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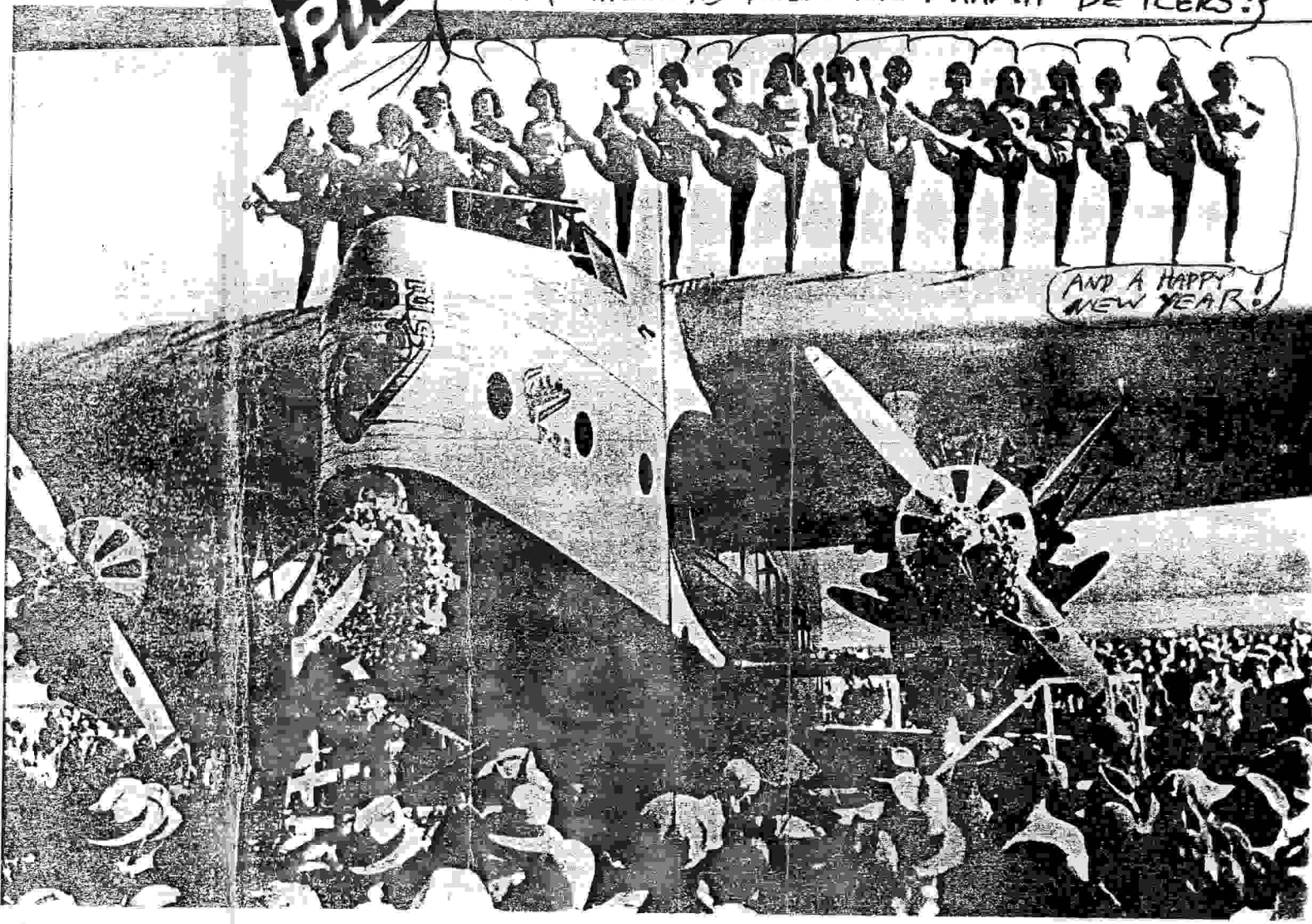


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FAC CLUB #11

"LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME" Whelan

THE HANGER PILOT

The Hanger Pilot, edited by John Martin Jr., who is solely responsible for its content, is published 8 or 9 times a season for bunch of middle aged guys who refuse to grow up. MIAMA (Miami Indoor Aircraft Model Association) - AMA club [redacted]. One of two active all indoor free flight clubs in AMA. For a mere $12.50 you will receive all of the published issues that year. We encourage reader contributions because, frankly, we need the material. Letters, plans,]-views, complaints, gripes and compliments to: Dr.John Martin Jr., President / Editor, 2180 Tigertail Ave., [redacted] Miami FL 33133 USA. phone: 305-858-4161.

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MIAMA CLUB NEWS + MEET 2

Meet 2 was in MacDill Hangar 1 where we haven't been in 5 years... a great site! We had to visit the Visitors Center on Sat. to pick up our gate pass, but not so on Sunday. Keep tuned to to the Hangar Pilot for ALL MacDill meets because the entry process seems to change from meet to meet, and we CERTAINLY want to comply with protocol.

In addition to the 15 new members in October, we have a new cadre of seven new rookieswho have signed up since. We welcome Brian Alexander of Davie,FL,John Blankenship of Wartburg. TN,Don Wordon of Black Creek,WI,Curtis Jarrett of Corpus Christi, TX,Lynn Morton,Winstead CT,and Rollett Bloom of Westerville,OH. Pilots-heed Barney Baxter's advice to "fly in postal and proxy meets."

We suffer from a surfiet of riches, The next two meets are exciting and worth attending even if only to spectate. I checked out old Hangar Pilots back to Dec. 27-29 1986 to our first DELTA AIRLINE MEET. MacEntee was CD and ED GREENE and CURTIS BRYANT were the Delta executives back then.

MIAMA MEET #3...Dec.30,31...CD Rich MacEntee 813-729-1524
CLUB NEWS: ED SEAY WILL BE AT TROPICANA FOR MEET 4 WITH HIS MOBILE MAL SUPPLY SHOP AND HIS GREAT 5 POUND BALSA WOOD.

NEXT MEET - MIAMA #3

BRWG ANY LEGAL EAGLES TO THIS MEET

DEC 30,31

TAKE A NEW YEARS HOLIDAY IN FLA.

MIAMA-DELTA KING ORANGE INDOOR

70 FEET CAT III FLAT UNOBSTRUCTE CEILING - GOOD SITE

TWO FULL DAYS OF "COURTEOUS" FLYING FOR EVERY TYPE OF INDOOR MODEL. ALL EVENTS ALL DAYS. SIXTEEN HOURS OF FLYING. NO WAITING FOR YOUR EVENT TO BEGIN OR HURRYING TO GET IN A FLIGHT BEFORE IT'S OVER. NO ELECTRICS, PLEASE.

