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## NEWS, VIEWS and REVIEWS

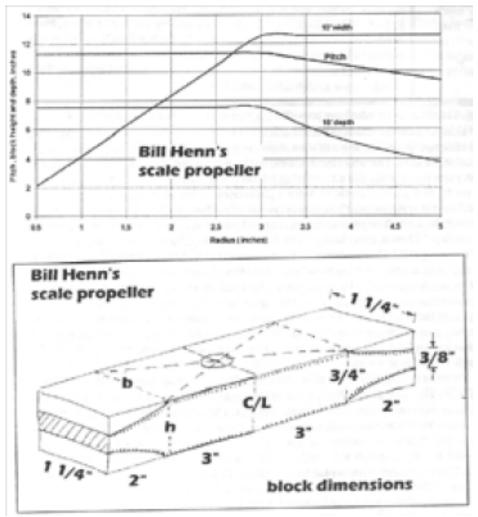
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# **BILL HENN'S SCALE PROPELLER**

"Ever since I began to fly free-flight scale, more than 30 years ago, I have been experimenting with various propeller pitches. About five years ago I settled in on this design and now scale it up or down for use on all models. It seems to work well using the 15% motor weight rule used in the NE as well as with unlimited motor weights. It should be realized that the subjects I choose to model have rather clean lines and I avoid draggy models such as biplanes. However, I believe this prop would work well on them also. Notice that the pitch diminishes from 60% radius\* to the tip. This is in concert with the props such as the Andrukiov which have become the standard with FIB and FIG flyers. Few use helical pitch any more. I have noticed that the diameter of the props used on many scale models is too small for optimum performance. The old rule that the diameter of the prop should equal 1/3 of the wingspan is greatly flawed. There are some equations for calculating prop diameter that may be very useful

but I have never used them and simply go with about +/- 40% of the wingspan depending on the area. I generally start with 40% of the wingspan. If the subject has a slim, high aspect ratio wing such as the FW 152H, I reduce the prop size to about 35%. With subjects that have broad, low aspect ratio wings, prop size is increased to more than 40%, as with my Chambermaid P-Nuts and 22" wingspan versions. Both use props that have a diameter of 45% of the wingspan. The best prop is not going to work unless it is hitched to the right motor. There must be a

means to calculate the number, width and length of the strands for optimum performance, but I have always used the trialand- error method. With the 10" diameter propeller, six strands of 1/8" rubber works out quite well. With long-nosed subjects, a motor that weighs 40%-50% of the weight of the model can be used without having to add an amount of ballast which will raise the wing loading excessively. To simplify matters I generally design and build my models to a size and weight to accommodate the 10"prop and six strand motor. This combination is used in my twins as well as my singleengined \*(Editor's note: The "60%" radius" above refers to the 3" radius on a 10" prop. In the graph below, The" 10" width" is the width of the block for the 10" prop. and the "10" depth" is the block



depth on the 10" prop.) An article published in the August 2007 issue of Windy Sock, Joe Joseph, editor

#### May 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

### ATTENDEES:

Mary Kay & George Avila, Paula & Jeff Englert, Jane & Earl Griffith, Regina & Marty Kline, Marty & Jim O'Reilly, Eleanor Phelps, Linda & Chuck Powell, Marilynn & Bill Schmidt, Cindy & Dan Walton

President Avila called the meeting to order. The previous meeting minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Jim O'Reilly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Earl Griffith is applying for a CD and needs references.

