



Antique Flyer



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December 2006

Issue 253

AT THE MEETINGS

The SAM 27 meeting of Nov. 15 started shortly after 7:00 pm, with 22 members and 3 guests in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Old business: Gift to **Miriam Schmidt**. **Ed Hamler** was out of town, so we don't have anything to report concerning the purchase of a dishwasher.

Christmas Party. Reminder that the party is on Dec. 2. A few of the likely attendees have yet to respond, but secretary **Jay Beasley** will prod them through phone calls and emails. (As of 11/17, we have around 46 people signed up).



New business: **Ned Nevels** has designed a new T-shirt with the SAM 27 logo printed on it. We discussed the option of having a large logo on the back or a small one on the front. Most of the members in attendance indicated they would like to have at least one shirt, so Ned will follow up with an order. The logo is the same one that Ned designed for our pins.

Reports: Sec/treas **Jay Beasley** reported we have added a couple of new members since last meeting, and our financial status is just fine. He will present a detailed financial report at the next meeting. **Mike Sidwell** reported that **Hap Miller** has acquired a large mower capable of taking care of our flying site. Hap is making some repairs, and it will be ready for use in the Spring.

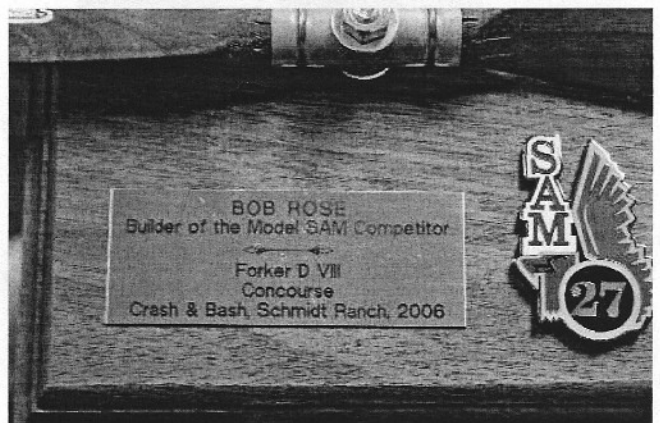
Mike Clancy gave a report on the 2006 SAM 26 John Pond Commemorative O/T Meet at Taft. Mike said it was a lot of fun, with the best air and thermals you could ask for. Site conditions are definitely not as pristine as Schmidt Ranch, but the overall experience is great. Apparently there is a bit of dust in the area, so a good cleaning of your models is prudent after flying. **Ed Hamler**, **Don Bekins**, **Mike Clancy** and **Ned Nevels** participated. **Ed Hamler** was the John Pond Perpetual Trophy winner, participating in 10 events, including 3 wins. **Don Bekins** won an event, as did **Mike Clancy**. Notable mishaps: **Ed Hamler's** 1/2A Airborn was LOS; Ed's Hayseed rudder was reversed, which resulted in a smack; **Mike Clancy** was flying **Don Bekins'** Benny Boxcar when it broke up in flight; and **Ned Nevels'** Bomber also came apart in flight. Details of the meet can be seen on the SAM web site at this link:

<http://www.antiquemodeler.org/contest-results/2006johnpond-results.htm>



Action at SAM 26 Taft Meet as **Don Bekins** launches for **Mike Clancy** on the stick. Note dust and terrain.

Awards were given to four members for building and entering models in competition for the first time in SAM 27. These went to **Terry Ketten**, **Dave Krinard**, **Bob May**, and **Bob Rose**. **Bob Rose** expressed some concern over the spelling of Fokker on his and **Bob May's** awards. (below)

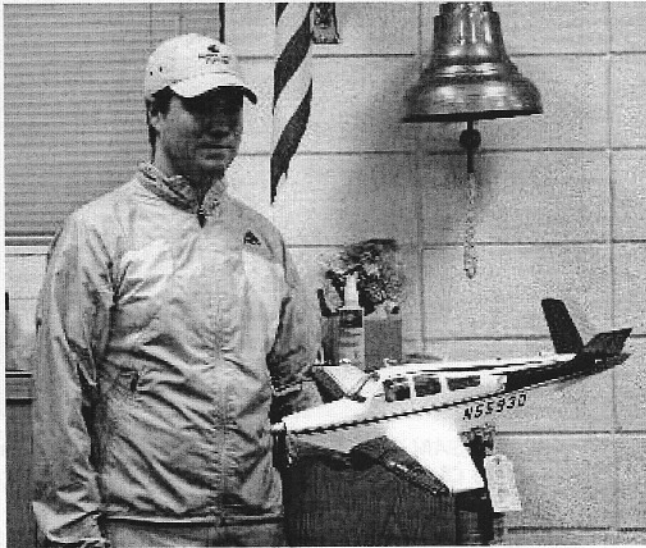


BOB ROSE
Builder of the Model SAM Competitor
Forker D VIII
Concourse
Crash & Bash, Schmidt Ranch, 2006

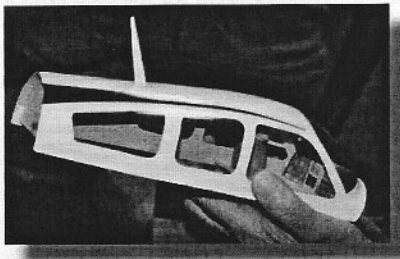
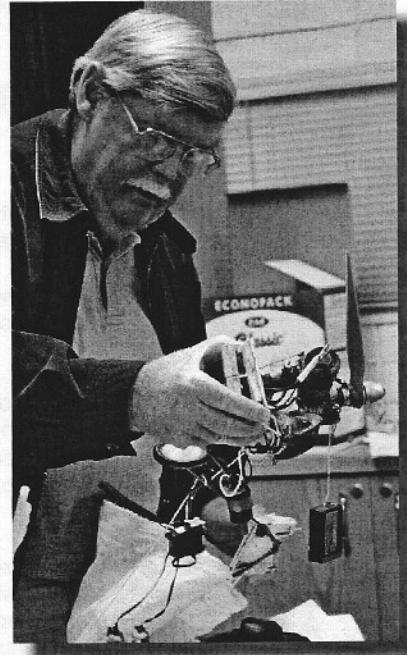
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Show and tell: Sky Greenawalt brought another of his beautiful light weight designs. Sky does the CAD designing of his models and also laser cuts the parts. This time he has a gorgeous Bonanza. Visit Sky's web site at www.acme-aircraft.com Note the immaculate poptop cabin as shown below.



