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The DRAGONFLYER is the only method for disseminating information concerning plans changes for the Dragonfly. All builders must subscribe. A one years subscription is included in the price of the construction manual. The DRAFONFLY is based at Foley, Alabama. Flight demonstrations are scheduled from time to time; however, the staff of Viking Aircraft is generally very busy processing paperwork and is not at the airport most of the time, so be sure to call ahead of time rather than just drop by the airport.

ERRATA SHEET: Before each newsletter is published, the errata sheet is up-dated to include all the significant plans changes. This means that it is not necessary for new builders to have all the back issues of the DRAGONFLYER in order to obtain the current plans changes. This is not to say that the updated errata sheets contain each and every building hint, but they are an up to date source of plans changes and alterations. For the information of you non-plansholders, these changes are all of a minor nature such as dimension errors, typos, minor ommissions, etc. They do not include major alterations to the airframe, nor do we anticipate any such changes.

For you early plans purchasers, it is not necessary for you to have the updated errata sheet since all the plans changes are published in the DRAGONFLYER. Just be sure to keep your subscription current.

GOODIES AND OTHER SERVICES: The following people are offering various items for sale that may be of interest to DRAGONFLY enthusiasts. Rick Gentz 9523 Yorkshire Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, 941-3016 sells I shirts with a view of the DRAGONFLY in flight.

Marge and Stan Kalishmen, 12 Apple Orchard Rd., Rochester, NH #3867 sell T shirts with a cute cartoon. The San Diego Builders Group, RT. #1, Box 495 A, Ramona, CA 92#65 (714) 789-3114 sells nice patches with a front view of the DRAGONFLY.

Wicks Aircraft Supply, 410 Pine St., Highland, IL 62249 (618) 654-7447 sells various DF jewelry.

Wayne Bridgewater, RR #2, Dawson, IL 62520 Sells patches with a Dragonfly Bug.

Nick and Carolyn Dunbar, 5#1 Lincoln St., Lee's Summit, NO 64#63 have organized a DRAGONFLY Hospitality Club.

R. Calvert, 4036 Justine Dr., Annandale, VA 22003 (703) 941-2060 sells full size patterns for all the metal and phenolic parts in the aircraft.

Jerry Miklosh, 427 Chruch St., Ambler, PA 19802 sells a nice set of job sheets to help builders better organize their building time.

NEW ADDRESS: Many of you may have already noticed that we have moved to a new address. We moved in order to get better office facilities and a place with a work shop close to home. Only the street address has changed. The phone number, etc. remains the same.

FLOYD IS SICK: Floyd has been acting up lately. I took him to the computer hospital, but the technicians were unable to figure out what is wrong with him. Yesterday Floyd dumped about half the newsletter into the ozone without a trace or an apology. His only remark was "Division by zero in 66%%", which didn't do much for my confidence in him. This newsletter is already a week late because of the Sun 'N Fun-fly-in, so I hope Floyd decides to behave himself for a few more days.

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SUN N FUN: The fly-in at Lakeland was a great success this year. Ching and I were attending for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Ching drove the van full of junk from Pensacola to Lakeland on Saturday the 13 while I flew the DRAGONFLY down. The weather was almost perfect with the exception of early morning fog which usually burned off by about nine in the morning. The days were warm and sunny with cool evenings that made camping out a real treat. You couldn't ask for warmer showers and the nice folks at Lakeland proved (to me at least) that the low key. Southern approach to running a fly-in is certainly the way to provide fun for all. They don't call it "Sun 'N Fun" for nothing. At least a thousand people asked me for a ride in the prototype at Lakeland. Naturally we could only accommodate a handful of them, but a whole bunch of people got to at least sit in the aircraft. Irene Rutan (mother of Burt Rutan, the Vary-Eze designer) went for a ride and seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. Mrs. Rutan has long been an admirer of the DRAGONFLY and was quite impressed with the outstanding visibility from the cockpit. I didn't notice anything particularly new and interesting on the homebuilt aircraft market; however, some of the ultralights are getting to be more and more like real airplanes. Some of these craft now have genuine 3 axis controls and are constructed to very high standards indeed. The costs are also climbing. Several kits were selling at prices that exceed the cost of a *plain vanilla* DRAGONFLY. It will be interesting to see in which direction they go in the near future. On Saturday the 20th, Ching drove home and I flew back to Pensacola in formation with my old friend Bruce Evans who had flown to Lakeland all the way from San Diego in his beautiful Vari-Eze. We were faced with a terrific stack of mail, which we now have under control, but it points out the difficulty with trying to take a week off. Remember that week off we were trying to take? Well....it never happened, but we're still trying. One of these days Ching and I will get far enough ahead to get away for a week, I hope.



