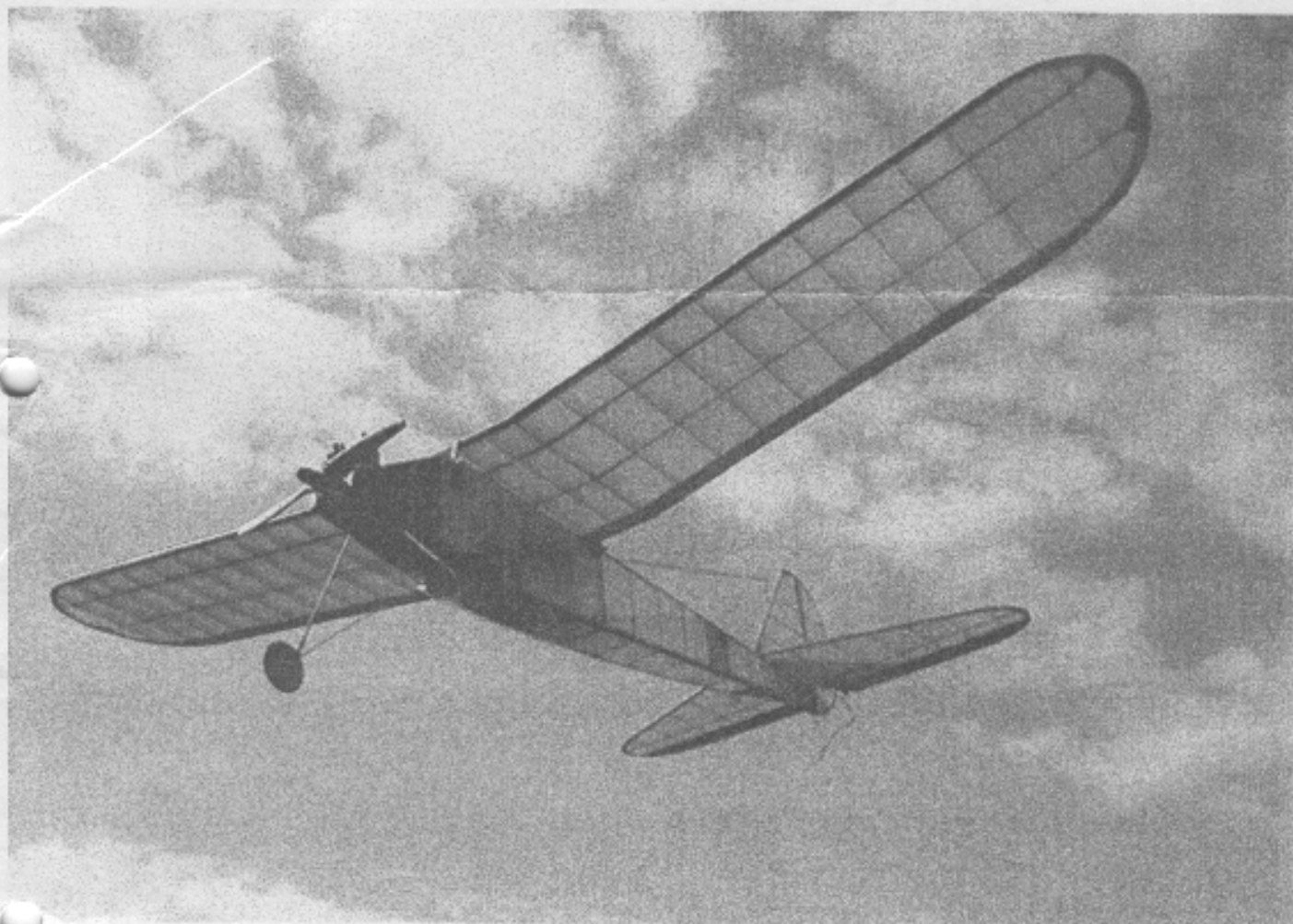


The Thermaleer



Fred Roberts new pocket sized duration model glides into Leopold field on one of the few flyable days of 2004. Model is an R.C.1 @ 52" span and is powered by an O.S. 15 Max 3.