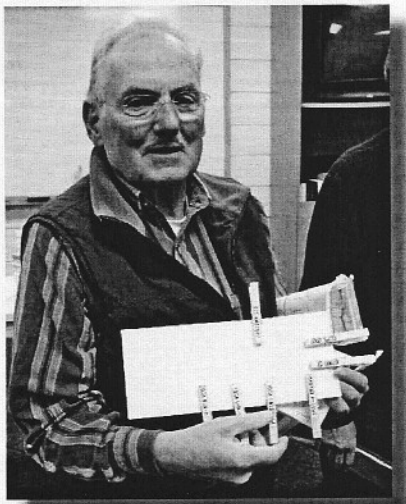
Mike Clancy showed some wreckage from Taft as he strung out the innards in the photo below.



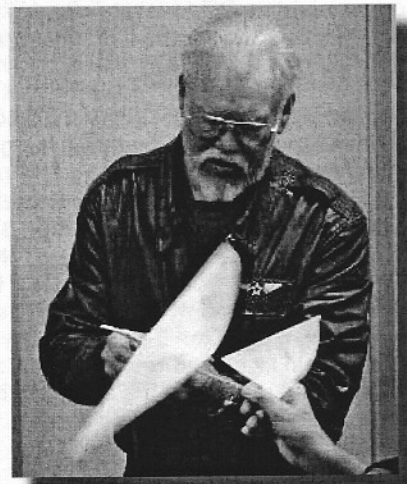
John Pratt showed a nice rubber model that he donated to the raffle.



Bob Rose made personalized frequency pins for frequent flyers at Lakeville.

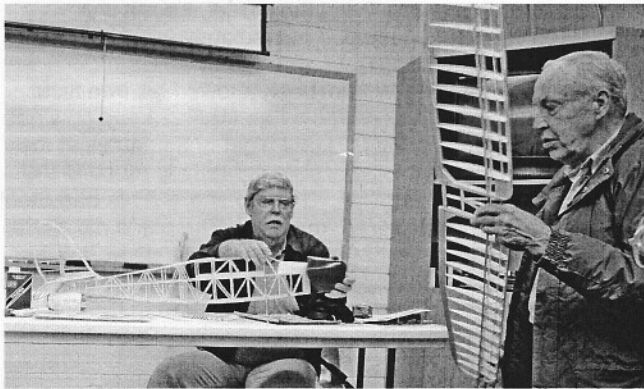
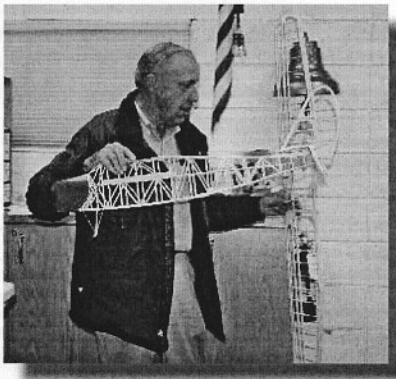


Ed Solenberger showed an ornithopter and made a short flight in the meeting room. See flapping below.



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Nick Kelez showed another of his immaculate builds. This time it's a 51 inch span de Havilland Puss Moth. This will be electric powered and of course features a beautiful custom built cowl.



A raffle followed show and tell, with some products from **Richard Beck's** shop, and some nice donations from members. The mandatory bull session followed the raffle and then we adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20th. If you are a regular attendee at our meetings, please let me know if this date causes any schedule problems for you. Happy Thanksgiving. **Jay Beasley** sec/treas.

October SAM 27 Meeting Minutes

Here are the minutes of the SAM 27 meeting held on October 18, 2006. The SAM 27 business meeting was opened shortly after 7:00 p.m. by **Mike Clancy**. **Old business:** Crash and Bash **Ed Hamler** gave a report on Crash & Bash. This year we had very good participation with about 35 contestants. Wind was a factor, but everybody had a great time. If you haven't attended C & B, you should try to make it next year. We usually lose some money sponsoring C & B, but this year we actually made some thanks to the food service sales. We discussed giving **Miriam Schmidt** a gift for allowing us to use Schmidt Ranch. Ed says the Schmidts are doing a kitchen remodel, and sug-

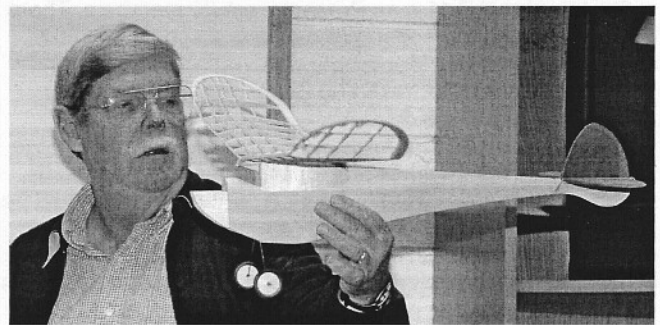
gested we could buy them a new dishwasher. He will be in touch with Miriam concerning this. Ed said we should think about some changes in the contest to encourage more participation. One idea would be to allow a contestant to fly more than one model in a contest. **New business:**

Andrew Tickle mentioned that we have four members who should receive a builder/flyer award this year for first time participation in a contest. Andrew will take this for action. (Note: See photo on Page 1). **Ed Hamler** reported that SAM Champs will be held next year Oct. 7-12 at Henderson, NV. Crash & Bash will be Sept. 28-30 at Schmidt Ranch.

Jay Beasley reported that we have almost \$3400 in the coffers and we have 101 paid members! Next February 10, the **Hobby Town** store in Petaluma is sponsoring a hobby connection day, and would like various clubs to participate. SAM 27 will have representatives there. The business meeting closed at 8:32 p.m., followed by a bull session. **Mike Clancy** gave a presentation on the Visalia soaring contest, which Mike says is probably the largest

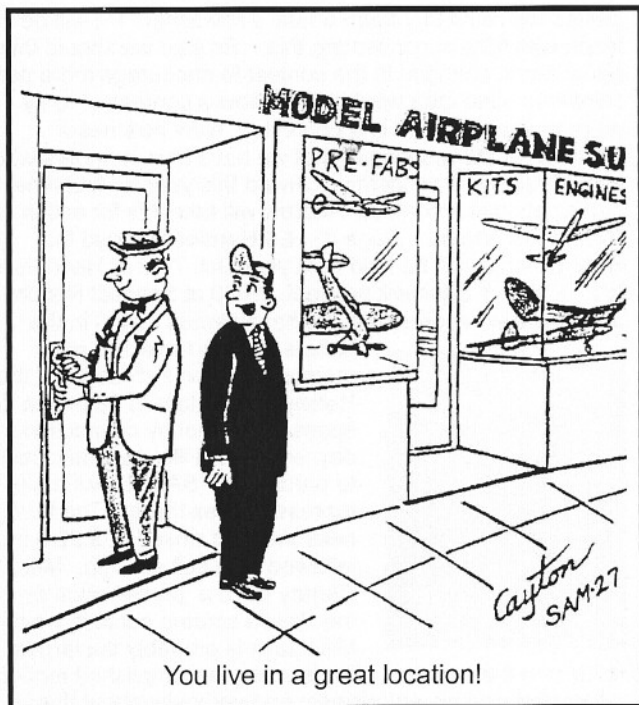


contest in the country. Mike is a very accomplished model glider pilot and his enthusiasm and verbosity about this contest evoked Messieurs Tickle et Solenberger. (Note: after reading this, Mike replied "Verbosity. That's a great word--I'll keep it. Actually my talk was on my impressions of and enjoyment of both Visalia and Crash and Bash. Wait 'til the next meeting when I verbose on the Taft contest.") **Jay Beasley** sec/treas.



