

*Wine Country Flier*



**Next meeting: 26 Jan 6:30, at the Mountain Mikes Pizza**

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# Presidents Report

By: John Cole

Happy New Year's to you all, I hope you had a safe and warm holiday. I hope this year brings you much happiness and blue skies! It would be great to see you at the field and at our club meetings. I would like to mention that our first general meeting of the year will be held this coming Thursday evening, 26 January at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 6:30 PM. We have got the large meeting room reserved so please bring any show and tell items that you would like to share with the club members. Pizza will be supplied by our club!

There was a nice turnout for the January 1 fun fly. We were blessed with great weather, and there were always several models in the air at one time. Many thanks to Kristin for supplying us with hot coffee, and I was the bad guy that supplied donuts.



Above: Walker and Josh sort out Walker's new jet.

## BUILDER'S CORNER.

I believe there are some interesting projects underway within our club. Space-permitting, it would be great to hear how yours is going! We can use this space for ongoing projects, (such as Jake's SPAD 13), building, tips, and product recommendations. Please take the time to send in photos and write ups of what you are working on.

Until next month, stay safe and warm, and help a beginner if the opportunity arises!

John

## V.P. Tiger Moth (in quarter scale) build

By: John Cole

I've been working on this kit for some time now, off and on, and it's really shaping up nicely. I've always wanted to model the TM for some time now, so here we are. My fascination with the airplane goes back to the '60's, when Roger Sharon had his full-size based out of Sonoma County Airport. Then I had another encounter in the 90's when I had the opportunity to fly Bob Curtains' beautifully restored TM. It is a very nice flying design, whether it's full size or in model form.

If adding internal details, it's wise to build from the inside out.



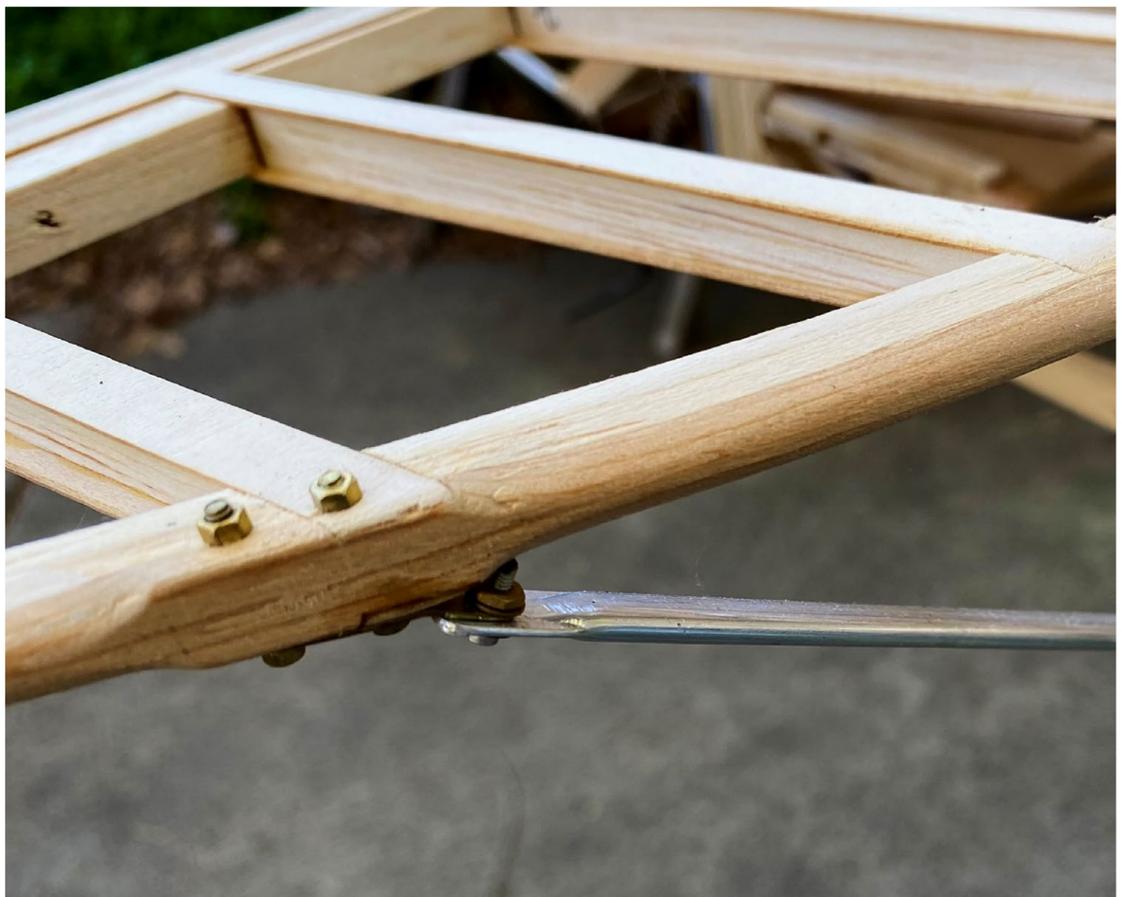
The kit supplies you with a very nicely molded epoxy-glass cowl.



