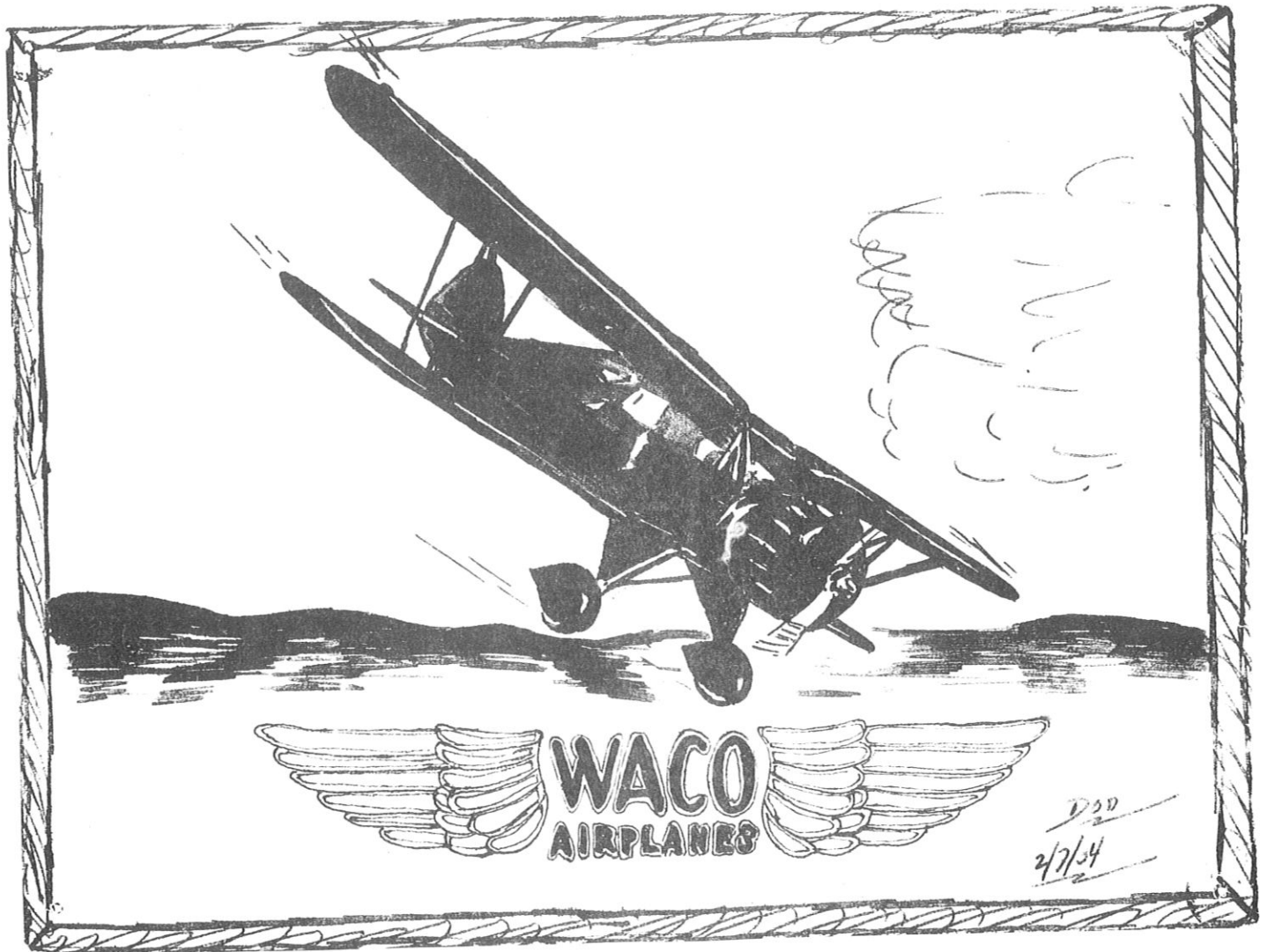


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NEWS ON THE WING!

How do you Clubsters like our 1935-ish heading up there? Cap'n Bob Thompson "discovered" the little jewel and Lt. Bill Miller doctored up the type to have it say the right thing. All that is missing is an autogiro!

But gosh, fellas, look at how many of those swell old methods of transportation depicted there are no longer with us. The giant oceanliner, dirigible, flying boat, and even the train, especially streamlined, is on it's way out as would be the autogiro had it been included! But we can still have 'em and enjoy 'em because we can model 'em! Yes sir, when FACs feel the pangs of nostalgia we head for the work shop and get ready for the next big FAC Meet. We sure are a lucky bunch!

At last the A.M.A. has put Peanut Scale competition in it's proper medium. The outside ozone! FACs owe a lot to Clubster and AMA Scale Rep of district 1 Dick Sherman for this finally coming to pass. We doff our helmets to you in salute, Dick. Well done.



Charlie Learoyd and his wife, Cathy, have come up with what looks like a good answer to all the flak about indoor Peanut Scale rules. The Learoyd rules were tried out recently at Glastonbury High gym where no less than 23 ships were entered. Another set of judges used the Mooney system concurrently. The results were varied and interesting.

The Learoyd rules eliminate no type of model or aircraft type from competition. There is no weight rule, and a minimum of that evil (to Peanuts, at least), documentation.

The spirit of the event, (which GHQ has tried to convey to all other Peanuteers) has been kept almost 100%. It is evident that a lot of thought and effort has been put into the drafting of this set of rules and GHQ urges all our Clubsters to give them a try at future meets in their own local areas. The Learoyds can be contacted by writing to 58 Colonial Village, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

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Bill Hannan (Hannan Graphics) tells us he has received letters asking for historical background about Peanut Scale by authors in England, Australia, and Germany. Bill says, "Soon perhaps, Peanuts will eat the world, instead of vise versa"! Haw-w-w-w! Let's hope so, eh fellas?

