

*Wine Country Flier*



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# ***Presidents Report***

By: John Cole

Hello club members, it's that time of year to get your renewals in! This includes AMA membership as well. 2022 promises to be a better year, and I am looking forward to getting lots of air time at the field.

The board has discussed briefly any potential club event dates for 2022. No dates have been chosen yet, but we hope to put together a schedule in the next couple of months. One exception that we hope to reschedule is our annual holiday party to coincide with the January 22 membership meeting. This is still tentative at this time.

I am wishing you all a safe and warm holiday season, and hope to see you at the field!

John

## ***New Maiden***

By: Guy Nicholas  
Photo by: Quinn Bayless

Quinn Bayless took maiden his new twin engine Guinea Pig WR <https://store.flitetest.com/ft-guinea-pig-wr-1473mm> and it flew quite nicely. Quinn is a man after my own heart. I am quite the radio geek and love to work out interesting programming issues. The Guinea Pig has a free floating nose wheel, but Quinn wanted to be able to taxi it, so he programmed his radio to have two flight modes if you will. One is for regular flight and the other is for taxiing. When in taxi mode the rudder stick just runs engine differential, and using that the Guinea Pig will literally just turn on a dime. During his maiden, he taxied around a bit to get used to that feature, then he did a few up and down the runway runs to check it out in flight mode, and then he took off and had a beautiful flight. Well done Quinn!





