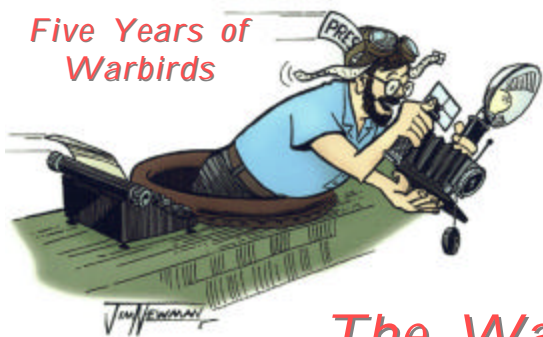


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A New Flying Circus

Here it is the middle of August and by now, most of us who were working on some winter project have finally taken it out to the flying field to commit aviation. Many of



you know that I was trying to get my Balsa USA Fokker Dr.1 Triplane ready for my biplane event back in June! Well, I did not make it then, but here are a few pix as of August 14th. I flew it this weekend and the test flights were interesting to say the least. I can say it is a great flying airplane and I managed to make three flights and keep the prop and the model in one piece. The model has a 72 inch span and it is powered by a Zenoah G-26. The model is covered by Super shrink Coverite and I used Scale Stits Poly Tone, both sprayed and brushed on to duplicate the scheme of Ernst Udet as he was the commander of Jasta 4 during 1918. I still have to paint the wheel covered

(half black and half white,) and as these pix were taken I still had to add the pilot, instrument panel and machine guns. I'll be flying the triplane at the upcoming Kingston Ontario IMAA / MAAC giant scale



Coming Events

Sept. 15-17, 2005

2nd Annual WARBIRDS OVER CAROLINA

TRIPLE TREE AERODROME

Enoree, SC,

Doug Imes, 864-268-8745

dougimes@yahoo.com

Sept. 15-17, 2005

WARBIRDS OVER MONTGOMERY

GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

Montgomery, AL

RAMMs Club Field

Gene Hannah, (334)215-7450

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October 14-15

WARBIRDS OVER VIRGINIA

GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

Gretna, VA

Rod Jaeger (434)384-5552

rocketman368@msn.com

Oct. 28-29

WARBIRDS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

Hickory, NC

the West Hickory Aero Club

Steve Parsons

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October 29th:

2nd annual Fighter Town U.S.A.

Bay City Flyers field

Land O' Lakes, FL

Jim Slaughter

jim@slaughter.org

Nov 18-19

WARBIRDS OVER FLORIDA

GIANT SCALE FLY-IN

The Gateway R/C Club

Jacksonville, FL

Lannie Road Park

Monty McMillan, (904) 221-9190

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April 28-29, 2006

Frank Morgan Memorial

Warbirds over Alabama

Giant Scale Fly-In

SE of Opelika, AL

Ted Cowan, (334) 480-0822

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event and hope to dial in the control throws and rates a bit more. I am also contemplating adding a rate gyro to the rudder to tame down the landing chores a bit. So enough of my newest project, here's an idea that I have been tossing around.

I know several of you guys out there have triplanes of one brand or another and I think it would be great to get 4 or 5 of us together to practice flying in close formation. Nothing like the Blue Angles mind you, but similar to the mass fly of Sopwith Pups done at the Rhinebeck Jamboree.

Wouldn't it be great to form our own "Fying Circus" and follow each other through a few basic show moves. To get things started, I would love to get as many as we can in the air at one time at this year's Rhinebeck event. Then if we have a good time, we could try it a few more times to work out a routine. We could then try a mass fly at my 2006 Multi-Wing Fly In next June... So, what do you triplane pilots think?

Want to give this a try? There are enough Ziroli, Great Planes, Flair, and Balsa USA kits out there so let me know what you think!



Great Planes Curtiss P6-E Hawk

I recently received a phone call the other day from fellow warbird lover Dave Johnson about an (up till now,) a top secret project. It seems that after a lot of designing and flight testing, the Hobbico/Futaba/Great Planes team debuted a new classic biplane at the recent AMA Nationals. Flown by Dave in the Fun-Scale class, the new Curtiss P6-E Hawk



biplane ARF was a big hit! With a span of 72 inches and designed to fly with engines in the .90 to 1.20 4-stroke range, the Hawk has all the same great features as other Great Plane kits. It featured a MonoKote finish with stick-on decals, and fiberglass engine cowl and wheel pants. The landing gear are faired with molded composite just like the recently released Stearman PT-17 Stearman biplane. Dave reports that it flies even better than the Stearman does and you can take it from me, that Stearman is a great model! I don't have a release date yet but I'll keep you all posted as this new 1930's classic comes to market!

And talking about the Great Planes PT-17, I have included a flight shot of my test model for an upcoming review in the November issue of MAN. Like I already said, it's a great flying model that goes together very quickly! If you are going to attend the Rhinebeck Jamboree, stop by the MAN tent, I'll have both

the Stearman and my Balsa USA triplane there! I look forward to seeing ya there.



Balsa USA 1/3-scale Fokker D-VII

Here's a quick note about the soon-to-be-released 1/3-scale Fokker D-VII from Balsa USA! Now there's a project I'd love to sink my teeth into. With a span of 118-inches this is a big biplane! Intended for G-62 and larger gas engines, the D-VII has the same great construction and it's 1/4-scale sibling. Stay tuned, film at 11!

Full-size Photography

A new feature I am starting with this issue is to include

some awesome full-size military aircraft pictures from our good friend and fellow warbird lover, Norman Feltwell. Norman resides in the UK and he makes his living photographing the splendid flying aircraft at local (to him,) events and at the various Aero museums throughout the UK. For the first set of pix we have the seldom modeled Bucker Jungmann biplane. This inline engined-version of the Jungmeister has a lot of character. And with it being a German, military, biplane, in classic Luftwaffe markings, I like it on multiple levels!

Norman has been sending me digital images of aircraft for a long time and it is only fair for me to share these great photos! If they inspire any of our readers to get hot on a project, then it is icing on the cake! Please enjoy them and, if you have any info on full-size aircraft or a modeling project, of course let me know!

So, until next time!

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