

## Wichita Historical Aircraft Modelers SAM 56

### Newsletter for November 2017

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I am always interested in ideas for this newsletter! -Email suggestions to Phil at [info@wichitafreeflight.org](mailto:info@wichitafreeflight.org)

### Announcements:

\*Next Meeting Saturday, November 4 at The Mediterranean Grill.

### Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2017

**Attendees:** Mary Kay & George Avila, Jeff Englert, Jane & Earl Griffith, Regina & Marty Kline, Kent Peters, Jim O'Reilly, Linda & Chuck Powell, Braden Powell, Ed Salguero, Marilyn & Bill Schmidt

President Powell called the meeting to order and the previous meeting minutes were accepted. Treasurer reported that the club assets remained positive.

**Old Business:** Perry Contest was described: muddy but fun. The Nationals were described as OK. Denver was challenging, a lot of smoke from regional fires.

**New Business:** Braden Powell was awarded a Monogram Pirate kit for building. Bill Schmidt reminded everyone to look to get a 1/2A Texaco session together. This is the Thirty year anniversary for the club traveling trophy!

**Show & Tell:** Jim O'Reily displayed a Henry Cole designed Cumulus Cruiser, drawn in CAD. Short kits are now available. Marty Kline was up next with a 1/2A gas Lunatic. Designed by Harry Murphy, the 1980 design came in at 7.4 ounces for the 240 square inch Model Builder plan. Jeff Englert showed the latest Walmart foam catapult glider from Air Raiders. A foam and carbon 8 inch wingspan chase wagon. At \$5, a steal for the juniors. A Dave Aronstein indoor ship was shown by Earl Griffith- everyone wanted the prop! Bill Schmidt brought his latest pet, a Black Widow, now stored in lacquer thinner! No word on its flight characteristics



**WHAM News, Views and Reviews:** We are very sad to hear of the passing of long time member Dan Walton. Words can't always hit the mark in conveying the value or esteem of a man, but Bill Schmidt comes pretty close here:

### I KNEW DAN WALTON

Dan Walton was a friend of mine. I first met him on the old Beech flying field At 13th and Webb Road about 1981. Right from the beginning I noticed what a pleasant and fun personality he possessed. I also noted that he had a affinity for unusual design models and not necessarily the run of the mill types that abounded on the field. He always seemed to show up with some subject that made you stop and look. I remember his Lil Misery flying wing that flew well and I thought to myself that I would probably never would have landed on it as a 1/2A Texaco subject. He had many articles published in Flying Models that were simple fun type models such as his "Gym Dandy" CO-2 powered for indoor as well as outdoor flying. His forward thinking resulted in the first airborne VCR camera plane in the area some

30 yrs. ago. I still have a VHS movie of his big plane circling the Dr. Alley flying field that is very interesting to watch.

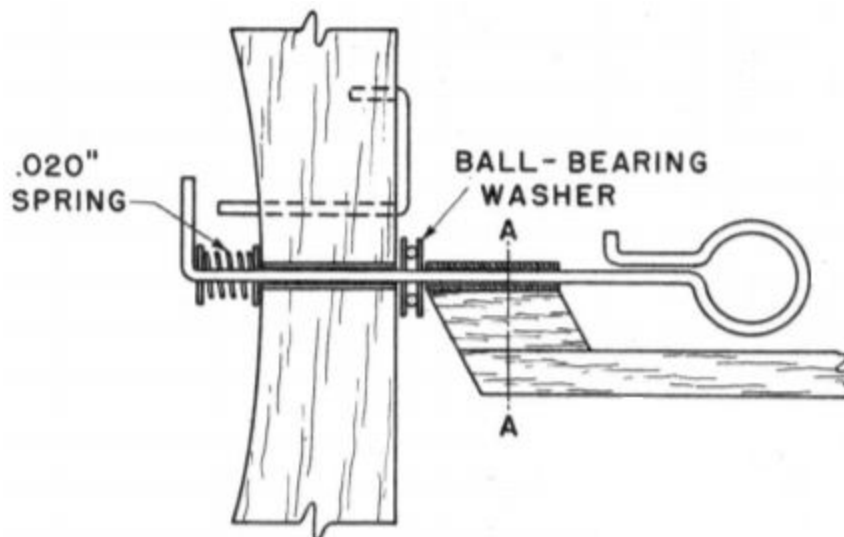
Perhaps the most stunning of his endeavors was his perfect scale model of Howard Hughes HK-1 "Spruce Goose" R/C sporting 8 Cox Tee Dee .010 engines. Dan had the starting procedure down pat and could light all 8 engines very quickly--kinda zip-zip-zip. What a sight and what a sound! Truly a memorable event witnessed by several of the club members that Saturday.

