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ROGUE EAGLE

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Our man of the hour, Tom Everts, runs up his new Hangar 9 Sukoi Su-26MM with a DLE-170 for power. Tom had one flight on this bird prior to the runway being torn up. Before flying it again, he really wanted the runway edges to be groomed, so he led a dedicated work group to do just that. Read more about their efforts inside!



ALL THUMBS - FROM THE PREZ'S CHAIR

My name is Jay Strickland and I approve this message

Congratulations to our newly elected Club Officers! Calvin Emigh - President, Ray Wasson (Sr.) - Vice President, Ray Wasson (Jr.) - Treasurer and last, but certainly not least, Larry Cogdell - Secretary. These are all top shelf gentlemen and I know they will do a fantastic job. Please give them your support as they guide our RC club into the future! There will also be three Executive Board Member at Large positions nominated and voted

on at the January General Membership meeting. You can nominate yourself so please consider getting involved in the decision-making process for the club.

Remember to renew your AMA membership as a pre-requisite to renewing your club membership. You will need to show proof of AMA to renew with the Rogue Eagles. Don't wait until the last minute, the gate combination will be changed on January 31. If you have not renewed, you will not be able to open the gate to fly.

The first event of the New Year will be Larry Myer's "Chili Fly" on New Years day. Who will make the first flight of 2015? No matter what the weather is like, this is always a lot of fun and tasty warm (Hot) food! There will be a toasty campfire and lots of storytelling. Regardless of how much actual flying gets done, this is a good time to renew acquaintances and remember our old friends and be thankful for our hobby and all we get to enjoy.

As this will be my last official Presidential column, I will try and make it brief. Thank you all for the opportunity to act as your President, I have learned from each and every one of you. I believe together we accomplished a great deal and I for one can't wait to see what's next!

That is all for now, Granddog out.

