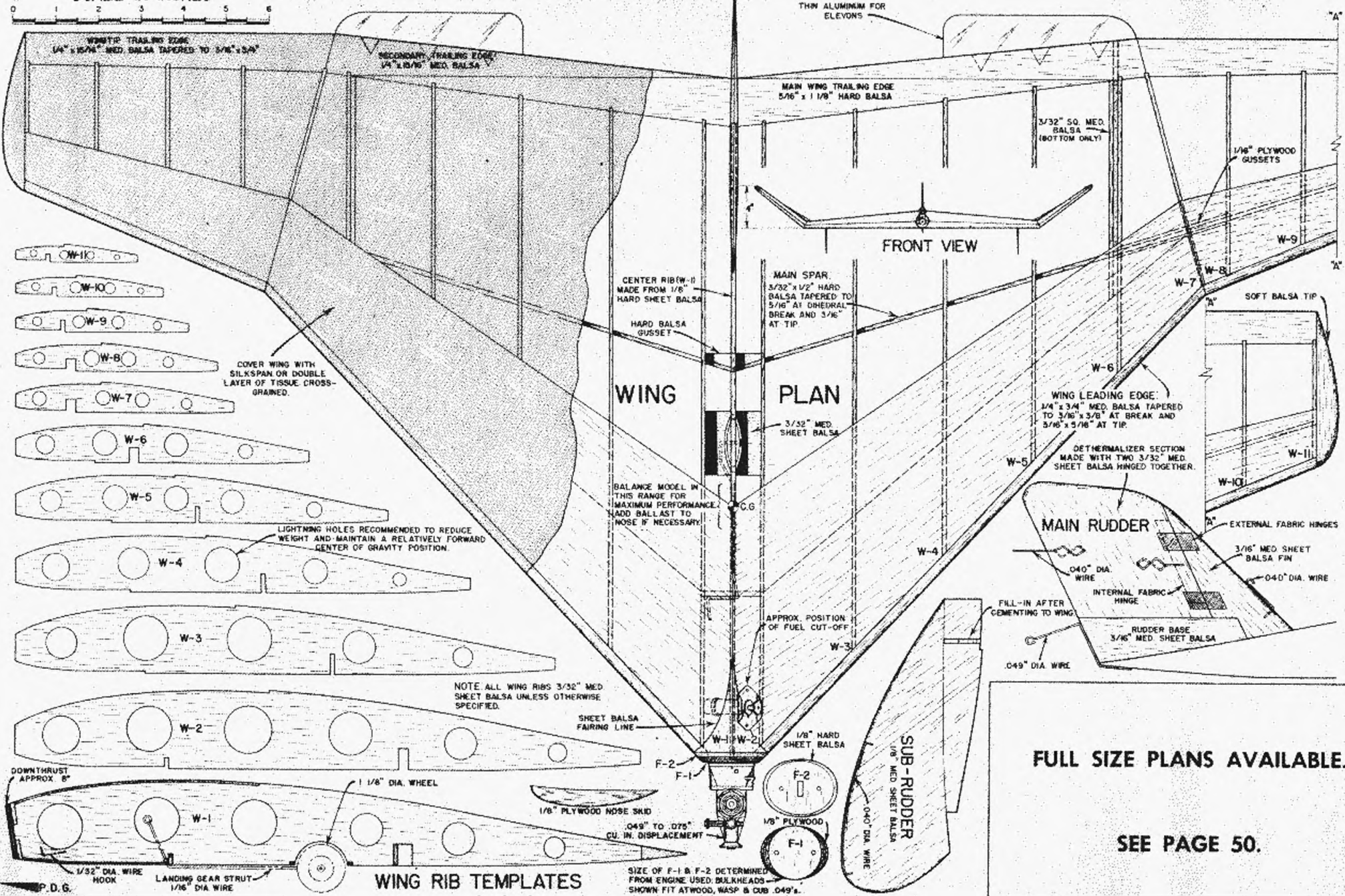
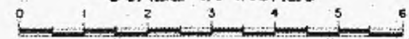
After these modifications were made and the hand-launch glider version was once again flown, performance was considerably improved and on the strength of its performance we felt assured of the model's success, so we quickly got rolling on drawing up the design of the free flight gas version. Construction was to be simple, strong and efficient, without any emphasis on ornamental doo-dads or fixings to clutter it up.

To see just how simple it is requires only a quick glance. All one has to do is leave off the engine, firewall and landing gear and what you have got is a functional wing. Come to think of it, that gives us an idea we haven't exploited yet: its possibilities in the towline field.

Simmering down our enthusiasm for the moment, let's review some of the points of interest in the construction of this model. Beginning with the wing ribs, it is suggested that the lightening holes indicated on the ribs be cut out unless you plan to use

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SCALE IN INCHES



WING RIB TEMPLATES

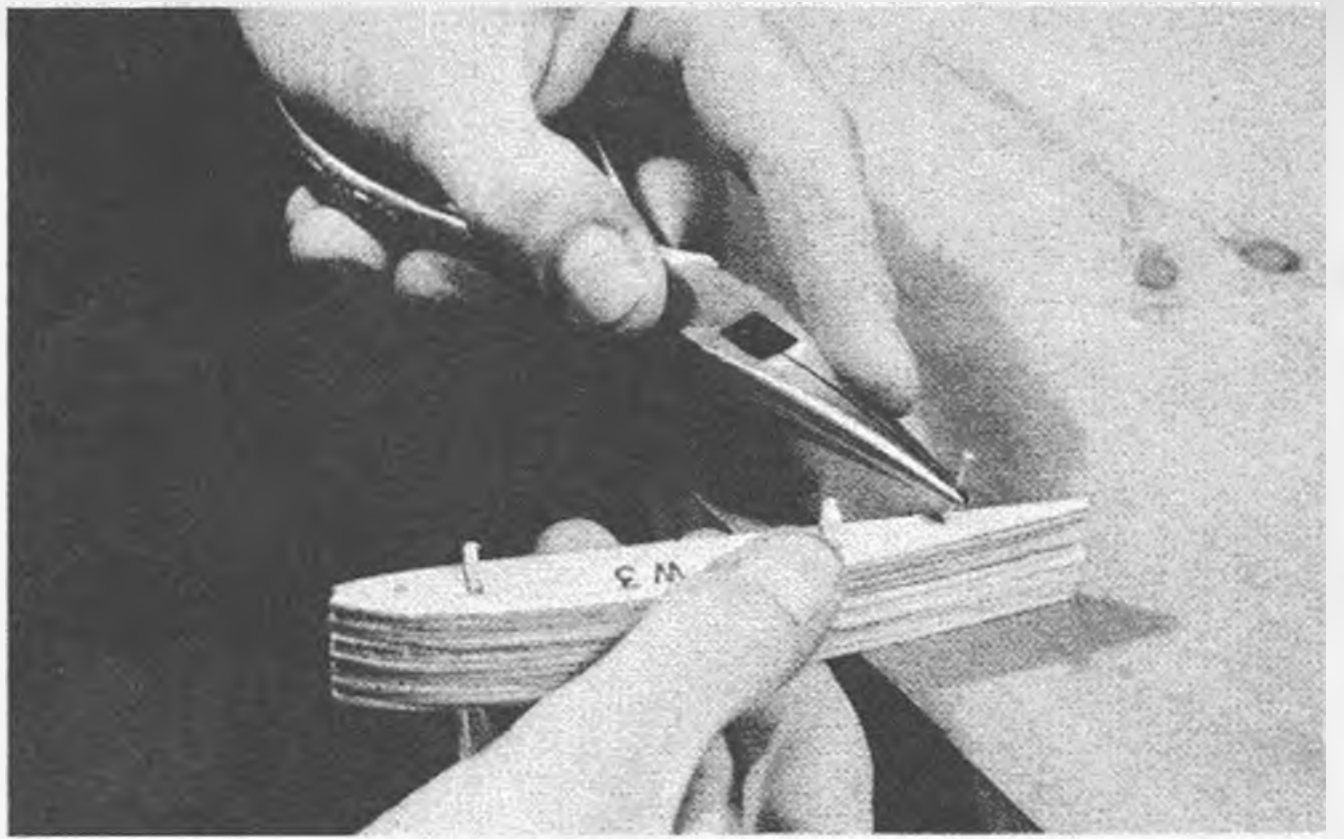
FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE.

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# HOW to make a WING

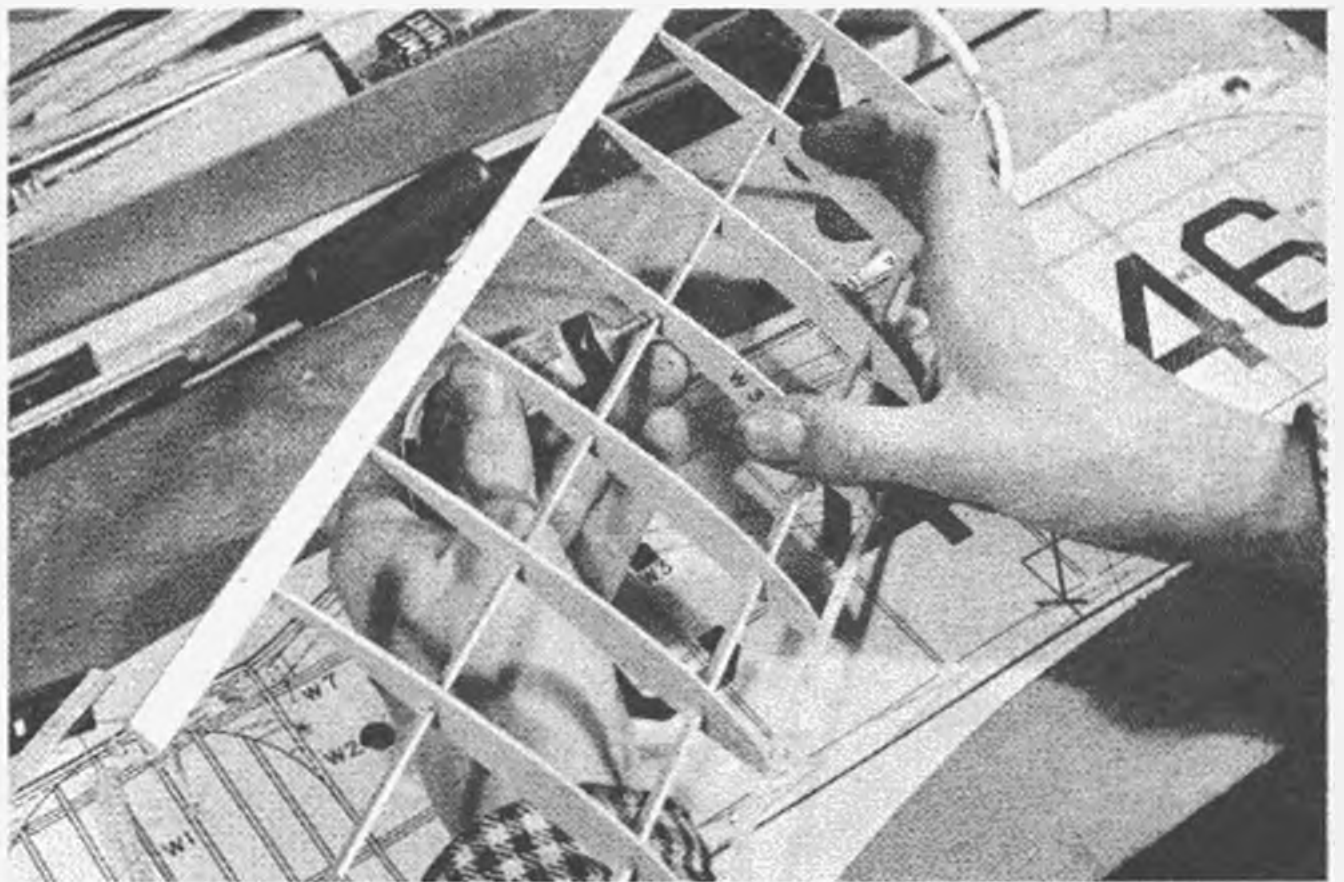
by ART SILBERBERG



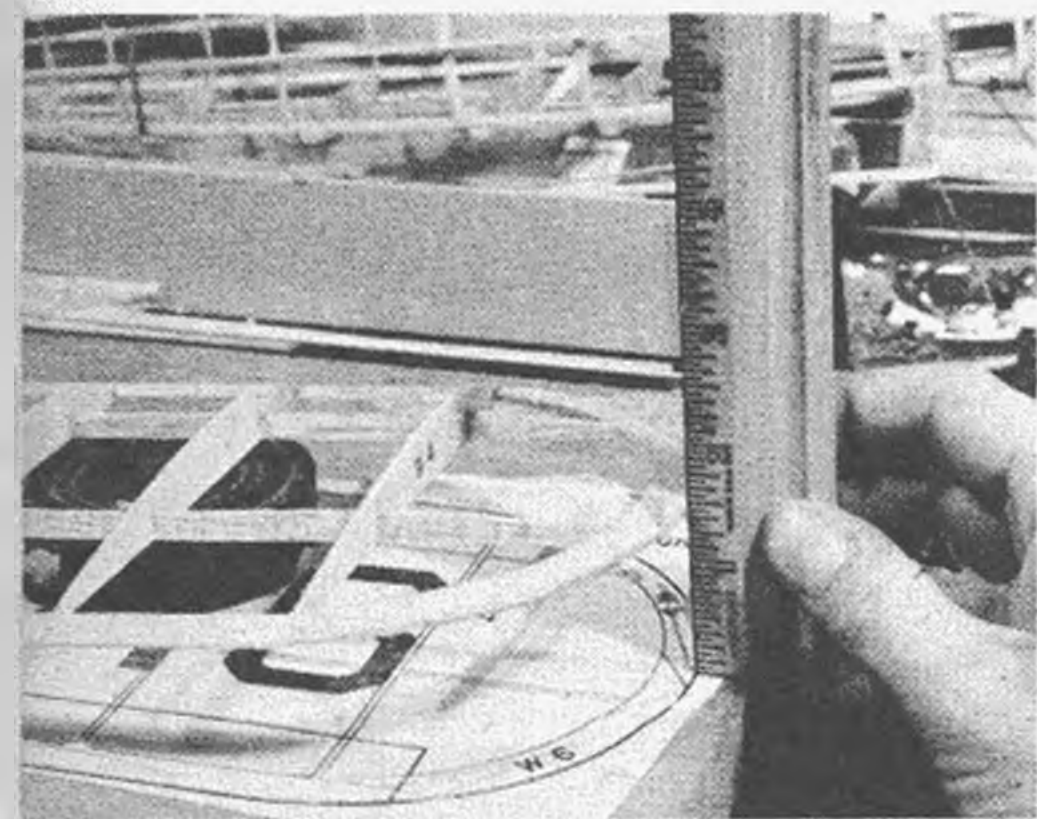
Assemble ribs of similar size on scrap wood same size as the wing spars. Pin ribs together. Use pliers to push in pins little at a time to avoid bending the pins.



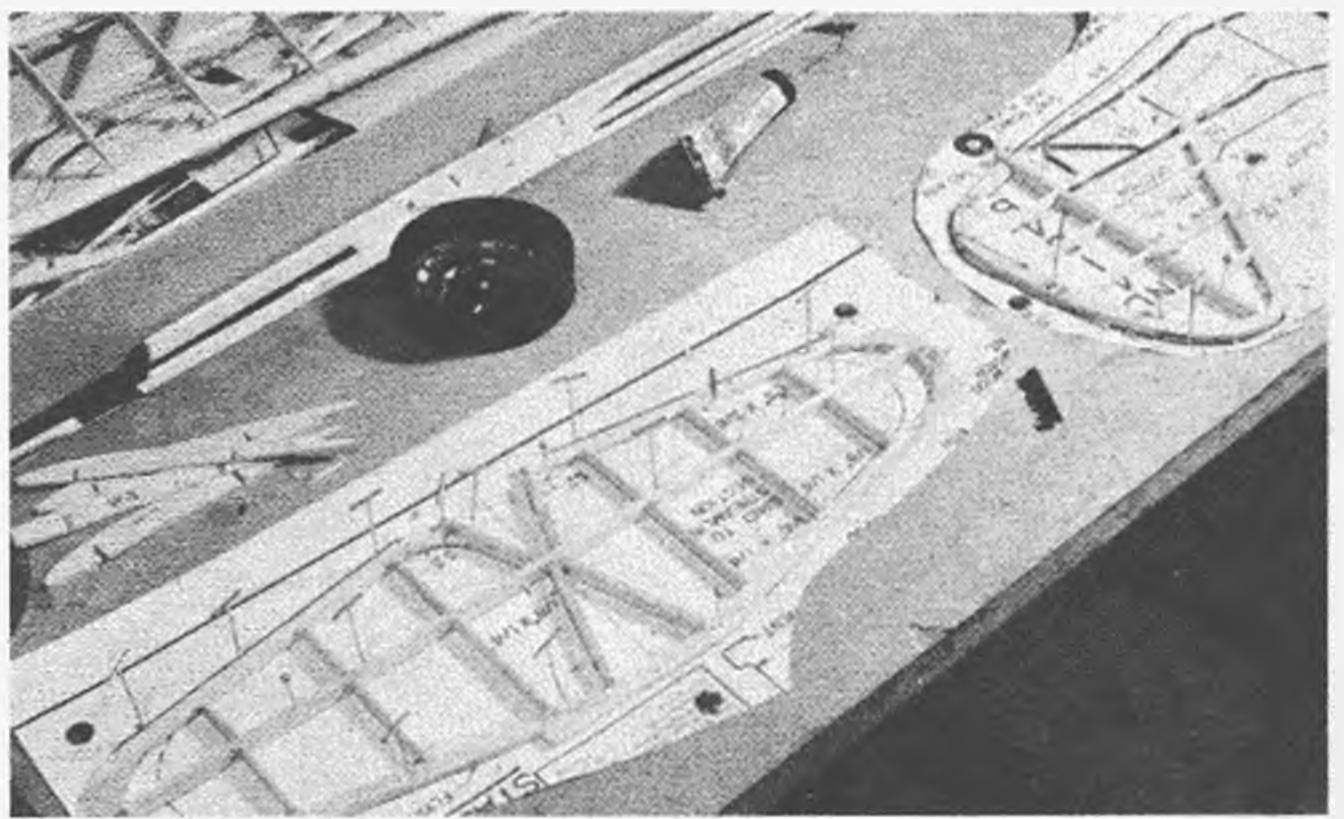
Wax paper over plan, pins hold down spars (not through wood), cement ribs, and then the edges.



When wing panel, including tips, has dried, remove from board and gusset all joints with a slight amount of cement. Helps prevent warps and too easy breakage.

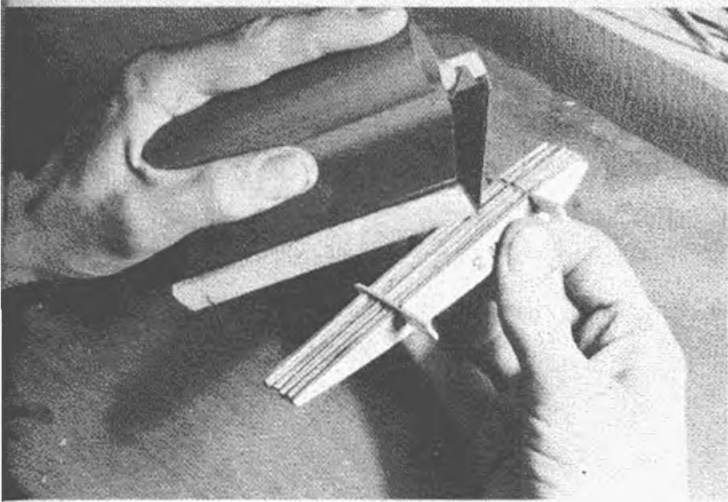


Assemble the two halves together. Hold center section down, prop up the tips to obtain correct dihedral.

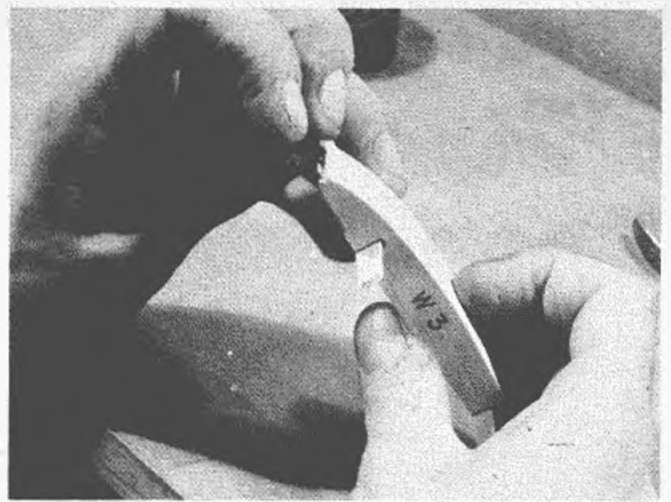


For convenience, plan can be cut into sections. Stabilizer and fin are assembled by pinning edges in place, then fitting and cementing cross pieces as indicated.

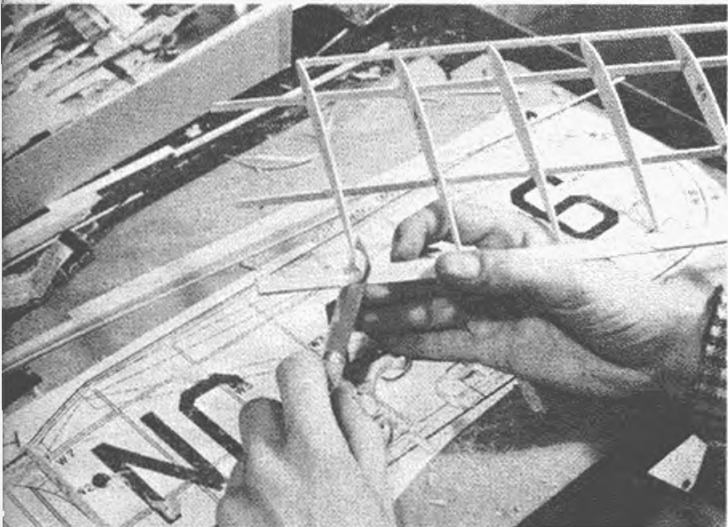
*This how-to-do-it picture sequence was made using a representative kit, which happens to be a Berkeley Fairchild. The construction of the built-up fuselage was shown last month. Subsequent pictorials will show that tricky business of getting a good covering job, other details.*



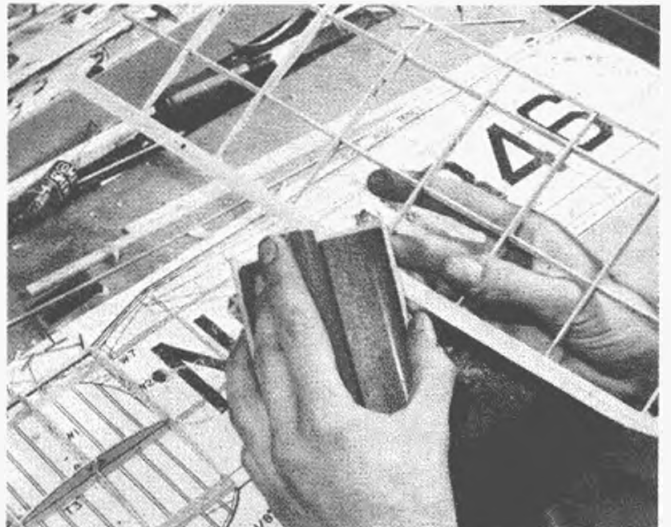
Sand the ribs as unit until they are smooth surfaced and identical. Be careful to hold the sanding block at the right angle. And don't rush.