Let's take a squint at this letter following---

"Please cancel my son Ivan's subscription to your militaristic magazine. Your articles on bomb dropping planes, machine guns, Navy fighters, etc. do nothing but fill the boy's minds with the lust to kill. Propaganda such as you publish makes children war-minded and makes you partly responsible for the "legal" murder which has cost millions of lives in this century alone."

Mrs. P.S. Davis.

G-2 agents found this letter in the "Dog Fight Dept" of the July issue of Model Aircraft Engineer for 1934! It could have arrived yesterday!

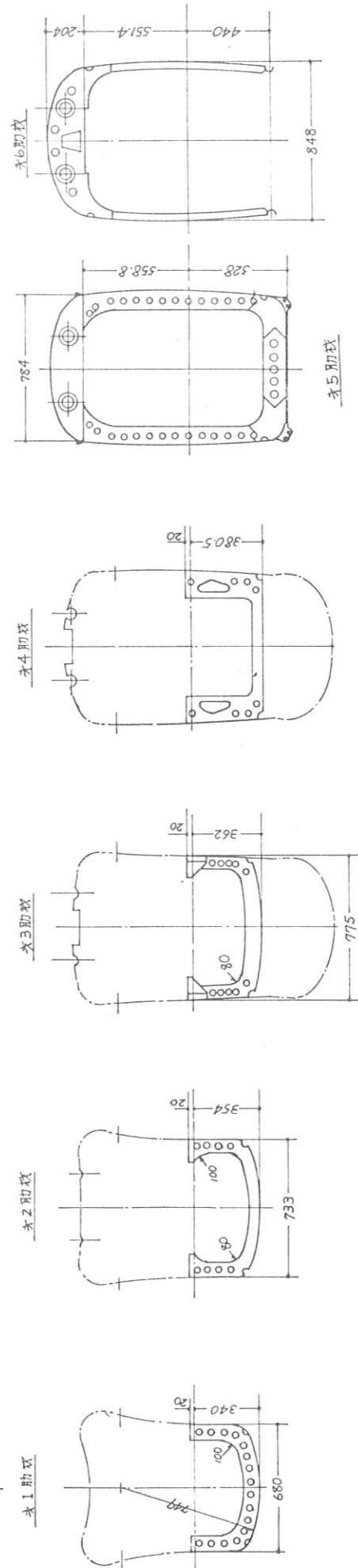
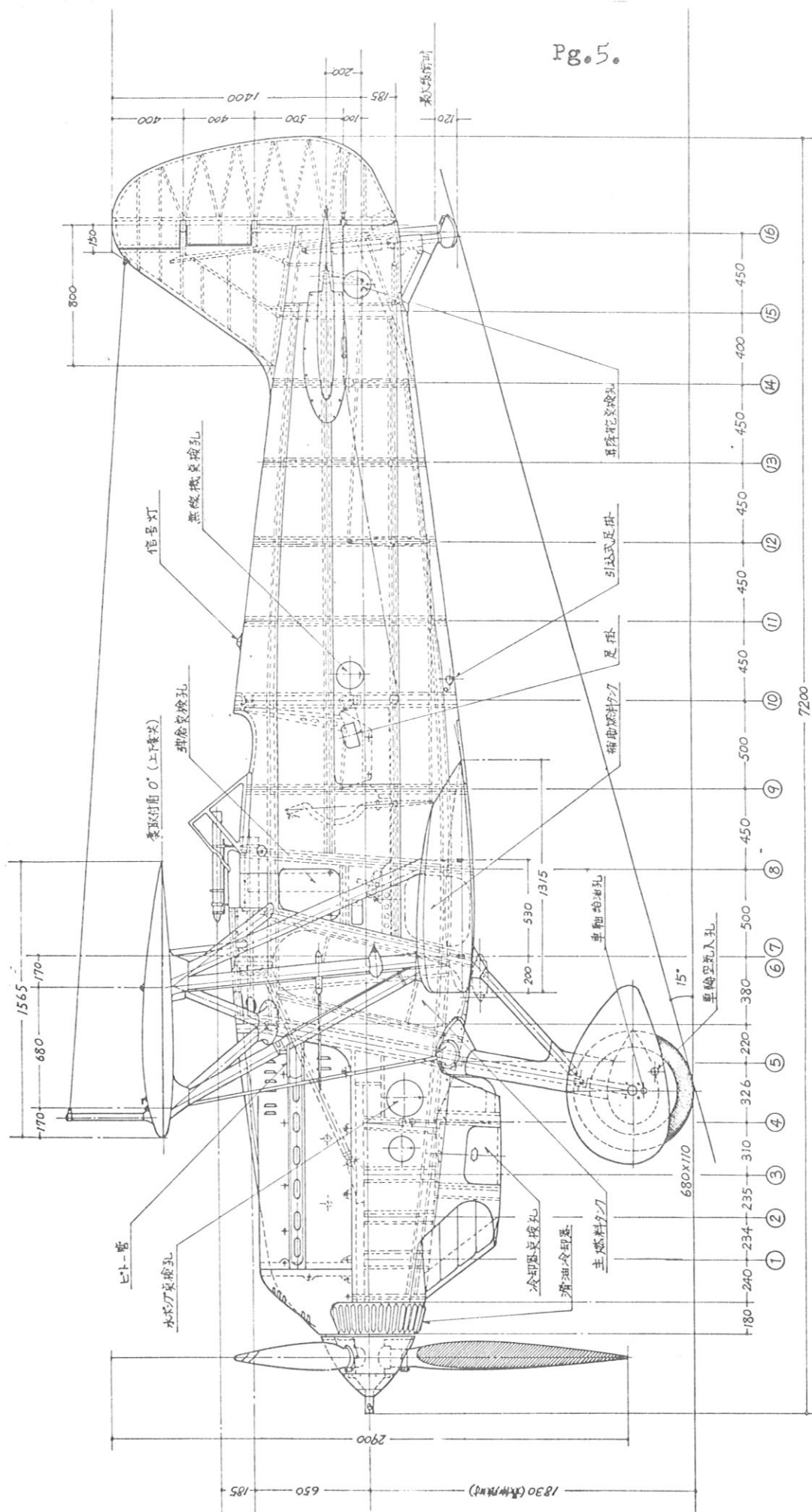
Don't forget to check the last page this issue, Sky-battlers! All the dope is there for our up coming Spring Meet and we don't want any of the fellas missing out on a great chance to split ozone with the rest of the gang! Better dash down to the hangar right now and huff and puff the winter's dust off the old crates and get out to your local 'drome to test your new ones. Time's a wastin'!

