

RENJOHTHE WING!

ABOUT THE COVER--This sketch was one of several that appeared in a folder titled "American Aircraft Carrier" by Jim Ray. This has been in my files for who knows how long, many, many years I'm sure! There are several sketches depicting battle scenes such as this and we may use more of them in future issues.

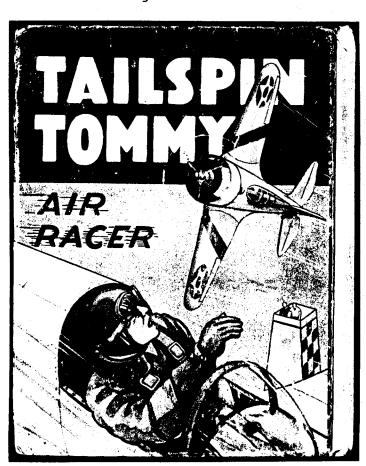
Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. The plans for this one are; Curtiss "Swift" by Comet from our files as is the Paul Lindberg plan of the Sopwith "Camel". Pres Bruning gives us his plan of the Arsenal-DeLanne 10 and Ted Davis sent his plan of the Priesel KEP. Ted says the cover drawing of this aircraft on the Jan./Feb. '99 issue inspired him to draw up this plan. The cover was done by Bill Ceresa on that issue.

Another FACer has left. Jack McRae from Smithtown, N.Y. has passed away and we wish to extend our sympathies to his friends and family.

The Flying Aces Squadron #53 has a new leader. Frank Costello has left the "Blue Angels" Squadron and has been replaced by Tom Shaw, 324 Lafayette Ave., Westwood, N.J. 07675. Good luck to you Tom in keeping the squadron going.

The "Blue Max" medal has been bestowed on two more of our intrepid aviators. Congratulations go to Charlie Hill, from Texas and Don Steeb from Rochester, N.Y. Nice going, Knights of the air!

EASYBUILT MODELS ARE BACK! Yes, after a long wait those Easybuilt kits will be on the shelves of your local hobby shops. Dave Niedzielski, right here from the FAC-GHQ has purchased the company and is now filling back orders that have accumulated over the last year. Dave has up-graded the kits with better balsa wood and hopes to improve on other things in the kits as time goes by. Maybe even some new designs. However, see their ad in this issue and send for the newest catalog.



See Roy Hanson's ad in this issue for a deal on Gasparin engines (Co/2). The first engine sells for \$100.00 and additional ones can be had for \$75.00 each, Sounds like a good deal to us. Check them out on the web site: http://blacksheepsquadron.com

Another great video from Bill Harding and Harding Aero Productions has just come out and it is a real good instructional one if you want to find out how to make lightweight models, wheels, and spinners. The segment on making spoked wheels is probably worth the price of the tape alone. John Johnston, a master builder and flyer shows how he makes those great models of his. You may not know John, because he does not compete in contests but he is usually at all of the big contests just flying his models and having fun!

See the ad in this issue for this video.

We recently had the opertunity to see the new "Andercraft" kits of the Hawker Hurricane and the Spitfire. Although they are nice kits we have to tell you that they are not eligible to fly in FAC events because the forward fuselage

on toth of these is vacuum formed and therefore under the FAC rules cannot compete in our contests. Prices are good and the material is pretty good. If you don't want to compete then these would make fine models.

Tim Bucher has come out with "Stick and Tissue Modeler's Album" Number Two. I liked volume one better but this is still a good bargain for you Tissue Trimmers. See Tim's ad in this issue, I'm sure you'll want one.

By now you all must have read the new rule book, I hope?? Some of our rules have been taken rather lightly lately and it is time to crack down Clubsters! Especially in areas like the diameter of wheels on the Jimmie Allen and Old Time Rubber models as well as the airfoils on those old crates. We don't like to do this but from now on for the contests at Geneseo and at Muncie you are going to have to show the plan of your model to win an award in the event, Also we have had complaints about the width of some of your fuselages being too wide near the rear rubber peg. Better get them altered or be declared ineligible.

It has been called to our attention that we left out a couple of items in the rules. (we make mistakes too) One is that the wingspans for the Greve and Thompson Races was left out, you should all know that the spans for these events is 24 inches, MAX. In the Old Time Kit Scale event there should have been a rule saying that there shall be no D.T.s in this event. Put it in your head, NOW! Then we won't have a problem on the field.

If you haven't sent in your entry for the FAC Non-Nats at Geneseo please do so as soon as possible. your early entry really does help us with the paperwork. Plus we know about how many contestants we will have. Knowing in advance what we have to be prepared for really can make a difference in the outcome of the contest. The Scale Judging will be done at Peter's Party Complex in Leicester, N.Y. which is only 4 miles from Geneseo.

We are still looking for event sponsors and prize donations so if you are interested in helping along these lines contact me here at GHQ.

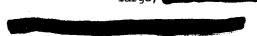
After some anxious moments we have the contest at the A.M.A. flying site scheduled for September 18 and 19, 1999. There is an entry form in this issue for that contest as well as the one at Geneseo. Would appreciate early entry on the Muncie contest as well as Geneseo.

FAC T-SHIRT SALE

We must liquidate our stock of FAC T-shirts to make room for this year's stock. We are now offering a discount to get rid of what is left. All T-shirts are now priced at \$7.50 each plus.\$2.50 postage each. Here is what we have left and some sizes are in very short supply.

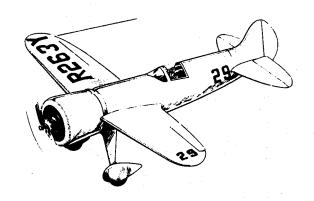
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SPIN MASTER TOYS announces the creation of a contest for model aircraft powered by their "AIR HOG" air power unit. The model can be of your own design or of an existing design. It can be a scale model or a sport model and must be built using stick and tissue construction. No size limitations.

To get the power unit you will have to purchase the "AIR HOG" model, remove the power unit and install it in your model. You can purchase these models at almost any toy store or store that sells toys. Sorry, but the power unit is not sold seperately.

This event will be run at the Geneseo contest this year on Saturday July 17th. Plaques will be awarded through three places and the top six finishers will receive "AIR HOG" kits.

Sounds like a lot of fun! How many can we get to participate?

PHOTO PAGE

Left column; Jake Larson as the "Poster Boy" to recruit more FF types into FACers. Maybe it should be "Poster Boy" for R/C. That would drive a lot of them into FAC. Jake's photo.

> Oscar Smith prepares his fine flying Bucker as his wife holds for him. Don't know photographer.

This shot of Bob Boyanowski's giant Rearwin gives you some idea of how large this ship is! 73 inch span! Chris Starleaf and Ed Bojan hold.

Right column; Ray Payne's line-up of Keith-Rider racers. R-2 Bumblebee, R-6 Eightball and R-4 Firecracker. Photo from Ray.

The fearless leader of the "Possom Patrol" and FAC Squadron #57, David Barfield and his FW-190. David's photo.

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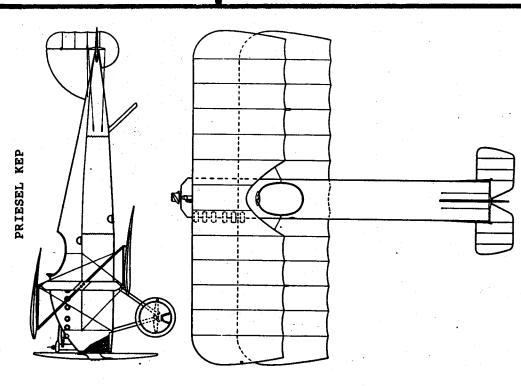
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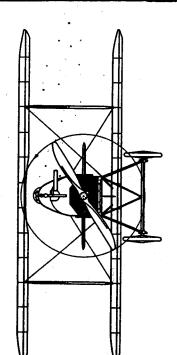
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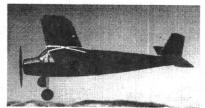
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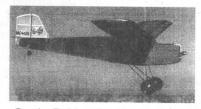
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As you read this the summer postal contest will be underway. This year we will have four events or "Wings" for you to enter. They are; Golden Age Civil, Golden Age Military, Modern Civil and Modern Military. Just fly your model and send your times to GHQ along with the date of your flight, the Wing you flew in and the name of your model. Contest times count too. The contest will end on October 24, 1999. Entries postmarked after October 26, 1999 will not be accepted. BUILD--FLY--WIN...EFF--AAA--CEEE!!!