# L19 Bird Dog Build

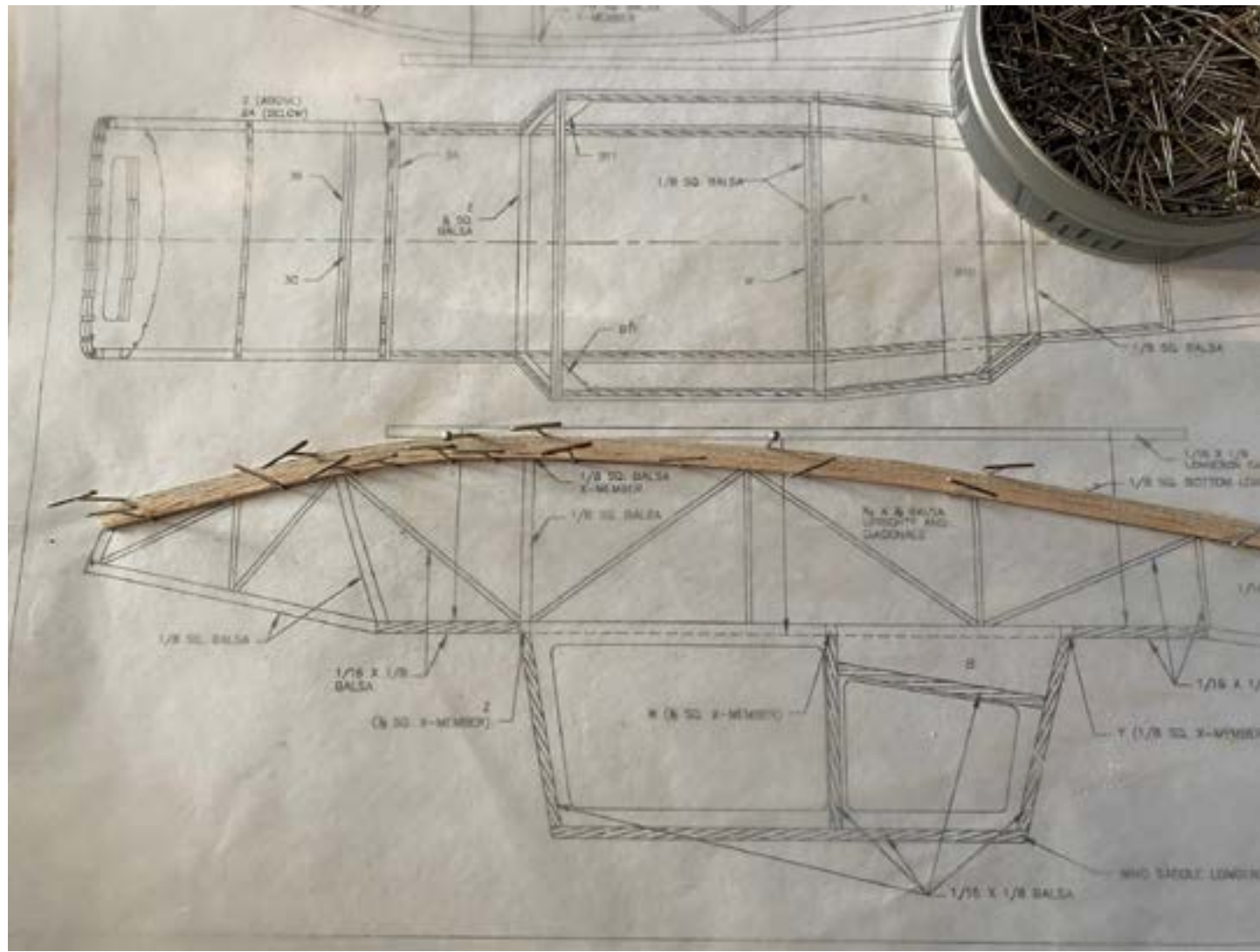
By: John Cole

I've been wanting to build one of Dumas' park flyer kits for a while. My old buddy Pat Tritle designed many of these models, including this Cessna L-19 Bird Dog. Pat's designs are light and strong, and Dumas has done a great job in getting the kits produced.

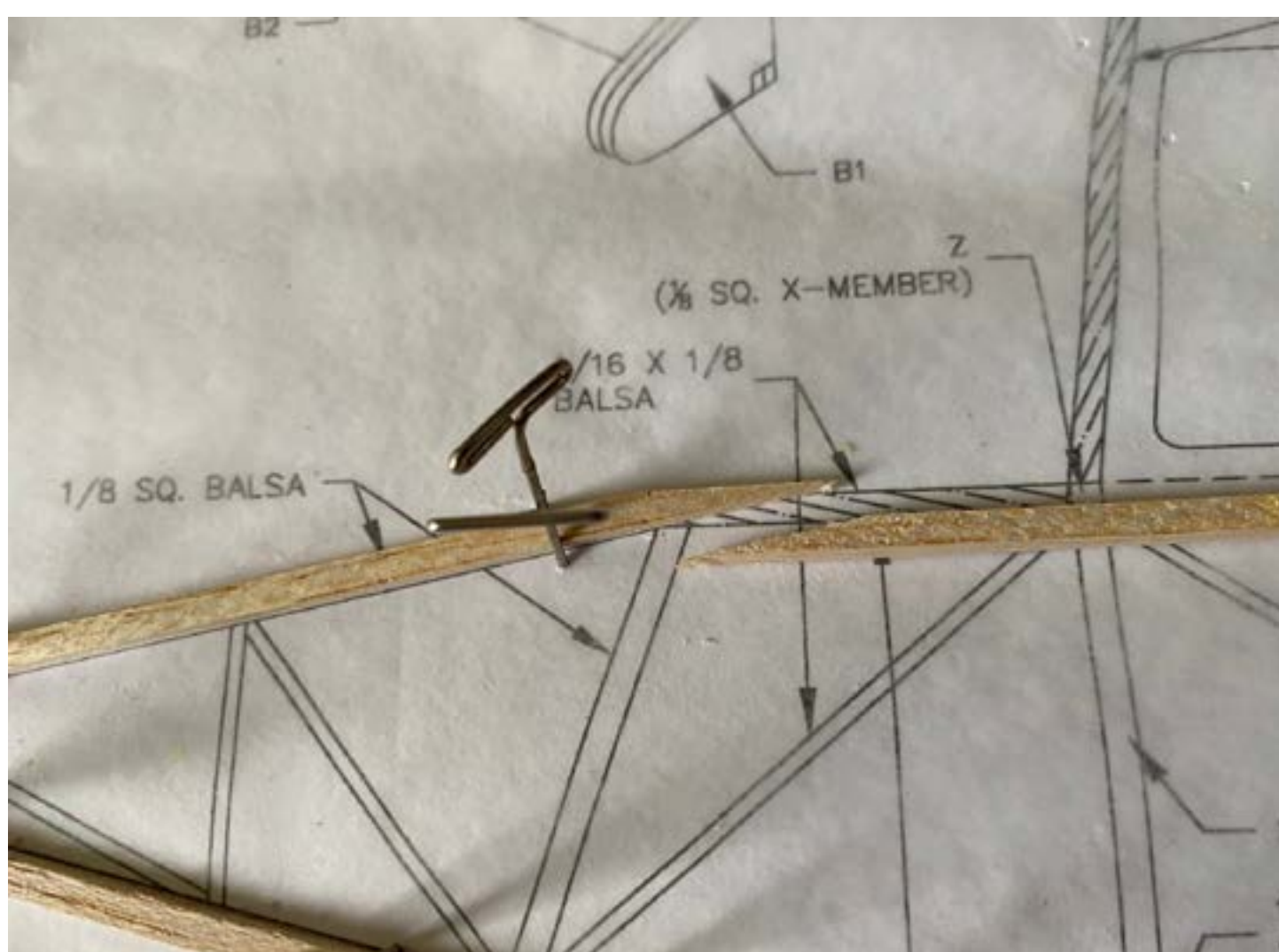
Shown below are the basic ingredients for the project.



