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Dispatch

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Schedule of Flying
Events and Meetings

Date	Day	Location	Time	Notes
OUTDOOR EVENTS				
Apr 13	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Practice Flying**
Apr 27	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Practice Flying**
May 1 & 2	Sat & Sun	Marion, KS	All day, both days	**WHAM Annual Outdoor Contest**
May 11	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
May 25	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
June 8	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
June 22	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
July 13	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
July 27	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
August 10	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
August 24	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:30	**HAFFA Outdoor Champs Flying**
Sept 4, 5, & 6	Fri – Mon	Denver, CO	All Day All Days	**MMM Rocky Mt. Championships**
Sept 4, 5, or 6	Fri – Mon	Wherever, TBD	Time not set	**Sky Bunny Postal Contest**
Sept 14	Tues	Olathe, KS	6:00	**Final 2021 Champs Flying**
Oct. 2 & 3, 2021	Sat & Sun	Marion, Kansas	All Day both Days	**HAFFA Annual Fall Contest**
INDOOR EVENTS				
Apr 3	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**Indoor Flying**
May 1?	Sat	Osawatomie, KS	8:30 – 3:00	**HAFFA Annual Indoor Contest**

HAFFA Indoor Flying Site Locations:

Ozanam School Auditorium
421 E. 137th St.
Kansas City, MO

Osawatomie City Auditorium
Main Street
Osawatomie, KS

HAFFA Club Meetings:

Not known at this time

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Editorial – This the first newsletter since last October. Thanks to Covid, there have been no meetings, and our first indoor flying session was the 6th of this month, not a lot to write about. We did have elections for this year's officers, by email, and all of last year's officers were re-elected, and a bunch of decisions have been made on contests, events, etc, by phone or email. Our expenses have not gone down however. AMA charters, fall sanctions fees, still have to be paid. If you have not sent in your 2021 dues, a check to Jack Vetter's attention, please do so. You will be dropped from the roster. So, with that intro, as follows:

Indoor – Since we had not flown since last October until this month, Jeff Renz, the CD for the indoor championship, suspended the normal indoor championship protocols for this year, and it will be combined with our annual indoor contest. Normally the contest is in April, but this year he is moving it out to May, and is even considering moving it to June, or having the contest in May, and another indoor fun fly in June. This is because we did not fly all winter. Osawatomie was shut down, but we are getting credit for the lost dates from the city for those dates. Look for emails from Jeff on the final decisions, or email him if you have strong opinions on what we should do.

Had not seen Gary Hodson for several years, and he showed up at our flying session this month. His Austin Healy's must be all spit shined! Anyway, it was good to see him. I had him send me some photos of his peanut scale Santo Dumont bis 14, which he has frequently flown at our indoor contest, when he is there that is. It is a work of art, and it flies really well! I am hoping he makes it to the contest and flies it this year.

A side note, Jeff Renz presented me with the second Tem Johnson award at the flying session. It has joined the first one on the wall of my game room. It looks good up there! Had to put this in for Jeff's benefit.

Outdoor – We had our annual outdoor contest last October in Osawatomie, but neither Jeff nor I could be there. We were both quarantined for Covid 19 exposure. Neither of us had a problem, but …….!.

Our 2021 contest is set for the first weekend of October as usual. I believe the events are all the same as last year, except we are adding FAC Phantom Flash. We all fly one indoors, and it is an event we should win, and get a Kanone. I am building another Flash for this, and will build it with a little more glue than for indoor, and, unknown to most, you can use a wooden prop because the original plans had one. The limit would be a six incher. I am hoping for a really calm day for that event. I can see it flying away.

Our sister, or brother, club, WHAM (Wichita Historical Aircraft Modelers), is having their annual Spring Outdoor Contest the first weekend of May this year, May 1st and 2nd. Jeff Renz and I are planning to go. Don't know how much I will have ready to fly, but it is worth going just to watch. I need something to re-ignite the modeling fever in me again if nothing else.

Our summer flying – we will be having our annual HAFFA Outdoor Championship flying as usual this year. Last year we had to suspend it, but we fun flew casually almost every Tuesday evening at the field at Pioneer Trails Middle School in Olathe. It was a lot of fun! So I think we will be flying every Tuesday evening again, with flying for HAFFA points on the second and fourth Tuesdays as we have the last few years. If we have rain or blow outs on both Tuesdays for points, we can have a makeup on the fourth Thursday. We couldn't be blown out on all three could we? The four events for the Championship will be as below. Rules to be sent separately soon.