IRENE RUTAN ABOUT TO GO FOR A DEMO RIDE AT SUN 'N FUN

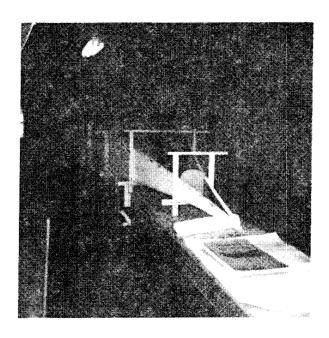
PENNSYLVANIA BUILDERS GROUP: Jerry Miklosh is organizing a builders group in the Ambler, PA area. The idea is to exchange ideas, purchase materials in bulk, etc. If you live in the PA, Washington DC, or NJ areas, give Jerry a call. Even if you don't like to go to meetings, the sources of low cost materials that Jerry and his friends have discovered will prove useful. I had the pleasure of spending some time with Jerry at Lakeland and I was especially impressed with the "Job Sheets" he has developed to go along with the construction manual. Jerry is an ex-school teacher, now working as an engineer. His experience in school has taught him that most people don't really read very well. Since the DRAGONFLY plans require a great deal of reading and since much of it is rather complex, Jerry came up with a series of "Job Sheets" to assist builders get organized. Those of you who have good reading skills and don't seem to have any trouble organizing your time probably don't need this kind of help. On the other hand, if you are experiencing trouble organizing your work efforts and seem to be wasting a lot of time planning what to do next, these sheets may be just what you are looking for. What Jerry has done is to go very carefully through the plans and break each task down into small parts. He has then developed a verbal guide to each task that goes hand in hand with a "Arrow Diagram" or flow chart to guide the builder through each task. This data is loaded with such information as page number cross references, materials required lists, time estimates, concurrent tasks, critical paths, etc. Jerry has agreed to sell builders this information for \$35. Contact him at: 427 Church Street, Ambler, PA 19882. Jerry is also trying to work on his DRAGONFLY project, spend some time with his kids, and make a living; so give him a break and don't flood him with a lot of questions asking for the intimate details of his "Job Sheets". If you aren't sure whether or not you can use this type of info, send him \$2 and ask for a small sample. Then you can make up your mind if you want the entire set or not.

FLOX GUNS: Bob Bell points out that disposable syringes sold at fare supply stores make good flox guns.

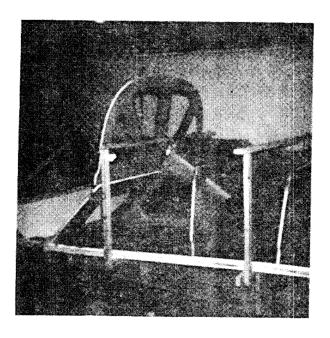
CUSTOM AIRCRAFT ENGINES: I had a chance to meet Mr. Gilbert Duty of CUSTOM AIRCRAFT ENGINES at Lakeland. Gilbert had several engines on display and is capable of producing VW conversions for the DRAGONFLY in sizes from 1600cc to 1835cc. He sells everything from accessories to complete engines. Contact him at: CUSTOM AIRCRAFT ENGINES, BOX 427, ROUTE 3, SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330. PHONE 919-776-6282.

