

WORLDWIDE POSTAL COMPETITION 2005/6

I am pleased, once again, to submit to you the results of the 14th WorldWide Postal Competition, and to thank each one of you for your support and enthusiasm.

It is gratifying to have participants from no less than ten countries and I would particularly welcome those who have joined us from South Africa and Brazil this year. In the latter instance the entries come from a group who are primarily R/C flyers, who have recently taken up Cloud Tramps and Catapult gliders with great enthusiasm and who, I am sure, will make a significant impression upon the score sheets of the next Postal.

Almost every year I include 'new' event classes – sometimes at the suggestion of flyers, sometimes a class which I feel might be worth exploring - and judge their continuance by the level of support that they receive. I really thought that there was a likelihood that 'Scale Precision' might prove worthwhile in that rubber-powered scale models are extremely popular throughout the world, and the event offered a reasonably level field for models of all sizes, type and flight ability. However, it was somewhat disappointing to have only three entries but I've decided to let the event run a further year with a hope that others might yet be encouraged to take part.

On the other hand the 'Cabin Precision' was almost a non-starter and, whilst I thank young Jack Stover for returning scores, this event will be discontinued.

I was also undecided about the future of 'Small Towline' and 'Freewheel Rubber'; the former was introduced to see if it might attract some of the smaller and less competitive gliders that have been kitted or published over the course of many decades ... the latter to offer an event for models that might be supposed to be at a disadvantage in an 'all-inclusive' event against those with folding propellers. Entries in these events were modest but I'm leaving them on the schedule, also that for Embryo's. Even if only a few people are enjoying themselves flying lesser-supported classes, then that's sufficient reason to maintain them.

Some outstanding flying is evident in many of the classes – particularly note the winning flight totals in 'Large Catapult', 'Cloud Tramp', '20" Rubber' and '25" Classic Two-Bits'. Cloud Tramps remain very popular and there has been a significant upsurge in KeilKraft 'Senators' arising from the separate Postal event solely for this design. It is also a little surprising to see a substantial number of flight scores which had not been taken to a final completion, thus leading to a number of 'tied' placings; an opportunity taken make another flight (or more) could possibly have made significant changes in the final listings.

I hope to accompany this report with details of the 15th WorldWide, failing which they will follow very shortly, and I hope that you will not only fly with us once again but also attempt to encourage others to take part. It may be that this might be the final Postal. 'Fifteen' could be an appropriate number of years to bring it to a close (many more than were ever envisaged when I originated it!) but much depends upon the support received; no firm decision has been made and I'm open to encouragement!

Thank you, again, for your support and enthusiasm ... not least for the many positive comments that I receive with your scores, which show me that the competition achieves it's primary purpose – for people, sometimes isolated from others, to have fun flying together. If you forwarded scores on behalf of others – with no individual Email or postal addresses supplied – then I ask you to please ensure that they receive a copy of this report. I look forward to hearing from you with scores for the 2006/7 competitions. Bring a friend!

Jim Moseley

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Catapult / Handlaunch Glider (12")

1.	Joshua Finn	USA	52	49	59	60	52	56	328	Mayday
2.	Harjinder Obhi	UK	60	59	52	36	32	23	262	Oompah o/d (HL) 3
3.	Joshua Finn	USA	47	37	44	26	32	60	246	Golden Applehoney
4.	Stephen Poterala	USA	34	55	49	34	28	44	244	?
5.	Joshua Finn	USA	42	43	43	44	29	39	240	Mayday 2 (CL)
6.	Stan Pearson	UK	25	60	38	26	31	50	230	Whisper
7.	Stan Pearson	UK	51	55	26	53	26	23	234	Worcraft 'Star'
8.	Stan Pearson	USA	35	49	41	29	43	30	227	Veron Tom-Tit
9.	Joshua Finn	USA	26	21	50	23	28	40	188	Golden Applehoney 6
10.	Regis Kowalski	B	29	20	31	27	17	32	156	Quero Quero
11.	Joshua Finn	USA	24	28	26	27	22	24	151	Mayday (HL)
12.	Tim White (Jr)	UK	22	21	26	25	25	26	145	Mini Straight-Up
13.	Beto Castrucci	B	23	29	13	21	26	29	141	Quero Quero
14.	Omar Grassetti	B	19	19	43	13	28	14	136	Lucy in the Sky

Catapult / Handlaunch Glider (+12")