When the ribs are identical and spar notches lined up, cut the notch for the leading edge. Front and rear ends of ribs should be cut even.



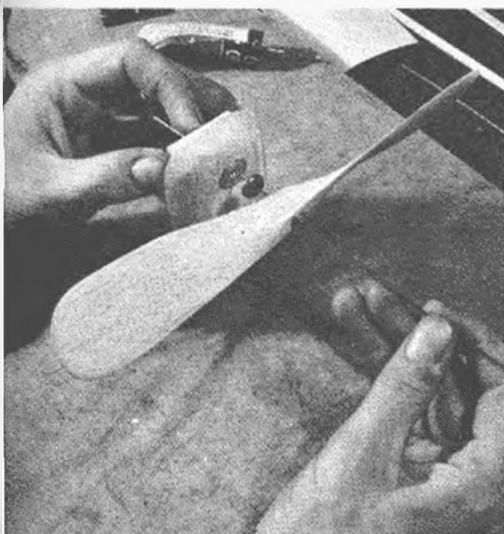
Using a balsa knife or single edge razor blade, shave the trailing edge to a triangular cross-section. Don't make it a knife edge—too weak!



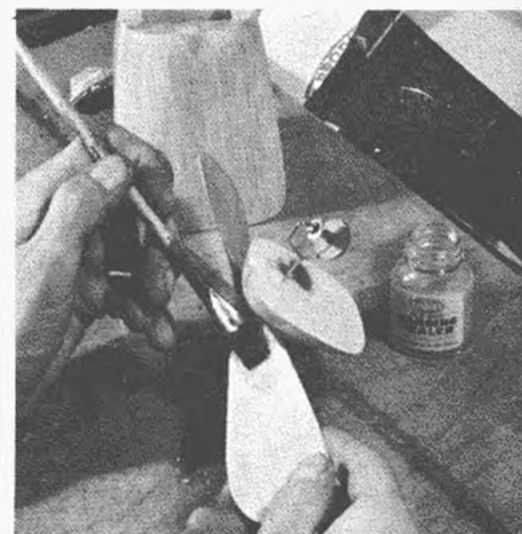
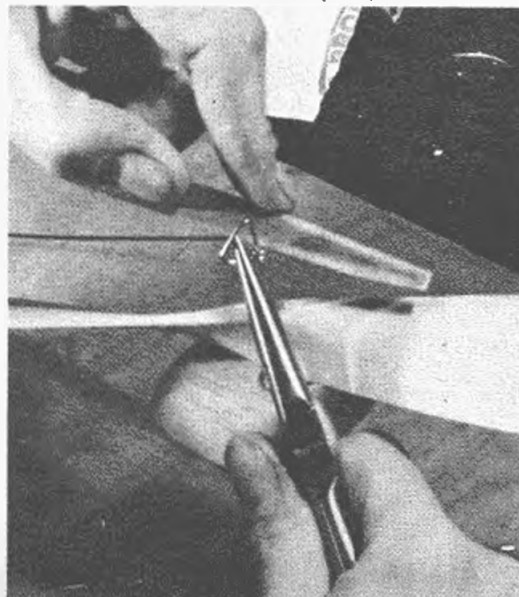
Smooth leading and trailing edges. Use medium paper at first, then finish with fine sandpaper. Covering depends on neat sanding.

# Propeller

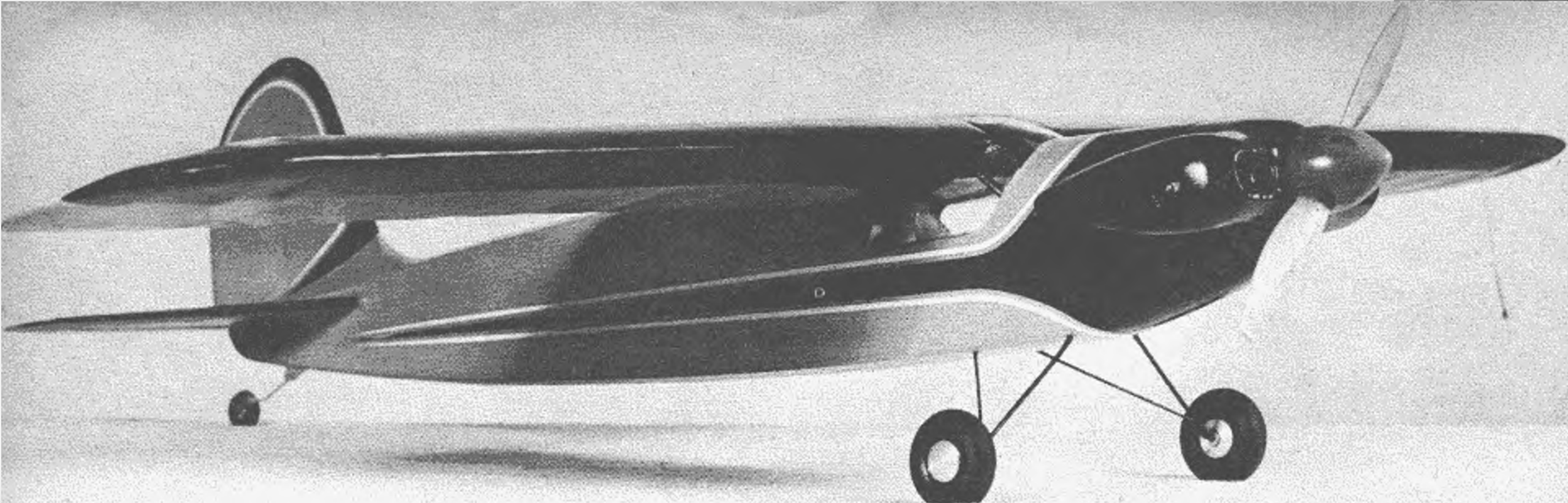
After free-wheeling loop is bent, excess wire is bent off by nicking wire with small file. Never cut music wire with pliers, if valued.



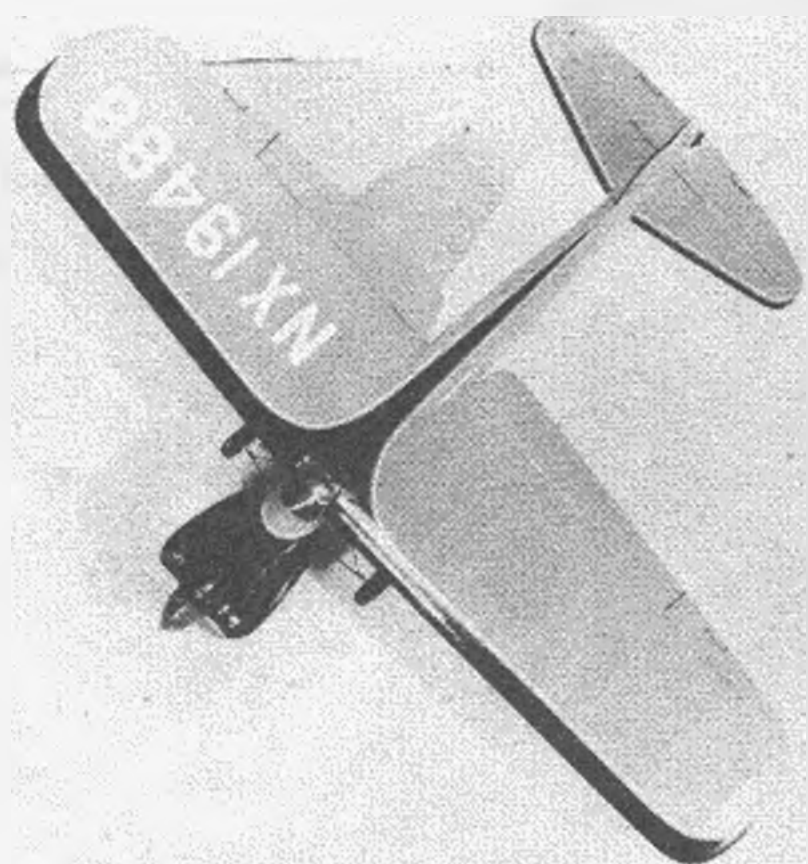
Nose block removed from nose; prop, washer, bearing, assembled on shaft. Before bending shaft, make sure prop is balanced. Sand side that swings down until balance is obtained.



Sanding sealer applied to the finished propeller and the nose block. After one coat sand until the roughness disappears, then recoat, sanding lightly when dry for a smooth finish.



How would you like to see this one at the end of the lines? Engine is shown side-mounted in pictures, but inverted version shown on plans.

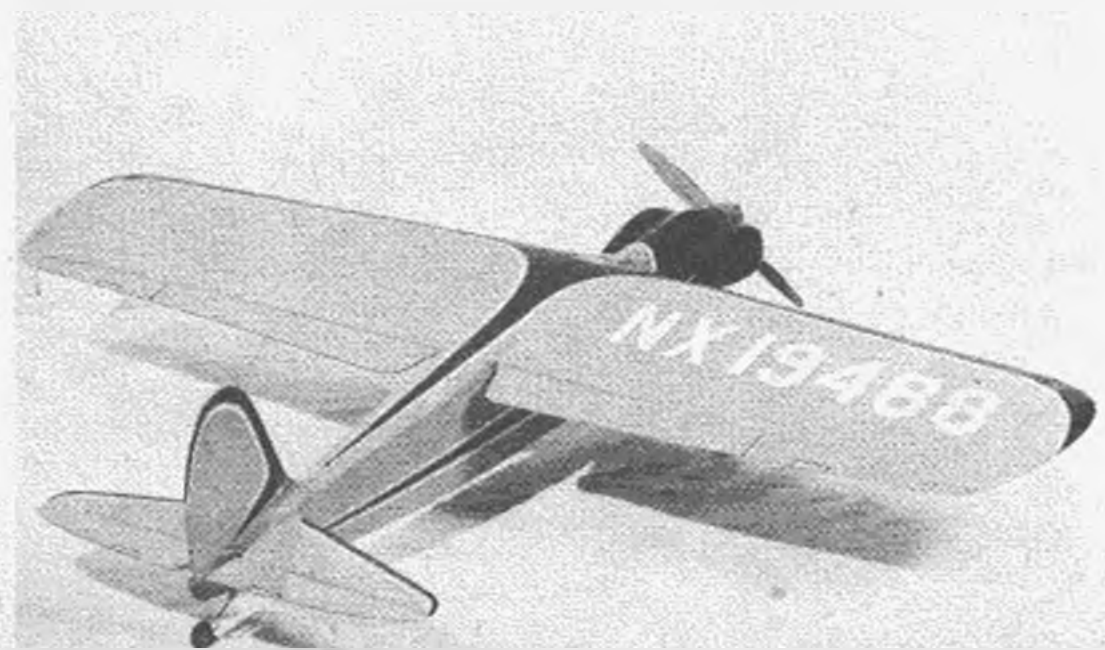


Flying surfaces are typical stunt design, featuring flaps which Palmer has used so successfully. The performance is not sacrificed in any way.



As change from in-the-rut low wings, this cabin high wing is welcome relief. High wing scoffers will eat crow after putting this ship in air.

Looks good from any angle. Long tail and nose moments make this airplane "groovie," as the stunt boys say, and it is thoroughly stable.



# HI BOY!

by BOB PALMER & TED GOYET

*The first really new stunt plane design in five years, this high-wing cabin job was perfected by two West Coast experts. Maneuverability is tops.*

► We're going to introduce to you a completely new stunter: wing area approximately 400 sq in., span 46 in., length 44 in., weight with Fox .19, 2 lb.

Almost every model has a little story behind it, and here's how this little jewel came about. Every year, I (that's Bob Palmer) usually attend two of the contests of the season in the Frisco area and on one of these occasions, I became acquainted with Ted Goyet, one of the better pilots there. As we conversed, the idea of trying a high wing stunter came to both of us. We discussed its problems, and what you would need to be able to fly it through the pattern.

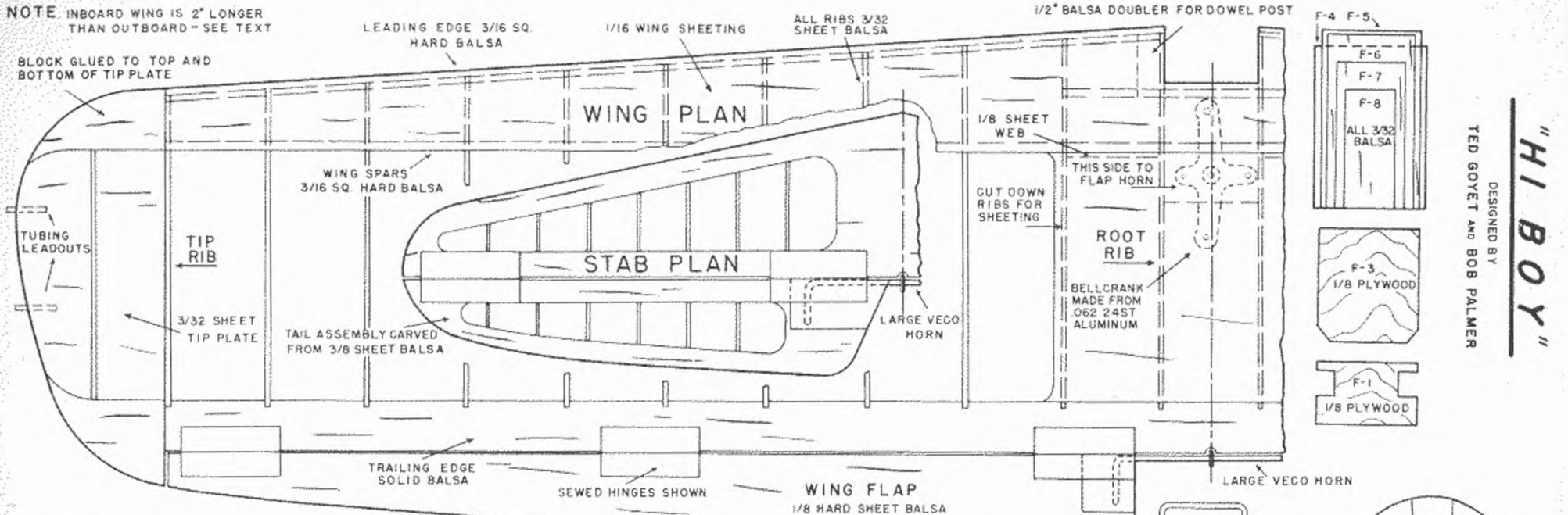
A low winger lends itself to stunting as a natural. In stunting, if you have experienced a low winger doing tighter stunts upside down than right side up, the reason is that a high winged plane will do tighter loops than a wing on the bottom. This is because the wing is above the center of gravity. Now when you turn a low wing over into inverted flight, you have a high wing, so we've done the same thing, only in reverse, and flying the Hi Boy bears this out. It does tighter inside loops than outside loops.

At a later contest, I received word that Ted had come down with polio. I wrote him a letter and found that he had almost finished a high winger and wanted to know if I would be interested in finishing it and trying it out. I told him I would be very interested.

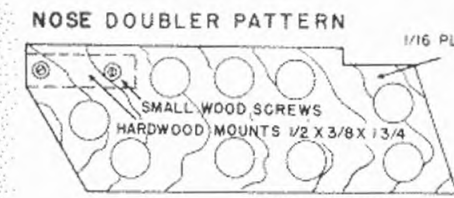
Ted had done a wonderful job on the plane, and I made very few changes. However, we did decide to change the engine installation to one I had used on the Pow Wow and Smoothie. I think highly of this method. You're not bothered with turning the ship upside down to check out your tank, etc. We are actually giving you a choice between the cheek cowl system you see in the picture and the one on the drawing. The one on the picture is a little harder and costlier, being composed of balsa blocks.

This plane flies very well, accomplishing the stunts with ease and assurance. Its long tail moment and engine moment make it a very groovie and stable model. For a sport model, this is very good. V braces from the fuselage up to the wing would really enhance the appearance. (Continued on page 50)

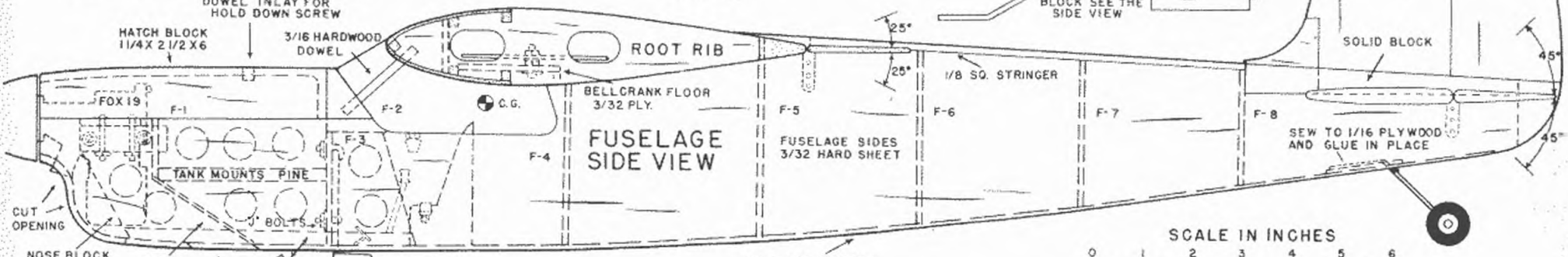
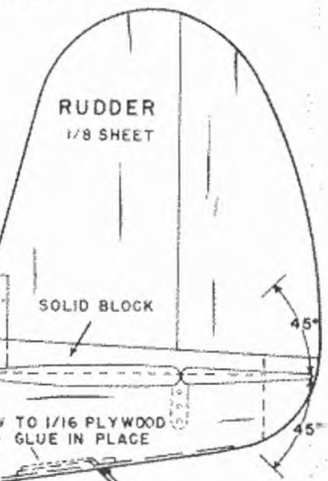
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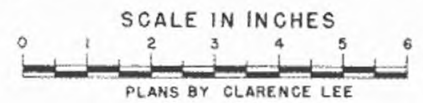
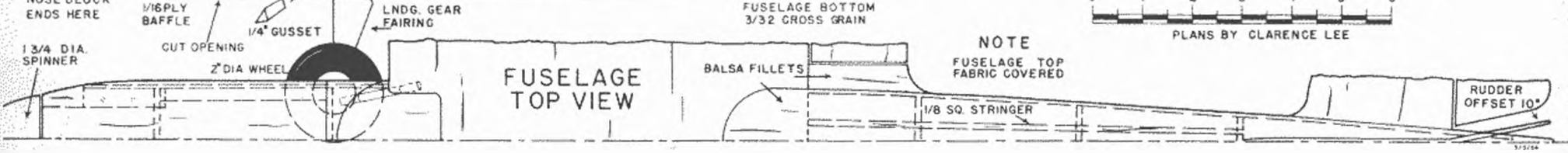
**"HI BOY"**  
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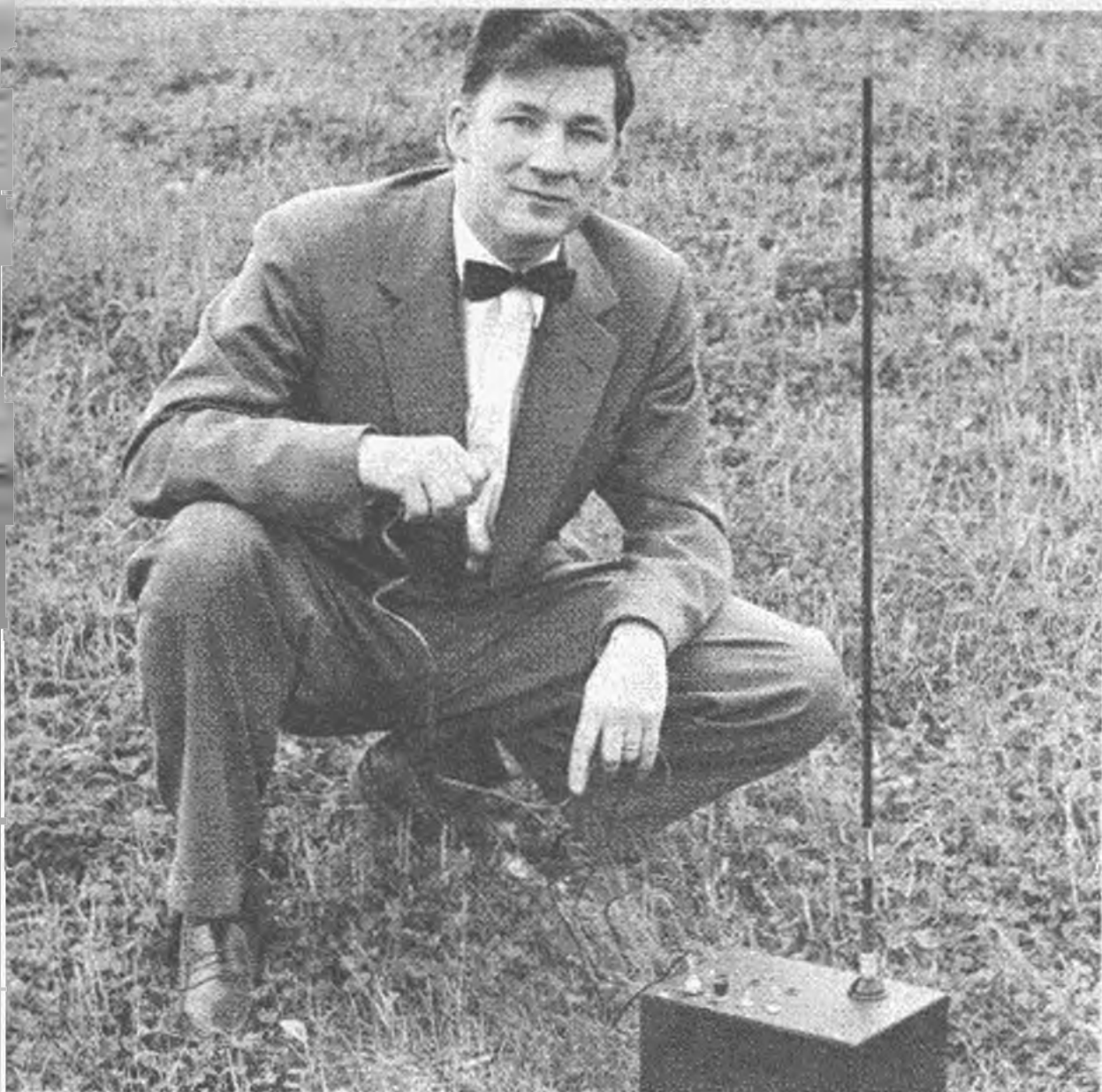
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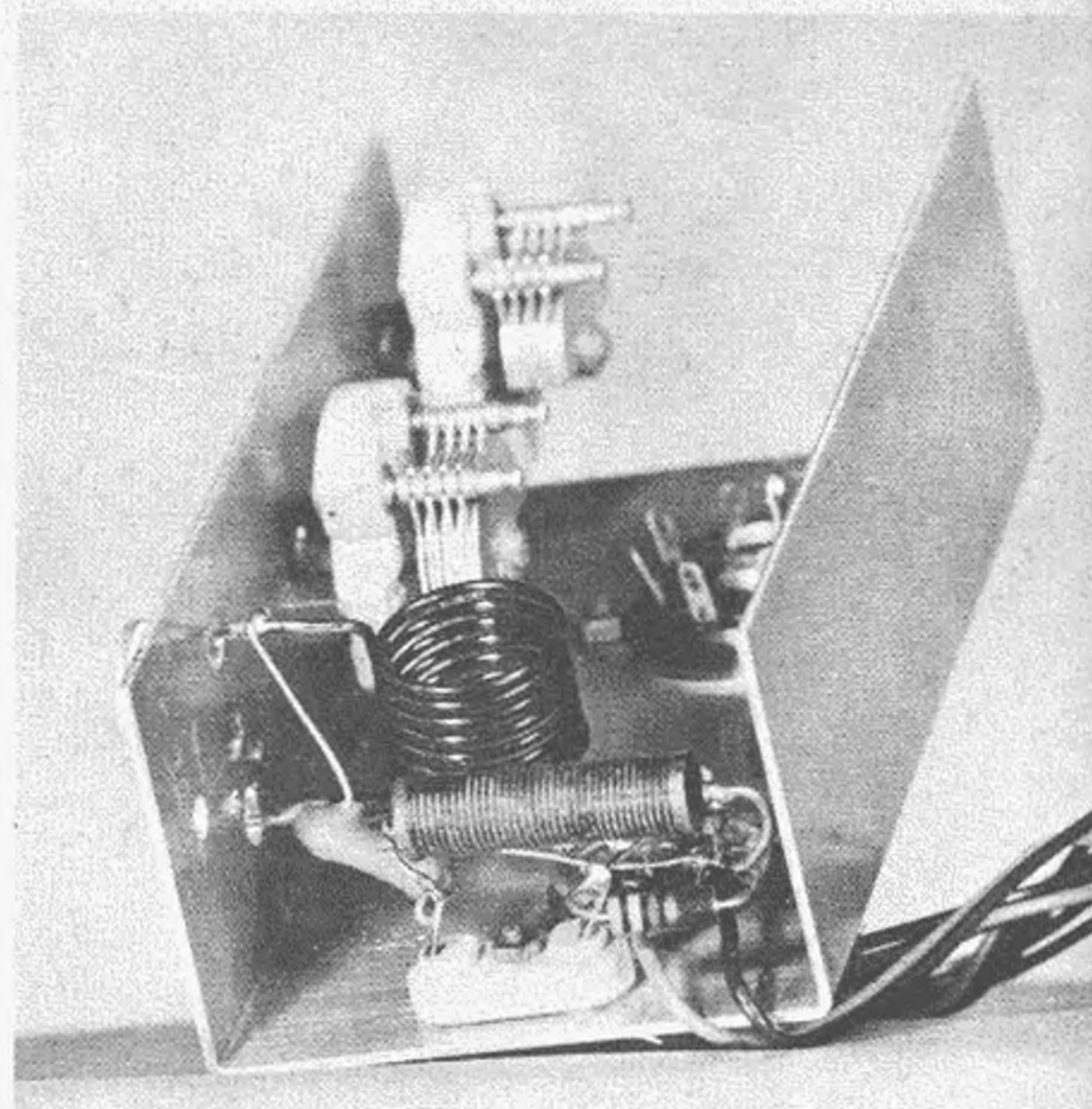
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FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE. SEE PAGE 50.



