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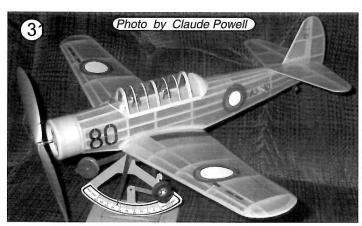
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## SUPREME MODELS ISSUE

# Dan Driscoll

About 15 years ago, I was thumbing through some old Model Airplane News when I spotted an ad for a neat looking small stick model in the June 1941 issue. It was the Thermal Bagger by Supreme Models, and it looked to be a good prospect for FAC Old Time Stick. It was 28" and appeared simple to build, with a straight square fuselage and a constant chord wing. I ordered the plan from John Pond.

# PG. 2 PHOTOS

- Bob Schlosberg's Fairchild 24W/R40, a 21 "rubber job from a modified Modernistic plan.
- Bob's Fairchild before dressing.
- 3. From Claude Powell: "Hi Guys, My latest, a low wing military trainer. It's a Commonwealth CA-6 "Wackett". It's Australian and the plan is from Derek Buckmasters "all Australian plans" website. It has a 20" ws giving 60 sq" of wing area. The all up weight is 32 grams as you see it (without rubber) and is very slightly nose heavy. Pray for warm weather."
- 4. The 'Bathtub' Command-aire, the newest model from Allan Schanzle's shop after much research -- see his article in a recent 'Skyways' www.skywaysjournal.org
- 5. And from Lindsey Smith: "Here is my latest, no the name is not wrong, it is one of the four 'Veron Combi' kits which shared the same wing and tail surfaces and printwood, but differed in layout. This was the low wing, the others were high, shoulder and mid. SAM 1066 is having a league comp for all four designs competing against each other during this season. All four plans are downloadable on Mike Stewart's web pages. I am probably the only person who will enter the Corsair, but I fell in love with it! Regards Lindsey"
- 6. and 7. Tom Hallman sent these photos of his 38" Junkers J.1 bipe based on John Houck's plan from an early 90s Max Fax.With a span of 38" she came in at 70 grams, using an 11.5" prop.
- 8. and 9. Mark Fineman's electric-powered Twin Ercoupe. "The wiring proved to be a particular challenge because a 2-cell battery pack had to go into each fuselage and then be hooked up in parallel with the Rees timer and jack. The 30" model is based on the 24" Comet plan. In the end, most of the structure was altered from the Comet design, including a totally new one-piece wing that mates with saddles in both fuselages, as well as totally new tail surfaces and drastically altered formers."

The plan arrived, and indeed it looked simple enough, but the airfoil wasn't clearly shown. I set the plan aside intending to do a little further checking to determine the correct wing rib shape. Then about 5 years ago, I saw a kit for the Thermal Bagger on ebay and purchased it for \$12.00. I later acquired several more Supreme Model kits.

The Thermal Bagger was designed by Tony Italiano. Tony is still an active modeler with the Bong Eagles in Wisconsin, and I spoke with him in March. He is also a past president of the National Freeflight Society (NFFS), member of the NFFS Hall of Fame, and is one the people responsible for the U.S. Indoor Championships (USIC) at Johnson City, TN. (See Tony's biography at http://www.modelaircraft.org/museum/bio/italiano.pdf)

Tony and his younger brother Victor, an accountant, founded Supreme Models around 1940, and produced four rubber-powered kits. Two of these kits, the Thermal Bagger and the Electron (also designed by Tony) are reproduced full size in this issue. Tony sent us a copy of one their original advertising fliers, and it is also reproduced here.

During World War II, both brothers entered the military. Victor went into the Army, and Tony served as an Army Air Force transport pilot in the Pacific. Supreme Models was sold to Steve Patti in 1943. I was unable to find anything about Steve Patti, and the subsequent history of Supreme Models was traced by ads in Model Airplane News and Air Trails.

Steve Patti Co./Supreme Models introduced a line of futuristic automobile kits in 1943, followed by solid aircraft models and small flying models in 1944. A small gas model, the Little Chief, was introduced in 1946, a line of undistinguished flying scale models was produced in the early 1950's, and then the company disappeared. The Weasel, reproduced full size in this issue, probably dates from the late 1940's.

Back to the Thermal Bagger. I built one in 2003 with a finished weight of 38 grams, and it has some problems. The ads and the plan state that the wingspan is 28" - it isn't, it's 24" measured on the plan. A comparison of the plan with the photo in the 1941 MAN ad appears to show 5 more wing ribs in the photo than on the plan. Apparently, the wing got shortened when the kit was produced. Also, the right wing is slightly longer than the left, and the wingtips are not identical. (Tony had no recollection of these oddities.)

