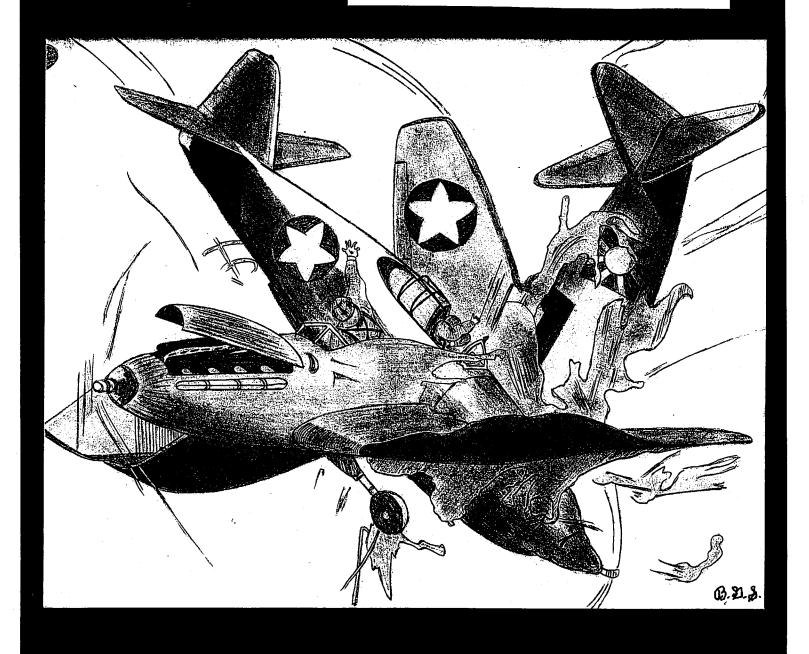
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Club News

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NEWS ON THE WING!

This issue brings to a close our twentieth year as your Commanding Officer. Where have all the years gone? Well, I must admit, it has been fun, with all the great friends we have made over the years and we don't regret doing this not even for a moment. It is with your support and cooperation that we have made the "Flying Aces Club" what it is today, "THE BIG EST AND BEST RUBBER POWERED MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB IN HISTORY!" Financially we are doing well and I don't expect a dues increase for anytime in the near future, that is good news for all of you, I am sure. Your continued purchases of T-shirts, plans and plan packs help to keep from raising the dues so please continue to make your purchases.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue. The plans were presented by Ted Davis (Brandenburg L-16), Mike Heinrich (Gee Bee "E"), Dave Livesay (Hurlburt Hurricane and the Curtiss Carrier Pigeon) and George Bredehoft (Legal Eagle Ultra-light).

Did you see the November issue of the "Flying Models" magazine? They gave us a six page coverage which was done by Dick Miller and Don Ross, Great job Clubsters! We also want to thank Frank Fanelli, the Editor, for allowing that many pages, we really appreciate it! We have also included a fine write-up on the nats that appeared in the "Nebraska Free Flighters" newsletter, the "Winding Stooge" which was written by Dick Hawes.

There are two fine videos of the FAC-Nats which we heartily endorse and you can purchase them at a very good price. (see ads in this issue)

I am not quite sure on the dates for next year's contest at Geneseo as yet. There are some details that still must be settled. We should have all things set for you in the next issue. One thing that I can tell you now is that we are going to have a "MONOCOUPE MARATHON". Details as to how we will run the event are not settled yet, but in the meantime get your Monocoupe models started. Also, the event for models built from the Erie Daily Times model plan will be flown. We had this event at Muncie and it went over big and we sold about a dozen copies of the plan. If you would like a copy of the plan send \$3.50 to FAC-GHQ, 3301 Cindy Lane, Erie, Pa. 16506. This plan was published in 1936 so that makes eligible for the O.T. Rubber event as well.

The FAC Outdoor Champs was a success in spite of the uncertainty of it being called off and then re-instated and then the horrible weather the contestants had to endure. Cold, windy and rain were the order of the day! BOTH DAYS! But did that curtail the flying? No sirree! The Flying Aces Spirit was there in all of the Clubsters who showed up to do battle in the skies



The Mercury began to whirl downward

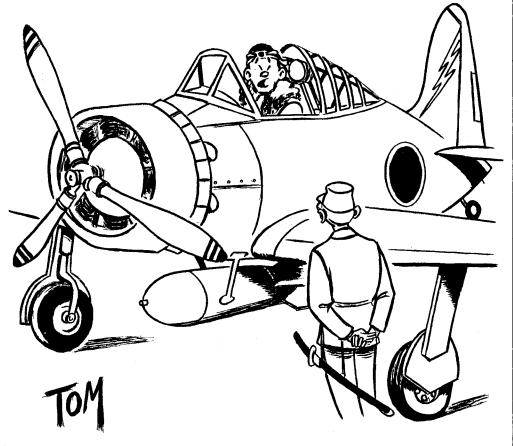
over Muncie, Ind. We want to thank the CD, Ralph Kuenz and the Detroit Cloudbusters as well as the Calumet Escadrille of Chicago, Ill. for a job well done. Next year Skysters from Chicago will be running this contest and they already have a tentative date which is September 22 and 23, 2001. Plan to be there. Great place to fly!

We have a couple of Clubsters who seem to have moved and left no forwarding Address. Please help us to locate them. Here are their names and previous addresses. Ron Vanden Bossche, 346 NE 51st St., Seattle, Wa. 98105 and John Valls, 7600 Blanco Rd. #107, San Antonio, Tex. 78216.

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Lin

Lt. Col. Lin Reichel, CinC-FAC



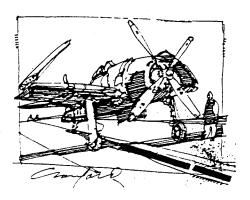
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Race Gear

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As will hike it off the grass,
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An autumn day of shadows
With the wind across the lake,
A bonus for a record
And a fortume for a stake;
But hell is in the makin
And the devil sets the pace
When they tangle out at Cleveland
In the Thompson Trophy Race!



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FAC OUTDOOR CHAMPS

Lin,

Here are the results of the Flying Aces Outdoor Championships held in Muncie Indiana September 23/24.

The weather was a bit windy, and a bit wet. One might say that IFR flight rules were in effect. To this add a cold north wind on Sunday. However, none of these factors impinged on the success of the meet. The misty air between the thunder clouds was filled with the creations of the FAC faithful who would not be denied their flights and fun.

Thirty five (35) contestants flew 280 official flights (including mass launch).

Saturday's event managers were volunteers from the Cloudbusters and Sunday's event managers were volunteers from the Calumet Squadron. Registration, flight recording and posting was ably handled by Juanita Reichel, Lynn Lewis and Janet Lang.

I had the honor of presenting to the winners the superb trophy plaques created by our own Dave Livesay. Fred Wunsche presented a model kit as a special junior award to Dennis Ruhland.

May I boldly speak for every one in attendance and give hearty thanks to all who contributed to the success of another Flying Aces family gathering.

Sincerely, Ralph Kuenz

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=	Junior Modelplane		32	111.#3				68	
C. Schobloher	EDT Jr. Modelplane	62	49	63				174	
D. Livesay	ditto	41	70	72				183	
J. Moses	ditto			62				196	3
G. Lewis	ditto	61	73					206	2
S. Weckerly	ditto	101	71	34	•				1
R. Kuenz	ditto	76	62	71	Ę			209	
No-Cal	Model	fit #1	flt #2	flt #3				total	place
L. Burdsal	Monocoupe	35	73	79				187	2
P. Cox	Helio-Stallion	133	68	87				288	1
J. Houck	Douglas TBD	53	20					73	
R. Hawes	Stearman Beta	27	46	39				112	3
Power Scale	Model	fit #1	fit #2	flt #3	best	scale		total	place
R. Kierna	Avro MK -4 triplane					60	20		_
P. Cox	Stinson SR-8	108			79.5	61	0	140.5	2
M. Roth	Waterman	- 25	104		78.5	56	3	137.5	3
C. Starleaf	DH - 84 Dragon	76			68	62	25	144.5	1
Peanut Scale	Model	fit #1	flt #2	flt #3	best	scale	bonus	total	place
L Burdsal	Whittman Bonzo	55			55	55.5	5	115.5	2
C. Starleaf	Kawasaki Fighter	32			32	60	Ō	92	
P. Bruning	Ayers Loadmaster	35			35	57.5	5	97.5	
L. Reichel	Huntington H - 12	24			29	55.5	5	89.5	
	Whittman Buster	77			75.85	59	5	139.85	1
P. Boyanowski		34			34		15	109.5	-
P. Cox	Isaacs Fury			20	20	50	. 10	80	
D.J. Ruhland	A6M-5 Zero	18	20	20	20		10	80	
D.J. Ruhland	Mustang					49	10		

Contestant Golden Age	Model Civil	fit #1	flt #2	fit #3	best fit	scale	bonus	total	place
L. Reichel	Monocoupe	26						26	
Jack Moses	Interstate Cadet	82	75	62				219	2
P. Azure	Stinson Sta. Wagon	118	53	70				241	. 1
P. Cox	Cessna A. W.	53	65	70				188	
C. Schobloher	Gen'l Skyfarer	31	45	29				105	
G. Lewis	Rearwin Speedster	45	52	50				147	
S. Weckerly	Stout 2 AT	90						90	
P. Boyanowski	Waco C-7	48	82	81				.211	3
2X No-Cal									
P. Cox	Monocoupe	53	35	30	= "			118	2
E. Ruhland	Focke-Wulf	37	43	51				131	1
J. Houck	SB2U-1	17						17	3
Old Time Stick	Model	flt #1	flt #2	flt #3				total	place
F. Wunsche	Gollywock	92	120					212	÷
H. Kothe	Korda "C"	120	120	120				360	1
E. Vargo	Gollywock	120	120	(0	fly-off)	after	close	240	3
G. Lewis	Gollywock	120	120	(120	fly-off)	after	close	240	2
F.A. Scale	•								
Contestant	Model	fit #1	flt #2	flt #3	best	scale	bonus	total	place
C. Schobloher	AT - 6	28	44	-31	44	44	10	98	
J. Houck	Seversky	59	51		59	47	10	116	
J. Houck	AT- 6	48			. 48	48.5	10	106.5	
C. Starleaf	S-71 Trimotor	53			53	58.5	25	136.5	1
M. Roth	Dornier	39	52		52	37	20	109	
P. Bruning	Avenger	45	43	31	45		10	128	2
P. Cox	G. H. Gadfly	24	55		55		10	107.5	
D.Ruhland	PC - 6 Porter	18	23	20	23	18	0	41	
S. Weckerly	Waco CUC floats	34	55	74	67	40	20	127	3
E. Ruhland	Miles M - 18	27	27	30	30	43	10	83	
B. Bojanowski	AT- 6	43			43		10	111.5	
R Kierna	Oscar					37	10		
R. Kierna	Wilcat					45.5	5	. 0.4	
R Kierna	Junkers D - 9	34			34		40	84	
J. Moses	IS - 4	48			48	46	5	99	
Dime Scale	Model	fit #1		flt #3				total	place
D. Kranis	Comet Arado	46	25	*				71	
C. Starleaf	Waco Cabin bipe	120	69	61				250	1
P. Azure	Comet Hurricane	88	68	70	~			226	2
P Cox	Curtiss Robin	70	61	60				191	3
Embryo	Model	flt #1	flt #2	flt #3	· · ·		bonus	total	place
L. Reichel	Hornet	38	3	40			. 9	90	
D. Lang	Honey Bee	42		58			9	175	3
J.Houck	Cruiser	93		99			9	278	2
D. Ruhland	Honey Bee	20		30			5		* 2
H. Kothe	Go Devil	120					9		1
R Hawes	Prairie Bird	79	0	0			9	88	