OK, who hasn't gone, "zoom zoom" with his/her half-built, new model? **Mike Clancy** tries out his new-build.





SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SAM 27

September 20, 2006 minutes submitted by **Mike Clancy**, Acting Secretary. President **Mike Clancy** called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Present were 20 members. There were no guests present. We did have a special member present; **Gabriele Montebelli** was visiting from Italy and looking forward to Crash and Bash.

Mike announced that **Anthony Ferrario** placed 2nd at the Jr. World Free Flight Championships. Mike reminded us that at tomorrow's TOFFF **Larry Kramer's** family would be bringing coffee and cookies for a memorial TOFFF day in Larry's memory. **Larry Jobbins** is in the hospital fighting leukemia. Jay received a report of a positive outlook on his condition from one of his two M.D. stepdaughters.

President Clancy read a report sent by Treasurer **Jay Beasley** who is on vacation again. We have 6 new members in the past 3 months. We have \$3,246.86 in the bank. Expenses will be Crash and Bash and the Christmas Party.

Committee Reports: **Ed Hamler** reported on preparations for Crash and Bash. All is going well. We will try to sell t-shirts and pins. **Gabriele Montibelli** is helping with preparations. We have new posting sheets and time cards. **Miriam** is doing well with her part at **Schmidt Ranch**.

Bill Vanderbeek gave an excellent report on the SAM Champs. There were 15 Earl Stahl Fokker D-8's that flew in Muncie. There were two flown as free flights.

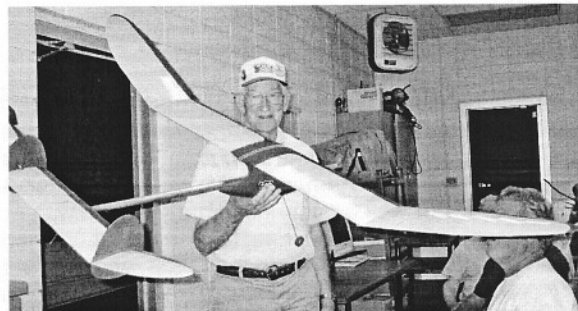
Vanderbeek won free flight and also the D-8 Concours. A flight of over 29 minutes won the RC side. **Eut Tleson** did well with his 18 oz. rc version. **Earl Stahl**, now 80 years old, was thrilled to see his design being built and flown. Incredibly enough, the only D-8 he had ever seen previously was the one he built in 1938!

New Business: There was a discussion regarding the free flighters launching too close to their cars. AMA rules and insurance was discussed. **Mike Clancy** will speak to the free flighters and try to resolve the situation.

Andy Tickle brought up the fact that we no longer have a fire extinguisher at the field. It was decided to obtain a 5 gallon can and fill it with sand and a dispenser. **Rich Minnick** volunteered to bring two cans and the sand.

Mike Clancy reported that on his arrival at TOFFF last week he saw an excellent flight by a small rocket powered free flight being flown by **Kermit Walker**. Recognizing a possible fire hazard and fearing notice by passing spectators Mike asked Kermit to cease flying the model. Kermit was very understanding and complied immediately.

Show and Tell: **Bill Vanderbeek** showed his free flight Fokker D-8 which is powered by an O&R .29 and now has over 30 flights on it. He had one flight of 8 minutes at the SAM Champs. It flew nicely over the re field much to the amazement of the rc pilots. Bill also showed his Earl Stahl Hurricane rubber powered free flight. The plane did all the maxes and 4 minutes of the 5 minute max. **Don Bekins:** Successful SAM Champs. 1st O&R Sideport, 1st A Texaco (25 minutes), 1st C ignition/Folley in a 10 man flyoff. **Mike Clancy** showed his newly finished Sagitta. To be flown in the Crash and Bash and at Visalia in the Woody class. **Ed Solenberger** showed his cute little Sniffer. 2204/54, 250 ma lipo, 4 oz. flying weight. **Dick Irwin** brought his very unique and beautifully built Chuck Hollinger Floater. Electric powered with a Himax 2825/12, 7 cells, 1,300 mah SCR. **John Carlson** displayed a finely engineered landing gear setup for his Fokker D-8. All sorts of suspension and shock absorbing features. **Andy Tickle** brought a 400 amp gel cell engine starter battery he only paid \$37 for. He can charge all of our electric planes at the same time.

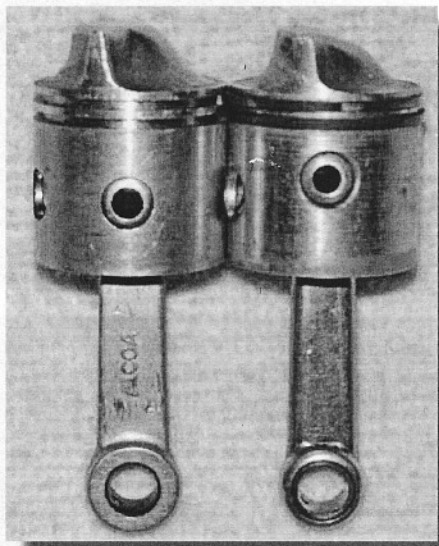


Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:56 to an excellent raffle. Thanks to **Richard Beck** and **Rich Minnick** for all the prizes. Mr. Minnick donated a receiver, a large AXI motor, and other miscellaneous electric parts. See what you miss out on if you don't attend the meetings!