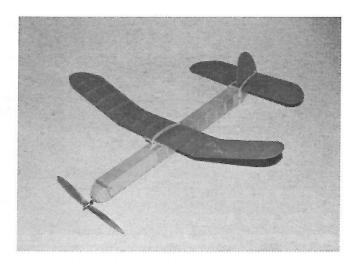
I have had moderate success with the model in competition - its best finish was third in Old Time Stick at the 2005 FAC Non-Nats. A problem seems to be prop size. The plan does not show a prop, but a 12" prop is specified. FAC rules state, "Propeller diameter must be as per plan or not more than 1/3 of the wing span." This means that you must use either a 12" or 8" (or less) prop for this model, and the rule doesn't appear to allow any prop size between the 12" and the 8". I tried a low pitch 12" prop with various motors and had little success. I have been using an 8" plastic prop with 150 inches of 3/16 Tan Supersport in two loops and 1900 turns. The model is very fast and erratic, and I'm sure a larger prop (maybe 9 1/2") would improve performance, but then it wouldn't eligible for FAC competition. But really, if you want to be competitive in O.T. Stick, forget the Thermal Bagger and build a Gollywock.

As for the Electron, with 26" wingspan and lightweight construction, it appears to be a good possibility for the new FAC 2 Bit Plus One Old Time Rubber event.

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# Stew Meyers editor

Dan Driscoll has supplied all the Supreme material for this issue except for the SE5 and D8 that Ray Rakow picked up in Michigan years ago. As usual Tom Schmitt supplied the photo pages. The tip on rolling fuselage tubes comes from George White via his web page www.pensacolafreeflight.org. Click on the articles list. Lots of good poop here. While we are on the subject of web sites remember the Maxecuter web site is www.dcmaxecuter.org and my email address has been changed to stew.meyers@comcast .net .



DAN'S THERMAL BAGGER

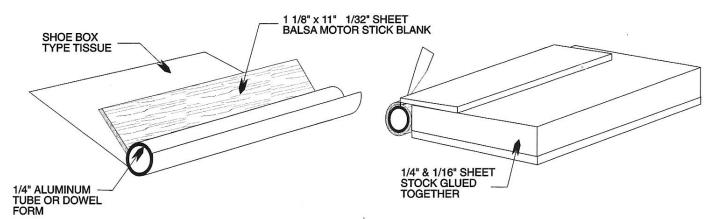
# National Building Museum - March 9, 2008

We had 28 registered flyers for freeflight, the most flyers we have had in several years including some new faces. We also had a significant, number of flyers for RC at the other end of the hall.

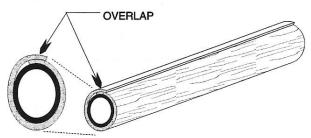
As usual, Steve Fujikawa was Grand Champ.

| 14g. Bostonian ML (10 entrants) |                    |                 | P. | P-Nut Scale ML (14 entrants)          |                    |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1                               | Dave Mitchell      | Zaptonian       | 1  | Dan Driscoll                          | OH-7               |  |
| 2                               | Ross Summers       | Bostard         | 2  | Bobby Russell                         | Ganagobie          |  |
| 3                               | Hugh Smith         | ?               | 3  | Steve Fujikawa                        | Lacey              |  |
| Př                              | nantom Flash ML (1 | 11 entrants)    | w  | W II No-Cal ML (12                    | entrants)          |  |
| 1                               | Terry Slattery     | <del>_</del>    | 1  | Steve Fujikawa                        | Dauntless          |  |
| 2                               | Bob Bissett        | -               | 2  | Frank Rowsome                         | Kate               |  |
| 3                               | Mike Moskow        | -               | 3  | Doug Griggs                           | Zero               |  |
| Dime Scale ML (6 entrants)      |                    |                 | Н  | Helicopter ML (3 entrants)            |                    |  |
| 1                               | Steve Fujikawa     | Bristol Brownie | 1  | Terry Slattery                        | Unicopter          |  |
| 2                               | Bob Bissett        | Eindecker       | 2  | Sharon Appling                        | Aerosp.            |  |
| 3                               | John Murphy        | Stinson 105     | 3  | Dan Driscoll                          | Seasprite          |  |
| Pennyplane (3 entrants)         |                    |                 | Re | Ready-to-Fly (3 entrants)             |                    |  |
| 1                               | John Appling       | 4:17            | 1  | Terry Slattery                        | Butterfly (3:00)   |  |
| 2                               | Frank Rowsome      | 2:46            | 2  | Sharon Appling                        | Firefly (2:37)     |  |
| 3                               | John Murphy        | 2:35            | 3  | Lydia Schlitzhus                      | Butterfly (2:16)   |  |
| A-6 (3 entrants)                |                    |                 | F/ | FAC No-Cal Profile Scale (4 entrants) |                    |  |
| 1                               | John Murphy        | 2:20            | 1  | Steve Fujikawa                        | Cassutt (462 sec.) |  |
| 2                               | Glen Simpers       | 2:10            | 2  | Dave Mitchell                         | Cessna (427 sec.)  |  |
| 3                               | Hugh Smith         | 1:19            | 3  | Frank Rowsome                         | Kate (265 sec.)    |  |