MASS LAUNCH: FLYING ACES WW I SAT.2:00 PM

TAMPA AIRPORT 4424 N.W. Shore Blvd.
DELTA AIRLINE MAINT. HANGAR
CD Rich MacEntee 813-729-1524
[redacted]

ANY PEANUT SAT. 5:00 PM
COCONUT SUN. 2:00 PM

BRING AMA CARDS

MIAMA #2 Nov. 18-19 2000 MacDill AFB C.D. John Polento

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FLYING ACES PEANUT SCALE	Scale points	Best Fly	
1.R.MacEntee Waco SRE	74	1:08	138
2.Doc Martin Ursinus	75	:47	122
3.S.Gilbert Lacey	55	1:06.5	118.2
4.R.Osborne Murphy Rebel	49.5	1:05.5	112.2
5.J.Polento Hardly Ableson	58	:31	89.1

Did Not Fly :Bob Shaw DH-6

FLYING ACES SCALE			
1.Doc Martin Bleriot 25	75	1:17	143.5
2.R.MacEntee Andreason	74	1:01.3	130.6
3.D.Linstrum Ford 2-AT	54.5	1:21	125
4.J. Wormley Bellanca S.	58	1:12	124
5.S.Gilbert Comper	54	1:07	117.5
6.J.Polento Fokker D-7	69	:47	106

DNF:J.Larson Consolidated Navy Torpedo plane

MIAMA PISTACHIO SCALE					
1.D.Linstrum Quetzalcoatl	1	:44	:49	2	3
2.Doc Martin Goldwing	3	1:28	:33	1	4
3.S. Gilbert Fike	4	:36	:33	3	7

DNF: Choate Lacey,2

MIAMA PISTACH MODEL OF A MODEL		
1.S.Gilbert Pussey Cat	:1:07	1:09
2DR.'Osborne " "	1:05	1:05
3.D. Linstrum " "	1:07	--

MIAMA COCONUT SCALE				
1.Doc Martin Lippisch Storch	2	1:40	2	4
2.R.Choate Found	3	1:41	1	4
3.D.Linstrum P. Porter	3	1:27	3	6
4.Randy Osborne Westland	4	1:16	4	8
5.J.Polento Turbo Porter	4	1:07	5	9

DNF:Choate G. Guardian 1

AMA BOSTONIAN	Charisma	
1.R. MacEntee Ol Yeller	1.03	398
2.Randy Osborne Colt 48	1.05	327
3.S. Gilbert 7-Up	1.05	220
4.J. Polento Pacific Ace	1.10	184
5.Doc Martin 30th A	1.05	156
6.Bob Shaw 7-Up	1.05	97

FLYING ACES DIME SCALE	
1.R. Obarski Comet Fokker D-7	4:00
2.Doc Martin Burd Caudron	1:57
3.D. Linstrum Comet C. Robin	:39

DNF Choate Comet Robin

AMA Mini Stick
1.D.Obarski 3:37

AMA Easy B
1.D.Obarski 6:42

AMA Penny Plane
1.J. Wormley 5:21

FLYING ACES NO=CAL	
1.R. Obarski Mr. Smoothie	3:34
2.J. Voorhees Curtiss Sea.	2:55
3.J.Wormley Grumman F4F	2:06
4.Bob Shaw Zero	1:50
6.Doc Martin F4F	:37
DNF D.Linstrum YAK-1	
5.S.Gilbert MIG	1:37

FLYING ACES EMBRYO		
1.R. MacEntee Whitie	5	9:14
2.Randy Osborne Puma	3	6:18
3.J. Polento Mr Malcomb	9	4:13
4.S.Gilbert Colt	9	1:46

MIAMA INDOOR LEGAL EAGLE			
1.R.Obarski SE III	4:11	5:12	4:42
2.MacEnteeOl Blue	3:53	3:27	3:23
3.R.Osborne Dewey	2:47	2:44	2:45
	Cheatum & Howe		P.A.
4.Wormley Esquire	2:20	2:22	3:12
5.Linstrum Aronstein	L.E.		
	2:15	2:27	3:10
6.Gilbert Maxie	2:09	2:11	2:30

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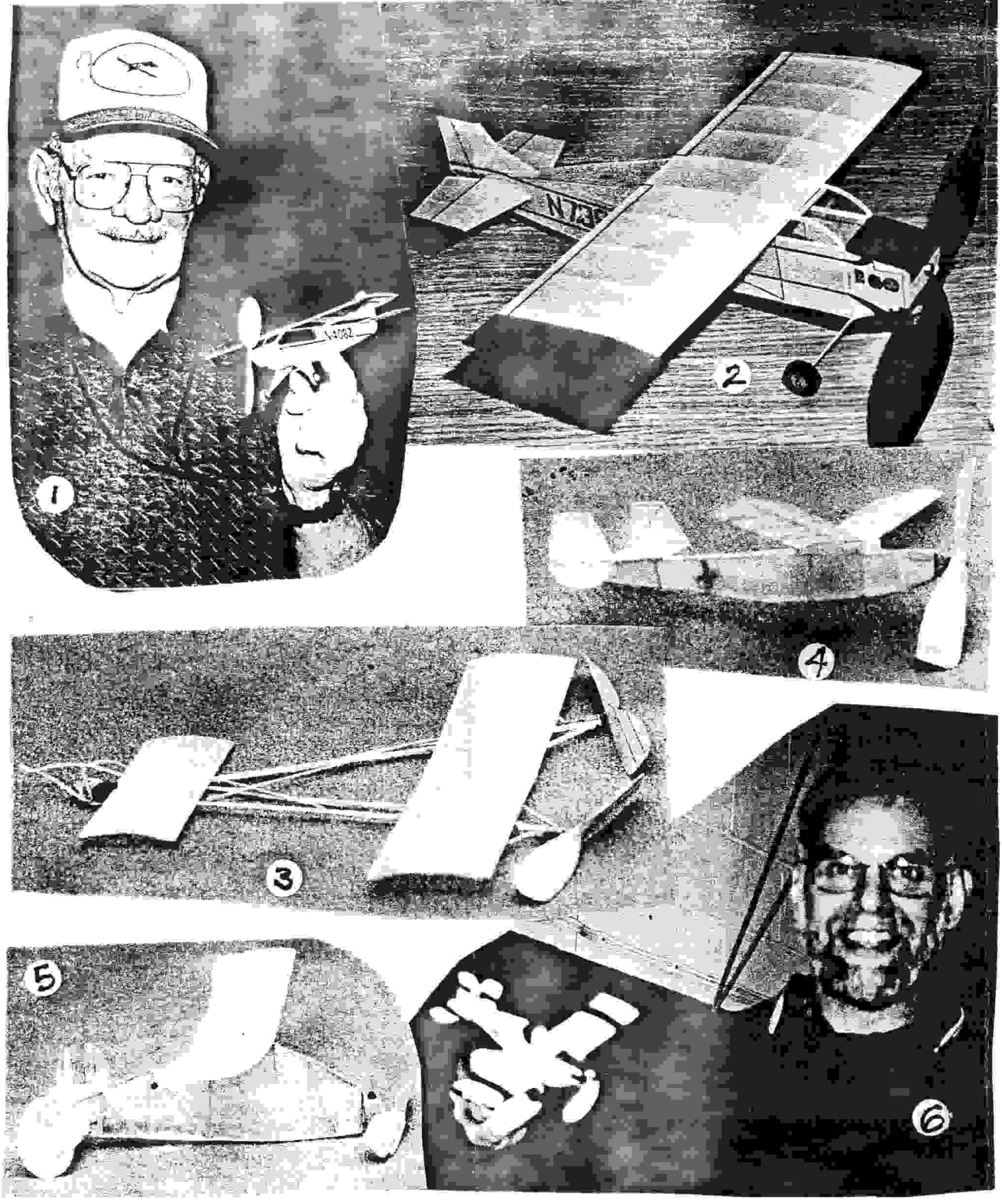
MIAMA PEANUT M/L
From meet 1 – USCG
1.Newt Bollinger
2.Randy Osborne
3.John Nunez,Jr.
4Sid Gilbert
5.R.MacEntee
6.C.Nelson
7.Eric Osborne
8 Doc Martin