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MYSTERY ENGINES

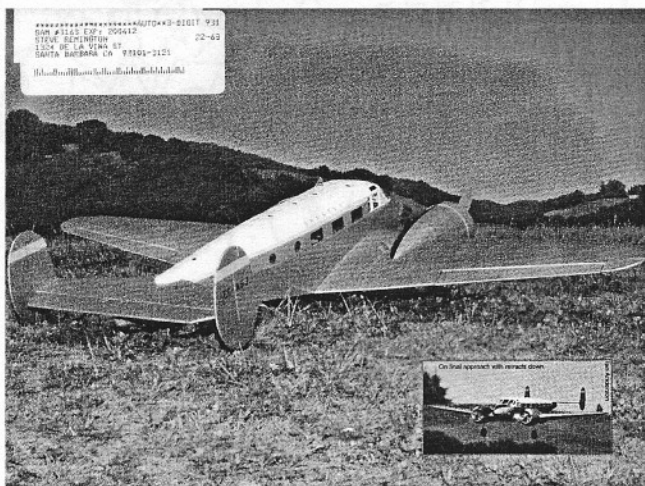


Ed Solenberger gave you an easy one this time. He writes, "Some of our speed guys should know this one. Here are 2 pistons assemblies from famous, well known, rival engine makers. They are both 60s and were tops in their day in race cars and speed planes! these parts would interchange between them and originals and copies of these engines bring top prices. Question: which engines and which is which? A hint: neither one is a Dooling."

IN MEMORIAM

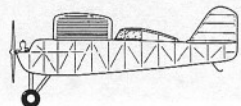


Fred Emmert 1923-2006



How cool can you get? Sky Greenawalt not only gets two pages, with photos, of his Beech D-18 in the Sept-Oct issue of "Sam Speaks," but he also gets the back cover, in color - very deserving for such a fantastic model. The model kit can be purchased from Acme Aircraft Company at www.acme-aircraft.com. Any SAM 27 member building this kit at present - or thinking about it?

Don Bekins wrote, "Fred was full of enthusiasm for building and I did his flying. In fact, I flew the last three models he built or converted from free flight to RC His Fokker D-VIII, converted from FF, was the first of the club Fokkers to fly and I was able to determine the weight and balance position and thrust angles from Fred's model for other club members." Don helped Fred's widow, Phyllis, dispose of some of his model stuff including many engines, many of which were sold at the SAM 26 Taft contest in October. Don also said, "Fred was at the Crash & Bash and had a great time. We were able to fly his D-VIII four times, which he witnessed and was overjoyed. Fred was one of our great modelers and freeflighters. He will be missed."

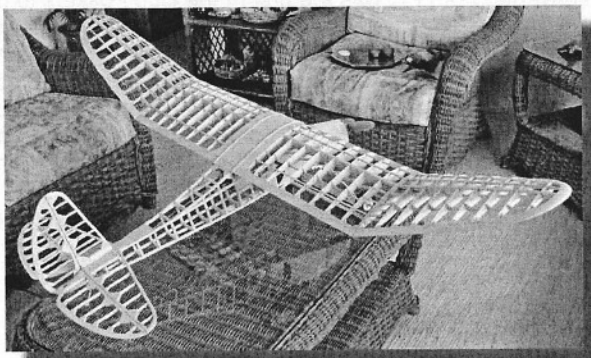
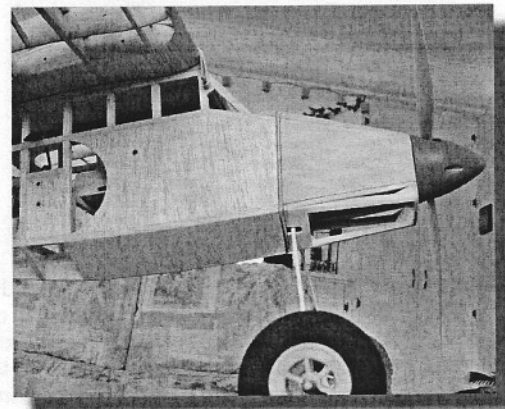
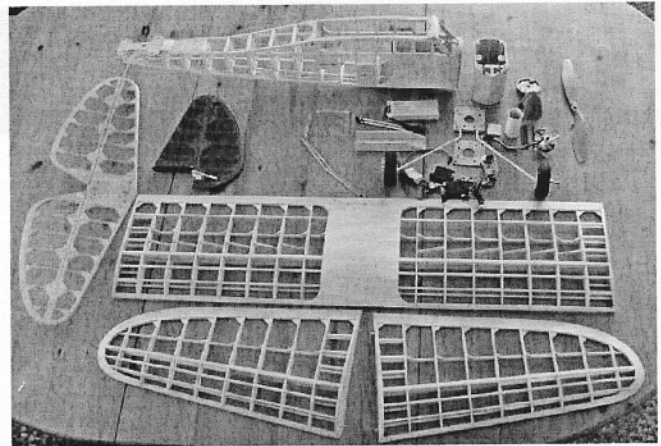




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AIRBORN IN YAP

Don Bekins recently had a visit from his friend Peter Reichert who is an airline pilot on the Micronesian island of Yap. Don writes that, "I recently bought a SAM 27 membership for Peter and he received one newsletter after months delivery time. Yap used to use the U.S. postal system but is now considered a foreign country requiring air-mail. I sent him a complete kit for the Airborn 490, including all wood, hardware, motor, glue, covering, covering iron - everything, as well as a complete radio system - supplies are not available on Yap and the nearest hobby supply store is on Guam. It took Peter over a year to complete the model - he is a spectacular builder. Peter is chief pilot and A&E for Pacific Missionary Airlines which serves all of Micronesia. He had over 21,000 hours in the left seat, including 1,000 hours in performance gliders. He was trained as a tool & die maker in his youth." Some photos of Peter and his model Airborn 490 are shown here.

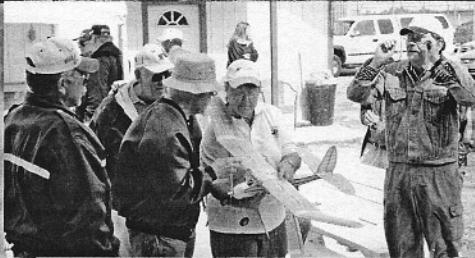
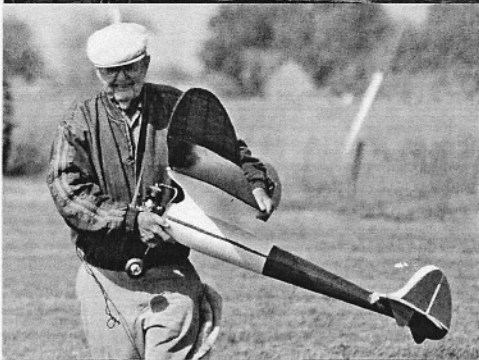
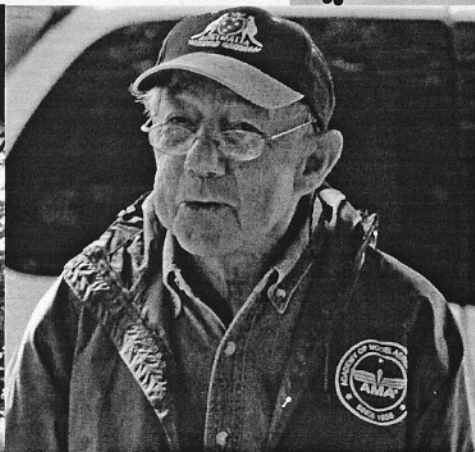
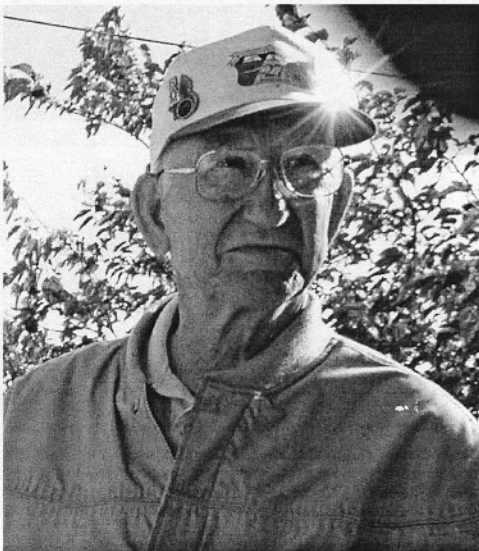