Head of G-2, Lt. Jerry Greaves tells us that any FAC that might want to cast an admiring orb over that great Bugatti 100 raceplane we featured a couple of years ago in the FAC News, may do so. The veil of mystery surrounding it's location has been lifted and the "secret" hangar in which it resides may be visited Monday thru Thursdays. (No time given. Probably 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM) The location is Vintage Auto Restorations, Inc. in the rear of 27 Catoonah, in Ridgefield, Conn. Don Lefferts is the proprietor there. Don is an ex-modeler himself, so why not bring along your latest crate to show him. Don't write. Don is much too busy to answer. Just go on over there. It is a sight worth the effort.

Ever notice how fuzzy and out of focus most photos of Russian aircraft are? We are sure you have. Clubster Bill Hannan has this explanation, "----they must use old vodka bottle bottoms for lenses. On top of that, the guy that USED the vodka from the bottle is the one who retouches the photos....using a hand-axe and a broom!" Haw-w-w-w! Thanks for the inside dope on Ivan's photographic technique, Bill!

Capt. Lin Reichel, Wm Penn Sqdn. tells us that there will be an all scale rubber meet at Chagrin Falls, Ohio June 23rd. Six events are there for all FACs to have at in true spirit of the skys. Lin did not say what they were, but we figure on Peanut, FAC Scale, Jumbo, Thompson, No-Cal, and maybe Embryo. Better check with Lin on that, though.





The gang here at GHQ are (or is) ready to bet their last strip of Pirelli that there is not a glue chewer among us that has never been bitten by the "Waco Weevil"! Almost every model company has put out a Waco kit, and every old model mag has run plans for one of these great old bipes in it's pages.

Proof of his past affliction is our cover drawing by long-standing FAC Lt. Don Garafalow. Don did this bit of artistry back in 1934. The infection must have been very great as Don also did the fine 3-view of the Waco Model "A" in this issue.

Scientific seems to be the only outfit that ever kitted an "A" model Waco. Don once was kit designer for Scientific. Is there a connection there Don?

Whatever your love for bipes, the Waco could fill the bill with either open 'pit or cabin jobs. Wacos could be found in Uncle Sam's service with the U.S. Coast Guard on border patrol in Texas and even in the icy waters of the arctic sporting floats. Wacos (2 of 'em) were fitted with sky hooks and used to fly mail and passengers between the Navy Airship, USS Macon, and terra firma. Curtiss F9C pilots first checked out in these Wacos before using the snappy Curtiss for Airship hook-on flights.

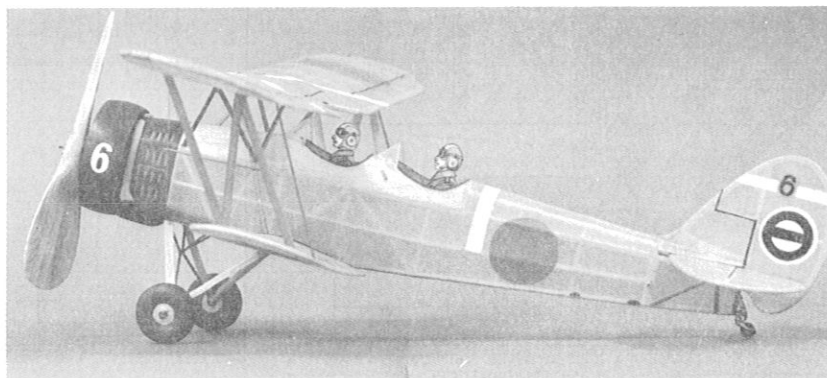
So why not go Waco whacky? Mind you now, the only cure for this malady is building a Waco. A case where the cure is sure great tasting medicine!

Flying Aces Model Laboratory

Got a favorite original model you have designed that you would like to see more of? Why not send the plan in to FAC GHQ for publication right here in the best li'l modeling mag goin'? A plan in pencil is O.K. as long as it has good contrast. We'll get it safely back to your home 'drome. It need not be a Peanut either. We here at GHQ are just as happy to pass on to our fellow Clubsters any plan in the FAC range. No-Cal, Embryo, FAC Scale, or just a cute little trinket for honest to Hung fun.