1.	Lee Hines	USA	60	60	60	60	60	60		
							+ 90	+ 50	500	Sweepette 20-7
2.	Neil McDougall	NZ	48	60	45	57	57	46	313	1938 Mayne
3.	Harjinder Obhi	UK	60	51	49	48	48	43	29	Jellybean o/d (HL)
4.	Peter Tolhurst	UK	47	58	60	29	44	60	298	Argus 2
5.	Lee Hines	USA	46	60	52	60	60	14	292	Sweepette 22
6.	Les Sayer	C	60	42	60	45	44	39	291	DanMan Mk3 #1
7.	Les Sayer	C	55	26	52	31	60	38	262	Straight Up
8.	Neil McDougall	NZ	30	39	30	44	60	31	234	Zip-a-do-too
9.	Les Sayer	C	12	54	39	33	60	20	218	Straight Dan
10.	Tim White (Jr)	UK	27	60	25	47	26	23	208	Poly-Pig o/d
11.	Les Sayer	C	34	32	30	29	26	52	203	DanMan #1
12.	Neil McDougall	NZ	28	37	44	24	22	34	189	Winged Motors
13.	Ken Bates	UK	22	16	19	50	33	36	176	Polly
14.	Les Sayer	C	29	29	30	22	27	23	160	DanMan Mk2 #3
15.	Omar Grassetti	B	25	21	12	20	34	16	128	Classico
16.	Beto Castrucci	B	23	12	11	21	14	42	123	Classico
17.	J. Barlavento	B	30	16	13	15	14	15	102	Windward
18.	Sergio Massara	B	24	16	13	15	14	15	97	-

P30 Rubber

1.	Per Th. Skjulstad	N	120	120	120	120			480	Own designi
2.	Vegard Nereng	N	120	120	120	115			475	O/D
3.	Arne Løsness	N	120	120	120	107			467	O/D
4.	Bob Clemens	USA	120	120	115				355	Majestyk
5.	Les Sayer	C	120	99	120				339	Majestyk
6.	Ole Torgersen	N	120	98	120				338	Marie 1
7.	Atle Krunglehaug	N	95	120	120				335	Burdov
8.	Neil McDougall	NZ	114	88	120				332	Potent 30
9.	Tor Bortne	N	106	99	120				325	Burdov
10.	Roy Smith	C	110	120	93				323	Majestyk
11.	Håvard Amlie	N	83	114	120				317	O/D
12.	Svein Olstad	N	120	84	89				293	Burdov
13.	Ingolf Steffensen	N	97	73	90				260	Robin
14.	Jim Moseley	C	57	96	77				230	Marcus Maximus #2
15.	Erle Klungrehaug (girl, 12 years)	N	32	48	0				80	Robin

Cloud Tramp - * indicates discarded longest/shortest flights.

1.	Joseph Pengilly	USA	256	111	109*	304*	187	554
2.	Mike Thomas	C	153*	92*	119	94	140	353
3.	Les Sayer	C	63*	120*	100	109	79	288
4.	Robby Rowe	RSA	40*	68	143	75	148*	286
5.	Jean Sayer	C	79	89	80	39*	178*	248
6.	Mike Myers	USA	117	222*	63	61	52*	241
7.	Ken Taylor	UK	69	87*	52*	72	87	228
8.	Bernard Gillespie	C	61	58*	71	87	88*	219
9.	Leon Stocker-Cameron	UK	60*	75	70	77*	73	218
10.	Ingvar Claesson	S	51*	62	82	69	82*	213
11.	Havard Amlie	N	92	47	98*	50	63	207
12=	Stian Gronsas	N	78*	68	60*	64	74	206
12=	Alex Cameron	UK	78	56*	67	61	79*	206
14.	Bud Mathews	USA	60*	107	130*	96	92	195
15.	Neil McDougall	NZ	48*	65	68	52	104*	185
16.	Don Smith	USA	47	64	66*	45*	65	176
17.	Ole Torgersen	N	56	51	44*	69*	68	175
18=	Don Martin	USA	64	67	43	82*	25*	174
18=	Bob Morris	USA	58	54	62	49*	75*	174
20.	Martin Amlie (14)	N	51	47	34*	103*	67	165
21.	Sean McCullagh	RSA	64	61	71*	38	35*	163
22.	Art Swift	USA	63*	58	44	56	27*	158
23=	Ted Smales	UK	52	39*	51	55*	42	145
23=	Arthur Durose	UK	37*	42	52	51	83*	145
25.	Vegar Nereng	N	50	41	54	64*	41*	144
26.	Tor Bortne	N	42	57*	37*	48	51	141
27.	Sten Bergwall	S	35	32*	44	62*	61	140
28.	Ken Bates	UK	23*	51*	43	46	36	125
29.	Svein Olstead	N	43	29*	29	45	48*	117
30.	Arne Losness	N	56	87*	45	10	5*	111
31.	Don Ratzla	USA	47*	45	35	30	27*	110
32.	Stan Pearson	UK	23*	45	37	56*	27	109
33.	Steinar Hesthagen	N	37	15*	36	24	40*	97
34.	Oyvind Bratvedt (12)	N	27	23	30	20*	31*	80
35.	Omar Grasseti	B	32*	8*	24	30	21	75
36.	Eduardo Yamin	B	20	31	8*	68*	21	72
37.	Mike Parker	UK	23	19*	26*	23	25	71
38.	Beto Castrucci	B	18	25	11*	19	32*	62
39.	Nils S Andersen	N	6	5*	15*	8	14	28