The tail group is constructed in a unique way, and surface outlines are made with stainless steel tubing.



Stabilizer strut is made from K&S streamlined aluminum tubing. A length of .064" carbon rod is bonded inside and adds significant strength.



The overall project is temporarily on hold because of a few other modeling priorities, but I expect to spend more time on it soon.

John

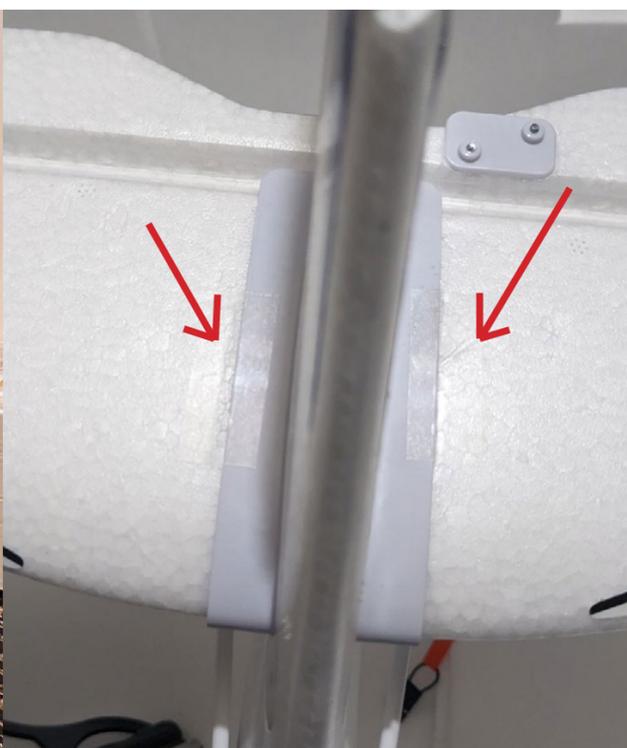
# Radian PNP Build Log

By: Guy Nicholas

Get it home.



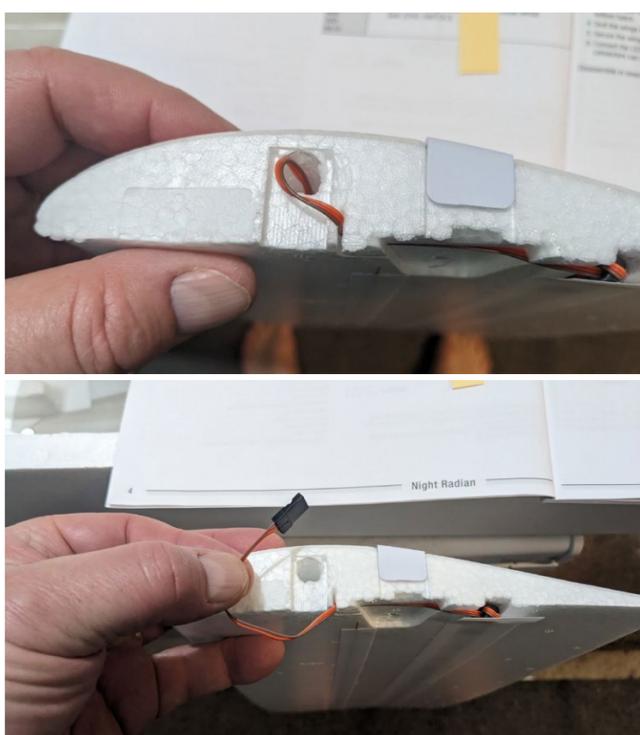
Tape in elevator...all 4 sides!