MIAMA COCONUT M/L
1.R.Choate
2.Doc Martin
3.D.Linstrum
4.J Polento

MIAMA PEANUT M/L
Meet 2 MacDill
1.Randy Osborne
2.Sid Gilbert
3.Buster Osborne
4.John Polento

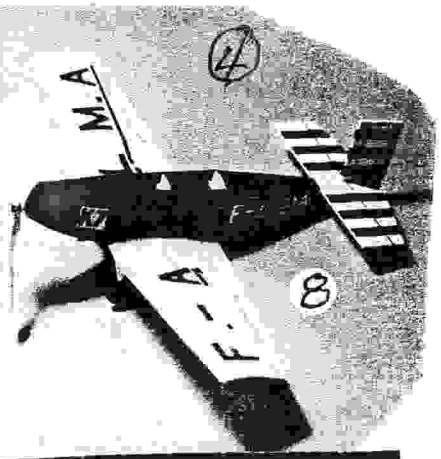
BIPLANE FAC M/L
1.John Polento
2.D.Linstrum

FAC No-Cal M/L
1.Bob Shaw
2.Sid Gilbert
3.John Wormley
4.Dave Linstrum


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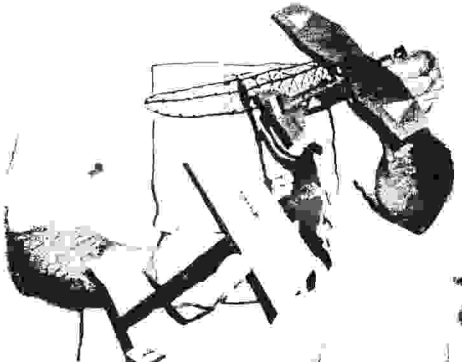
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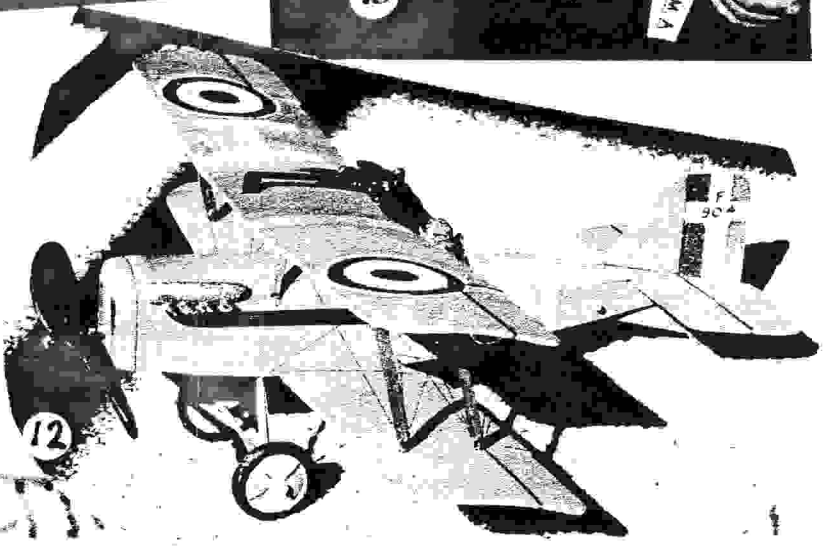


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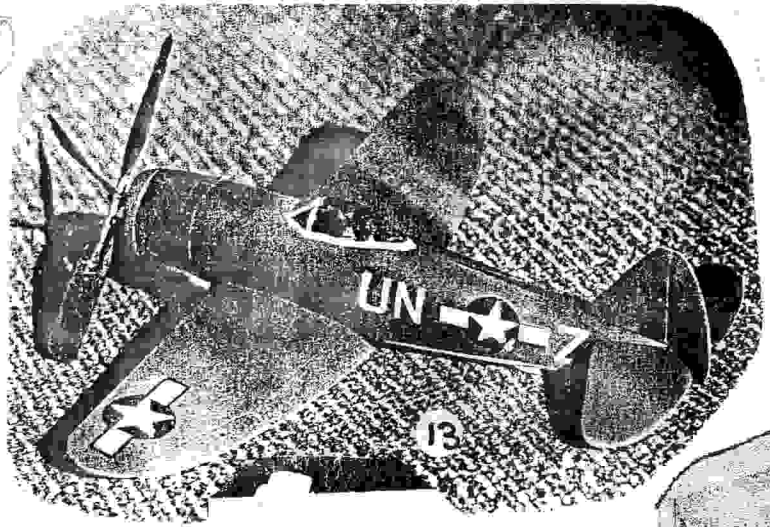


