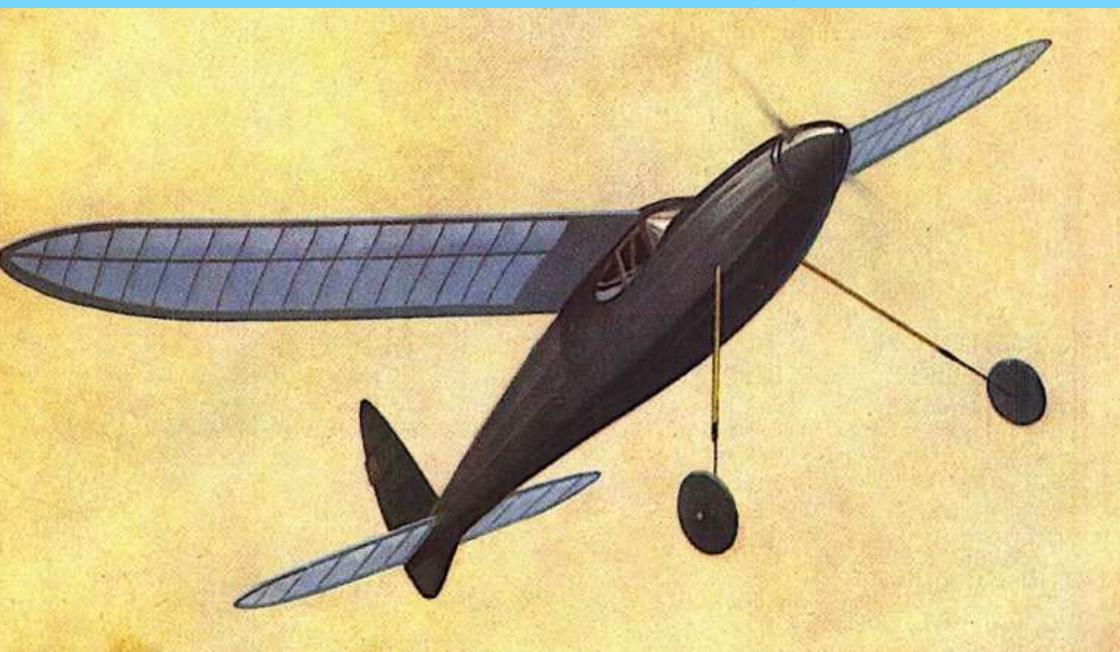
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## NZ Vintage Championships 2021

The Vintage SIG Committee announces that the NZ Vintage Championships will commence in 2021. Unlike the previous Radio Control Vintage North Island Championship, the new event will be a National one, flown in multiple regions including the South Island and embracing all Vintage disciplines through the inclusion of both Vintage Radio Control (VRC) and Vintage Free Flight (VFF) categories. It will be flown over the period January to June 2021.

As scores are reported, they will be posted by the Committee to two Vintage Championship Tables, one for Radio Control and one for Free Flight. At any time, the Tables will show the best score for each contestant in each of the classes within both VRC and VFF.

Final results for each class and the Champion for each of VRC and VFF will be declared when all scheduled flying has been completed. An over-all Vintage Champion will be calculated from the scores of VRC and VFF, using the same method used at the Nationals.

The influence of differing flying conditions across regions and dates is accepted, as is already the case for NDC and the Leader Boards.

Organisational details and programmes of events are presented on page 2.

On the Cover: E.Stoffel's Aristocrat. AM Feb 1949 Fred Dagg - see Miscellaneous page Logo:

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## 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

## Organisation and schedules

1. Radio Control events for the NZ Vintage Championship replace the Radio Control Vintage North Island Championship that has run since 2016.

VRC events will be flown in several regions over the period from January to June on scheduled weekend dates that do not conflict. This allows contestants to fly just in their own region if they wish, but also to travel to fly in other regions if they so choose. Contestants may fly in as many of the scheduled regional events as they wish.

VRC flying in each region will be organised by a host club or group by arrangement with the Committee on approved dates for up to two weekends. All VRC flying will be at sites with altitude clearance provided by either a CAA-approved Danger Area (DA), or an Airways NOTAM.

VRC scores will also count towards the Leader Boards and NDC where applicable. Preliminary Schedule of Vintage Radio Control events:

February	20-21	Airsail at Pukekawa
March	06-07	Levin (TBC)
March	20-21	Ngatea Blackfeet Fliers
April	10-11	Awatoto
April	17-18	Tuakau (TBC)
May	09-10	Levin (TBC)

Dates are yet to be set for Christchurch. Clashes with North Island regional dates are not an issue. The usual Northern North Island contests will be scheduled for 20-21 March (venue to be arranged) and 22-23 May at Blackfeet, but not as part of the NZ Vintage Championship.

**2. Free Flight events for the NZ Vintage Championship** will be flown according to the January to June section of the National Decentralised Competition calendar for 2021. The 2021 NDC calendar will have the same monthly distribution of VFF Championship events as 2020, and may be downloaded from the MFNZ website.

There are no organised meetings for the flying of VFF Championship events as these will be flown at each flier's usual FF site on the dates specified by the NDC programme. FFers who also fly VRC will be able to choose weekend dates that do not clash with the VRC Championships events. Contestants may fly in as many of the scheduled VFF Championship events as they wish.

The 2021 NDC programme for VFF events from January to June will have two opportunities to record a Championship score in Vintage Precision, Vintage Power, Nostalgia Power, Nostalgia Rubber, and Classic Rubber.

The eight other VFF classes appear only once on the NDC programme from January to June, so for each of these a second flying opportunity is permitted in the same month as the NDC listing for that class. Naturally, these second Championship attempts in the same month will not qualify as NDC scores.

The classes with two permitted opportunities to fly in the same month are: Vintage Glider, Nostalgia Glider, Classic Glider, Classic Power, Small Power, Vintage Rubber, Vintage HLG and Vintage CAT. The doubling of opportunities to fly these eight classes means that all VFF classes have two scoring opportunities.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **2021 NZ RC Vintage Championships - Preliminary Schedule**

February	20-21	Airsail at Pukekawa
March	6-7	Levin (concurrent with Gareth Newton Memorial, subject to club approval)
March	20-21	Ngatea Blackfeet Fliers
April	10-11	Awatoto
April	17-18	Tuakau (to be confirmed by club, depending on WDC approval)
May	9-10	Levin (concurrent with Bob Burling Memorial – subject to club approval)

#### Non Vintage Championship Events 2020 / 2021

September	19-20	2020	Airsail
September	26-27	2020	Selby Memorial, Levin
October	17-18	2020	Tuakau (TBC)
November	14-15	2020	Blackfeet
January	3-8	2021	Nationals
May	22-23	2021	Blackfeet

#### **NDC**

September 20	147	VINT	RC Vintage 1/2A Texaco
September 20	148	VINT	RC Vintage A Texaco
September 20	149	VINT	RC Sport Cabin IC Texaco
September 20	150	VINT	RC Sport Cabin E Texaco
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October 2020	153	VINT	RC Vintage Open Texaco
October 2020	154	VINT	RC Classical 1/2E Texaco
October 2020	155	VINT	RC Classical E Texaco
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November 20	158	VINT	RC Vintage E Rubber Texaco
November 20	159	VINT	RC Vintage 1/2E Texaco
November 20	160	VINT	RC Classical IC Duration

#### **John Selby Memorial Vintage Event**

Levin MAC, Tararua Road

26 and 27 September 2020 (fly either or both days)

Note changed date

Starts 9.30am

Fly any Vintage or Classical Class or Sport Fly

No entry fees

Organisers -

Bryan Treloar 0204 147 6917

Stew Cox 027 548 1894

## Vintage FF and RC events at the 2021 Nationals

The Vintage programme for the Nationals, below, has been presented in the May and July issues of AVANZ News (177, 178). Note that the AGM start time is now a half-hour earlier at 2:30 to accommodate another SIG.

Refer to the MFNZ website for a full progamme of events for all Special Interest Groups.