A new season, new committee, new webmaster and a new editor. All we need now is to be able to maintain the high standards set by our predecessors, get some good weather and we will be in for a great year.

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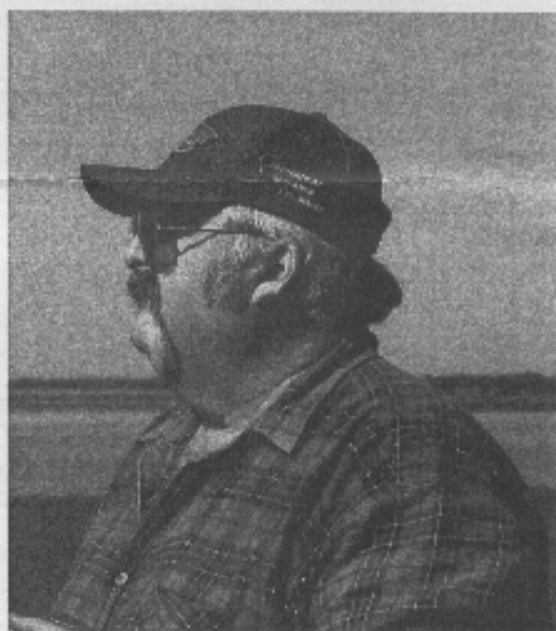
Hi Folks.

First I would like thank the past committee for all their help in running SAM600 for the last 12 months.

Secondly I want to welcome the new committee who will be working with me for the next year. With luck we'll have a really great season with much improved weather and some close and exciting contests.

There's no word yet as to date and location for the Eastern States Gas Champs, but as soon as the details are to hand I'll pass them on to you. See you all at Saturn Hobbies Thursday 23 September.2004.

Regards Chris Lawson.



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Editor's Column

The first thing I must do is apologise for the small size of the first newsletter that I've edited, but as you can appreciate this time of the year is pretty quiet on the contest front and it is mainly the building season. Peter did a great job as editor and it will be hard to maintain the high standard.

However I'll give it my best shot.

One of the things I want to do is search out some lesser known designs from the 1930 to 1956 golden age of our great hobby of aeromodelling. I don't know about you but I'm heartily sick of an endless stream of bombers

for all occasions and events. I know they're a proven winner but so could others be if only we took the trouble to search them out and start building some of them. For instance I found two interesting designs recently which show a lot of promise. The first is Ron Warrings Skyleada "Bantam" from 1939. This 44" span design could be scaled up 48" or 50" for 1/2A or with modified rib spacing as proposed by John Whittaker enlarged to 72" or so for Duration. With its reasonably small frontal area and RAF32 wing section it would really climb and glide. I have built one at 26.5" span for CO2 powered free flight and those of you who were at Swan Hill will remember the fantastic glide and inherent stability of this model.

The other one is the "Scarab" by Albert Hatfull. Built to 50" or thereabouts this could be a real stunner in Burford. It's as slippery as an eel, has beautiful elliptical flying surfaces and a super airfoil. It would be a bitch to build but worth it to someone enjoys building as much as winning. Other things I want to do is run a series of profiles on the members of SAM600. How and when they started in the hobby, their achievements and humorous incidents etc. So if anyone would like to kickstart this series off, get writing and let me have it by the 1st of November. A story on the fun and games involved in building a series of replica engines may be interesting to many of our readers. If so I'll ask David Owen if he could find the time to write one for us. Remember it's your newsletter not mine and it needs input from as many people as possible to be a success, so if you have ideas, or suggestions please let me know. If you have an article to contribute send it in and I will use it. Remember the deadline for advertisements, members "Wanted and For Sale" items and readers contributions is the 1st of every odd numbered month.

That's it for this edition. Good luck and happy landings. Fred.

Secretaries Report.