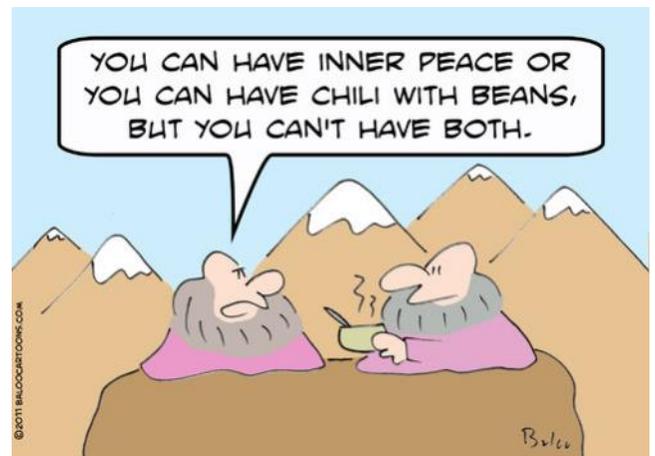


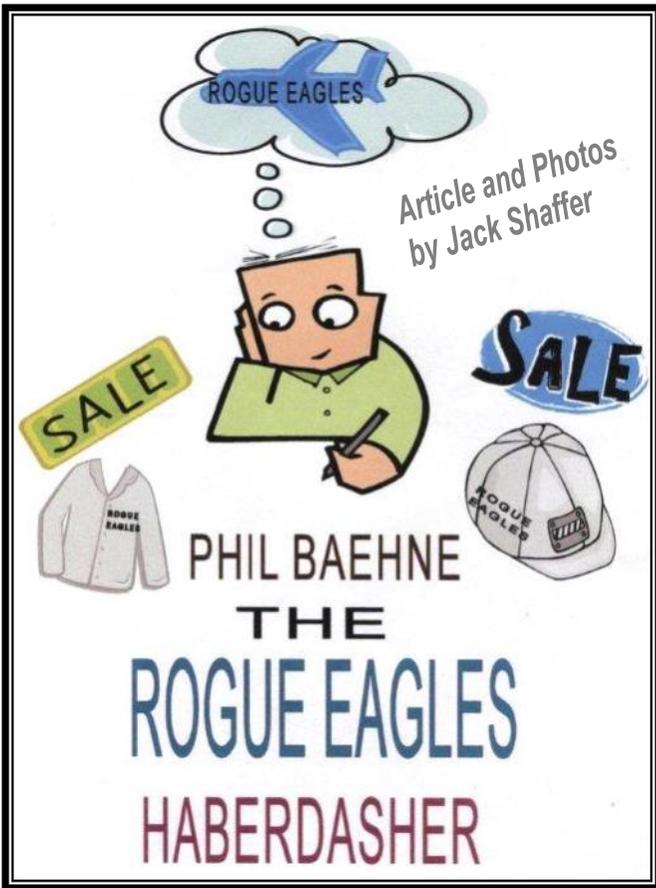
To Jay and all of the out-going club officers. THANK YOU for your time, your effort, and your dedication to this club. With your leadership and vision, we accomplished great things. Our beautiful new runway is forever part of your legacy. Take pride in that because we will all be enjoying it for decades to come!

Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!

We have three new members this month...

- Dave Tallha** from Grants Pass
- Felix Schumann** from Medford
- Stephen Bull** from Medford





This month I had the opportunity to interview **Phil Baehne**, our club haberdasher. I invited Phil and Bruce Tharpe to meet me for breakfast at the Palms in Central Point. No doubt about it, we Eagles sure like to eat.

Bruce and I followed Phil out to his place to check on where he gets all those planes that he brings to "show and tell".



Phil does a show and tell with his re-built Sky Squire, a vintage model.

Phil is known as the club haberdasher and does a super job of providing us with caps, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and club stickers.

Phil is married to Crystal and they have a son, Luke. I think you know the story of Luke. He is twelve years old and has autism. Luke is the love and joy of their lives. Phil also has two daughters, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Phil was born and raised in Southern California. His stepfather got him interested in race cars and his sister's son lead him down the path to airplanes.

Phil spent a great deal of time flying gliders, U control and RC planes in the Perris and Lake Elsinore area. Phil has met some interesting people. The one that gets your attention is Pappy Boyington. Seems Phil went to the air show at Chino and sat with Pappy for a short time. It was the thrill of his life.



Pappy Boyington

I always ask folks for their favorite anecdote. Phil related that he was a CD for an air show put on by the Perris Valley Flyers. The show drew thousands of spectators. They had hot air balloons, planes on display, fire truck, hook and ladder, something for everyone including the heat. As the day wore on, the heat took its toll on Phil who came down with heat exhaustion. Luckily, the fire crew stepped in, cooled Phil down and hydrated him in time to see the end of the show.



This garden shed is Philled with treasure

Phil gave us a tour of his shop and storage buildings. Phil's storage building says it all. He will not be short of future projects. For those of you who watch American Pickers, Frank and Mike would call this the "scratch and dent" room.

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THE ROGUE EAGLES HABERDASHER *continues...*

Phil is about to take us into Phil's Zone.

This is just what a shop should be. Check the planes hanging from the ceiling and kits on the shelves. Me thinks Phil may have a wee bit of a problem getting to his drill press.



This large DC-3 model features a scale side door with a stewardess on the steps



Is this for real? Unusual ring wing biplane, from Danny Stanton's estate



A side room adjacent to the shop is Philled with more projects, tools, etc...

Phil showed us his latest project (right). Can hardly wait to see this at the Agate Skyway.



Phil is showing us one of his paintings (left), just another of his great talents.

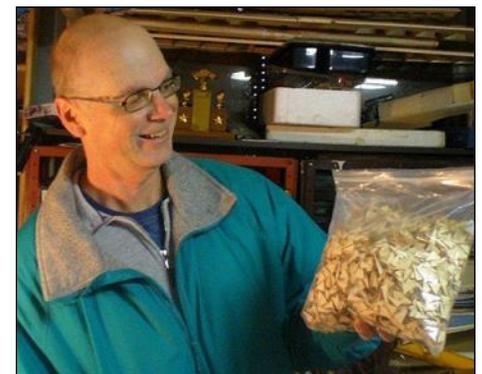


It's a Phlying Phlea!