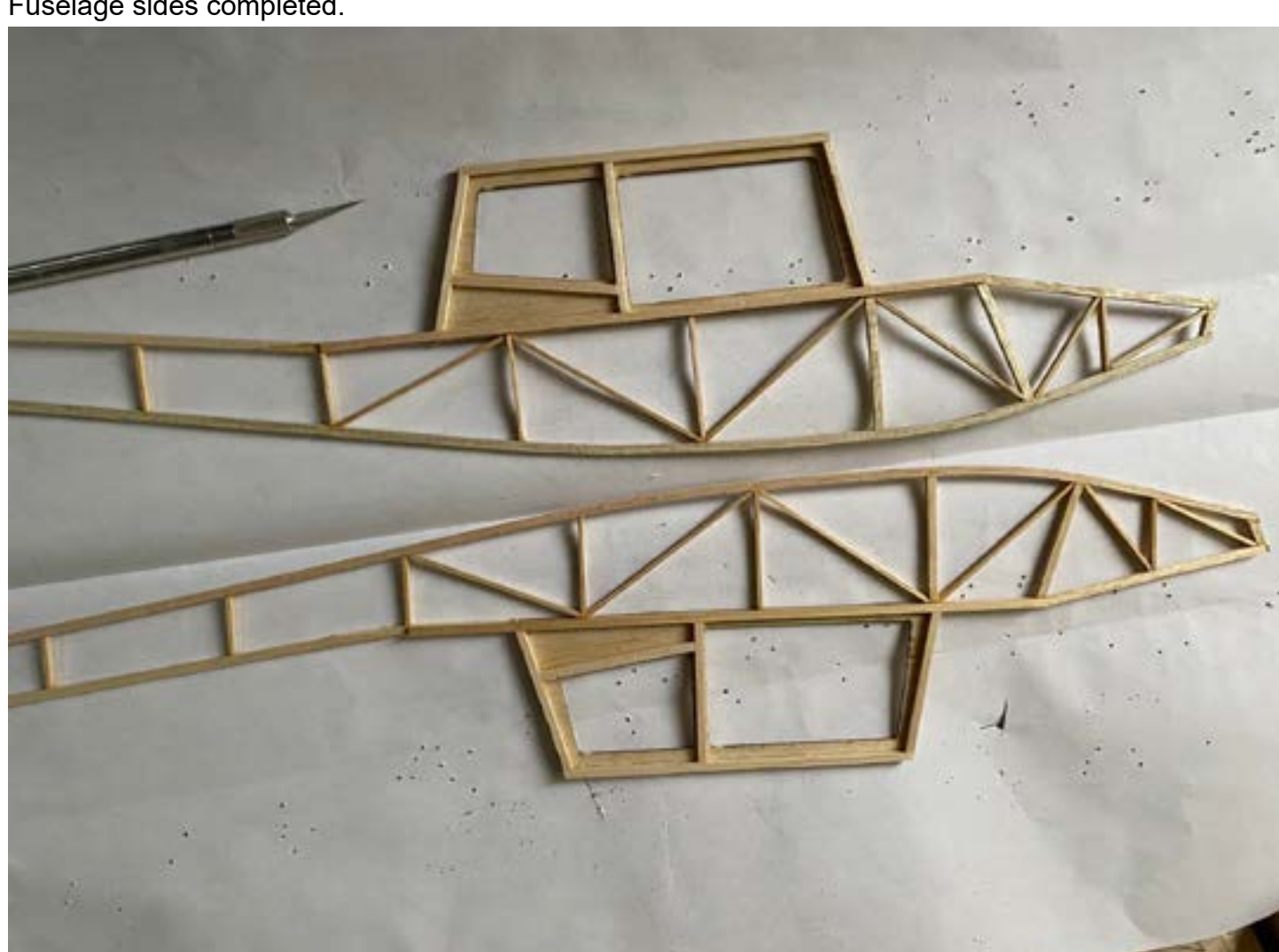
Before starting the cut-fit-glue routine on the fuselage, I like to soak and pre-shape parts like these 1/8"sq. longerons. Pre-shaping parts like these helps avoid building stress into the structure.