Supporters:-

Mik Mikkelson	USA	95	27	
Ron Boots	USA	22	43	102

20" Rubber

1.	David Aronstein	USA	60	60	60	90	120	150	145	685 H.P. Sportster
2.	Joshua Finn	USA	60	60	60	90	120	134		524 Featherlight
3.	Mike Thomas	C	60	60	60	90	120	117		507 Sparrowhawk dimescale
4.	Joshua Finn	USA	60	60	60	80				260 TailWinder 2
5=	Neil McDougall	NZ	60	48	60					168 H.P. Sportster
5=	Joshua Finn	USA	60	60	48					168 Fleet Canuck
7.	Jim Moseley	C	60	60	47					167 Chad 20
8.	Joshua Finn	USA	46	51	60					157 Hurricane (dimescale)
9.	Ken Bates	UK	46	38	54					138 Comet Puss Moth
10.	Ken Bates	UK	44	36	22					102 Skat
11.	Jesse Aronstein (9)	USA	29	36	36					101 Peck Sky Bunny

25" Classic "Two-Bits"

1.	Mike Thomas	C	60	60	60	90	120	150	180	720	King Harry
2.	Jim Moseley	C	60	60	60	90	120	150		540	Hump 2
3.	Garry Hunter	C	60	60	60	90	120	118		508	FA Moth
4.	Jim Moseley	C	60	60	60	90	117			387	Mini-Hobbies
5=	Mike Thomas`	C	60	60	60	90				270	Piper Cub – Ezybuilt
5=.	Neil McDougall	NZ	60	60	60	90				270	FA Moth
7.	David Aronstein	USA	60	60	60	82				262	50% Miss Production
8	Howard Gostelow	AUS	60	60	60	73				253	Achilles
9.	Ken Bates	UK	60	60	60	41				221	Achilles Mk1 #1
10	Ken Bates	UK	58	60	54					172	Achilles Mk1 #2
11.	Ken Bates	UK	51	60	60					171	Veron Aeronca
11.	Jim Moseley	C	60	59	49					168	Morgan Spirit
12.	Stan Pearson	UK	59	46	60					165	Veron Fledgling
13.	Stan Pearson	UK	45	60	53					158	Cloud Tramp

30" Vintage/OT Rubber

1.	Dave Aronstein	USA	90	90	90	83				353	M/Farthing diamond
2.	Ken Bates	Uk	90	90	90	80				350	Collector
3..	Ole Torgersen	N	86	90	90					266	"Cabin"
4.	Tor Bortne	N	68	71	75					214	"Cabin"
5.	Stan Pearson	UK	46	38	88					172	Percy Minor
6.	Les Sayer	C	80	90	-					170	Condor Clipper