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THE AEROPLANE

THE COMEDY OF THE AERIAL TORPEDO.



The statement recently given in evidence as to the design of the A.B.C. "Gnat" engine for aerial torpedoes in regard to the claim made by Walton Motors Ltd. for their work in developing the A.B.C. engines, may serve as an adequate excuse for recounting the true and unvarnished story of the abandonment of this scheme.

The underlying idea is quite simple and practicable. A small aeroplane is fitted with wireless controlling mechanism, and carries, instead of a crew, a large explosive charge. The machine is sent off and steered into any desired objective, either an observation post, a kite balloon, airship, or aeroplane, as may be most convenient.

An experimental "aerial torpedo" was accordingly built. The R.A.F (now R.A.E.) at Farnborough designed the aeroplane part. It was a small highly stabilised monoplane fitted with the A.B.C. "Gnat" of 35 h.p.

A wireless expert, identity unknown, designed a suitable controlling gear

The whole being assembled, high officials of the Army, the Navy, and of the services of Allied Powers, were conveyed to Lassan's Plain to view the tests.

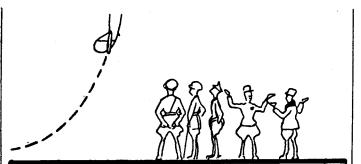
The engine was started, the wireless operator flicked his rudder and elevators to see that the controls were in order, and gave the signal to release the apparatus. The machine rolled forward and swung smartly round towards the nearest group of brass-hats, scattering them in all directions. Violent rudder operations by the control merchant swung her round at a second group, and—as is not altogether surprising—it

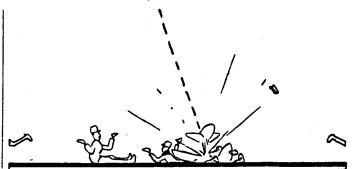
was found that the method of distant control was altogether too slow to secure anything like control while the machine was "taxying." For when taxying it is necessary to correct a coming deviation from truth before the said deviation has become more than a tendency to deviate

And, as a result, the assembled mighty ones were chased round Lassan's Plain by the infuriated aerial torpedo until her entire petrol supply—fortunately a small one—had run out. The machine never kept straight for a sufficient period to attain flying speed, and it appeared to possess an unerring instinct which led it to pursue the most august and shortwinded of the assembled spectators. As a result, although the difficulty of getting such a machine off the ground could have easily been surmounted, it was for some time more than anyone's life was worth to suggest—in those quarters where Policy was decided—that further experiments should be made.

But in due course the generation of brass hats concerned were relegated to other spheres, and the project was revived, and a second assembly of the mighty gathered at Northolt to witness a test. A contraption of rails had been arranged to keep the machine straight while it was gaining flying speed. The torpedo left the rails, left the ground, and, whether on account of faulty design or trim of the "torpedo," or failure of the control mechanism, the apparatus described three-quarters of a loop off the ground, smiting the inoffensive earth nose on just where the assembled multitude had taken their stand.

No further trials have yet been made





AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING.—The story of the first experiments with wirelessly controlled aeroplanes.

Reproduced from "The Aeroplane" of December 21, 1921.

HOMEBUILT SPOKE WHEELS

I have used this system to make spoke wheels 3/4 to 3"dia for rubber powered models in the 12 to 30 inch range. Wheels consist of two-ply balsa rims, aluminum tube hubs, foam tires, and thread spokes.

Step 1: Rims - 2 plies firm balsa laminated cross grain with waterproof glue. Tire blanks - blue foam or grocery trays (5/32 thk kind). Use water soluble (white) glue to spot glue foam to balsa. Parts can be cut out either before or after laminating.

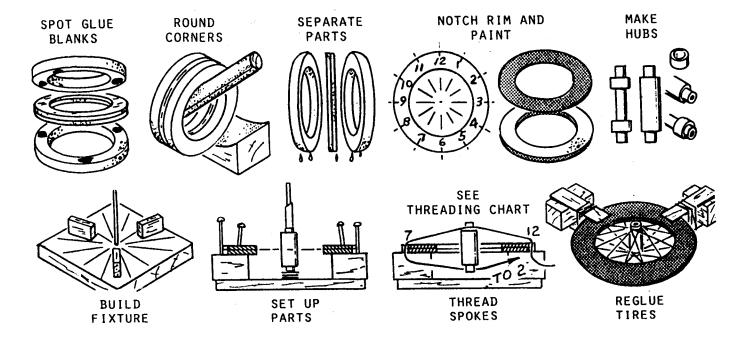
- 2. Sandpaper tires to round cross section while still assembled.
- 3. Water-soak until tires can be easily separated from rims.
- 4. Make 12 tiny razor blade cuts spaced 30° in outer edge of rims. Mark 1-12. Paint now-inner edge of rims silver, tires and outer edge of rims black.
- 5. Hubs- 1/16 and 3/32 ID alum tube. Cyano together.
- 6. Assembly fixture: 1/16 dia music wire glued into a sturdy wood base perpendicular to the surface. Accuracy reqd. Glue 3 balsa rim supports to base, located so they will fall between spoke locations. Use 1/8 x 1/2 balsa stock for starters. Supports can be trimmed, built up, or popped off and replaced as reqd to suit your wheel size.All 3 must be same height to prevent wheel wobble.
- 7. Center a rim on fixture and pin securely. Center hub vertically with washers or other shims and hold down with snug plastic tubing etc.
- 8. Cut a thread 12 times wheel dia plus a foot or so. Glue end in slot 12. Route over top shoulder of hub and thru slot 7. Pull thread snug, not tight. Check its position on shoulder and cyano in slot. Follow FROM-TO chart, repeating these steps. A piece of wire with a small U-shaped hook in the end is useful. When threading is complete, carefully remove wheel from fixture and lightly cyano threads where they touch hub.
- 9. White glue tire halves onto rim assemblies. Clamp to overcome tension of spokes. Fill/sand/touchup paint on outer tire surfaces as reqd.

Build up dia of model's axle wire to match 1/16 hole dia in wheels. Use eyelets or tubing. This is usually easier than necking down the wheel hole. If you have questions, write to:

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THE GOLDEN AGE

Fran Ptaszkiewicz

continued from last issue....

This airplane was used by Gulf during the years 1940 to 1941 in order to bring attention to the company's support of the light planes Air Cavalcades held at the Miami Air Maneuvers.

During the early years of World War II the Gulfhawk was used very extensively as a research vehicle to test new fuels and lubricants under actual flight conditions.

In 1943 General Hap Arnold Chief of the U.S. Army Air Corps, requested Major Williams to visit various training basis in order to demonstrate a precise type of flying regime and how to maintain good control of the aircraft while in the air. It was also be considered a morale booster.

This was more than a three month tour which included over a dozen fighter-pilot training schools. Williams would first lecture and talk to the line-mechanics, where he would stress the close relationship these men should have with the pilots. This would be followed by a flight demonstration for all base personnel. Here he would fly every flight to perfection making neat and crisp takeoffs and landings.

His self kept total showed 39 lectures and 18 flight demonstrations and over 11,000 air miles flown. As a civilian at this time he donated his time and talent free of charge as his part in assisting the war effort.

Following the war Williams continued his flying demostrations and in October of 1948 the "Gulfhawk II" was presented to the Smithsonian's Institution's National Air Museum as it was then called. However the master did one more fantastic display of aerobatics at the Washington National Airport. Immediately after landing Williams removed the control stick therby symbolizing the decommissioning of his most famous aerial steed. Truly a workhorse of the air.