Mr. Lorenz with finished transmitter during one of its field trials. The transmitter is an MOPA type, or master-oscillator-power-amplifier.



This photo shows oscillator hook-up. Filament voltage is 1-1/2; filament current, 270 ma. Plate voltage is 90-180; current (total), 32-40 ma.

# The Lorenz Transmitter

*This is the transmitter you have been waiting for, a reliable unit incorporating many important features found desirable for airplane control. Designed for conversion to tone.*

by E. J. LORENZ

► Here is a transmitter that we think you'll find very versatile. No, it isn't a five-watter because we don't need 5 watts of blasting power to work a mere thousand yards. And incidentally, we challenge anyone to do any really accurate controlling of a 50 in. model at that distance. In analyzing what we needed, we used not only the knowledge of our own experience, but that of many experienced RC fliers. The results were as follows:

1. A transmitter with an RF output of 1-1/2 watts is more than sufficient for any RC flight provided that the receiver and transmitter are tuned properly.

2. For maximum efficiency and all around performance, the transmitter should be of the MOPA, or master-oscillator-power-amplifier, type. This means a two-stage unit whereby the oscillator output is not coupled directly to the antenna, but rather goes through an amplifier.

3. For versatility, as when converting to tone control, a MOPA type is practically a must as far as good design practice is concerned.

4. The average oscillator/transmitter is detuned when objects touch or are in the vicinity of the antenna. With a MOPA unit, this effect is eliminated or greatly minimized.

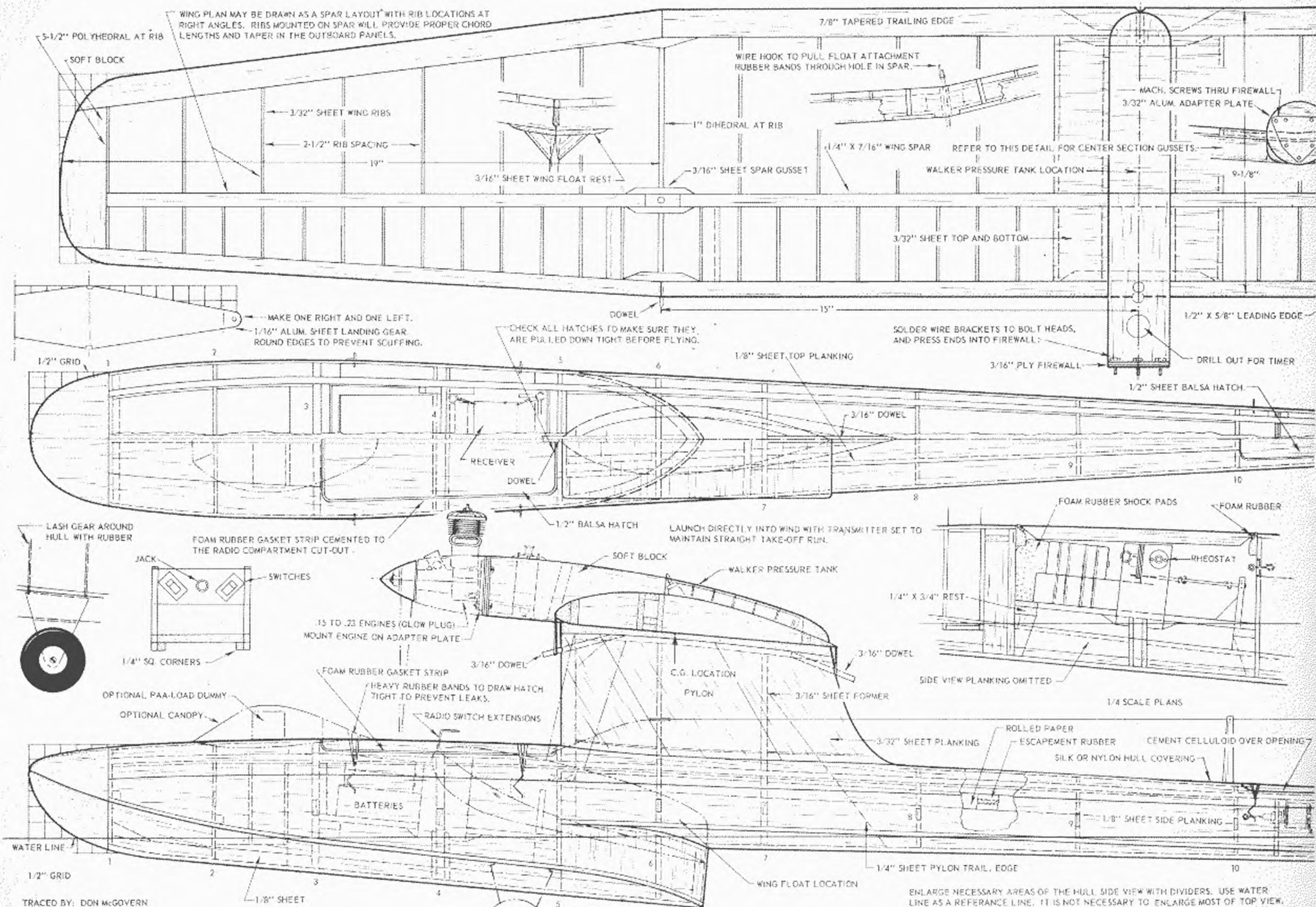
5. Last, but not least—and read this well ye novices and experts alike—tests and consensus show and prove that 80 per cent or more of fly-aways or out-of-control flights could be avoided by proper tuning of the transmitter and receiver. Normal frequency tolerance of our 27.255 mc spot can extend from 27.230 to 27.280 mc. At close range, a transmitter

tuned to 27.230 mc may actuate a receiver tuned to the other end of the band at 27.280 mc. All is well at close range, but this difference is the reason, very often, for lack of control at a distance of several hundred feet or more. As we've mentioned before, 1/2 watt of RF is sufficient for reliable control provided the tuning is correct. The only way to be sure is to put as much distance between the receiver and transmitter as possible when tuning; a minimum of 250 ft. usually is adequate.

Now how about taking a look at our unit, which may be converted for tone control (details in a later issue). Here are a few vital statistics on the unit before we go into construction details: filament voltage, 1-1/2 volts; filament current, 270 ma; plate voltage, 90 to 180 volts; plate current, 32-40 ma (total); RF output, 1-1/4—2 watts; very stable design through MOPA; Pi-network, to enable loading various length antennas.

Read the article and study the drawings and photographs well before beginning construction. Then begin by laying out the .040 in., half-hard aluminum chassis as in Fig. 1. A 1/16 in. soft aluminum chassis may also be used. The socket holes were punched in with Greenlee socket punches and your local "ham" friend possibly could help out here. After all holes have been drilled, bend edges *down* 90° at dotted lines. Holes marked "X" are for mounting to case and the dimensions are not critical. Mount crystal socket by a bolt or eyelet, being sure the center mounting hole will fit the fastener. Mount the 4-30 (Continued on page 43)



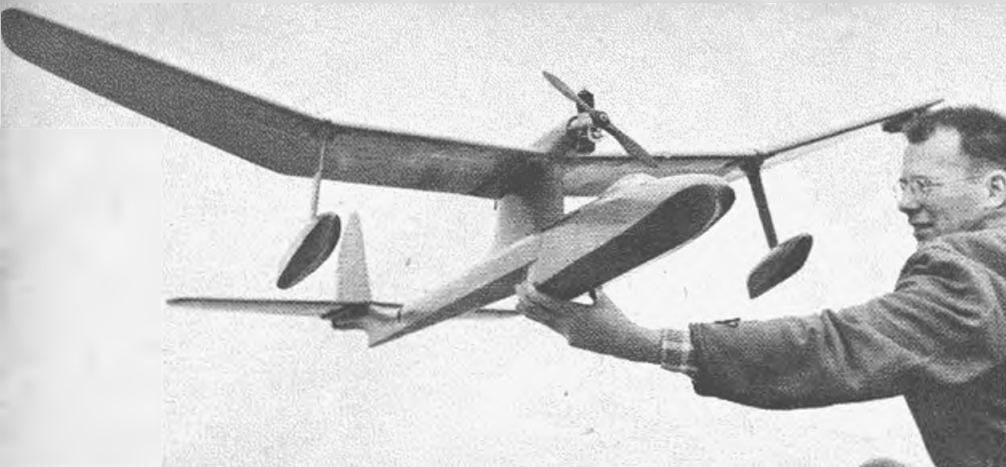


# SEA CAT

by HENRY STRUCK



*If you live near water you do not have a flying site problem. This RC or free flight amphib a beautiful flier.*



The NACA-type planing hull shows to advantage in this excellent photo. Tip floats are shock mounted; slight polyhedral in wing reduces float strut length. High thrustline makes good power flight.

► Are you looking for a mile square, level flying site? Well, there are plenty of them around, and no permits are required for their use. Of course, there are a few minor discomforts you must endure, such as spending days out in the warm sun, away from crowds, poison ivy covered trees, rocky fields and housing developments.

All of which is just one way of saying that you haven't really enjoyed model flying until you have tried flying boats.

To participate in this ultimate in sport, we present the Sea Cat, developed through the years. The original configuration of hull and engine in pylon mounted wing was built and flown 'way back in 1941, with its water characteristics revealing the ignorance of its designer.

However, in the air, it promised much. When in 1945 the NACA planing tail hull designs were developed, the basis of a really high performance flying boat became available. These long, narrow, deep draft hulls, besides offering greatly reduced air drag, maintain an almost constant trim angle throughout the take-off run, eliminating the necessity of rocking up on the step. Further, with the long tail of the hull in the water until sufficient air speed for control is reached, the tendency to yaw off course is reduced, and with two point planing, porpoising is eliminated.

With these fine hull designs available, the next real problem was lateral stability on the water. Sponsons projecting from the hull seemed to be the immediate answer, but their small righting moment necessitated extreme large size. An added disadvantage was their rigid attachment to the hull. So we came to the old reliable "tip float," which was not



Years of research and development went into development of a design with excellent ROW characteristics. Model weighs 64 oz., gets off in 50 ft.

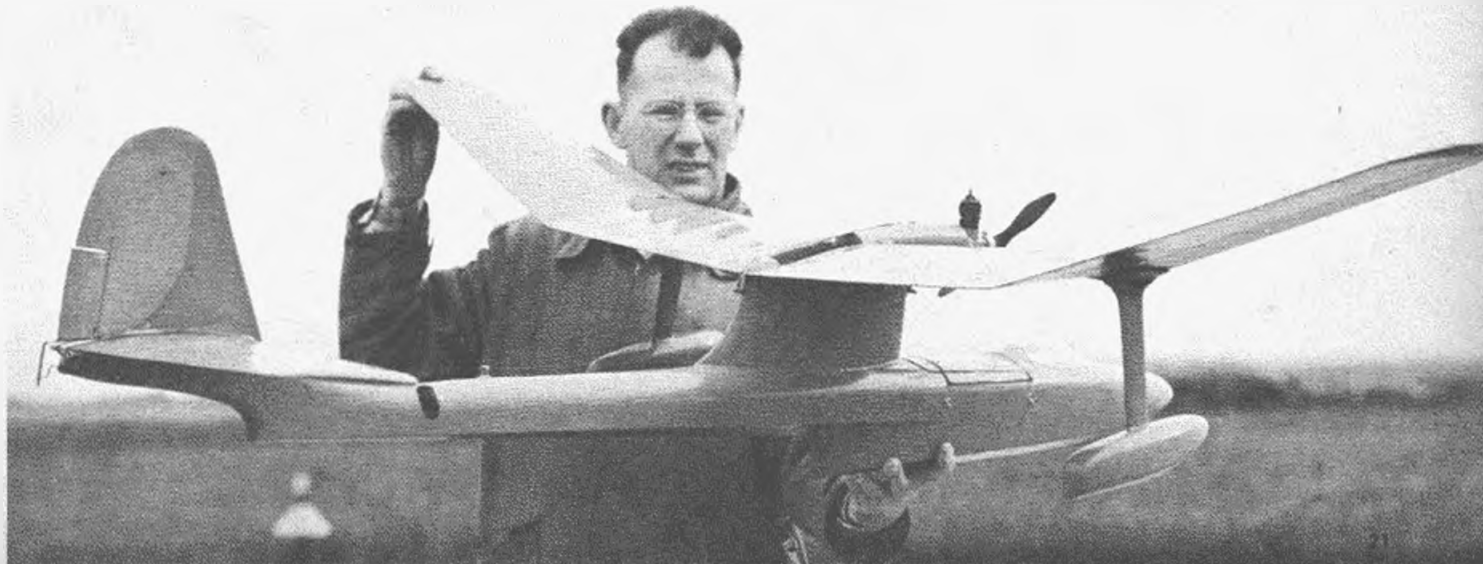
practical at the tip because of the large amount of dihedral a free flight flying boat would require.

The compromise arrived at on the Sea Cat is to use very little center dihedral. The rubber shock-mounted method developed makes the float assemblies virtually unbreakable and also permits them to be removed easily for land plane flying.

When a bid came from the sponsors of the Plymouth Model Plane Contests to design a plane to fly from the U.S. to Canada to advertise their annual (*Continued on page 23*)

**PLANS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

For land plane use, a sheet metal gear straps in place. Plane lands smoothly on grass without nosing-over. Has great spiral stability.







## Sea Cat

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meet, one more design change was necessary—to install radio gear! This had to be easily accessible and sealed from the water. Our first attempt wasn't. When the ship failed to take off on its first flight, salt water poured in through the carefully fitted hatch and instantly ruined one RC installation. A foam rubber gasket was put around the hatch and since then no ducking has harmed the RC gear.

On the day of the International flight the wind, of course, swept through from Canada. Late in the day the attempt had to be made. To make certain the engine wouldn't cut out part way across while bucking the wind, we filled the pressure tank to capacity. In about four minutes the ship was across the water, and over the landing spot.

But the engine was still running, the ship climbing, and just barely holding against the strong wind! Ten minutes later, after several spin-downs and consequent loss of headway, the engine stopped, with the model far inland over Canada. After many tense minutes we brought the speck back into plain view and seemed to be coming in for a successful landing in a small cove. It was not to be, however, for we ran out of altitude and smacked into a large tree near the shore. But the first International radio controlled flight was accomplished.

Since then the Sea Cat has been flown many times, both from the water and land, in free flight and under radio control. Landings on grassy fields revealed an unexpected benefit as the ship slides smoothly into a landing without any of the usual nosing-over tendencies. In the air, turns can be made easily with little tendency to spiral dive even with rudder held over for a complete turn, while stall recovery is extremely gentle. These smooth handling characteristics have enabled us to win several places in competition against more conventional contest type radio control craft.

Construction is quite simple considering the advanced design of the model. Cut out the hull former halves of 1/8 sheet and cement at center line, reinforcing with 1/4 sq. stiffeners. Note the 1/2 dia. holes in formers 5 to 10 to accommodate paper tube escapement rubber guide. Cut fuselage sides from 1/8 sheet and mark position of formers. Attach bottom planks, moistening outside of forward planks to form sheets into concave section at bow. Bevel edges of top and side planks and add 1/4 corner plank. Reinforce side of tail boom with sheet applied with grain diagonal.

Cut upper and lower tail boom sections from 9/16 thick balsa. Join sections with 3/16 x 1/4 strips to form passageway for control rod. Fit tail boom assembly in hull. Cement balsa blocks to nose and shape to blend with contours of hull. In sanding down the hull keep corners of bottom sharp to induce water to break from surfaces while ship is planing.

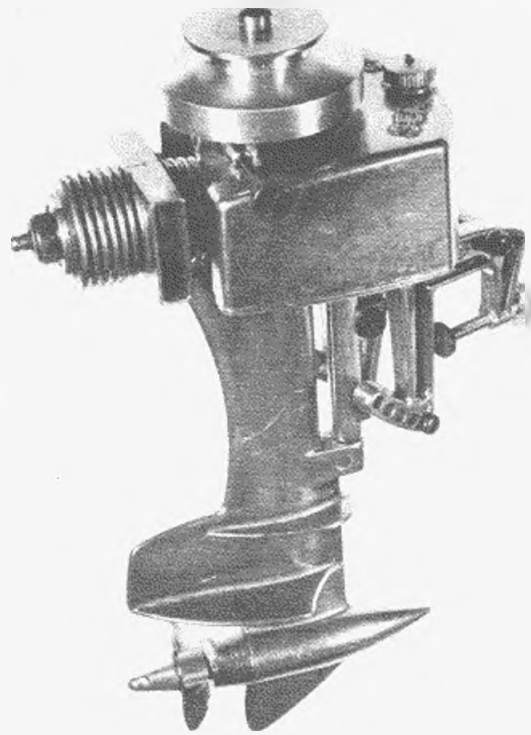
Shape the hatches of soft balsa, 1/2 thick. Fit hatches carefully, beveling edges to provide a good seat on gaskets.

The wing and tail are of rugged construction. Assemble the wing panels on the plan. Join the tip panels to the inboard panels. Note that filler blocks are fitted between the spars at dihedral break to keep wing watertight after drilling for tip float attachment rubber. Join the wing halves at center with gussets, blocking up tips to the correct dihedral while drying.

Cut firewall from 3/16 plywood and drill for engine mounting bolts. Insert bolts from rear of firewall and anchor with bent pins soldered into heads of screws. Shape nacelle from medium balsa block and fit between

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# ENGINE REVIEW



**Biggest thing that has happened in boats so far was the appearance of Half-A outboards. Allyn Sea Fury appraised.**

by E. C. MARTIN

► If you get a kick out of noise and spray and the smell of screaming engines, this little outboard is a must. There is something about violently agitated water that gives a special kind of thrill, and we earnestly recommend the experience to all tired and jaded aeromodelers.

For boat fans of long standing, the Sea Fury provides a power package that merely requires clamping to the transom to be ready for action. Hull construction is therefore simplified, and drive shafts, couplings, etc., are forgotten worries. Experiments in hull design become cheap and easy, and planing trim is simply a matter of mounting adjustment. For the small fry constructing his first boat, less work is required before getting action, and for the full sized outboard pilot, a great deal can be learned about hull design without going to the expense of experimenting with full scale prototypes.