Now for a gander at this issue's offering. A real beaut from Pres Bruning of the Detroiden Geschwader. Do you longeron layers recall the neat 3-view of the Tachikawa Trainer in our Aisian Issue? Well fellas, Pres fell in love with the oriental temptress. And most unusually, he has chosen to share his loved one with all the rest of his clubsters! Pres says she handles like silk on a loop of 3/32 Pirelli 1½ times fuselage lenth. He has modified the landing gear to reflect the later standard versions of the plane.

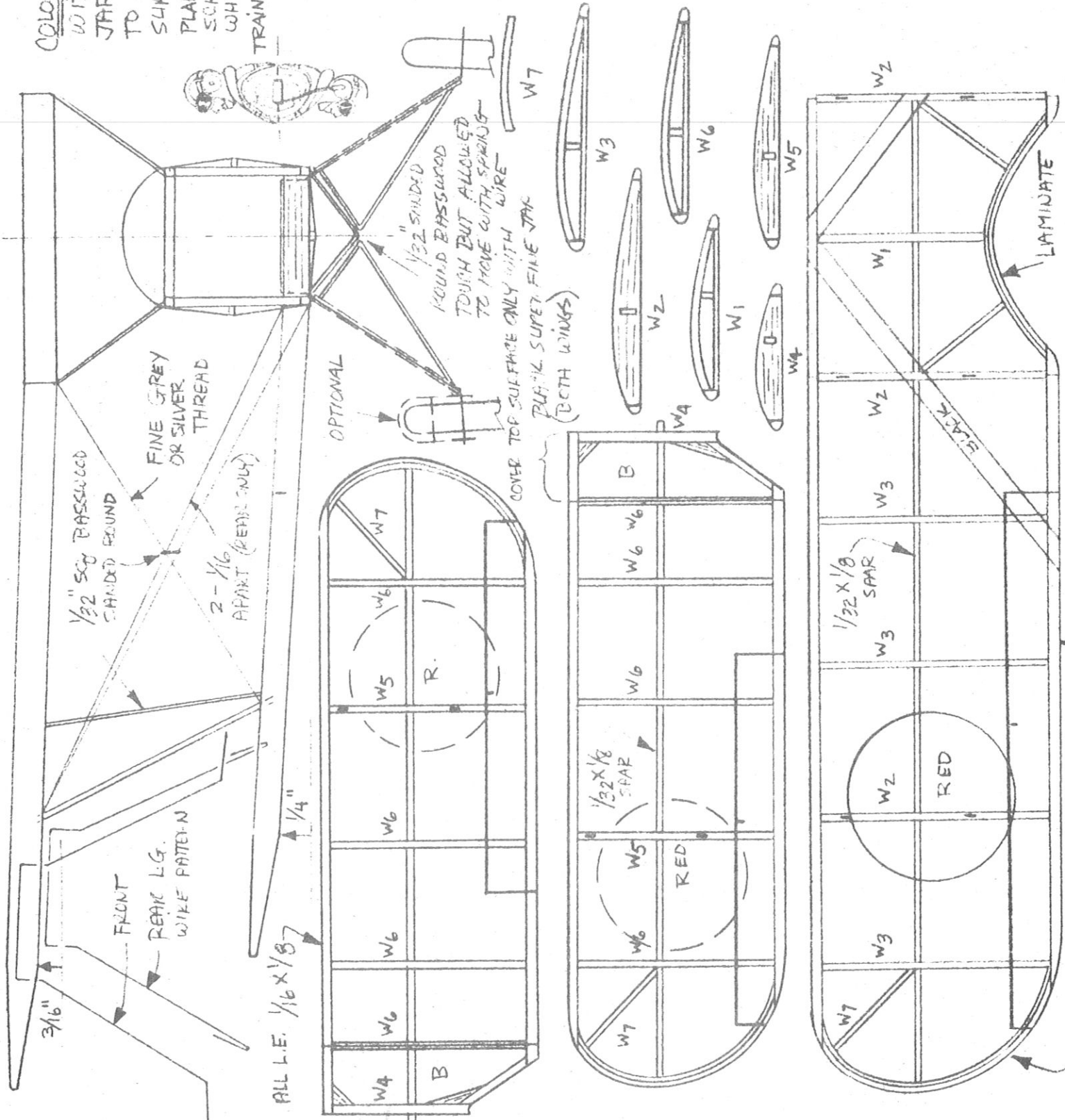
By turbulence Wingsters, that photo below sure tells us Pres is not talkin' thru his saki! What a lotus blossom! Complete even to the Nip airmen in her 'pits. Turns ya on like a Ghisha, huh??