Following the formal presentation of the "Gulfhawk II" to the museum personnel, Major Williams then took possesion of "Gulfhawk VI", a Grumman F8-F" Bearcat", which devoid of military equipment proved to be a fantastic replacement for his old machine.

During some of his demonstrations he would use "Jato" rockets on take-off. It was said by many observers that the airplane had the appearance of having been shot out of a cannon. Here again the old master was doing research, for the "Jato" type bottles had been used towards the end of the war, their use had been primarily to assist heavily laden aircraft get airborne, particularly from short runways.

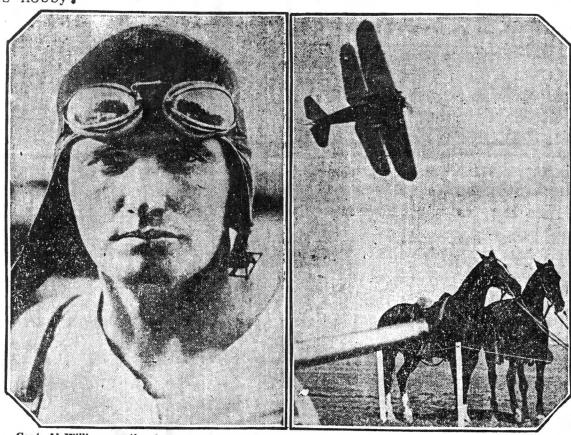
Unfortunately this airplane was not to have gained the glory and the noteriety of the other Gulfhawks because while returning from a flight to Miami on his way to New York, Williams ran into foul weather and ever the cautious airman, elected to land safely at New Bern, N. C. and wait out the storm. The airplane had just touched down when the left landing gear leg collapsed, the long-range belly fuel tank split open and the airplane became a raging inferno. Williams was lucky to have escaped, although it was said just barely.

Following years of declining health, Major Al Williams passed away on his farm, Eyrie, located near Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on June 16, 1958 at the age of 67. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

So, ended the life of a man who espoused aviation and preached air power at every oppurtunity. He was also credited with having taught the young people of this country to enter a carrer in aviation and perhaps even some of them to fly.

At one of his many award dinners the speaker intoned. "You have no greater testimony for a man's belief, that you must eat, drink, sleep and live flying if you wish to be a great airman than we have seen through the efforts of Al Williams ".

In retrospect, Major Al endeavored to stimulate the civilian people's interest in things aeronautical and to the value of airplanes in transport, defense and aerial combat, much in the same way modelers try to aquaint the public with models and model flying and the value of this hobby.



Capt. Al Williams, national commander of Junior Aviation, and a scene as he staged acrobatics at races,

CAPT. AL WILLIAMS, FLYING CHAMPION





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OCTOBER 9, SATURDAY... .. 9th Annual EMAA Last Chance Contest... CD Vic Didelot This last meet will end early at 4 pm to accommodate the banquet which starts at 6:30 PM. Please call to reserve a seat at our banquet. Thank you.

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I've often heard it said, That to get there you must be dead. And that saying never filled me with the "hots"

I'd be happy to be going, To where the wind is always blowing, At a soft and gentle seven knots.

To where the grass you see, Grows halfway to your knee And about half of that in hundred acre plots.

A place to trim a free flight Into gentle circles, to the right And to cushion the crashes of those that go awry.

The shorter grass for saving Those that aren't behaving, To keep them ready for another flight.

And bare earth plots around For those who'd rather "rise off ground" Just like any plane had oughter.

And many a shallow lake for those of us who'd take our planes out to "rise off water".

Somewhere bordering the sea With a lake or two, or three. That there is such a place I definitely know.

With hills so gently rolling, Just perfect for some strolling. And just the place to let a free flight go.

Where little fluffy clouds Float about in crowds To mark each thermal on the plain.

Where the flora and the fauna they sure ain't a-gonna Interfere with flying of a rubber-powered plane.

With multi-colored bushes there Whose leaves are 'zactly one yard square Of the lightest tissue that you will ever know.

Where the balsa tree surprises By growing in pre-determined sizes, Each size in it's own special row.

The leaves of that balsa glade Are definitely "Contest Grade" And rectangular in different widths and lengths.

Their bark is a special ply That would amaze both you and I By its suppleness and strength.

The Paulowina prop plant grows Among the gummer bushes rows And their sap is a kind of instant glue.

Their leaves form props and loops For us gummy-bander troops. I'd be happy to be there - wouldn't you?

There'll even be some trees With optically clear leaves Shaped like various canopies and some would even be flat.

For making window panes On various old time planes. Now could you ask for any more than that? Except for those who get there before us, Names both mundane or glorious Will be there to greet us whenever we arrive.

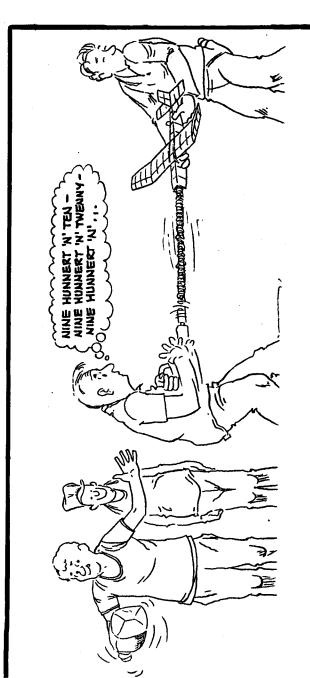
But I guess I'll have to wait, Cause it sure ain't in my fate To see such a place as that while I'm alive.

And when it's time that I Lay me down and die I'll do so with the very fervent hope

That the place to which I'm sent Is the one of which I've dreamt. Of gentle breezes and great big grassy slopes.

Of perfect flying weather And friends who get together In that paradise where gummy-banders go.

by Capt. A.C. "Jake" Larson, USAF Ret.



10. After slogging thru a swampy area forming a natural hazard on one border of the field, you are rewarded by the sight

of your large Power Scale SE-5 sitting prettily in a small

clearing. Relief! .As you start to pick it up you hear the motor whirring. Wow, after allthis time that battery is still juiced! But wait, you suddenly remember having switched to a quiet CO2 motor!! Just then you re-focus to the cocknit where

Just then you re-focus to the cockpit where

evident

11. The contest day is winding down to conclusion. Time enough though for a third official flight of your high bonus beauty, Jumbo Scale ship. The wind is only whispery evident Most contestants are finished flying; they lounge in their

a slimy tube with a diamond pattern is rocking the ship.....

waiting for a major "Gotcha"

CONTEST BLUES

simthing heard some ever You've all heard of a bad hair day but have you meet day? You have if you've experienced to (or more--God forbid) of the following: a bad meet day?

off 1½ hours unbeknownst to get to the field for 1. During the night before, power was to you -- late alarm-just when you need some early AM pre-event testing.

you have your wife's only set of car keys-she has an early morning appointment. Move over, Rover, the doghouse will 2. Sixty-five miles down the interstate you discover have another tenant. 3. Eighty miles down the interstate you realize your folders of documentation are not making the trip--they are neatly arrayed back on the workbench. 4. A half hour after arriving, just as you are getting in some much needed pre-event test hops, the rich food you had last evening begins to exert an inexorable instability in your system--the nearest facility is back down the road about your system five miles.

late afternoon stillness and is gently wafting the model high-

er and higher, till many minutes later it is 008...There is

a mixture of applause, admiration and condolences from the It is classic "goodnews/badnews" as you drive home with a

time memory and thoughts of constructing the next bonus

higher wing loading???)

ceptably, the climb is extending beyond the usual power phase. A rogue thermal cast by a mischievous "Hung" has defied the

The assemblage watches transfixed at the display of a seemingly perfect flight. Ah, life IS good. But almost imper-

draining the last dregs of coffee and soda. The wind-up ar launch go smoothly; the climbing circles are steady as the waning sun beautifully highlights the tissue translucence.

chairs, basking in the warmth of the late afternoon rays,

course) catches a capricious thermal and requires an hour of searching to find this with the control of searching to find this with the control of searching to find this with the control of the control 5. Your Embryo, on an untimed test flight (without DT searching to find thus putting you way off schedule.

the motor, the winding caddy, unfettered by its tie-down cord, crashes to the ground, liberating the fuseless to the ground, 6.Youve been to an out-of-state wedding the night before. The first order of business after setting up is test hopping your raceplane prior to the Thompson. But sleep deprived eyes fail to detect one important detail. As you start stretching tail from the wing and nose. (this happened to the writer)

not to fear, for somehow he misses everything. Smell of food bee-lines him to your tailgate. Instantly lunch and dog are gone. The assemblage, grateful it wasn't theirs, share a few 7. A yearling Great Dane with moose configuration landing gear suddenly sorties through the flight-line. The scramble to protect models and associated equipment is palpable -- but of their crumbs.

second heat, the garrulous Hennegan is busy "chatting-up" his neighbors during the windup and while distracted manages to 8. The only available mechanic for the WWII mass launch is Ham-fisted Hennegan. Reluctantly you "sign-him-on". In the neighbors during the windup and while distrocrunch your P-47 stringers into submission.