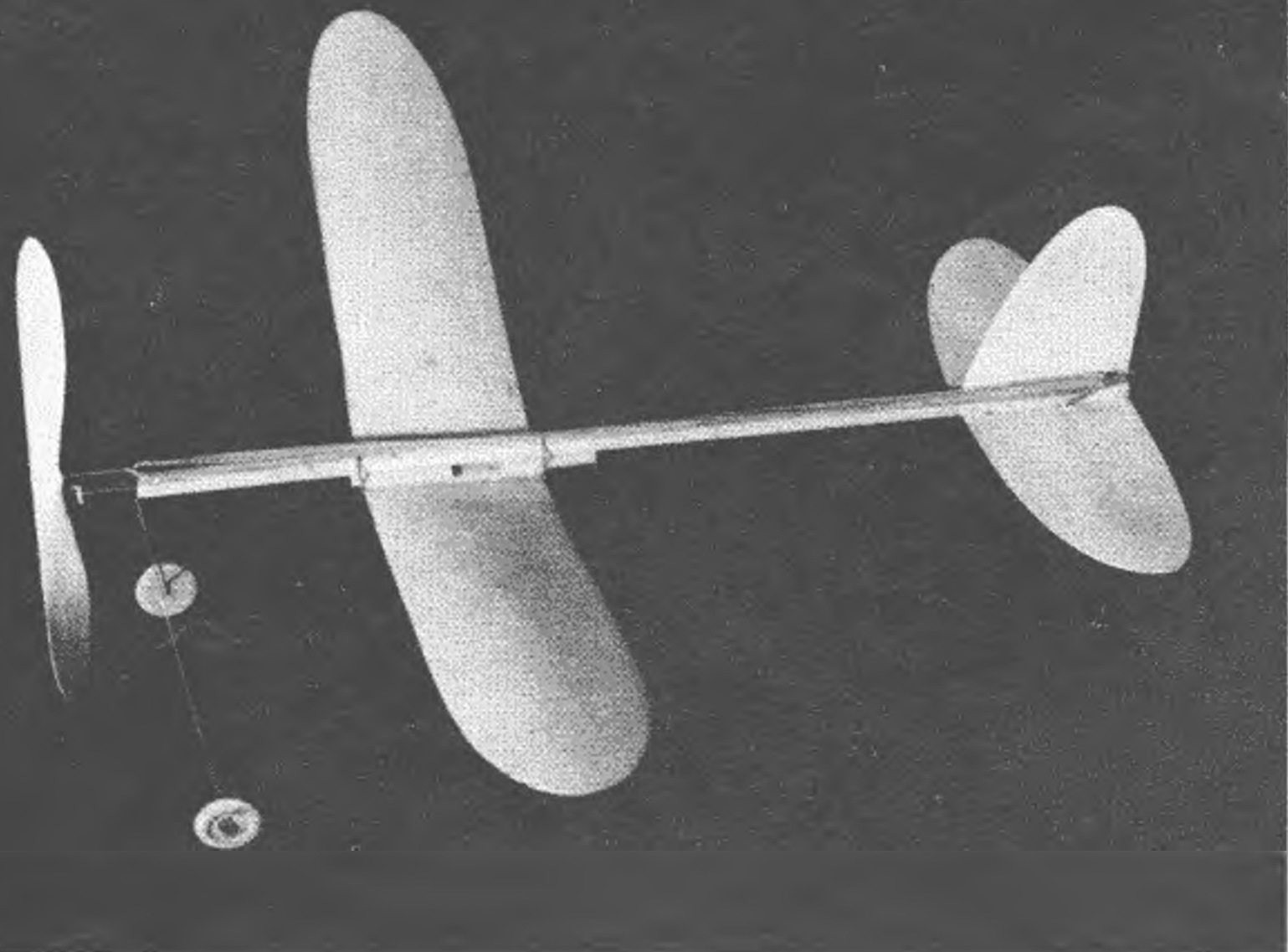
Having, we hope, passed on our own enthusiasm, let us get down to details. The first impressions on taking the Sea

Fury out of its attractive window box are the scaly realism, excellent finish and light weight. Next is the fact that it is based on the Sky Fury engine recently tested in the May, 1954 issue of MAN, and finally, the discovery that rotation is clockwise.

Out comes the screwdriver and, sure enough, the crankshaft is modified, having reverse port timing, and an extended crankpin which drives a hardened steel disc, in similar manner to a disc rotary valve, for power take-off to the prop. Clockwise rotation has the signal advantage of permitting the use of right hand threads throughout. The large die cast fuel tank into which the engine is recessed has a bottom plate, resin bonded to the tank, with a boss forming the rear cover onto which the crankcase seats with a paper joint gasket. The boss is reamed to a good fit for the drive disc stub shaft bearing, and has clearance holes around it for three radial engine mounting screws which screw it into the lower end housing which seats on the lower end of the tank plate and boss.

The lower end housing carries the drive shaft (Continued on page 49)

# CLOUD TRAMP



For forty years, Charlie Grant has experimented with fundamental rubber-powered models like the Cloud Tramp. The proportions and areas in this photograph make for sport performance second to none.

► Why are you a model fan? Is it because you enjoy the frustration born of balky gas engines with only an occasional flight; because you enjoy the labor of building intricate structures; because you thrill to the tug of a motorized "yo-yo," roaring through repeated circles at the end of restraining control lines; or is it because you reap deep satisfaction from *repeated, realistic, completely stable free flights requiring minimum construction effort and damage repair?* If you prefer the latter, build this simple model. It will give you as many as 20 to 30 thrilling flights in an afternoon, without breakage, and all within the bounds of a baseball park.

Longer flights of a minute or more to altitudes of more than 300 ft. can be obtained by lubricating the motor with glycerine, stretching it  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times its length and winding it to 900 turns. The motor should not be wound *more than*

400 turns when it is dry and wound by hand.

Study the plans carefully and before you start building be sure you know the exact function, material, size and shape of each part and how all parts are placed and held together in the assembly.

Start with *balsa sheet*: medium hard, 40 in. total length, 3 in. wide,  $\frac{3}{64}$  in. thick. From this, cut the wing, 22 in. long; the stabilizers, 10 in. long; and the fin,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. high. Shape the wing tips, the stabilizer and fin outlines all according to the patterns given full scale in the plans.

From *balsa sheet*, medium hard, 4 in. long, 3 in. wide,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. thick, cut wing incidence block and four ribs to the exact outline given in the plans. Then use:

*Balsa*: medium hard, 4 in. long,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. wide,  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. thick. Cut wing center block from this to length and cross-section shown in (Continued on page 48)



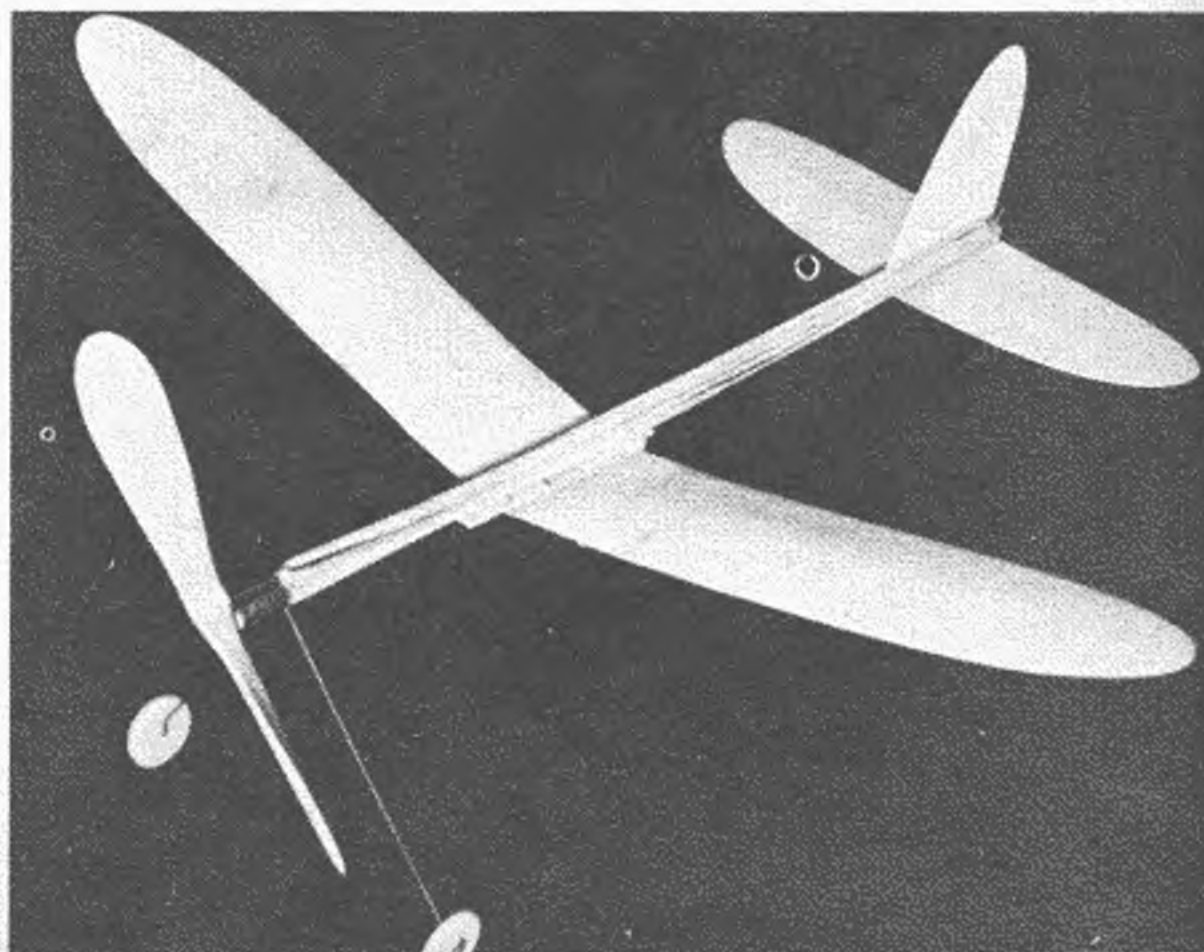
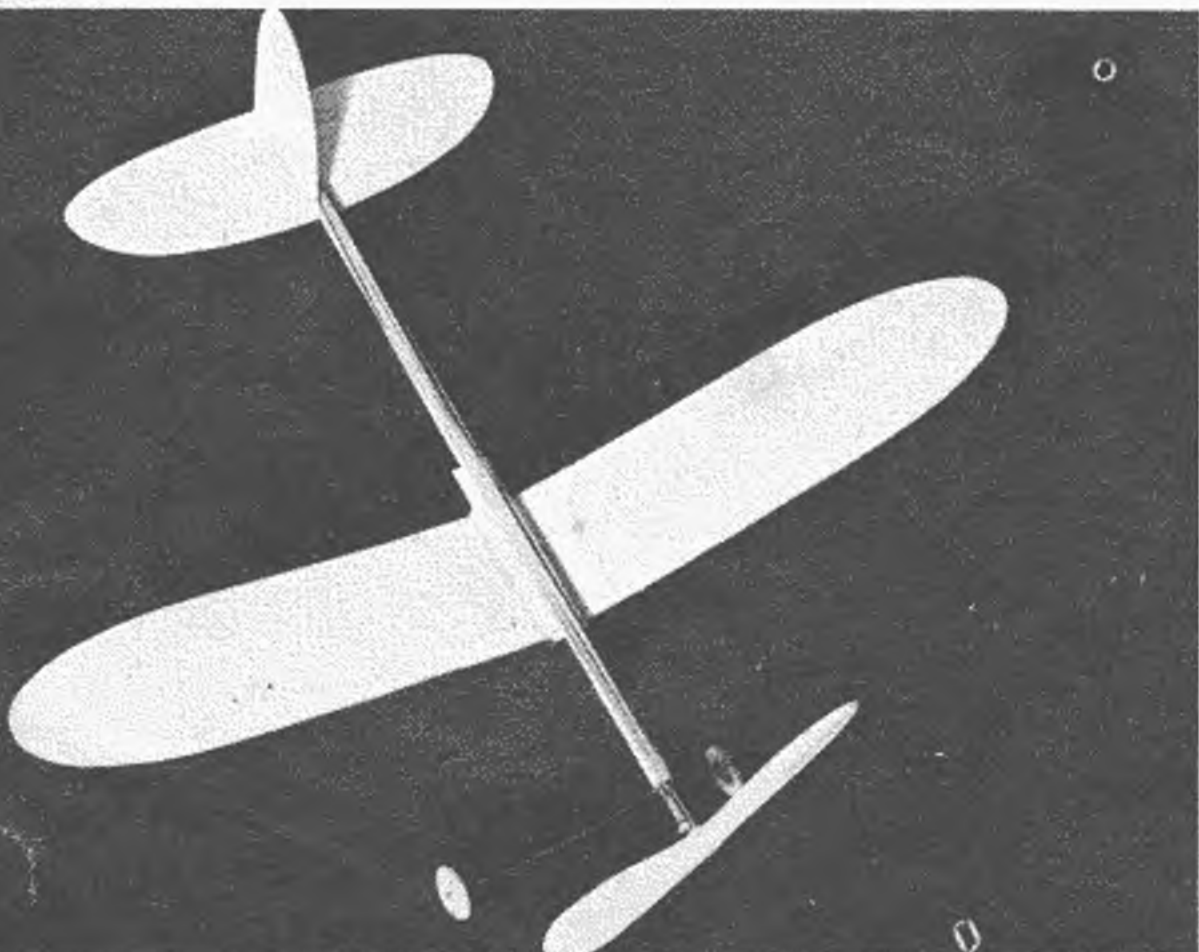
by CHARLES H. GRANT



*This may be a beginner's model but its performance commands respect. Put one together and fly it whenever all the complicated stuff gets you down. All balsa.*

Cambered sheet balsa wing that makes the ship so efficient is easy to make if directions are followed. The prop is made from hobby shop blank.

Method of cementing fin to stick side is simplest. Allows rubber to run length of stick. Wing attaches by rubberband, slides to adjust model.







Eliseo Scotto with the Argentine Wakefield, comparatively simple, old fashioned, which, with minor material changes, can compete in '54.

# The Argentinian

by BILL DEAN with ELISEO SCOTTO

▶ At the '53 Wakefield Contest at Cranfield, England, no less than three entrants scored three-flight maximums of 15 minutes—with America's Joe Foster placing top in the subsequent fly-off, to collect the famed Blue-Riband rubber trophy. However, in accordance with the existing rules, the official result was that the Wakefield Contest was won jointly by the U.S.A., Great Britain and Argentina—the three countries which tied at the end of the third round. Foster's model has already been featured in MAN and now we give you Eliseo Scotto's Argentine design—a sleek polyhedral slabsider with a two-bladed folding prop.

The one-quarter scale plan on the adjoining page is fully dimensioned for enlarging—while full size root and tip ribs for wing, stab and fin are given at the end of this article. The original model had a very light airframe, but now that rubber weight for future contests has been cut to 2.82 oz., harder balsa may be used to bring the all-up weight to the required minimum of 8.113 oz. Bearing this weight question in mind, the *larger* of the nearest fractional sizes have been chosen in converting material sizes from millimeters to inches. For flying under the new rules, Scotto specifies about 40 ft. of 1/4 x 1/24 Pirelli arranged in 14 strands (tensioned to the 31-1/4 in. distance between hooks)—turning a 19 in. dia. prop of 27 in. pitch.

At the Cranfield Contest, the model was flown on a 32 strand motor of 1/8 x 1/24 Pirelli. The prop used was a 19-1/2 in. dia. x 30 in. pitch, as shown on the plan. Number

of turns in each of the three rounds were 1300, 1320 and 1380. Unfortunately, this killed the motor, and for the fly-off, a new unbroken-in one had to be used, which was only given 920 turns. Tests in as near as possible still-air conditions have shown an average duration of 4:30 for this model.

After preparing full size working plans, start off by cutting out all the sheet parts and selecting good tough balsa for the spars and longerons. A few small pieces of 1/32 in. and 1/16 in. ply will be needed for reinforcing various vulnerable points.

Build two fuselage sides in the usual way, joining pieces of 1/8 in. strip aft of the take-off peg location to obtain the 40 in. longerons. Use 3/32 x 1/8 in. strip for the cross pieces and diagonals. Leave out the 1/32 in. sheeting at the stab. position for the time being. When sides are dry, lift up from the plan, carefully slice apart with a razor blade and join with the horizontal cross braces at the parallel portion of the fuselage. Allow to set firmly, then pull in at the nose and tail, adding the 1/8 in. sheet nose pieces (note 1/16 in. right thrust) and the remaining 3/32 x 1/8 in. cross pieces.

Cement the 1/32 in. ply facing (X) to the nose and add the 1/32 in. sheet fill-in at the tail end. Shape the 3/16 in. dia. take-off peg from an 11-1/4 in. strip of 1/4 in. sq. hard balsa and cement a length of thread to the leading edge. If the peg breaks, the stub can then be pulled out by the thread. Roll a paper tube to take the peg, then cement the tube in place—reinforcing with triangular 1/8 in. sheet pieces. Make the underslug "blister" by cement- (Continued on page 39)



After three maximum flights, this model had to make the famous fourth round last year, with new motor wound 75 per cent. Averages 4:30.

**The Great South American model that tied Britain and America in the last Wakefield contest. Rubber event fans will find it easy to enlarge quarter scale plans, opposite.**



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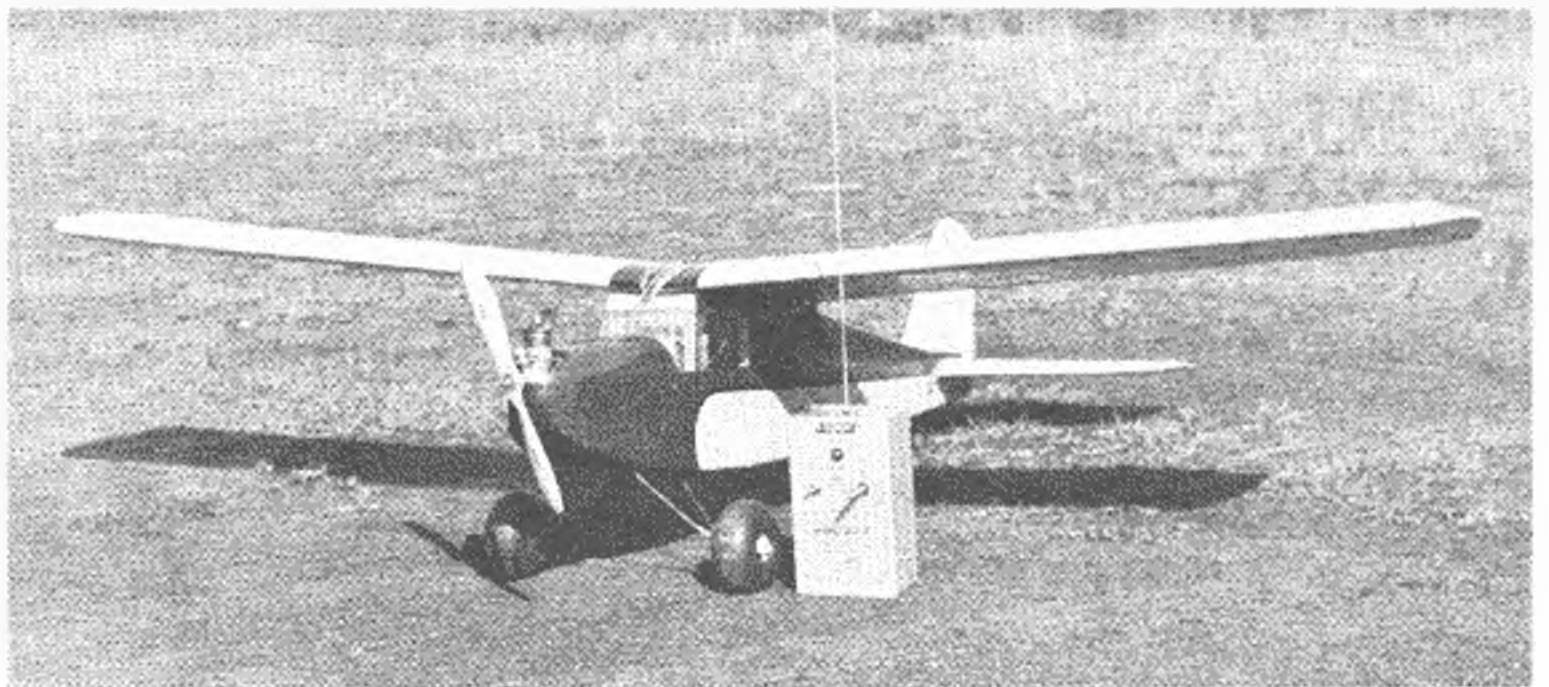
RY STANDARD MODEL ENGINE...

LLINOIS



# Radio Control News

by E. J. LORENZ



The 1954 Mirror Meet winner, built by Carl Schmaedig of New Jersey. Used multi-channel Babcock with compound escapement and new Bonner elevator trim servo. Engine was Fox .35 with throttle.

**Rounding up last minute dope on new gadgets, products, and ideas. Club news and run-down on the Mirror Flying Fair.**

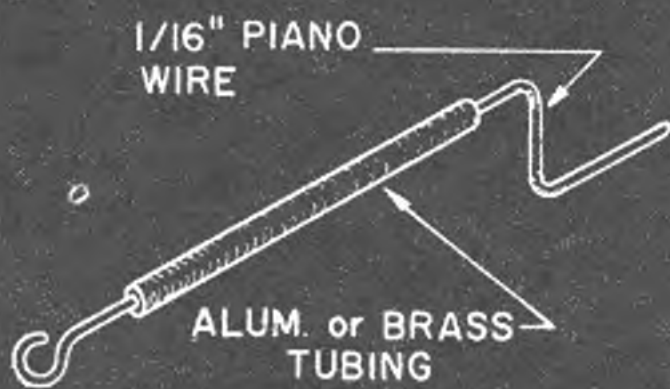
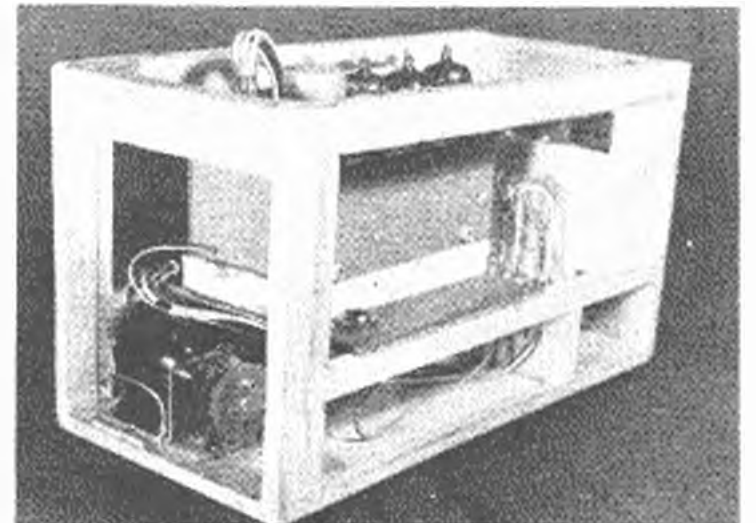


Fig. 1

▶ Ever lose your escapement winder or think that carrying a hand drill around was too bulky? From Ken Hall of Kingston, N. Y., we have a simple winder (Fig. 1) made up from a scrap of tubing and a length of wire. Compact, simple and efficient.

Our pet escapement twist is shown in Fig. 2 and is very useful with the bellcrank unit as supplied in the Live Wire series. Bending the crank throw on the escapement arm as shown in the sketch will eliminate binding in the bellcrank. The angle should be such that the crank throw is perpendicular to the bellcrank yoke when in full left or right position.

Fig. 3 shows how Herman Rau of 421 E. 84th St., New York City, has adapted a Super Aerotrol escapement, working from a Bonner Compound escapement, to give engine control. The



DeBolt installation of single-channel Babcock and DMECO servo in a Live Wire removable unit.

Aerotrol escapement is mounted in the cabin of the plane with a simple torque rod linkage running through the fire-wall to the engine. A small disc is fastened to the end of the linkage, at the engine, to cover the venturi when closed. A small hole should be placed in the disc to allow for the correct amount of air to suit your particular engine. Does it work? The maiden flight of Herm's Rudolph, powered with a K & B .15, was perfect.