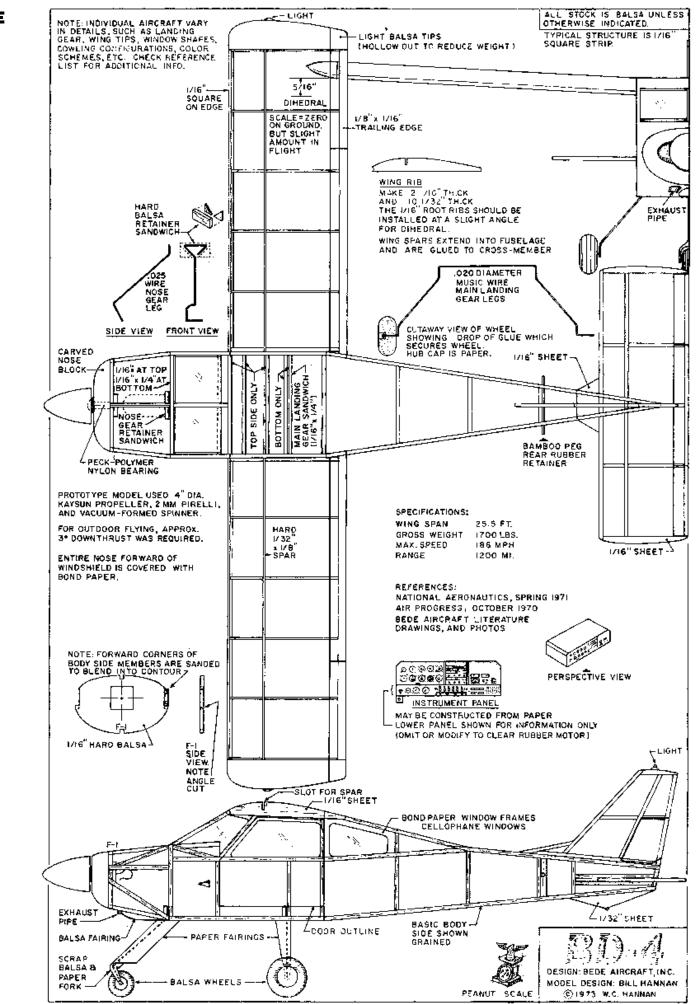
Jim O'Reilly will CD the SAM FF Champs in 2014.

## SHOW AND TELL:

Earl Griffith brought in his A sized T-Bird, never flown it was given to Marty Kline as a new member incentive.

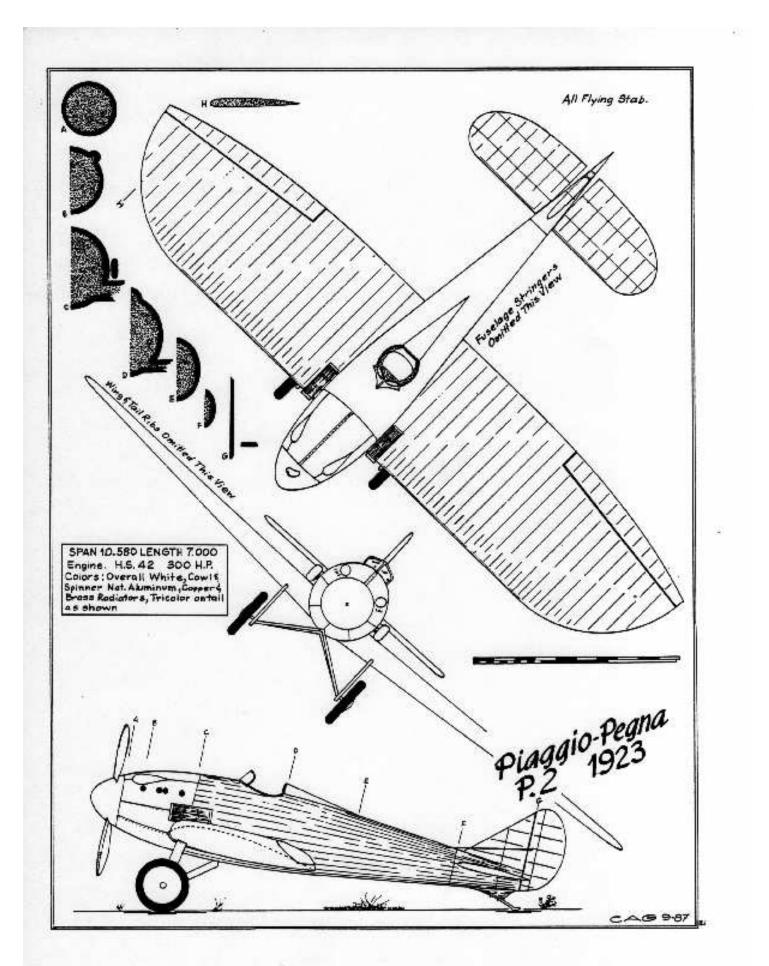
Bill Schmidt presented his Curtiss Goshawk, FIIC, built from a Dallaire plan. And a Curtis Helldiver, SBC-3, from a Dave Livesay plan.