# ROLLED BALSA TUBE MOTOR STICK DETAILS

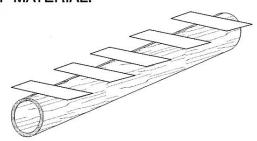


- 1. HOLD THE MOTOR STICK BLANK UNDER HOT RUNNING WATER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES.
- 2. MAKE ONE WRAP AROUND THE FORM WITH THE TISSUE.
- 3. PLACE THE WET BLANK BETWEEN THE TISSUE AND THE FORM AS SHOWN.
- 4. ROLL THE FORM ON TO THE TISSUE CAPTURING THE BALSA BLANK AS YOU GO. ROLL THE ASSEMBLY UNTIL 5 OR 6 WRAPS OF TISSUE HAVE OCCURRED.
- 5. HOLD THE ASSEMBLY TOGETHER WITH BANDS OF MASKING TAPE PLACED ABOUT 2" APART.
- 6. LET THE ASSEMBLY DRY OVER NIGHT, OR BAKE FOR 15 MIN IN AN OVEN ON LOW HEAT.

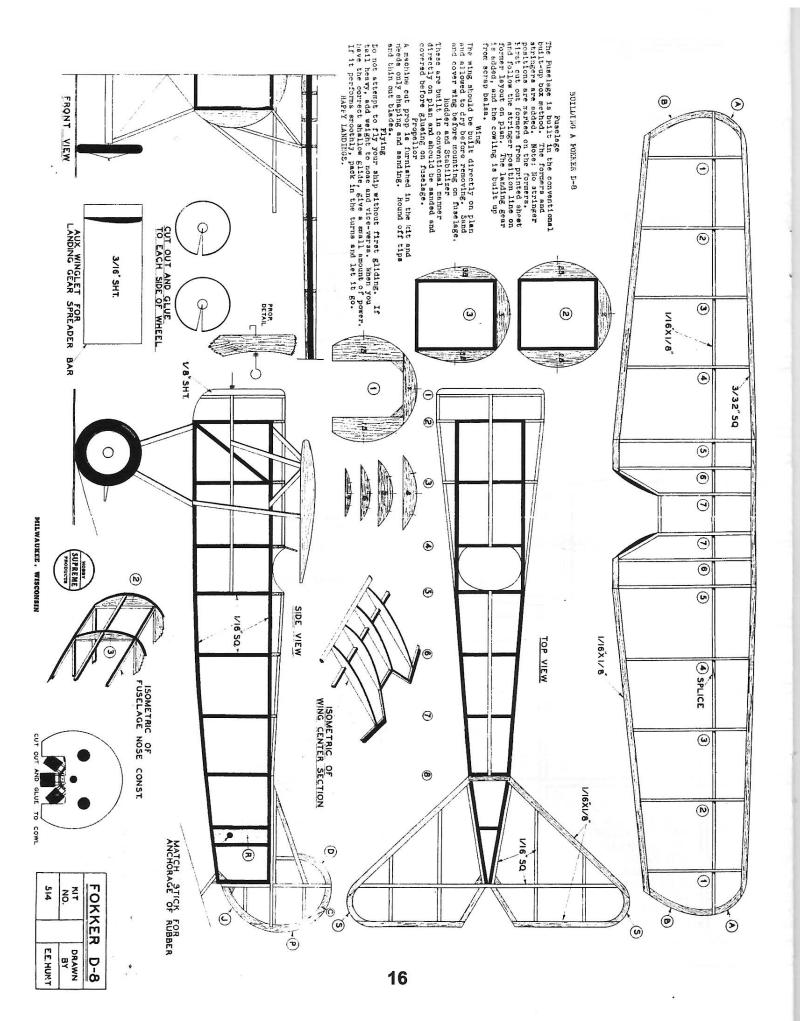


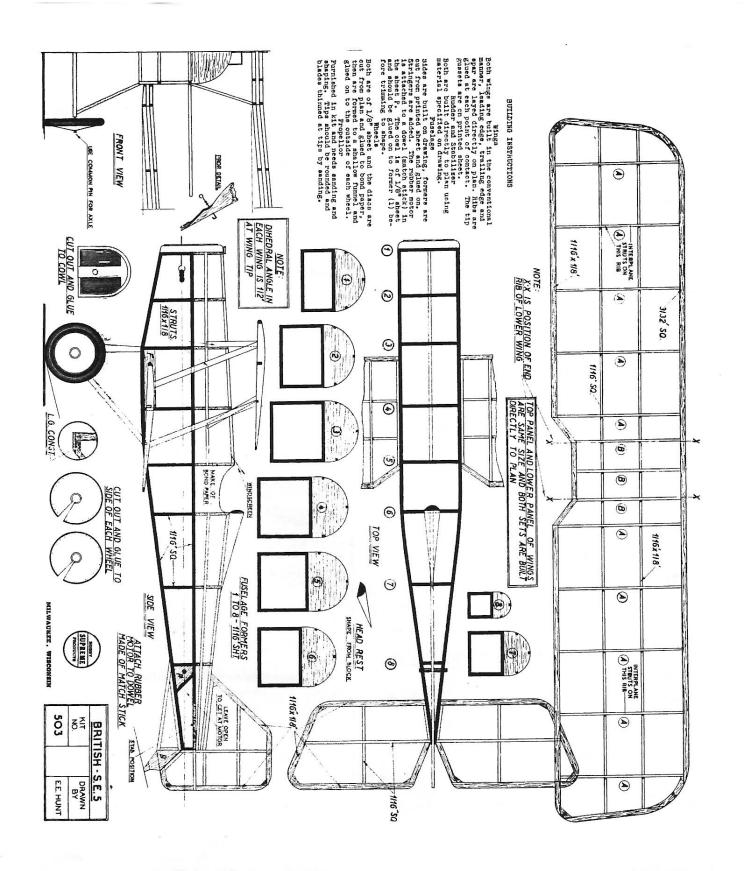
- 7. AFTER THE ASSEMBLY IS DRY, REMOVE THE MASKING TAPE AND THE TISSUE PAPER. YOU MAY NEED TO SLIDE THE FORM OUT OF PLACE TO BE SURE ALL TISSUE PAPER IS REMOVED.
- 8. THERE SHOULD BE AN OVERLAP WHERE THE EDGES OF THE BALSA BLANK COME TOGETHER.
- 9. SLIDE THE FORM BACK IN TO THE ASSEMBLY.

- 10. MAKE UP A TRIM SUPPORT BASE FROM PIECES OF 1/4" AND 1/16" STOCK AS SHOWN.
- 11. USING MASKING TAPE, ATTACH THE MOTOR STICK AND FORM UNIT TO THE SUPPORT BASE. THE OVERLAP SHOULD BE FACING UP AS SHOWN.
- 12. LAY A STRAIGHT EDGE ON THE MOTOR STICK AND SUPPORT BASE AS SHOWN. MAKE SURE THE CUTTING GUIDE EDGE IS PARALLEL WITH THE UNIT, AND CENTERED IN THE OVERLAP AREA.
- 13. CUT THROUGH BOTH LAYERS OF THE OVERLAP ALONG THE STRAIGHT EDGE.
- 14. AFTER THE CUT IS MADE, REMOVE THE MASKING TAPE AND THE TWO STRIPS OF SCRAP MATERIAL.



