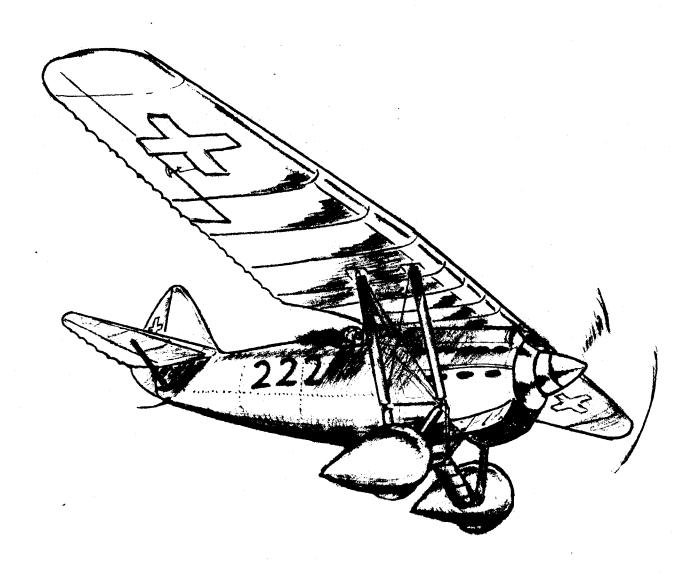
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COVER STORY

THE DEWOITINE D-27 C1

Emile Dewoitine designed this neat little parasol fighter in 1928. The Swiss were to build 65 D-27's under his direction. He later moved his operation back to France where he planned to build 20 more. However, only six were finished and these were used for flying test beds. Top speed was a brisk 185 mph. She could chew ozone at 1,968 ft per min.

Well skysters, can't you just see the sun filtering through her silver wings as Hung looks her over! What are you waiting for?

Contest Calendar

- Aug. 9 10th Annual Great Lakes Scale Meet at Erie, Pa. Flyer in this issue.
- Aug. 16 Flying Aces Meet at Durham, Conn. Bob Thompson CD. Flyer this issue.
- Aug. 23 FAC at WPAFB Dayton, Ohio- Frank Scott CD.
- Aug. 30 Cloudbusters FF Scale meet at Detroit, Mich. Flyer in this issue.
- Sept. 6 CFFS FAC Scramble at LCCC, Elyria, Ohio. Flyer in this issue.
- Sept. 12 D.C. Maxecuters. FAC rubber, Jumbo, FAC Power, Races, WWI, WWII, Golden Age, Embryo, HLG, Catapult. Allan Schanzle, 8311 Exodus Dr. Gaithersburg, Md. 20760
- Sept. 13 Probable date for Canton, Ohio FAC Scale meet.
- Sept. 20 CFFS & Detroiten Geschwader FAC at WPAFB Dayton, Ohio, flyer this iss.
- Oct. 4 Erie Model Aircraft Assn. meet, site and events to be announced.
- Nov. 3 Indoor Racer Cup, Flyer in this issue.
- Nov. 13 CFFS Indoor meet, site and events to be announced.

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A couple FACers right here at GHQ need some help. Both Ross Mayo and your C.O. would like some real good scale data for the Reawin Speedster. What we need are some good three views and a color scheme.

If anyone can help, please send to GHQ and I will share the info with Ross.

We have been getting great help from you skysters out there on our requests for help for our members and GHQ wants to thank all of you for your concern of fallow modelers. That is the true spirit of the Flying Aces.



I just got back from the contest at Dallas and seen that the FAC news had arrived during my absence. I read with interest the blurb on twin engine stuff. As my B-25 shows lots of promise, I'll cough up some interesting notes about it. I decided on 8 inch contra rotating props and backed into the aircrafts size. Low and behold, a 36 inch span, practically half inch scale! It weighs in at approx. 4 to 5 oz., which seems reasonable, based on the results.

For me, contra rotating props, three bladed, solved two basic problems; (1) the mechanics of holding the two props with one hand just before launch became very simple, (2) I wanted to retain a lot of the B-25's characteristic outer wing panel droop. Therefore I decided the contra rotating props would help with roll stability which might have been poor with my dihedral set up. Apparently the contra rotating props have helped, for it seems very stable in this attitude.

Also another design criteria which may

have helped is a lifting stab.

Under the power burst condition with contra rotating props I could picture this thing trying to climb straight up even with a lot of down thrust. Apparently this seems to help, for she will climb at a 30% angle for about 5 seconds before starting into a wide right hand turn, rudder warps produced this! I can really vouch for Pres Bruning's differential down thrust, that is the outboard turning wing forward 2-3 degrees more than the inside wing.

I was really surprised at the amount of down thrust required, but as you look at your force arrangements it becomes apparent: the position of the props with respect to the wing is just like a monoplane with

a short nose moment and a shoulder wing. Something like a Monocoupe or Mr.

Mulligan.