WW-1 C. Schobloher S. Weckerly Mel Roth C. Starleaf John Houck Dick Hawes	Fokker D-2 Martinsyde Fokker D-7 Fokker D-7 Siemens Neiuport 72C-2	X	x x	1 3
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J. Houck C. Starleaf D. Livesay D. Lang Roger Moon	Chester Jeep Mr. Smoothie Mr. Smoothie Mr. Smoothiw Jack Rabbit	X X	X	1 2
Modern Military J. Houck	Bell P-57	X		

PHOTO PAGE

Left column; Mark Fineman (left) and Vance Gilbert with Vance's Aero A-38.

> Pete Azure and his Giant Scale ME-109. HUGE! Didn't get to see it fly.

Here is a good GROUP! From Conecticut. Ed Novak, Dave Stott, Paul Stott and John Stott. GREAT FACers!

Right column; Neat Pilatus Porter with its builder, Lynne Lewis. First model and a good job.

> Dave Livesay with his Hurlburt Hurricane Goodyear Racer. Plan in this issue.

All photos are by Fred Wunsche, THANKS Fred!

C. Starleaf M. Roth L. Burdsal

D.Livesay

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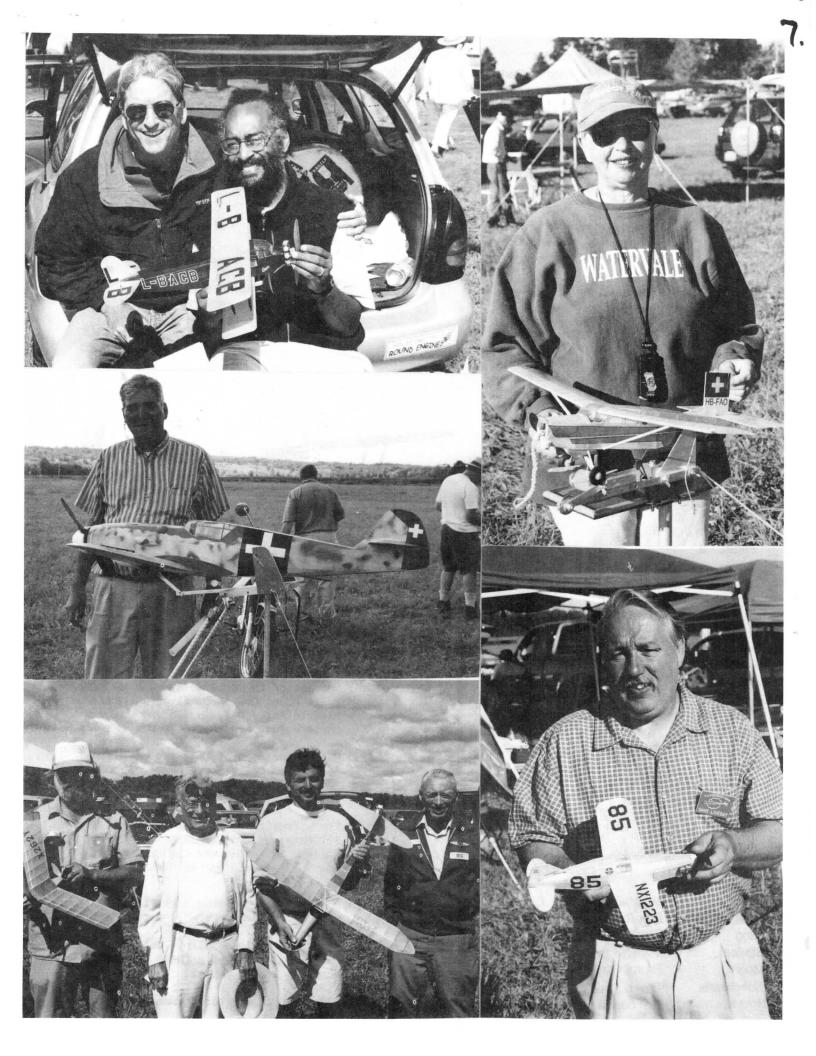
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	R. Hawes	Victoria Parker	49	100	120				269	
	J. Houck	Convertible	89	120	93				302	2
	F. Wunsche	Miss Canada	105	80	97				282	3
	Juanita Reichel	F. A. Moth	62	83	67				212	
	E. Vargo	Convertible	112	95	120				327	1
-	E. Ruhland	Fury	39	44	50				133	
	Modern Civil	Model	flt #1	flt #2	flt #3				totai	place
	P. Cox	Piper PA - 20	41						41	
	J. Moses	Piper Pacer	46	66	47				159	3
	S. Weckerly	Found 100	65	105	89				259	1
	Juanita Reichel	Piper Clipper	50	57	66				173	2
	Jumbo Scale	Model	flt #1	flt #2	flt #3	best	scale	onus	total	place
	L. Burdsal	Antonov An - 2	72	61		61	55.5	18	139.5	1
	P. Cox	Waco S - 6	35		-	35	61	15	111	2
	J. Moses	IS - 4					58.5	5		
	L. Burdsal	Hornet Moth					57.5	20	-	
	P. Azure	Wildcat					57.5	5		

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J. Moses	Martin MO-1	2
C. Starleaf	Ikarus IK-1	1
D. Livesay	Martin MO-1	

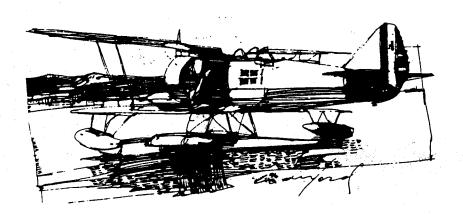
M. Roth

Pilatus Porter

WW-2 (flown in 2 flights) Flight "B"

g =				
P. Bruning	Avenger		Χ	
S. Weckerly	Judy	\mathbf{X}^{r}		
D. Lang	Judy		Χ	
G. Lewis	TA-152			3
L. Burdsal	Helicat		Χ	
P. Azure	Thunderbolt			Χ
D. Livesay	Judy			X
P. Boyanowski	Thunderbolt	Χ		
B. Bojanowski	Mustang	Χ		
Flight "A"	combined roun	ıd	#3	
R. Moon	TA-152	Χ		
C. Starleaf	Baracuda			2
R. Kierna	Wildcat	Χ		
D.J. Ruhland	P-51B	Χ		
C. Schobloher	Hellcat		Χ	
F. Wunsche	KI-61		Χ	
Charlie Sauter	KI - 61			1
John Houck	Seversky	Χ		

Thompson Race				
M. Roth	Mr. Mulligan			2
B. Bojanowski	Bromberg			3
D. Lang	Bromberg		Χ	
C. Starleaf	Super Solution			1
R. Moon	Bromberg	Χ		
C. Schobloher	Pesco Special	X		
J. Houck	Alanbaugh "A"	- •	Χ	



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PHOTO PAGE

Left column; New kit of the Grumman Avenger by Easy-Built Model Co. Good flyer by Dave Niedzielski. Dave is winding while son Chris holds. Photo from Dave.

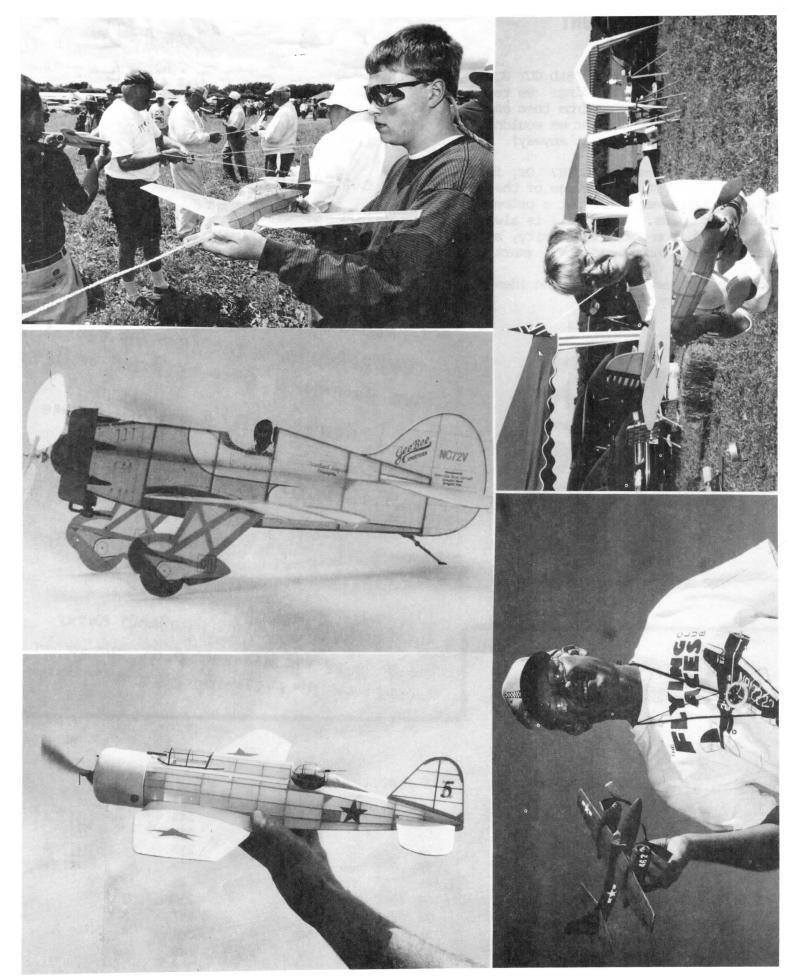
> Mike Heinrich sent this pic of his Gee-Bee "E" No-Cal. Model done 248 seconds and was lost at the FAC Nats. Plan in this issue. Pic by Mike.