In Fig. 4 we have the brain child of E. R. Simpson, E-10 Cabaniss Field, Corpus Christi, Tex. and Del Oiler. This is a clever combination based on the D & D multiple escapement, the Bonner compound, and employing a 10,000 ohm GE relay coil. Mr. Simpson uses this unit with a Lorenz receiver which has a 1V5 in the second stage, 67-1/2 volts (Continued on page 50)

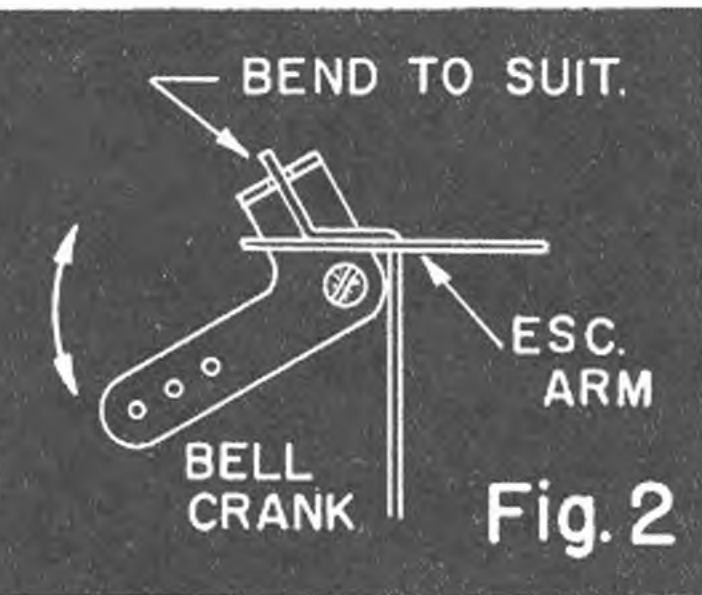


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

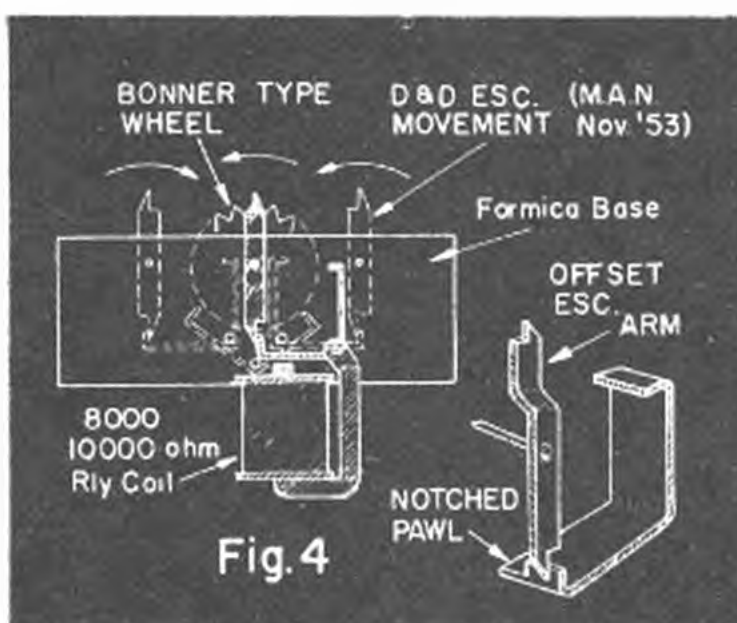


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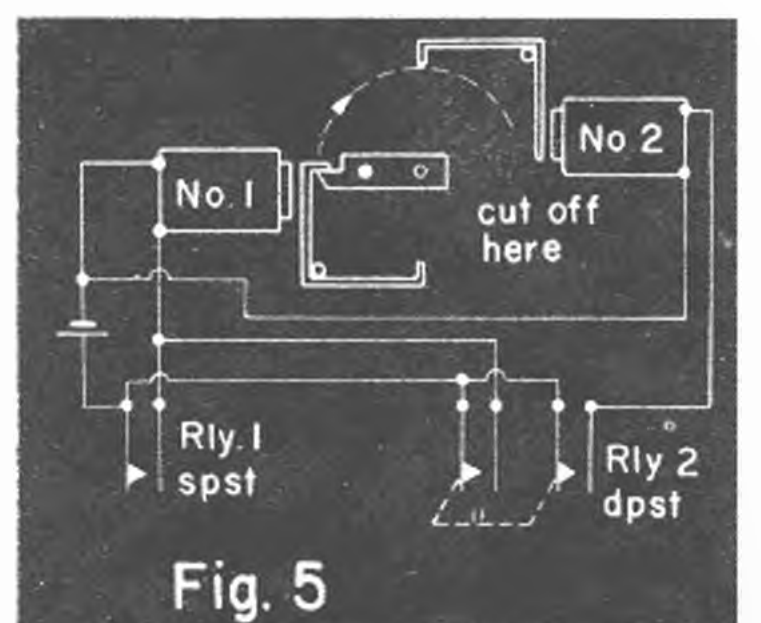


Fig. 5



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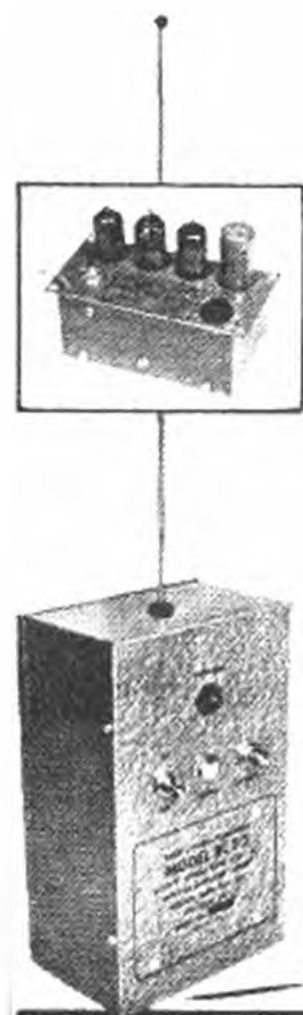
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# FOREIGN NOTES



P. G. F. CHINN

New and fascinating ideas are a dime a dozen. Many of them hold possibilities for the American modeler to try out something new and different.

by P. G. F. CHINN

### British 6-Channel RC

George Honnest-Redlich, well known British RC man and designer of ED equipment, has released to us some details of the ED six-channel gear which, it is hoped, will be available before the end of the present season.

Unlike most receivers, which are assembled on a single panel, in the new six-channel job the entire receiving equipment, including six-reed-bank and six relays, is contained in a closed metal box which measures 4-1/2 x 3 x 2-3/4 in. Weight is approximately 9 oz. and battery consumption is lower than that of a single hard-tube type receiver. The three receiver tubes are Mullard deaf-aid type.

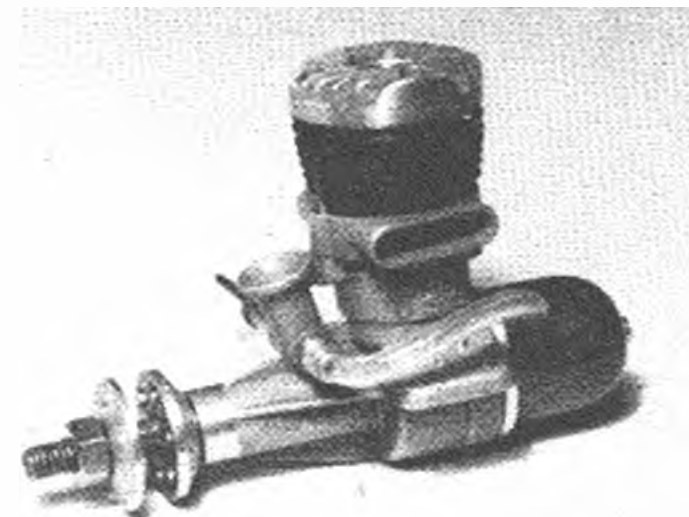
In most other respects, the equipment is similar to the currently available three-channel ED illustrated. Instead of a single self-centering lever switch and one push-button, however, the control box will have two lever switches and two push-buttons.

### Speed in Czechoslovakia

As we have remarked before in this column, some fine speed performances have been put up in Czechoslovakia, which are all the more outstanding for the fact that their motors are virtually home-made jobs. But the Czechs have long been noted for their mechanical engineering ability, an example of which is to be seen in the famous Czech-designed, British-built Bren machine-gun, while these notes, in fact, are being written on a Czechoslovakian typewriter.

The extent to which some Czech enthusiasts will go to produce a speed model is quite remarkable. Consider the case of Ervin Napravnik of Prague, pioneer of controlline models in Czechoslovakia. He built a Speedwagon-50 from a deBolt plan in British Model Aircraft magazine. Balsa for it was hacked from lumps salvaged from wartime de Havilland Mosquito fighter-bombers. A McCoy being unobtainable, he built his own motor, including the glow plug.

Nitromethane is also unobtainable in Czechoslovakia, which leads Napravnik to apologize for reaching a speed of *only* 128



New Japanese-built O.S. .099 resembles big brother, O.S. .29. Annular parts, soundly made.

mph, a figure which, in the circumstances, we think is pretty good.

### Foreign Reaction to O-Ring Diesels

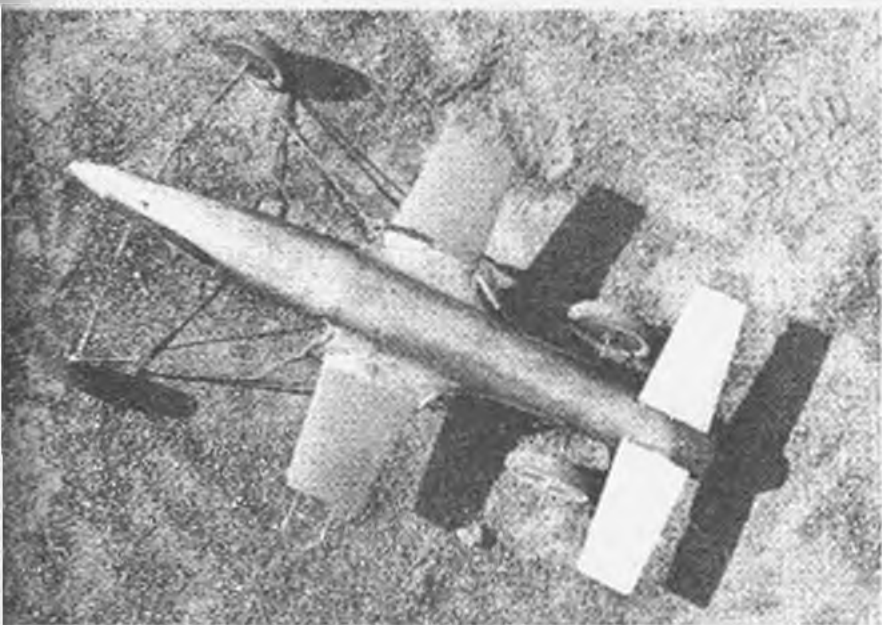
An appreciative word from us about Argentina's "gomeros" (rubber specialists) and, in particular, of the fine effort of Eliseo Scotto in last year's Wakefield, brought forth a word of thanks from Rooky Carlstein in Buenos Aires, who points out the difficulties under which Argentinian hobbyists labor, such as lack of plans, kits and magazines, props and accessories. Importation of American and other modeling supplies is difficult and subject to considerable delays by government restrictions on the movement of currency—as in so many other countries nowadays, of course.

This gave rise to a complaint about the plastic compression ring, employed by the new American Diesels in place of the lapped surface contrapiston used by compression-ignition engines of other countries. Personally, our impressions of the plastic O-ring have been entirely favorable: it has given a better seal and smoother compression adjustment with none of the "freezing" tendencies associated with some lapped contrapistons. Our correspondent's complaint, however, (which is also that of some other foreign users) is that when the ring wears out or breaks, the motor is put out of commission until a replacement can be obtained—and this may take weeks or months.

Possibly the answer to this is for the

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manufacturer to include a spare O-ring with each motor, as do some manufacturers with spare gaskets. On the other hand, Keith Storey tells us that, using a redesigned ring groove, the life of the Silastic O-ring on the McCoy Diesels is prolonged almost indefinitely. One recommendation that we should like to add is a warning against unnecessary removal of the O ring from the bore once the motor has been run. We suspect that breakages, as apart from normal wear and tear, are almost invariably caused by disturbing the ring needlessly.

#### Competition for the Torp. 15

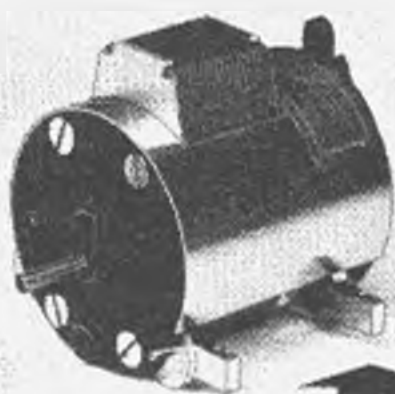
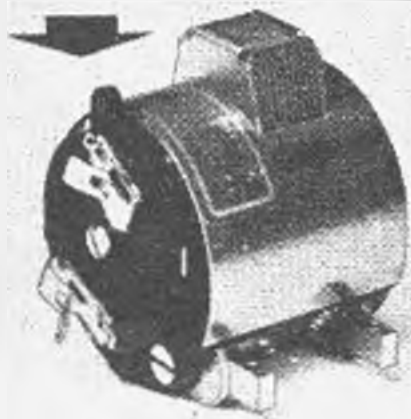
The .15 cu. in. German Webra Mach 1 disc-valve, ball-bearing Diesel, which is now claiming attention in Europe, will be boosted to approximately .35 bhp next year, if necessary, the manufacturers inform us. Continued development of the current production model have shown this to be practicable.

#### Dutch Flying Saucers

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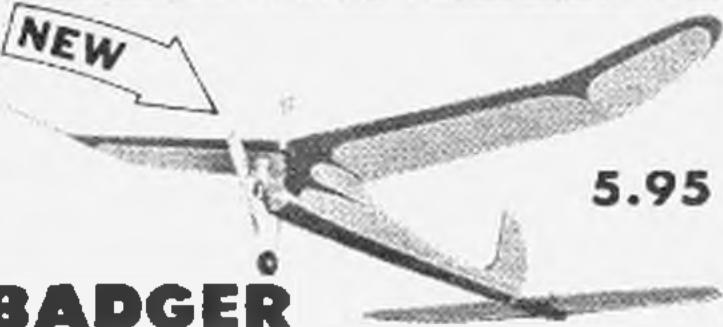
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The Argentine 1954 Wakefield team, left to right—Royle, Altamirano, Colombo, Mursep, Benavidez. Royle is a resident Englishman and not eligible. Rules called for 15 flights on eight days' running.

round in the approved comic strip fashion. They are, in effect, helicopters, having up to 16 rotor blades interposed between the center section and outer rim. They are driven, either by two Jetex motors attached to the outer rim, or by a single .03 cu. in. Diesel, such as the Frog-50, mounted in the center-section and driving the disc by contra-rotation.

### News from Austria

A new model commission has been formed in the Austrian Aero Club to handle model aircraft competition activities.

Oskar Czepa, who won the world model glider championship in 1951, thinks that his chances of getting into the 1954 Austrian A.2 team, to fly in Denmark, are slim. He cites high times now being put up by fellow countrymen who will be competing for team places. Czepa's new A.2 is, once again, an out-of-the-rut design, has high aspect-ratio wing of nearly 9 ft. span!

A quantity-built Austrian engine has yet to appear, but a small number of Vitus Diesels and another, as yet unnamed, Viennese .15 cu. in. Diesel, have been built.

### News from Thailand

Modeling is on a small scale in Thailand (Siam) but what they lack in numbers, Thai modelers seem to make up in energy and enthusiasm. Every year the Thai Air Force sponsors a competition on Air Force Day. A good deal of emphasis is on controlline, notably stunt, and much U.S. influence is evident in the design of models seen. Sport, scale, rubber and glider categories are also well supported but lack of flying sites (this seems to be a world-wide affliction) dis-

courage free flight. Speed, too, is not favored through lack of enclosed flying space and unruly crowds invading the flying field.

Main trouble facing Thai modelers, however, is the relatively high cost of engines and materials. Cost of a .29-.35 American stunt engine, for example, equals two weeks' earnings of average worker. Japanese engines are cheaper but most builders would prefer U.S. types.

### Argentine Team Selection

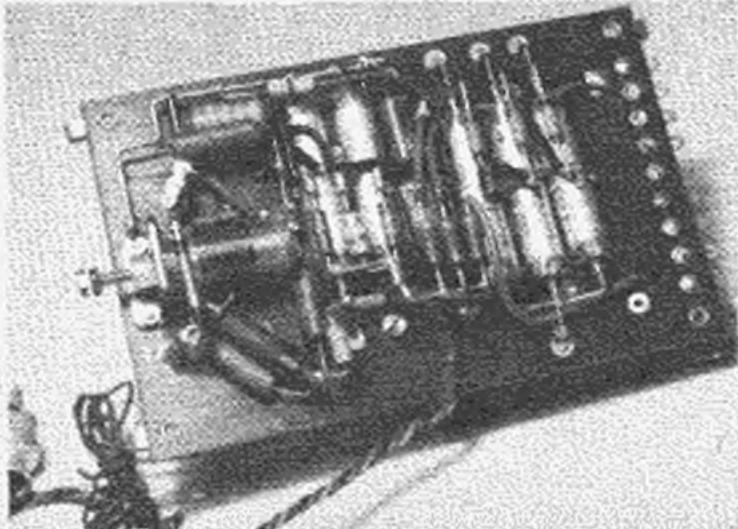
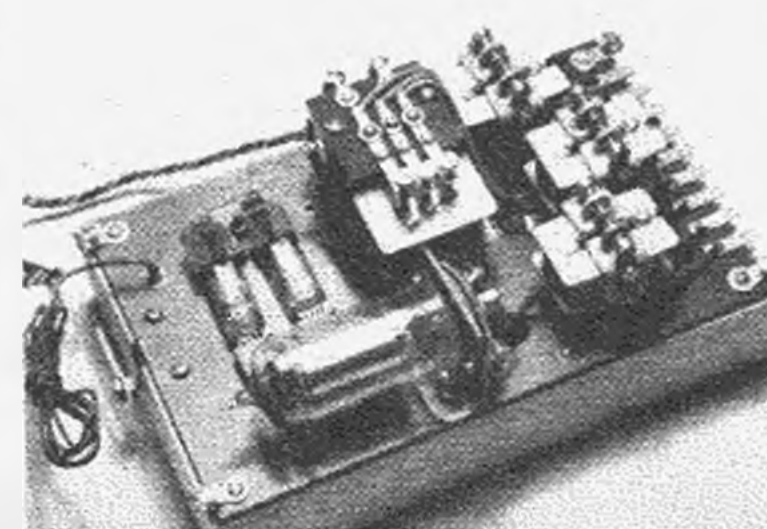
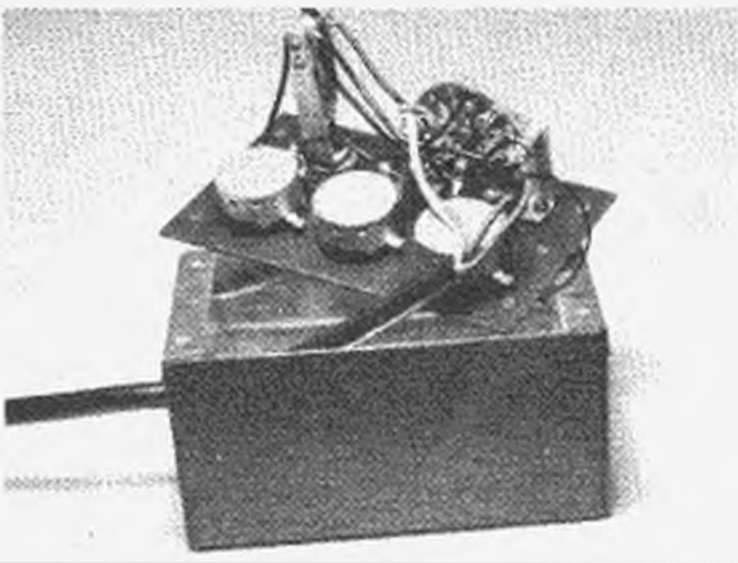
To Senor Fabi Mursep, president of the Federacion Argentina de Aeromodelismo, we are indebted for details of the 1954 Argentine Wakefield Team eliminations. An unusual procedure was adopted, each competitor having to make a total of 15 flights during eight consecutive days. All flights were made after 7 p.m. and with a three-minute maximum.

Under these conditions, the former British Wakefield team member, John (Pop) Royle, who is currently resident in Argentina, placed first with an aggregate of 44 min. 41 sec. Royle flew for fun, not being eligible for inclusion in the official Argentine team. Next four place men, who will fly in the Wakefield in the U.S., were Cesar Altamirano (44:29), Ernesto Colombo (43:03), Fabi Mursep (40:19) and Eduardo Benavidez (40:00).

It is not stated how many three-minute maximums were included in these times, but it will be noted that the top time is only 19 seconds outside the time needed to make every flight a maximum—a little more than one second per flight—which seems to con-

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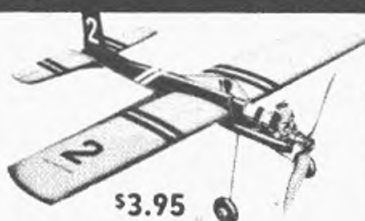
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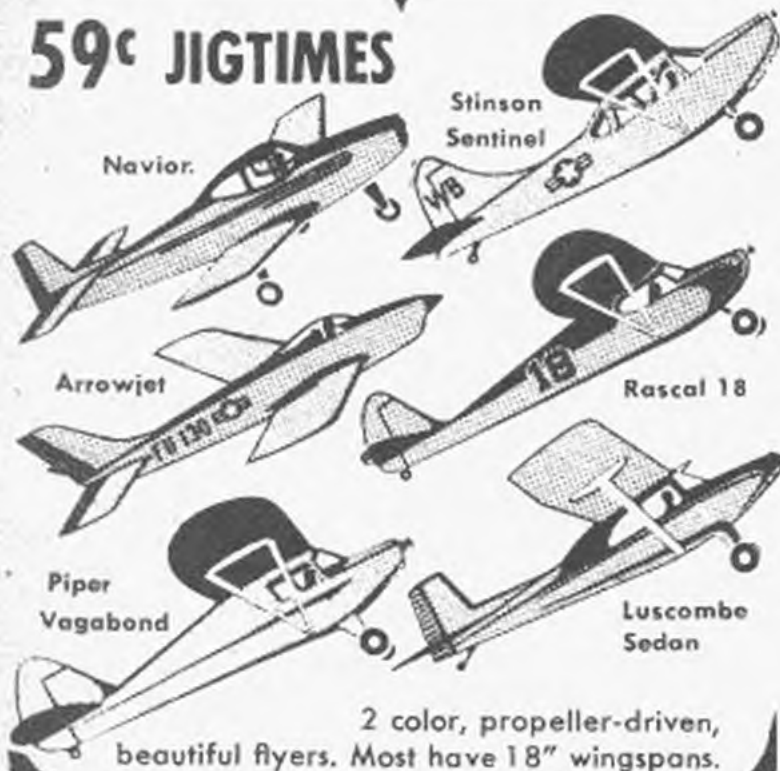
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# FLASH NEWS

by **ROBERT McLARREN**

**With the DH Comet hamstrung by mystery crashes, Boeing's 707 Jet Stratoliner is revealed.**

► And still more missiles—this month the Firestone *Corporal*, Douglas *Honest John* and Sperry *Sparrow*. *Corporal* is a huge surface-to-surface guided missile developed from the well known "WAC Corporal" originally tested by California's Institute of Technology. The rocket-powered missile is a long-range artillery weapon capable, of course, of mounting an atomic warhead. *Honest John* is also a surface-to-surface artillery missile but is unguided. It is merely aimed at its target, much as an artillery rifle, and its rocket motor provides several times the range of an equivalent artillery shell. *Sparrow* is a supersonic air-to-air tactical missile carried aboard fighter planes. All three missiles are now in quantity production.