- 15. WITH THE FORM IN PLACE, USE 1/4" WIDE STRIPS OF MASKING TAPE TO "CLAMP" THE JOINT TOGETHER. MAKE SURE THE JOINT IS STRAIGHT.
- 16. SLIDE THE FORM OUT OF THE BALSA TUBE.
- 17. WICK CA ADHESIVE INTO THE JOINT BETWEEN THE TAPE STRIPS. A SMALL AMOUNT WILL COVER A LOT OF AREA.
- 18. WHEN THE CA HAS FULLY SET UP, REMOVE THE TAPE STRIPS. LIGHTLY SAND.





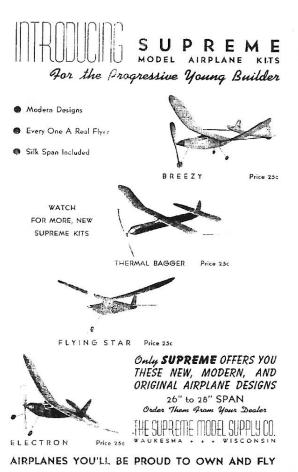
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**TONY ITALIANO TODAY** 

Tony's original ad before Supreme sold to Steve Patti, to the right >>>





Other ads from MAN.



# SUPER-SLEEK!

### **PG 19 PHOTOS**

- A takeoff view of Allan's latest the 'Command-aire'.
- 11. Would you like a hop, honey? A bit of Allan's diorama whimsy!
- And another of Allan's dioramas with his 'Invincable'.
- 13. Lindsey Smith researched this Farman Sport from data at the NASM.

Looks a little crowded in the small airplane!

- 14. John Hunton's Vega scaled up 1.5 times from Dave Rees plans to 330 sq inches and 16 oz, this is a delightful model to fly. Check with Dave and Marie Rees for all the great free flight plans they offer in their 'HiLine' catalog -- phone 919-778-6653
- 15. John's Vega ready for first flight. The control and power systems are from the \$65 Accipiter Badius and they work well.
- Mark Fineman's EA500 climbing out over Pinkham Field.
- 17. Our free flight guy, Mike Moscow, succumbed to the indoor RC craze and brought along a Plantraco to the NBM in January.
- 18. Our 'pleased as punch' newsletter editor won Bostonian at the January NBM contest with his tried and true "Boston Schtick".