The winner in WW-II mass launch at the FAC-Nats was this Kharkov R-10 by Tom Nallen, Sr. This one may be kitted by Easybuilt soon. Pic by Tom.

Right column; Cheryl White holding Mark Fineman's Consolidated Fleetster. Good flyer!

> Tigercat by Gene Smith. This is a Peanut model twin and a GREAT flyer. Model came in 7th in peanut.

Both photos in this column are by Ross Mayo.



COVER STORY

Well, it looks like the "BAD GUY SQUAD-RON" has come out of hiding! We received this cover drawing from them and I am sure that they thought we wouldn't use it! HAWWW! We did it anyway!

Just who are these BAD GUYS? Or, is it the work of just one Scourge of the Skies? Maybe we should put a price on his/their heads. There mail is always postmarked from a different city, so we can't pin the home base down, smart guy.

Does anyone have a clue to the identity of these characters?



THE BAD GUY SQUADRON INSIGNIA

From The Desi of The Bud Guy San

To LT. COLONAL Reichel,

I copied this picture from the Cover of an Airpiane pulp magazine cover of an Airpiane pulp magazine in the very early forties (41/42).

In the very early forties (41/42).

It was Drawn shortly before my Going into the Army Air Force transfered into the Army Air Force transfered into the Army Air Force and Became A Radio operator on Bay's.

T RESPECT FULLY SUBMIT THIS PICTURE AS A COVER FOR ONE OF OUR FUTURE
FLYING ACES News LETTER COVERS.

THANK YOU,
THE BAD GUYS
WUZ HERE /



P.S. DAVE Stott PRUBLBLY KNOWS
THE NAME OF THE MAGAZINE PLUS THE ARTIST
THAT DREW THE PICTURE - BUT WILL HE TELL.

Jimmie Allen	Model	flt #1	flt #2	flt #3	flt #4	total	place
S. Cummins	B.A. Cabin	120	76	120	99	339	1
S. Weckerly	Bluebird	82	67	86	75	243	
J. Moses	B. A. Parasol	59	57	112	64	235	
J. Houck	B. A. Cabin	64	57	62	87	213	
B. Bojanowski	Skokie	54	67	58	. 0	179	
Herb Kothe	B. A. Cabin	95	0	0	0	95	
Herb Kothe	Blue Flash	109	101	87	120	330	2
R. Hawes	Skokie	28	101	80	76	257	3
R. Kuenz	B.A. Parasol	48	44	31.	54	146	
G. Lewis	B.A. Parasol	40	0	0	0	40	

* * Flying in Severe Wind * * Mumbo Jumbo # 98 from the pen of the Glue Guru

Salutations, disciples! Today we shall ponder the difficulties and techniques of flying in that awkward amount of wind-a wind not quite capable of blowing away the CD's tent, but enough to make it difficult to launch. We might define this wind strength as located in the 7 to 12 MPH neighborhood. At these speeds no event is ever canceled, yet we all face into this sort of breeze with the greatest of reluctance. We know too much about the results, with erratic launches sometimes resulting in a good model diving into the dust, or perhaps zooming into a vicious stall with the same dust-biting ending.

Yet, even as we struggle, the straight performance crowd quietly fly their usual corkscrew climb pattern as though the wind doesn't even exist. How can this be?

Performance models flaunt an enormous amount of thrust as compared to ours. At launch they are more helicopter than airplane, more dependant on that huge prop than on wings. They cut through ground turbulence with little model reaction because they need little wing lift at launch. Once into cruise, at 50 – 75 feet, matters change and they fly on their wing, just as we do. At this point they become vulnerable. However, at this altitude they are above most of the gusts and turbulence. Wind itself is not a problem, and so they thrive.

As for FAC models, they tend to have a feeble thrust, limiting their altitude to the turbulence belt close to earth. Life tends to be rough down here, with every tree putting out enough in the way of a frothy wake to confuse the stability system of our models. Next, our models tend to be lightly built, in turn implying a low flight speed, such that even a 10 MPH breeze is equal to our forward velocity. It follows that wind speed variations - gusts - some horizontal, some vertical, amount to a very large part of our forward speed. In turn, large momentary angle of attack changes follow from gusts. For an instant, there may be no lift, or perhaps too much, yielding a stall. If there is no lift at launch, the model simply goes in, biting the dust. If it stalls, recovery may take too long, with the same end result, a crash, this time following upon a zoom.

What is to be done? Conversations with some old hands at the 2000 Nats produced a variety of answers. Founder Dave Stott, pursuing a fatalistic philosophy, would change nothing when launching into a stiff wind. McGillvray, Canadian indoor champ, would change everything, moving the C.G. forward and replacing the motor with a shorter, more strands version offering the same weight at a higher torque. His goal is more stability plus more thrust. Hall of Famer Russ Brown backed this energetic approach. Museum director Col. Bowers noted the special problems of limber, high-aspect ratio models. In wind, these may twist to offer incidence angles incapable of generating useful lift. If there is a choice—go with a low aspect ratio wing. Frequent grand champ all time scale designer Earl Stahl suggested a reduction of launch velocity as especially useful.

(Other interviews produced views similar to those above and so are not given)

The very variety of answers makes our uncertainty clear. What is the prudent flier to do?

Much has to do with the model wing loading. At near-indoor loading, flight speed is very low and the model is especially sensitive to turbulence. Here, much is in the hands of the gods and the Stott brand of stoicism as good an approach as any. At wing loadings of 0.6 gm/sq in or more, revision has a chance. At an obese 1.0 gm/sq in, your model will ignore wind. However, the model will also ignore thermals and maxes, settling for 30 seconds or so...

Indoors, anyone?

FAC-NATS T-SHIRT FOR 2000

Get the latest FAC T-Shirt from this year's nats. It features the Lockheed Orion as she appeared in the Bendix Races of the 30's. Red and white aircraft on a white shirt, GREAT! At the present time we have all sizes although some sizes are in short supply so order early. The Orion was drawn once again by Bob Bojanowski, getting to be a regular thing with Bob. He does nice work!

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This year's souvenier plan is also of the Orion and the price of this beauty is only \$6.00 post paid. This one was drawn by Tom Nallen, I . Send your payment to FAC-GHQ as above. GREAT DRAWING: $24''' \ U/N c_S \rho_{\Lambda}N$



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BUILD--FLY--WIN...EFF--AAA--CEEE!!

COMET KIT/PLAN

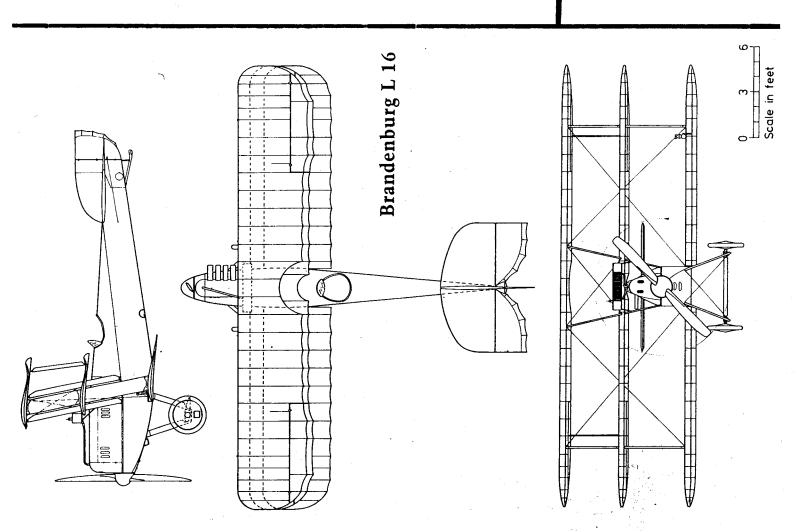
Time	564 sec. 287 " 163 " 126 " 52 " 39 "		Time	221 sec. 210 " 45 "
Aircraft	Porterfield Corben Super Ace ME-109 Taylorcraft Spartan Cabin Curtiss P-40	NOI	Aircraft	Piper Clipper Turbo-porter Taylorcraft BC-12
Pilot	1. Scot Dobberfuhl 2. Scot Dobberfuhl 3. Scot Dobberfuhl 4. Tony Telford 5. Frank Hirleman 6. Steve McKeown	MODERN CIVIL PRODUCTION	<u>Pilot</u>	1. Scot Dobberfuhl 2. Elmer Mellander 3. Frank Hirleman

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Lt. Col. Lin Reichel, Commander in Chief, Flying Aces Club FAC - GHQ 3301 Cindy Lane Erie, PA 16506

Colonel;

Having received the D.S.M. Citation and Medal, I feel greatly honored and somewhat humbled.

That our Flying Aces Club, Officer Corps had taken the time from there many Nationals organization and planning meetings to vote this award for me is deeply appreciated.

To be recognized for my meager contributions to our hobby is both pleasing and surprising, especially in view of the fact that I have approached the " Golden Age " column as a fun thing.

If these articles have provided information or assistance to my fellow clubsters, that is in itself a reward, particullarly in view of the many positive discusions I had with many of our members at our recent National contest and all were positive and complimentary.

To answer one question I have had from some. Yes, it does take away some of my building and flying time, yet the effort spent in researching and putting the various articles together, is very enjoyable and time well spent, as many of our other newsletter contributors are aware.