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CRASH & BASH 2006



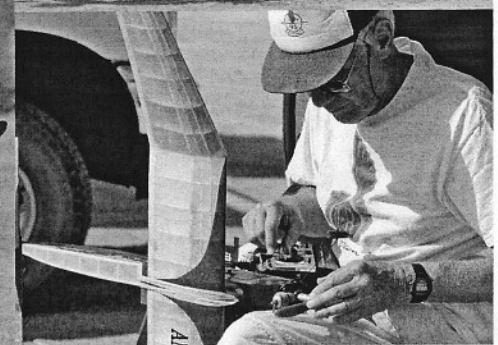
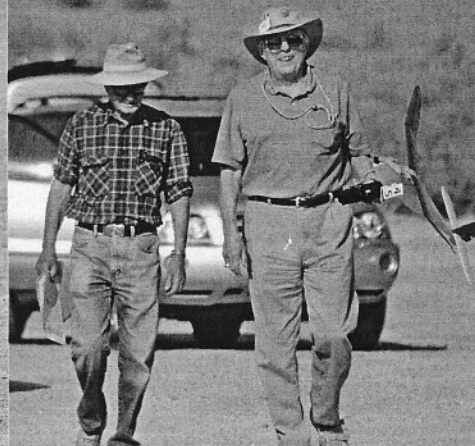
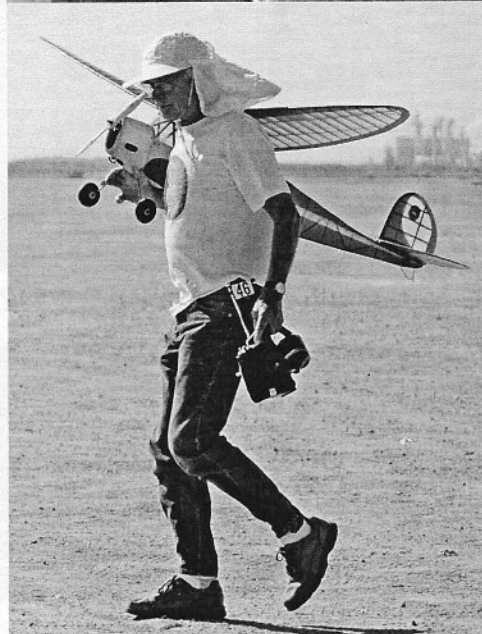
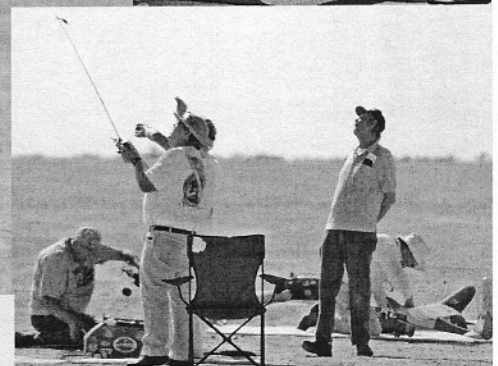
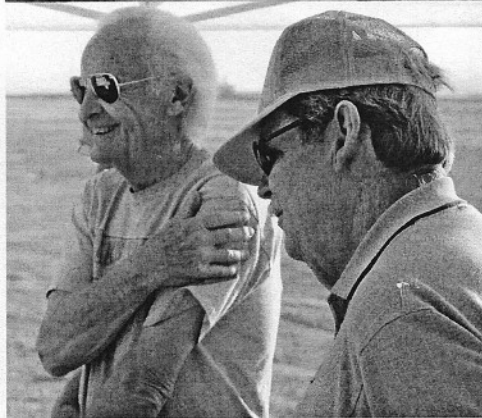
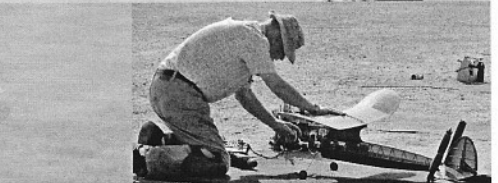
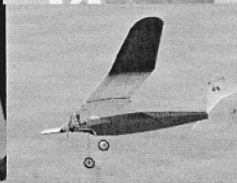
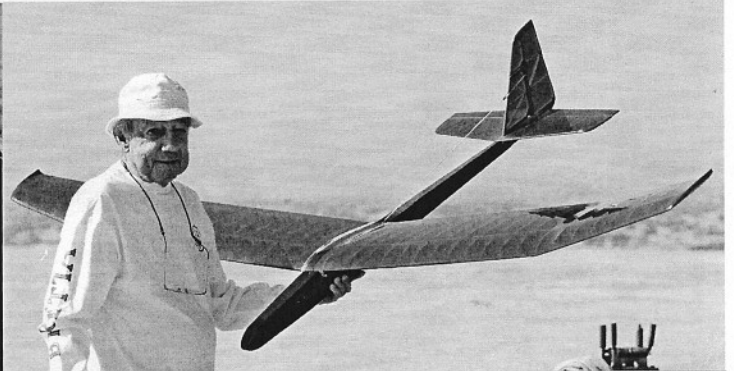
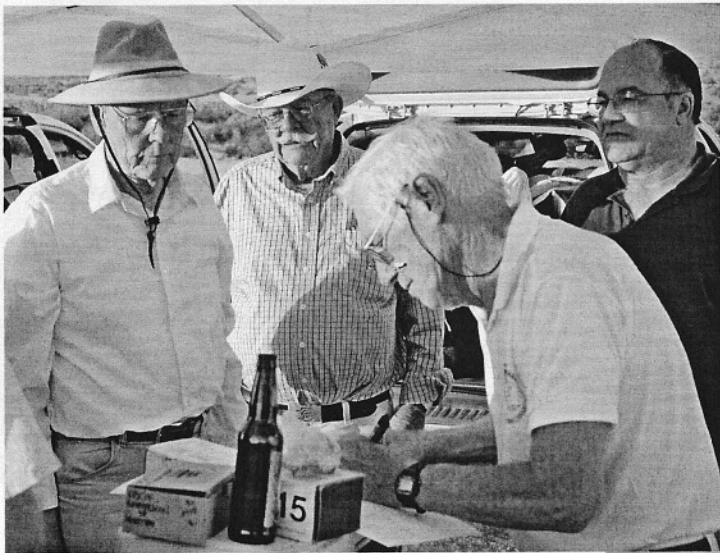