9. Preoccupied with the vision of a comely lass in short shorts, 14EEEEE boots in your winding caddy brace wire--it all crashes moseying 250 pound "twinkletoes"spectator hooks one of his

PHOTO PAGE

Left column; Bob Schlosberg's Porterfield CP-65, 44" span, powered by a Cox .049 Co/2 unit. Photo by Bob.

> Arado AR-240 by Jane Schlosberg. 28" span, rubber power, flies great! Photo by Hubby Bob.

Glenn Bearry sent this photo of his Spad 7 Peanut model.

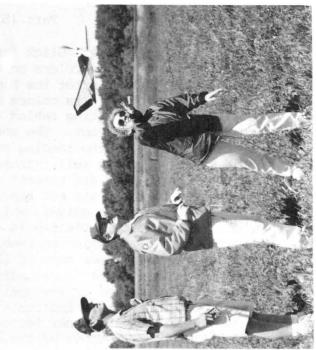
Right column; Juanita Reichel launching her Herr kit Beech Bonanza. Onlookers are Paul Boyanowski and Pres Bruning. Photo by Bill Harding.

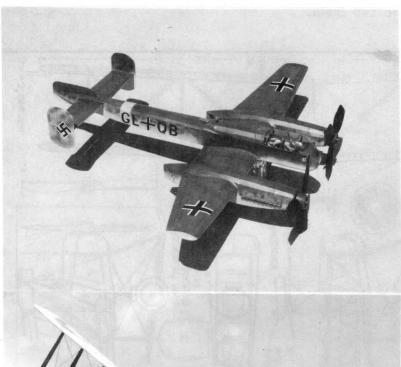
> Ollie Benton sent this photo of Marie Rees preparing her Lockheed Vega for flight. Model done up as Amelia Earhart's plane.

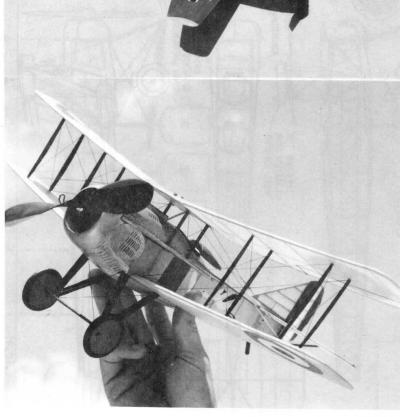
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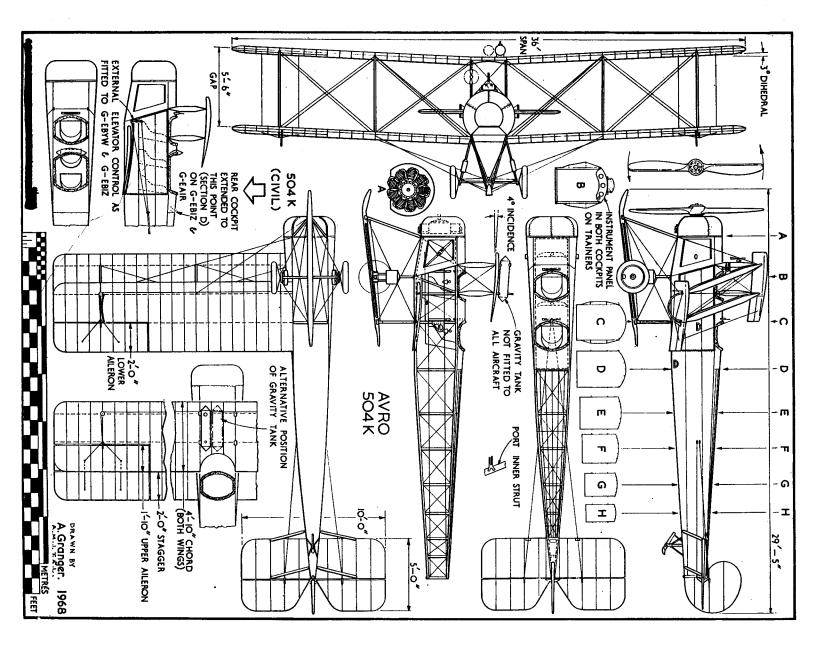




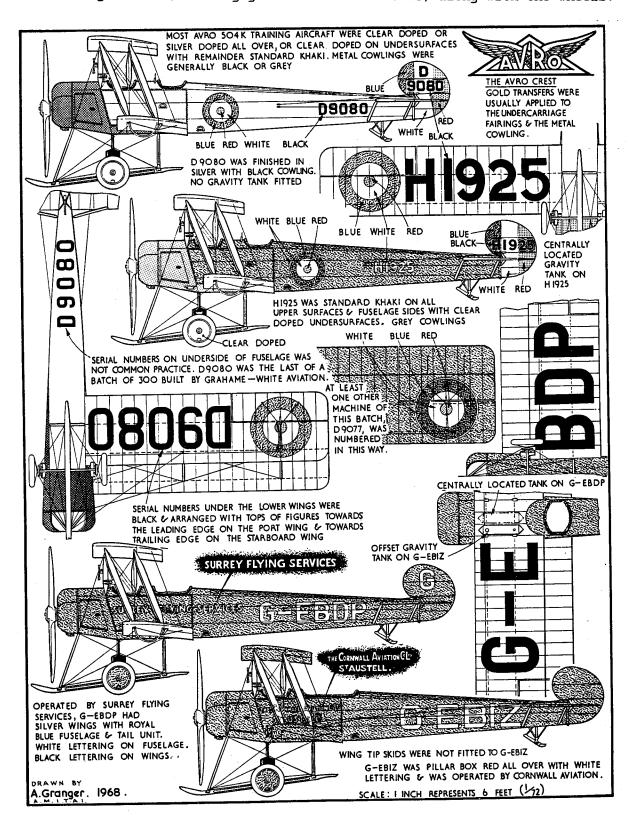
WHAT COLOR WAS IT?