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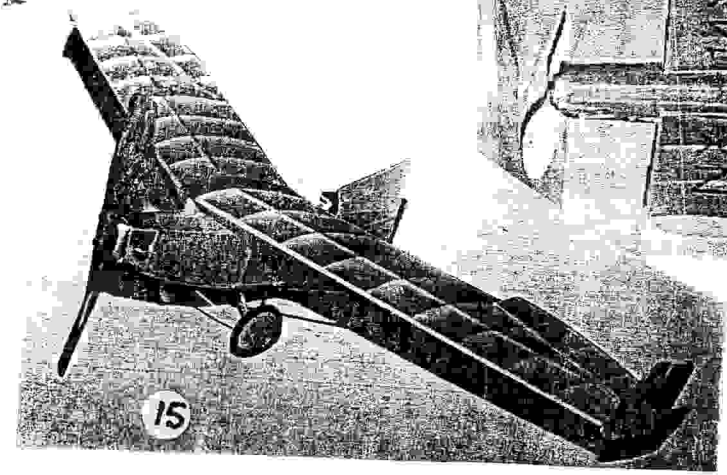


PHOTO CAPTIONS: (1) Bob Hayford's Fike (2)A.Danjo of Tokyo's first pistachio-a Lacey (3)(4) (5)Three of Dr. Harvey Pastel's Model of a Model entries: his Snuffy,his untrimmed mini-twin fromAronstein plans, and his Polliwog. (6) Nick Peppiatt's 6th place Contester (7) Another excellent Contester by Alain Parmentier of France (8) Conkling's Farman 352 in Rundfleug markings (9) Flying Models columnist Larry Kruse with Moustique. (10)Mike Conkling & Farman 352

(11)Dave (VTO) Linstrum with Pussycat & Quetzalcoatl
(12)From France-Excellent Foam SE-5a by M.Leveque
(13)Another French entry..a good looking foam Thunderbolt by Jacques Cartigny (14) THE WINNAH-Mike Palrang and his Hosler Fury that flew for3:15 (15)France's J. Cartegny's 6th place Lippisch Storch.

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16th MIAMA POSTAL PISTACHIO INTER GNATS 2000

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MIAMA PISTACHIO SCALE

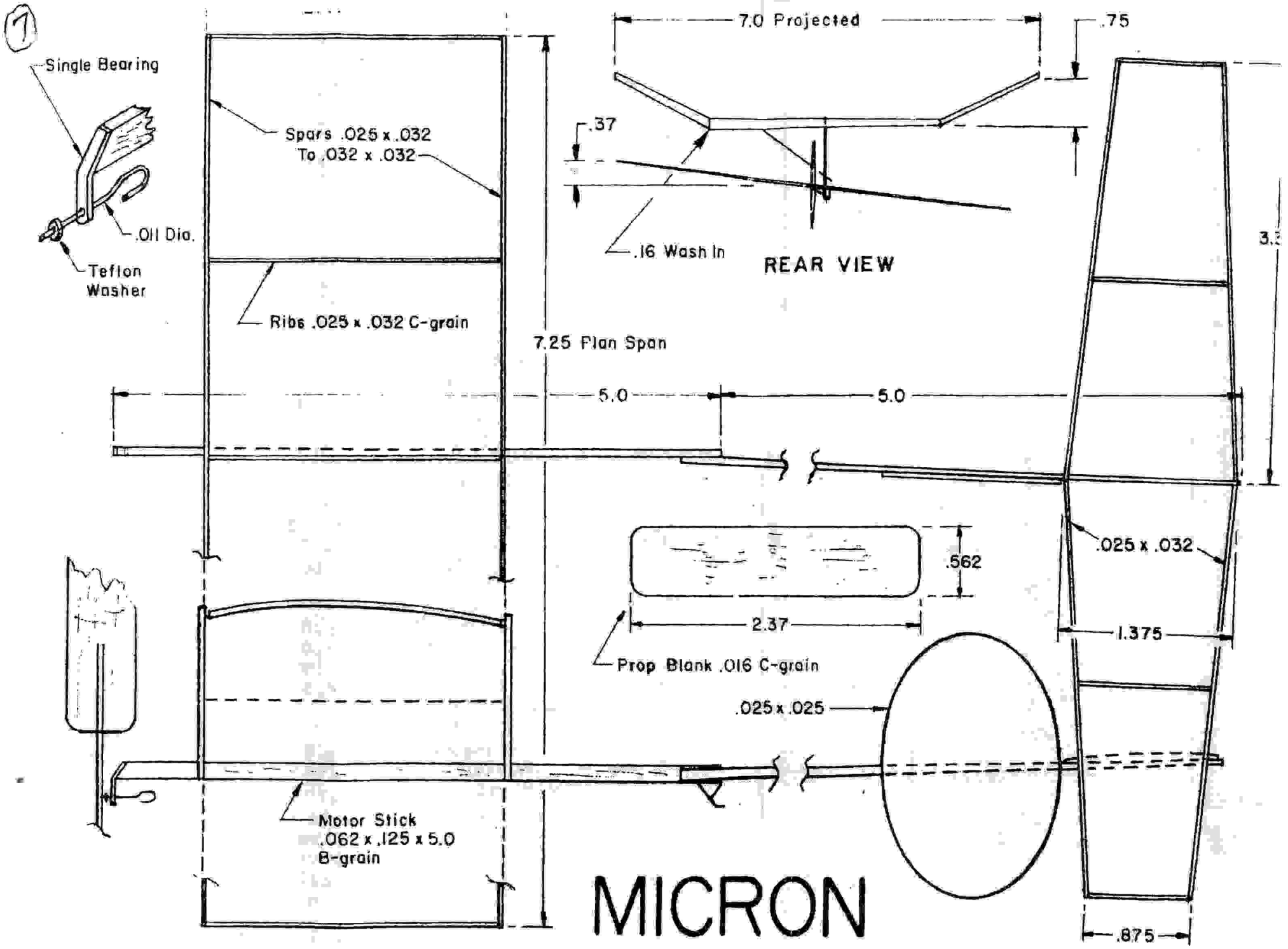
		Wt, in Grams	Time	
1.	Michael Palrang	Hosler Fury	2.3	3:16 Mountain View CA
2.	Rich MacEntee	Klemm	1;6	1:26 Palmetto,FL
3.	Doc Martin	Goldwing	1.6	1:25 Miami,FL
3.	Rich MacEntee	Lacey	1.7	1:25
5.	John Wormley	Christmas Bullet		1:17 Sarasota,FL
6.	Nick Peppiatt	Contester	2.3	1:15 England
6.	Jacqes Cartigny	Lippisch	3.7	1:15 Paris,France
8.	Larry Kruse	Farman Moustique	1.2	1:05 Stillwater,OK
9.	Don Brimmer	Citabria		58.4 St. Pete FL
10	Tom Kopriva	Kalinin Ambulance		:58 Eugene,OR
11.	John Wormley	Falke		:58
12.	Robert Hanford	Fike	3.4	:57 Tulsa,OK
13.	Dave Linstrum	Quetzalcoatl	2.1	:53 Orlando,FL
14.	Akihiro Danjo	Lacey	3.6	:50 Tokyo,Japan
15.	Sidney Gilbert	Dornier Komet		:47 Sarasota,FL
16.	Ric Choate	Citabria		:45 ST. Pete,FL
17.	Mike Conkling	Farman 352	2.5	:43,6 Pretty Prarie,KS
19,	Michel Leveque	SE-5a Foamie	5.2	:36 Cugnaux, France
18.	Alain Parmentier	Contester	2.7	:43 Montreuil,France
20.	Jacques Cartigny	Foam Thunderbolt		:34 Paris 3.5 g,