So it looks like twin engines have a lot of nose moment, but be careful, this moment reacts from where the thrust is, not the front end of the fuselage. One obvious bonus though is the CG usually comes out quite close to the 30% range. This helps your overall weight problem since a very small amount seems to be all that is necessary on a B-25ish type anyhow.

Also as you should have guessed, long nacelles are a must, but make sure that you do everything to make the most out of the length you have. Mount the rear peg as far back as you can get it and keep the removable nose block thin and the prop shaft short thus maximising the internal length of the rubber.

Incidently, you can use $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ times the nacelle length in rubber motor and you don't have to braid it, since all this flops around very close to the moda-

els CG. Something to be said for not having a twin with tail booms.

One interesting feature came out during trimming; I used the scale size trim tabs cut into the trailing edge of the wing to get the pattern grooved into a right hand climbing turn and a transition into a right hand glide.

This has been by far my greatest thrill and challenge in trimming, but as you can imagine it has all been worth the time and effort.

Three loops of 1/8 rubber approx. 20 in. long in each nacelle provide more than adequate power when cranked to 600/700 turns.

Believe it or not, she has thermaled and really looks neat 100ft. in the air. Just for the Hell of it, guess what my next entry will be in WWII Combat? BOMBS AWAY

Mike Midkiff

DISPATCH FROM THE WESTERN FRONT

I noticed my name on the roster of Lt. of the FAC. "Noticed" may not be the proper word, my wife, Sharon, thought that one of the cats had got into my workshop from the shreik I made. I am very honored, to be included with such company, as all of you has got to be the zenith of my modelling oreer. I hope I can live up to the clubs fantastic reputation. I am sending 9 bucks for a sub. this will be a real savings to me as I travel 600 miles a month to Las Vegas just to read Bob Haights newsletter.

W.R. Stroman (alias, Whilhelm von Strohiem)

Yes, Whilhelm, all victories count on the Kanone list where ever they are As long as it is an FAC event they count. So send the results of your FAC contests to GHQ as they happen. We are glad to hear that the boys on the Western Front are finally getting into the <u>fun</u> competition, keep us posted.

C.O. F.A.C.

The Flightmasters West present TIM ALGAR PROFESSIONAL GRA **Indoor Racers** is an event for rubber-powered scale models of single-example or limited production racing of any era. Racing planes are colorful, unique and an enjoyable challenge. This is not a mass-launch event but a one-flier-at-a-time contest in which placings will be determined in the following manner Indoor Racer Co The First Annual School on Sunday, November eighth, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

points for opaque finish" etc. Instead, points will be subjectively awarded by the judges across the range of here should also be a "courage" factor operating in scale judging, so th**at a Gee-Bee R-1 score**s a l<mark>ot higher</mark> than a Mr. Mulligan, even though the Mulligan might actually be executed a little better as a model. Remember race planes were fast but many of the designs were on the ragged edge aerodynamically, and a contestant **choos**

2. Flight score will consist simply of the time of the contestant's best single flight, up to a 60-second maximum, with unlimited attempts.

3. Which brings us to "laps". Two points will be awarded for each complete flight circle of the model on any one flight. This is to hopefully equalize the flying qualities of different racing designs. A light-weight Mr. Mulligan may R-1, on the other hand, will probably have to go like gangbusters just to keep aloft, tearing around in frantic easily sco**re** the 60-second max as it cruises slowly around. But notice the word *slowly*. Our example Gee-Bee circles just above the floor and just maybe racking up a decent amount of lap points to augment its (probably brief endurance. Notice that your best "time" flight and best "laps" flight might be two different ones. This is fine class" entry. After all, even full-sized Piper Cubs have been raced. However, their final score will be multiplied by a "stock" point factor of .70 , and of course they would not be expected to sco<mark>re as high in scale j</mark>udging as a true checkered flag goes up Sunday, November eighth, so start building now. Contest director (race director?) for the race plane. This handicap is not intended to make it impossible fo**r a "stocker" to win—just unlike**ly. R**emember** So that's Indoor Racers. Keep in mind, race refers to the models, not the event. This is for fun, folks. tion" racer and what is "stock" will be decided by the Contest Director at the time of entry

Paul Revere Junior High School, 1450 Allenford Avenue, L.A. Peanut Scale and 14g. Bostonian will also be flown (take Sunset Blvd. west from San Diego Freeway)

1. To keep this a "fun-type" event, scale points will *not* be broken down into "x points for rib spacing" and "x

1. Scale points (30 max.) plus 2. Best single flight time (60 max.) plus 3. Two points per "lap"

ing such a design deserves to be rewarded for his courage.

Now, about that * after racing planes. Non-"racing" but scale models will be allowed to participate as a "stock

The last issue (May-June,1981) related how my term at AIRCO from 1917-1920 was momentarily interupted by World War I's end at the time I was taking my physical for the RAF. So back to my job as a junior draftsman in deHavillands technical department I went.

Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, C.B.E., O.M., at that time 36 years old, was a modest, kindly and considerate man as were his principal aides—Charles C. Walker, his stress mathematician to whom I reported, and his brother—in—law, Frank Hearle, manager of the Experimental Department where all prototypes were built. I had been at the Aircraft Mfg. Co., where de Havilland was chief designer, for only a month or two after my seventeenth birthday when Walker drove me the short distance to the aerodrome. Once there, the chief test pilot B.C. Hucks—my idol, the famed aerobatic stuntman and first Englishman to loop the loop—was told that I would be recording the time of take—off under various loads. This simple procedure would be done by leaning over the side of the gunner's cockpitand, with stopwatch in hand, noting on a small clip—board the time it took from gunning the engine to the wheels leaving the grass. Then back to the tarmac fronting the sheds, mechanics would drop a 50 lb. sand bag at my feet, and off we'd go again.

The process was repeated until the last run heavily laden and owing to a shifting wind, Hucks sluggishly cleared the top of the sheds which brushed by a few feet beneath us. How dumb I must have been to think that exciting. Thus by practical experiment the "usefull load" of the aircraft was established. Ground instruments had, of course, measured the lengths of the take-offs.

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So there I was, all dressed up in a big leather coat, helmet and goggles (unlike my first paid-for-flight in a Henry Farman, five years previously) with a mechanic helping me into the first deH 4's gunner's cockpit directly behind the pilot-none other than my long-time pre-war stunt hero- and off we went with the awesome power and noise of the mighty engine ahead of us, and I intent on doing my job for my salary of \$5 a week

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But before landing, Hucks started stunting! Loops, rolls, spins-the works, including the new Immelman turn. Centrifucal force kept me tightly on the gunner's seat- it was wonderful to see the earth flashing around in every direction until experiencing the first of what I learned later to be the Immelman turn when, seemingly floating in mid-air, I had to grab onto the sides to prevent falling out- whether a safety belt was attached to the seat, I do not recall. If there was one, nobody told me about it!

In retrospect, I think Hucks' sudden and violent display of aerobatics was first, to test the aerodynamics of the deH 4 (it eased out of a spin beautifully), and also its structural fitness- no parachutes except for observation baloons in those days to help out if the wings or tail disintergrated, and, secondly, with a touch of humor, how that 17 year old 6 ft. tall string bean in the back seat could take it. Take it? Icould'nt get enough of it. Having since those days crossed the Atlantic by boat in all weathers thirteen times without getting seasick, I presume I had a cast iron stomach.

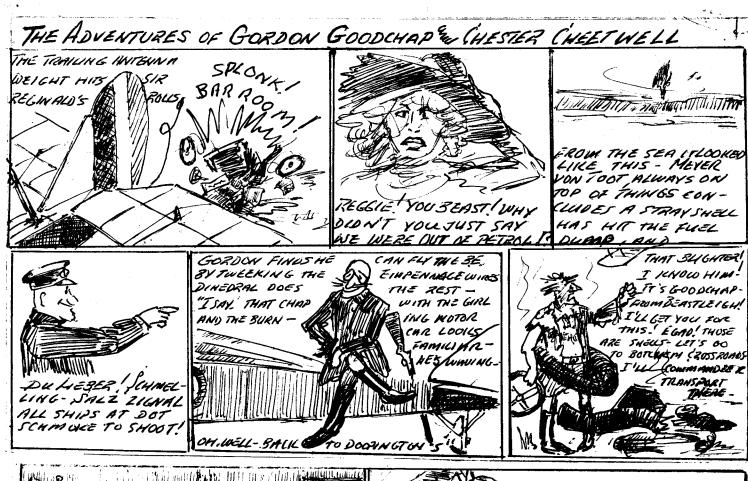
Outside of my baptism in aerobatics, four extraordinary incidents caused by wartime pressures occured while I was assigned to my simple test duties, timing climb to each multiple of 1000 ft., for instance. On the deH 9 tests with the famed General Sir Sefton Branker of the Air Ministry on the tarmac watching with other bigwigs, nothing happened but noise when Hucks gunned for takeoff. The aircraft stood still, bucking a bit as the tailskid dug into the grass. The engine was the new BHP 200 HP six-in-line with righthand drive.

Our propeller designer (remembered for his white waistcoat worn winter and summer) was under the impression it was lefthand drive and calculated the propeller accordingly. So there was no test flight that morning much to my chagrin.

(The next issue will contain the three other incidents).



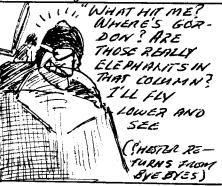








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Dean McGinnes writes to tell us about the FAC events ever held in the sunny south. Following is Dean's letter plus a little description of the action in the mass launch WWII event.