COCKPIT LIGHTS: David Hoffman Products sent me a beautiful little cockpit light the other day. It is a very small and lightweight light suitable for instrument panel lighting or map reading. The beam may be aimed over a wide selection of angles. It looks like just the thing for you guys who would rather be flying after sundown rather than enjoying the finer points of various indoor sports. Contact: David Hoffman Products 1889 Old Mill Road, Auburn, Alabama 36838 (285) 821-8942.

CLOTH SUBSTITUTION: A few months ago it looked like Hexcell was going to discontinue production of the 7715 Unidirectional fiberglass cloth. I mentioned that if this were the case, we would test several substitute cloth styles. It has been decided to continue production of 7715 with only a slight increase in cost. Since none of the substitute cloths were direct replacements, and since 7715 would continue to be available, we have no plans to authorize any other cloth at this time.



ART STANWOOD'S FUSELAGE JIB



EAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION CARD: The EAA is interested in keeping statictics on homebuilts in order that they may serve you better. If you haven't received a registration card from them please take a few minutes to send them the following information. Name, EAA number, address, Aircraft type (Dragonfly), Aircraft configuration (Canard), "N" number, Seating (2), Engine make and HP, Span (22'), Date started, Date completed, Occupation, Birthdate, Cost of project. Send the info. to EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 229, HALES CORNERS, WISCONSIN 53138.

BUILDERS GROUPS: In addition to the PA group mentioned previously, you should know about a couple of other builders groups. The San Diego builders group is headed by Tom Lynch, Rt. \$1, Box 495 A, Ramona, CA 92865 (714) 789-3114. The Arizona group is headed by Tom Roche, 1318 E. Donner, Tempe, AZ 85282 (6\$2) 949-2358 or 838-3136. Contact these people if you live in the appropriate area or perhaps you should think about forming a group of your own. Bulk purchasing, sharing of tools and fixtures, and the sharing of talent can make your project much easier and quicker to build, not to mention the fun of getting together with other guys and gals who share a common interest.

AIRCRAFT MODS: We hear about a lot of things through the grape vine. Some of the most disturbing news concerns plans changes. We emphasize that homebuilders are considered to be the aircraft manufacturer and that the DRAGONFLY construction manual is simply a document detailing how we built our prototype. We have absolutely no control over the actions of other builders, and in fact the FAA is encouraged to exercise only limited control over homebuilders. Builders are free to build and fly almost anything their heart desires. If a builder wanted to construct his project out of papier mache, there is nothing in the rules that would prohibit that undertaking. These very liberal rules are refreshing in this over regulated world. However, it opens the door to a lot of potential trouble. The best advice we can give you is to build your aircraft exactly as we built ours. Our experience is that many seemingly simple changes turn out to be rather complex and often times don't produce the desired results. Offering a worthwhile opinion on an untested modification is just not possible. Regrettably we hear of some people making some pretty radical modifications to their projects, often without fully thinking the change through. Some of these changes are the the cause of the rapid greying of what little hair I have left. Leaving the spars out (to save building time), drastically reducing the airfoil thickness (because the builders previous aircraft had thin airfoils), and bolting the engine directly to the plywood firewall are a few examples of potentially disasterous modifications that some people are insisting on incorporating into their projects. Less serious, but equally as disturbing are the modifications suggested by

some of the unofficial newsletters that are springing up in conjucation with various builders groups. I want to make it clear that Viking Aircraft has absolutely no connection with these groups and we have no control over their actions. Any information you read in these publications should be considered strictly unofficial. While these newsletters contain lots of really good builder tips and material procurement information, you should always consult the DRAGONFLYER for official plans changes and if you have any doubt as the prudence of any contempleted changes or procedures please consult us here at Viking.