OK, here is your editor (right). You can supply your own caption. My guess is it's some kind of crackers that Phil munches while he works in his shop.



Phil and his wife have a great sense of humor. They always tell their guests to hang up their coats in the closet. This is what greets you when you open the door. Have to admit Phil, there is a resemblance.



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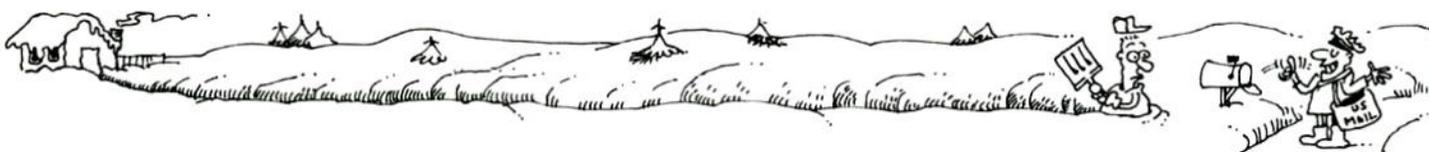
I asked Phil about the future of the hobby. His answer is the same as most of us feel, that the hobby is healthy with lots of good things to come.

I did come away from Phil's with an airplane. This is a Sig Tristar that I built for a club contest some years back. How it made its way to Phil's place is a story for another day.



From my family to yours, have a very special holiday. Oh and yes, the bag Bruce is holding contains rib gussets.

Jack Shaffer



RUNWAY EDGE WORK COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER BY CLUB MEMBERS



Photos by Rick Lindsey

Motivated by their desire to avoid broken props, Tom Everts and Paul Chapman spearheaded the effort to finish off the runway border. Well done!

The following each donated a \$324 load of DG...

Paul Chapman	Dale Bush
Rick Lindsey	Jim Spurlock
Tom Everts	Mort Sullivan
Dave Bartholomew	

And the following members contributed muscle during one or two work parties....

Don Velasquez	Gary Neal
Joe DeAscentis	Paul Chapman
John Gaines	Dave Boteler
Tom Everts	Bill Nemzek
Rick Lindsey	Rich Hume
Harvey Gilmore	Randy Hutton
Martin Sherman	(catering service)



Thank You!!!!

PARADE OF PATTERN SHIPS - PART 3

by Bruce Tharpe

2014 Was the Year of the Pattern Ship at the VRCS Fly-In. Not only were the planes beautiful and good flyers, they each contributed to the evolution of RC aircraft design. Let's continue our look at the models and the history behind their design, presented here in chronological order.



About Ron and John's Models

Both of these models were built by John Gaines. Ron and John each finished their own models and debuted them at the VRCS event in 2013. Both pilots installed retracts and an OS .46 AX for power. And they both fly fast and smooth.

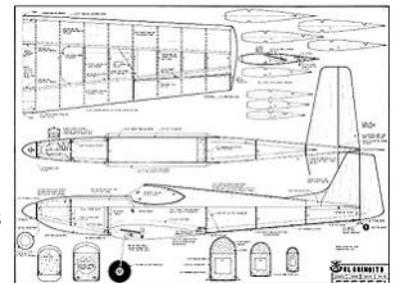
El Gringito History

The El Gringito is the smaller brother of the more-famous El Gringo. The .60-size El Gringo was designed by Ted White, a legendary modeler and competitor from Texas. The El Gringo dates back to the July 1970 issue of RCM; the smaller El Gringito followed in the February 1973 issue of RCM. Jim Simpson's name is on the plan and article for the El Gringito, but he readily admits it is a tribute to his friend, Ted White. Actually, both designers trace the inspiration for the El Gringito back to a 1961 design by Marty Moad of Las Vegas called the El Toro. So, as is often the case in the development of a model, the good traits from another model are blended with new ideas, and with an aesthetic tweak here and there it evolves into a new design. Ted continued refining the El Gringo and competing with it throughout the 1970's.