Newest fighter to join the parade of air-to-air refueling is the unique Vought F7U-3 *Cutlass*, which has passed its tests using the "probe and drogue" method developed by Flight Refueling, Inc. The F7U features a retractable nose probe, which is flown into the funnel of a fuel line trailed from a North American AJ-2 *Savage* refueler. The new F7U-3 also mounts a special belly housing containing a large number of 2.75-in. air-to-air rockets in addition to the standard 20 mm aircraft cannon armament. The F7U is the first fighter designed from the start for afterburner engines and its two Westinghouse J46 turbojets carry it to 700 mph speeds.

Republic Aviation has test flown its new F-84J *Thunderstreak* swept-wing jet fighter. The new model is powered by a 9,200-lb. thrust General Electric J73 turbojet engine, replacing the 7,200-lb. Wright J65 used in the standard F-84F model. Two F-84J aircraft have been built for test purposes and the bigger engines require larger air inlets, a larger fuselage and larger dive brakes to handle the increased speed. The big, new GE J73 engine is also used in the North American F-86F *Sabre*, now in quantity production at the company's Columbus, Ohio plant.

Not content to have the world's most powerful engine in quantity production, Pratt & Whitney has now revealed the afterburner version of its famed J57 turbojet. More than 26 ft. long, the new version is claimed to produce 14,500 lb. of thrust—nearly three times the output of our current standard jet engines. The big J57 is going into the North American F-100A *Super Sabre*, the Convair F-102, the Douglas F4D-2 *Skyray* and the still unrevealed McDonnell F-101 *Voodoo*.

America now has a jet transport. Boeing has amazed its competitors and even its friends by completing its magnificent new 707 *Jet Stratoliner* two months ahead of schedule and it will be in the air as you read this. The swept-wing, four-jet transport was rolled from its Renton, Wash., hangar in the middle of May and revealed a dazzling yellow and brown paint scheme. Powered by

four Pratt & Whitney JT3-L (civil versions of the potent J57 turbojets), the big new jet transport can provide scheduled transcontinental service in less than five hours and cross the Atlantic in under seven hours. The \$15-million transport is also being groomed as an Air Force jet *Stratotanker* but, as yet, no orders for either version, as potential purchasers eye the \$3.5-4.5 million price tag.

The Ford Tri-Motor is going back into production, believe it or not. That is the announced plan of a group of investors ready to back veteran designer William B. Stout, who created the famed plane back in the 'twenties. Stout plans an initial production of 100 of the immortal tri-motors in Southern California in response to a wide demand for the reliable, safe transport. The new version will be powered by three Pratt & Whitney R-985 *Wasp Junior* engines. Although no longer in production, about a thousand of these engines are available in their original packing cases, having been declared surplus late in World War II. Stout plans minor improvements in the famed design and estimates sales price at about \$100,000 each.

The Navy is conducting flight tests on a Grumman F9F-4 *Panther* jet carrier fighter equipped with boundary layer control. This is a system of speeding up the sluggish boundary layer, a thin sheet of slow-moving air next to the wing skin, by spraying the area with high-pressure air. The air is released from the compressor section of the jet engine and piped to slots along the rear portion of the wing upper surface just forward of the ailerons and flaps. This energizing of the boundary layer air permits the sleek *Panther* to take off and land at a speed 20 knots slower than the standard *Panther* and to carry 3,000 lb. additional load. Flight tests are being carried out aboard the carrier *U.S.S. Bennington*.

You'll probably have to admit that all B-36 bombers look just the same to you but Convair reveals the fact that only about 20 per cent of the parts used in the B-36A are still used in the new 200-ton B-36J model, indicative of the continuous development of the world's longest-ranging strategic bomber. Despite these improvements, however, the first production airplanes took an average of 350,000 man-hours to complete, whereas the current model requires only 142,000 man-hours.

An interesting battle between aeronautical science and man's labor rules is going on in the glamorous non-stop transcontinental service of the big, fast Douglas DC-7 on American Airlines. The DC-7 cruises at 360 mph and American schedules call for a flight time of 7 hr. 55 min. for the trip. Going from Los Angeles to New York the flight is made often in as short a time as 6 hr. 30 min. with good tailwinds, but stiff headwinds often delay the west-bound flight well past eight hours. This raises the problem of the Civil Aeronautics Board regulation that no pilot shall remain on duty longer than eight hours, regardless of overtime pay or other compensations. American can either carry a complete spare crew to operate the plane no longer than 30 minutes at the end of the flight, or make a stop for a crew change halfway across the country, which would destroy the dramatic appeal of the service. While American attorneys and executives study the matter with CAB officials, engineers are working feverishly with flush-mounting antenna, drag clean-up throughout the plane and automatic pilot procedures to squeeze only the few more mph required from the plane to make the New York-Los Angeles flight in a flat eight hours.

North American Aviation has developed the first new idea in metal-cutting in many, many years. Called "chemical milling," the system uses an acid to etch away the areas of the part it is desired to remove while a special chemical coating protects the remainder. The new process is electronically controlled to an accuracy of two-thousandths of an inch and a large number of parts can be chemically milled in the tank at the same time. The system has demonstrated its ability to mill out complex "waffle" and "sandwich" skin plating and to produce tapered sheets.

The Russians have displayed a new four-jet bomber with swept wing. This rounds out the line-up of Russian jet bombers with the well known twin-jet and six-jet bombers previously reported. Also reported are both four and six turboprop-powered swept-wing bombers. General Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, describes the new four-jet bomber as being comparable to our Boeing B-47 *Stratojet*, although he believes us to be some two years ahead of the Russians in the production of this class bomber. Nevertheless, he states that the Russian Air Force is still substantially larger than any other in the world and that it is growing at a faster pace than any other.

Sikorsky is now experimenting with a gas-turbine-powered helicopter, designated the Model S-59. It is powered by a Continental-licensed French Turbomeca Artouste ga3 turbine engine. The engine was tested last year in a modified S-52-2 machine but disassembled and redesigned into the new configuration. Meanwhile, the new Sikorsky S-58, something of a cross between the well known S-55 (H-19, HRS) and the big XHR2S-1, has a top speed of better than 150 mph, making it the fastest helicopter in the world.

Piper Aircraft Corp. has delivered its first PA-23 Apache twin-engine executive transport and announced firm plans for the production of 300 of the new model. Priced at \$32,500 each, the four-place monoplane cruises at 167 mph.

Lockheed reveals it is accepting the gauntlet tossed by the rival Douglas DC-7 and is developing an improved Super Constellation to compete for the transcontinental travel market. The new Model L-1049G features strengthened landing gear, stainless steel engine nacelles and improved soundproofing. The use of later model Wright *Turbo Compound* engines featuring an additional 100 hp for cruise raises the Super Connie cruising speed 8-10 mph. However, Lockheed president Robert E. Gross admits that under certain range and load conditions the Lockheed transport can never be as fast as the DC-7.

Preparing for the eventual debut of civil jet transports on the nation's airlines, the Air Force has invited 12 airline pilots to take the regular jet instrument indoctrination course at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The airline captains will take the course alongside regular Air Force students. If the new idea proves successful, the opportunity may be offered to additional groups of 12 airline pilots.

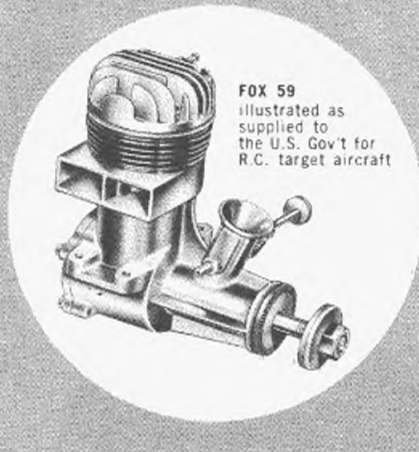
Most authoritative statement yet made about nuclear-powered aircraft comes from Lockheed vice president of engineering Hall L. Hibbard, who predicts they will be flying within 10 years. Hibbard says they will look no different from current aircraft, nor will they be any larger. He sees the first nuclear-powered aircraft as strategic bombers with supersonic speed capabilities. A few years later should come the first supersonic commercial transport using atomic-powered propulsion. These transports will have a speed of at least two and perhaps three times that of sound, enabling them to cross the nation in "minus one hour" in the westerly direction.

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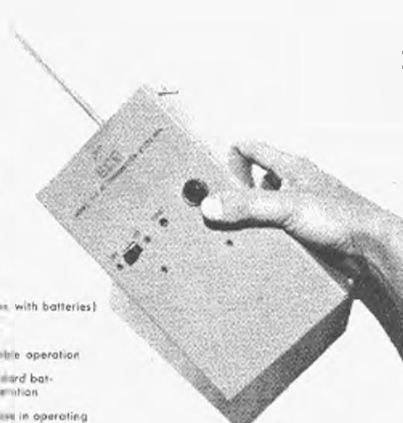
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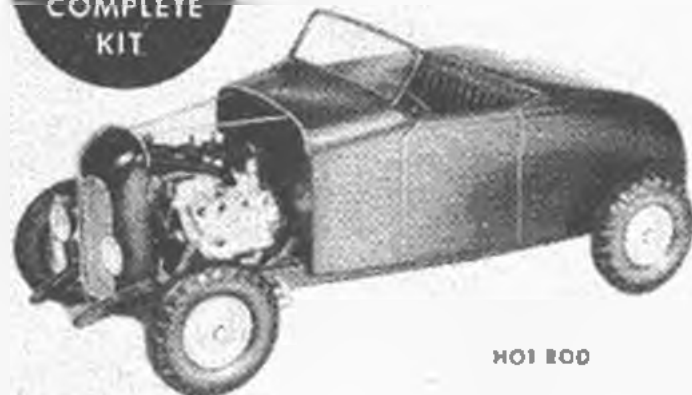
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- 3 & 4—*Salt Lake City, Utah*: Class AA Salt Lake Active Modelers' Third Annual Meet for CL, FFG, PL, TLG, scale, and combat. James P. Yardley, C.D., 2836 S. 15 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 3 & 4—*Jacksonville, Fla.*: Class AA Dixie State Model Meet (U-Control) for CL, CLS, CLFS, and combat. C. A. Powers III, C.D., 4757 Beverly Circle, E. Jacksonville 10, Fla.
- 3-5—*Ft. Lewis, Wash.*: Class AAA 1954 Northwest Model Airplane Championships for CL, CLS, combat, CLFS, FFG, PL, RC, OHLG, and FFG. Earl F. Witt, C.D., Box 134, Lakeview, Wash.
- 4—*Concord, N. C.*: Class AAA Modelairs' Championship Contest for CL and FFG. James M. Kilgore, C.D., 232 Guy St., Concord, N. C.
- 4—*Tulsa, Okla.*: Class AA Tulsa Glue Dobbers' Fifth Annual Free Flight Meet for OR, OHLG, TLG, FFG, and RC. Willard H. Kehr, C.D., 4940 North Johnstown, Tulsa, Okla.
- 4—*Rock Island, Ill.*: Controlline Meet. Pending.
- 4—*Southington, Conn.*: Class AA Free Flight Contest for FFG and OHLG. Chester A. Orrill, Jr., C.D., 47 Carpenter Ave., Meriden, Conn.
- 11—*Hackettstown, N. J.*: Class AA Second Annual Musconetcong Aeronauts' Model Plane Meet for CL, CLS, combat, beauty-scale, FFG, OR, TLG, and RC. Louis F. Schierbaum, C.D., Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, N. J.
- 11—*Pittsfield, Mass.*: Class AA Third Annual Berkshire Model Airplane Contest for CLS, CL, combat, and CLFS. Robert L. Elliott, C.D., 48 Curtis Terr., Pittsfield, Mass.
- 11—*Joliet, Ill.*: Class AAA Joliet Flying Circus for CL, CLS, combat, TR, and CLFS. Glenn F. Stearman, C.D., 604 Abe St., Joliet, Ill.
- 11—*Chicago, Ill.*: Class AA Second Annual Chicago Prop Nutz Flying Meet for FFG, OR, and OHLG. Peter J. Sotich, C.D., 3851 W. 62nd Pl., Chicago 29, Ill.
- 11—*Spartanburg, S. C.*: Class AAA All-Dixie Championships for CL, CLS, CLFS, combat, OHLG, TLG, and FFG. C. Hill Hutchins, C.D., Box 403, Spartanburg, S. C.
- 11—*Dallas, Tex.*: Class AA Cliff Model Club Third Quarterly Meet for FFG. Joel B. Hargis, C.D., 1102 W. Saner Ave., Dallas, Tex.
- 11—*Pittsburgh, Pa.*: Class A Greater Pittsburgh Model Air Show 1954 Nationals Qualification Meet for FFG, OHLG, and OR. Entry is restricted to residents of Allegheny, Beaver and Washington Cos. M. J. Thomas, C.D., 246 Morrison Dr., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.
- 18—*Milwaukee, Wis.*: Class AA Milwaukee Flying Electrons' Radio Control Meet. Victor Weissbrodt, C.D., 2100 E. Webster Pl., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 18—*Greenville, O.*: Class AA Jaycee Model Plane Meet for FFG, OHLG, RC, and CLS. Jim Trissil, C.D., 215 Wayne Ave., Greenville, O.

- 18—*Clinton, Ia.*: Contest for TR, combat, and CLFS. Pending.
- 18—*Washington, D. C.*: Class AAA National Capital Model Air Show. Pending.
- 18—*Kohler, Wis.*: Class AA Second Annual Free Flight Contest for FFG, OR, OHLG, and TLG. Wilbur A. Lea, C.D., 1030 N. 14th St., Sheboygan, Wis.
- 18—*Omaha, Neb.*: Kiwanis Model Airplane Contest for OHLG, FFG, CL, CLS, OR, and RC. Carl Richte, C.D., 5035 Bedford, Omaha, Neb. Pending.
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- 18—*Willow Grove, Pa.*: Class AA Eastern States Team Racing Championships. Albert E. Abrams, Jr., C.D., 1031 Pond St., Bristol, Pa. Pending.
- 19-23—*Biggs AFB, Tex.*: Air Force Model Airplane Championships. Lt. Richard Moorhead, Project Officer, 5616 Pollard, El Paso, Tex.
- 25—*Gettysburg, Pa.*: Class AA Gettysburg Model Airplane Club's Third Annual Model Air Meet for CLS, combat, TR, CL, FFG, and beauty. John H. Pitzer, C.D., 9 Hanover St., Gettysburg, Pa.
- 25—*Fresno, Calif.*: Fresno Gas Model Club Record Trials for FFG. Jim Scheidt, C.D., 225 Brown, Fresno, Calif.
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### AUGUST

- 1—*Bristol, Pa.*: Class AA First Annual Eastern States Hydro Championships for ROW, RC and ROW c/1 stunt. Albert E. Abrams, Jr., C.D., 1031 Pond St., Bristol, Pa. Pending.
- 8—*Cleveland, O.*: Class AA Seventh Annual 1/2A Free Flight Contest. John W. Grega, C.D., 355 Grand Blvd., Bedford, O.
- 8—*DeKalb, Ill.*: Class AAA DeKalb Cloud Dusters' Flying Circus for OR, FFG, and RC. Dutch Hess & Dale Hindenburg, C.D.'s 137-1/2 E. Lincoln, DeKalb, Ill.
- 8—*Davenport, Ia.*: Contest for TR and combat. Pending.
- 8—*Frederick, Md.*: Class AA Frederick Exchange Club Meet for FFG, FFGS, combat, CLFS, CL, RC, CLS, and TR. Ike Brendle, C.D., 104-A E. Fourth St., Frederick, Md.
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### The Argentinan

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ing pieces of 1/32 in. sheet to the lower longerons and adding 3/32 in. sq. cross pieces.

The entire fuselage tail-end tips up for dethermalizer purposes, so carefully cut through the four longerons at the points indicated. Line up the motor peg fixing with 1/32 in. ply and attach the tail end again by means of a strong cloth hinge. Add the lower 1/8 in. sheet fin and install the small hooks for dethermalizer, stab, and wing bands, using plenty of cement. Make the motor peg from a 3 in. long piece of 3/16 in. dia. bamboo.

Start the symmetrical fin construction by cementing the leading and trailing edges to the root and tip ribs (1 and 6). Check side and top alignment, then add the remaining four ribs (2-5). Cement the 1/16 in. sheet



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tip to rib 6, add the scrap gussets and complete with the two 1/16 in. sq. spars. Cement a small wire hook to the leading edge as shown on the plan. The fin is cemented to the fuselage after covering.

The nose block assembly incorporates a novel method of tensioning. This consists of a spring fitted inside an aluminum bush, which is compressed—by a second bush, which slides inside the first—when the rubber is wound. As the motor unwinds and tension slackens, the spring pushes the shaft forward until an arm (on the end of the shaft) engages with a woodscrew "stop" in the back of the nose plug, thus preventing complete unwinding and consequent motor slackening.

After the prop has been carved (and bushed), take care to cut the blades free at exactly the angle shown on the plan, as this is vital to the correct folding. The hinges consist of wire bound to the blades and tin straps bound to the hub. Cut a circular hole in the nose block and line with a ring of card before cementing to the ply backplate (Y). Cement the 3/16 in. sheet nose plug to the back of Y and face with 1/32 in. ply (Z). Bolt the alum. bush to the nose plug.

Bend the front end of the 1/16 in. shaft first, then install the prop, followed by a ball race, the front alum. bush, spring and nose block. Now bend the hook, install the bobbin and bind and solder the shaft ends to-

gether. Make the spinner cap from hard balsa and hollow out to 1/8 in. wall thickness.

The wing consists of a flat center section, constant chord inner panels and tapered outer panels. Start with the center section, pinning the trailing edge and lower spars down over the plan. Add the five number 1 ribs, angling the 1/16 in. sheet ones slightly, to allow for the dihedral angle. Sand the T.E. to a triangular section, then complete by cementing the leading edge, upper spar, L.E. sheeting and T.E. sheeting in place.

Build the inner wing panels in a similar manner and join them to the center section with 1 in. dihedral under the outermost ribs. The tip panels are joined on to provide an extra 2-1/2 in. of dihedral. Note that the actual tips consist of 1/32 in. sheet, top and bottom. Add scrap 1/8 in. sheet gussets to the L.E., T.E. and spar dihedral joints. The wing mount is attached after covering.

The stabilizer construction is quite standard. Pin the L.E., lower spar and T.E. to the plan. Cement ribs A-1 in place, then add the two upper spars. When dry, remove from the plan, cement the central L.E. brace in position and sand the T.E. to a triangular section. Cement 5/16 in. wide strips of note paper over the tips. One of the 1/32 in. tip fins must be made detachable, so that the stab. can be inserted in the fuselage slot. The fixed tip fin is added after covering the stab.

Before covering with Japanese tissue, go over the entire model with fine sandpaper. Double cover (for three panels) the fuselage nose and tail-end (forward of the motor peg). Apply plenty of spanwise tension when covering the underside of the wing to insure that the tissue attaches firmly to the under-cambered ribs. Give three coats of dope, pinning the flying surfaces down flat until dry, to prevent warps from developing. Cement small pieces of celluloid to the wing and stab T.E.'s where the assembly bands rest.

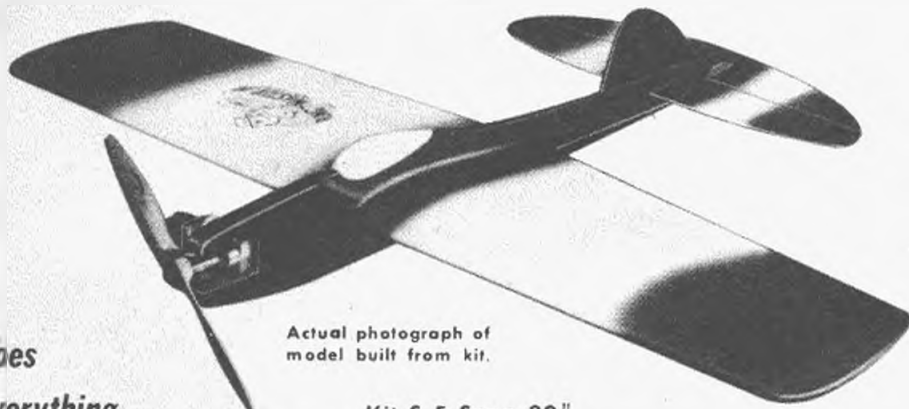
Cement the W wing pieces to the underside of the first two center section ribs, then add the 3/8 x 1/16 in. cross piece and cover the top surface with 1/32 in. sheet, fairing the latter into the wing L.E. sheeting. Cement the built-up fin to the fuselage tail and the one fixed sheet fin to the stab. Add a small celluloid trim tab to the fin T.E. and limit the dethermalizer tip-up movement to 30° with a piece of thread.

The assembled model should balance at the point marked by the large black arrow on the plan, the wing being slid backwards or forwards until this has been achieved. Glide test and make final trim adjustments. The model must turn right under power and left on the glide. Work up to maximum turns slowly and always remember to light that dethermalizer fuse!

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### Sea Cat

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center ribs. Cement firewall to front of nacelle and reinforce with fabric strip doped in place. Fill in bottom of wing with sheet balsa at outboard dihedral break to support tip float assembly. Drill 1/4 hole through spar for float attachment rubberbands. Drill hole in leading edge and install 1/8 dowel to receive bands after they have been pulled through holes in spar. The stabilizer is similar in construction to the wing. Assemble fin and hinge trim tab with soft wire. Hinge the rudder control tab and check for free operation. Cement fin assembly to stabilizer.

Assemble the tip floats, joining sides with formers as in the construction of the hull. Add bottom and top planks, soft balsa blocks to each end, and shape to finished contours. Cut through top and insert struts of hard balsa. Fit platforms to upper ends of struts to match dihedral angle reinforcing joint with corner blocks. Apply several coats of cement and fit fillets of 1/16 sheet balsa. Experience proved this rugged attachment to be necessary, with extremely high loads imposed on the strut root in spite of rubber shock mounting.

Sand the entire framework to remove all bumps that may show through the covering.

Apply a coat of dope to the entire structure to prime the surfaces. Cover with silk, applied wet, to all surfaces, including those of sheet balsa. Brush on at least three coats of butyrate dope, to be sure the surfaces are completely sealed.

Hardwood spray strips may be cemented to the corners of the hull to provide the sharp chines essential to break the water cleanly from the bottom. These also protect the hull and can be easily replaced if damaged.

Install the forward control rod bearing in former in escapement compartment. Form forward end of control rod and spring through passageway in tail boom. Add rear bearing and form crank in end of shaft. Mount escapement on 1/8 plywood, reinforcing with corner blocks. Assemble receiver chassis and mount components. Lash hatches in place with rubberbands and test for leaks by submerging hull, increasing tension of bands if any water should find its way into the hull. Drop the escapement rubber through the tube in the hull and install receiver chassis in the radio compartment. Attach the stabilizer with rubberbands pulled through hole in boom and hooked at rear on dowel. Make a wire hook to facilitate pulling rubberbands through holes in nacelle and tail boom.

In flying the Sea Cat a few simple rules of procedure should be observed. Although the ship can be flown from the shore, a small power boat is desirable, since then the wind need not be "on shore" for take-offs and, should trouble develop in the equipment, the model can be quickly recovered. For take-off, the ship should be launched directly into the wind, with the transmitter handy to give a quick beep if the ship should veer from a straight course in windy weather. The weight of the model necessitates about a 50-ft. run to become airborne, affording a most realistic sight. The ship has taken off many times as a free flight, unassisted by radio control. Should the model seem reluctant to leave the water, slip a shim under the trailing edge of the stabilizer to increase the negative incidence.