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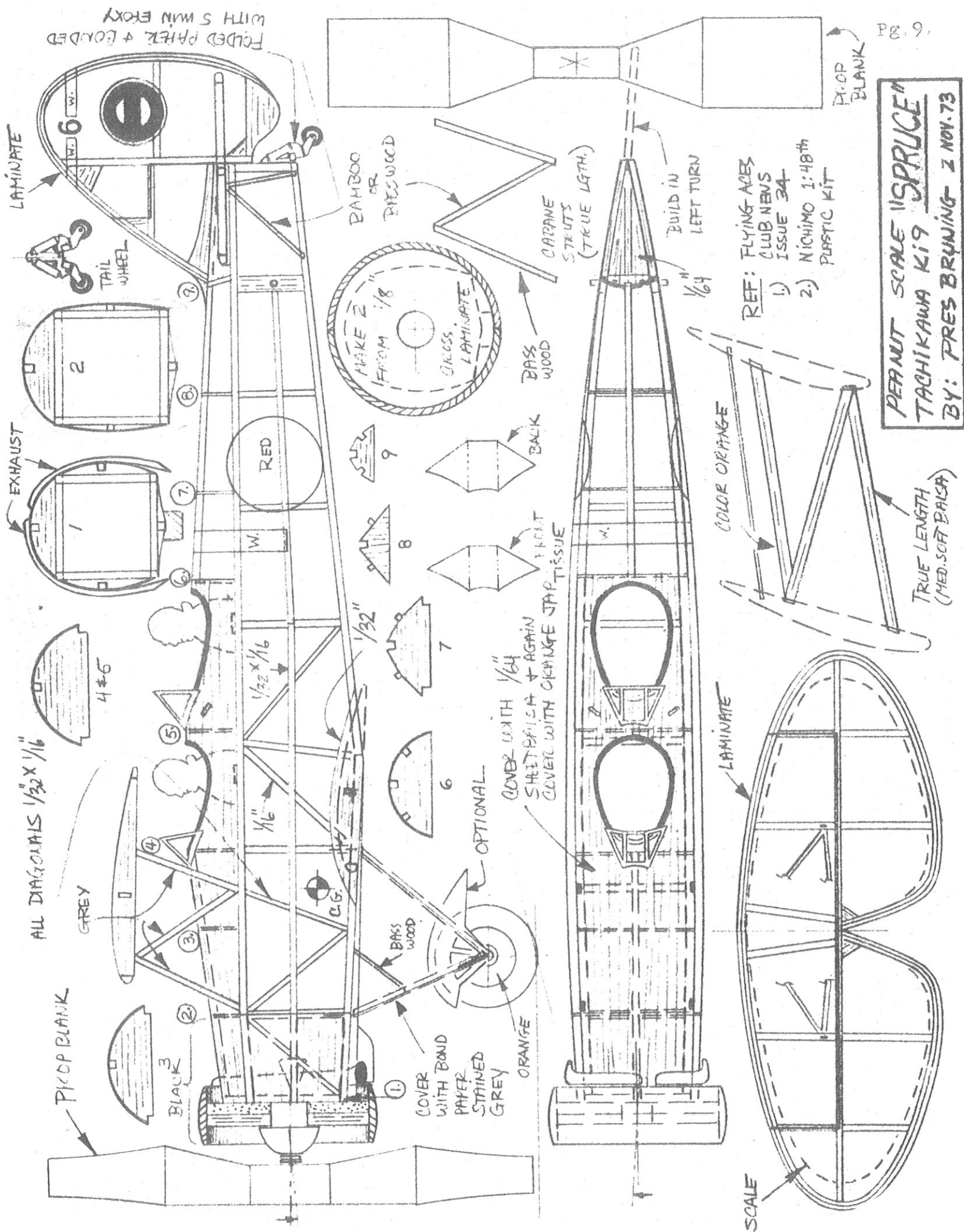
TRAINEE INSTRUCTOR BOTH SIDES OF COWL.



WEIGHT OF MODEL MINUS RUBBER: 10 GRAMS

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The big sky duel is over! With the passing of St. Pat's day all the Peanut and No-Cal crates have set down on their home 'dromes all over the U.S. Bedraggled pilots climb out of cockpits and cabins and walk wearily to the operations shack to fill out final reports to mail to FAC GHQ. Even the movements of the vic-



torious flyers are slow. It has been a long and bloody battle. Their battle birds have suffered as well from landings in rivers and trees. Even flying THRU fences! All of these skysters have done their best in true FAC spirit of the skies! And you bet they will be ready again next year when it is time to take off again to vie for honor and glory in the skies of the Flying Aces!

Now let us see how they fared....Outdoor No-Cal Wing was taken by Major Dave Stott who flew his Kalinin K-5 to a time of 2:12.7 in January. This gives Dave his fifteenth FAC

victory and a promotion to Lt. Colonel. Congrats, Dave!

Indoor No-Cal wing was won by Lt. Doc Martin of the Sunkist Sqdn. down in Miami, Florida by flying his Dornier Mercur 92 secs. This earns Doc a spot on the FAC Kanone List. Good show, Doc!