Dan was instrumental in helping me win the Grand Champion Awards at both the South West Regionals in Buckeye AZ and then the Grand Champion Award at Sequin TX in 1987. This took a lot of effort on the part of Dan and Jack Phelps and wife Marilyn. I did not care to repeat the performance as it was too much work and I didn't want to ruin my hobby.

He got married a bit later to Cindy and moved to some acreage in El Dorado KS. He has been an engineer at Beechcraft aircraft since moving here from CA as a young college graduate. It was about this time in the early nineties that Dan developed Rheumatoid Arthritis and it slowly began to take that sparkle and verve away from him. It grew progressively worse with added further complications and harsh medications that finally resulted in his death. Farewell good friend, many of us will remember you. -**Bill Schmidt**

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Here's a simple freewheeler with stop I ran across. It's shown on a twin pusher design but could be applied to any design of course. Hardware can for this can be purchased at [faimodelsupply.com](http://faimodelsupply.com).



Bill Schmidt also has this to share with us. He painstakingly culled this valuable information from the various plans:

## Rubber Endurance Model Prop Specifications

Altimeter	14" Folder	STRATOSPHERE	12" F/W
Ames Trophy Winner	14" Folder	SUPERFLYER	Not STIPULATED
Angel	16" Folder		
Beaumont	14" Folder Single Blade		
'34 Cahill	16" Folder		
Casano	15" Folder or F/W		
Crusader	15" Folder		
Double Feature	16" Folder or 11-1/2" F/W		
Dyna-Moe	13" or 13-1/2" Folder		
Flying Aces Moth	8-1/2" F/W		
Flemish Defiance	12" Folder- All In Series		
Flying Cloud	15" Folder		
Gollywock	12" or 13-1/2" Folder		
Hammer Stick	16" Folder		
Hi Ho	16" Folder		
Jabberwock	12" or 13-1/2" Folder		
J. A. Special	7" F/W		
J.A. Skokie	10" F/W		
Korda Stick	17" F/W		
Korda Stickler	18-3/8" Folder		
Korda Victory	10" or 11" F/W		
KS Wakefield	16", 17", or 18"		
Lanzo Puss Moth	17" Folder		
Lanzo Stick	19-3/8" Folder		
Lanzo Wakefield	18-1/2" Folder		
Lamb Climber	16" Folder		
Perky	12" F/W		
Senator	13" F/W		
Sky Hopper	12" F/W		
Smith Stick	17" Folder		
Smoothie	17" Folder		
Space Conqueror	14" Folder		
Sparky	12" Folder		
Stahl Hi-Climber	12" Folder		
Stahl Gypsy	18" Single Blade		
Stratometer	14" Folder		
Thermalier	14" Folder		
Wanderer	12-1/2" Folder		
Whitman Falcon	11" F/W		
Whitman Sky Rider	11" Folder		
Wilbur	15" Folder		
Wren	15" Folder		