MORE CRASH & BASH





SAM 26 POND COMMEMORATIVE 2006

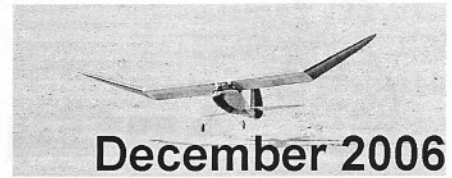




MORE POND COMMEMORATIVE



Taft, California - October 28-29



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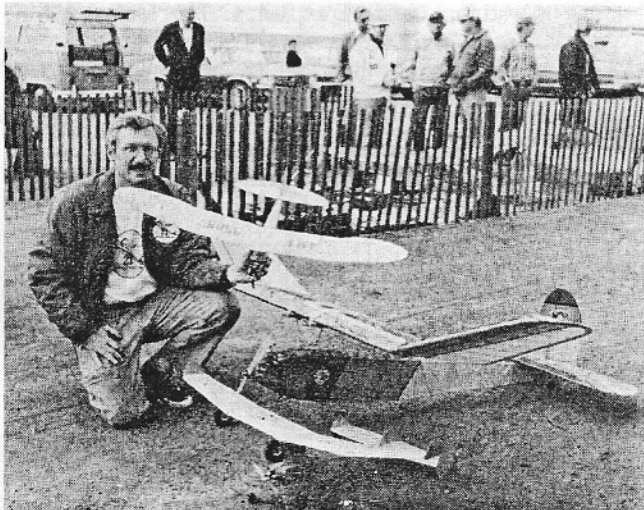
JOHN POND COMMEMORATIVE

The SAM 26 John Pond Commemorative Old Timer R/C contest that was held at Taft in October 2006 is a long running meet involving many SAM 27 members. A few photos are presented below from 1978 as were run in *RCModeler* magazine. This was the third annual John Pond meet and it was sponsored by SAM 26 and SAM 21 and hosted by the Tri-Valley R/C Modelers Club of Santa Maria - gratifying that all these clubs are still active here 28 years later.

The meet began as an honor to **John Pond**, now deceased, who was such a spark plug in the promotion of old timer flying. This third meet was the first to be held over two days of flying. The SAM 26 CD of the latest meet, **Bob Angel**, was also pictured as one of the 1978 contest officials. Old timer flyers are a faithful to the hobby.



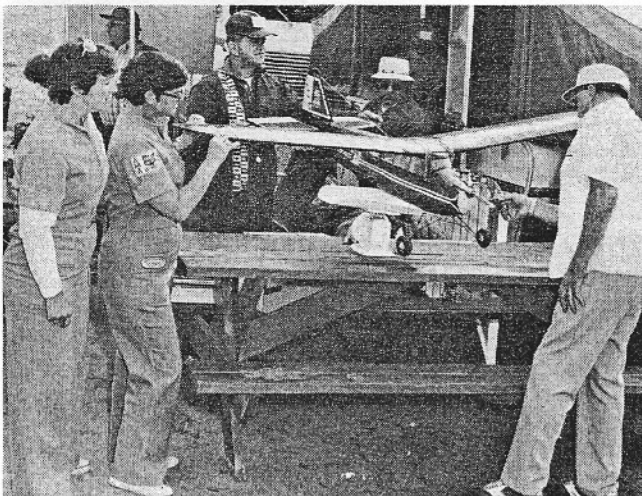
"Young fliers Chris Smith with his 6 ft. Sprigy II Buz-zard Bombshell and Laurence Bekins' 6 ft. Playboy - both planes with .35 power plants. They came all the way from Belveder, California. Laurence Bekins took home a trophy for 3rd Place Class C."



"Don Bekins, SAM 21 Prexy, and planes. A steady flier, Don was Sweepstakes Runner-Up winner."



"But, Bertha, they weren't talking about YOU when they mentioned 'an old TAIL-DRAGGER'..."



"Marian Schmidt, Elk Grove, California and Niva Nichalou, Marysville, California, keep 84" Super Buc-caneer balanced on scales for weight-in, as Carl Gawens and Dick Enos do the official work. 'Nick' Nichalou is a consistent competitor."

Cartoon above is an example of 1978 model airplane humor from *RCModeler*.



It's up there somewhere!

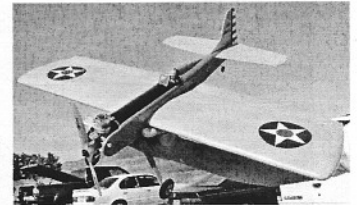


A September TOFFF session at Lakeville saw three flyers show up with four control line planes. **Tom Moore** with a Veco Warrior, **Mike Clancy** with a Twister and a Flite Streak, and **Ed Solenberger** with a Twister. Mike and Ed flew with the result that Mike's Streak needed some repair (photo below). The rough ground at Lakeville makes CL flying difficult, but as always, everything flies at TOFFF.

The **MYSTERY ENGINE** from last issue 252, as submitted by **Earl Cayton**, was a "GUTH." Tim Dannels' *American Model Engine Encyclopedia* does list the GUTH as a 1939, .129 cubic inch engine but has no information on the manufacturer. A real rarity. It has been mentioned that three examples were found in the San Francisco area.

The **SAM 27 ROSTER** is being constantly updated by **Jay Beasley**. The roster is available as a Word file from Jay. Just contact Jay at Vr21jrb@aol.com for the .DOC file. If you don't have computer access, Jay can mail you a copy. The roster is not being printed in the A-F for privacy reasons.