2021 NATIONA	LS PROGRAMN	IE for VINTAGE	I		
REGISTRATION Sun 3rd January 2021	DAY 1 Mon 4th January	DAY 2 Tue 5th January	DAY 3 Wed 6th January	DAY 4 Thur 7th Jan	DAY 5 Fri 8th January
VINTAGE FREE FLIGHT 7 am - 12 noon	7am - Noon Vintage FF Power Vintage FF Rubber Vintage FF Glider Vintage FF Precision Vintage FF Catapult	7am - Noon Nostalgia FF Power Nostalgia FF Rubber Small FF Power Classic FF Comb R/P/G			
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1pm to 5pm Vintage Open Texaco Vintage Precision Classical Precision	1pm to 5pm Vintage 1/2A Texaco Vintage IC Duration	9am to 5pm Classical 1/2E Texaco Sport Cabin E Texaco Classical E Texaco Classical E Duration	, ,	9am to Noon Vintage A Texaco Classical IC Duration 2:30 AGM and PRIZEGIVING

Thin on the ground at CMAC this morning, lads. A beautiful flying day, just perfect. Still just about flat calm at 2.00PM.

Gary (Burrows), Stew (Moorse), Sean (McCurrie) and I had a beaut flying session. Thanks for all the timing Gary.

Some of you let me know you couldn't make it but hopefully circumstances and health will be better next

time. There are 3 more weekends this month when we can fly these events so let me know you are keen and I'll come and help.

Sean and I had a go at NDC RC vintage events, Vintage Precision and IC Vintage duration.

We flew duration first, me with my very old Cumulus (1937) and Sean with his *Long Cabin* (1935). The *Cumulus* is close to 20 years old now and has been flown every year in various IC Duration events. The Saito 65 that Gary sold me all those years ago still runs very strongly and has no trouble punching the 5.5 pound model straight up to great height.

The Saito was designed before 1985 so qualifies for the longer 25 second climb which helps. I maxed out the 3 x 4 minutes rounds and even got a flyoff flight done. Sean used his lovely light *Long Cabin* that is really a Texaco model not set up for hot climbs. Despite this, the PAW15BBRC with a smaller prop

was doing a pretty good job and nearly maxed on one flight missing by just 12 seconds by the time bonuses were added.

Next up we flew Precision, our second time in two months. I switched to my *Lancer* for this but rolled through a landing when touching down with too much airspeed. No mistakes from Sean though and he maxed out the three rounds then went on to score a perfect flyoff flight for the



maximum possible 800 total. That will look good in the NDC results and on the AVANZ Leader Board. Thanks Stew for the camera work.

#### **Event 141 RC Vintage Precision**

Sean McCurrie *Long Cabin* 1935 Bonus 15 Flight 1 2 min 51 sec land 20 age 15 = 200 Flight 2 2 min 54 sec Land 20 Age 15 = 200

> Flight 3 2 min 53 sec land 20 age 15 = 200 Flyoff 3 min 00 sec land 20 = 200 **TOTAL 800** (MAX possible)

#### **Event 141 RC Vintage Precision**

Allan Knox *Lancer* 1938 Age Bonus 12 Flight 1 3 min 00 sec land 20 age 12 = 200 Flight 2 2 min 58 sec Land 0 Age 12 = 190 Flight 3 2 min 53 sec land 20 age 12 = 200 **TOTAL** 590

#### **Event 144 RC IC Vintage Duration**

Sean McCurrie *Long Cabin* 1935 Bonus 15 Flight 1 3 min 14 sec land 20 age 15 = 229 Flight 2 3 min 33 sec Land 20 Age 15 = 248 Flight 3 2 min 39 sec land 20 age 15 = 194 **TOTAL** 671

#### **Event 144 RC IC Vintage Duration**

Allan Knox Cumulus 1937 Age Bonus 13
Flight 1 4 min 50 sec land 20 age 13 = 260
Flight 2 4 min 52 sec Land 20 Age 13 = 260
Flight 3 5 min 24 sec land 20 age 13 = 260
Flyoff 5 min 28 sec land 20 age 13 = 361
TOTAL 1141

Photo: Allan and Shaun



THIS model, also featured on the cover, was

designed with an eye to outstandingly attractive appearance, which has been achieved without sacrificing either performance or strength. Further more it is stronger than its fully streamlined counterpart built of formers and stringers... The first model in this series was flown regularly for a year and ended by finally being broken up indoors and used as spares for the next version. I flew the second model in the Gut-teridge Trophy Competition but only completed the model two days before the actual "comp." Those of you who entered for that competition may remember that it was quite impossible to do any test flying on either the Sunday or the week preceding it. Consequently, I had to fly without a single test flight, and suffered a '\* dive-in " under full power, smashing the

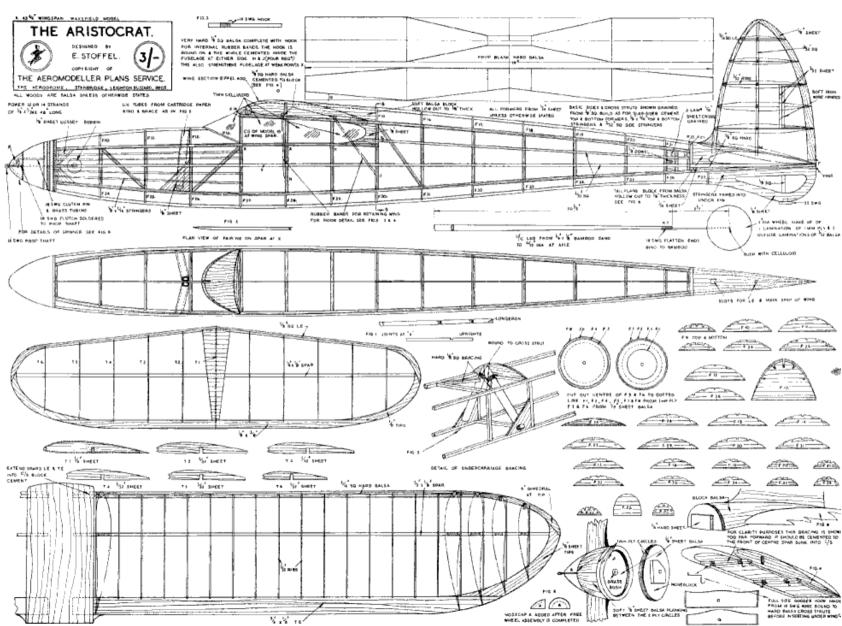
fuselage open back to the undercarriage. This was where the model number one came

in handy as it was possible to cut off the broken fuselage flush and stick on my old model's nose. The result was that I got a sufficient high placing to enter for the

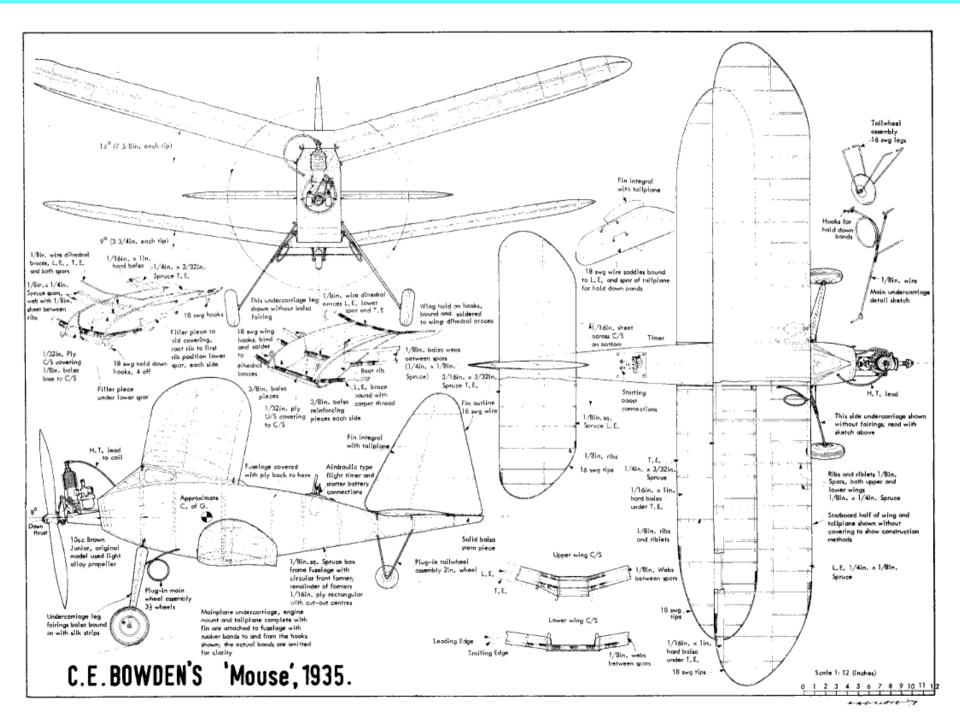
Wakefield Trials.