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**half-A Delta**

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an engine of .005 displacement or larger. This will remove some of the unnecessary bulk to the tune of approximately 1/2 oz. The main wing spar is constructed in one piece prior to any assembly work, to include the tip dihedral angle. Assemble the basic wing frame one panel at a time as you would any other wing. The most important thing to watch here is that the tip sections retain the correct angular setting with respect to the center panels, and each tip has the same dihedral angle.

Once the basic wing frame is completed, apply the wing sheeting to the upper and lower camber and add the balsa wing tip. The sub-rudder is then made and cemented in place on the wing.

Cut the nose former to shape and cement in position. Using the former as a guide, cement small balsa blocks behind it and shape them to form the nacelle. The firewall is then made and the bolts inserted from the rear and fixed in position. Then cement the completed unit to the nose former.

A single strut retractable landing gear is recommended as indicated on the plans. However, if you prefer a fixed landing gear, or none at all, your choice will make little or no difference.

An engine cut-off unit is a must, and suitable installation is indicated on the plan.

The method used for dethermalizing the model is as effective as it is simple. In practice, when the dethermalizer pops, part of the center rudder rotates perpendicularly into the airstream. We've tried it and it is quite successful. Other methods that can be employed are the parachute type dethermalizer or having the center rudder fall flat.

Construct the center rudder as a single unit and when complete, cut it as shown and cement the leading edge and base of the rudder in place. Then complete the rudder assembly by adding the dethermalizer section.

Adjusting the model is very easy, but before doing so, check the location of the center of gravity. In all probability, it will be located within the range indicated on the plan. If it isn't, then proceed by adding some ballast forward of aft to bring it within this range.

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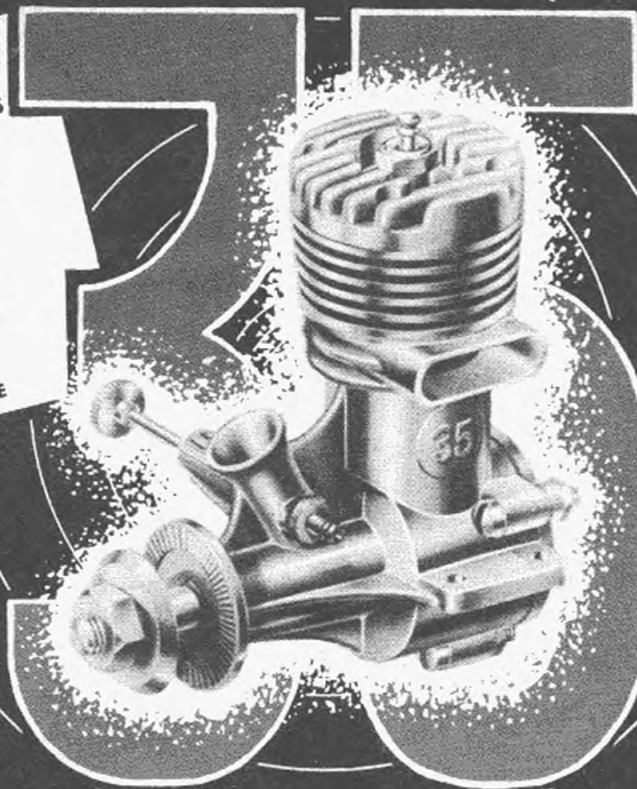
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model normally turns to the left with "power  
on," so if you've established a left turn  
glide, use a spiral climb to the left. If the  
glide is to the right try adjusting for a fast  
shallow climb to the right. We tried adjust-  
ments in both directions and wound up with  
the right-left combinations. However, don't  
try to force a particular pattern on the model.

If you're having difficulty adjusting, check  
for excessive wing warps, improper washout,  
or one wing heavier than the other. Chances  
are your difficulty will be within this group,  
and when it is ironed out you'll have a top  
notch free flight gassie. **END**

### The Lorenz Transmitter

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ceramic variable, the 5-35 mmf air trimmer  
and the 125 mmf air trimmer.

With the type we used, the rotor is  
grounded to the mounting studs. Mount the  
seven-pin miniature socket so the pins 1-7  
face toward the front of the chassis. We used  
the ring mount type; otherwise, two extra  
holes will be needed for the saddle mount  
type. Mount the Locktal socket so that pins  
1-8 also face forward. Fasten a small solder  
lug on the front of the socket flange at pins  
1-8. Mount the two lug terminal strip on the  
rear side and place a rubber grommet in the  
5/16 in. hole. This completes the hardware  
on the chassis and now we are ready for  
placing in the components.

Filament and plate supply wires should be  
about 16 in. long and should be color coded  
for ease of hook-up later. Connect filaments  
first, using pin 7 on the oscillator socket (7-  
pin min.) and pin 7 of the Locktal amplifier  
as the A-plus lead. Pin 5 on the oscillator  
and pins 1-8 on the amplifier are the A-  
minus connections.

Bring separate leads out through the grom-  
met, after attaching to the A-plus and A-  
minus connections. Photo A shows the hook-  
up of the oscillator. Wind the oscillator coil  
of No. 16 wire on a 5/8 in. diameter form  
and pull out to a 5/8 in. length. This is  
soldered to the lugs on the 4-30 variable.  
A short piece of wire is soldered between  
pins 2-3 on the socket and the lug on the  
variable, closest to the bend on the chassis.  
Another short piece of wire is soldered from  
the other end of the coil-capacitor lug to one  
of the lugs on the terminal strip. Photo B  
shows this. A 1,000 mmf tubular ceramic  
is soldered between pin 5 on the oscillator  
socket to the end of the coil nearest the open  
side of the chassis. The 2 microhenry choke  
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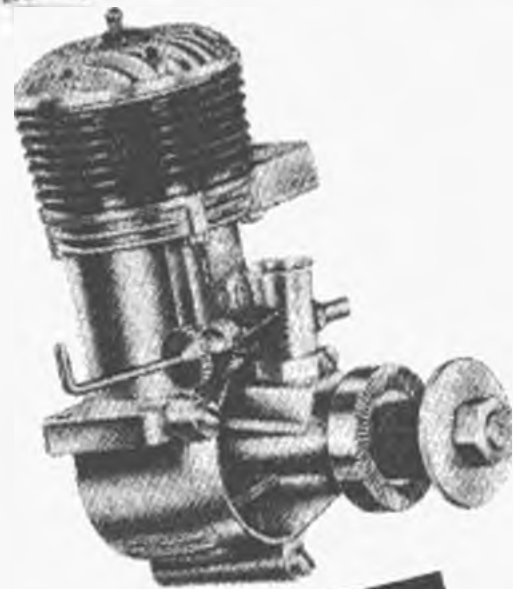
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socket and pin 5. From the other side of the crystal socket, a short wire goes to pin 4 of the socket. The 75K resistor also goes from this side of the crystal socket to pin 5 of the tube socket. Connect a wire to the terminal lug, where the tank wire connection is made, and bring it out through the grommet. This completes the oscillator section.

In order to reduce testing and "debugging" time, we'll now test the oscillator. With the 3A4 tube and crystal in place, connect the filaments, making sure the wire from pin 5 goes to A-minus and the wire from pin 7 goes to A-plus. Using 90 volts for the plate supply, run a wire from A-minus to B-minus and connect a 0-50 ma DC meter between B-plus and the lead coming from the terminal strip. Now, slowly rotate the tuning capacitor until a dip in current is noted. This should drop to about 7-8 ma. Increasing the capacity will cause a further drop until a point is reached where the current will suddenly shoot up again. At this point, back off until the capacity is reduced enough to obtain a reading of 7-8 ma. If a drop cannot be had, check the wiring and possibly the tube and crystal. This oscillator circuit is a sure fire thing and, when properly wired, will not fail to oscillate.

Now we're ready for the amplifier. Solder a 1 millihenry choke between pin 2 of the amplifier socket and the other lug on the terminal strip. The 680 mmf tubular capacitor is soldered between pin 2 and the stator, or stationary, lug of the main 5-35 tuning capacitor (Photo B). The 47K grid resistor is soldered between pins 1-8 and the ground lug, and pin 6 of the socket. The 47 mmf coupling capacitor is soldered between pin 6 of the amplifier socket and pins 2-3 of the oscillator socket. A 7,500 ohm screen dropping resistor is soldered between pin 3 of the amplifier socket and the same lug on the terminal strip to which the choke is connected. The screen bypass (1,000 mmf) capacitor is soldered between pin 3 and pins 1-8 and the ground lug. Another wire is brought through the grommet to this same ground lug. This is the B-minus lead. The tank coil is wound as follows and is soldered between the stator lugs of the 5-35 and the 125 mmf trimmer. Wind nine turns of No. 14 enameled wire on 3/4 in. form and then stretch to 1 in. length.

To test, insert the 3A4 and the 3D6 tube and the crystal and connect the filaments as before. Check the oscillator to be sure it is functioning; in fact, reduce the capacity setting a little more. Set the amplifier tuning capacitor (5-35 mmf) to minimum and ground the antenna lead side of the 125 mmf capacitor to the chassis with a short piece of wire. Now apply 135 volts to the amplifier. The current reading on the amplifier will be about 20-25 ma. Rotate the tuning capacitor until a dip is obtained. This dip indicates that the oscillator is feeding a signal to the amplifier and that the amplifier is then tuned to resonance. A No. 47 or No. 48 brown bead flashlight bulb connected to a two-turn, 3/4 in. diameter loop of insulated wire makes a good indicator of RF power when held near the end of the tank coil. It may also be inserted between several turns near the end of the coil. If a dip does not occur, reduce the capacity setting on the oscillator capacitor and retune the amplifier. When the minimum dip is obtained, the oscillator setting should be increased further to increase the amplifier dip.

Drill the cover of the box as shown in Fig. 3 and mount the switches, jacks, etc., as shown in Photo D. Use insulated washers when mounting the meter jack. The dotted circle on Fig. 3 shows a suggested placement if permanent mounting of a 0-50 ma DC meter is desired. The transmitter chassis is mounted away from the cover by two 1/2

in. brass or fiber spacers. Be sure the mounting holes on the cover and the holes on the chassis marked "X" line up. Rubber grommets are placed in the 1/2 in. holes used for tuning. Then you are ready for final tuning.

After connecting the batteries to the proper leads (use 90 volts on the oscillator and 135 volts on the amplifier), place transmitter assembly in the box and attach the antenna, which should be 8-9 ft. long. With the 0.50 ma DC meter in place, turn the filament switch on and depress the keying button. The amplifier current should read about 20 ma. If the reading is in excess of 30 ma, it means the oscillator is not operating properly, in which case retune the oscillator as previously described. Bringing the oscillator into resonance will drop the amplifier current to a lower value. To obtain the best results in loading the antenna, using the Pi-network, a field strength meter is highly desirable. With the amplifier current tuned to minimum, increase the capacity of the 125 mmf antenna tuning capacitor until the field strength meter reads maximum. Adjustment of the 5-35 main tuning capacitor may be necessary as the loading on the antenna is varied. Set the FSM about 35-40 ft. away and tune the transmitter for maximum deflection of the FSM needle. A ham friend should be of some assistance to you in building and tuning this unit. Once tuned, it will hold its adjustments, and while it is not necessarily the most powerful, it is stable, and best of all, it can be readily converted for audio tone work at a later time.

Following is a parts list for this transmitter. The parts may be obtained from various suppliers of model RC components and your local radio supply house. Do not use surplus parts and stick to the types and values as given:

**Lorenz Transmitter—Parts List**

- 1 3A4 tube (RCA)
- 1 3D6 tube (Sylvania)
- 1 seven-pin miniature socket, saddle or ring mount (Amphenol 78-7P)
- 1 Lokral socket (Amphenol 78-S8L)
- 1 27.255 mc crystal (Petersen)
- 1 crystal socket (Johnson 126-105)
- 1 National 2 microhenry choke (or form and wire to wind same)
- 1 4-30 mmf ceramic variable capacitor (two eyelets or bolts)
- 1 5-35 mmf air trimmers (four mounting screws)
- 1 125 mmf air trimmer (four mounting screws for this and 5-35)
- 1 7 x 8 x 10 case or suitable equivalent (ICA 3802)
- 1 8-9 ft. antenna
- 1 closed circuit jack and insulating washers (ICA 1871)
- 1 push button switch (ICA 1282)
- 1 on-off switch (ICA 1296)
- 1 keying cable plug-socket (Cinch)
- 1 75K 1/2-watt resistor (IRC)
- 1 47K 1/2-watt resistor (IRC)
- 1 7,500-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor (IRC)
- 1 1-millihenry RFC choke
- 1 47 mmf tubular ceramic capacitor (Centralab)
- 1 680 mmf tubular ceramic capacitor (Centralab)
- 2 1,000 mmf (.001 mf) tubular ceramic capacitors (Centralab)
- 1 5,000 mmf (.005 mf) tubular ceramic capacitors (Centralab)
- 2 ft. No. 16 enameled copper wire
- 2-1/2 ft. No. 14 enameled copper wire
- 1 antenna mount to fit antenna used
- 1 four-lug terminal strip
- 1 No. 6 dry cell OR RCA-type VS-004 battery
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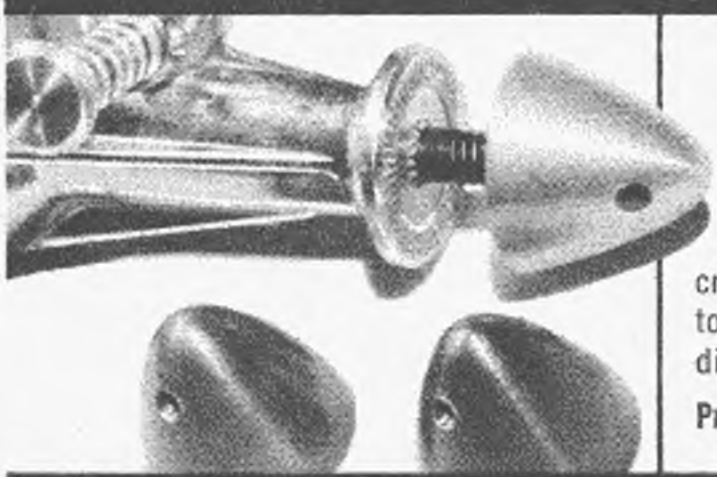
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## MAN at Work

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its wheels — if it has them — and vice versa. Didn't even mention the ground to the guinea pig and he survived the first attempt. We are reminded of Madman Yates, the greatest-stunt man that lived, who told us that he washed out 14 ships learning to go inverted. Where were we? Oh, the Ringmaster. It does the pattern with ease on a .19. A stunt man showed us. Covered with silk. Couple of wild dive-ins have not washed it out. Paper would have left a bag of sticks. Oddly enough, the really big drawback is the difficulty a kid has learning how to run an engine properly. A lean engine loop and the old man supervises repairs.

► Been flying Vecos and Torps lately. While we don't recommend any one engine over another, for all engines work fine today (though it wasn't ever thus, remember?) do want to say something about the Vecos in passing. Originally, the Vecos were made by another machine shop for Henry Engineering. After being off the market for some time, Henry resumed production, this time making his own parts and incorporating many improvements, particularly in the direction of preventing overheating trouble (see Martin's report in April, 1954 issue). One .29 test engine is in a 7 lb. RC job, turns an 11-5 Tornado (or a 12-4) like nothing at all. Starts very well and is getting more and more compression with service. After six months of use, this engine indicates a really long life ahead. Overloading and long engine runs work havoc on RC engines, as a rule. When Spring came, thought the engine showed signs of overheating (actually it was leaning out a little more than realized and was running on a hot plug and a hot fuel both). This led to an education from the manufacturer on fuels.

Like numerous other modelers who want less power and cooler running for sport, we tone down our fuel by adding castor and, if necessary, go to a colder plug. This is not necessarily the best way to cool an engine, says Henry.

"It is better to use a fuel with less nitro, such as K & B 100 or Testor 39, and stay with the plug we furnish with the engine," he explains. (It is a hot plug.) If you wish to cool down the fuel, add methanol and castor oil in a 3 to 1 mixture. This will naturally reduce the nitro ratio properly.

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The man has something, mates. P.S.: We stopped blowing gaskets!

► Just when the hot battle over flying scale rules is simmering down, along comes Ken Hamilton, El Segundo, Calif., who hews to a line and lets the chips fall where they may. Ken says it is the intent of the rules that the model be scale. Because departures from the rules are permitted, dihedral changes, etc., the resulting airplane may be anything but scale and, indeed, some Nationals winners were as much Wakefields as they were scale. Reminds us of Chet Lanzo's big Puss Moth at the 1947 Minneapolis Nats when we timed its three flights. Its DH ancestry was faintly discernible, but oh—how it flew! Deviation from scale should result in outright disqualification, states Hamilton.

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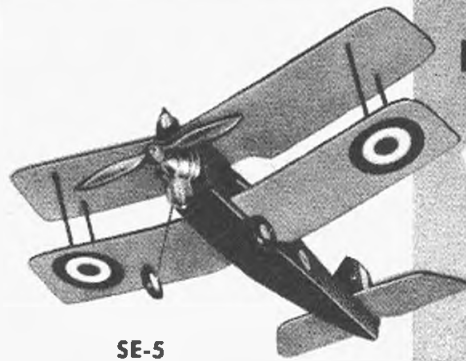
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tiny. What is wrong with U.S. modelers that the idea of building a model heavy enough and large enough to give scale appearance and scale appearing flight does not catch on?

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Speaking of modeling in the schools (June issue), R. F. Poore, Chairman, Waynesboro Exchange Club, tells of a model aircraft building contest held in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, with categories for solid, gas powered, and rubber powered planes. Bicycle, table radios, model merchandise for prizes. Mr. Marsby Little, Superintendent of the Waynesboro-Mont Alto School District, said the contest was liked because it "teaches the students to identify the many types of airplanes, and their parts—the elementary principles of aerodynamics and flying—shop practice and develops an interest in hobby craft. We correlate it with reading, writing, mathematics and even history." Entrants numbered 65 and each boy was required to spend at least part of the shop period on the project. Mr. Poore will furnish information to interested parties (127 Frick Ave., Waynesboro, Pa.)

Odds and Ends: Mankato, Minn., Modelers have, since start in 1951, completed two grassed and concrete circles at municipal airport, built club trailer, held meetings at airport administration. Publish monthly news bulletin, sent to members in armed forces. Have a \$50,000-\$100,000 liability policy. Sponsor, the Exchange Club, will sponsor a

city-wide model program using older club members as instructors. William B. Thomas, CD, Box 713, Lake Crystal, Minn. . . . Eagle eyed critics of color scheme on Kingfisher, recent issue: cowl band should be white, not red. Took liberty for picture . . . Lynchburg, Va., Model Airplane Club just organized. Lester Ellett, Jr., 4708 Oxford St., Lynchburg. Sorry, no room for the pic, Les . . . Twenty-first National Soaring Contest, Elsinore, Calif., July 27-Aug. 5, includes model events Half-A flying scale and HL glider on July 31 and, on Aug. 1, Nordic and Limited Towline (Lloyd Licher, 767 Haverford Ave., Pacific Palisades, Calif.)

The 128-page Summer 1954 edition (25¢) of America's Hobby Center, Inc., 152 W. 25th St., New York City, covers 10,000 items, is illustrated, with sections devoted to model plane building, railroads, crafts, etc. . . . Kenora Minoca Flyers (Jack Hendy, 1022 Ninth St., N., Kenora, Ont.), rubber, RC, stunt, FF. Pic too fuzzy. Jack . . . Servicemen in Nagoya, Japan, have formed 16-man club called Sky Screammers. Thanks, Dwight Brooks, for the info, and the swell pix Jap jet models used recently Foreign Topics . . . Flying Rebels (Bob Barton, 9922 Eden Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.) introduced modeling program to Exchange. "Many Exchange members seem to be in favor of model aviation, but are not sure what they are sponsoring. Many model builders' problems spring from lack of understanding of the hobby" . . . Any ideas for Conrad cartoons? \$5 waiting for every idea used . . . Tipton, Kan., Modelairs, 14 members want members (Bill Wiese, Tipton) . . . First Annual Eastern States Hydro Championships, Aug. 1, Silver Lake, Bristol, Pa. Planes, boats, RC, both planes and boats. This is a real dilly and no one in area should miss it. ROW stunt for the first time! (Al Abrams, Flypaper, 1031 Pond St., Bristol, Pa.) Don't forget your bathing suit! END

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plans. Sand the "V" bottom to precise shape.

**Balsa sheet:** hard, 2 x 2 x 1/16 in., from which cut two wing mount strips, 1-5/8 in. long and 3/4 in. wide, with grain running crosswise.

**Balsa stick:** hard balsa, 18 in. long, 1/4 in. square cross-section.

**Sawed balsa propeller:** 8 in. long. Shave down blade faces, round tips, sandpaper all surfaces and "balance" on pin through shaft hole. Cut trailing edge at hub to concave shape shown in side assembly view.

**Molded plastic propeller:** 8 in. long. (This may be used if balsa propeller is not available but flights will be shorter because of greater weight and lower pitch of types now on market).

**Wheels:** hard wood, 1-1/4 in. dia., 1/4 in. thick.

**Hanger-bearing for prop:** steel, "L" shape, legs 13/16 and 5/16 in. long, cross-section half round 3/22 in. wide.

**Washers:** two, brass, 3/16 in. outside dia., 3/64 in. hole (min.), on propeller shaft between propeller and bearing.

**Steel wire:** hard (not annealed), 21 in. long, .032-.035 in. dia. From this make landing gear, prop shaft, tail hook, and motor hook according to size and shape given in plans. (Prop. shaft, tail and motor hooks are shown full scale).

**Rubber for motor:** 10 ft. long, 1/8 x 1/30 in. (Brown 1/8 in. flat is common designation).

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**Miscellaneous implements,** as pins, clothespin spring-clamps, sandpaper, pliers, knife,

razor blade, etc.

To assemble, crease wing sheet at exact center and cement "V" center block in the crease. Hold in place until dry with pins and clamps as indicated, and support wing tips at dihedral angle shown until dry.

Cement four wing ribs to under surface of wing; hold with pins and clamps until dry.

Cement incidence block to wing "V" block rear edge.

Cement stabilizer and fin to motor stick; hold until dry with pins.

Cement prop hanger-bearing to top of motor stick and bind firmly with thread.

Bind landing gear to underside of stick below bearing with thread, using plenty of cement to coat joint.

Put wheels on axles and bend up wire ends with pliers.

Cement tail hook to rear of motor sticks.

Pass end of prop shaft through prop, bend over end into loop and drive loop back into front face of hub after applying cement to loop.

Cement wing mount strips to motor stick at location shown.

Fasten wing in place on mount with 2-1/2 in. rubberband (use two if required).

Place washers on prop shaft and hook shaft into bearing.

Hook motor "S" hook over tail hook and string four strands of rubber through the prop shaft hook and the "S" hook, without tension. Tie ends of rubber together and locate knot at rear end of motor by adjusting the rubber loops.

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If plane does not balance level, move the wing back and forth along the stick as required to bring plane in balance when supported on fingers.

When in balance, glide plane gently from hand launch.

When glide is smooth and even, wind motor by the propeller about 100 turns and hand launch gently. If plane flies without stalling or diving, wind about 300 turns and launch for a long flight.

If plane stalls, move wing back 1/4 in. If it dives, move wing forward 1/4 in. Then wind it again and fly, adjusting wing on stick until flight is even.