Due to the pressures of work and the moving of house John was not able to do a report of the annual Meeting so I have drafted this brief report on his behalf, Fred.

The annual general meeting was held on the 22nd of July. Chris declared all committee positions vacant and Don Cameron took over as caretaker president.

The following candidates were nominated and elected unopposed:

President & Contest Director: Chris Lawson. Vice President & Webmaster: Peter Hosking.

Secretary & Public Officer: Brian Dowie. Treasurer: Norm Campbell.

Ordinary Member: Brian Laughton. Editor/Publisher of Newsletter: Fred Roberts.

All committee members were congratulated at this time and Tony was thanked for providing his premises for the past year. Members were advised that the VMAA affiliation fee is no longer applicable. Members were informed of the provisional contest calendar and some proposed events were also mentioned. Chris suggested quarterly meetings and asked that members consider this for discussion at the September meeting.

Financial Report.

The treasurer reported that we started the year with an opening balance of \$2,300.57. And that we had an income of \$1,489.00 and an expenditure of \$1,358.66. This gave us a balance of \$2,430.91 which is an increase of \$130.00. It's good to see that our income is more than our spending, lets hope this trend continues, Fred.

Be Warned.

The August 2004 edition of "Aviation Modeller International" carried the sad story of a freak accident at a contest being held at Barkston Heath. The contest was being flown in conditions that we could only describe as ideal, light and variable winds with the windsock limp most of the time. About mid afternoon a dark cloud was seen heading in with the distant rumble of thunder and a few drops of rain. Within minutes most people dived for cover as the rain started to get serious and stopped the contest. It seems the thunderstorm that followed was a real shocker that even Queensland would have trouble matching. Some of the claps were so loud it reminded some people of WW2 defenses. By 4pm it was all but over and some free flighters from Birmingham were worried about one of their mates who had gone to retrieve his model just prior to the storm erupting. A search found Peter Harris near a destroyed runway light. He had been the victim of a direct lightning strike and could not be revived. I guess the message is, if a storm is imminent, pack up until it's past. A model can always be replaced but you can't. Fred.

Contest Calender for season 2004/2005**Oct. 2004. 2&3rd Eastern States Gas Champs. Wangaratta.**

Sat. am. 38 Antique & Burford. Pm. Duration.

Sun. am. 1/2A, pm. Texaco. [check VMAA Directory for field.

Nov. 2004. 6/7 @ Echuca.

Sat. 1/2 A & Duration. Sun. Texaco & Burford.

Jan. 2005. 15/16. Roy Rob. @ Pakenham.

Sat. 1/2 A & 38 Antique. Sun. Texaco & Duration.

Feb. 2005. 6th @ Weshburn.

Sun Events T.B.A.

Feb. 2005. 19/20. Victorian State Championships. @ Cohuna.

Sat. 1/2 A & Duration. Sun. 38 Antique & Nostalgia Combo.

March. 2005 5/6. 5th Annual Leopold Fly In.

Sat. 1/2 A & Duration. Sun. Texaco & Nostalgia/Burford.

March. 2005. 25/28. 13th Annual Swanhill Easter Old Timer Event.

Times & Events T.B.A.

April. 2005. 16/17. Annual Haddon Contest.

Times & Events T.B.A.

U.S.A. 1/2 a Postal Contest.

7Oct. - 20 Oct. Results Peter Hosking by 30 Oct.

Rules.