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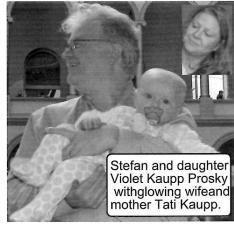
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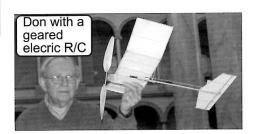
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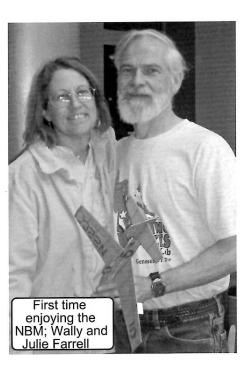












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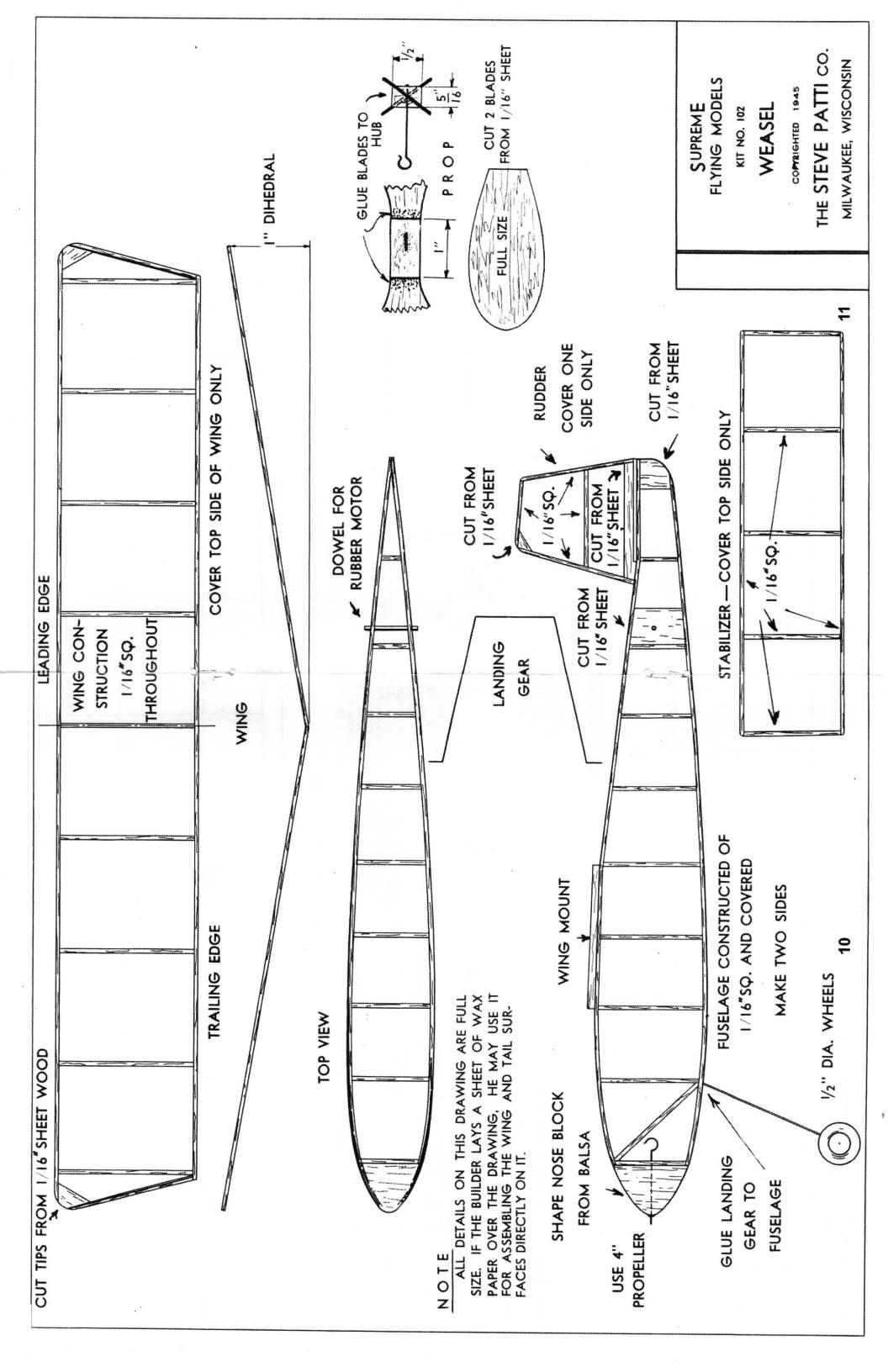
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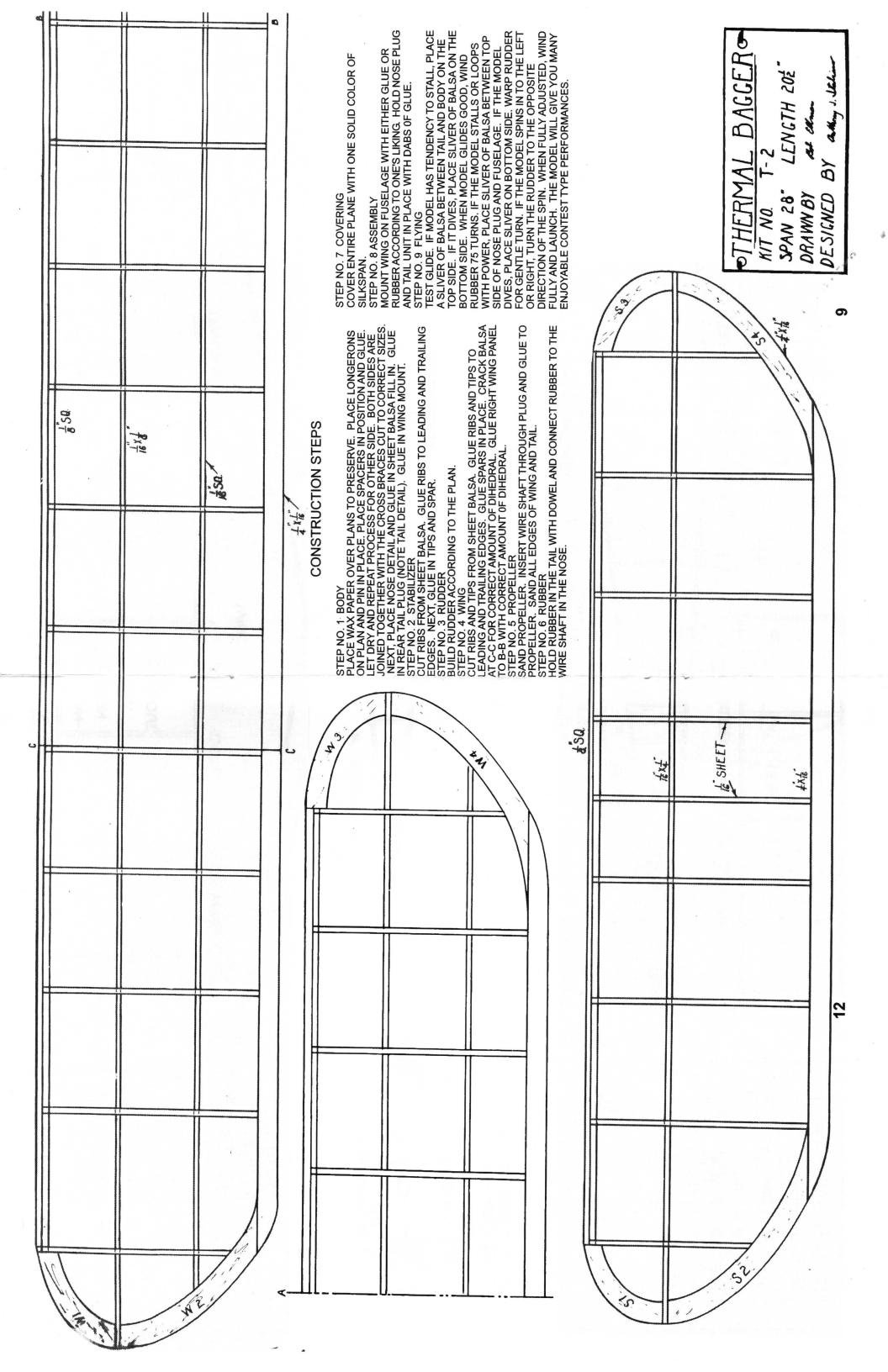