AIR PROGRESS ARTICLE: We have been trying for as long as the DRAGONFLY has been around to get some independent pilot reports published in the various trade magazines. It seems that press coverage is directly related to one's advertising budget and since Viking Aircraft has elected to keep the costs to the builder as low as we can, we do not have a very ambitious ad budget. Nevertheless, as mentioned in newsletter \$5, Peter Lert of AIR PROGRESS MAGAZINE did a pilot report last December and the results were published in the March issue of the magazine. It is worth reading since Peter is the only person to have flown both the \$Q2\$ and the DRAGONFLY. The photographs by Budd Davison are worth the purchase price.

OSHKOSH FORUM: As they say, "It's not too early to start making plans". I am scheduled for a forum on the DRAGONFLY in forum tent \$2 from 12:86 to 1:15 on Tuesday August 3, 1982.

GOOF UPS: We all make mistakes and we usually hate to admit it. That's human nature, but when it comes to safety we must do what ever it takes to admit our mistakes when we make them. There have been a couple of builders who have mis-read the plans and used the wrong cloth, the wrong orientation, or the wrong lay-up schedule when making parts. The problem has been that some of these mistakes have been on major parts such as the wing or canard. If you foul up the wing skin on the second side of your wing, you have made a terrible error in terms of man hours and money. The worst thing you can do is get together with your neighbor and convince yourselves that it won't make any difference. It will! Force yourself to give us a call so that we can consider possible alternatives. Unfortunately, there is no suitable action for some errors except to reject the entire part. This isn't too difficult for a bulkhead, but it is pretty hard for me to tell a builder to throw away his entire ming or canard. But if that is what is called for, it must be done. The point is, to read and follow the plans very, very carefully and try to avoid a major blunder. If you do make one, admit it to yourself and if you have any doubts as to the proper course of action, please give us a call. You may be able to fool your FAA inspector, but you can't fool Mother Nature.

EPOXY SENSITIVITY: A few builders are experiencing sensitivity to Safe-T-Poxy. Remember that although this epoxy has very low toxicity, it is not a One of the reasons it is less toxic than hand Intion. other formulations is that it doesn't contain solvents that break down the natural oil barrier in your skin. If you use all the proper precautions but clean the epoxy off your skin with a solvent such as acetone, then you are dissolving the masty parts of the epoxy and forcing them into your body. If you use a skin barrier cream rather than gloves during the glassing steps, at least put on a pair of throw away ploves if you clean your tools with solvent. Acetone alone isn't good for you, but when it disolves epoxy, the mixture is something you should be really careful with. Alcohol and soap and water is the safest thing to clean up your tools with and does a pretty good job.

EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTIONS: Most people have been able to discover that the label saying "This is your last issue" means that this is your last issue and they should re-subscribe. Based on the success of this system, we will continue to notify subscribers using this simple code system. If you are a plans holder you must subscribe so as to be kept informed of any plans changes. If your newsletter does not have a label that says "This is your last issue", you may assume that this is not your last issue. Give us a call if there is any confusion.

SERIAL NUMBERS: Most of you plans holders have been pretty good about sending in your request for a serial number and releasing your names to the other builders. A few of you have not taken the time to fill out the form and send it to us. If you're in this category, please take a few minutes to fill out the form and mail it in. It helps up to keep our records straight. More importantly, if you agree to release your name, it helps build up a stronger network of builders so that you can take advantage of bulk purchase of materials, sharing fixtures and tools, etc. Even if you don't plan to start construction in the near future, send in the form anyway. You are not obligated to start construction before you get a serial number.

HAVE YOU MOVED? If you have moved, please send us your new address. It is important that we are able to keep track of each builder so that we may issue plans changes should they become necessary.



HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR PROJECT A few folks have sold their projects and most of them have notified us. If you have sold your project, or if you purchased a project from someone else please insure that we know about you and have your current address.