The mass launch event was an unqualified success! The whole free flight section dropped everything and watched every flight. A few RC guys even came over. One of them was heard to remark the night before, "An FAC event here? WOW!" My clunker of a Hellcat was much-modified from the Comet 24" kit. It weighed in at 45 grams and survived having it's wings ripped out by the roots the day before, (necessitating a marathon midnite repair session) and having it's leading edge crunched while gliding into a motorcycle ½ hour before the 10:00 am start time. Clean living!

I cannot say how much I enjoy the FAC newsletter. I am planning to rule out further monthly magazine subscriptions as all 3 are falling all over themselves to include RC this and that. Between you and Crosswinds and Crazy Doc Martin I am at last affiliated with my kind of modelers. Anyway, keep up the good work. (Thanks for the kind words Dean, GHQ likes to hear praise).

HEADLINE: FAC REPELS ENEMY ATTACK IN THE SOUTH "Somewhere on the Southern Front"

All was quiet at FAC South Aerodrome when the mid-morning peace was shattered by a hail of machine gun bullets and the thump of cannon shells! The traitorous Oberleutnant Duncan McBride (lured from his castle in Scotland by guarantees of a lifetime supply of precision thrust bearings) raked the length and breadth of FAC Field with murderous fire from the guns of his sleek longnosed TA-152 fighter. Then, with the Daimler-Benz shreiking with power, he streaked for the thin air of high altitude where his long winged fighter worked best, to await his intended victims. Answering the challenge was Lts. Don

"Gulfhawk" Brimmer (Hawker Typhoon), "Grandpa" George Leffler (ancient P-51B), John "Hillbilly" Blair(P-39 Aircobra), and Dean "Whichway" McGinnes (F6F-2 Hellcat, he landed here yesterday asking directions to the South Pacific). The dastardly McBride took full advantage of high altitude manuverability, twisting and turning, pouring steel and incendiary into all of his opponents who were struggling to keep from stalling in the thin air. Finally, Brimmer's Typhoon went down (after a minute in the air). However, McBride foolishly over-boosted the engine while chasing Brimmer and his engine proceeded to self-destruct. "Grandpa" Leffler promptly got on his tail and stitched him from spinner to rudderpost with 50 cal., sending the

turncoat down in flames! Unfortunately an earl-

ier cannon hit by McBride had weakened the crankshaft of his elderly Mustang and he lost his propeller. The prop-less Mustang began the long glide earthward, leaving only "Hillbilly" Blair and "Whichway" McGinnes to limp homeward, low on fuel, and badly mauled from the fight. The Allison in Blair's Aircobra finally ran out of gas within sight of the field and the silver fighter skidded to a halt just short of the runway, leaving McGinnes to sputter to a halt at Dispersal, still looking for anything which resembled a carrier.

NEW PLAN SOURCE

Dean is also offering a series of peanut plans for sale. Some are rarely seen modeled, among the most interesting are the Dornier DO-335, Breda Pensuti, Bede BD-5, Dornier DO 212, Grumman Mohawk AO-1, and many more. Drop him a request for a list. His address is; Dean McGinnes, 5275 William Clark Road, Lakeland, Florida 33805.

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- 1. PEANUT SCALE GHQ FACTCRED POINTS X O.1 BEST 3 FLIGHT TOTAL PLUS 3 FLIGHT TIMES.
- 2. FIXING ACES RUBBER SCALE.
- 3. FAC JUMBO RUPER SCALE, OVER 30 INCH WINGSPAN WITH PILOT FIGURE.
- L.FAC POWER SCALE FOR GAS, CO2 PLUS 5 POINTS, GR ELECTRIC PLUS 10 POINTS.
- 5. MULTI-MOTOR FAC RUBBER SCALE.
- 6. EMERYO ENDURANCE
- 7. SHELL DASH . THREE FLIGHT RACE QUALIFIER.
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FLYING ACE CLUB NULES APPLY. FIRST PLACE PRIZES. '81 CARD. OPEN 33; \$1 EACH EVENT, \$6 MAK. MASS LAYNCH EVENTS BECIN AT 2 PM.

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1. FULL FAC PT. PEANUT SCALE. FEATURE EVENT FOR GOLDEN AGE REPRODUCTION KIT PRIZE.

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2. FAC RUBBER SCALE.