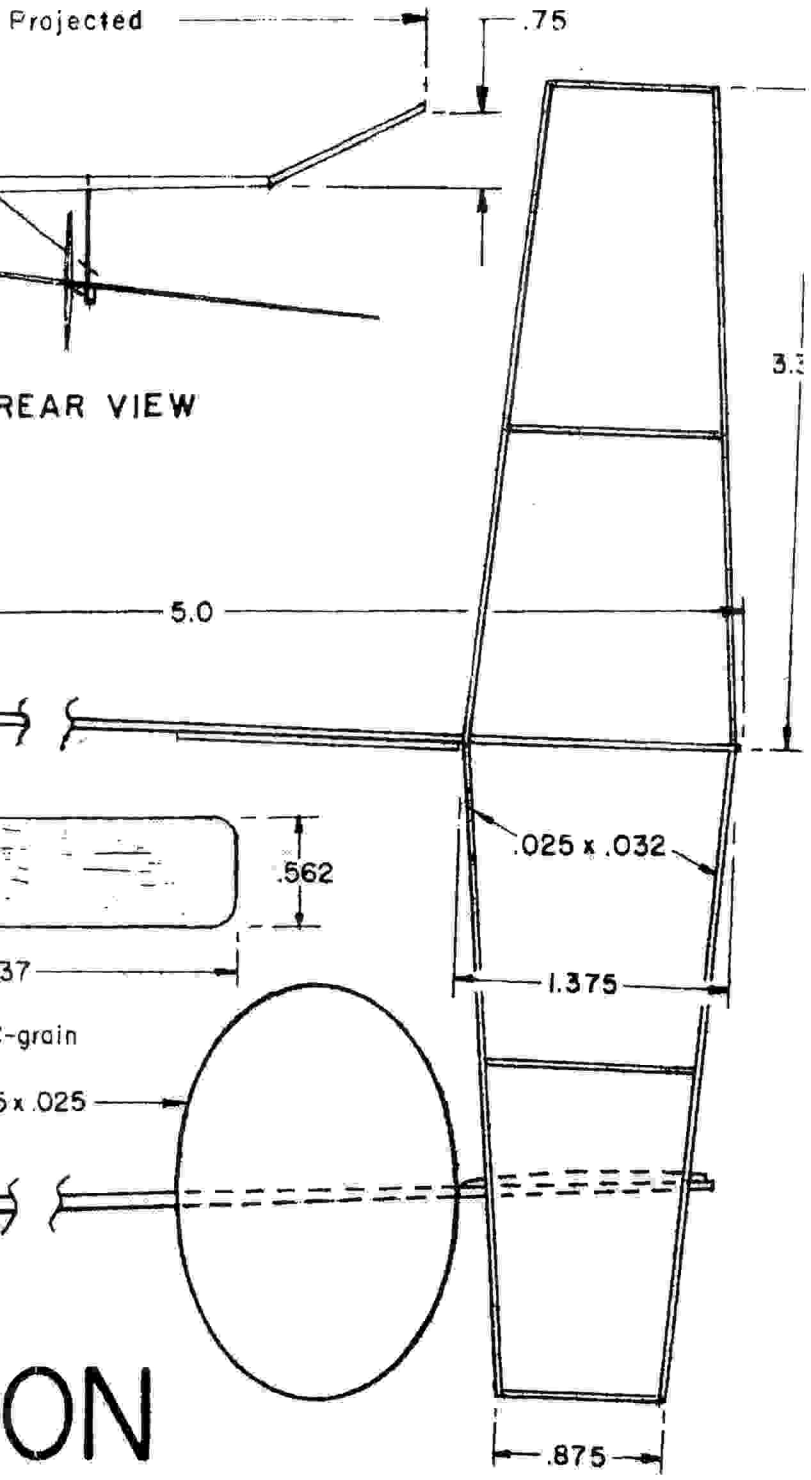
MIAMA MODEL OF A MODEL

1	Dave Aronstein	Super Stuff	1.0	2:55 Rose Hill,KS
2.	Rich MacEntee	Pussycat	2.0	2:36 Palmetto,FL
3.	Dick Obarski	Snuffy	2.0	2:32 Sun City FL
4.	Dave Linstrum	Pussycat	2.5	1:21 Orlando,FL
5.	Vince Sadwick	1952 Wake		1:08 Bergen,NY
6.	Don Brimmer	Pussycat		:56 St.Pete,FL
7.	Dr.Harvey	Pollywog	1.5	:53 Manchester,CT
8.	Doc Pastel	Snuffy	1.2	:45
9.	Doc Pastel	Hayseed	1.6	:45

Mike Palrang offers these details of his winning entry: "My Hosler Fury weighs 2.3 and was built from a conglomerationof your published version of Butch Hadlands plans & Dave Aronsteins even smaller plans. The motor I used was a 16# loop of .039 x .041 Tan II from 2/99. It weighed 0.83 gm and I put 2750 turns in it. It got 50 Ft. high and landed with 50 turns for 3:16"

UNTIL JULY 31, 2001 - GET FLYING!