NEW DESIGN: Viking Aircraft has a new design in the works!! We don't like secret projects so we thought we would let you in on the details as early as possible. The project is scheduled to be launched about the same time you read this. It is 12.5' long and 4' wide and designed to carry two adults. It has room for 3 adults in a pinch or 2 adults and 2 kids. The construction is foam/fiberglass and the weight is about 6# pounds. The cost should be only be a few hundred dollars without the engine. It is powered by a 4 horsepower engine, but can easily be human powered for those desiring to trade a bit of speed for lower cost. No, it isn't an aircraft. It is a light weight car top fishing boat. It's a dory/skiff type design with compound curved sides made out of 1/2* thick scored Clark foam. It might make a good starter project for those interested in composite construction, but who don't want to invest the time and money necessary to construct an aircraft. Full details of the boat, including photographs and sea trial information will be published in the summer newsletter. I expect to have kits available through one or more suppliers some time in the future, but it all depends on when I can find time to write the plans.



PLANS CHANGES: Viking Aircraft cannot enforce "mandatory" plans changes or modifications to your aircraft in the same way as the manufacturer of a certificated aircraft can. Each builder is the manufacturer of his aircraft and as such is able to heed or ignore any plans changes as he wishes (or he may heed or ignore any or all of the plans themselves for that matter). However, in the interest of safety is is strongly suggested that the changes or advice published in the DRAGONFLYER be carefully considered for incorporation into your construction manual and/or your aircraft.

Chapter 3, page 6, column 1, paragraph 2, Add: These lift fittings and all other metal parts that are to be bonded with epoxy must be carefully cleaned and sanded with 22f grit sandpaper. Do not paint any metal surface that is to be bonded; however, exposed metal parts should be painted with zinc chromate primer and enamel paint. Remember that all lift fittings are 1/4° thick while the wing drag fittings are 1/8° thick.

Chapter 3, page 1, column 1, paragraph 4, Add: Do not photocopy any scale drawings, especially the airfuil templates, because distortion caused by the copy process may produce unacceptable errors in the airfoil Chapter 2, page 1, column 2, paragraph 4, Add: The layout line for the fuselage side layout is the same as water line +4.2 shown on sheet L-1. Begin the layout 2* aft of the forward edge of the foam sheet. The edge of the foam sheet is not the same as the firewall. The firewall is, in fact, at 90 degrees to the waterline. All bulkheads that appear to be at 90 degrees to WL 4.2 are indeed at 90 degrees to the materline. Carefully follow the layout procedure on sheet L-1 so as to reproduce the fuselage side accurately. Chapter 2, page 7, Add: Skip ahead to Chapter 9, page 8 and install the canopy restraint strap plywood inserts as instructed in chapter 9. Chapter 1, page 13, column 2, paragraph 3, Add: Use great care to use the correct type, fiber orientation, and weight of cloth. An error in selecting the type of cloth may cause an expensive part to be rejected.

Chapter 2, page 1, column 2, paragraph 5, Add: As a general thumb rule, use medium viscosity micro as glue to join foam parts and use flox as glue to join parts that have been glassed.

Chapter 3, page 1, column 1, paragraph 4, Add: Note that the templates used to cut the trailing edges of parts such ailerons, elevators, etc. may at first appear to produce a thicker than expected trailing edge at the "glass-to-glass" bond site; however, because of "burn down" caused by the hot wire, the upper and lower surface skins should meet at just the right angle to produce a nice glass-to-glass bond of about 1/2" (with 3/8" to 5/8" being acceptable). The exact chordwise bond dimension may vary a bit when matching the trailing edges at such places as the outboard end of the aileron. The upper and lower skins at the trailing edge should be a smooth continuation of the airfull with no intentional reflex or other camber change at the trailing edge. A thin, straight trailing edge is the desired end result.

Chapter 2, page 3, column 2, paragraph 2, Add: The cross hatch area of the fuselage doubler layout drawing failed to print correctly in some cases. The entire forward fuselage area

forward of the canard drag spar should receive a 3/4" foam doubler. The inboard surface of the foam doubler should be flush with the inboard surface of the wooden stringers. The outboard surface of the wooden stringers should be flush with the inboard face of the basic 1/2" fuselage side. Refer to cross section A-A. Where the 3/4" doublers transition to 1/2" doublers simply sand the 3/4" doubler over a distance of several inches to produce a smooth transition that is easy to glass.