Did I hear someone say, "If this model was strong how did the nose split open?" In model one, I used hard balsa for the basic square of the fuselage and fairly soft wood for stringers. Owing to a small amount of sagging on the stringers, I reversed this order on model two, with the sad results as told. The building instructions give the type of wood to use and if you want your model to be able to stand the stress of a 1948 Wakefield's Trials, then don't use soft wood for a fuselage.

This model is very stable under all weather conditions and will turn in a. consistent three and a half minutes in still evening air. At the time of writing, model number one holds the Ilford Club's record with seven minutes O.O.S.



## C.E.Bowden's nightmare



## SAM RULES (yes, that's all of them) as they were in 1971

# SOCIETY of ANTIQUE MODELERS OFFICIAL RULES for VINTAGE MODEL AIRCRAFT

The competition flying of free flight model aircraft of vintage design is intended to be casual, enjoyable and interesting for both competitor and spectator alike. It is neither desired to advance the state-of-the-art of aeromodeling perse, other than to increase participation in the sport generally, nor to reprove again that which is already recorded in aeromodeling history books. The intent of these rules is to categorize the basic types of vintage models and establish an equitable and simple framework of regulations for competition purposes. Therefore, model designs that revolutionized free flight competition and necessitated the formulation of two basic classifications, "Antique" and "Old Timer", are expected to compete only in the Old Timer Events.

#### Section I - Definations and Basic Regulations

- 1. Old Timer and Antique categories are defined as model aircraft which have been designed, kitted or plans published prior to December 31, 1942 and December 31, 1938 respectively.
- 2. Models shall be flown in one of the following categories:
  - a. Antique
  - b. Old Timer Pylon
  - c. Old Timer Cabin (defined as a model naving the wing mounted upon a cabin enclosure similar to that of a full scale aircraft).
- Antique Category models shall be powered with ignition engines only.
- 4. Old Timer Cabin and Pylon models shall weigh 8 ounces per square foot of wing area (planform).
- 5. Fuel for all spark ignition engines must be gasoline only.

#### Section II - Modifications

- 1. An Old Timer may be modified only in the following ways: minor changes to thrustlines, i.e., upright instead of inverted; strengthening of structures and provision of D/T action. Areas and moments may not be changed. All changes must be in the character of the original ship, i.e., substitution of sheet balsa fuselages for built up structures is NOT approved. Beef up the built ups! Flat airfoils may not be substituted for cambered foils, etc.
- It shall be the responsibility of the contestant to prove the validity of the model and the fidelity to the design by submitting the actual construction prints to the Contest Director upon request.
- No modification may be made which would prevent the model from making normal, unassisted ROG takeoffs. Therefore, no dropping gears, NO VTO, and no catapult devices are approved.

#### Section III - Power and Classes

- 1. Except as provided elsewhere, Old Timer models may be flown with either ignition or glow engines.
- Classes of Old Timers shall be established, where practical, as follows:

Class "A" - .000 to .200 in 2 Class "B" - .201 to .300 in 2 Class "C" - .301 to .650 in 3

 Ignition engines and Glow engines may compete only with sufficient time handicaps to be determined by meet director.

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#### NEW ANNUAL DUES DATE

A standard anniversary and membership renewal date has been adopted by S.A.M. June 1 of each year shall be the renewal date henceforth. In the past, anniversary dates were one year from the date applications were accepted at S.A.M. Headquarters. This resulted in dues collecting practically year around and, subsequently, a "bag of worms" for the Tressurer. Because the change-over might result in some members being shorted, this year all applications and renewals processed since December, 1970 will be recognized for all of 1971 and those members are considered paid up until June 1, 1972. A standard Renewal Form accompanies this Newsletter, and all members are hereby notified annual dues are due and should be paid prior to June 1. If you have joined S.A.M. since December 1, 1970, or have renewed after that date, you are all set until next year.

Annual dues remain the same...50¢ for Juniors (under 18); \$2.00 for all other Old Timers. Please fellows, help your organization grow! Conserve our funds! No further dues due notices are planned so dig down and send the two bucks and your renewal form soon.

#### NEW SYMBOL FOR S.A.M.

Gene Lapansie of the Detroit area, who also is our Eastern Region V.P., has initiated a contest among present and prospective S.A.M. members to design a new S.A.M. symbol. The present symbol can be observed by looking at your present membership card. (This will help to remind you to send two bucks for a new one.) Everyone is invited to send a sketch of their ideas to: Woody Bartelt, Sec., Society of Antique Modelers, 5250 Lucerne Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004.

Bill Ladner, S.A.M. President, will award the winner a good "flying" engine. Contest closes December 1, 1971.

Gene has sent this information to all the model magazines, so we may get some free ink and another boost for S.A.M.

#### S.A.M. OFFICERS FOR 1971

For those who have not been informed, officers elected for 1971 are as follows:

President	Bill Ladner	15826 Richvale Drive Whittier, Calif. 90604
Secretary-Treasurer	Woody Bartelt	5250 Lucerne Avenue Kalamazoo, Michigan 490
V.P. Eastern Region	Gene Lapansie	852 Canterbury Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236
V.P. Central Region	Tim Dannels	1265 Yates Street Denver, Colorado 80204
V.P. Western Region	Gene Wallock	220 Leroy Avenue

#### OPERATION DOUBLE - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hey Gang! Here is an idea that has and will work. It is kind of fun too. We can double our membership, enlarge our treasury, and improve our benefits....Here's how. If each member can find a friend and/or fellow modeler, and convince him to join S.A.M., we automatically double up. By the way, Juniors are welcome and some of them may become pretty fierce competitors from those I have seen around. I will try to hang an extra Membership Application on this Newsletter and will include an extra with each renewal.

#### DENVER - "5TH ANNUAL S.A.M. CHAMPIONSHIPS"

This Blast is being hosted by the Model Museum Club and promises to be the biggest and best yet. Events planned are the same as those held at Taft last year. All details have or will be sent to all members direct from Contest Headquarters. The dates, of course, are August 10, 11 and 12, with Monday night reserved for a "Bean Feed" at the contest site. Any questions or requests for information should be directed to Tim Dannels, 1265 Yates Street, Denver, Colorado 80204.

Left and above are the first page, and part of the second page, of the 3-page **S.A.M. News** from early 1971, the first and seemingly only issue under this title.

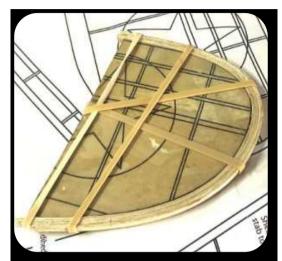
In August of the same year, the **S.A.M. Journal**, Vol.1, No.1 appeared in much the same format. It is from the second of these bulletins that the rules on the previous page were extracted.