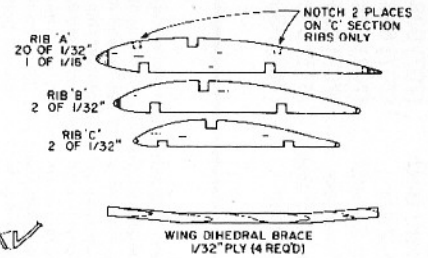
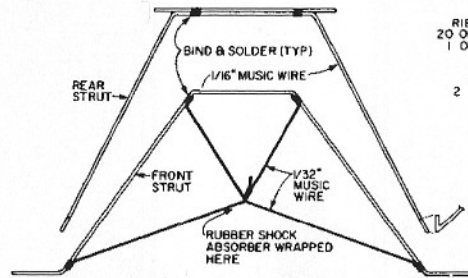
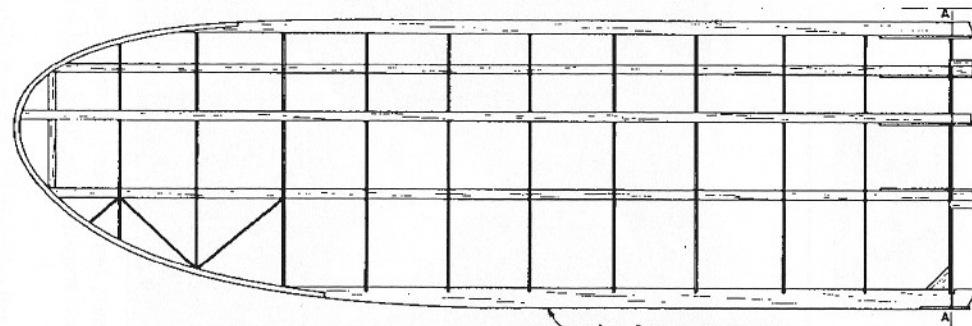
1/2A ELECTRIC OLD TIMER R/C EVENT. Info has been emailed around concerning a proposed SAM event using an electric motor in a size equivalent to 1/2A. The event would be similar to a European event now being used in competition. Battery capacity would be unlimited but a limited number of cells would be specified, a requirement that may have to be revised in view of LiPo development. Some comments have been made concerning the specification for a Graupner Speed 400 motor instead of a more modern, reliable and efficient brushless variety. Models would be limited to designs of 1950 or before and could be scaled. Motor run would be 180 seconds continuous. A weight requirement is under consideration. None? Scoring would be based on the best two of four flights with no fly-off. Not being a Reddy-Kilowatt flyer, it would appear to this editor, in my ignorance, that a ten-minute max shouldn't be too difficult on a three minute run. Oh well, what ever happened to the idea of thermals being the prime mover for long duration flights instead of electrons?



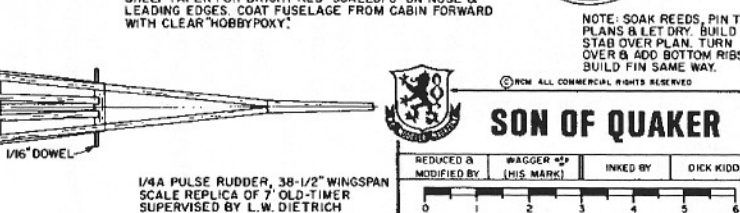
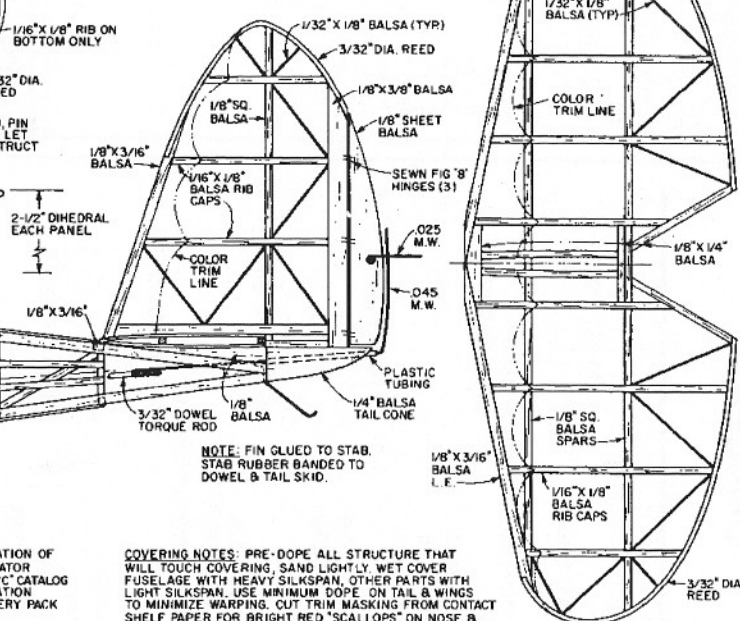
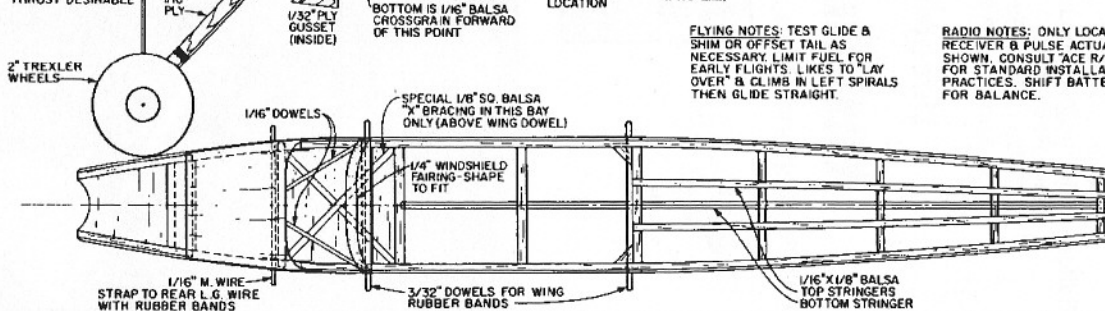
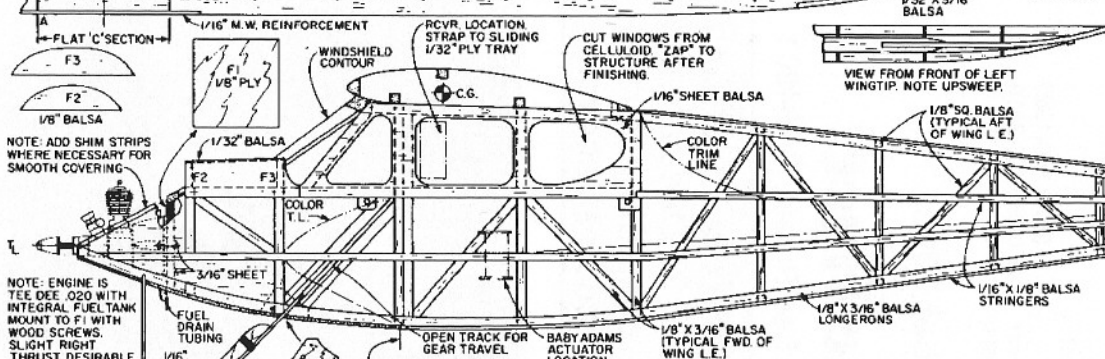
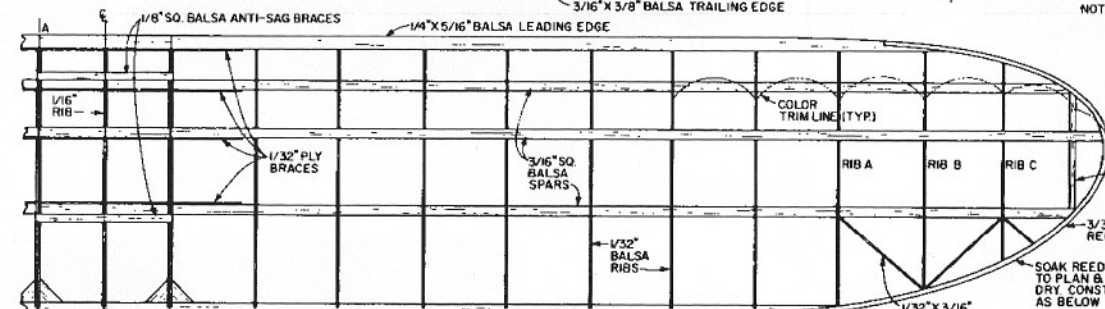
Mike Clancy's Flite Streak in need of a few repairs following a collision with Lakeville's "turf." It got both ends.