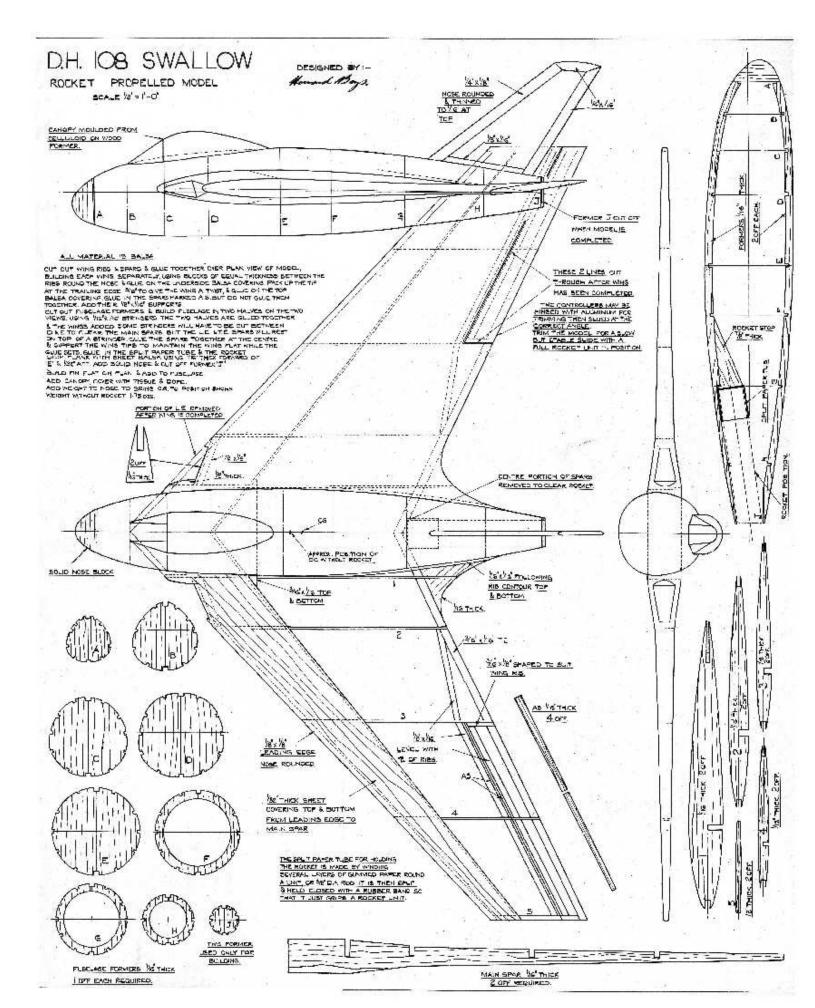
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The next SAM 56 Dinner Meeting will be at:

# **Mediterranean Grill**

335 S Towne East Mall Dr., Wichita, KS 67207

(316) 651-5599 **Saturday, July 20, 2013** Social Hour @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 7:00 PM..

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**Upcoming events:** 

July 20, 21 - Fun fly, 12" cat glider, FAC moth, Small rubber.

#### Membership Information:

Open to all interested AMA members, founded to encourage and promote the model airplane building hobby. Member dues \$20 annually, Subscription only; \$12 annually, \$18 foreign. Send checks to Jim O'Reilly, 4760 Battin, Wichita, KS 67220. All memberships and subscription renewals are due January 1st of the new year.

Club Officers: President: George Avila, 683-1474 Vice-President: Bill Schmidt 744-0378, Treasurer: Jim O'Reilly, 744-0856 Secretary: Jeff Englert, 722-7491