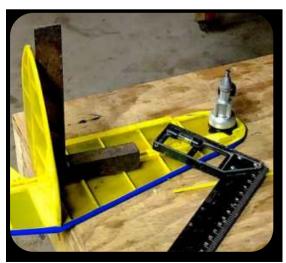
## 🎇 READERS' MODELS

## Ken Brady

Ken Brady from the Serena MAC in Queensland sent photos and notes of his club's builds of the 1939 Truman Special for 1/2A Texaco. "I did some of your mods to the Cox and got a six-minute engine run" Ken advises, so his presence will be felt at contests.



Laminating Tips



Another use for a Cox engine



Andrew Rider with his Special



Ken on left and Mike Rankins with their finished Specials



Replaceable firewall



Access to servos

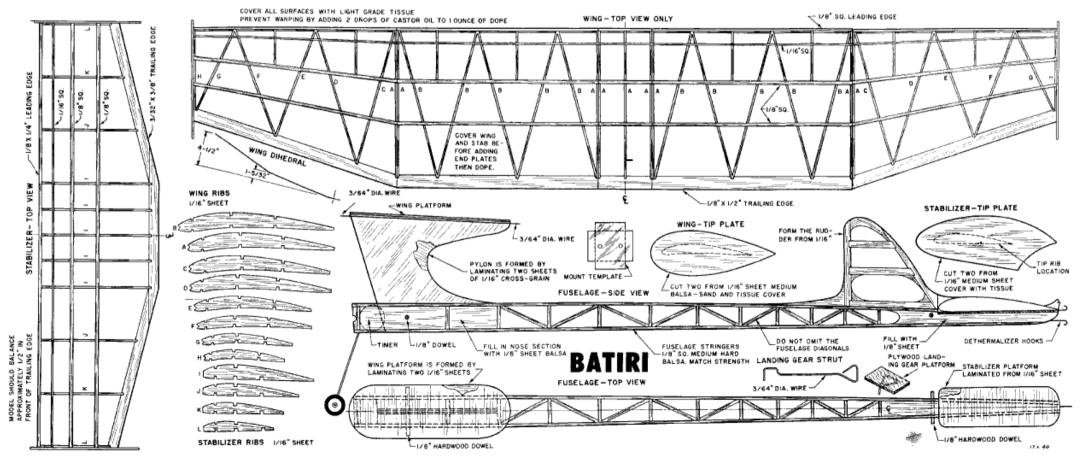
South of the Border Soarer:



From down Mexico way comes this "engineered" Half-A free flight: original







## Centering a Hole in a Tube or Dowel

After suffering numerous failures in my attempts to drill holes in dowels and aluminum tubing to be used as prop hubs on molded props. I started sending emails to some of the "older boys" asking how to do it. Dave Mitchell in Virginia finally set me on the path to doing it right. Here's how to make a jig to solve the problem.

If you don't have one yourself, you'll need to find a friend who has a table router and a "V" router bit. I started with a piece of 1-by-2-inch" reasonably hard wood, which was about a foot long and routed out a "V" about 3/8-inch deep in the wood (note, you aren't likely to be able to make that cut in one pass without burning the wood, so do it gradually). The reason for making the "V" that deep into the wood is to allow you to drill various size dowels or tubing. Cut the block into small pieces so you can deal with short pieces of tubing or dowels as seen in the photo below. You'll also have some to give to friends! Turn the "V" face-up on a drill press and carefully drill a hole equal to the size prop shaft you plan on using — this must be drilled exactly in the apex of the "V" groove.

Cut a couple basswood wedges as shown. I used 5/16-inch square hardwood stock from Lowe's. Then all you have to do when you're ready to drill the dowel/tubing is turn the jig over, use the wedges to shove the dowel/tubing into the apex of the "V" as far as it will go, run the drill bit through the hole you made in the jig, and drill away. The jig is easily held in place with your fingers, or if you are



Figure 1

Figure 2





Figure 3

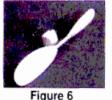
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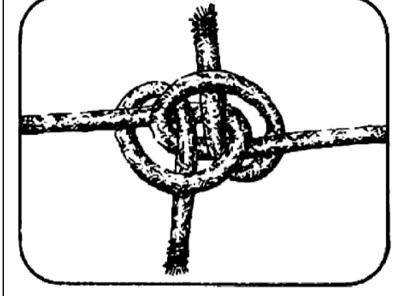
digitally challenged, use a clamp. You'll then have a piece of dowel/tubing with a hole that is centered through the diameter.

Figure 5

No sooner had I written the first part of this article than Al Pardue, with whom I'd been in discussions about the subject, sent me four photos of perhaps a simpler way, especially if you don't have access to a router table.



The photos are self-explanatory.

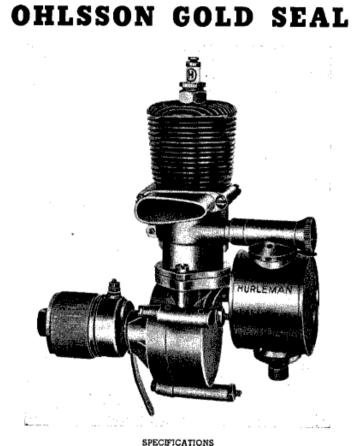


knot invented by Dr. Edward Hunter, a retired British physician, is just the ticket for those whose rubber motor knots always seem to come undone (usually while winding!).

## The <u>other</u> use of the outhouse in 1929

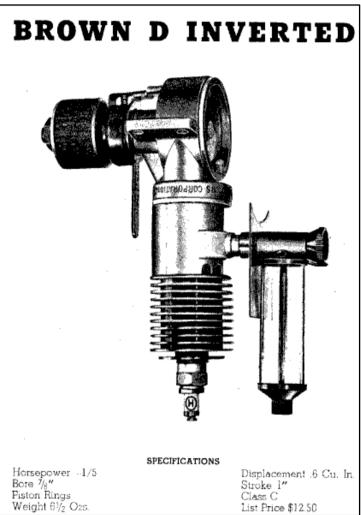


## Early Spark Ignition Engines

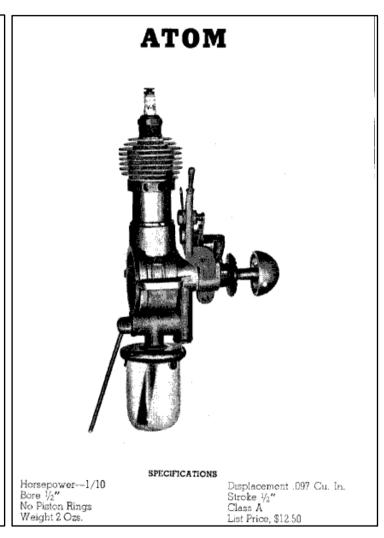


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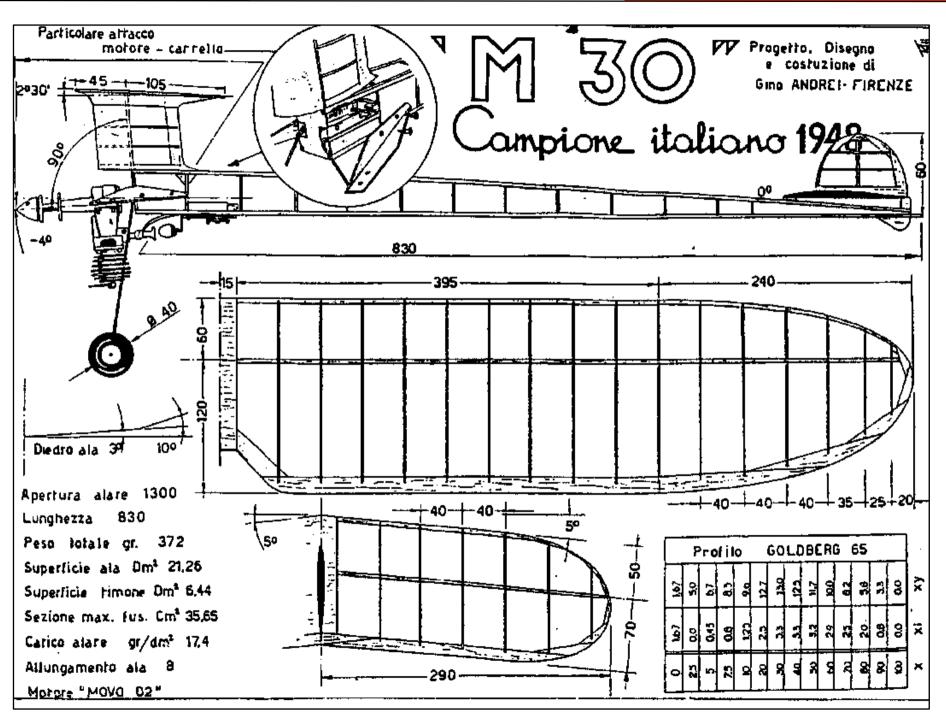