Chapter 4, page 1, column 2, paragraph 2, sentence 2, Change: The correct sentence should read "find the BL-78.5 elevator template and position it above and ahead of the BL-117.5 canard template."

Chapter 4, page 5, column 2, Because the canard paragraph 1, Add: lift fittings will interfere with the BL-14.5 jig blocks, use the following procedure to jig the canard. Position the BL-14.5 blocks on the table at at BL-14.5. Position the other jig blocks at their proper location and use a tight string, your eyeball, a straight edge, etc. to make sure that the sweep is zero, the anhedral is correct, and most importantly, that the angle of incidence at each block is correct. When everything is correct break the bondo joint and move the BL-14.5 blocks inboard toward the canard centerline so as to clear the canard lift fittings. Fasten them to the table with bondo and cut slots in your table top to accommodate the lift fittings. Then procede with fastening the canard to the jig in preparation for glassing.

Chapter 5, page 14, column 1, paragraph 1, Add: Note that the cowling split line is not parallel to the water line and it is not on the center line of the crankshaft. The front face of the cowling may be slightly canted relative to the aft face of the spinner. The important thing is to have the crankshaft center line in the center of the cowling cutout.

Chapter A, page 1, column 1, paragraph 1, Add: Note that the material quantities on this list are the minimum necessary to do the job. Foam, carbon fiber, and metal quantities should not vary from the materials list, but first time builders can be expected to use as much as 3 gallons of extra epoxy and up to 10 yards of extra cloth. This is nothing to be concerned about as long as the extra material is waste due to lack of experience in cutting cloth and mixing the proper amount of epoxy. Do not accept a wet lay up, and resist the temptation to "beef up" any area of the aircraft. Since all materials are easily available, it best to wait untill near the end of the project to see what additional materials, if any, are necessary. Overseas builders who may have shipping and customs problems might be wise to order a bit of extra epoxy and cloth just to be on the safe side.

Chapter 7, page 10, column 1, paragraph 2, Add: Two aileron pushrods connect the bellcranks on the inboard ends of the ailerons to the CS-1 motion changer bellcranks. The length of these pushrods will vary from aircraft to aircraft and should be custom fitted. Fabricate the pushrods from 1/2* X .035 2024 T3 and treat the ends as shown in Chap 7, page 4.

Chapter 7, page 7, column 1, paragraph 2, Add: Fabricate the brake actuating arm from a piece of aluminium 11 1/4" long. Make the bend as shown 1 1/4" from the rounded end. Chapter 7, page 8, Add: The brake handle drawing should have the following dimensions. The finished overall length is 22 1/2". The narrow part is 7 1/2" long and 1" wide. The wide part is 1 1/2" wide. The notches are 1/8" wide, 7/16"deep, with 1/2" spacing. Chapter 2, page 7, Add: dimensions of the small plywood brake pulley inserts that go in the canard drag spar are: 1 1/2* X 1 1/2* X 1/2*. Chapter 3, page 6, column 1, paragraph 3, Add: Note that the sweep of both the wing and canard is zero relative to the shear web face. This is important.

Chapter 14, page 1, column 1, paragraph 1, Add: For further information on finishing refer to the February 1982 issue of SPORT AVIATION NAGAZINE.

Chapter 13, page 2, Add: The exhaust system may be either purchased from one of the engine converters or fabricated out of mild steel muffler tubing. Your local muffler shop should be able to supply you with 18% degree bends that can be cut and welded into the proper shape. The pipes should exit the lower edge of the cowling (2 on each side) at an aft facing angle. To reduce exhaust noise simply drill 3 holes, each 1/4" in diameter on the under side of each pipe. Start 1/2" from the end of the pipe and space the holes at 1/2" intervals along the length of the pipe. Insert a scratch awl in each hole and bend it aft to produce sort of a louvered effect. This simple modification will greatly reduce exhaust "bark".