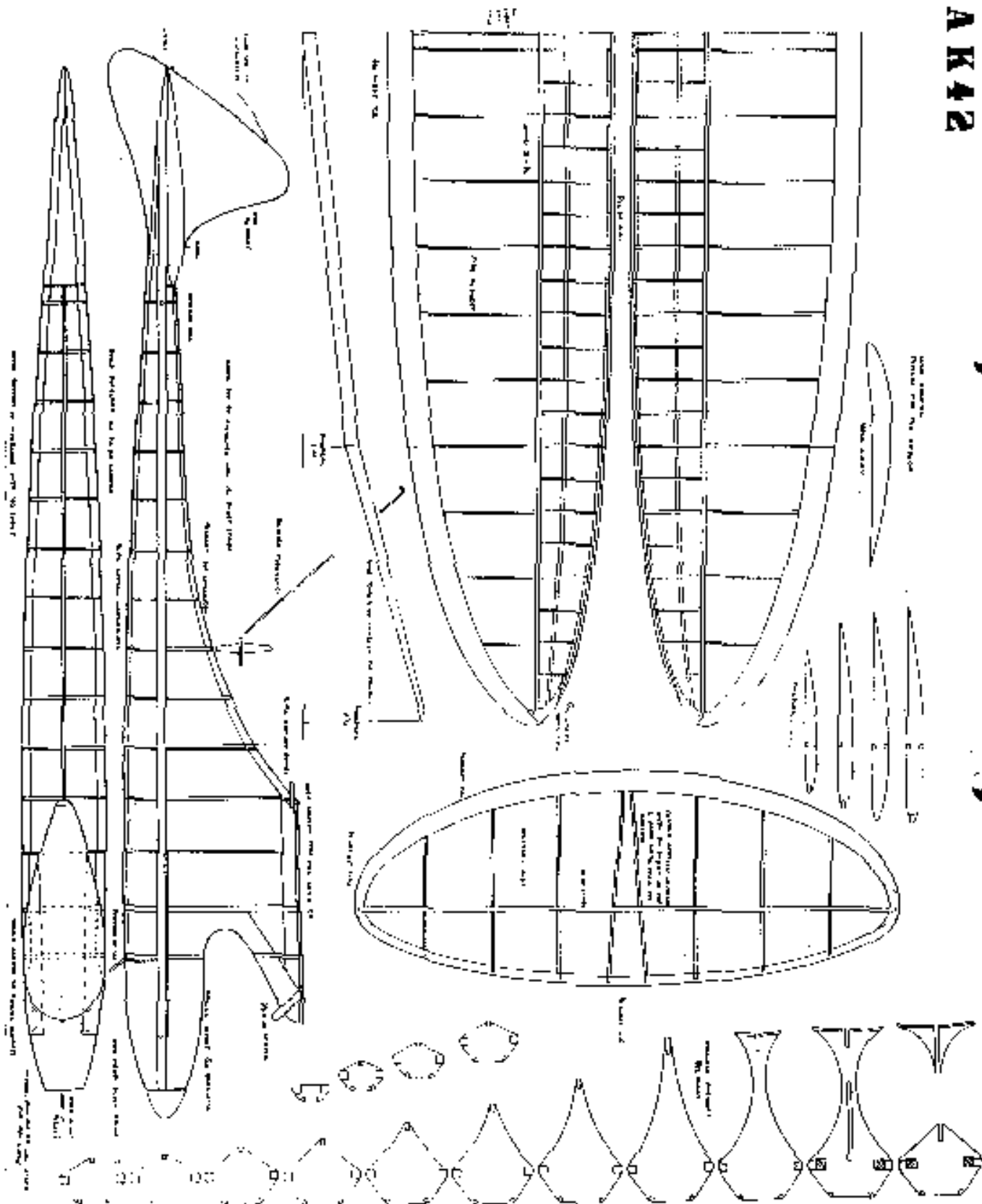
Any Oldtimer/ Antique Aircraft, Cox reed valve 049 engine fitted with the small 5cc tank. [as supplied with 1/2a Texaco engine.]

Flights. 3 attempts for 2 official flights. [remember it is 3 attempts to make 2 official flights, not the best 2 of 3 flights.]