42" Vintage/OT Rubber

1.	Jim Moseley	C	120	120	120	150	180	210		900	Senator #2
2=	Bob Erpelding	C	120	120	120	150	180			690	Gollywock I
2=	Bob Erpelding	C	120	120	120	150	180			690	Wren
2=	Jim Moseley	C	120	120	120	150	180			690	Wren
2=	Jim Moseley	C	120	120	120	150	180			690	Vargowock
2=	Ken Bates	UK	120	120	120	150	180	.. lost ...		690	Smith Mulvihill
7..	Mike Sanderson	UK	120	120	120	250	179			689	Senator
8.	Richard Barlow	C	120	120	120	150	160			670	Casano Stick
9.	Jim Moseley	C	120	120	120	150	141			651	Senator #1
10.	Neil McDougall	NZ	120	120	120	150	139			649	Senator
11=	Roy Smith	C	120	120	120	150				510	Miss Canada
11=	Ole Torgersen	N	120	120	120	150				510	Senator
11=	Fred Emmert	USA	120	120	120	150				510	Senator
14	Neil McDougall	NZ	120	120	120	140				500	Gollywock
15	Bill McConachie	USA	12-	120	120					360	Senator
16	Les Sayer	C	120	96	115					331	Senator #2
17	Les Sayer	C	90	120	120					330	Senator #1
18=	Jim Anderson	C	120	87	120					327	Gollywock II
18=	Les Sayer	C	120	120	87					327	Miss Canada
20	Bernard Gillespie	C	85	120	120					325	Senator
21	Roy Smith	C	120	91	91					302	Senator
22	George Thorpe	NZ	120	87	93					300	Senator
23	Ken Evans	NZ	88	120	91					299	Gollywock
24	Ken Evans	NZ	120	71	88					279	Senator
25	Alwyn Graves	NZ	120	42	84					246	Senator
26	Joshua Finn	USA	70	84	65					219	HiHo

Freewheel Rubber

1=.	Dave Aronstein	USA	90	90	90	120				390	H.P Sportster
1=.	Jim Moseley	C	90	90	90	120				390	Senator #1
3.	Tony Taylor	NZ	90	90	90	110				380	Senator
4.	Ken Evans	NZ	90	90	90	93				363	Senator
5.	Neil McDougall	NZ	90	90	90	87				357	Senator
6.	Les Sayer	C	90	90	90	79				349	Cloud Tramp
7.	Jean Sayer	C	79	89	80					248	Cloud Tramp

Embryo Endurance

1.	Joshua Finn	USA	120	120	120	139	Bonus Pts: 5	504 Featherlight
2.	Joshua Finn	USA	103	84	120	OOS	“ “ 5	312 Maxout IVRG
3.	Mike Burns	C	107	120	75		“ “ 9	311 Embryomatic
4.	Stephen Poterala	USA	60	81	107			248 Plane Insanity
5.	Justin Steedly	USA	93	22	120		“ “ 5	240 Maxout IV

Unlimited Rubber

1.	Tony Taylor	NZ	120	120	120	180	236	776 Urchin
2.	Neil McDougall	NZ	120	120	120	169		529 Yardstick
3.	Jim Moseley	C	120	120	120			360 Ellipsis 150
4.	Les Sayer	C	120	96	115			331 Senator #2
5.	Les Sayer	C	90	120	120			330 Senator #1
6.	Les Sayer	C	120	100	109			329 Cloud Tramp
7.	Jean Sayer	C	89	80	79			248 Cloud Tramp

Scale Precision

1.	Joshua Finn	USA	Target: 30	28	43	31	Error: 7	Polikarpov I-17
2.	Daniele Vescovi	I	“ 53	58	52	55	“ 8	Davis DA-2A (Peanut)
3.	Garry Hunter	C	“ 54	61	71	35	“ 43	Aeronca Defender

Tomboy/Cabin Precision

1.	Jack Stover	AUS	Target: 81	74	92	101	Error 38	Madcap
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Small Towline

1.	Maurizio Sagnotti	I	25	25	76			126 M9
2.	Bert Whitehead	UK	32	27	37			96 Dragonfly (1943)
3.	Bert Whitehead	UK	39	24	19			82 Nicky (o/d)

Vintage/Classic Glider

1.	Ken Bates	UK	52	90	90			232 Josh Marshall
2.	Stephen White	UK	90	90	42			222 Lulu
3.	Francesco Musella	I	68	32	120			220 Lulu
4.	Richard Barlow	C	49	90	53			193 Lulu
5.	Alwyn Graves	NZ	90	63	34			187 Lulu
6.	Neil McDougall	NZ	40	90	53			183 Aiglet
7.	Bert Whitehead	UK	67	58	42			167 Dragonfly
8.	George Thorpe	NZ	69	88				157 Lulu
9.	Curzio Santoni	I	46	56	41			143 Lulu
10.	Valeriano Tascone	I	33	17	77			127 Lulu

Unlimited Glider

1.	Richard Barlow	C	81	120	113			314 Lulu
2.	Stephen White	UK	70	120	120			310 Druid
3.	Neil McDougall	NZ	98	38	120			255 Mad's Dream
4.	Neil McDougall	NZ	69	62	120			251 Jedelsky A/2
5.	Les Sayer	C	46	51	95			192 Lulu
6.	Les Sayer	C	48	77	48			173 Old A/2 ...