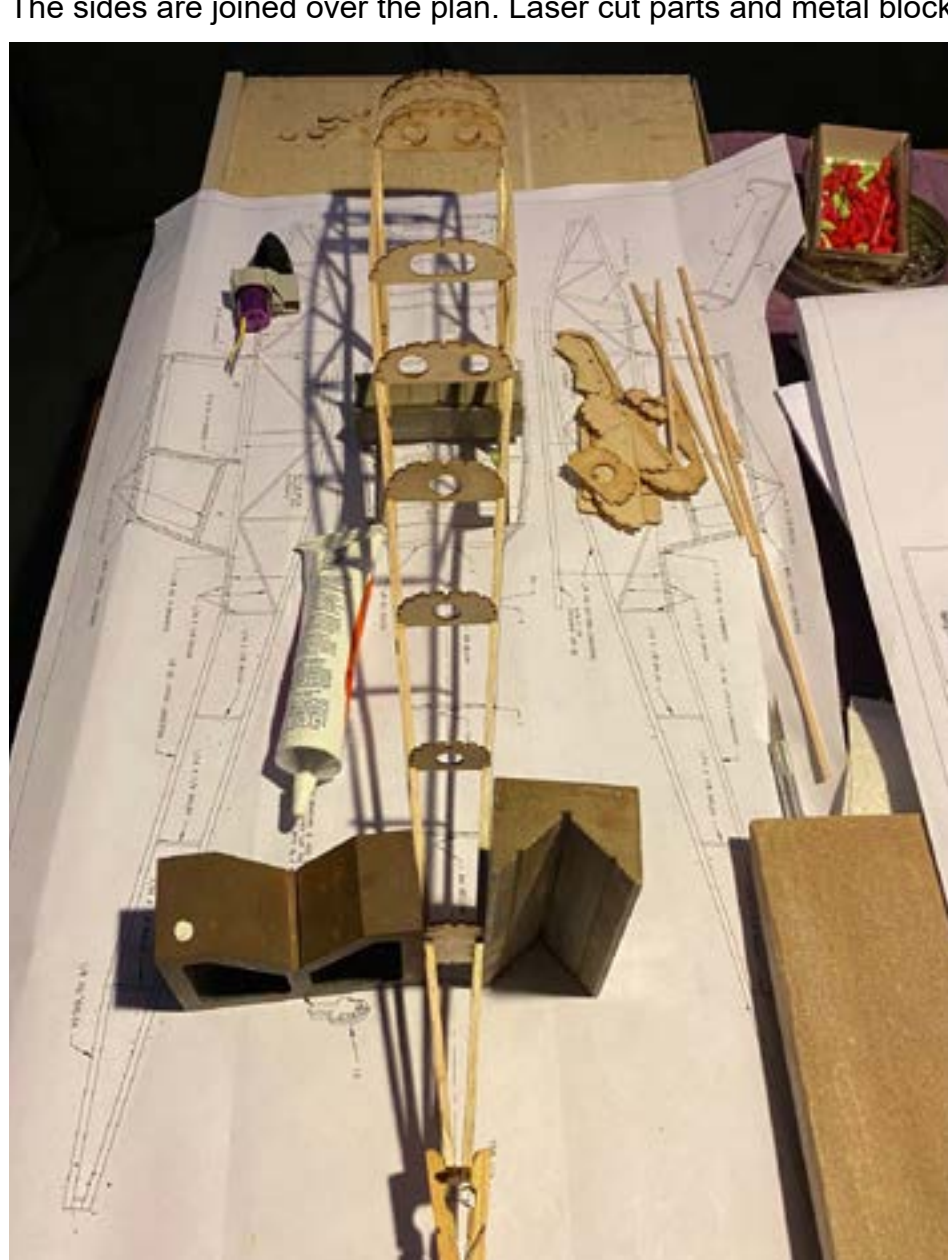
Butt joints are not structurally sound, but a great alternative is a scarf joint as shown below.