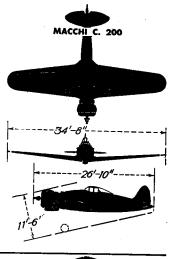
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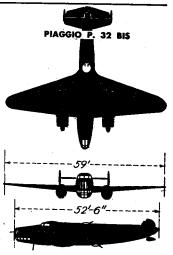
My personal hope is to continue providing material for our newsletter as long as our editor feels it is beneficial to the publication and therby justify the award given to me.

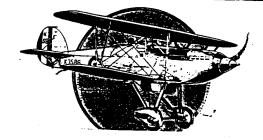
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FAC NATS XII

This issue is devoted to the FAC NATS. I went – again. It was great. You've gotta read this. Hopefully, it'll inspire you to go sometime. I hope for this to be a guide to the where, what, and how of the event to help any who have not attended and hope to, plus a reference for me when or if I go again. Note: I don't even buy green bananas any more.

The FAC NATS is not just another free flight contest. It's a convention, a three-ring circus, a family reunion, a trade show, a world's fair, an exhibition of the finest free-flight scale models in the world, and a three-day contest on a good site. I heard some refer to it as "Mecca", others said it was "Heaven". There is one problem though. If you want to fly in this contest – it doesn't leave enough time to watch everything else. While you're winding for your next flight, there's some guy walking by with a Gossamer Albatross with about a five foot wingspan. I never did get to see it fly. It's time for the

Thompson Trophy Mass-Launch! Gee, I'd love to watch that, but the conditions are ideal for an attempt with my Jimmie Allen entry. With 191 contestants (Largest entry ever), and probably 1000 planes or more, it's really hard to keep track of everything. This thing is growing! At the banquet, I was sitting next to the guy who was CD for the FF scale events at the AMA Nats. They had six contestants.

The event started Thursday evening with the scale judging at Peter's Party Complex in nearby Leicester. This is also where the closing banquet is held. It's a nice, air-conditioned place with a large room for displaying all the Scale entries, plus the vendors' booths and the registration table. There are mind-boggling scale models that belong in a museum. There are also planes like I make. More of the former than the latter. You'll see them in MA and FA magazines and the FAC news. New things in the vendors' booths include the Gizmo Geezer's combination free-wheeler/ rubber tensioner/anti-bunching device. I should've bought one, but didn't. I drooled over the KP geared electric motor small enough for Peanut Scale. If we all built the stuff we've got before we buy anything else, the industry would probably disappear. There was still time after leaving Leicester to check out the flying field and even to do a little testing. It was dead calm, I tried 3/16th rubber in the Nieuport. Wrong thing. Glad I tried it on Thursday.

Friday morning, arrived early. On the internet, Nate Sturman, from Gunma, Japan, said he was coming to Geneseo and he'd be the guy with the gray Nakajima 73 (I think). As we're pulling onto the field, here comes a gray Nakajima. I hit the brakes and the Nakajima lands about six inches in front of the left front wheel. That's how I met Nate. I met a lot of folks we encounter on the net or who subscribe to the Stooge, or edit the newsletters I buy or swap with. That's one of the really neat things about this event. I suggested to Lin that we all have name tags, but he said they tried it and by the second day the field was littered with them. Lin. how about offering the pin-on engraved plastic ones for sale by FAC? Friday was a fairly good day for flying. I flew WWI Mass-Launch with the old Nieuport. Lucky to finish fifth, good for a plaque, my first one from FAC NATS. I'd have done a place or two better if I hadn't outsmarted myself. More on that later. I started flying Old Time Rubber with the Victoria Parker and started out O.K. but then the free-wheeler solder joint on the prop shaft slipped. This was one of the KISS free wheelers. I'm not real good at silver soldering and maybe I'll go to a different type where you don't depend on a solder joint on music wire. I thought I was out of it, but then discovered that you're supposed to fly two officials Friday and two on Saturday and use the best three of four. More on that later, too. I'd have flown no-cal, but I broke the motor stick on the Aeronca and the Messerschmitt didn't fly that good, and it was getting kind of windy. Besides, I wanted to see other people's stuff.

Saturday was chilly, cloudy, and windy. Lots of planes were going into the corn. There were gusts that blew down a couple of sun shades. I put in my last two flights on the Victoria Parker, with indifferent results. The free-wheeler hung up and the prop didn't free wheel on the first flight and a potential max went in the tank. Maybe another reason to switch to a different type. We'll see.

Sunday was the day we dream about! Temperature in the 70's, fleecy cumulus clouds, soft breezes about 5 mph, thermals if you could catch them. Flew Jimmie Allen. With fresh rubber, the Skokie is a legitimate two-minute airplane. With used rubber, it's a one-minute airplane. The Bluebird is a 90 second airplane. It's just too heavy. There were beautiful airplanes in the air everywhere you looked. This is the reason to attend! If you're the run-of-the-mill modeler like me, you're not going there to bring home a stack of plaques; you're going there to watch the world's greatest builders/fliers fly the world's best model airplanes and maybe learn a few things from them, because they'll share it all with you. This is a great bunch.

Sunday evening was the banquet at Peter's in Leicester. Do not pass up the banquet! This is where the trophies are awarded. Entertainment by Vance Gilbert and others. It's informal, but it's a cloth napkin affair and some wear ties but I don't recall seeing any coats.

MEMORABLE STUFF

I was set up between Lee Campbell, of campbell's Custom Kits, and Fred Ma--- (Rats, I forget) who had the bare bones of an ME 263 jet. He planned to use two Jet-X in it, but the consensus is, you can't be sure they will stop at the same time, so he's probably going to use a couple of Dave Rees's electric fan jets. I'm sure you'll see pictures of it in the slick paper magazines.

Herb Kothe had his two-bit model in the corn. He had his radio tracker in it and was getting close. "It's got to be right around here", he said. Then he stepped on it. He repaired it and, if I remember correctly, finished first or second.

Meeting Don Ross (Cross Files column in Flying Models), and having him say "Oh, I know you". Thanks Don (He gets the Stooge). We met in Geneseo six years ago, but I suspect you noticed the Nebraska Free Flighters Tee-shirt and clued in from that. Good for the ego.

Watching Marie Rees's white Lockheed Vega circling off into the blue. Granted, she has a highly skilled mentor, but she's the builder/slier.

Picked up a guy on the road into the field, after retrieving a plane. Turned out to be Chris Parent, developer of the tissue chalking process we printed last issue. He invited me to look at his planes. Outstanding! His Ryan ST won the scale achievement award (I think that was it), and it flew as good as it looked! You'll see it in the magazines, I'm sure, along with his Smithsonian quality Nieuport 17. The Nieuport is from a Thomas kit. These will be the Cleveland kits of the new century. Except they fly.

Having Tom Arnold of the San Diego Scale Staffel timing my Bluebird. Having Orville Orm, the Gizmo Geezer, as my "mechanic" for WWI.

Watching Herb Kothe's Jimmie Allen Blue Flash going up like an FAI Gas Job, and him making umpteen trips for trophies at the banquet. Way to go!

One of the Canadians had an unusual old-time rubber job. Deep belly like a Clodhopper, dihedralled twin fin stab. "What is it?" "A Ross Pacemaker" Had a box for it with the name on the lid. Had a couple of Embryos in a box labeled as such, all in the back-seat. Get to Customs at the border. Need I go on? He says you don't laugh when the lady wants to know what you're doing with the medical stuff.

WHERE, WHAT, HOW

Geneseo is a town of about 8000, about 35 miles south of Rochester, in western New York, just west of the Finger Lakes region, six miles west of I-390 on 20-A. The old part of the town is Main Street, with shops and a family restaurant. On the east edge of town, on 20-A, is the typical new strip with the Wal-Mart, Radio Shack, fast food and a Day's Inn Motel next to Denny's. There is one other Mom & Pop motel, but'I haven't seen it. The State University of New York is apparently the principal industry. The FAC arranges with the university to house and feed breakfast and supper to the bulk of the contestants. Staying in the dorm is by far the least expensive way to go. The food in the cafeteria is good, plentiful, and inexpensive. They're happy to let you ice you cooler for the field. However, if you" decide to stay in the dorm, a large fan is essential! This year, the weather was pleasant. This is not usually the case! It can be unbearably hot and humid! This is from a Nebraskan who knows heat and humidity. There is no air conditioning in the dorms except in the lounge area. There are more small motels in nearby towns, ten miles or so away. Check with Lin Reichel or your travel agent about them. Be a good person and send a SASE when you ask Lin for info. My wife and I stayed on the south edge of Rochester, about 30 miles away. There are lots of

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motels and restaurants there at the intersection of I-90, and I-390 or I-490.

If you decide to fly and rent a car there, compare fares to Buffalo vs. Rochester. I'm told Buffalo is a lot cheaper!

The Glenn Curtiss museum at Hammondsport is only about 60 mills south of Geneseo. Go see it.

The field is the Geneseo Airport, just west of the campus, but about a mile by car from the dorm. A hamburger/hot-dog/pop/coffee stand will be on the field. They serve good food at reasonable prices. There are several Porta-Pottys. There is no water on the field. There is corn on at least two sides. A Walston or similar locator is very helpful.

Plan and practice before you get there! If you want to see anything, you can't fly everything! And you'll want to see things. The vendors will be at the scale judging at Peter's on Thursday. That's a good time to look over their wares and buy stuff. They'll be on the field, too. The scale judging is a good time to look at the FAC scale models because they are displayed on tables, but the jumbo scale models are judged on the field. There are ten or twelve events flown per day. There's no way you can fly all of these. Mass launch events are at scheduled times, so you have to be there at that time, not off chasing another event.

Set up as close to the HQ. Tent as you can. The flight line is about a quarter of a mile long. All the times and schedules are posted at the HQ and you'll be doing enough walking without chasing a quarter mile to the HQ and back. If you're using a sun shade, know how to put it up before you get there. Not everyone did. Time wasted setting up is time you're not flying and it's probably the calmest air of the day. Geneseo is not the place be testing your airplane, except maybe one short flight to be sure nothing has changed. Practice at home! Know your plane. Then practice. Arrange your equipment so you know where everything is, don't have a bunch of stuff in your flight box that you don't need, put everything back in the same place, and wind and launch the same way every time. Don't worry about "Saving your plane". If it flies O.K., you won't hurt it. If it's marginal, home is the place to sort it out and get it flying the best it can. It may need more or less rubber or a different prop or tweak the trim. It won't fly any better at Geneseo than it did at home! Well, actually, mine did, but a blind hog finds an occasional acom.