Carefully insert the wing rod



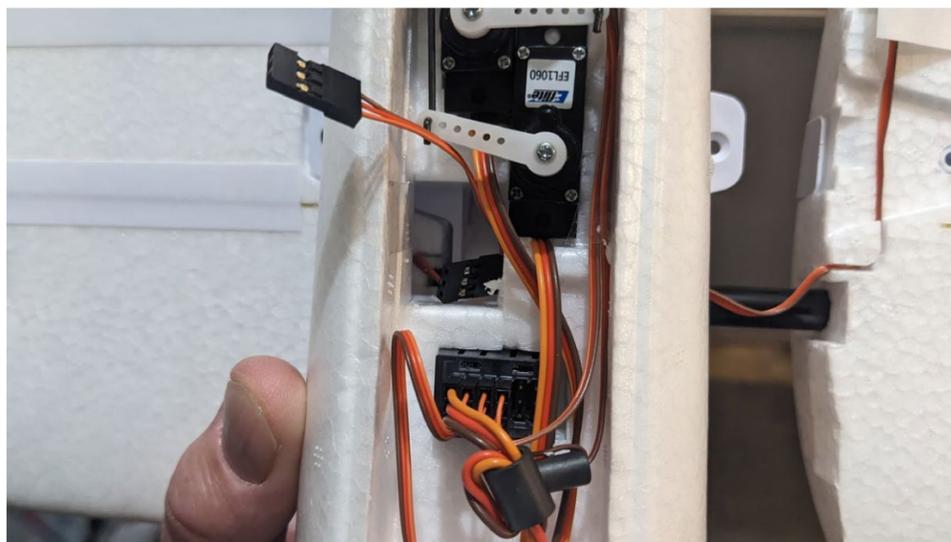
The wing rod won't fit in the wings unless you remove this wire from the hole. This step was not mentioned in the build instructions.



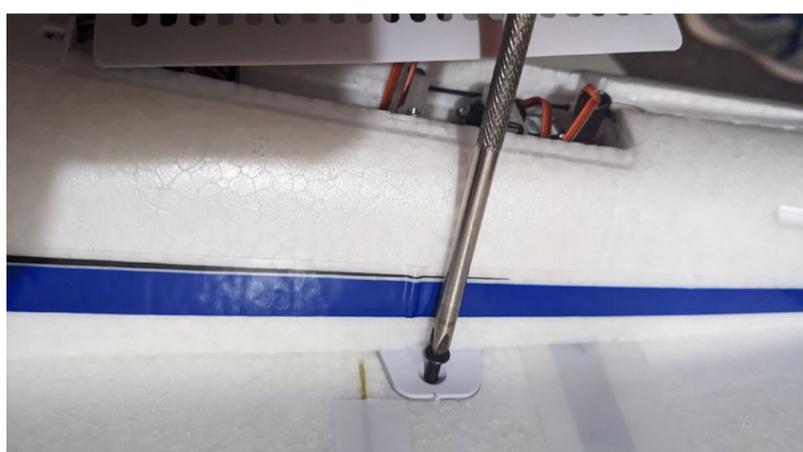
The wings didn't seem right at first, and I thought perhaps they had given me two left ones. But then I realized I could flip it over! They really should come with marks for top and bottom.



While sliding the wing on you have to carefully route the servo wires into the underside of the plane where the receiver is.



Lastly one must secure the wings with the supplied screws.



Overall, the build wasn't overly complicated, but certainly it was not "bind and fly"! I haven't had a chance to maiden it yet, but it looks like it will be fully aerobatic beast in the air!

# Colin's CL Shop

By: Colin McRae

I have started on a new model, a SIG Skyray 35 kit that I picked up on eBay. It is supposed to be a great flying model. The stock kit is designed to use lite plywood ribs and spruce spars, however adds weight to the finished model. A lot of builders switch out and use balsa parts to replace the plywood and spruce parts. End result is a lighter model that also has more crash resilience. So I am planning to do the same and see how it goes. The model will have a 44" wing and I plan to power it with an OS 25LA engine.

Other minor changes planned to the stock kit:

- Increase the cord on the elevator from 1-3/8" to 2"
- 3/16" thick stabilizer, elevator and rudder vs kit 1/8" for a bit more strength
- 2-wheel landing gear vs kit single center wheel (our CL area is not friendly to models with a single center wheel)