1) Combined AMA Javelin Launched HLG / AMA Cat. Launched Gliders (no discus)
2) FAC Jet Cat
3) FAC Embryo
4) Sky Bunny

Plan – I wanted to have the Sky Bunny here so everyone would have it. But it is bigger than 8½ x 11, and it would have to be tiled to 6 pages, with two being the ribs, etc. So, kits are available from Peck (Wind-It-Up), and I have, or can get printed full sized ones for anyone who wants to build one from scratch, not hard. It is a simple stick model that really flies well. We want a bunch of good fliers for the postal contest Labor Day weekend, if you don't go to Colorado for the big MMM contest. So, I am reprinting a Republic P-84 Thunder Jet plan that is really simple, a one – two night build, that is still competitive with what we fly. It will probably take longer to paint and detail than to build.

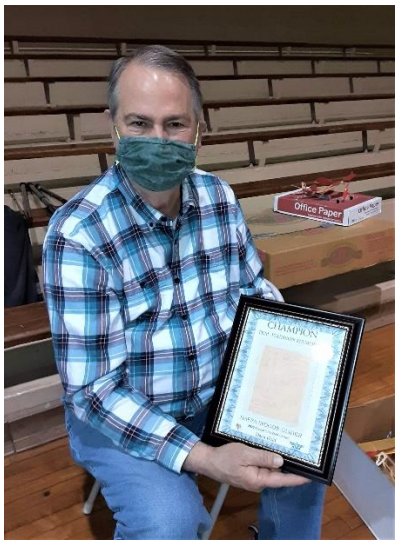


Gary Hodson's Peanut Scale "Santo Dumont bis 14". A Kanone for this one?



Close up of details of Monsieur Dumont

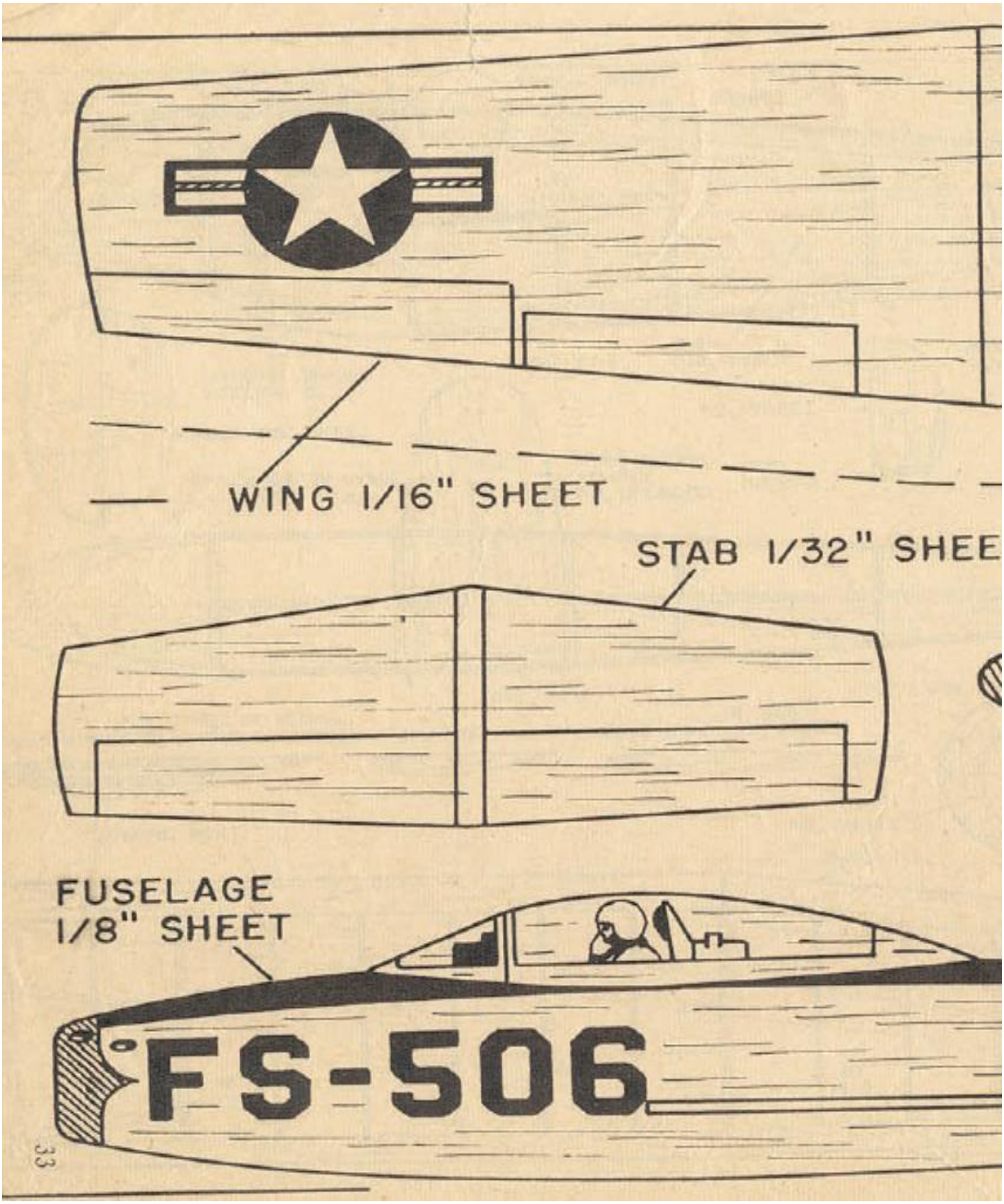

In flight, how did he do that?