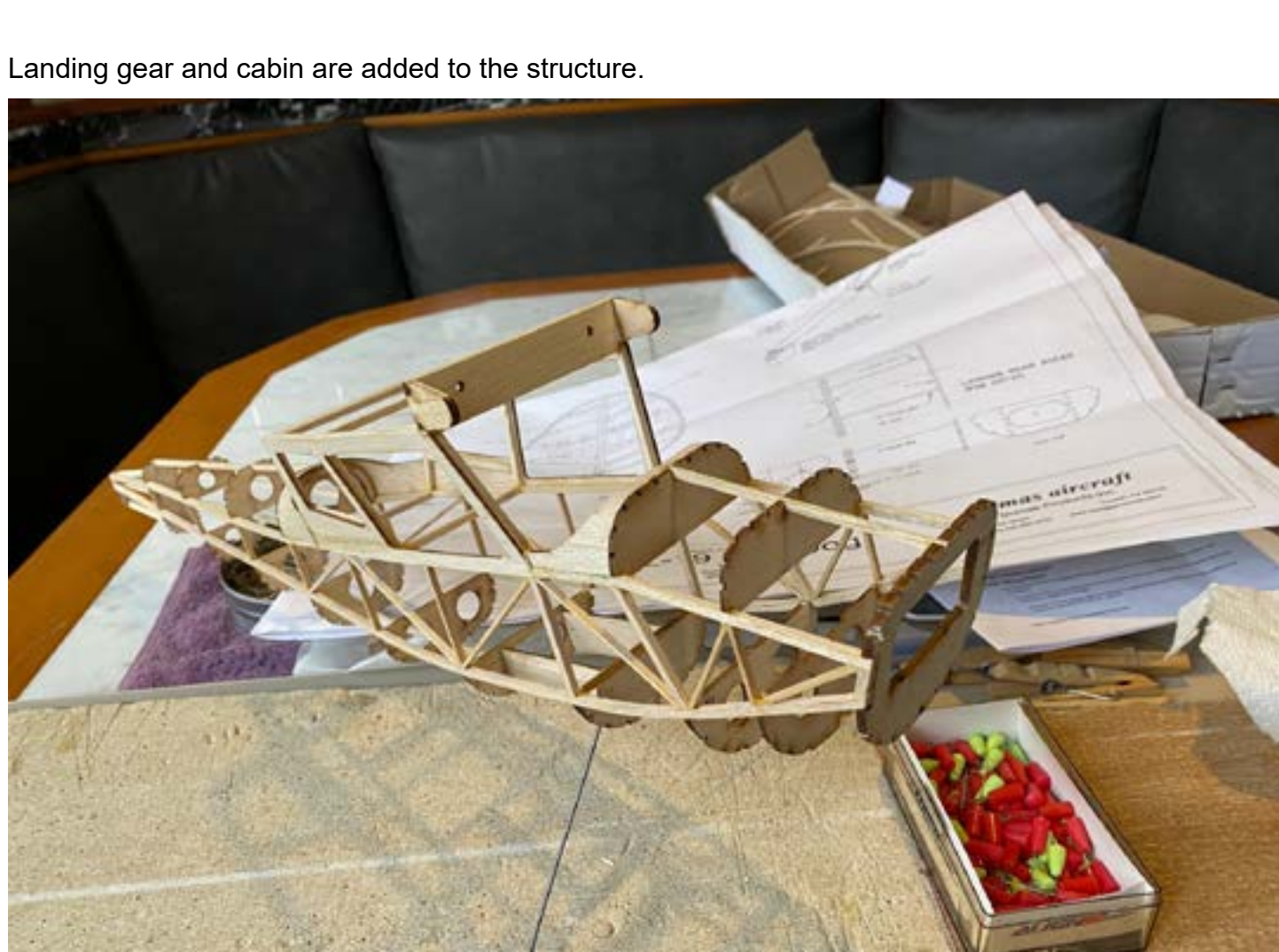
Fuselage sides completed.