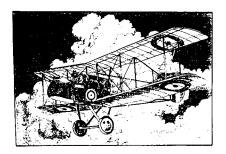
If you're flying in a mass-launch event, be there early. You'll need a "mechanic" to hold for you when you wind. No stooges or blast tubes. Your mechanic then stands by the "launch-meister" and calls out your name when your plane lands. Three four planes are eliminated per round and you don't want

to be one of them. You have ten minutes to retrieve (On foot without a radio locator), and be ready to wind again. You'll have two minutes to wind and get lined up to launch again. Obviously, you don't want to land a mile away. No repairs or rubber changes between flights. Ross Mayo is the tyrant of the mass-launch. Since Tan II fatigues pretty fast, you don't want to go to maximum winds the first flight, so it's a guessing game as to how many it takes to keep from being eliminated and not wear out your rubber. The second round, you'll wind a little more. If you're good enough to make the third (usually final), round, the temptation is to wind as tight as you dare, further that you ever have before. I mean, THIS IS IT! Don't do it. Either stay with the winds know it'll handle (Practice at home, remember?), or pull the old indoor trick and wind to the max and then back off a few to avoid the worst of the power burst. Ask me how I know. At max. torque, a well-behaved model can get real squirrelly. A wingover before it starts climbing doesn't help.

In old-time rubber and stick, you fly two officials each day on Friday and Saturday and your score is the best three of the four. They don't tell you that in the rule-book. Likewise, in Jimmie Allen, you get the best three of four official flights and don't let them talk you out of it. I'd flown three when somebody says "You'd better check at HQ, I think maybe you get four". So, I did. An official sort of glares at me and says (Loudly), "You get three! Read the rule-book! That's why we send you one every year!" thoroughly chastened, I slunk back to my van and read the rule-book. It says best three out of four. H-a-a-a-w-w-w-. Also, in Jimmie Allen, you get to fly two airplanes, but only the best one counts. Two-bit models are a new category. They are for old timers with not more than 25inch wingspan. Has nothing to do with the price of the kits as in dime

Again, for your first trip to FAC NATS, if you're the average modeller, don't try to overdo it. Enter enough events to have fun, don't expect too much of yourself, and leave time for watching and listening. There is too much there to see to spend all of your time flying and chasing your own airplanes. I hope this will help make it a little more enjoyable for a first timer.

If only it wasn't so darned far!



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THE SOLID SCENE by Fran Ptaszkiewicz

The solid model, sometimes called a shelf model, has been with us a long time.

Although pretty much long gone, having been replaced by the plastic model with its greater degree of molded-in detail. The solid model provided many a beginning modeler with his first introduction to model airplane construction.

A drawing, some poeces of balsa wood, hardwood wheels and a thin sheet type stamped out metal propeller were the usual components of the tencent model.

With much work and some knicked fingers, it was possible to fashion a model closely resembling the plan and perhaps the sketch on the box. As the skills of the builder improved so did the quality of the finished model.

The solid/shelf models had their critics and their defenders who engaged in friendly banter regarding their choice of model.

The critics would be the modeler who had built a number of solids, had learned to handle tools and was now building rubeer-powered models. He would be heard to say, "Hey, you build a solid model and all you can do is put it on a shelf and look at it while we can try to fly our rubber-powered ships".

The solid modeler would defend his choice by saying, "Sure, you can try to fly your model but if it crashes all you have is a bunch of broken sticks, while we can still enjoy looking at our model, after all a dime is a lot of money these days".

It is safe to say that many a devoted solid model builder eventually found his way into rubber models and thus enjoyed still another facet of the hobby.

When examining many of the old solid model plans, it is interesting to note the amount of detail which went into and was depicted on many of the plans. By studying the drawing a beginning model builder could find and identify the location of various parts and details thus eventually become quite knowledgeable regarding airplanes and their components.

That there are still a number of hobbiest's who by virtue of their many years of experience are still creating finely detailed model works of art. Your editor will present a solid plan or two from time to time to assist them and to further their endeavers.

As FACers, it will benefit the historian in all of us.

Some of the first model kits which I purchased were from the Comet and Megow Company's with other manufacturers later on.

Before there were finances for model airplane kits I learned to work with soft white pine and plans found in old used model magazines.

The three plans herewith presented are all from the Comet Company ten cent line of kits.

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These two plans were drawn by Bd Lidgard who many old-time modelers will remember as a designer of many of his own creations.

The Beechcraft was drawn by Sid Axelrod who is also well remembered.

