

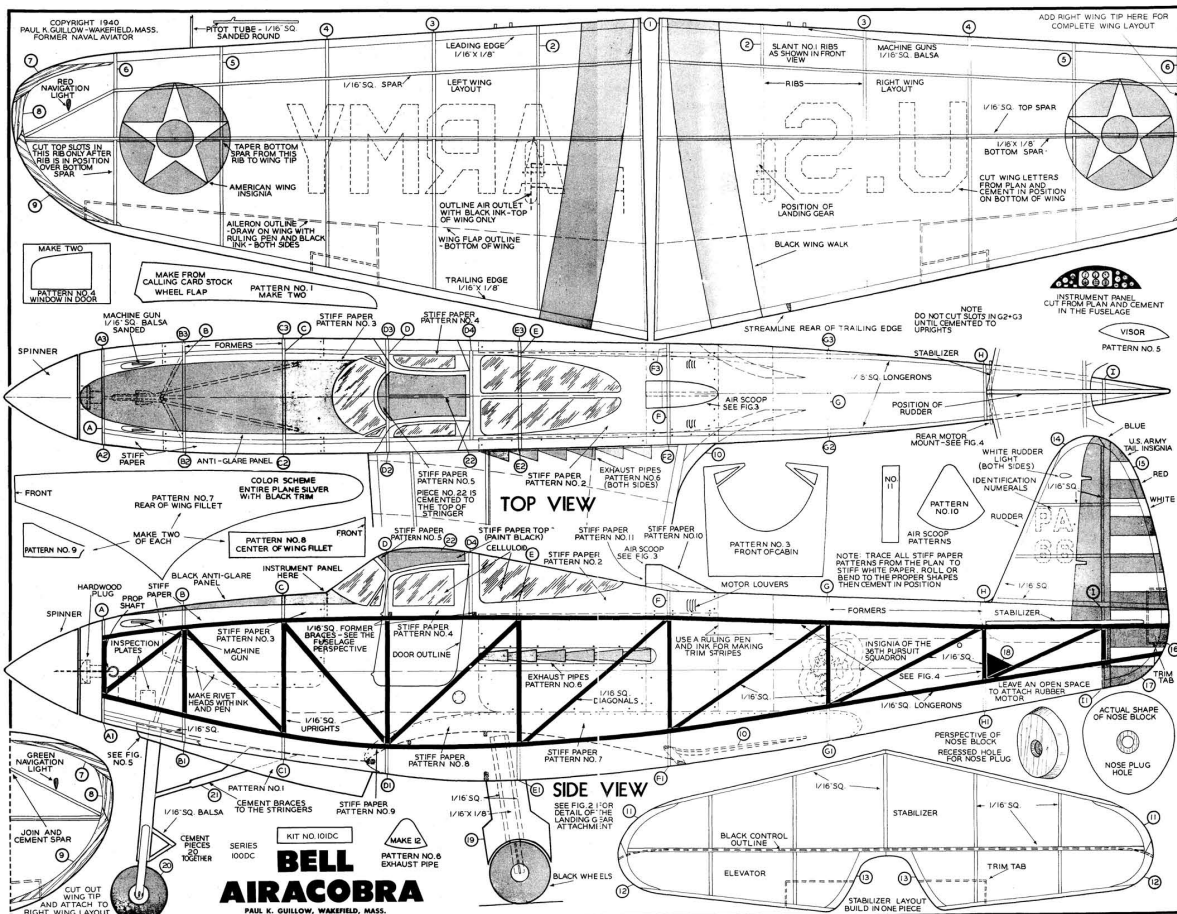
GULLOWS "Classic Era" Scale – Rules for the 2026 FAC Nats

Guillows "Classic Era" is term we have coined here in the FAC, intended to identify Guillow's kit designs that were created in the early 1930s and were in production in some cases up through the mid to late 50s. In contrast to the "Modern Era" kits that began to appear in the 1950s, these early designs tend to be very lightly built, often reflecting wartime material shortages, and typically the only plastic called out on the plans might be for celluloid windscreens and canopies. See attached charts for a list of some plans that can be found by searching "Guillows" at www.ousterzone.co.uk. NOTE WELL! This is NOT an exhaustive list of all the Guillow's plans that could qualify! There are doubtless dozens more out in the wild.