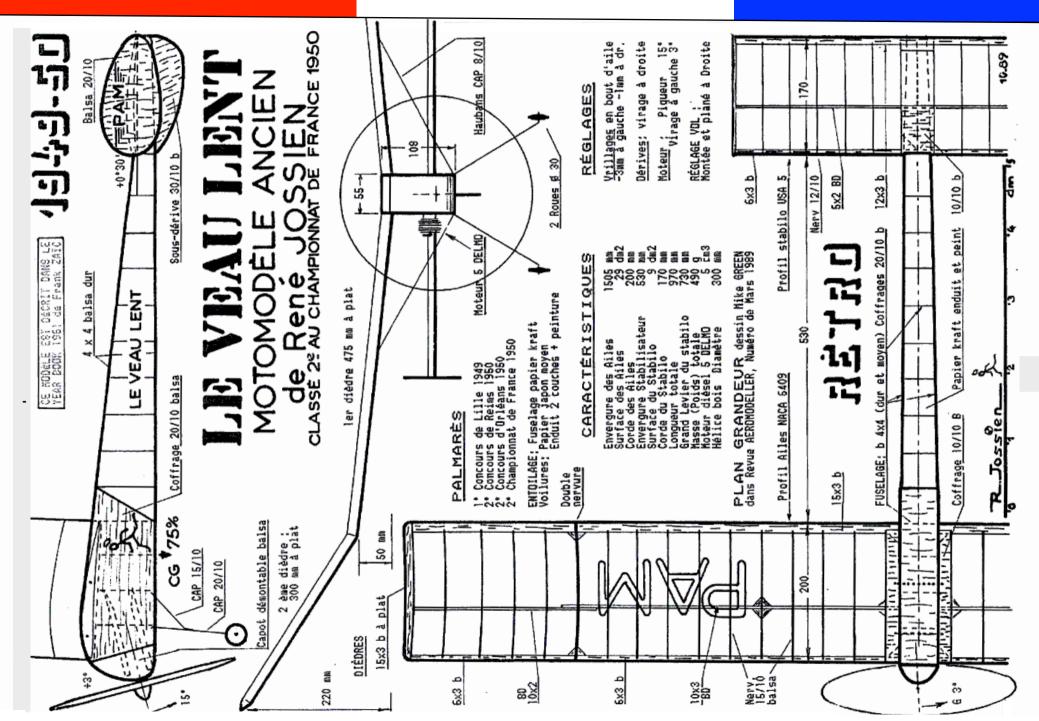
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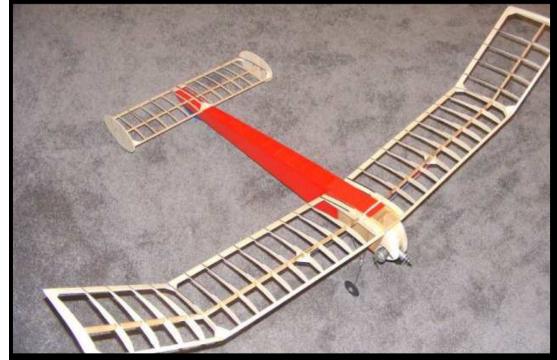
## READER'S MODEL Chris Murphy



Not idle of late ... I doubt there is another of these in the country. 'Le Veau Lent' for vintage duration from 1987 AM pullout plan. PAW 19 up front. What a challenging build: thin undercambered section, inset Tailfins rectangular spars. attached via magnets, as is the cowling. Part of a 2020 New Year resolution to complete all my unfinished projects. The fuselage was built in Dunedin so it's 20 years old at a minimum, maybe closer to 30. Chris.







## SIMPLEX and SUPER SIMPLEX

**Bernard Scott** 

A-Texaco was introduced in 2005. As a keen 1/2A-Texaco flier I wanted to try this bigger version of the fuel allotment class and decided to build Paul Plecan's 1941 Simplex. This boxy and rather unattractive design seemed to have little to recommend it other than being quick to build and repair, but at 60" wingspan it would make a good experimental platform for an OS.20 four-stroke. This was a novel engine at the time as diesels were then, as now, a better choice for fuel economy.

The intention was to test the event while allowing time for the rules to well and truly settle, then replace El Boxo with a design of greater performance.

That never happened. For fifteen years the Shoe Box performed at a level that ensured its survival, rarely out of Nationals placings and winning several times. The only time the Barn Door let me down was when I briefly and unwisely converted it to 2.4 GHz, but even then it survived unscathed.

It took time to sort out the best fuel mix, throttle setting and propellor for the OS, but an eight minute engine run is now expected with an occasional, inexplicable, ten minute run. Not too shabby for an event with a ten minute max but still nowhere close to those who have mastered the art of the compression ignition engine.

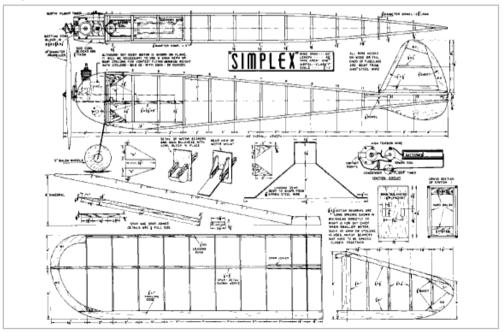
A replacement was needed to allow the Flat

Plate to end its days as a test bed for a more fuel efficient diesel engine.

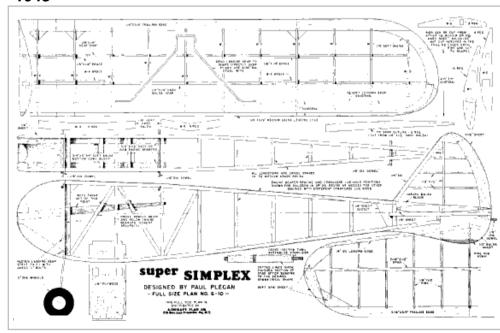
The replacement would have to have super performance. An Outerzone search for "super" brought up nine pages of designs whose names boasted their super-iority. Amongst them was the Super Simplex. Look no further.

Some differences were obvious - higher aspect ratio, undercambered wing, shorter tail moment, rudder attached to fuselage rather than to elevator, but despite these, Mr Plecan had not strayed far from his winning formula. It went well at Tuakau, but whether it will be as consistent as the Blunt Tool has yet to be proved.

1941



1948





## MFHB VINTAGE NEWSLETTER

## Barrie Russell



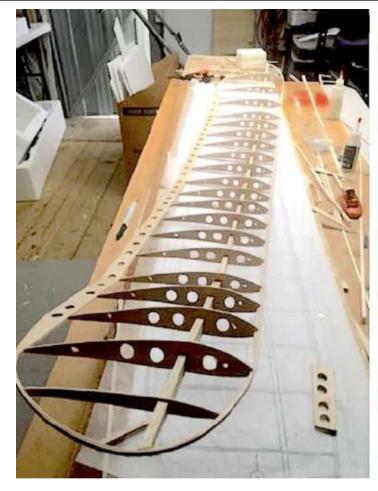
From Left:

Gavin - Bomber Stan - Stardust Special

Russ - *Playboy* Brett - *Night Train* 

Mark - *Bomber* Barry P - *Cloud King* 

Barry K - Budding Vintager and time keeper Barrie - Night Train



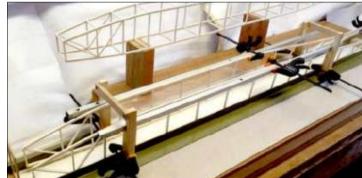




**Above** we see the progress on Mark's *Golliwock*, and Tony is making great progress *right* with his "double act" for himself and Stanley.