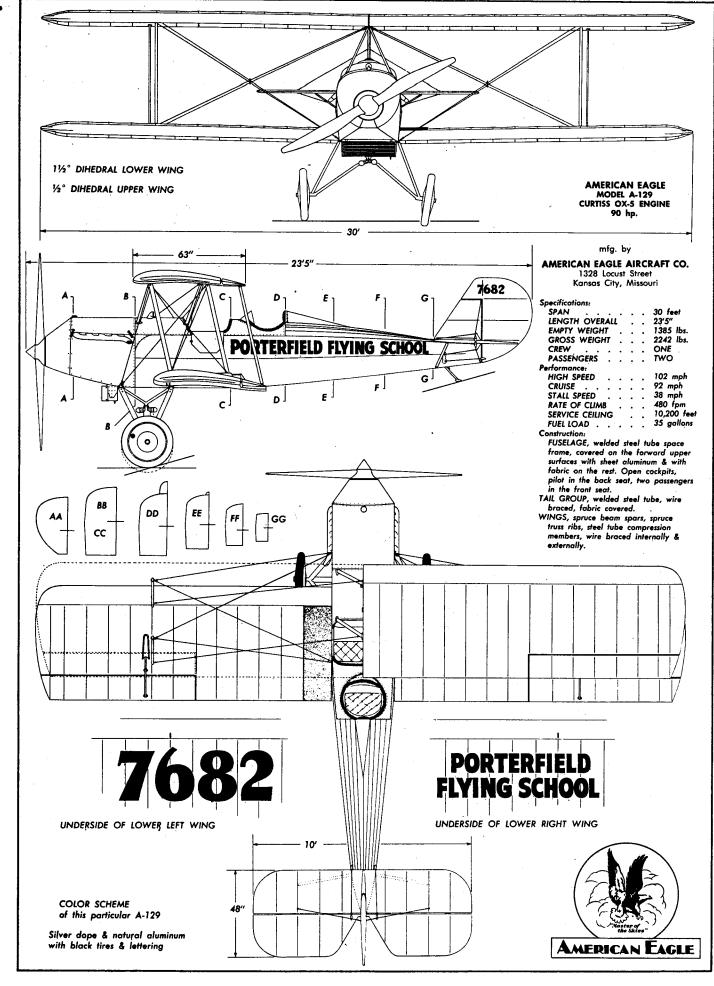
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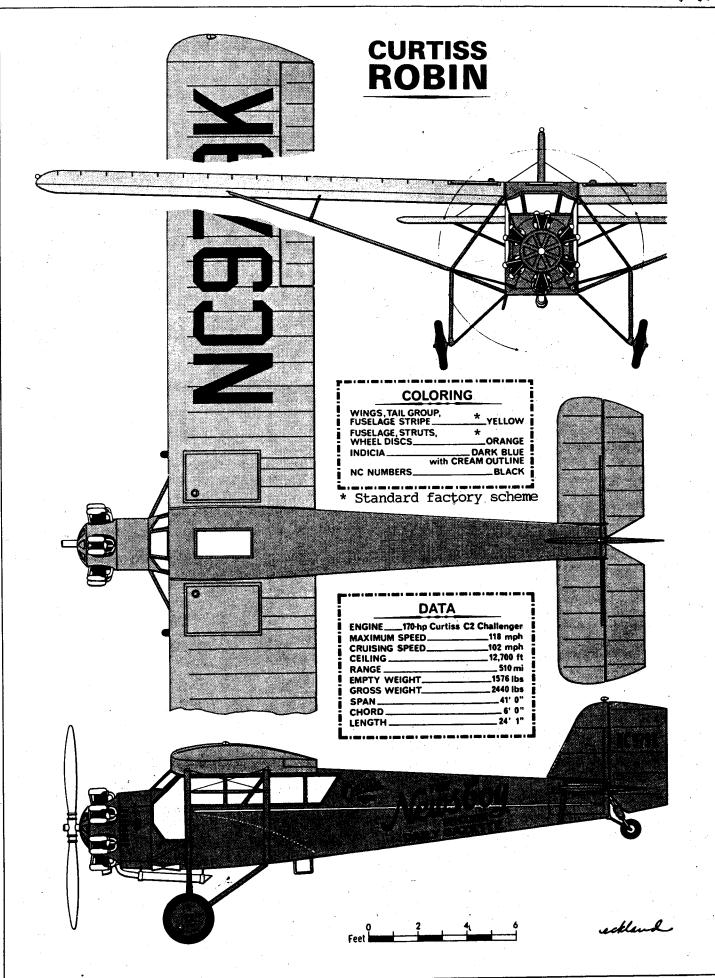
Many thanks to FAC Bill Glick for all the drawings provided in this article. First off we get some colors on two Avroe 504 K aircraft that found their way to civil duties after the Big Fuss. A later 504 K flying in Canada more recently is G-CYCK. Its colors are as follows. All over silver with black cowl, side metal plating behind the cowl, and narrow metal plating adjacent to the bottom wing root. The metal struts and bungee covers as well as the transverse axle of the landing gear are black. Stabilizer bracing and tail skid appear black as well. Interplane struts and the remainder of the struts of the landing gear are natural wood, yellowish in hue. The metal panels on top of the fuselage are not black, as one might think them to be, but silver. The wheel covers are silver, while the little cap on the axle is black. black registration lettering is applied directly over the silver on the top and bottom wings, while the fuselage lettering is superimposed on a white rectangle running four bays of the fuselage beginning at the upright at the end of the sheet metal surrounding the aft cockpit. The height of the rectangle is the height of the upright third forward of the stern post. entire rudder is white and contains a large letter "G", the bottom of which is no lower than the upper longeron level. Lettering style is identical to the style on the 3-views of the other two 504s.

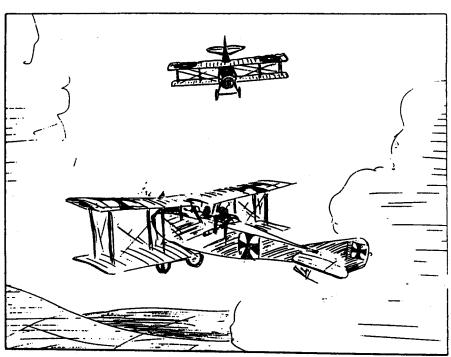


The American Eagle drawing gives the colors of it, but fails to mention that all the sheet metal cowls and panels were left natural aluminium. But, these panels were engine-turned ala Spirit of St. Louis. Starting in 1929, the American Eagle used two different standard factory schemes. Blue fuselage with yellow wings, or red fuselage with grey wings. Accent stripe was the lighter color on the darker fuselage. Fin and rudder were the same color as the fuselage. Metal panels remained as before. Metal panels on the Kinner powered versions were the same color as the fuselages. Wing struts were the light color, landing gear struts the darker, along with the wheels.





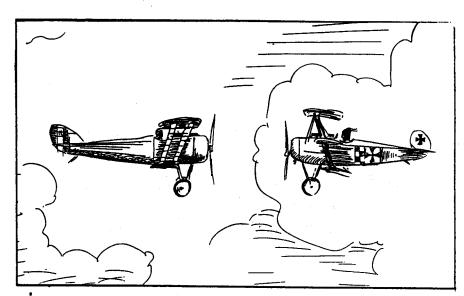




TYPE 1. THE STRATGHTFORWARD OR "PERFECT COMDITIONS" ATTACK

For this form of attack, it is recessary that the friendly pilot be flying a Spad 13 or better, while the enemy should be in an Albatros C-III with a broken propeller and an observer who is asleep or drunk.

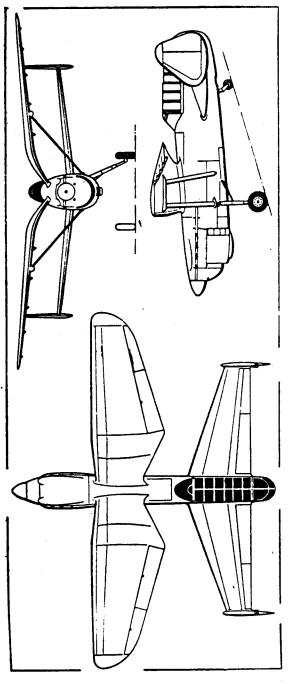
The Spad should first climb to an altitude about one thousand feet higher than the Albatros can possibly attain, then carefully navigate into the glare of the sun. After waiting until the enemy aircraft has ventured at least ten miles on the Allied side of the lines, the Spad pilot may now make his firing run. This form of attack is guaranteed to succeed, provided that the conditions listed above are prearranged and that the ground crew remembered to load the Spad's guns.



TYPE 2. THE HEAD-ON OR "MY FATHER CAN LICK YOUR FATHER" ATTACK

This method is used by a lazy pilot who encounters a lazy enemy pilot, when both are just too lazy to work out any tactic whatever. It is best carried out by the fastest single seater available on the Allied side against its equivalent enemy. These will cause the most dramatic scrunch as the two aircraft meet.