These plans / kits are all long out of production. Among the plans available online, note the "Monocoupe Deluxe" - Guillows kit 50-7, ca 1949. Right around this time, plunge molded plastic nose blocks begin to show up in Guillow's kits, as well as plastic props—a harbinger of the future. The overall *structure* of the Monocoupe Deluxe design, and others like it, is still very 1930's though. For purposes of the 2026 FAC Nats (and the Guillows Postal Contest as well) we'll call gray-zone, transitional designs of this sort "Guillows Classic"; plastic nose blocks called for on plans can be made up from balsa.

There will not be a *special* Guillows Kanone for the top Guillows scale "Classic Era" finisher in a given FAC class. Given their lightweight design, these designs ought to be able to compete equally with the best that the FAC has to offer. Additionally, there is no requirement, benefit or award for a "Classic" model being built from an original kit. Repeat--you do NOT have to build from a kit for these models. So—build to the plan, and use the good wood!

- A. Unless specifically stated otherwise, all normal FAC rules apply for Guillows Classic Era Scale builds.
- B. Build to the plan! Plan structure may be added to, but not removed.
 1. Typical FAC allowances for increasing stab size and moving rear rubber peg position apply.
 2. Plug-in wings and stabs can be reworked to be one piece. Surrounding fuselage structure can be modified accordingly.
- C. Use any nose button / prop shaft / prop / rubber motor you want.
- D. Use any tissue / color scheme / markings you want.
- E. Guillows Scale Classic Era models can compete in any FAC Class for which they would normally qualify.
- F. At the 2026 FAC Nats, there is no special "Guillows Kanone" for scale Classic Era models. Models will be recognized as Guillows designs, but scored as normal FAC entries.



SAMPLE PLAN
Guillows "Classic Era"
Airacobra, 24" (1940)

Note that despite the model's scale complexity, the structure itself is quite light. The fuselage is box construction with added formers. Scoops and other scale details are made from paper and balsa. Plastic is limited to celluloid for the canopy area.

Compare with Guillows' 1980 plan/kit of the Airacobra for a good illustration of the difference we are trying to draw between "Guillows Classic Era" and "Guillows Moderns Era" designs.

SCALE GULLOWS "Classic Era"

These plans were found via an online search for "Guillows" at three online sites: outerzone.co.uk, aerofred.com, and hippocketaeronautics.com. Unfortunately, the Hippocket site disappeared shortly after publication of this list — some of the plans may not be available online as a result.

Aeronca Champion 20"	Curtiss SB2C Helldiver 24"	Monocoupe 90A	Stinson 105 16" (F78)
Akron Fighter 12" (F23)	Curtiss Interceptor-Fighter 20"	Monocoupe Deluxe 20"	Swallow 15" (F82)
Arrow 16" (F77)	Ercoupe 12" 1947 (47F7)	Moraine Saulnier 12"	Swallow 8" (D2)
Albatros D3	Fairchild-Warner 22-24"	Nieuport 28 12"	Taylor Cub 12" (F13)
Bell Airacobra (22"?)	Fairchild 24-R 16"	Porterfield Zephyr	Taylor Cub (F53)
Bellanca Skyrocket 16"	Fairchild 45 16"	Rearwin Speedster	TBF Avenger 12"
Berliner-Joyce	Fokker D7 12"	Ryan SC 16"	Vultee Vanguard 24"
Brewster Buffalo 15"	Grumman F4F-3	SE-5	Waco Biplane 12" (F1)
Brown Sport F44 16"	Grumman FF-1 24"	SE-5 15"	Waco Custom 24" (50DC-3)
Cessna 12"	Kinner 24"	Spad (F49)	Wedell-Williams 17.5" (NC-151)
Curtiss Hawk 16"	Lockheed P-38 24"	Spitfire 24"	

SAMPLE PLAN - Guillows "Classic Era" Monocoupe Deluxe, 1949. Transitional. Note the box fuselage, and instructions for cutting out the plastic nose block. By the late 50's, new Guillows designs had pivoted to a "keel and former" style of fuselage construction.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

A. FUSELAGE CONSTRUCTION

B. WING CONSTRUCTION

C. RUDDER AND STABILIZER CONSTRUCTION

D. COVERING THE FRAMES

E. ASSEMBLING THE MODEL

MONOCOUPÉ DELUXE
Kit 50-7 Wing Span — 20" Length — 12 1/4"
Fine pre-war sport plane
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