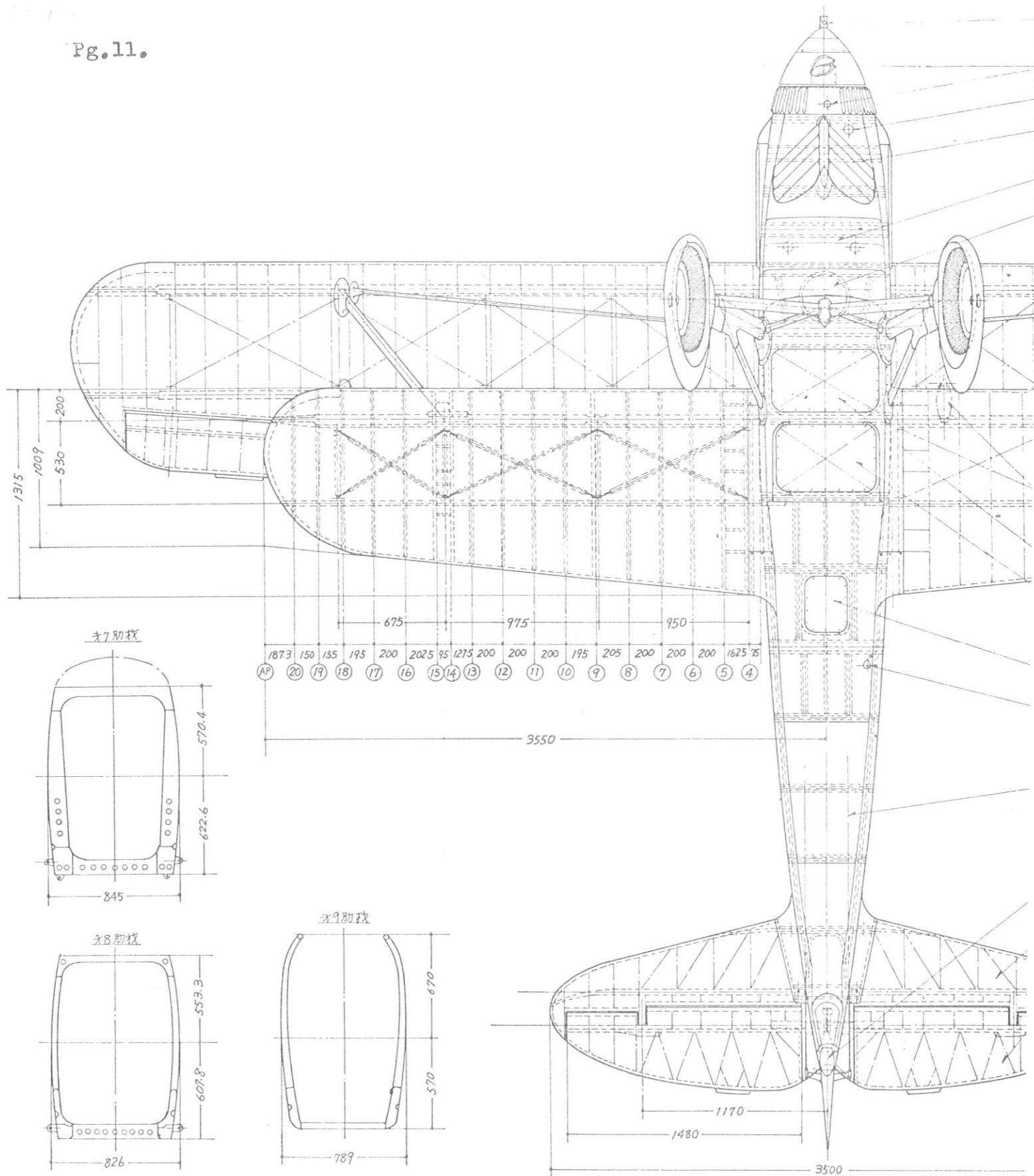
Indoor Peanut saw most of the action especially from the boys in Doc's Florida outfit. The Detroiten Geschwader also got into the fray toward the end. This all shows promise of even bigger battles next year!



Last issue Doc was Commander of the Peanut Indoor Wing by virtue of a 75.2 second flight in his Luton Minor. Since then "Wild Bill" Hiscock and Jim Stewart have been chasing Doc with their Waco E and Taylor Cub. Of course this has made Doc's wings even more fleet and he pushed the little Luton to 82.4! Things were looking pretty good for Doc when along comes his squadron mate, Gary Myers flying, of all things, a Martin MO-1 to edge Doc out with a nifty 84.5 seconds! How about that, fellas! Congrats to you Gary! You too are now on the coveted roll of honor of the FAC--the Kanone List!

On to the final phase. The Outdoor Peanut Wing. No change since last issue in this division. Small wonder! A time like 3 min 13.7 secs is a pretty tough mark to top. Dave Stott did that flight back on Dec. 2nd, and she has remained top time. Guess we have to congratulate that bum--er, officer again on his victory. (He needs another one like Bukowski does!) Oh well, he says he will send us plans of his Kalinin K-5 to publish in a future issue. He reminds us of what can be said of the Cobra. Any animal that loves music can't be ALL bad!

And that winds up the winners of this year's Postal Meet. The Detroiten Geschwader sent in times from many of their squadron but did not include the dates of their flights, unfortunately. Their times were pretty dang good, too. Fritz Wunsch sent us some pics of der chentlemen in action trying for the rank of Commander, Indoor Peanut Wing. Take a look at these Clubsters on the next page.





Ach! Idt giffs Von Rottensocks himseluf in der virst foto oop on der left!! Vas is, bummer? das ist ein Frenchish flugzueg in der handen, nein? Der Halberstadt, oder Rumppler should be idt! Vait vhen hears der Kaiser aboutt dis!

Middle photo shows us "Smilin' Jack" Schobloher with his Mono-coupe 110, which was a clipped wing special the pylon polishers favored in those good old days.

Right pic shows Fritz Wunsch getting his Druine Turbulent off for a flight of 50 secs during the Postal Peanut battle. Ach himmel! Anudder Detroiten Geschwader flieger mit anudder Frenisch Mashine!

HUNGORILLA by Bill Miller.

Starting in this issue! A series of cartoons showing the lovable antics of the species, Scatteralloverus Octibusticum! Yep, the God of Busted Motors! Not to mention the broken fuselages and broken hearts caused by this dreadfull deity! Rubber lube is the "holy water" here, fellas! A fine job of cartoonerizing by Lt. Bill Miller! We will be looking forward to seeing more of Hungorilla!