**Tony** has some very high building standards and skills. It's going to get quite dark overhead when this swarm of E-Rubber vintage models take to the skies! Tony has just sent these pictures of work to date.





#### **Barry Price**

I have always liked the old time free flight *Falcon* and seeing how John Aitken's flies I decided to build one. I borrowed John's plan and had it copied.

It has a 96 inch wingspan and needs a big building board. Being a big 2 sheet plan out came the scissors and trimmed the plan to fit my table. Being an old free flight plan I had to adapt it for radio control. The wing was built in two halves and had a complicated joining system which would add a lot of extra weight.

I measured my car to see that a one piece wing would fit in. It did so the build started. Having just completed an electric *Gollywock* I was weight conscious and built the ribs with 3/32 instead 1/8, cut the centres out and capped the ribs with 1/16 which strengthens them. I found it not an easy plan to follow and it requires a LOT of balsa.

Where ever I could in the fuselage and tailplane I tried to reduce its weight. It's covered with the Chinese AliExpress covering film supplied by Barrie Russell. The trim colour is test pot orange from Resene rolled on with a small roller when the water evaporates when dry it is very light.

It will be powered by a 900 Kv Scorpion electric motor with a 60 amp esc and a 12x6 prop. I have yet to fit the controls and look forward to a test flight when winter has past.

Regards, BP.





Back in the days when you could cover a model with either Solarfilm or Solarfilm, a domestic iron did the job of attaching and shrinking my model covering. For big shrinking jobs, the Black and Decker paint stripper heat gun was brought in, although failing to keep a safe distance between nozzle and model had certain disadvantages ...



Then came a series of more delicate, purposedesigned modelling irons and heat guns - "a series" as they never lasted long - but even these were too cumbersome for delicate covering jobs and were unable to get into nooks and crannies.

For those tight places I adhered covering with the tip of a 3-Bears 25W soldering iron whose temperature had been judged to be not too hot, not too cold, but *just right*. Again, there were unfavorable consequences if the temperature was not correct.

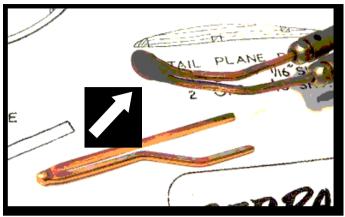
A eureka moment came when a Weller soldering gun was powered through a Dremel speed controller, enabling the temperature of the tip to



be precisely controlled. At that time, Weller made a tip intended for cutting foam or plastic and its smooth, spade shape did the job of adhering and shrinking covering perfectly.



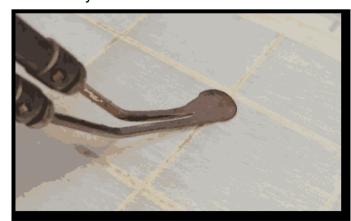
But, nothing's built to last these days! After only forty years of constant use, that spade tip had to be retired from service and I needed a replacement. Searches were unproductive so standard tips were hammered into shape. This turned out to be a benefit as standard tips are cheap and they can be hammered into a variety



of shapes to fit any use.

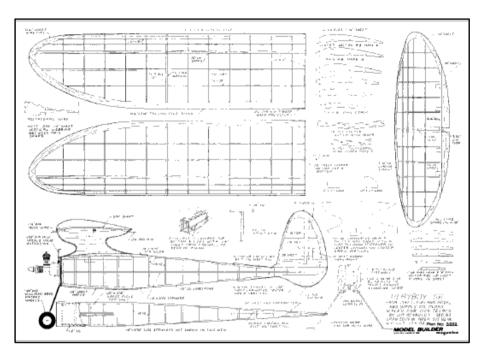
Since discovering this method, it has been used exclusively for all covering jobs. Covering can be stuck down where, and only where, I want it to adhere, such as on ribs, LE and TE. Later, the whole can be selectively shrunk, which on Free Flight models is a boon as warps can be avoided - or induced as required.

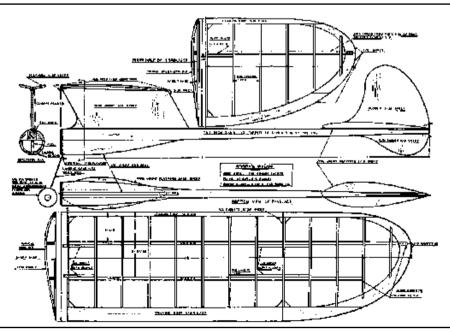
Applying and shrinking covering is a little slower than with larger tools, but the precision and contol afforded by this method makes it worthwhile.





## RC 1/2A Texaco

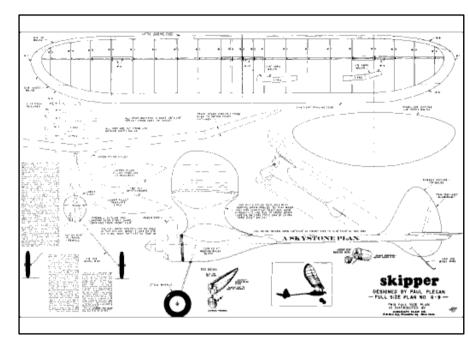




# TEXACO

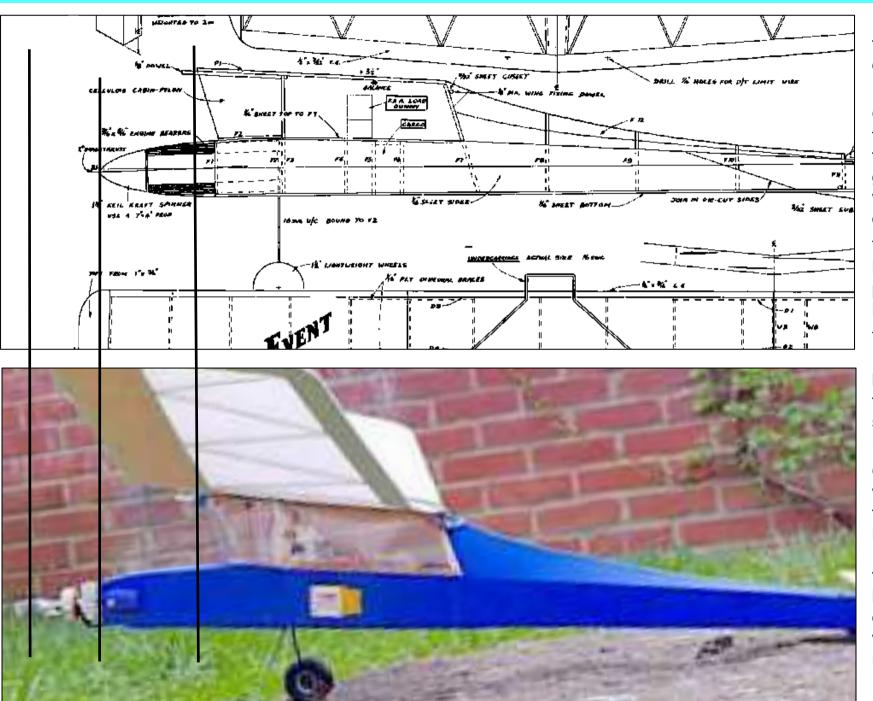
- This MB plan shows two turbulator spars in the wing. Other plans show just one turbulator both are acceptable.
- R Skipper
  Low drag pod and boom design with basic structure.
  Fitting the RC may be a challenge.
- L Woody's Wagon
  Another lightweight
  pod and boom
  design with sliced
  rib construction for
  both wing and
  tailplane.
- R Stardust Special
  If there can only be
  one, this is it. Mark
  Venter with his FF
  version of the SS.