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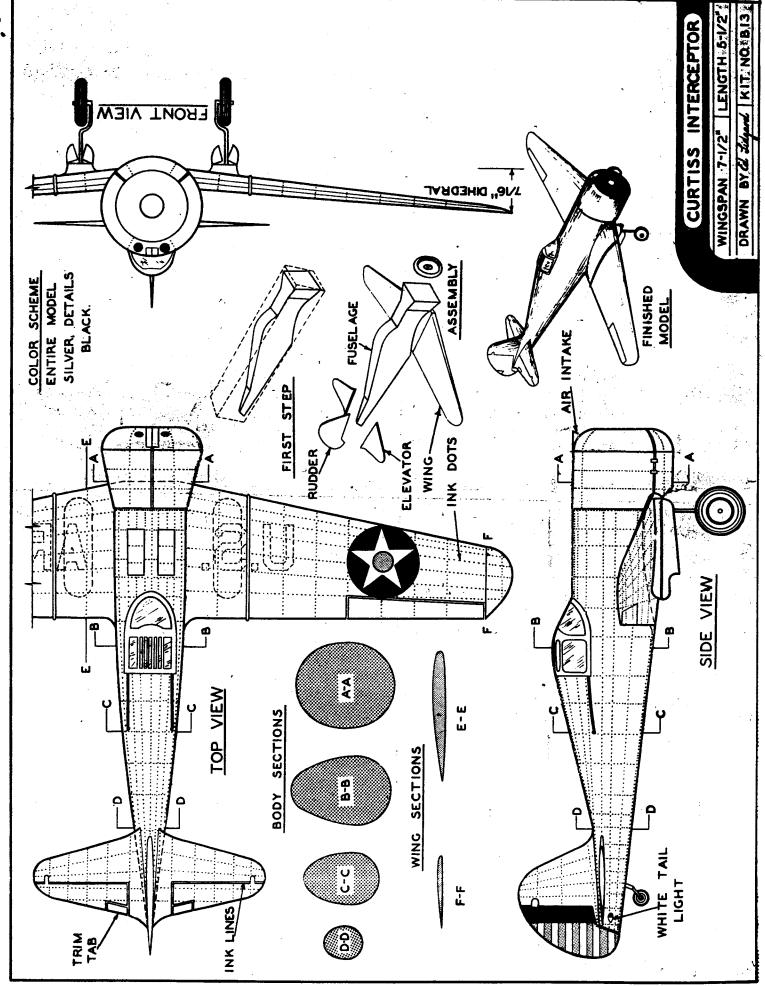
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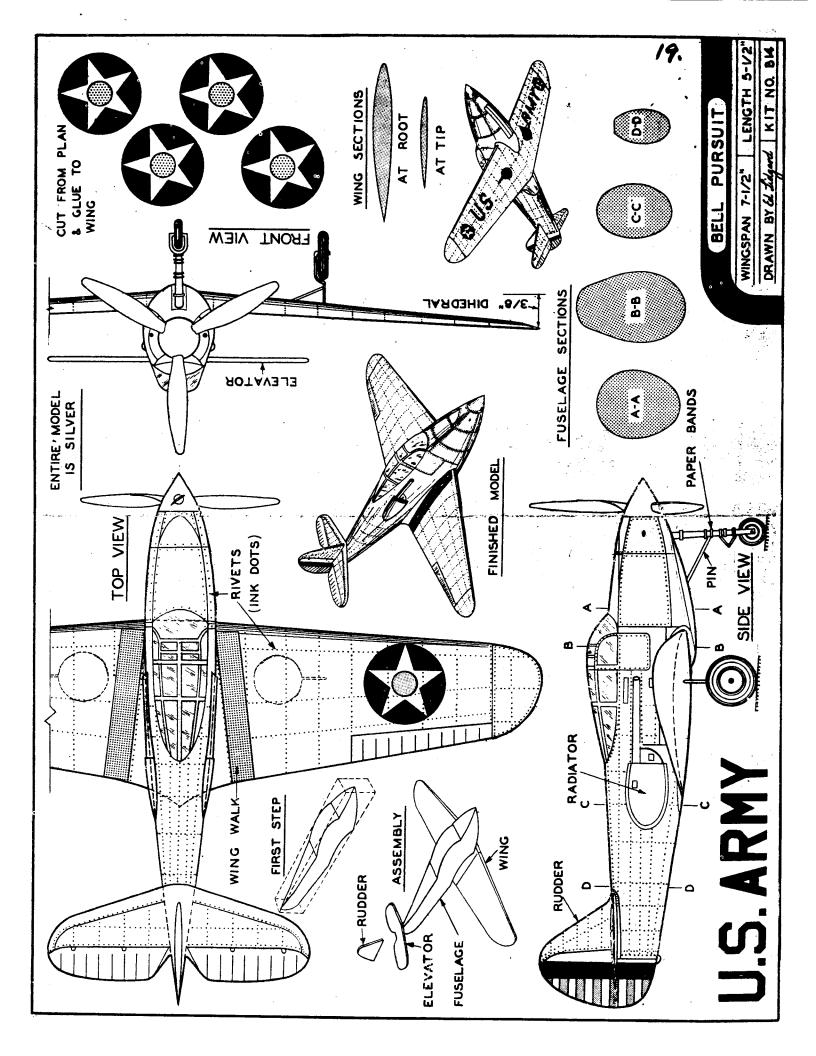
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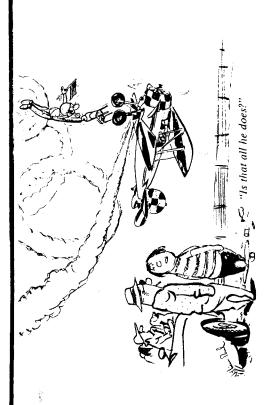
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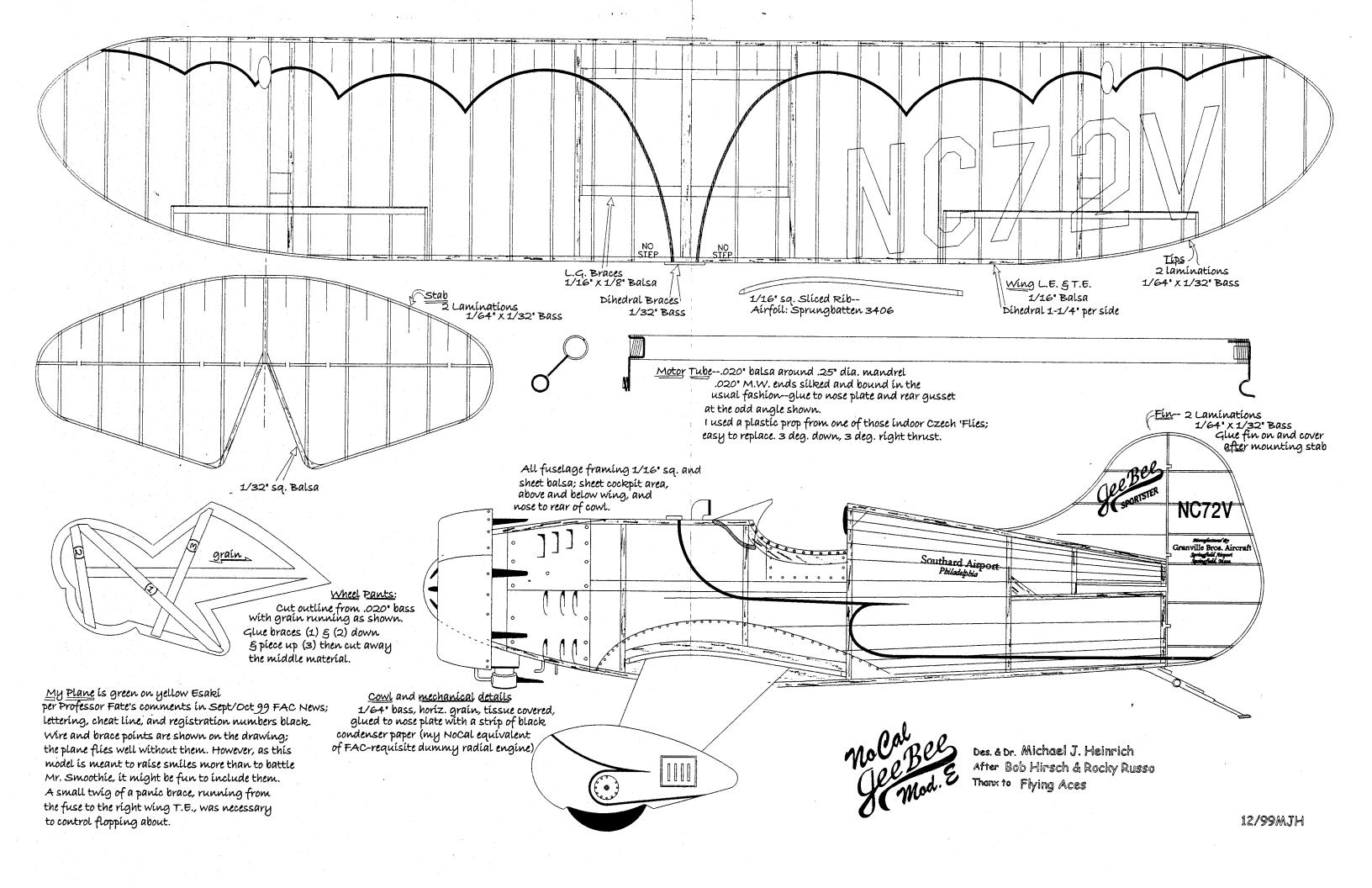
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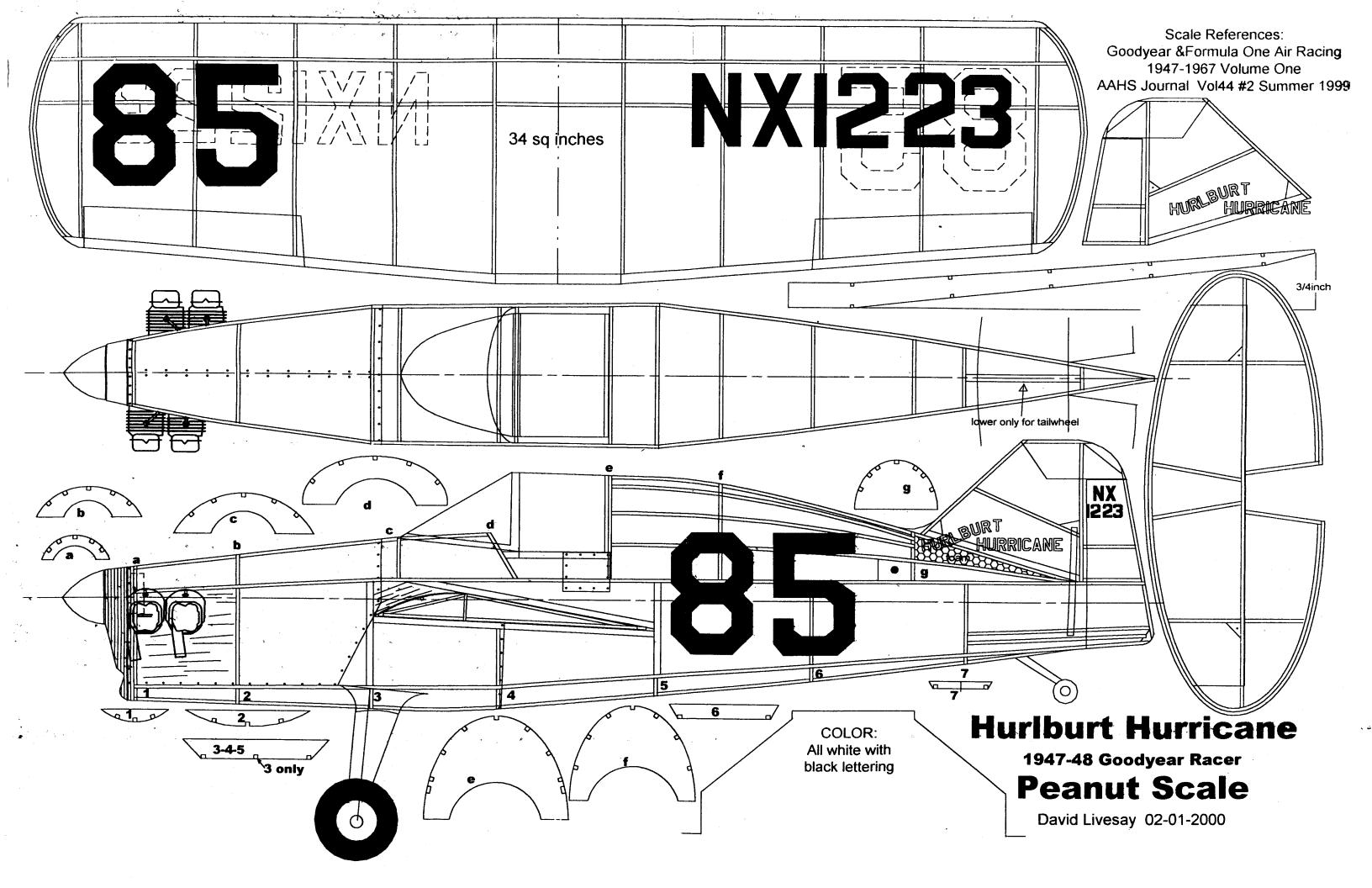
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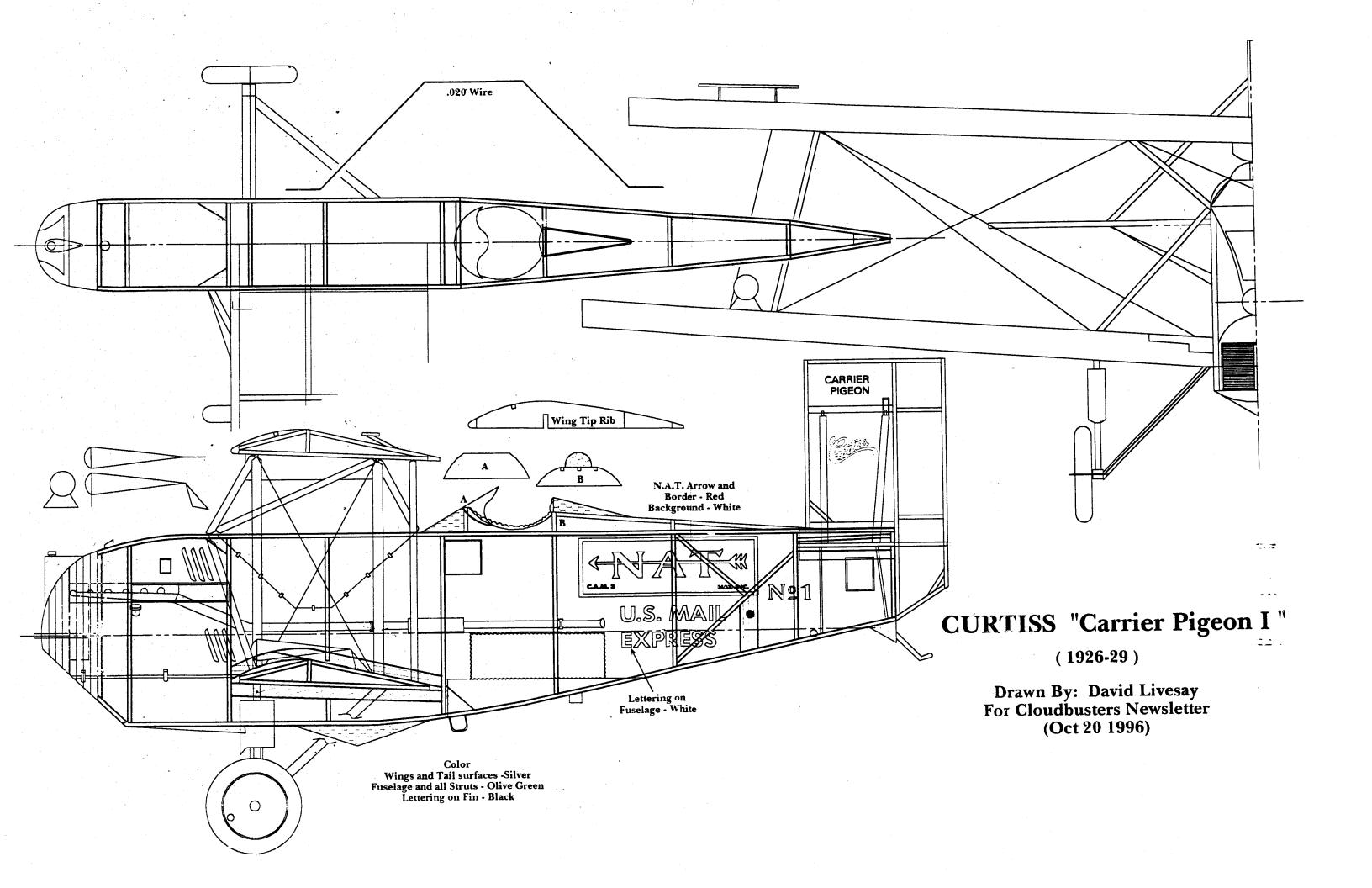
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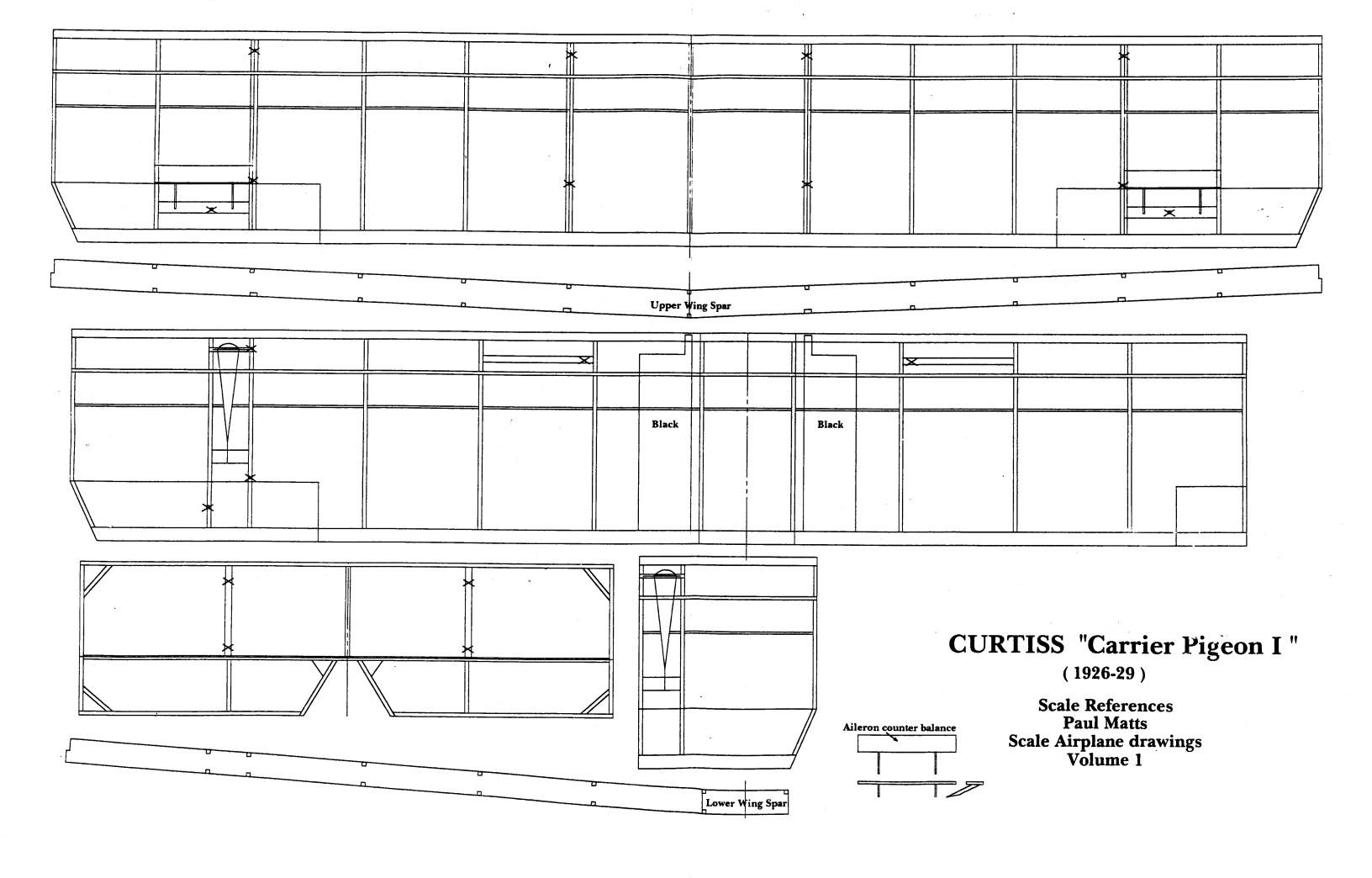