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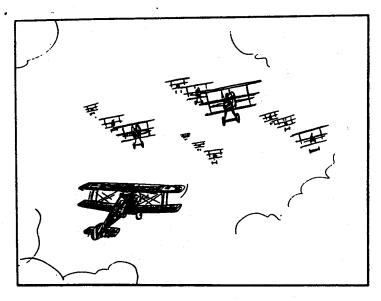
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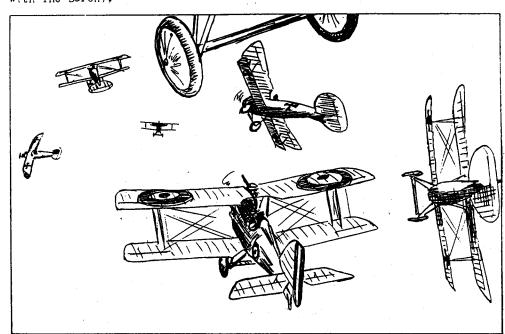
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TYPE 3. THE SCIENTIFIC OR "INSTANT ACE, BUT DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR" ATTACK

This method is recommended for newcomers to the front, just up for the first trip in a Camel, who wish to be able to say, "I had a run-in with The Beron today" at every opportunity. The pilot of the Camel should choose a time when a couple of dozen Fokker Triplenes are almost out of fuel and have decided to go home for supper. He should catch them as they are going towards their side of the lines but not have actually reached them. This is important and ensures that when he turns and runs for it, he will automatically be pointed in the right direction and already on his own side of the lines. The Camel should try to approach from below and behind the Fokkers to retain the element of surprise. (Not that they wouldn't have been surprised enough anyway to have one lone idiot attack the lot of them.) Should any one of the enemy pilots show any sign whatever of having seen the Camel, the pilot should, of course, break away without making any attack at all and dive for the protection of the nearest SE5 unit, which he has previously picked out for such an emergency. This is known as discretion, (and he can STILL say he had a run-in with The Baron).



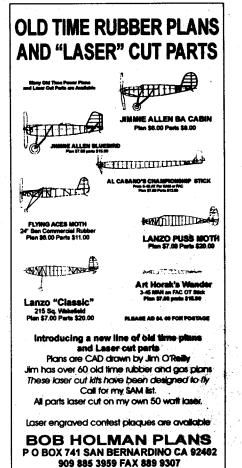
TYPE 4. THE DASHING OR "ONE U.S. CAVALRYMAN IS AS GOOD AS TEN INJUNS" ATTACK

The friendly pilot is flying an SE 5 when he comes upon a formation of six Albatros D 3, which appear from behind a cloud. The SE should immediately fly right into the middle of the formation at great speed, causing their concentrated crossfire to shoot each other down, with any luck. Without any luck, the SE 5 pilot can expect to have his machine sawed in halves by the hail of lead from ten Spandaus. (The other two belong to the leader of the enemy formation, who is so helpless with laughter that he is unable to fire a shot.)

TE 5. THE OVERWHELMING SUPERIORITY ATTACK

This is the best kind, if it can be arranged. It is necessary to gether a striking force of 100 SE 5's flying in line abreat, closely followed by an equal number of Briston Fighters mounting twin Lewis Gunsa at the rear. The formation simply files towards Germany, accompanied, of course, by 100 Spads overhead and 100 Camels underneath, all similarly protected by Bristols; and upon any sign of movement in the sky, all open fire. Since most of the sky over western Germany will become immediately full of flying lead, it is unlikely that any enemy aircraft will be able to stay in the air. This method is used at the ends of were where the side with all the aircraft has already won anyway, so it does not reall influence the battle much, one way or the other. It does not reall influence the battle much, one way or the other. It does not reall until the next war and at last be found to be unfit for use, as some great scientist has more abletter type of gun which unfortured a better type of gun which

We concede that the above may not help our side win the first World War, but in any case, this is unecessary, as we have already done that. What we hope to have done is put a little badly needed humor into a technically excellent journal, which has been more than musty enough and reeking of museums rather than castor oil. Elliot White Springs had fun with his war, and we're with him! We are interested in flying machines, as opposed to rear sear spring retainer keepers and the tensile strength of 18-strand microgage



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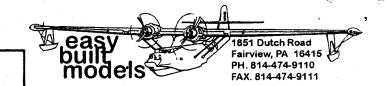
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* Mass launch events. Golden Age Military must have landing gear down. Both Old Time Rubber events must have all flights turned in by 2:00 pm each day to give us time for fly-offs. Jimmie Allen models and Old Time Rubber models must have a plan to show that all aspects of the model are built according to plan, Wheels, airfoils, fuselage widths, etc.

Two Times No-Cal must be between 31" and 33" wingspan. No foam allowed, anything else is OK.

* * Roughened Wings * * * Mumbo Jumbo #90 from the pen of the Glue Guru

Salutations, disciples! Today we shall contemplate the virtues of deliberately roughening our wing surfaces, a procedure long rumored to inspire sizable performance increases. Can it be true? Does disgustingly crude mean a winner, while smooth and slick spells last place? Does Nature abhor good workmanship? Does filling all those thirsty Silkspan pores tax us with extra drag, on top of extra weight?

Unhappily, the area is full of conflicting results. In such a case, the latest word is not always best and there is much to be said for tried and true. I reached for British RAE test report #633, August 1919 just as my cohort, Mr. Bob Thumbsome settled in. "OK, GG--what do the Limeys say?"

"Um, they say wartime German practice was to roughen the undersurface of full scale wings with coarse sand, in the belief that climb was improved. Now climb takes place at a high angle of incidence, near stall, which is where our models fly..."

"All we have to is scratch up our wing bottoms to go OOS? If it was so good why didn't the RAF do it, like the Jerries?"

"The Brits say: 'Artifices of this description have never been attempted..."

"Hah! No imagination! Pompous twits! Look at the way the Red Baron flew rings around those guys, and all because he scratched up his wings!"

"Perhaps , Mr. Thumbsome. However, the research report goes on to say that a model

wing, so roughened, showed 'a great decrease in efficiency'..."
"Uh-oh! It was a loser? How come it worked for the Jerries?"

"I suspect that the benefits, if any, depend upon Reynolds Number of the event, and the

British model wing was of a completely different number--perhaps only 2 percent of the German full scale effort. Scale counts heavily in aerodynamics".

"You mean the Brits and the Jerries were both right?"

"Yes. Where separation and skin drag effects are concerned, full scale and model air flows are very different."

"Where does that leave us?"

"Full scale experiments mean little to us but there's much to be learned from careful model trial and error work. In this case, the Brits found that lightly roughening the *upper* surface where the profile turned horizontal improved max L/D by about 6%."

"Hah! What good is 6%?"

"Admittedly, cutting wing drag by 6% won't change your life. But it does mean that a spanwise stringer at the right location-where the rib profile goes horizontal-will not only strengthen your wing, but may well give it a better glide. As propositions go, it's not a bad one. After all, we can use that stringer contribution to strength in any event. It makes sense to put it at the optimum location."

"Nah. For 6%? Not worth the trouble. Anyway if that idea is so hot, how come the Red Baron, with those scratched-up wings of his, couldn't catch up with Lieut. May's Camel on the day he got shot?"

"The gain in performance comes only at a large angle of attack--meaning glide, or climb. At the low angle of attack necessary for maximum speed, there is no profit. In fact, there is a loss of a few percent..."

"You mean that scratching stuff slowed the Jerries down?"

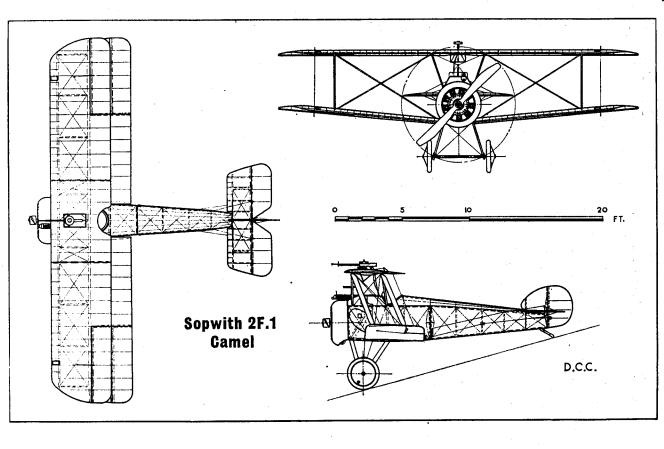
"Yes".