## Four good ones





### That Nose Extension Issue



From Outerzone comes the plan and an example of Keil Kraft's 1959 *Halo.* 

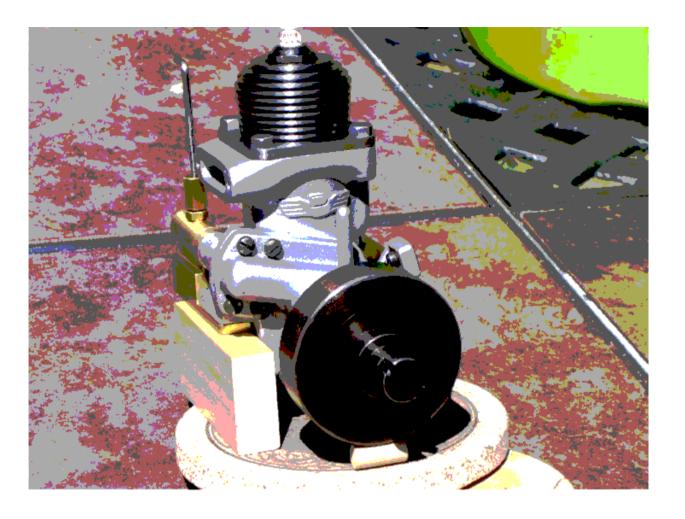
Originally intended for the PAALoad event, today the *Halo* makes a great Free Flight 1/2A, with a proper IC engine, of course.

The example here has has its nose extended, presumably to balance its electric conversion.

Those extra inches (even when moderated by the oblique angle of this photograph) sure spoil the original's good looks.

Opinions vary as to whether this matters, but the official Vintage line is that the nose moment (and tail moment, for that matter) should be kept as close to the original plan as possible without resorting to a micrometer.

### **DUSENBERG**



IT'S A DOOZY! We're all aware of Dusenberg's fine automobiles and engines. But did you know they also made this fine looking model engine along with model race cars? High quality is very evident here. And the early 20<sup>th</sup> century expression "It's a doozy" actually did stem from the high quality of the Dusenberg autos. Like their bigger engines this one was supercharged with a blower hiding behind that flywheel. And that blind cylinder says they planned to have no blown head gaskets due to the higher compression.



**Above:** 1935 Duesenberg SSJ, one of only two of its kind built by the Indiana car company: one went to Clark Gable, and this one to Gary Cooper. Featured a supercharged straight-eight with double overhead cams. This was in 1935 when Ford had just started offering flathead pushrod V8s. The engine produced about 400 horsepower and could propel the convertible to a speed of 225 kph. Sold at auction in 2018 for \$US 22 million, the most ever paid for an automobile by a US manufacturer.

Duesenberg Coupe Simone (aka *Midnight Ghost*).

The last Doozy, a one-off completed in 1939. A futuristic design considering



that it came out in the year that Hitler invaded Poland and Morris Motors was churning out the venerable Morris 8.

I was flying RC sailplane this morning with the rest of the Soaring guys but took the opportunity to fly my last vintage event for the month. Sean and I had done Precision and IC Duration but I still had RC Vintage E Texaco to do using my 60 inch *Five Foot Gas* from 1937. It is a fine little model that qualifies for 600 MAH batteries under the new weight rule. I use a pair of 300s in parallel.

It was a cold 3 degree frosty morning when I arrived but the early fog had cleared. Not much lift early on and what there was capped off by an inversion that we could see from the smoke strata. By midday, though, a gentle southerly had set in and the gliders were starting to hook up well. I pulled out the 5 Foot Gas and tossed it into what looked like promising air. It was and I landed 18.02 minutes after some thermal help. I was well pleased with this given the winter conditions. After a recharge it was time for the second unlimited flight. I tracked over to where John Shaw was doing very well and was rewarded with good lift. With just a wiff of power the vintage model was climbing just as well as the high performance glider and travelling at a similar speed. Soon it was a speck down wind so it was time to come home and try again. This time the adjacent tree line was tripping lift that rolled up to it across the paddock. After dodging the resident Magpie we were off up again. Time was really getting on and the target of 20 minutes I had in mind was passed and yet another lift patch came througt. I finally landed at a very rewarding 31.12 minutes. By the time the age Bonuses were added and a landing I had a total of 3000 points.

I really hope I can inspire a few more of you to give the vintage and classical electric classes a go. They really are challenging and fun.

Allan Knox

Results NDC Event 142 RC VIntage E Texaco.

Model 5 Foot Gas Year 1937 Age bonus 13 Weight 38 oz.

Power allowance 2S 646 mAH (used 2S 600)

Flight 1 18 mins 2 secs Age 13 Landing 20 = 1115

Flight2 31 mins 12 secs Age 13 Landing 0 = 1885

TOTAL 3000 points.

#### Congratulations, Allan - lift-finder extrordinaire!

Allan now holds the RC Leader Board record for Vintage E Texaco, Vintage IC Duration, 1/2A Texaco, Vintage and Classical Scale Texaco, and jointly with four others, Vintage Precision.



#### RC LEADER BOARD

## 26th August 2020

#### RC Top 10 Leader Boards 2020

The purpose of the Vintage SIG Leader Boards is to increase enjoyment of competition flying by showing fliers how well they are doing relative to others. Scores are posted from the results of contests, NDC, and independently-timed flying.

The top 10 scores are updated throughout the year, just prior to each issue of AVANZ News. The Leader Boards run for each calendar year, after which they are cleared and started afresh. However, the record for each class is maintained over time, and shown in blue italics with the year in which it was set.

New scores posted in this update are shown in red. There are several new postings from Christchurch, from Allan Knox, Stu Grant and Sean McCurrie. Sean has joined the Record group in Vintage Precision with a perfect score and has two other postings. Allan improved his leading score in Vintage IC Duration, now leads 1/2A Texcaco and has posted a new record in Vintage E Texaco.

Please email me if you spot any errors or omissions. Wayne Cartwright

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#### **Standings at 26 August**

#### **Precision Classes**

**Vintage Precision** 

Record: A Knox (2017), J Shorer (2018), D Mossop (2019), B Russell (2019) and S McCurrie (2020) 600 + 200

1.	S McCurrie	600 + 200
2.	B Treloar	600 + 199
3.	B Russell	600 + 198
4.	A Knox	600 + 198
5.	D Crook	600 + 198
6.	D Mossop	600 + 197
7.	T Gribble	600 + 196
8.	J Bradbury	600 + 196
9.	D Gush	600 + 193
10.	J Shorer	597

#### **Classical Precision**

Record: B Harris (2016)		598
1.	G Fulton	596
2.	D Mossop	585
3.	B Russell	571
4.	J Butcher	533
5.	T Gribble	527

#### **Duration Classes**

#### Vintage IC Duration

Record: S. Cox (2019)780 + 500 + 391			
1.	A Knox	780 + 361	
2.	S Grant	770	
3.	B Treloar	764	
4.	B Scott	741	
5.	T Beaumont	685	
6.	S McCurrie	671	
7.	D Gush	639	
8.	W Elley	635	
9.	T Beaumont	556	
10.	S Cox	260	

#### Vintage E Duration

Record: B Harris (2018)		960 + 600
1.	S Nicholas	960 + 330
2.	B Russell	960 + 318

3.	D Mossop	960
4.	J Shorer	944
5.	B Robinson	911
6.	G Fulton	897
7.	A Knox	855
8.	S Hubbard	819
9.	W Cartwright	717
10.	I Crossland	668

#### **Classical IC Duration**

Record: D Thornley (2017) 900 + 600 No score yet posted.