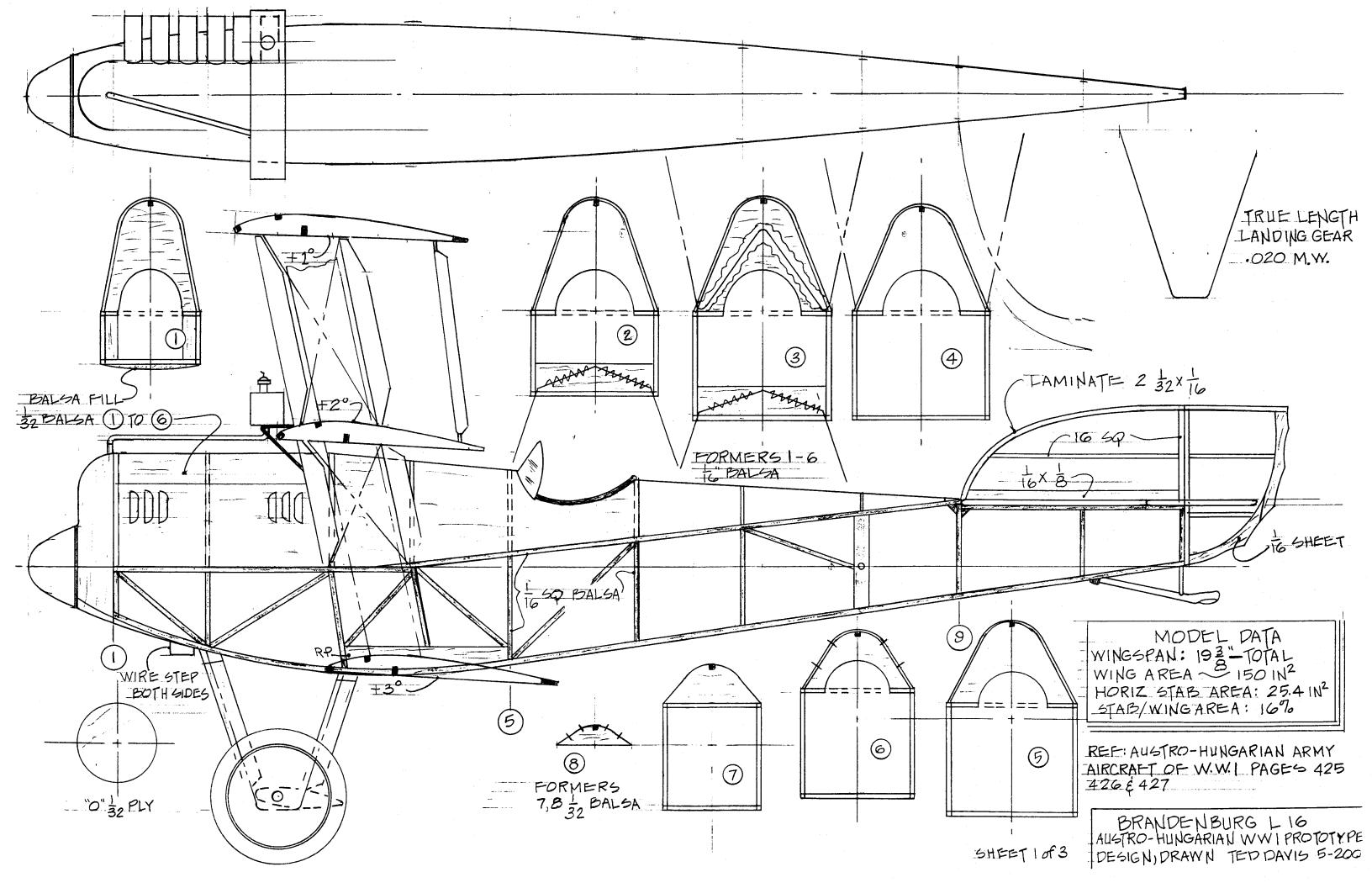
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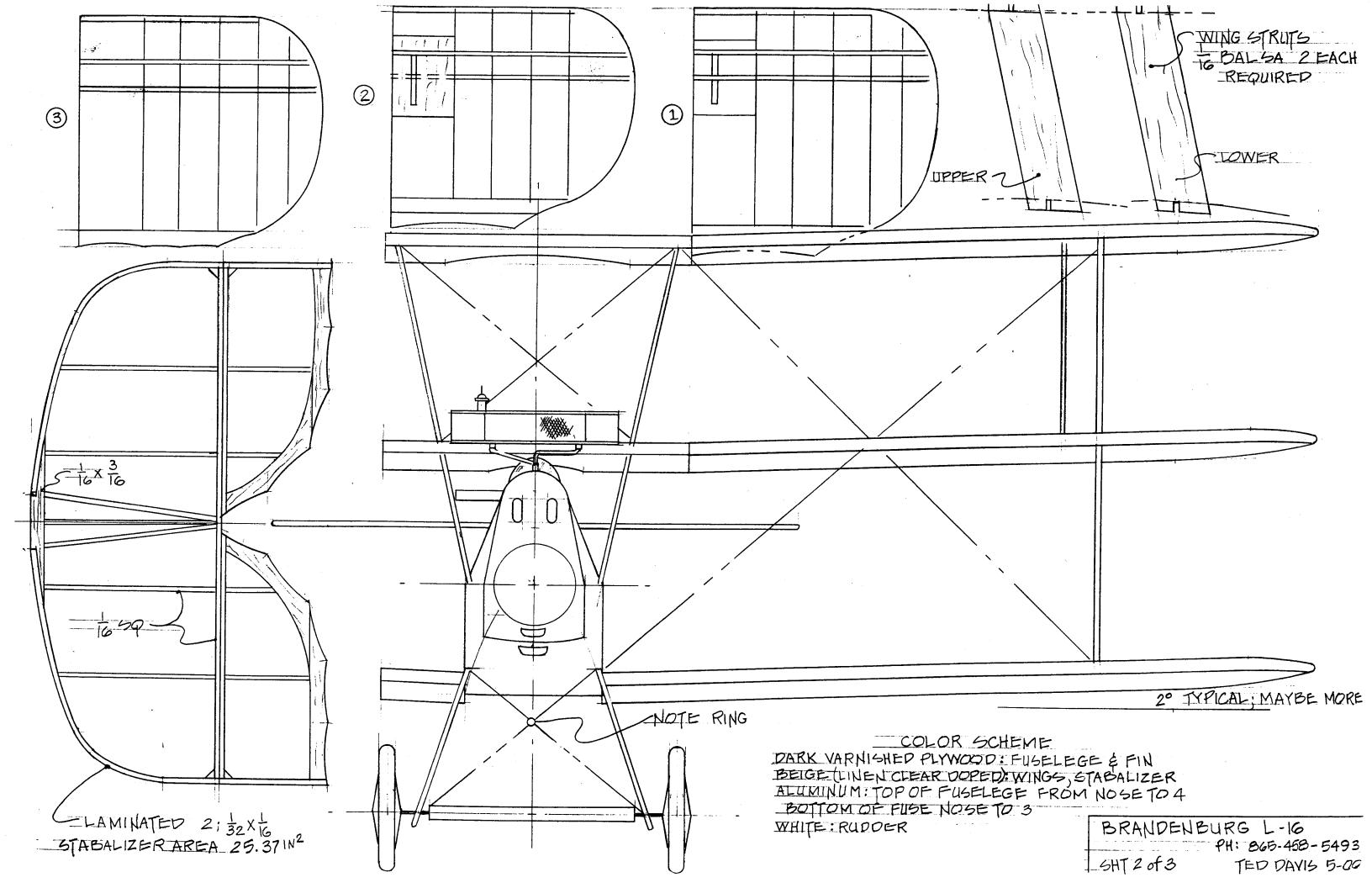