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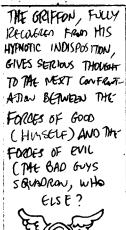
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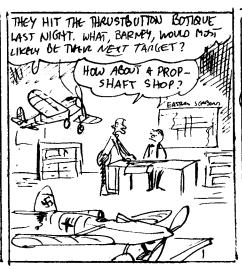
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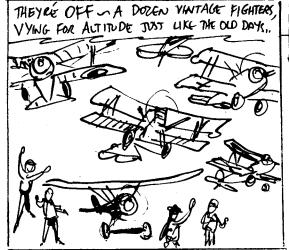


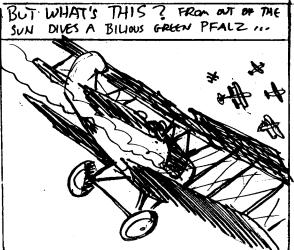








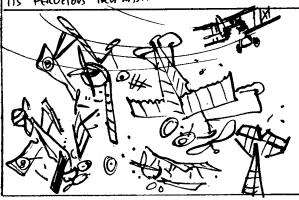




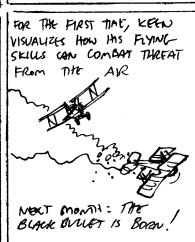


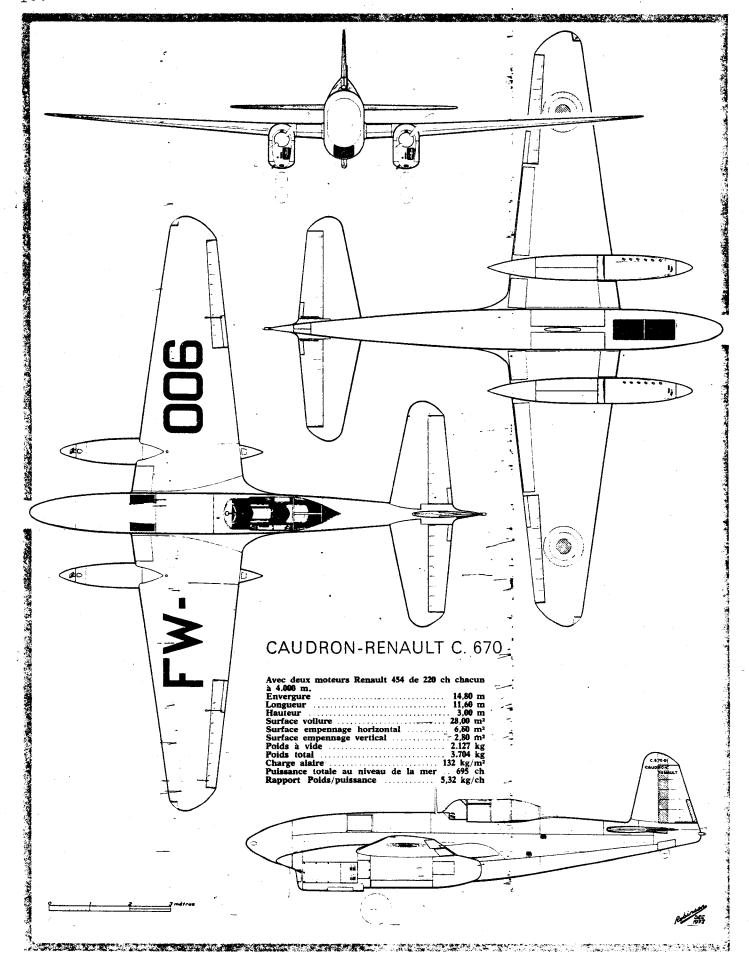
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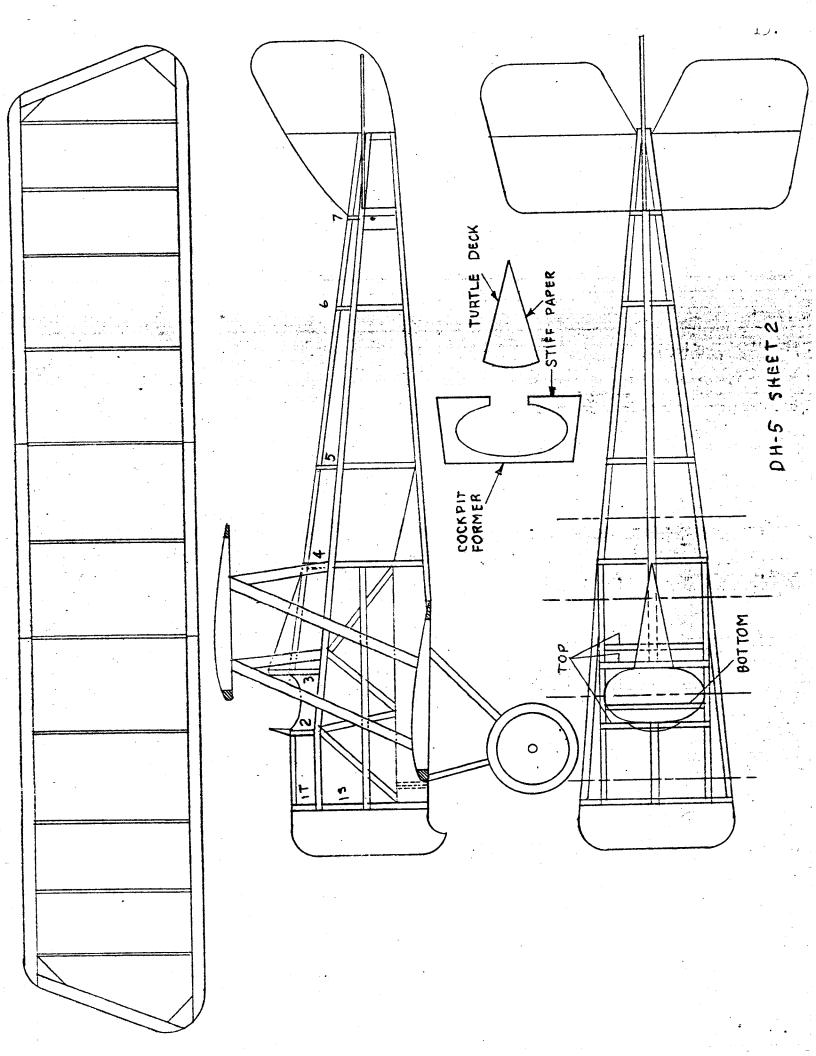
A couple of never seen models is what we offer you skysters in this issue. First of which is a nifty little WWI crate that will be a good challenge for you guys. We discovered the plan among some stuff that the former Commanding Officer (Dave Stott) sent to us. It has been laying around long enough, somebody should give it a try. Her name is de Havilland DH-5, and she was drawn by Sears McCorrison, but don't know when.