Chapter 10, page 2, column 2, paragraph 3, Add: The aftedge of the cowling receives 20 evenly spaced fasteners. The inboard lip just aft of the spinner, inside the air intake, receives one fastener on each side. Five additional fasteners are used on each side evenly spaced along the horizontal split line. If desired, the Tinnerman washers may be counter sunk using a spade bit.

Chapter 7, page 13, Add: Bend the sheet metal part that incorporates the steering pushrod connection point in such a way that the pushrod end is below (rather than above) the tail spring centerline. Refer to the photographs on page 14.

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Chapter 6, page 13, Add: The overall dimensions of the CS-3 bellcrank arms are 6 3/4° % 1°.

Chapter 1, page 7, column 1, paragraph 1, Add: Safe-T-Poxy may vary quite a bit in color from batch to batch. This is nothing to worry about. Also, if the epoxy is exposed to ultraviolet light during the curing cycle, it may exhibit dramatic color changes. The epoxy may change from amber to a rather dark green under some circumstances. As long as the total exposure to bright sunlight is kept to a minimum (less than a week), no damage will occur. Of course, the less exposure to UV before the parts are painted, the better.

Chapter A, page 1, Change: Make the following changes to the 4136 steel tubing quantities. 7/8 x .683 x 13*...3/4 x .126 x 5*...3/4 x .658 x 22*...5/8 x .120 x 18*...5/8 x .665 x 15*...5/8 x .649 x 126*...1/2 x .658 x 2*...1/2 x .635 x 96*(including hot wire saw parts)...3/8 x .658 x 5*...1/4 x .635 x 2*. All other quantities remain the same.

Chapter 7, page 11, column 1, Change: Move the first sentence of paragraph 4 and add it to the last sentence of paragraph 2. Chapter 1, page 6, column 2, paragraph 2, Add: Make sure that the 1861 Polyester peel ply is the type of material that is shiny with a hard finish. The type with a soft or fuzzy finish will stick to the lay ups. Always test your peel ply to be sure it will come off a fully cured surface. If you have any doubts about your peel ply, purchase the proper material from one of the aircraft materials suppliers. Under no circumstances use peel ply over large areas simply to obtain a smooth surface. Peel ply should be used only on future bond sites.

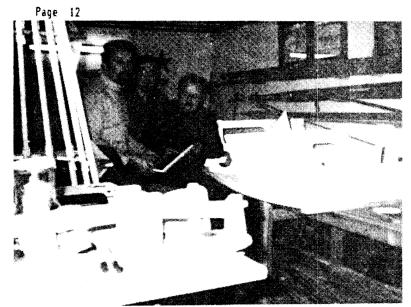
Chapter 2, page 7, Add: The width of the upper seatback bulkhead 7° above the lower edge is 40.2*.

Chapter 14, page 4, column 2, paragraph 4, Add: The overall contour of the airfoils must be perfectly smooth. Bumps caused by paint trim lines are sufficient to degrade performance and are not permitted.

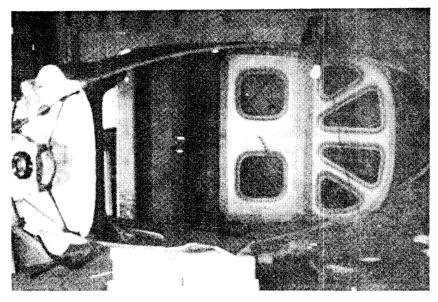
Axle Size Change: The proper wain wheel assembly is an Azuza wheel and brake with ball bearings (not tapered roller bearings) that utilizes a 5/8* diameter % .128* wall 4138 steel axle. Various erroneous references in the plans may show either a $3/8^*$ axle or a 1/2" axle. Make appropriate changes throughout the plans to reflect the proper 5/8" axle and 3/4" X .658" axle spacers. Pages that will be affected by this change are L9; L11; chapter 8 page 1, page 2, page 5 and pages A-1 and A-2. The proper wheel assembly is available from Wicks Aircraft Supply. The tail wheel assembly shown in Chapter 7, page 13 requires a piece os steel tubing (or bushing stock) 3/8 % .#58 % 1.9° to serve as a bushing between the axle bolt and bearing if the bearing is 3/8" ID. Use a piece of 1/2 % .120 tubing if your bearing is 1/2" ID.