With the Model Builders

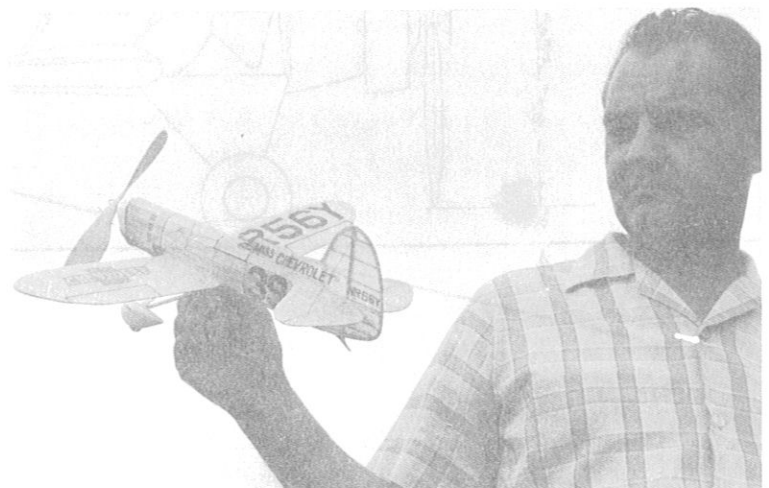


Back in action after spectating far too long is ace model designer and 3-view-erizer, Fred Hamlen. Snazzy looking Howard DGA 8 there, Fred. For better effect Fred covers his models with sheet balsa where the real ship was metal or wood and tissue where the ship was fabric covered.

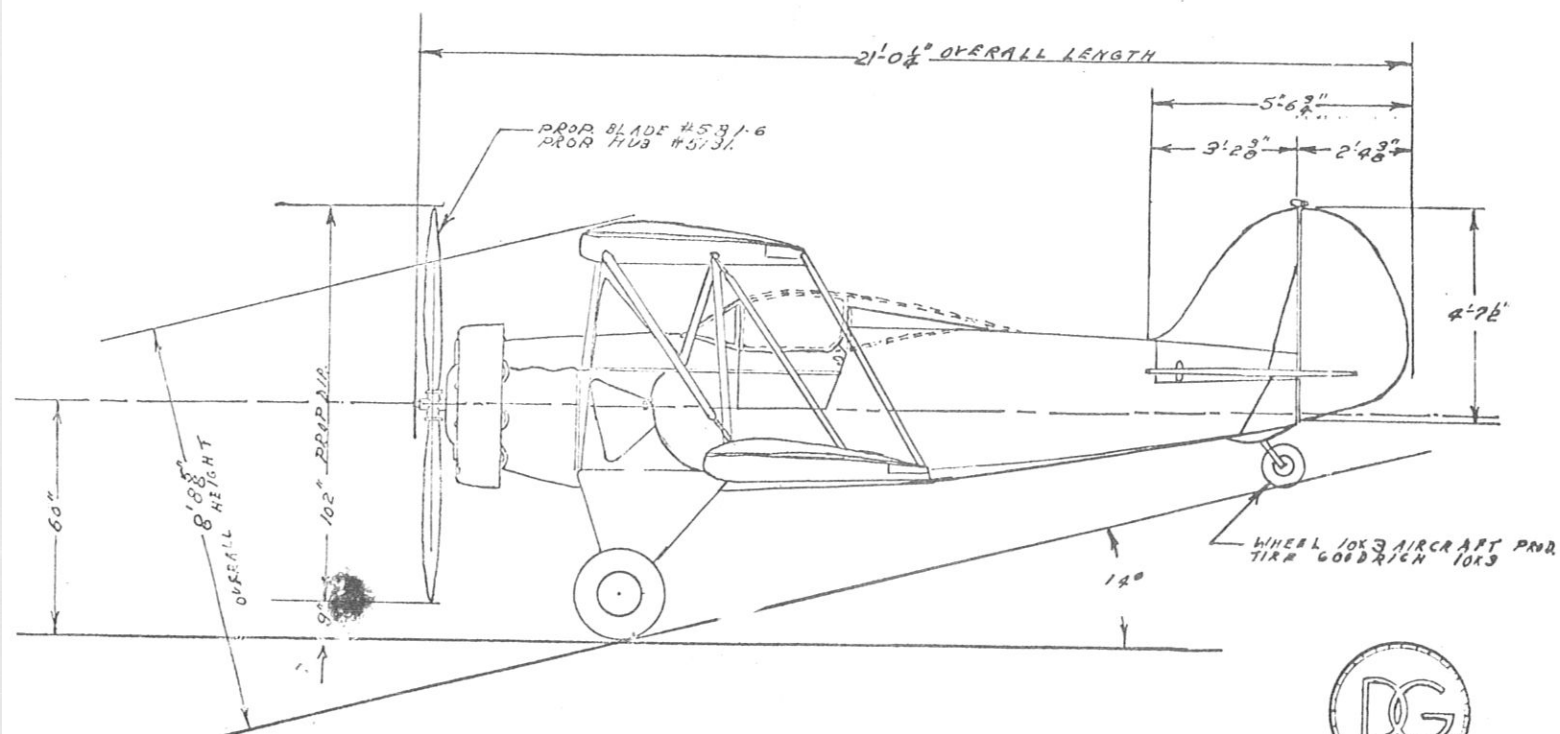
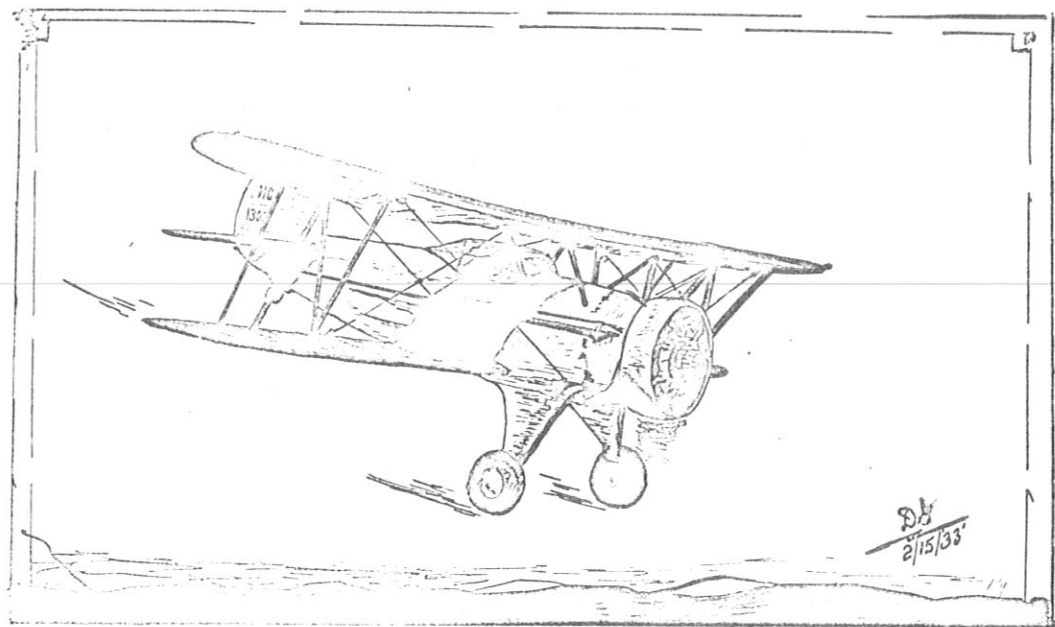
Here is another shot of Pres Bruning's nifty Nip that is featured in this issue's Model Lab. She sports all the detail of a ship twice her size.