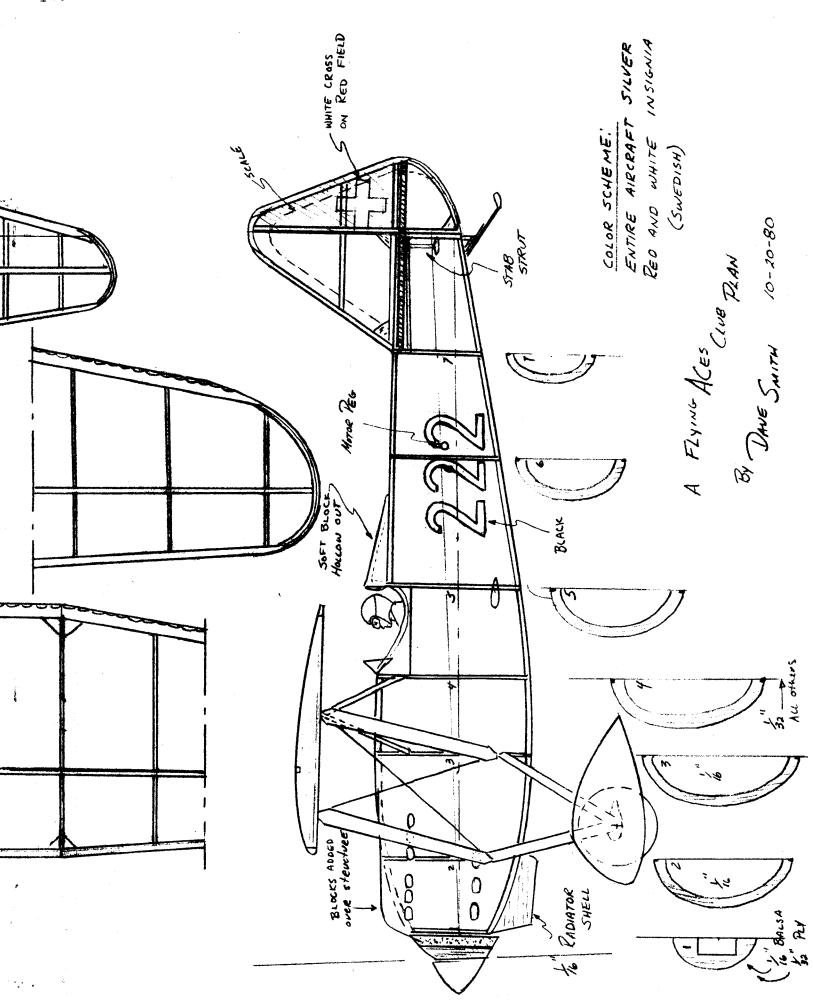
Our second plan comes from out in cactus country again, from Dave Smith. Dave has had several plans in the news recently and we hope he can continue to find time to supply us with more drawings. This time he sends us the cute little Dewoitine D27 C-1, she looks like an interesting subject. A fine flyer I'll bet.