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AUS: Australia B: Brazil C: Canada I: Italy N: Norway NZ: New Zealand RSA: South Africa
S: Sweden UK: United Kingdom USA: United States of America

As usual, I'll turn the rest over to you

Joshua Finn: Here's an entry I'm really proud of. I can't believe it's actually happened: 60+ in dead air with a CLG! I've never done that before. . Oh, and all flights were made at night, behind the dorm, in 45 degree weather (Fahrenheit) The field concerned wasn't more than an acre. .

This will be my first time flying a big model in your postal-my Hi-Ho... low times, I know, but I'm kinda scared to let it really go (not to mention that the winder starts hurting my hand pretty quick!

Stephen Poterala's CLG is very interesting. It has elliptical dihedral (makes for a very strong wing, but hard to make) which really seems to help with glide efficiency. It's no lightweight, but it gets extremely high, and glides extremely well. You can hear it going up from a long way off because the still unsealed wing makes a distinct whistling all the way up until the transition (tells me that if he sealed it, the climb would be even better). He has yet to thermal it, and I really hope he doesn't. For some reason, it's very stable in the glide and doesn't have any spiralling tendencies. Really great craftsmanship is evident. And I told him before he built it that the idea of an elliptical dihedral was impossible! Boy did he ever make me eat my words!

Neil McDougall: Overall this year we had better weather in the spring than usual. The wind did not really start until late December rather than early October. But we then had wind until the end of January which is a bit unusual. Must be this greenhouse warming.

Harjinder Obhi: Now I'm about 6' 2", bearded, and I tend to jog to the park with my HLGs, for the exercise. The glider had just landed in front of me. Behind me, I glimpsed a scruffy little Yorkshire Terrier running towards the glider. I've already had a 6" glider chewed by a dog before, so I was not going to let that happen again. So I legged it towards the glider, in an effort to beat the dog to the dope-painted wooden morsel. I got there first and picked up the plane. The dog owner, an elderly lady, shouted "It's alright, he's not going to hurt you!". She thought I was running away from the cute little canine!

However... the flying was on 3 different days, Jan 29, Feb 4 and Feb 10, in a public park in Maidenhead. Jan 29 and today were similar - blue, sunny and cold. Jan 29 was windier- 14 mph v. 8 mph. I wish I could have got out earlier in the afternoon today, as the conditions were perfect (booming) when I arrived, but went flat within about an hour. Feb 4 was overcast and calm. I thought it would be a trimming/practice day, but when I got to the field, I saw two buzzards thermalling away. They kept circling up to about 500 ft, then gliding up-wind looking for another thermal source. I got really excited when one of them started to thermal directly upwind over a house in front of me. When it was above and slightly behind, I chucked. It was a scrappy 49 sec flight, but meanwhile the buzzard had CLIMBED another 100 ft up. Jeez, those birds are good!

Ole Torgerson : At last a day arrived without fog, rain or wind. Sunday 20. Nov. appeared with partly clear sky and no wind. Cool, minus 4 centigrade, but very good flying weather. A model flying friend of mine and I met at our very small flying field and we had 2-3 hours of perfect weather conditions for our small rubber models. I got my Senator in the air for the three flights and flyoff. My friend, Tor Bortne, timed my flights. The flyoff score was not good but I used the same rubber motor on all 4 flights and was winding very carefully. No blast tube. Tor Bortne and I were also flying and timing our Norwegian vintage/oldtimer models with the name 'Cabin' from 1950. This is a freewheel model with a span of 660 mm/26 in. We had 3 flights and timed each other.

Ken Bates: I really enjoyed myself again this year so I hope you can keep it going.. I'm a bit saddened by the loss of the Mulvihill it was a DGA(Darn Good Aeroplane), must build another.