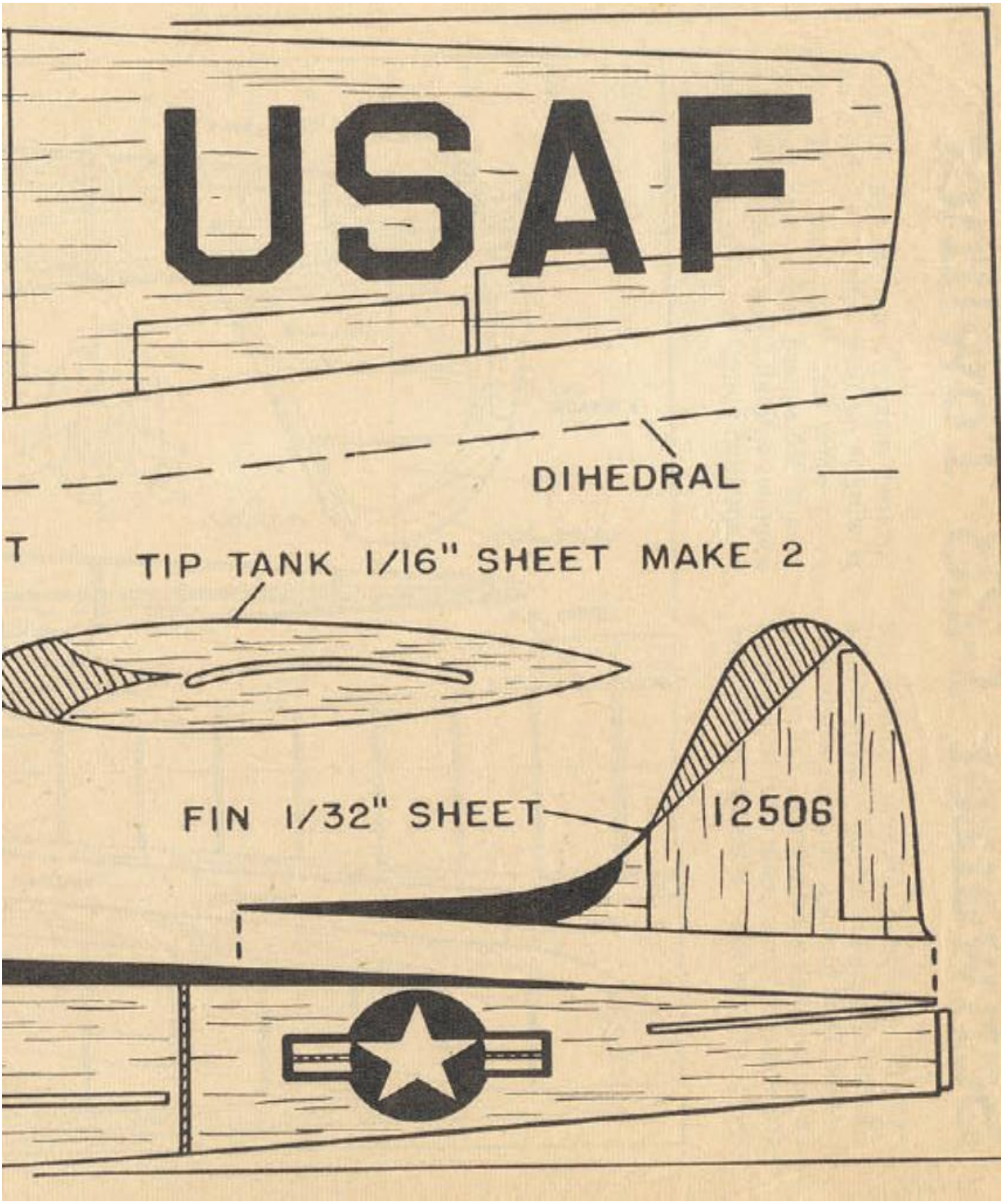


Dana Field w/Tem Johnson Award



John Clark's winter project – a beautiful Bristol SE-5 It should fly really well!


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