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Any articles for the newsletter are greatly appreciated and will be published as soon as possible.

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Meeting Info...

I don't think that we'll be having a January or February club meeting at the EAA hangar, thus no annual swap meet in February

There may be a Zoom Meeting.
More to come on that.

However the Building sessions are still scheduled for the first Saturday's of February and March.

If anyone has questions, they are free to call me...(612) 210-8195 or 763-424-1045
Thanks, Tony

Greetings

I finally got around to partially updating the website of the Piston Poppers www.pistonpoppers.com. You'll find recent photos and newsletters, etc.

Please send a few photographs of your winter builds, where ever you are doing them. Crop them first to what you want to show so I don't have to.

Fly on friends, soon,
Tom

K&B .61 Twister

I pulled this K&B .61 Twister off an unfinished RC airplane. It is nearly new and only been run on the bench for two tanks of fuel.

Jim Lee made her a tongue muffler, Venturi and needle valve assembly. All together as pictured it weighs 14.1 ounces. That is more than an ounce lighter than a Saito 56, and an ounce lighter than an Irvine 46/45.

She is ready to rock and roll!

According to MECOA it generates 1.8 HP at 15,000 rpm. According to a forum on RCUniverse it will run strong at 11,000 rpm on a 14-4 to 14-6 propellor.

All I need now is a suitable airplane (or a mower) so it can be put to work.

Tom Sontag



Soothing the Pangs of Age

Just a few thoughts:

Some people are never quite able to let go the enjoyments of their youth. We sit upon the back stoop and fall amazed by the gentle turning of a damp leaf, sparkling in the soft morning rain. Our eyes cling to bees caressing a flower.

We regain our youth at the witness of an innocent child, laughing as she

chases butterflies, her curls floating with each flap of their wings.

Life can be filled with such moments, even as our hairs gray, and we feel the pangs of age.

Some rediscover youthful hobbies to keep our smiles fresh. For me, I enjoy control line airplanes. I build them, fly them, and too often have to fix them.

Tom Sontag



Build Session

Tony, Jayden and I made it to the build session. Tony made progress on his stretched Ringmaster wing. Jayden has his Buster's wing ready for its bell rank. I worked to complete upgrades to a Sig Banshee and to a never flown Sig Magnum.



Tom Sontag

F-82 Deconstruction

Sometimes, you have to change things up. That time came last night for the Brodak F-82 Twin Mustang electric.

She was featured in an article several years ago and was an enjoyable airplane to see flying. It had a certain all-American pizzazz, all dolled up in red, white and blue.



The pilot could control the twin electrics with a throttle lever on an RC radio, just like Jim does with his electric wing conversion. The battery

was hidden in the central section of the wing for a clean look.

Unfortunately, the F-82 suffered several encounters with Terra Firma. The last such encounter was at the 1/2a competition in Iowa in 2019. The flight ended part way through a loop, early you might say, with unintended and severe deconstruction.

Last night, the time had come either to let it go to the trash dumpster, or to remake it into something else.

So, I got out the razor saw and began the process of turning it into a P-51. Step one, the easy part, is complete.



I'm going in everybody, wish me luck.

Tom

P.S. We'll see how it goes. Sometimes the dumpster is very appealing.

From Jim Gevay

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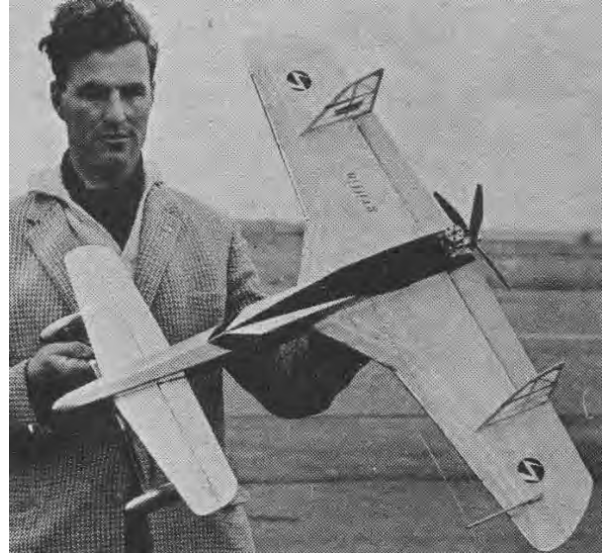
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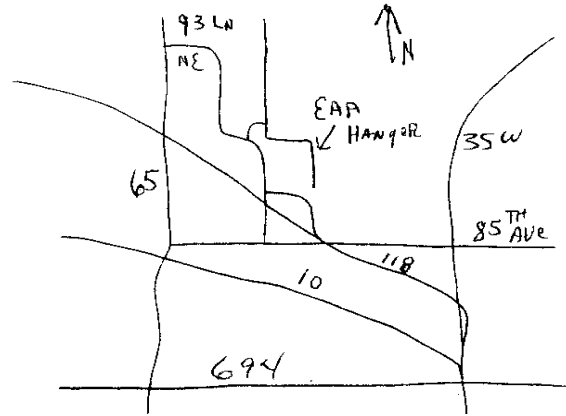
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