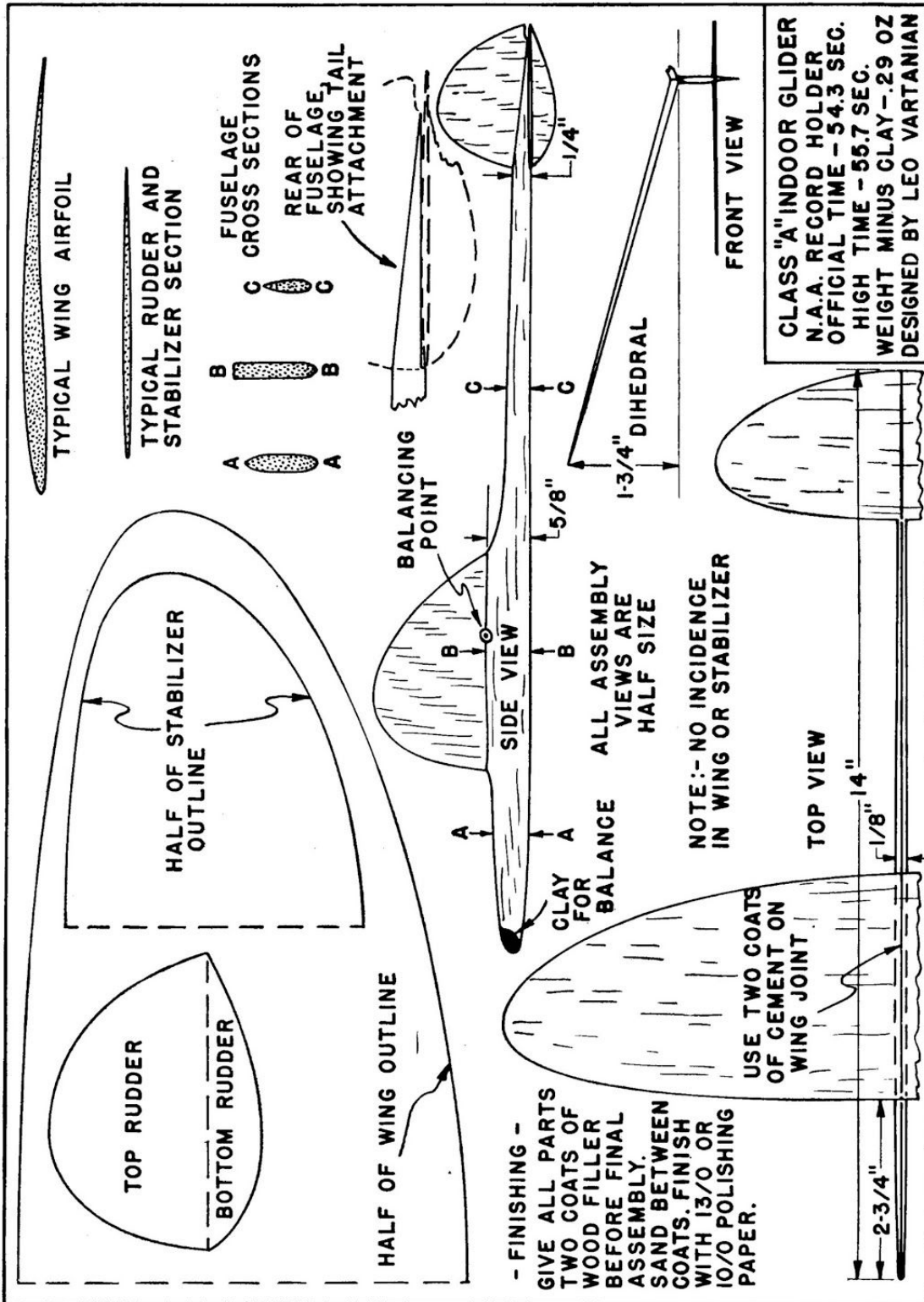


**Contest Report:** 16th Annual HAFFA Outdoor Contest / NFFS National Cup Meet Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017

A great time was had by all at this contest. The HAFFA folks always do a great job and this was no exception. Saturday was breezy but we got lots of flying in. Saturday night dinner in Florence was very nice and they didn't run out of prime rib! The wind forecast for Sunday sent some folks home early but the diehards got some flying in anyway.



**Here's a Plan:** This curvaceous glider by Leo Vartanian was originally published in Model Airplane News, September 1941. It was designed for indoor but with slight modifications it could be an outdoor contender as well.



**Check out our website and let us know what you think!** [www.wichitafreeflight.org](http://www.wichitafreeflight.org)

**The next WHAM/SAM 56 Dinner meeting** will be held at The Mediterranean Grill 335 S. Towne East Mall Dr., Wichita, KS 67207 (316) 651-5599 on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Social Hour @ 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm.

**Club Events:** 1/2a Texaco, Jimmy Allen, FAC Moth, C/HLG, or as arranged.

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