A pair of seasoned pylon polishers and their sky scorchers! The chap on the left is Tom Nallen Jr. and his second place winning Marcoux-Bromberg. On the right is Miss Chevrolet and her pilot-builder, Bob Bender. Neat looking workmanship here, right folks?



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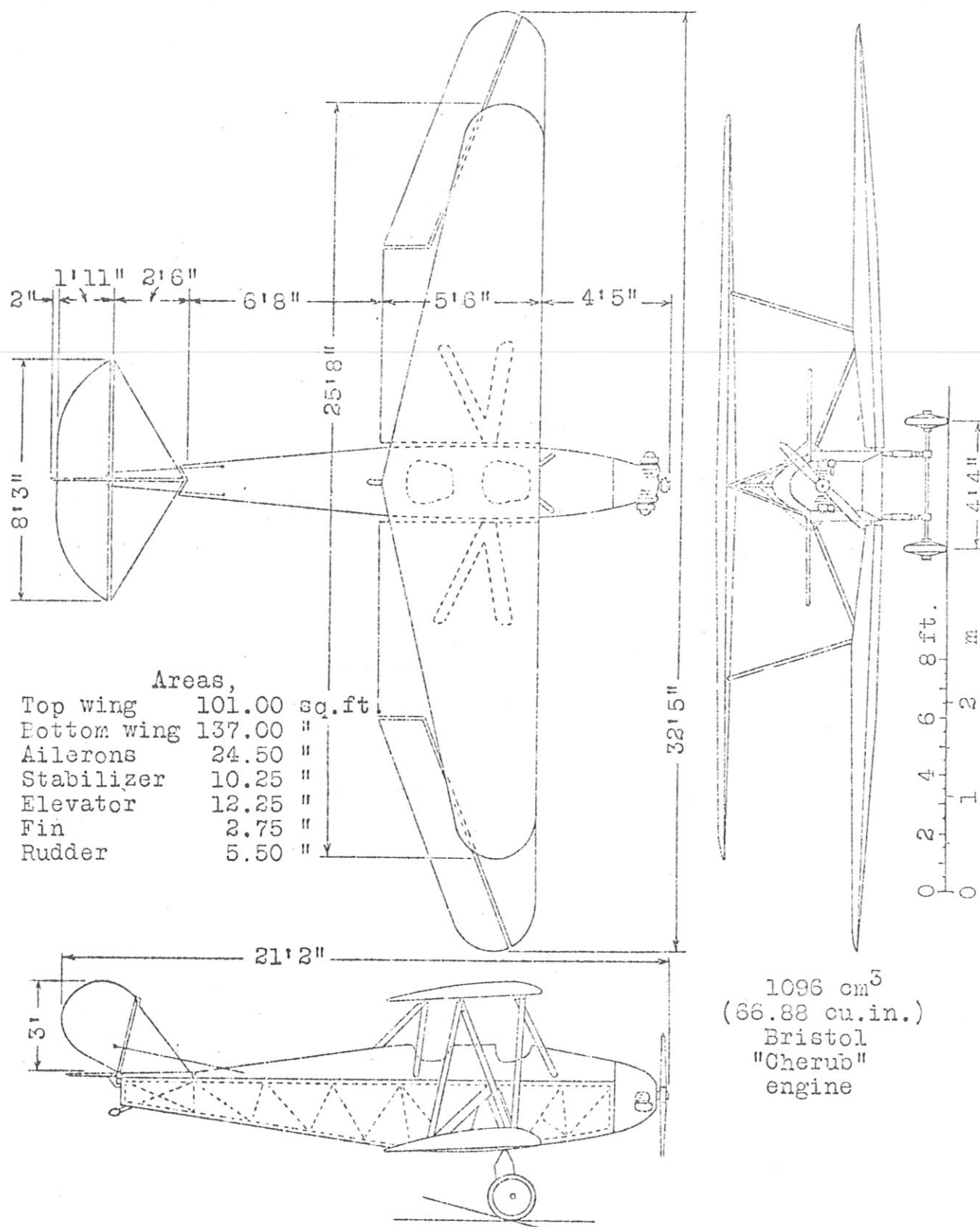


Fig. 5 "Pixie IIIa" two-seat light airplane