Mr. Thumbsome burst into tears. "And you want me to do that to my model?"

"Speed is not significant to our hobby. It's duration that counts..."

"What counts is saving the Red Baron! You can take that rotten idea and

"Yes, Mr. Thumbsome, yes."



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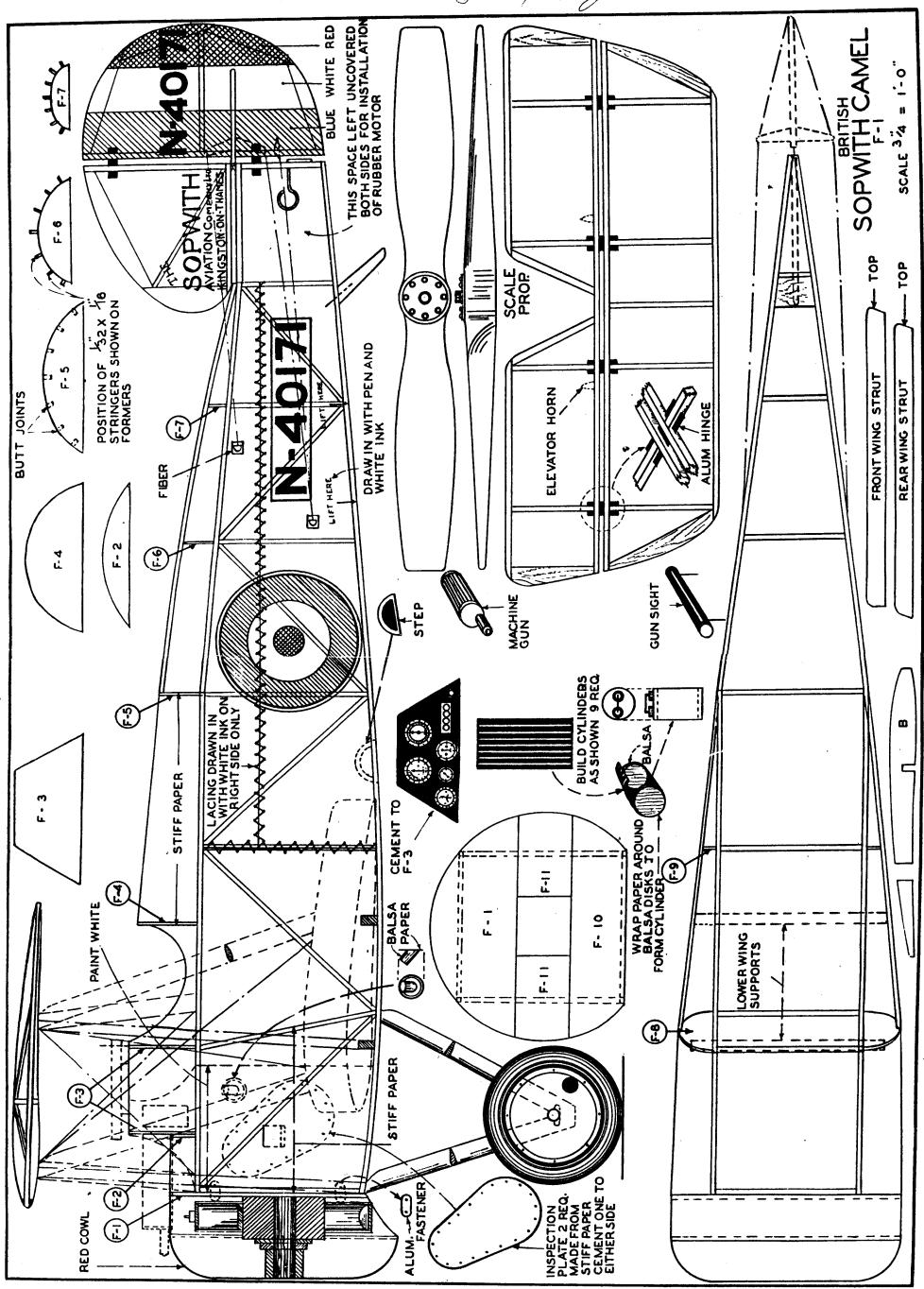