Maximum winds by hand are 400; with winder, 900.

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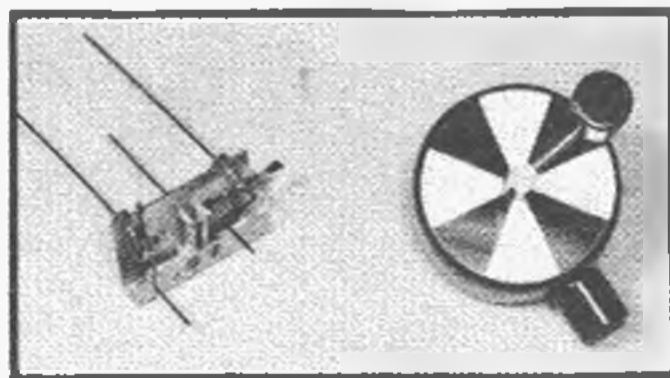
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## Engine Review

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down to the prop shaft bevel gears, and is a realistically shaped hollow die casting with cavitation plate and streamlined gear box. A slot is milled in the disc stub shaft to receive the flatted end of the floating 3/32 in. dia. stainless steel drive shaft, and a bearing at the lower end just above the hardened steel vertical bevel gear screwed onto the shaft, absorbs thrust and radial loads.

The short stainless steel prop shaft is mounted in a nickel plated bronze housing which screws into the gear box. A second hardened bevel gear giving a 1:1 ratio is screwed to the prop shaft at one end, and the 7/8 in. dia., 7/8 in. pitch diecast prop and locking spinner at the other. Thrust is handled in both directions by suitable projecting faces, and a packing of special grease.

Unit mounting to the transom is a scale replica of full sized practice having a pivoted bracket for directional control with two swivel clamps to allow the unit to hinge upward upon striking an underwater obstruction. The clamps have five alternate stop positions to allow longitudinal thrustline adjustment for correct hull planning attitude, and all pivots have tension adjustments. The transom clamp screws are extremely neat, having 5/16 in. dia. knurled heads and gripping pads that actually revolve on the screws. All nuts and bolts are blackened brass, and in common with all other exposed parts, are therefore rustproof.

A 1-1/4 in. dia. lightweight aluminum flywheel is mounted on the crankshaft by mating tapers and a screw, and features a deep, wide pulley groove for starting purposes. By suitable counterboring, the heaviest part of the flywheel is arranged to rotate

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outside and over the bearing housing, so that the heavy loads imposed on the pulley by pull starting are supported directly by the crankshaft bearing with minimum overhang.

Fuel is conveyed from tank to carburetor by a length of plastic tube, and perhaps the only adverse criticism that can be directed at the entire unit is the fact that it is virtually impossible to avoid a kink in the fuel line unless the tank outlet is moved. Another seeming shortcoming is the inconvenient position of the intake under the flywheel; however, if it were made any longer, it would tend to suck in water spray and cause uneven running.

This leads to the reasons for designing the unit in reverse to the usual full size arrangement and having the tank in front of the engine. In operation an appreciable amount of spray hits the cylinder and crudely but effectively cools it, and also the exhaust is expelled behind the boat instead of into it. A secondary advantage is that the battery leads can be kept safely clear of the flywheel

so that, taken all around, this departure from realism is well justified.

On test it was found that with three turns open on the needle, one choked turn of the flywheel, and an exhaust prime, the unit would start from cold at the first pull of the cord. Three turns around the pulley with a shoelace worked admirably, and there is no question of tearing the unit away from the boat, as it cranks over with very little effort, and when hot will often start from a flick of the flywheel with finger and thumb. Needle control is excellent and once set for peak revs, the power is constant right through the tank.

An important point to bear in mind is that this engine will scream up to fantastic revs with no load, which is not conducive to long life, and in view of the ease of starting, it is a good habit to fire up only with the prop submerged. Where this is not possible, the needle should be opened an additional two to three turns before starting and then leaned out after the boat is on the water.

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A small bonus to hobbyists who like unusual models is offered by the clockwise crankshaft of the Sea Fury. By putting one in a Sky Fury, but first removing the prop shaft drive pin, you will have an ideal Half-A for pusher installations that will take standard props. Or the use of this and a conventional Sky Fury in a twin engined free flight, with suitably outward set thrustlines, will eliminate torque and make an interesting scale job.

Engines like this will create a lot of new boat interest. **END**

## Hi Boy!

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The plans are very clear, but one of the things to look for is the method of cutting the ribs. The wing is tapered. To have shown each rib would have used up too much space.

Take 11 pieces of 3/32 sheet balsa wood, and cut larger than the root rib. Place the tip rib template (template should be made from 1/8 plywood) over root rib template with chord lines and trailing edge lined up and drill two clearance holes for 6/32 bolt, one at each end of the tip rib template within 3/4 in. of trailing edge, and 3/4 in. of leading edge. Now stack the balsa wood and drill these holes. Insert the bolts and tighten. You are now ready to carve half of the wing ribs. By carving the balsa in a straight line from one template to the other, including the spar slots, you will have completed the ribs. Remember, for the right wing, use only 10 pieces, for the right wing is 2 in. shorter. Trailing edge is spliced in the center, and wing spars are spliced. You will notice a 1/2 in. thick balsa doubler on the root rib. This is very necessary as the wing has no support in the LE. Also, F2 is a solid piece. We have a connecting dowel between these pieces to give strength to this area.

Please note that you will have to make a special bellcrank. Make from .051 or .062 aluminum.

Recommended motor for this plane is Fox .19, Torp .19, Cameron .19, Veco .29, Torp .29, Orwick .29, or Fox .29. I would advise sticking to a .19. The original had a Fox .19 installed and was flown on 55 ft. of line and speed was up to almost 60 mph.

After building and flying the ship, drop a note to Ted Goyer, Route 1, Box 565, Woodland, Calif. and send along a picture of your model. He's a very interested and ardent modeler, and would be pleased to hear from you. Ted's recovery has been very good, and news about this model and what you think of it will give him no end of pleasure. We both wish you good luck and good flying. **END**

## Radio Control News

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as plate supply and which pushes about 4 ma through the coil, which really gives some snappy action. This is not a construction article but we hope there is enough information supplied to allow you to construct such a unit, or perhaps work something out on your own. Each single pulse will give right or left rudder in sequence, with one neutral. When elevator is desired, two quick pulses, with the last one held, will give up or down in sequence.

From somewhere in the sunny Pacific, Lt. jg. H. F. Hillman—W8NSQ, USS Agawam AO6-6, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif., writes in regarding an actuator which will give independent left or right rudder, when used with a multi-channel receiver. Fig. 5 shows the basic system. One side of the escapement arm is removed and too escapements are mounted, as shown, on a piece of plywood or micarta. Pulsing No. 1 will allow the arm to rotate three-quarters of the way around and give left or right rudder. Pulsing both escapement No. 1 and No. 2 at the same time, through a double contact relay actuated by one of the radio channels, allows the arm to rotate only one-quarter of the way and we then have the opposite rudder. This method will give independent left or right by pushing only one button at a time.

For those of you who have purchased the new RCA alkaline batteries, we wish to caution that, even though you have obtained a brand new battery, do not expect it to read as high as the standard carbon-zinc type of dry cell. The individual cell voltage is 1.4 volts, when new, as compared with 1.5 to 1.6 volts on the regular carbon-zinc type. This means that a 22-1/2-volt battery will actually read about 21 to 22 volts. Despite this lower reading, these new cells have a longer life and a higher current capacity than similar standard type cells.

From Carl Schmaedig we learned that it just doesn't pay to push voltages too much. Carl discovered that when a certain cell, with an output voltage of about 1.6 volts, was used for the filament supply on his three-channel Babcock unit, the receiver became over-sensitive, producing irregular operation of the relays. Upon replacing the supply with regular pencil batteries, the voltage dropped to 1.4 shortly after turning the set on, remained at that level during the normal operating period, and gave excellent results. No more over-sensitivity or tendency to make the set critical in any way whatsoever.

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**BEAVER:** Contralline model for .19-.29's. Feb. '52.

**ZENITH:** Taibi Class A '51 Nats cabin job. Feb. '52.

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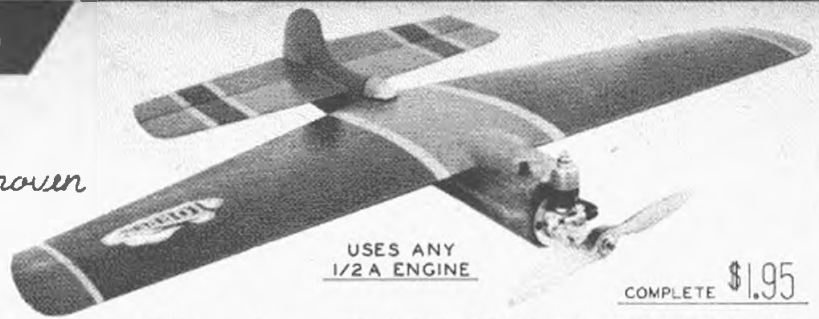
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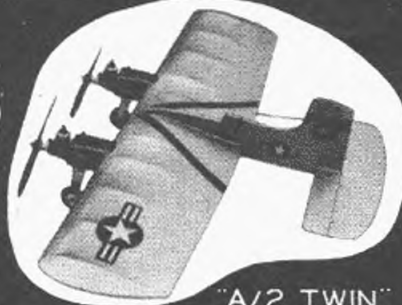


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remain in a fixed position throughout the flight and landing must be made within approximately one-half mile of the designated landing spot. Our first test, in the hills of the Hudson Valley, proved that radio reception could be maintained over a distance of about 3-1/2 miles. This was done with the receiver out of sight of the transmitter and with the receiver about two feet off the ground. We're sure the feat can be performed and as soon as a few bugs are ironed out, we'll announce the outcome.

Glad to hear of the many clubs around the country that are putting up perpetual trophies for RC work. The main thing, however, is to make the rules tough enough so that the trophy really means something. One problem around our neck of the woods, and it seems to be the same all over the country,

is that of getting new fellows into radio work. Freeflyers and ukies have the urge and desire to fly radio but they always come up with the story of: "I don't know anything about radio." To this we can only say that some of the best RC fliers in the country couldn't tell a tube from a keying switch when they started. Clubs should put on convincing demonstrations and follow up with simple talks on the subject. After all, those doing the flying know how simple it is and we think it's their duty to help the newcomers. Dealers should also make it a point to become more familiar with the nationally advertised sets on the market, so they can intelligently answer the neophyte's questions.

Had a surprise visit from Carl Schmaedig of the New Jersey group of RC'ers recently. Carl's 6 ft. beauty uses the new Babcock three-channel set with escapements and servos by Bonner. In the multi-channel race, Carl, Fran McElwee, and others have been running reeds and tone filter sets to the point where we should have some interesting info on the subject for you soon. It is a little too early to make a definite statement on the merits of the two basic types of multi-channel sets but you'll hear about it as soon as possible. While on this subject, there is also the question of using single-channel or multi-channel for the beginner. We still maintain the beginner's best bet is to buy a reliable set for single-channel work, from one of the nationally advertised manufacturers.

From the Salt Lake City area comes the Voice of the Ute Aeromodeler. Paul Buchanan has a Live Wire Sr. with a Torp .19 and Macnabb 27 mc equipment. Should be an excellent combo. Jim Gilbert finished up his Half-A job with a Lorenz receiver and should be well on his way to convincing the rest of the club members that RC work is a great sport. Here's another chap, Barney Taft, who has proved the Live Wires can

take it. Practically crack-up proof. He has over 160 flights on his trainer.

Dick Snyder of the newly formed Sky-dippers RC Club of High Rock, Pa., would like to hear from other, exclusively-RC, clubs around the country. They have a workshop with jigsaw, drill press and other electrical and electronic gear for club members' use. This is a good idea for other RC clubs. Pool your finances and buy some of the otherwise unobtainable equipment such as scopes, special meters, etc.

To prove that the average RC fan is making some attempt to learn radio terms, we now hear of the Flying Tank Circuits from 1435 S. Bidwell Ave., Freeport, Ill. This club of 10 really active members are making excellent progress in their flying and desire correspondence with similar clubs

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around the country. Being in the hometown of the Burgess Battery Co., maybe they can do a little suggesting as to a real RC battery combination.

The Buffalo area radio fans are flying everything from .09 powered Live Wires to a .60 powered, five-channel, 8 ft. Buccaneer. The Macnabb 465 equipment is quite popular in the radio line and the .14 size engines seem to be on the preferred list. And get this, fellas, a Mr. Fadel of that area has flown his .09 powered L. W. Trainer with Macnabb equipment for three years without a crack-up. (And he makes 15 minute flights—Editor.) Can anyone prove he can do better than this? Quite a record, we'd say. Before we leave the Buffalo area we want to mention a bit of trouble encountered up that way. It's something we've mentioned before and we'll say it again: you can't operate tone equipment two at a time any more than you can carrier jobs. A reed transmitter will interfere with a tone filter receiver and vice versa.

Just got back from the Sixth annual New York Mirror Flying Fair and while there hasn't been time fully to analyze the trends, ideas and flying we witnessed, we'd like to recount some conversations we had. First of all we ran into Frank Schmidt of Erie, Pa., manufacturer of five-channel reed equipment. Frank stated that, when tuning your reed unit, follow the instruction manual carefully. Reeds should not be tuned for maximum amplitude of vibration but should be set, like the tuning capacitor on a crystal oscillator, on the "upslope" side. Tune for maximum amplitude; then back off on the pot a trifle. Frank also has the vibration problem licked. This was mentioned in our column about seven months ago and since it is too late for a sketch this month, we'll

present it in the September issue.

Next we met Hal deBolt and heard his views on flying in general. Seems as though the master at inverted flying is still trying to improve on his symmetrical wing job—only problem is how to reverse the dihedral when flying normally and then inverted. However, we've seen his vertical S's, outside loops and inverted flight, and there isn't anyone who can touch him in this phase of flying. What does he suggest? First and foremost, improvement is needed in the "pilot" department. Whether it be a simple escapement job or a multi-channel outfit, there is still someone on the ground pushing a button. Just when to push it may mean the difference between first or last place and the only way to know "just when" is to get in plenty of flying time.

### NEW ITEMS

Our first item, the Aero Gloss Spray can, by the Pactra Chemical Co. of Los Angeles, has been on the market several months now. At first hand this may not sound like an RC item, but we're of the opinion that an RC job is worth spending some time on. This involves painting the inside of the fuselage, before installing the RC equipment. This prevents oil and water from soaking into the structural members, thus weakening them and possibly causing electrical shorts. What could do a better job of getting in the tight corners than a spray coat of fuelproof paint, preferably a light color, from one of these new Aero Gloss Spray cans?

Relays, relays, relays—who can do without them? For the advanced builder we recommend looking into the new relays, types KH and RSH, by the Allied Control Co. of 2 East End Ave., New York 21, N. Y. The KH type measures about 1 in. high, 3/4 in. wide and 11/32 in. thick and has seven

pins coming out of the base, and is similar in appearance to a standard 27 mc crystal. Weight is but .32 oz. The RSH is 3/4 in. in diameter and 1-3/4 in. long and weighs 2 oz. This is a fairly sensitive type, operating on as little as 22 milliwatts. Both types may be had in either DPST or DPDT. Considering the increased price of these sub-miniature relays, they will probably appeal more to the serious minded RC designer.

Before other items of interest to the novice fan, we've got another one for the experienced builder. Transistor Products, Inc., of Snow & Union Sts., Boston, Mass., has a fairly complete line of transistors which may be employed in our field of RC work. These include units which are claimed to operate up to 50 mc. and also those for use in audio and pulsing circuits. It's a bit too early to state the "transistor trend" in RC work but sooner or later we'll have something for you in this line.

Ace Radio Control of Higginsville, Mo., has the right idea with both the customer and dealer in mind when they came out with their packaged components board. This fulfills the long need in our field since it allows the builder, especially the beginner, to see the component he is buying. Your local hobby dealer should be getting this unit on his counter as you read this. Also from Ace comes news of their new High Resistance actuator, designed for the Lorenz, North American and Deltron receivers. This unit eliminates the relay, escapement and usual batteries, and thus makes for a simpler installation. In fact, this makes it ideal for Classes A and Half-A models.

The following items are a review of those given in previous columns and are being presented for newcomers or for those who  
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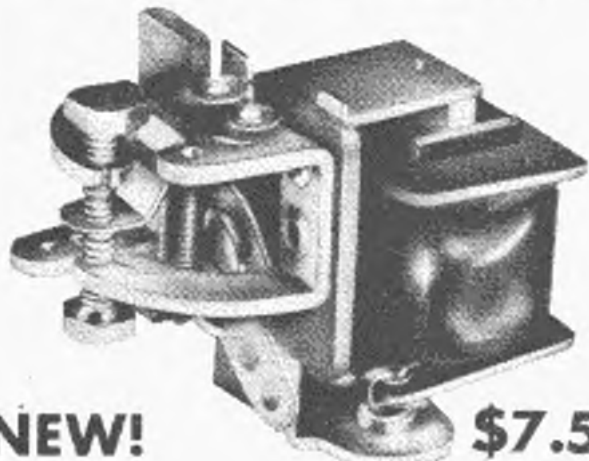
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may have missed them. The MPC-1 tube (Raytheon 1AG4) handled by Essco, Ace and Control Research, is gaining in popularity as a "second" tube for various versions of our two-tuber. While on this subject, we might mention that a slight increase in first stage idling current (up around .6 to .7 ma) may be needed to bias this tube to cut-off, when it is used in place of the XFG-1 or RK-61. The small Pitman motor as advertised by Control Research is widely acclaimed by the East Coast boys. Plenty of power and positive starting on 3v. The wing/stab kit by Model Aircraft Co. of E. 15th St., New York City, is very instrumental in putting more ships in the air since all the designer has to worry about is the fuselage to house his RC gear. A number of planes built with these wing/stab kits have been observed by staff members. Questioned about these kits, the builders expressed satisfaction in all cases. The planes flew well and the flying surfaces were sturdy and warp resistant.

Two sample Buzzer'd and a Leaping Lena kit given out by the staff have turned out to be creditable airplanes. The Buzzer'd, when powered by K & B .19, proved a stately flier, one of the finest precision sport jobs we have seen. On the first test flight the ship was up for 10 minutes. Cruising flight attitude is unusually flat, although normal climb is present, presumably through the lifting type stabilizer. Great resistance to spirals. The particular builder incorporated ply front cabin bulkhead, ply floor with battery boxes underneath, and a ply facing beneath the nose. The Leaping Lena appeared out of trim at first, took 4-1/2 oz. nose ballast and considerable downthrust. However, the ship is extremely acrobatic, will do snap rolls at the drop of a hat, and consecutive loops until taken out by the pilot. Touch rudder on the spiral recovery and you get an

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Tests on the Fenner-Pike actuator unit extremely promising. With minor changes and adjustments, unit has operated continuously for nearly two hours without miss. Gives proportionate rudder and simultaneous second control. Polk's, the importers of the device, were informed of test developments that insure good escapement action on second control with pulse system. Ed Yulke has developed an electronic pulser for use with the Fenner-Pike that gives three pulse rates on pilot demand.

Pittman Panther and Super Panther electric motors for boat use, made by Pittman Electrical Development Co., handled by Polk's Model Craft Hobbies of New York City, are improved versions of the same motor we mentioned several months ago. Complete with nylon bearings, built-in reversing switch, copper/graphite brushes, and rubber insulated die cast mountings, these motors are sure starting and are exceptionally powerful for RC boat work. The model 9001 sells for \$6.50 and the more powerful 9002 lists at \$8.50. A set of 2:1 reduction gears is also available to fit these motors and lists for 75¢.

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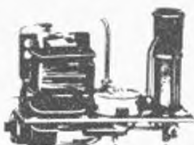


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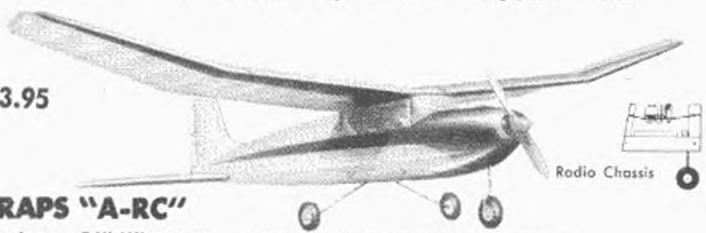
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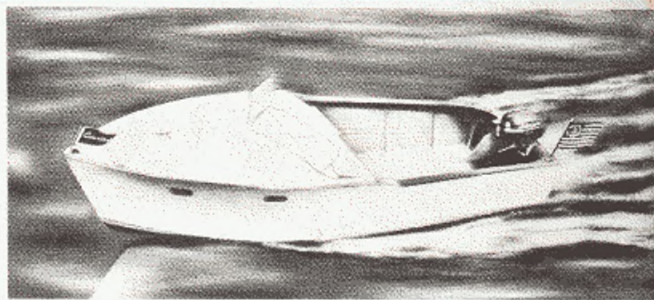
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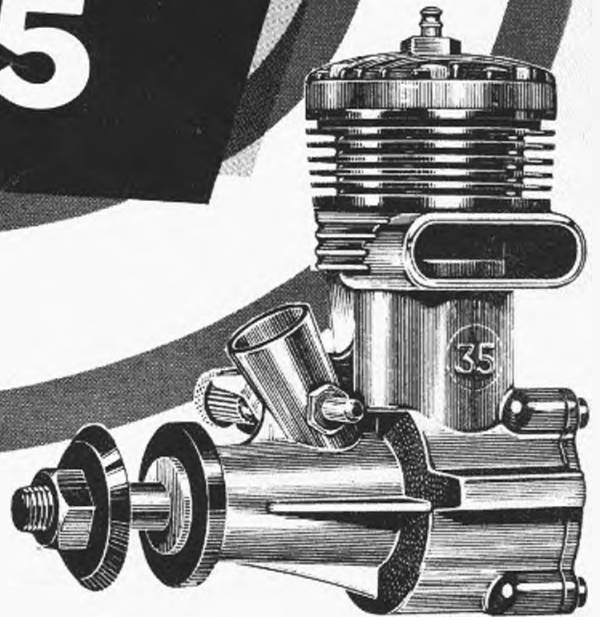
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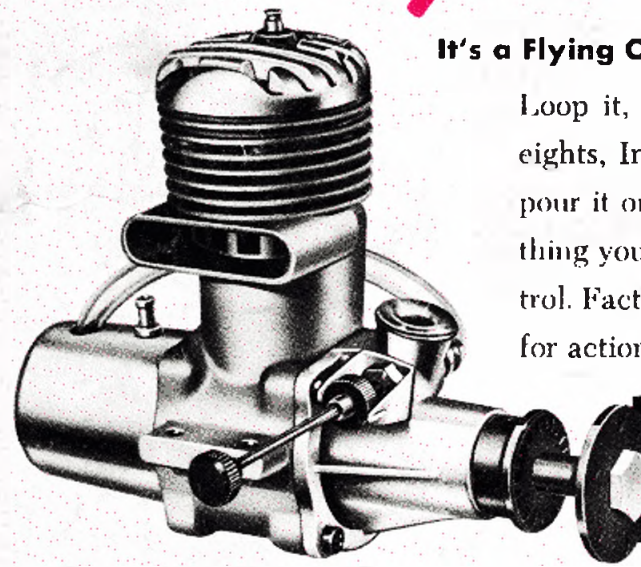


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