The sides are joined over the plan. Laser cut parts and metal blocks keep things straight.



Landing gear and cabin are added to the structure.



Next time I will show the completed fuselage and tail components.

J



## Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

Flight Streak close to completion. Purchased model already built. A few minor repairs needed. Wing covering repair, engine mount adjustment. OS 25 power planned. (If it flies like Jake's streak I will be very happy.)



Vintage SIG Banshee. Purchased model already built. More than a few repairs needed. 49" wing-span. OS 40 power planned. Plane kit originally designed for a Fox 35. Cut an inch off the nose to help with balance due to heavier OS 40 engine, new rudder, elevator repair.



Rebuilding the Ringmaster (that I crashed pretty hard). Vintage Fox 35 power. Before and after crash. (I do need to stop crashing!!)



Vintage Barnstormer (acquired from Jake) has been tweaked. Elevator and rudder now actually stay on the plane during flight. Flying much better now. Great running vintage McCoy 35 power that Patrick gave me. (Payback for all the free lunches)





## *Training incident*

By: Guy Nicholas

This past Sunday Patrick asked me to help out and do a training flight with one of our newest junior members, Dario. Dario is doing very well and I had him doing your standard rectangular landing pattern. He was doing right hand approaches resulting in southbound runs over the runway. Since he was doing well, I had him getting lower and on his last approach he was heading over the runway at about 20 feet. He was drifting a bit close to the pits so I asked him to correct and as he did there was an odd sound from the airplane and I could see something happened to the left wing. I took over immediately as now the plane was getting closer to the pits, but giving it right ailerons did nothing. I went full power and pull hard left and up doing an arc up and over. I never actually encroached on the pits and now the plane was heading to northwest. I let it get out a little ways, pulled power, made another hard left, and set it down on the runway. It was a bit of a struggle to keep it level as it slowed down as the right wing didn't want to fly. As you can see from the picture, the left side lost a goodly amount of lift, and gained quite a bit of drag.