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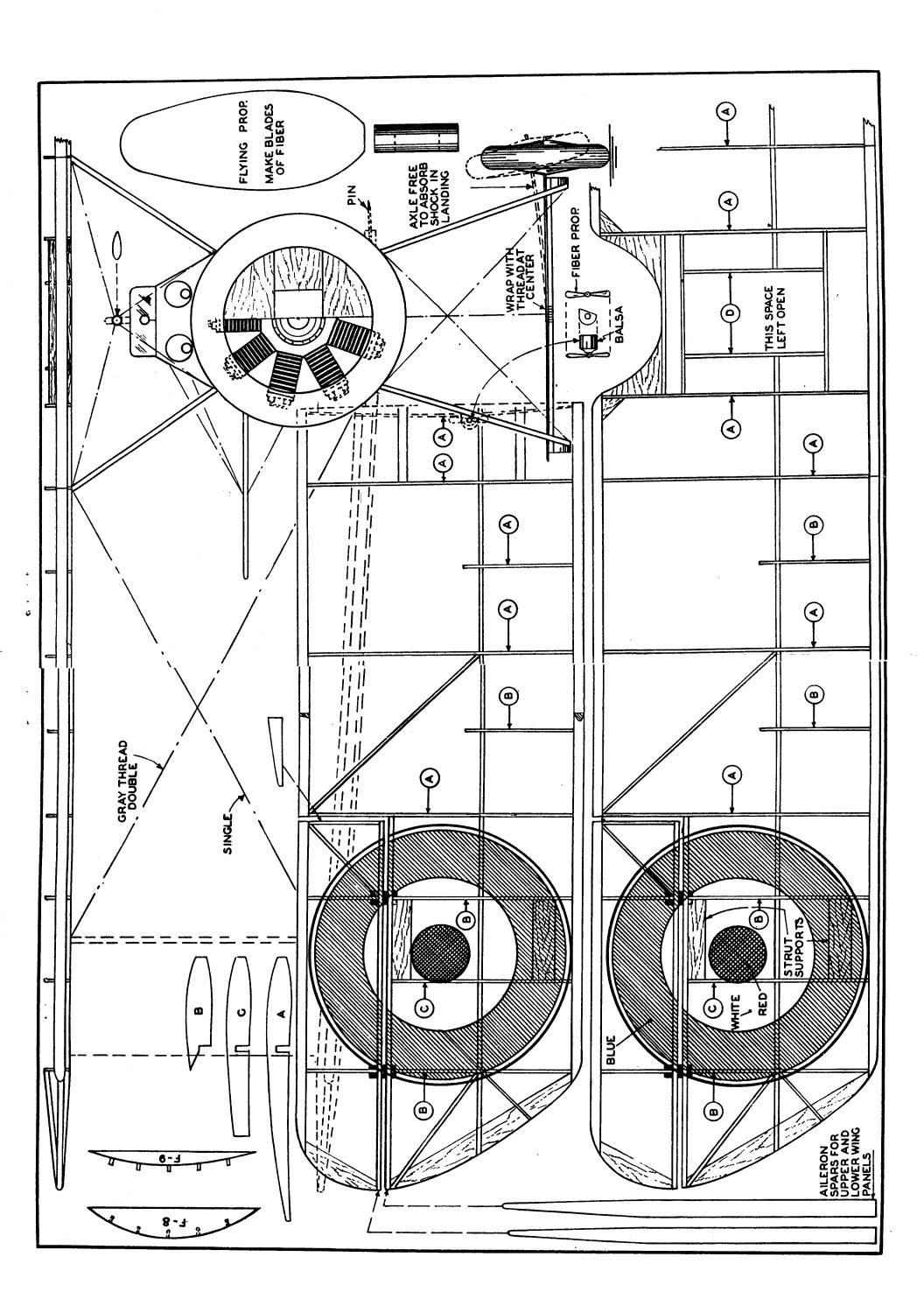
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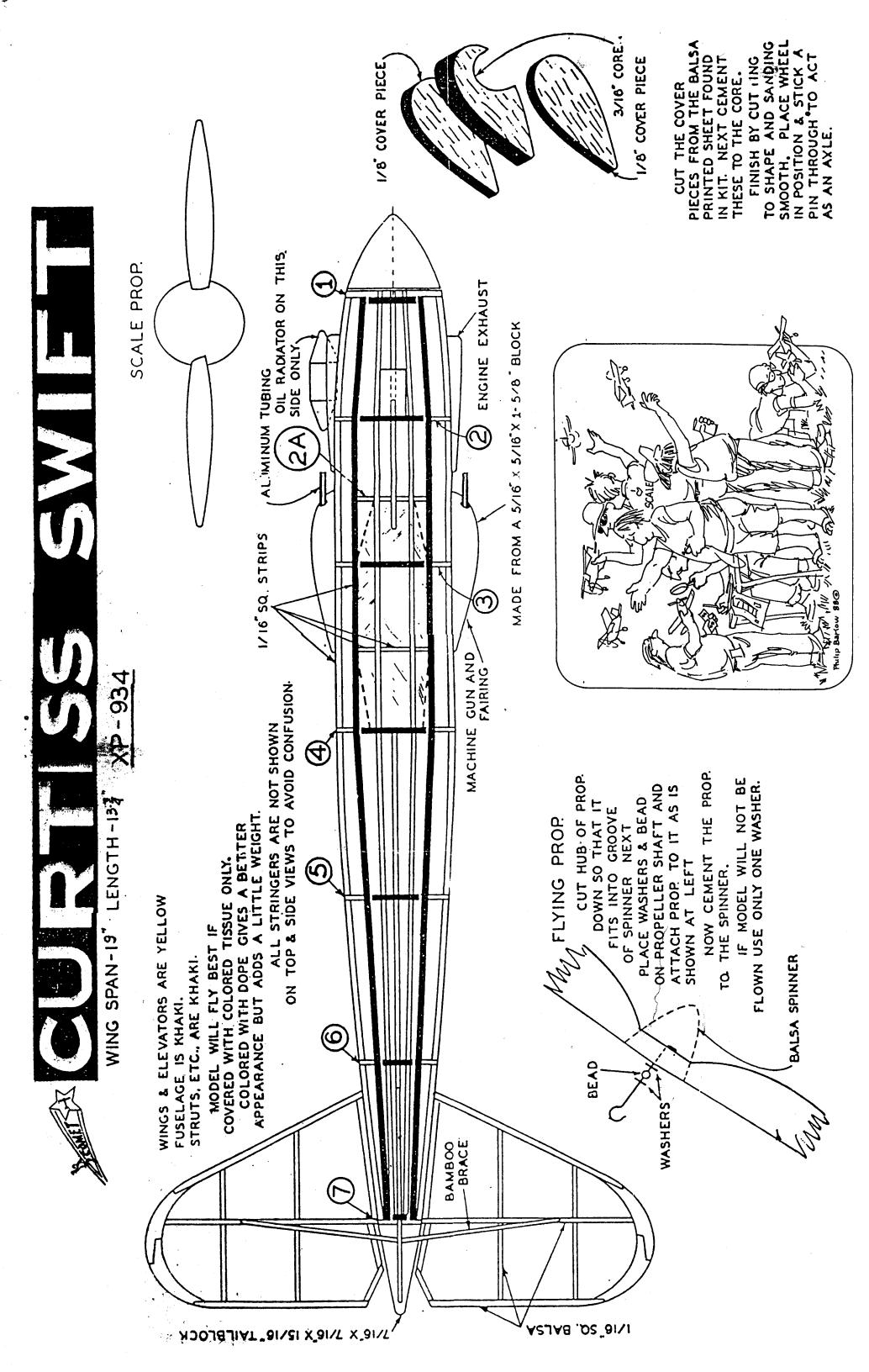
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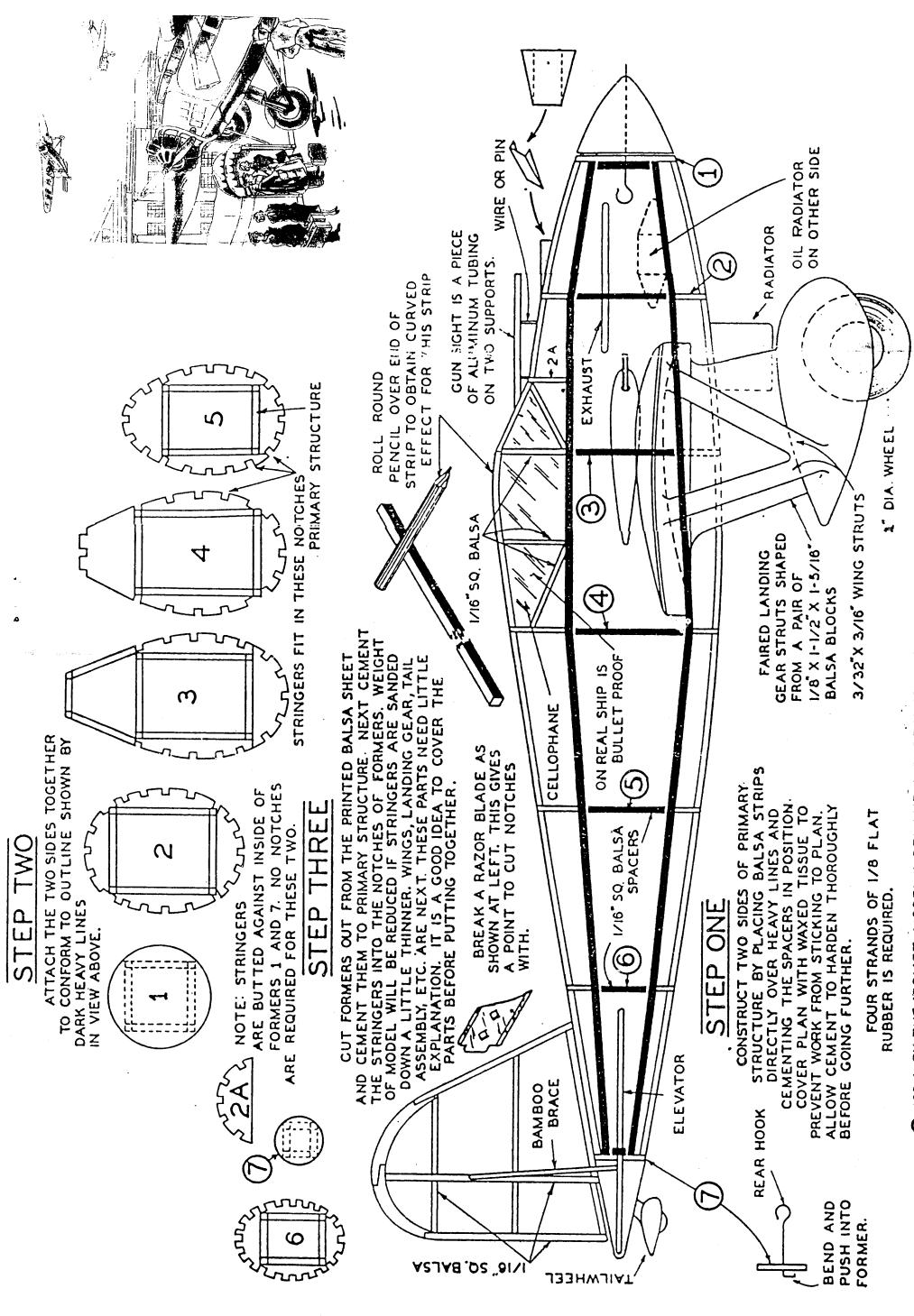
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