#### **Classical E Duration**

Record: W Cartwright (2018) and			
B Russell (2019)		900 + 600	
1.	B Russell	900 + 352	
2.	P Townsend	879	
3.	B Robinson	851	
4.	D Gush	766	
5.	P Townsend	760	
6.	S Nicholas	745	
7.	J Butcher	114	

#### **Texaco Classes**

#### Vintage 1/2A Texaco

Record: A Knox (2018)		1500 + 1833
1.	A Knox	1971
2.	J Butcher	1498
3.	B Scott	1490
4.	W Cartwright	1182

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4. W Cartwright

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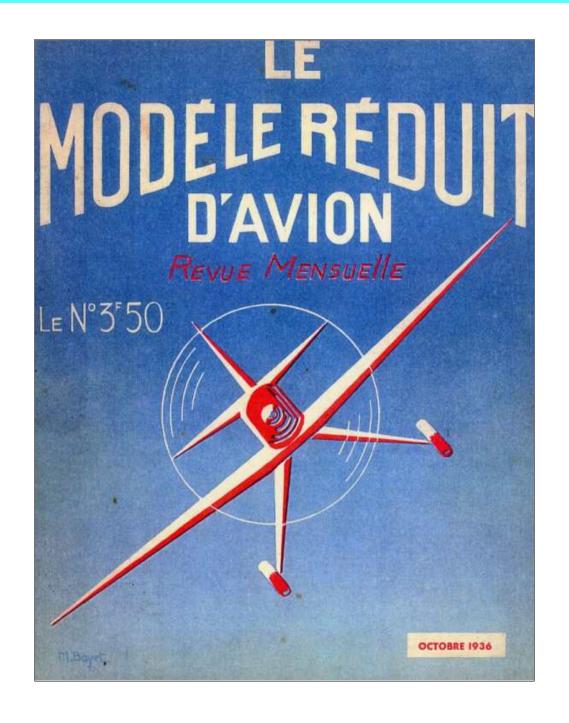
Vintage A Texaco		Vintage E Texaco	
Record: A Knox (2018)	1860 + 1870	Record: A Knox (2020) 3000	Sport Cabin Texaco E
1. B Scott	1860	1. A Knox 3000	Record: K Trillo (2019) 4457
<ol><li>B Treloar</li></ol>	1852	2. W Cartwright 2337	1. P Townsend 2996
3. S Cox	1848	3. K Fisher 1965	2. J Butcher 2777
4. A Knox	1568	4. D Crook 1768	3. K Fisher 2636
5. I Munro	1502	5. B Russell 1507	4. D Gush 2042
6. B Russell	1428	6. D Mossop 1476	5. T Gribble 1819
		7. G Fulton 1322	6. K Trillo 1705
Vintage Open Texaco		8. D Baunton 1099	7. G Fulton 958
Record: B Treloar (2018)	1840 + 1703	9. T Gribble 700	8. B Russell 696
<ol> <li>B Treloar</li> </ol>	1840 + 782	10. A Knox 574	9. D Crook 552
2. B Scott	1840	11. J Butcher 104	
3. S Cox	1830		
4. T Glogau	1750	Classical E Texaco	Sport Cabin Texaco IC
5. A Knox	1657	Record: W Cartwright(2020) 2366	Record: B Scott (2020) 633
6. I Munro	1529	1. W Cartwright 2366	1. B Scott 633
7. B Russell	1264	2. D Gush 2186	
8. J Butcher	1045	3. P Townsend 2106	
9. T Beaumont	917	4. J Butcher 1674	Vintage and Classical Scale Texaco
		5. K Fisher 1616	Record: A Knox (2020) 1680 + 786
Vintage 1/2E Texaco		6. T Gribble 1477	1. A Knox 2466
Record: P Townsend (2020) 3689		7. B Russell 1418	
1. P Townsend	3689	8. G Fulton 867	
2. W Cartwright	2138		Tomboy IC
3. B Russell	1663	Vintage E Rubber Texaco	Record: R Anderson (2015) 1432
4. K Fisher	1597	Record: B Russell (2019): 5685	1. S McCurrie 1122
5. A Knox	1280	1. P Townsend 4744	
6. B Scott	1221	2. K Fisher 4712	
7. T Gribble	636`	3. D Gush 4272	Tomboy E
		4. D Mossop 3900	Record: P Townsend (2020) 3368
Classical 1/2E Texaco		5. W Cartwright 3555	1. P Townsend 3368
Record: D Crook (2020) 2774		6. D Crook 3337	2. J Butcher 1927
1. D Crook	2774	7. B Russell 2702	3. D Gush 1848
2. P Townsend	2310	8. D Baunton 2832	4. K Trillo 1200
3. T Gribble	1789	9. A Knox 2052	

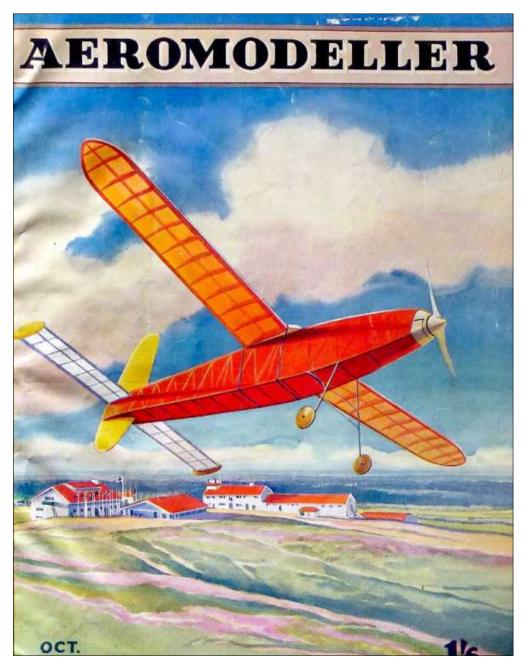
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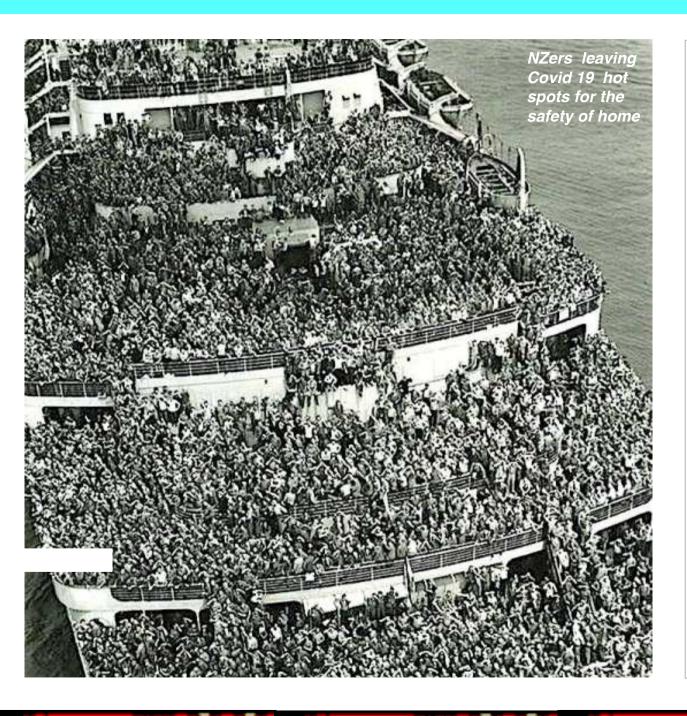
10. T Webby

## **COVER STORIES**





## **MISCELLANEOUS**



## NZ ICON #178 Fred Dagg

Fred Dagg is a fictional character created and acted on stage, film and television by satirist John Clarke. Clarke graced New Zealand TV screens as Dagg during the mid to late 1970s, making fun of Kiwi blokes and blokesses.

The Fred Dagg character is a stereotypical farmer and New Zealand bloke clad in a black singlet and gumboots, hailing from the isolated rural town of Taihape and attended by numerous associates and sons, all named "Trev".

When Clarke unveiled the character of Fred Dagg in recordings and on New Zealand TV in 1975, he became a national star. Clarke also recorded a series of records and cassettes as Dagg, as well as publishing several books.

In 1979, Clarke moved from New Zealand to Australia where he established himself as a top script writer and TV personality. He appeared regularly on Australian television delivering political satire sketches until his death in April 2017.