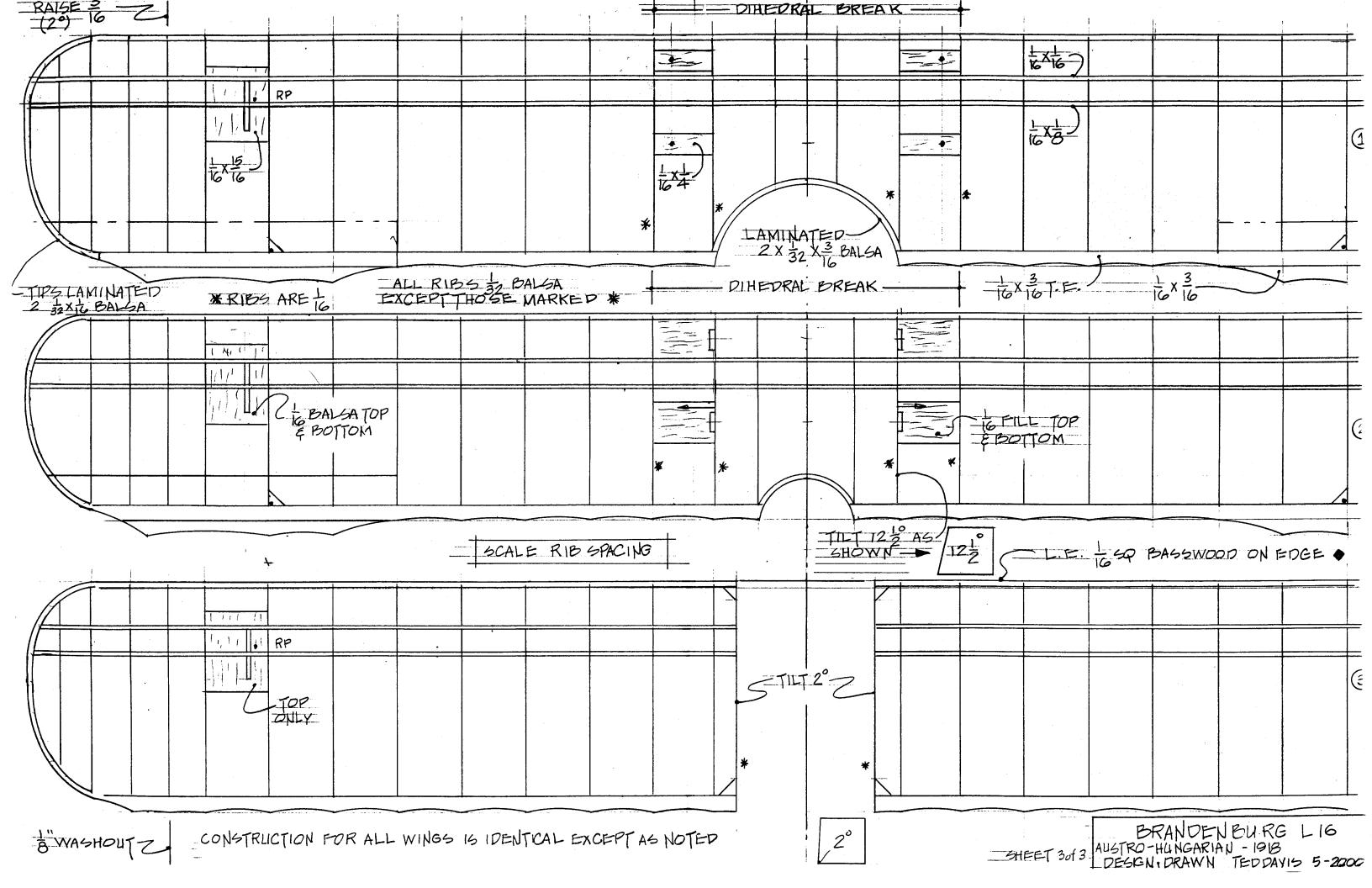


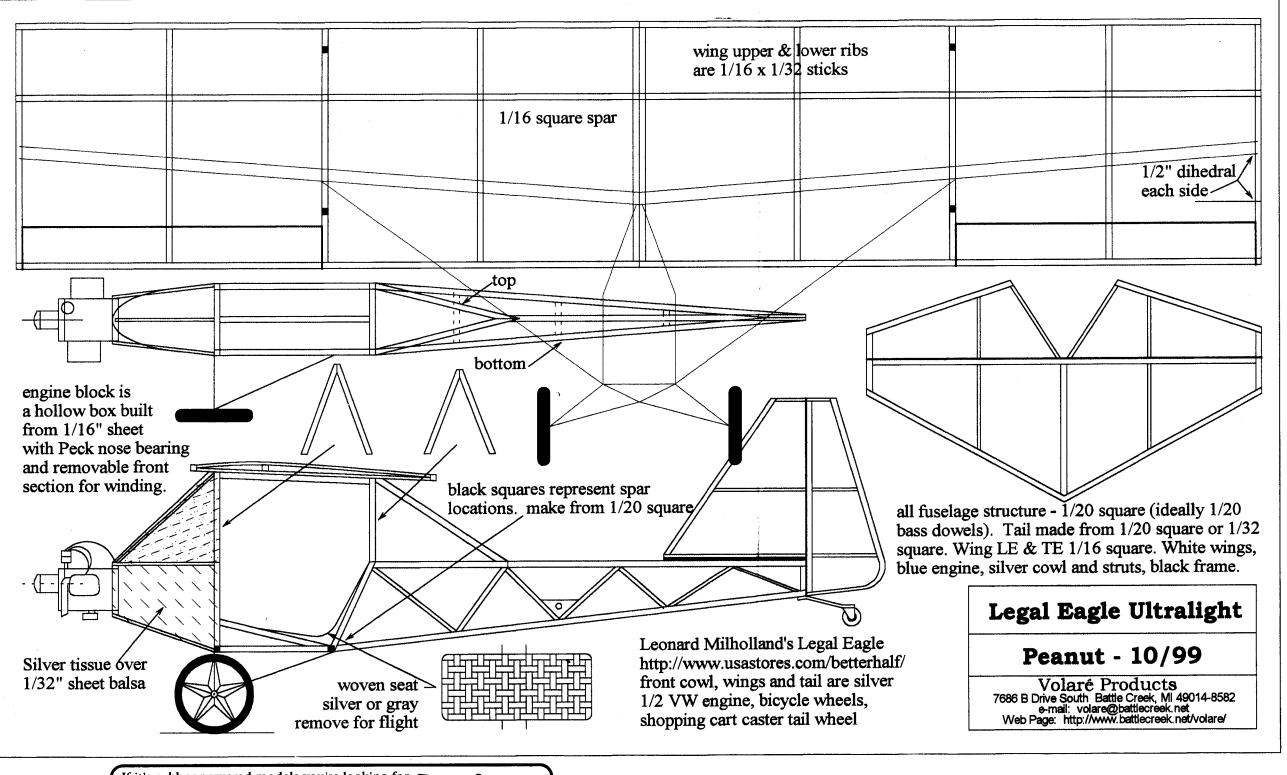


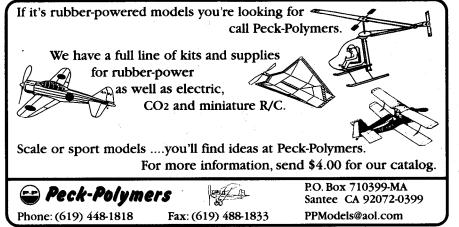


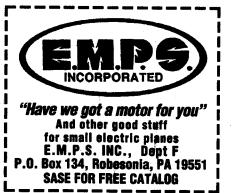












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