

INDOOR JET CAT

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Indoor Jet Cat--- yes, it is a double negative and all the fun of outdoor without waiting for air. My buddy John Jackson got all fired up about the indoor jet cat at the CFFS KSU indoor contest this winter. His enthusiasm rubbed off on me and we decided to give it a go. We are fortunate to have a couple of world class indoor glider guys in the Cloudbusters so John borrowed some knowledge. The craft of choice was the U2 which was a perfect fit for my finishing skills: cover it in black ink and you're done. John got a 3 view and built the prototype that had about a 14 inch wingspan, and was encouraged by the results. So I jumped in and stole his work to produce my own 14 inch version. The outside testing results were good, getting about 20 seconds, but I could tell that at that size I would be able to shoot it through the roof at Kent. So using the scientific theory that bigger is better I blew it up 30%, resulting in about a 18 inch version. Construction is standard Jet cat—all sheet, everything set at 0-0 degrees. Both of us have a bamboo spar the length of the fuse because we know we're are going to hit something. The big version got its first flight at Kent and I wound up with officials of 15. 15 and 13 all of which hit something in the process, because I could not get the launch direction correct for the right-to-left pattern. Naturally, after all my flights were in I figured it out and got two flights of about 25. I was still able to get to the roof with stretch to spare so next up is a 20% bigger one.