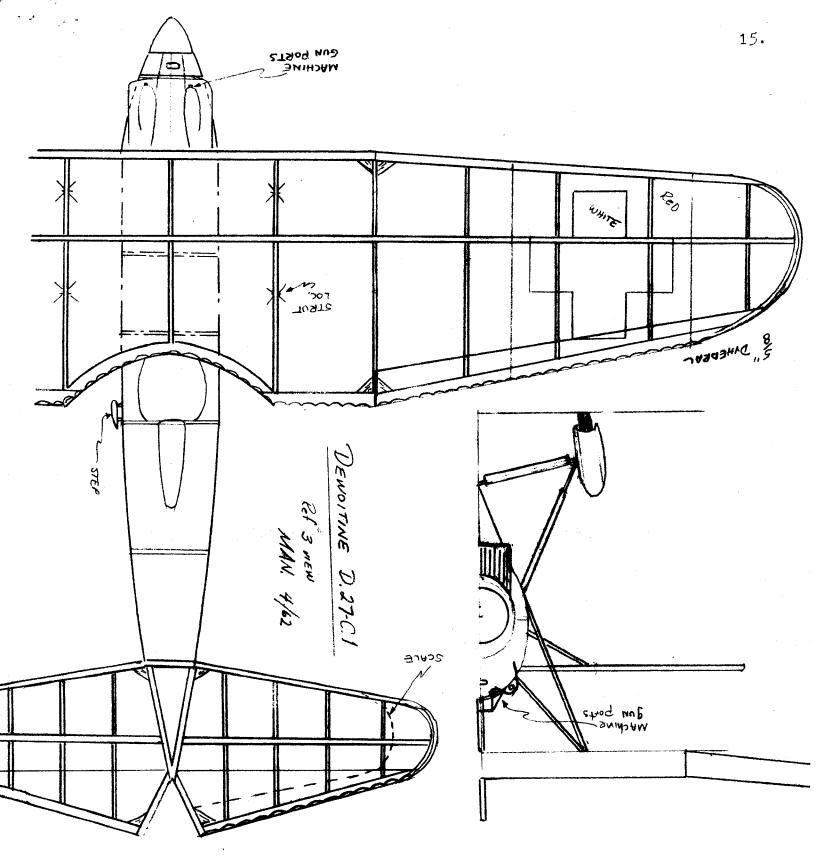
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Another S.O.S. guys! Jim McPheat is looking for the December 1937 issue of Flying Aces magazine. In it are the plans for one of his "Rotorplanes". I don't know if he wants the magazine or just the plans, but you can get in touch with him at; Jim McPheat, 167 Chester St., East Hartford, Ct. 06108

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AUGUST 9,1981

TIME: 10:00 am till 5:00 pm.

SITE: Thermal "G" Glider Port, Erie, Pa.

A.M.A. Sanction applied for.

Events:

- 1. FAC rubber scale
- 2. FAC peanut scale
- 3. Embryo Endurance
- 4. Hand launch glider
- 5. No-Cal profile scale
- 6. NWI Combat
- 7. WWII Combat

All events to be flown according to FAC rules.

No condenser paper covered models.

Prizes through third place, kits/merch.

Be sure to bring proof of scale.

Prize for first place only in mass launch

Entry fee; \$3.00 first event, \$1.00 each add. event, max. fee \$6.00 Jr. & Sr. \$2.00 flies everything.

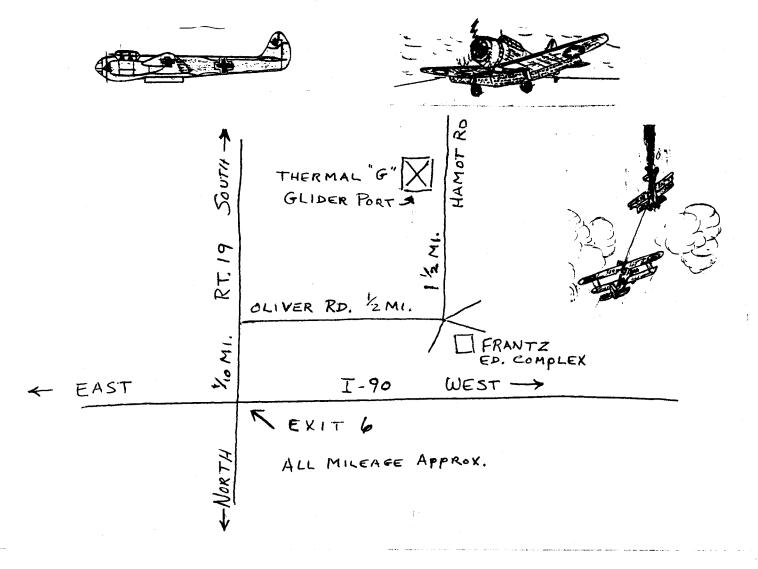
Contest Director;

Joe Barna

1428 West 32 St.

Erie, Pa. 16508 Ph. 814-864-6933

Aviation Museum and Hobby shop on site. May be hot air bloom demonstration after the meet, weather permitting.