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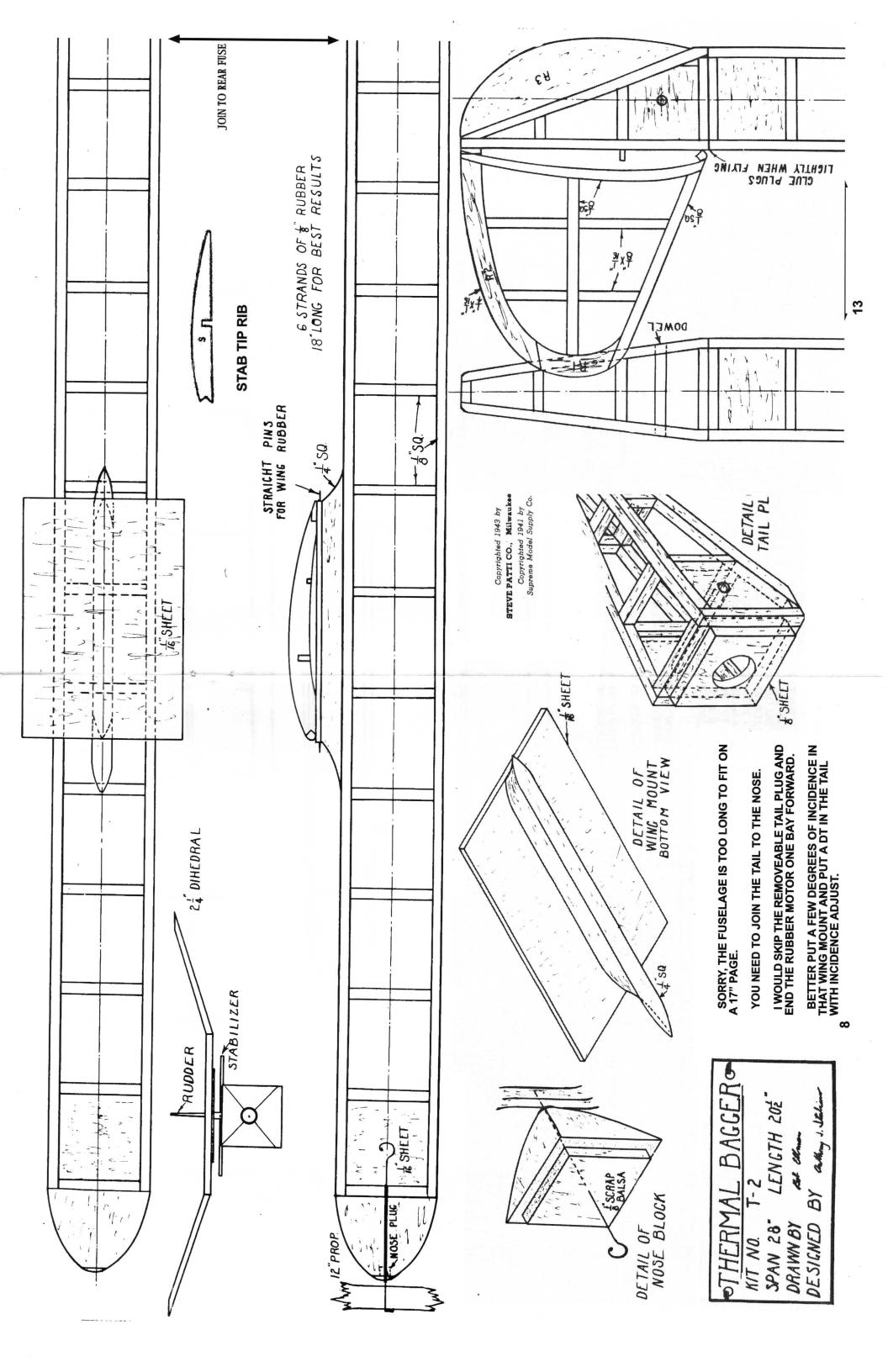
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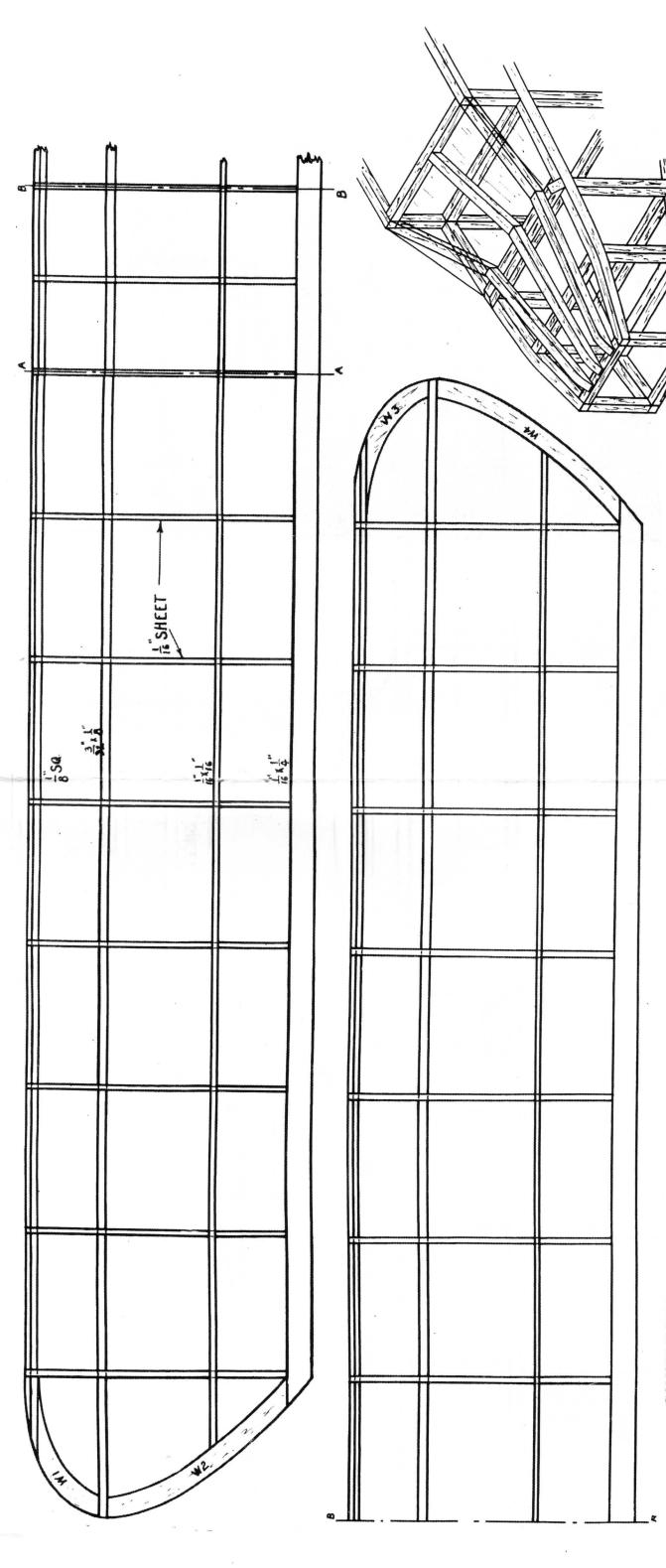
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# CONSTRUCTION STEPS:

NEXT, PLACE INDING GEAR IL PLUG (MI LAPPER FROM STEP NO. 1 BODY
PLACE WAX PAPER OVER PLANS TO PRESERVE. PLACE LOGERONS ON PLAN AND PIN IN PLACE. PLACE SPACERS IN POSITION AND GLUE. LET DRY AND REPEAT PROCESS FOR OTHER SIDE. BOTH SIDES ARE JOINED TOGETHER WITH THE CROSS BRACES CUT TO CORRECT SIZE. NEXT, PLACI NOSE DETAIL AND GLUE IN SHEET BALSA FILL IN. BEND LANDING GEAL AND GLUE AND THREAD TO LOGERONS. GLUE IN REAR TAIL PLUG (MI TAIL DETAIL). SHAPE NOSE BLOCK. GLUE CELLOPHANE WRAPPER FROM ANY CIGARETTE OR GUM PACKAGE.

S TO LEADING SA AT A-A FOR TO B-B WITH BODY. GLUE STEP NO. 2 STABILIZER
CUT RIBS FROM SHEET BALSA. GLUE RIBS TO LEADING AND TRAILING
EDGES. NEXT, GLUE IN TIPS AND SPAR.
STEP NO.3 RUDDER CUT RUDDER FROM SHEET AND GLUE TO STABILIZER AND TAIL UNIT TO BODY. STEP NO. 4 WING

CUT RIBS AND TIPS FROM SHEET BALSA. GLUE RIBS AND TIPS AND TRAILING EDGES. GLUE SPARS IN PLACE. CRACK BALSA CORRECT AMOUNT OF DIHEDRAL. GLUE RIGHT WING PANEL. STEP NO. 5 PROPELLER
SAND PROPELLER. INSERT WIRE SHAFT AND GLUE TO PROPI

HOLD RUBBER IN THE TAIL WITH DOWEL AND CONNECT RUBBER TO THE WIRE SHAFT IN THE NOSE. SAND ALL EDGES OF WING AND TAIL. COVERING RUBBER STEP NO.

COVER ENTIRE PLANE WITH ONE SOLID COLOR OF SILKSPAN.
STEP NO. 8 ASSEMBLY
MOUNT WING ON FUSELAGE WITH EITHER GLUE OR RUBBER ACCORDING
TO ONE'S LIKING HOLD NOSE PLUG AND TAIL UNIT IN PLACE WITH DABS

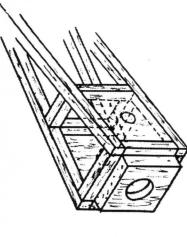
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STEP NO. 9 FLYING
TEST GLIDE. IF MODEL HAS TENDENCY TO STALL, PLACE A SLIVER
OF BALSA BETWEEN TAIL AND BODY ON THE TOP SIDE. IF IT DIVES. PLACE
SLIVER OF BALSA ON THE BOTTOM SIDE. WHEN MODEL GLIDES GOOD,
WIND RUBBER 75 TURNS. IF MODEL STALLS OR LOOPS WITH POWER,
PLACE SLIVER OF BALSA BETWEEN TOP SIDE OF NOSE PLUG AND
FUSELAGE. IF THE MODEL DIVES, PLACE SLIVER ON BOTTOM SIDE. WARP
RUDDER FOR A GENTLE TURN. IF MODEL SPINS IN TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT,
TURN RUDDER TO THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE SPIN. WHEN FULLY
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