Apparently, 20 years is the lifespan of the glue on Monokote!



## ***Safety Note***

By: Guy Nicholas

I know I have said this several times over the past couple years, but we had another incident so it apparently needs to be stated yet again. Everyone needs to make sure they have failsafe set on their radio and that the failsafe condition includes throttle off!

I will be bringing this up with our president at our next board meeting, with my suggestion being that we institute a failsafe checking policy, whereby members must demonstrate their failsafe setup. I think people hear me when I harp on it, and agree they should do it, but just never quite get around to doing it.

Please, take note, go read the manual for your transmitter/receiver to see how to set failsafe, and

## ***Board Meeting Notes***

By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started at 6:33 pm
- Present: Jake, Patrick, Paul, Chris, John Cole by phone
- Club Christmas Party Survey results: 43 responses, 14 members will attend with a guest(28), 12 will attend solo, total 40 people planning to attend party
- Group discussion about Club Christmas Party, may be too short a window of time to put party together by early December, John will talk with Guy and Eric about holding party at Charlie's in Windsor, probably in January 2022, next regular membership meeting is January 27, will tentatively plan the party for that evening
- Group discussion about holding December member meeting, since there is no Holiday Party planned in December, 4th Thursday would be December 23rd, group agreed that was probably too close to Christmas, No member meeting in December, Board will meet on Thursday, December 9
- Guy communicated to John that he is still trying to obtain a copy of our lease agreement, signed by the club and YaKaAma, Guy mailed our October rent Check and it has been deposited by YaKaAma
- Guy communicated to John that he sent Thank You Cards to Buzz's wife, Bill's wife, and Paul's wife for helping out at the Swap Meet
- Jake contacted Bill Lantz, he has agreed to mow the weeds at the flying field, in exchange for a 1 year club membership, approved by board, Paul will add him to member list and mail his membership card
- Paul said that we have 34 renewals for 2022 so far, more continue to come in, slightly more renewals than last year at this time, Paul will begin printing and mailing out membership cards soon, since the Holiday Party is not planned until January, 2022
- Events for 2022? John ask Board members to be thinking about events for 2022, events we have had in the past and possible new events
- Night Fly Event for November 2021: Board had talked about having a Night Fly just after time change back to Standard Time, no one remembered announcing an actual date, since Guy was coordinating event and was out of town, Board agreed to tentative date of Saturday November 20, John will check with Guy about coordinating event and notifying YaKaAma
- Patrick asked if the club has a policy regarding unaccompanied children at the flying field, group discussion, all agreed that parents should accompany minor children while at the club flying field, Jake will check with AMA about an official policy, future discussion planned
- Meeting Adjourned 7:20 pm



## ***General Meeting Notes***

By: Christopher Bailey

- Meeting started 7:15 pm
- # of members present: 18
- Paul, Treasurer's report: Swap Meet Final results, 96 tables, 348 tickets sold, Artificial Turf Co sent check, we received and deposited check, \$800, Thank you Wendy and Guy!, 20 membership renewals for 2022 so far, more coming in each day
- Safety: Guy reminds everyone that there has been a scam going around where the WCF president supposedly asks someone to buy gift cards then send picture of the card code to the club president, this is a scam, don't fall for it!
- Club Christmas Party? Survey has been sent to all club members, please complete survey
- Show and Tell: Guy shared a small glider kit, John shared his Proctor Nieuport kit
- Raffle: congratulations to our winners, Bilal, Davis, Steve K, Jake, Ron, John, Erik, Guy and Buzz
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

## **WCF 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- **General flying...any day the weather is grand!**