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Single Bearing
.011 Dia.
Teflon Washer
Spars .025 x .032
To .032 x .032
Ribs .025 x .032 C-grain
7.25 Plan Span
7.0 Projected
.75
.37
.16 Wash In
REAR VIEW
5.0
5.0
.562
2.37
Prop Blank .016 C-grain
.025 x .032
1.375
.025 x .025
Motor Stick
.062 x .125 x 5.0
B-grain
.875
MICRON
Mini Stick By Tom Vallee



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PIECES" FEATURES MODIFIED BANK'S WING, JOHN LENDERMAN'S PROP, BOB MEUSER'S NO-NON-CENTS MOTOR STICK, BOB ERERLE TAIL BOOM. (COVERING POLY MICRO) BANK'S AIR FOIL

LIMITED PENNY PLANE

OPEN

AT IV (18:14) FLIGHT PROP 12"x22" PITCH RUBBER 2½ GRAM L.T.

NO TOUCH .074 X 20" loop (3/93 BATCH)

MODEL WT. 3.13 GRAMS

WING POSTS 3"+3" LONG 1/16" SQ. 3" FRONT + REAR

.020 WIRE

GUSSET

19 1/8"

WING RIB BANKS AIRFOIL FROM R.P. DESIGN

STAB RIB BANK AIRFOIL FROM L.P. DESIGN .035 x .050 (6.21 LB)

(.037 x .060 6 LB.)

TAIL BOOM 3/16" TAPER TO 1/16" x .085 5.0 LB

4" UP IN BOOM

BLADES 5.9 LB C.GRAIN .026 THICK (JOHN LENDERMANS PROP BLADE SHAPE) .012

FULL-SIZE PROP BLADE PATTERN 12"x22" TO 12"x23"

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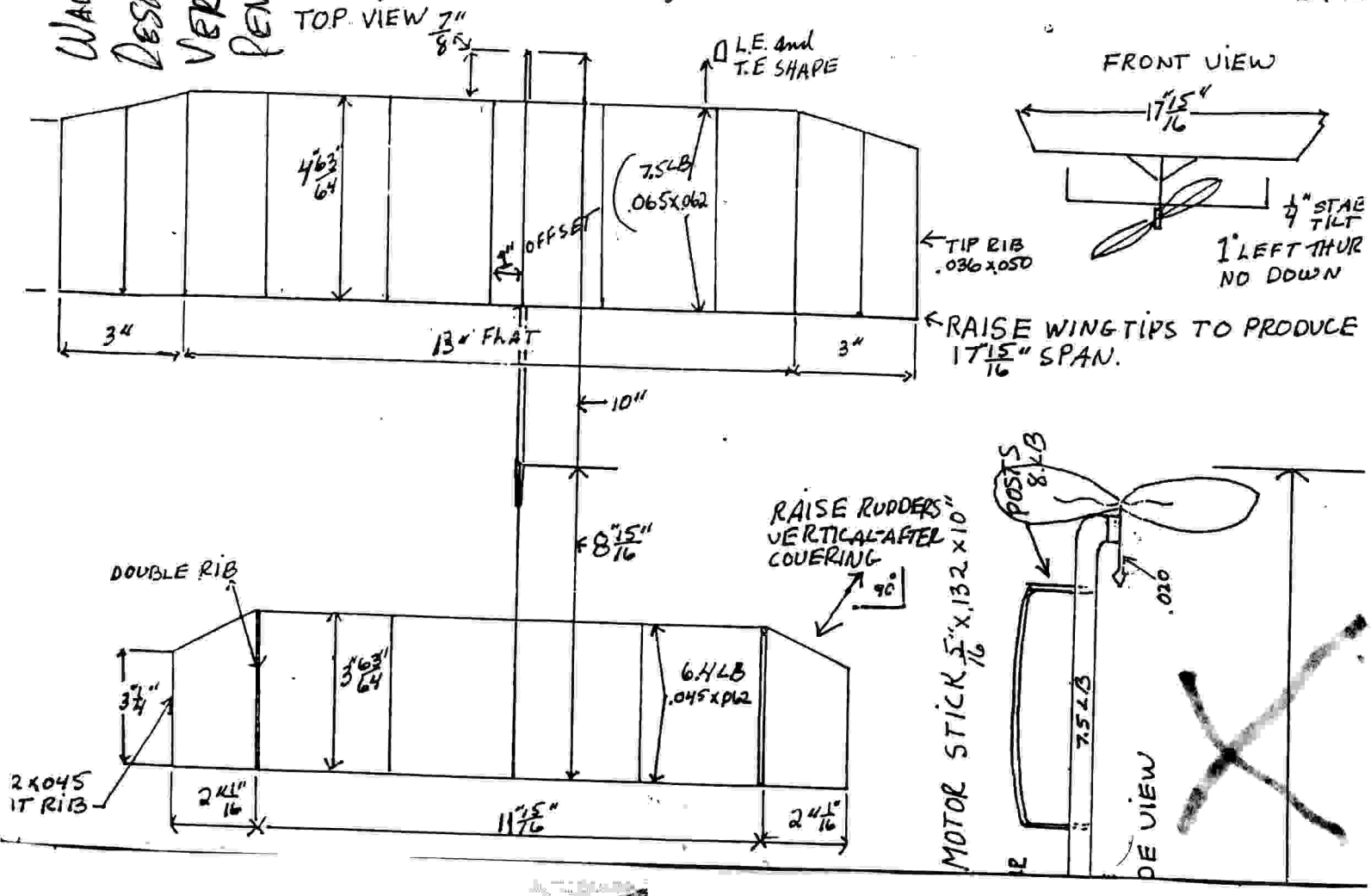
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"PIECES"
LIMITED PENNY PLANE
DESIGNED AND DRAWN BY WALTER P. VAN GORDER
CAT IV 1834 7-6-9
CAT III 13:27.33 1-
CAT
CAT

WALT VAN GORDER DESIGNED THIS VERY COMPETATIVE PENNY PLANE FROM DESIGNS OF MANY OTHER PLANES. WORTH BUILDING!

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To all the MIAMA Hangar Pilots:
a very Merry Christmas
and a happy new year.

✔ **Indoor Postal Contests**

MAAC: Sep 2000 to Apr 2001; Dime Scale; No-Cal (over 5 grams); Limited Pennyplane; A-6 Tailless.
Results to: Bill Henderson,
15 Joicey Blvd.,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5M 2S8
Tel: 1-416-481-6972

Some new postals from SAM 86 Speaks

Brainbusters Postal events: Mini- Stick; A-6; Easy B.
Jan 1st to 31st Mar, 2001.
Results to: Brainbusters,
112 Tillerson Drive,
Newport News, VA 23602

Multiple entries (repeat attempts to improve your time) are welcomed. Be sure to include the ceiling height of your flying site. The customary rules for these models applies. Write or phone the editor if you need additional information or clarification.