Doland



NOTE: FRONT LANDING GEAR STRUT MUST BE INSERTED THRU DRILLED LONGERONS BEFORE BENDING & SOLDERING. REAR STRUT MUST BE INSERTED IN STRUCTURE BEFORE SOLDERING TO FRONT STRUT.



FLYING NOTES: TEST GLIDE & SHIM OR OFFSET TAIL AS NECESSARY. LIMIT FUEL FOR EARLY FLIGHTS. LIKES TO "LAY OVER" & CLIMB IN LEFT SPIRALS THEN GLIDE STRAIGHT.

RADIO NOTES: ONLY LOCATION OF RECEIVER & PULSE ACTUATOR SHOWN. CONSULT "ACE R/C" CATALOG FOR STANDARD INSTALLATION PRACTICES. SHIFT BATTERY PACK FOR BALANCE.

COVERING NOTES: PRE-DOPE ALL STRUCTURE THAT WILL TOUCH COVERING. SAND LIGHTLY. WET COVER FUSELAGE WITH HEAVY SILKSPAN. OTHER PARTS WITH LIGHT SILKSPAN. USE MINIMUM DOPE. ON TAIL & WINGS TO MINIMIZE WARPING. CUT TRIM MASKING FROM CONTACT SHELF PAPER FOR BRIGHT RED "SCALLOPS" ON NOSE & LEADING EDGES. COAT FUSELAGE FROM CABIN FORWARD WITH CLEAR "HOBBYPOXY".



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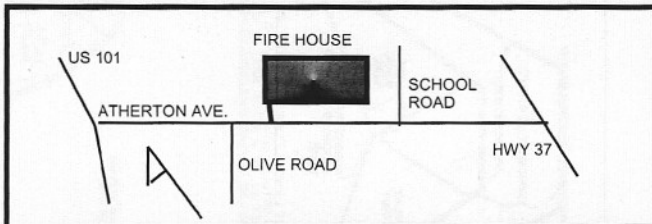
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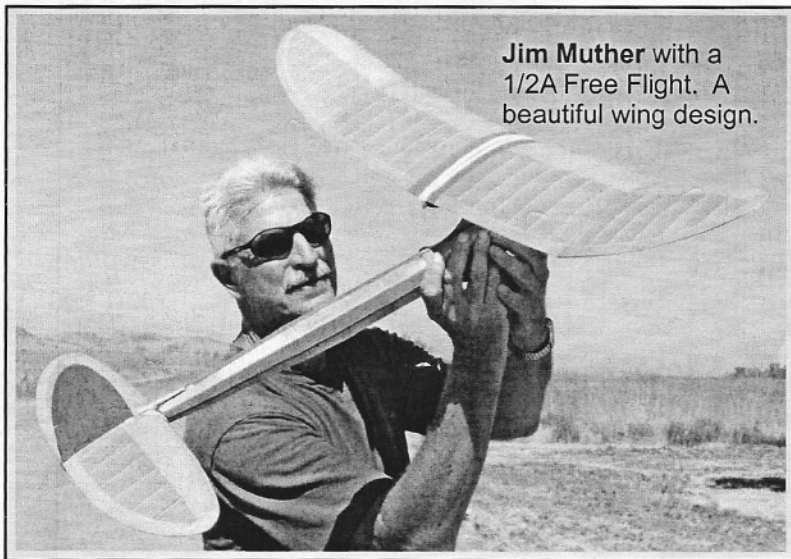
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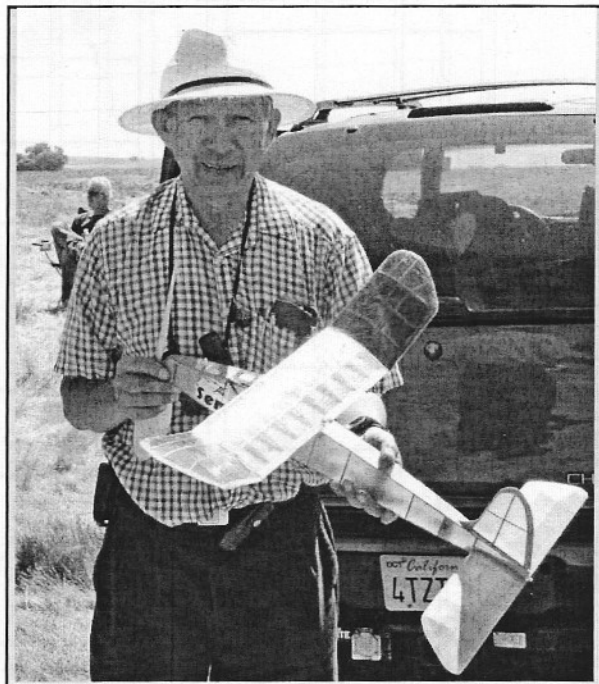
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Jim Muther with a 1/2A Free Flight. A beautiful wing design.



Ding Zarate shows his rubber-powered Senator just prior to doing a 4-minute max for a postal contest.

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