“Druid”, by Stephen White (trophies from UK contests)



Jack Stover – Australia – with ‘MadCap’



Joshua Finn: Fleet Canuck



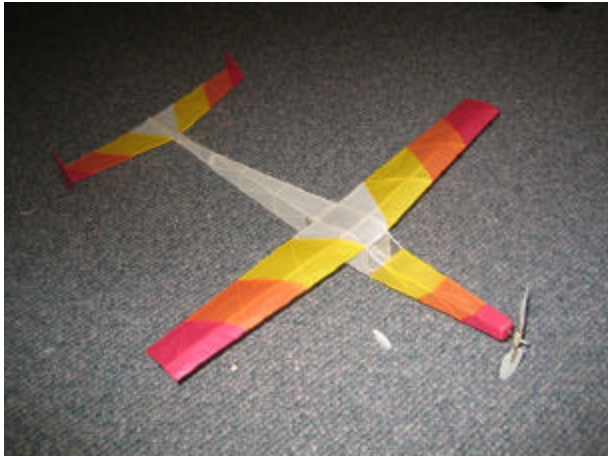
Joshua Finn and Justin Steedly – USA – with a ‘Maxout’



Neil McDougall, NZ – “Yardstick”



Tony Taylor – “Senator”



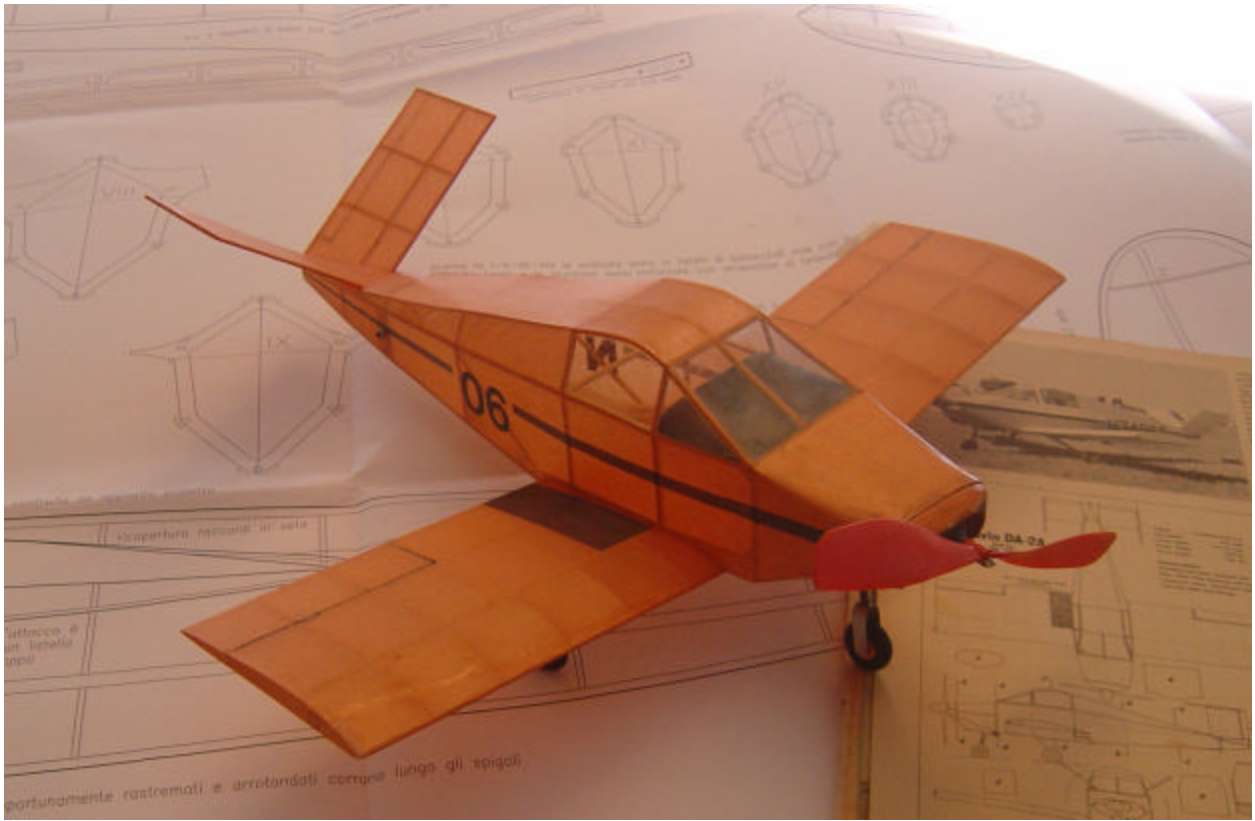
Stephen Poterala's Embryo – "Plane Insanity"



"Featherlight" - Joshua Finn



Howard Gostelow – "Achilles"



“Davis DA-2A” - Daniel Vescovi



Zack Pettit and Dave Wagner



Bud Matthews.