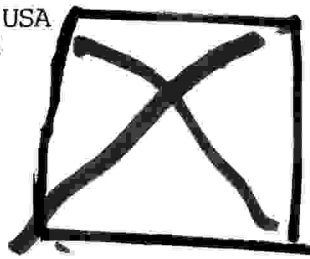
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LAST ISSUE

TIME TO RE-UP ALL YOU HANGAR PILOTS!
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Canada.....$14.00 (New Postal
Overseas.....$15.50 Rates)



AVIATION VIDEOS

A number of members have responded to the editorial on aviation video cassettes in Skyways #5, and their letters have provided a number of helpful insights into what is available in this field and given a clearer picture of what many of us would like to see brought out on tape.

Jack Fletcher listed the video cassettes he would like to see as: "Hell's Angels", Coupe Deutsche de la Muerthe Races, Schneider Trophy Races, Pulitzer Trophy Races and the National Air Races at Cleveland up to 1940.

Peter G. Rimmer wrote, "I would like 'Hell's Angeles', 'Men With Wings' and one with Miriam Hopkins and Paul Muni (I forget the title), it's about WW I flying."

The latter film, Peter, was "The Woman I Love" and it was released by RKO in 1937. And since almost all of the RKO library still exists, the negative should still be around.

Ted Southworth responded, "Re your editorial about the old movies 'Test Pilot', 'Ceiling Zero', 'Hell Divers' on cassettes. I heartily concur, and add 'Hell's Angels' to the list. I've been trying to find it with no success."

Jack P. Swaney added, "Your video list was almost identical to mine! But how about 'Hell's Angels', or has it been lost forever?"

The film is still around, Jack, see below, but I understand that those who own the copyright are not releasing rights for the film to be put on video cassette. From the number of members who have mentioned "Hell's Angels", it is certainly wanted.

Keith Gebers, 9138 Plaza Park Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 wrote: "Cable TV is now providing some of the truly great air pictures. I have seen such films as 'Hell's Angels', 'Ceiling Zero' and 'Air Mail'. A channel — at least in our area — called American Movie Classics shows two-to-three air films per month.

"There are several other pictures I have not been able to locate. Among them is 'Devil's Squadron', released in 1936 and starring Richard Dix. The film is said to feature some mid-1930s fighter aircraft and some good crash scenes. I believe this is a picture that was partially filmed in Oregon's Rogue River Valley. As a small boy I remember an aerial film crew working at the small local airport, which was located across the road from our family farm. This is one of the reasons I would like to see the film again.

Similarly, Fred Freeman, 45-80 157th St., Flushing, NY 11355 wrote, "I highly recommend our members who have Cable subscribe to The American Movie Classic channel, which runs mostly films of the thirties and forties. The cost is only one or two dollars a month, the best value on cable. Films are commercial free, and complete. Quality is usually excellent. Some of the aviation films are: 'Hell's Angels' 1930, 'Air Mail' 1932 (directed by John Ford), 'The Lost Squadron' 1932, 'Christopher Strong' 1933 (Kate Hepburn as an Aviatrix), 'Flying Devils' 1933, 'Ceiling Zero' 1936, 'Five Came Back' 1939, 'Wings and The Woman' 1942 (life of woman flier Amy Johnson), 'Flight For Freedom' 1943 (Rosalind Russell as aviatrix), 'The Immortal Sargeant' 1943 (has a couple of interesting air scenes).

"Also shown are old newsreels, and silent shorts, some of which feature aviation sequences."

As a point of interest, there is no listing in the greater Los Angeles area for The American Movie Classic channel, but there is word of it in other areas.

Robert Wolff, 6424 Patience Ct., Alexandria, VA 22310 wrote: "I have copies of all you mentioned, commercials and all, most copied from the late TV show. I have cable TV with over 100 channels available. Thru EAA and other aviation groups that I belong to, we trade VCR tapes or copies."

With another insight, John Breitenbach wrote: "In an early Fred Astaire movie, 'Flying Down to Rio', there are several five and ten second shots, mostly of fake airplanes. But in a very short sequence there is a shot of a Buhl Pup. It's only value is that it is probably the only known movie of this plane."

The film also has some good shots of a Monocoupe and a Sikorsky S-40. "Flying Down to Rio" is available from The Nostalgia Merchant at $19.95. See your dealer.

In the area of subjects available, Jack P. Swaney has sent the following information:

"Air Cadet collection", Cat. #191 from AFC Videos of Southern California (the editor has been unable to locate an address for them). Three 20 minute segments — A) "Flying Cadets". Flight training at Brooks and Kelly circa 1928. Mostly features Consolidated PT-1s. B) "Wings of Steel". Mistitled, as the rare pre-war *color* piece actually features Stearman PT-13s at an Army Contract School (Cal Aero?) 1940-41. Includes a couple of quick shots of Curtiss P-40B's and early B-17s at March Field. C) "Cadet Classification." All ground stuff, no airplanes, narrated by R. Reagan.

"Primary Flight Instruction — Stearman N2S" from Historic Aviation, 3850 Coronation Road, Eagan, MN 55122, price for both cassettes $89.95. The two tapes are 1:40 and 1:15 long. Great in flight stuff. Stars Robert Taylor, circa 1944, U.S. Navy.

Ed Topor, 4313 S. Marchfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60609 sent in reviews of three offerings distributed by The Video Company of Michigan City, 112 York Street, Suite 2, Michigan City, IN 46360.

"The History of Military & Naval Aviation 1903-43", price $39.95, plus 5% tax for Indiana residents, A grouping of two rare compilation aviation films of archival motion picture footage depicting the development of military and naval aviation. A) "Wings of the Army", 45 minutes. This 1940 film depicts the story of the men and machines that made aviation history from 1909 to 1940. Great footage of the Keystone B-1, the Barling Bomber, Martin MB-2, Martin B-10, Boeing XB-15 and Curtiss P-36 take you back to the

FROM SKYWAYS

aviation technology of the 1920s and '30s. B) "The Navy Flies On", 20 minutes. Produced by the U.S. Navy in 1943, this film is an historical record of the famous flights and developments of naval aviation. Captured on film are such aircraft as the Curtiss AB-2, H-16 and NC-4, NAF PN-9, Loening OL-9, Vought O3U, Martin T3M, Curtiss CS-1, Great Lakes BG-1, Curtiss BF2C and SBC-3, Vought SB2U, Grumman J2F, F2F, F3F and F4F, Douglas TBD and SBD, and Consolidated PBY and PB2Y.

