FIXIT WRIGHT

by Bruce Wennerstrom

YA KNOW, BUILDING IDENTICAL TEAM RACERS IS GOING TO MAKE IT EASY TO CHECK FUELS AND PROPS?

ALWAYS TALK! LETS GET OUT TO THE FIELD AND FLY THESE JOBS!

AT THE FIELD

HOOK UP YOUR TAILSKID, TAILSKID! WE'LL TRY A HALF MILE HEAT.

HA-HA! VERY FUNNY! LET'S HEAR YOU LAUGH WHEN I BEAT THE PANTS OFF YOU, THIS RACE!

GOTTA CATCH ME BEFORE YOU CAN BEAT ME. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO EAT YOUR WORDS AGAIN.

WHY DON'T YOU DRY UP, CHUM?

3

LESSON NUMBER 1 IN PROP SELECTION, TAILSKID. LOWER PITCH, FOR FAST TAKEOFF AND ACCELERATION, IS PREFERABLE FOR A HEAT

LEAVE THE HIGH PITCH PROPS FOR THE 5 AND 10 MILE JAUNTS.

YAK-YAK-YAK, ALL THE TIME!

4

FIXIT AND TAILSKID ARE FLYING THEIR MODELS ON 60' LINES. THEY HAVE LAID OUT THEIR FIELD IN CONCENTRIC CIRCLES OF 10', 30', 130', AND 150', IN DIAM. AS PRESCRIBED BY THE A.M.A.

FIXIT'S FASTER ACCELERATION KEEPS HIM IN THE LEAD FOR THE 7 LAPS.

BRROOM-R-R SPUT-SPUT

5

WELL, I'D HAVE CAUGHT YOU IN A COUPLA MORE LAPS. MY JOB'S SLEEKER THAN YOURS. HAW, LOOK AT THAT HOLE IN YOUR COWL!

6

I'LL BEAT YOU IN A 5 MILE RACE, EASY.

O.K. THEN, YOU'RE ON! DICK CAN BE PIT CREW FOR YOU, AND BUNNY FOR ME. LOSER TREATS TO SODAS.

7

FIXIT'S TEAM RACER TAKES THE INITIAL LEAD, BUT TAILSKID'S JOB, WITH ITS SMOOTHER COWL (HE EVEN COWLED IN THE NEEDLE VALVE), HAS THE EDGE.

R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R

HIS PLANE OVERTAKES FIXIT'S TEAM RACER BY THE TENTH LAP, AND.....

8

.....AT 25 LAPS IS LEADING..

...FIXIT BY 3 LAPS,

WHEN HIS ENGINE STARTS SPUTTERING!!

"POP" SPUT- -SPUTTER- R-R-ROOM PHH-H-T, -COUGH -SPUT-

9

SPUT— POP

CLUNK

10

BUT, AS USUAL, THE WORKMANSHIP IN TAILSKID'S MODEL IS ONLY SKIN DEEP, NOT HAVING BOTHERED TO INSTALL A DEPENDABLE CUTOFF, HE CAN'T LAND HIS SHIP, AND SO SPUTTERS AROUND FOR ANOTHER SLOW 4 LAPS BEFORE THE ENGINE QUITS AND HE IS ABLE TO LAND HIS SHIP — ACROSS THE CIRCLE FROM HIS PIT CREW!

THAT DUMB, STUPID, JERK, TAILSKID! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO START THIS CRATE?

TAILSKID, WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE A CHOKE HOLE? WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE BRAINS WERE PASSED OUT?

HE WAS STILL ARGUING OVER THE EARS HE GOT. HA-HA-HA!

THAT "HOLE" IN MY COWL, TAILSKID, WAS A CHOKE HOLE. Y'KNOW THERE'S A PRACTICAL LIMIT TO STREAMLINING.

12

FIXIT'S FASTER PIT STOPS, DUE TO EASY SERVICING ACCESS, PLUS A POSITIVE CUTOFF, INSURED FIXIT OF AN EASY VICTORY. BUT...

ARE YOU ALL SET, FIXIT?

YEAH, SURE! HURRY UP AND LET IT GO, BUNNY!

13

THANKS FOR THE SODAS, FIXIT! BELIEVE I'LL HAVE A COUPLE MORE. TOO BAD, ABOUT YOUR MODEL, BUT THEN I SUPPOSE ANYONE CAN PICK UP THE CONTROL HANDLE UPSIDE DOWN. HAW-HAW!!!

WENNERSTROM