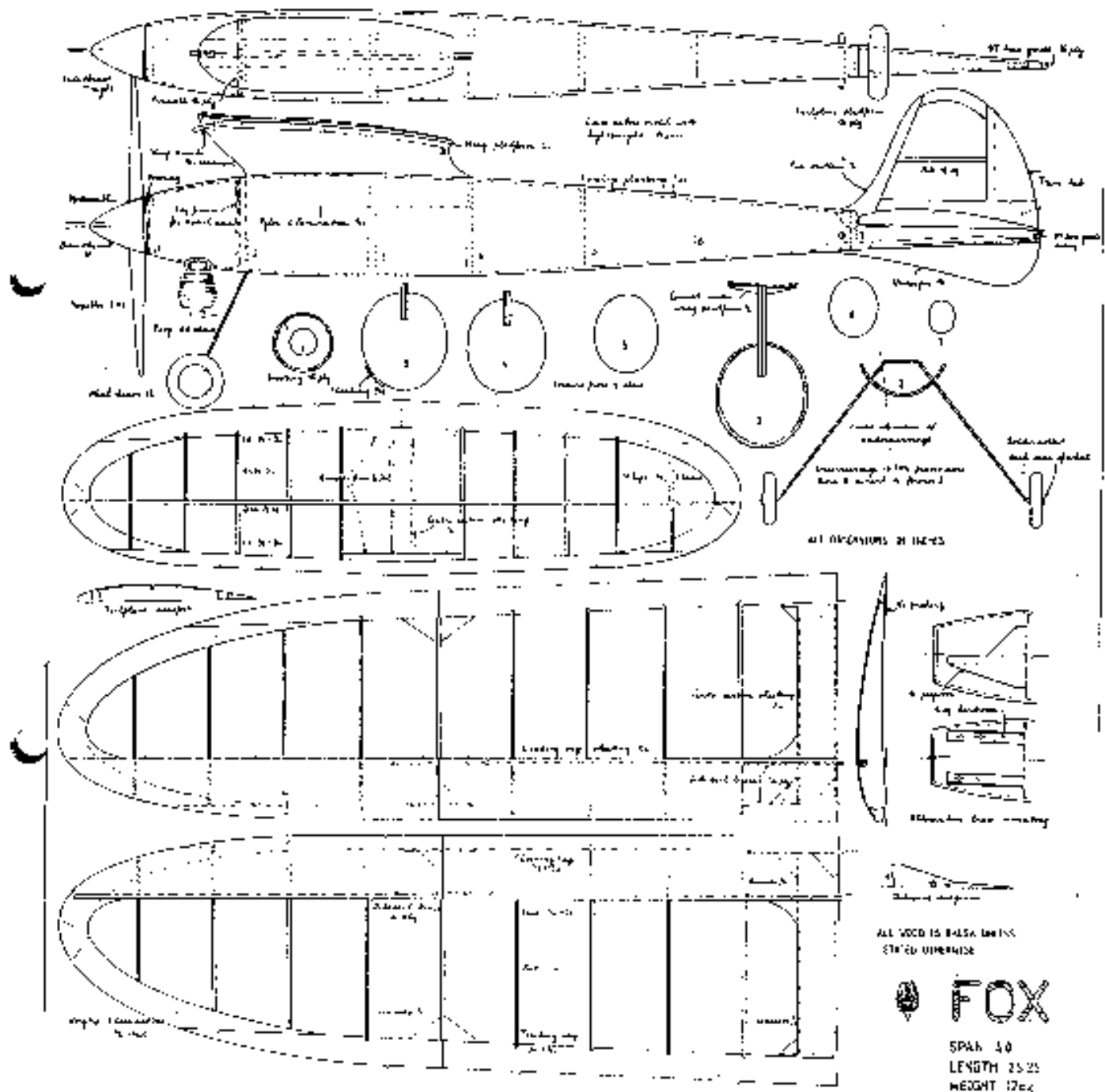
Entries. 1 pilot per aircraft. No entry fee. 3 pilots/ aircraft per team. All flights to be made on the same day. SAM U.S.A. Rules. [8oz per sq. ft wing loading.]

All flights must be separate from other postal contests. No time penalties on landing. 15 min max. Good luck.

AK42



The late Alan Kings AK42 for an "E.D" Diesel" of approximately 1.5-2cc.



Plan "FOX" 40" *Ef* power model from 1931. Plans available from Airborne magazine.