"Lighter Than Air History-The Rigid Airship", price $39.95, plus 5% tax for Indiana residents. Here is a 45 minute long motion picture history of the now forgotten airships called "dirigibles". Some were passenger carriers such as the German "Graf Zeppelin" and "Hindenburg". Most were warships, such as the German Zeppelins that bombed Britain in the 1914-18 war and the post-war American Navy scouting dirigibles. This U.S. War Department film provides great coverage of a now forgotten age, including rare footage of the German World War I military zeppelins in flight, their interiors and the operation of the "Skycar" observation device.

"Naval Aviation: A Personal History", a three part series by the U.S. Navy depicting naval aviation 1911-1930, price $39.95, plus 5% tax for Indiana residents. Vol 1, The Weapon is Conceived 1911-1914, 25 minutes. The beginnings of naval aviation are depicted by still photos and rare archival motion pictures of the earliest pioneers. Old-timer Karl Hunsaker's interview backgrounds and details the early days of wire and linen boxkite-type aircraft. The print shows wear. Vol 2, The Weapon is Tested 1914-1918, 25 minutes. Basically this is a 1962 filmed oral history, spoken by surviving naval aviators and supplemented by rare archival naval aviation footage of the action they describe. This is a really excellent piece of WW I aviation history. Vol 3, The Weapon is Developed 1919-1930, 25 minutes. Rare naval aviation film footage illustrates this series of oral interviews with pioneer aviators such as Pat Bellinger. Some of the rare film covers: the 1919 Atlantic Crossing by the NC-4, air operations off aircraft carriers, and much footage of 1920s aircraft in action. A treat indeed!

Since my editorial in #5, I have also looked around and found the following three items to review.

"The Shadow of the Eagle", 12 chapter Mascot serial, 1932, starring John Wayne.

This is one of two "aviation" serials which can be purchased from several sources. I obtained the serial to check it out and discovered that it should in no way be considered an aviation serial. A Travel Air 2000, NC3670, appears in a couple of scenes in Chapter 1. Thereafter, there are virtually no aircraft to be seen, especially if one discounts the model skywriting by which The Eagle, the villain, writes warnings in the sky "with smoke and flame".

Overall, the serial is an interesting period piece, a bit slow moving for its genre, and is most distinguished for its star. Those interested in seeing the inimitable John Wayne fulfill the lead, as only he could, will find this film worth a look.

"The Shadow of the Eagle" has been offered at prices up to $70.00. It can be obtained in four cassettes, each having three chapters, for $23.96 (for all four), plus 6.5% tax for California residents, from Viking Entertainment Corp., 4520 Valerio St., Burbank, CA 91505. Quality is good.

"Ace Drummond", 13 chapter Universal serial, 1936, starring John King, Noah Beery, Jr. and Jean Rogers.

This is the other "aviation" serial often offered, and it is a good bet. "Ace Drummond" offers a solid flow of action and is, at times, also good for some real laughs. In almost every chapter it provides shots of a marvelous mixture of aircraft, with a Curtiss Fledgling, Fleet biplane and Stearman C3R prominently featured. The serial is based on the comic strip which was "created by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker", and it has the distinction of having its star, John King as Ace Drummond, introduced in Chapter 1, while he is flying as a passenger across Mongolia in a Martin 130 China Clipper, by singing a number, "Give Me a Ship and a Song". Ace also sings it in Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6 . . . Still, this is undoubtedly the best serial for aviation buffs around.

"Ace Drummond" has also been offered for up to $70.00, but can be obtained in two cassettes for ($39.95 (for both), plus $2.05 handling and 6.5% tax for California residents, from Sinister Cinema, P.O. Box 777, Pacifica, CA 94044.

"A Visit to the Stearman Factory", a 1:05 silent documentary with footage from the late 1920s to early 1940s.

This "visit" includes some nice scenes of the Boeing plant in Seattle, with 247 transports under construction, and flight shots of an early B-17. It then concentrates on Stearman in Wichita. Very brief shots show a Varney Air Lines M-2, National Air Transport C2A, Western C3B, National Parks C3MB and an Interstate Stearman LT-1.

The middle portion of the film takes the viewer on a tour of the Stearman factory, and much of this footage is of no real interest. Completion of aircraft, domestic and export models, and flight shots fill out the first hour in good shape. Finally, the last about five minutes is color footage of Stearman trainers, plus the Stearman 1940 XA-21 flying and landing and the 1945 Beech XA-38, a rare bird indeed, landing.

Quality is good, and the cassette can be obtained from Historic Aviation, 3850 Coronation Road, Eagan, MN 55122 for $39.95, plus $3.00 handling.

Late Note: A number of RKO Home Video releases have, at least for a short time, reappeared on the market. One is "Christopher Strong" that Fred Freeman mentioned. This is a three-star film. The featured plane is a white Vega marked G-FERN, and there are also some brief scenes of the Dole Race take offs. Also available is "Flight From Glory", a story of black sheep pilots, their licenses pulled, who can only fly in South America. A Stearman C3R, Fairchild 24 and Paul Mantz's Boeing 100 (stunting) are featured. The film is a precursor of "Only Angels Have Wings".

"Christopher Strong", RKO, 1933, Katherine Hepburn and Colin Clive & "Flight From Glory", RKO, 1937, Chester Morris, Whitney Bourne and Van Heflin (it's part of a Double Feature cassette with "Seven Miles From Alcatraz") can be obtained from Budget Video, 1534 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028 for $17.96 and $31.46 respectively, plus 6.5% tax for California residents.

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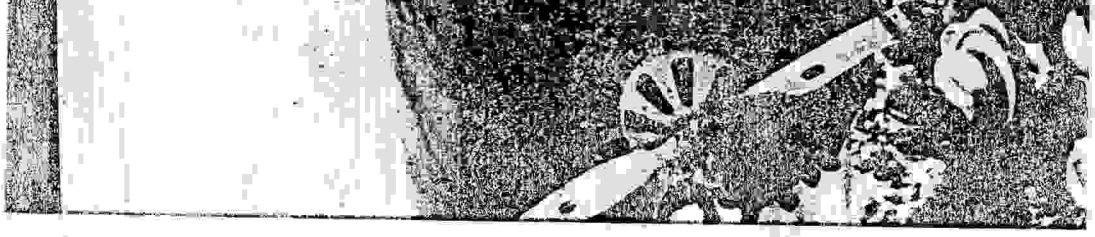


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