CANARD BUMPS: The latest issue of SPORT AVIATION MASAZINE contained an article about the first plans built Q2 to fly. We have had a lot of inquires concerning the difficulties the author had after painting a paint trim stripe on his canard. Several people have told me that they know this gent personally and he is not the type to cry wolf. In other words, he had genuine controlability problems. The question these people all asked was, "will the DRAGONFLY exhibit the same problems under similar circumstances?" The answer is no. I have not flown the B2 so I cannot comment on its handling difficulites, but I can say that the DRAGONFLY should not be expected to exhibit handling problems under the same conditions. The DRAGONFLY, like other aircraft that have smooth contours, will support laminar airflow. Part of the reason the DRAGONFLY has such good performance is because this laminar flow means low drag, which translates into performance. This situation is quite unlike the non-laminar airflow most pilots of low performance aircraft are familiar with. Until the recent crop of composite homebuilts came on the scene, the only people who dealt regularly with laminar flow were the sailplane folks. They have been exploiting the low drag associated with laminar flow for years and are very familar with the smooth contours necessary to support such flow. Bugs. rain, or any other type of surface roughness will ruin this laminar airflow and cause an increase in drag. Under most circumstances this simply causes a decrease in performance and perhaps a minor trim change depending on the configuration of the aircraft in question. DRAGONFLY falls into this catagory. In other words, it doesn't fly as fast with bugs or rain on the airfoils and will exhibit a minor pitch trim change. This is fully expected and presents no problems at all. On the other hand, if an aircraft is so marginally powered that it depends on laminar flow for an acceptable climb rate, then the loss of this laminar flow and the associated drag rise can be expected to produce performance that is not acceptable and/or downright dangerous. The same comments hold true for an aircraft that may have marginally acceptable handling characteristics. Loss of laminar airflow (especially on one surface only) might alter the handling characteristics to such an extent so as to produce a dangerous situation. Whether other 02 aircraft will be dangerous to fly with paint trim on the canard leading edge, I cannot say. Perhaps this was an isolated situation, perhaps not. However, I should point out that putting such a stripe on your DRAGONFLY is a very poor idea because it will decrease the performance a good deal, but it should not prove dangerous.

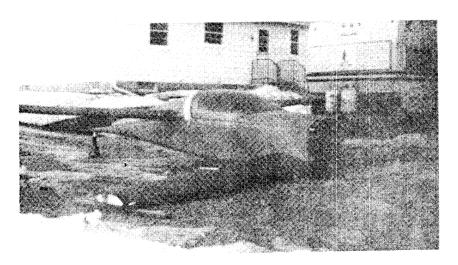
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CONFIGURATION	Canard
SEATS	2 side-by-side
CONTROLS	Dual side sticks
COCKPIT WIDTH	43 inches
CONSTRUCTION	Foa#/Fiberglass
CANOPY	one piece molded
GROSS WEIGHT	1075 pounds
MINIMUM SPEED	45 mph indicated
RANGE	500 Miles
FUEL CAPACITY	15 gallons
WING SPAN	22 feet
TOTAL AREA	97 sq.ft.
WING LOADING	8 lbs/sq.ft. solo
	11 lbs.sq.ft. dual
LIMIT LOAD	+4.4, -2.0
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TAKE OFF	500 ft.
CLIMB	800 fpm solo
	600 fpm dual
CRUISE AT 75%	155 eph
CEILING	17,698 ft.
MAXIMUM LEVEL SPEED	158 a ph

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POWER	56 hp
EMPTY WEIGHT	6#5 lbs
TAKE OFF	450 ft.
CLIMB	1850 fpm solo
	850 dual
CRUISE AT 75%	165 mph
CEILING	18,500 ft.
MAXIMUM LEVEL SPEED	168 mph