Colin McRae



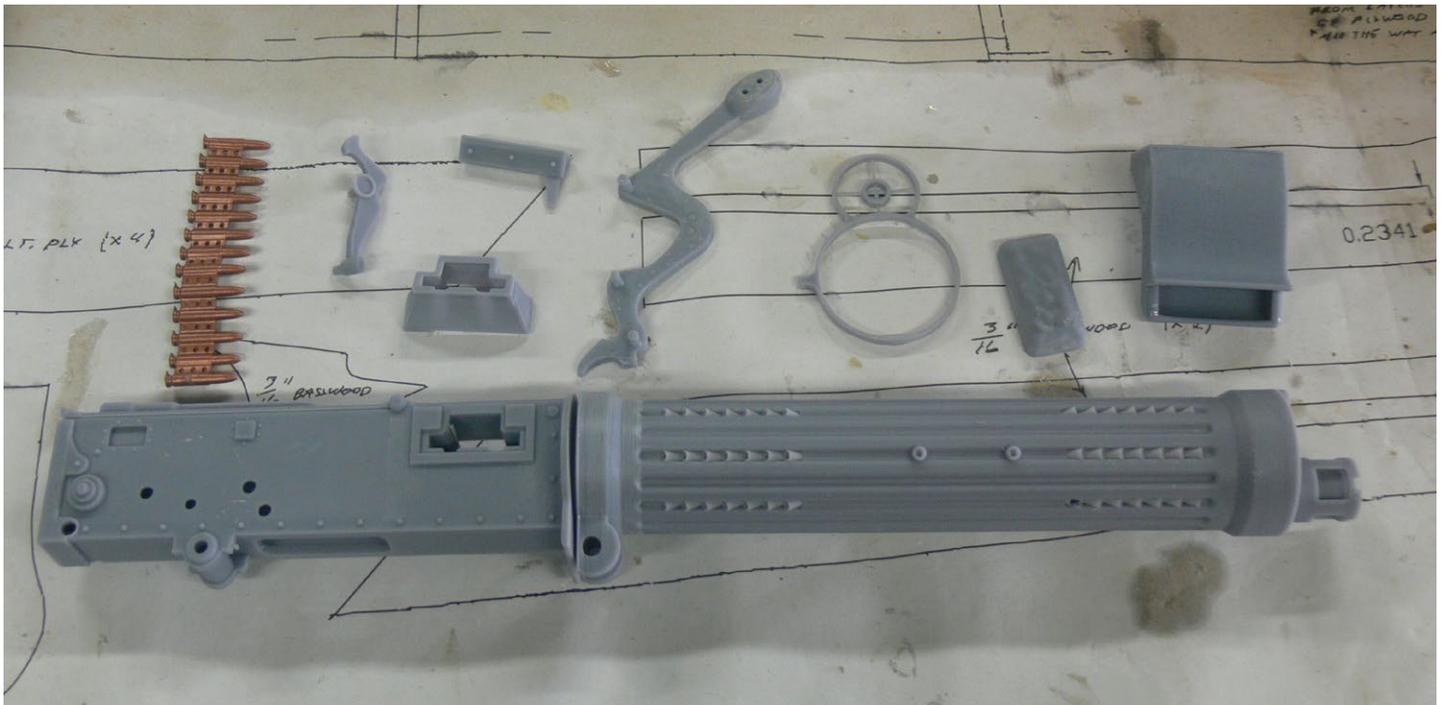
# Spad Build

By: Jake Chichilitti

SPAD build continues at a slower pace

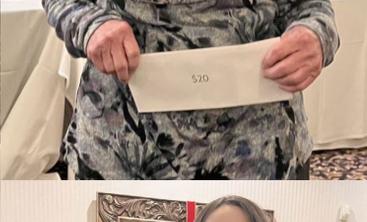
I didn't spend a lot of time in the shop last December. I did manage to assemble and paint the 3-D printed Vickers machine guns. I hope to get started on the fuselage in January. The building plans do not show any equipment placement, so I'm trying to figure out where everything will go before starting on the fuselage.

Jake



# Party at Charlie's

By: Patrick O'Halloran



# ***Board Meeting Notes***

By: Jake Chichilitti  
12 Jan

- WCF Board Meeting called to order @ 7:30PM 1/12/2021
- Members present: Jake C., Guy N., Steve C., Eric B., & Patrick O. Attending by phone Paul G.
- Discussed:
- FAA Recognized I.D. Area (FRIA). Guy N. will check with AMA li order to maintain our Remote I.D. not required status at the WCF flying site.
- Treasurer's Report: Current club membership stands at 52. Our financial status is in the green. The AMA club charter and insurance has been paid for 2023. The board voted to present a box of SEE's Candy to the Shone Farm staff as a good will gesture.
- Field Maintenance: Bill Lantz will not be able to mow the field this year. The club would like to know if a member would be willing to take on that responsibility. The field would most likely need to mowed two times. The club will offer a free year's membership and pay for the fuel and oil used. Eric B. will check on the price of renting a mower. Steve C. volunteered to operate the rented mower if needed.
- Swap Meet: Adam C. has volunteered to head up the WCF Swap Meet at the Vet's Memorial Building. The date is set for Sunday April 23rd. Pre registration tables \$20.00 General admission same as last year at \$3.00 and \$25.00 for tables if reserved the day of the event. More details to follow. And volunteers needed to help at the event.
- New name for our flying field:: Ollie Burns was instrumental in finding our current flying site. We may still be looking for a flying site if it wasn't for his efforts. He has since passed away. The board voted to name the field in his memory. Patrick O. will look into purchasing a sign with the appropriate wording. Maybe have dedication ceremony and invite his relatives to attend.
- Combination of gate lock to be changed: The gate combination will be changed on March 1, 2023. Members that have paid their club dues will be given the new combination via email or by mail if they do not have an email address.
- General membership meeting for January 2023: The January meeting will be at Mt. Mike's on Cleveland Av. on Thursday Jan. 26. Paul G. has scheduled our meeting in a private room instead of the open dining room. Thank you Paul.
- Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM
- Respectfully submitted,
- Jake C.