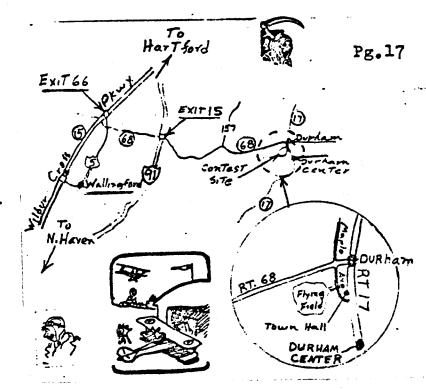


FLYTING

Yes, skysters, Bob Thompson is having a FAC meet back at Durham, Conn. on Aug. 16, 1981.

All you old line regulars can once again fly in your favorite events as Bob has lined up a real FAC bash for you, as well as any newcomers.

Now lets give Bob all the support you can in the true spirit of the EFF-AY-CEEEEE!

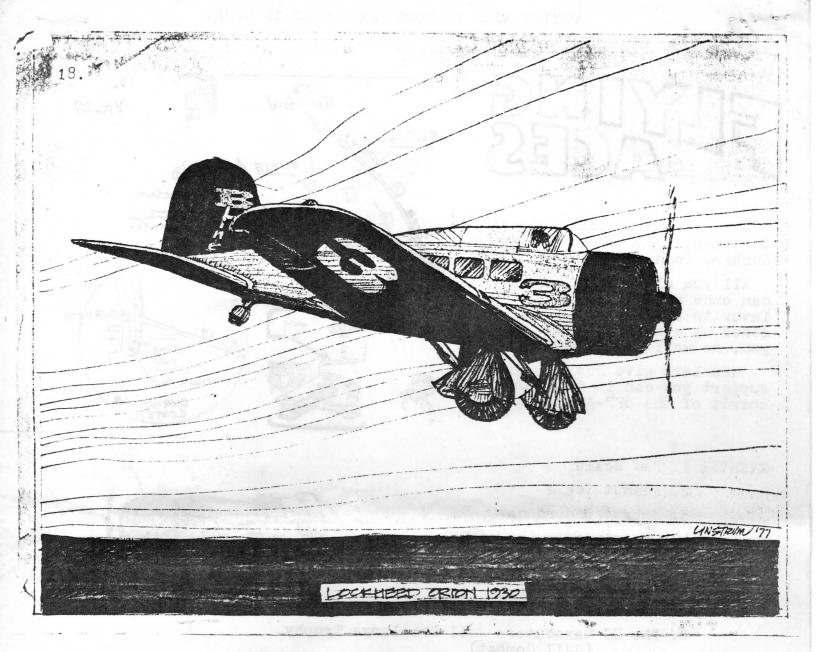


- EVENTS: 1. FAC Scale
 - 2. Peanut Scale
 - 3. Embryo Endurance
 - 4. No-Cal Scale
 - 5. Thompson Trophy
 - 6. Greve Trophy
 - 7. Aerol Trophy (if needed)
 - 3. The DC Maxecuters WWII Challenge Trophy. (WWII) Combat)

Looks like a busy day ahead for any stringer bendin' modeler of the good old stick and tissue cloud cuddlers so popular in the years before Hitler started his big fuss. You'll find flying with the FAC a blend of fun, adventure, and nostalgia. Active participation in an FAC meet entitles you to a year's subscription to the coveted FAC News, to keep the adrenalin flowing to your model building ticker! See you there at "Pinkham Field" bright and early to await Hung's favor!!!!







Lockheed Orion sketch sent in by Dave "vto" Linstrum. Original drawing hangs in "Doc"Martin's office. We have reduced it in size to fit on our pages. Nice work Dave!

PHOTO PAGE

All photos sent in by Dean McGinnes.

Pic.1 Graham Gates, scale judge par excellance, sitting in judgement.

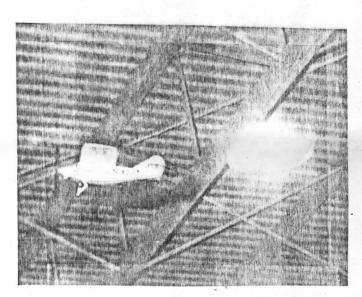
Pic.2 Randy Solomon, age 13, first peanut, first contest. Placed third. Pic.3 George Leffler's Fike floats under ceiling.

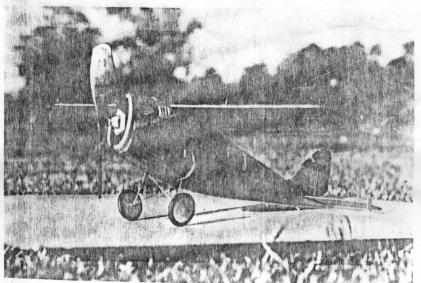
Pic.4 Dean McGinnes' Dayton Wright racer. Pic.5 Neat trophy for FAC WWII Combat.

Pic.6 First combat flyers in Florida. Left to right, George Leffler & P-51, Don Brimmer & Hawker Typhoon, John Blair & P-39, Duncan McBride & TA-152, and Dean McGinnes with his winning Hellcat.













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