El Gringo and El Gringito Resources

[Download free plans](#) and RCM article for the El Gringo (68" span) from Outerzone
[Download free plans](#) and RCM article for the El Gringito (53" span) from Outerzone
[Short Kits](#) available for both from Lazer Works (scroll down to find them)



About Cliff's Model

Cliff doesn't know for sure where this model came from. He got it through horse-trading with Steve Coleman about four or five years ago. Steve got it from Dale Bush, and Cliff knows that Dale had it for a long, long time before that! Anyway, Cliff was flying around with an OS .65AX for power with a Dub Jett pipe for extra power. Unfortunately, Cliff told me that several weeks after the VRCS event, something broke in flight and this bird went to model airplane heaven.

Cutlass Supreme History

This one took some real digging. In fact, when Cliff brought this model to the VRCS last year, neither of us knew what it was. A week later, I posted a

"what-is-it?" thread on RC Universe. It was quickly identified as a Cutlass or Cutlass Supreme. By comparing a few photos and drawings, I concluded that it was, in fact, a Cutlass Supreme. The Cutlass series was designed by Don Coleman (no relation to our club member by the same name).

The original Cutlass design was published in the October 1970 issue of Model Airplane News. Surprisingly, the Cutlass Supreme was produced as a kit by two different companies, Joy Products and the Mini-Flite Company.

Cutlass Supreme Resources

[Plans](#) are available from the Air Age Store, \$19.95
[The RC Universe Thread](#) started by Bruce Tharpe



PARADE OF PATTERN SHIPS *CONTINUED...*



**Rick Lindsey's
Sweetater**

About Rick's Model

Yeah, you've seen this picture before, on the cover of the April 2014 newsletter. It really was at the VRCS event, but nobody got a pic! Anyway, the model was framed up many years ago by Stu Tittle, who passed it along to Joe Hasler, who passed it along to Rick. After some painting snafus, Rick got it flying this year and loves it.

Sweetater History

Don Coleman of Cutlass fame was active on the patter circuit in the early '70s, but found himself often playing second fiddle to Ron Chidgey and his Tiger Tail. Don and Ron were flying buddies, so Don actually got to fly the Tiger Tail. He really liked how it flew, but the looks... not so much. So he "borrowed" the wing and stab from the Tiger Tail and designed a sleeker fuselage that was influenced by the popular European pattern ships of the time. Don summed up the design in the February

1973 issue of Model Airplane News, saying, "So you see, a Sweetater is in reality a Tiger Tail dressed up in European clothing". Southern R/C produced kits of both the Sweetater and Tiger Tail

Sweetater Resources

[Information](#) about a short kit available from Eureka Aircraft Co.



**Dave Bartholomew's
Dirty Birdy ARF**

About Dave's Model

Here's a perfect example of a modern ARF that is VRCS eligible. That's because there are only two rules: the model must have been designed originally for radio control, and the model design must date back more than 35 years. Eligible models can be freshly-built with modern radios and engines (even electric). They can be enlarged or reduced. Internal structure can be modified as long as the external shape is true to the original design.

Dave's Dirty Birdy is a Great Planes ARF with an OS .65AX, tuned pipe, and retracts. He says, "this plane is fast at half throttle." Calvin Emigh has one just like it and they did a terrific formation flight at the event. Rick Lindsey flew an original all-wood Dirty Birdy (green and white) that he built himself from a Bridi Kit.

Dirty Birdy History

Joe Bridi burst back upon the pattern scene in 1975 with his Dirty Birdy, and it became an instant classic. RCM published the design as a two-part article in the June and July 1975 issues. The structure was not tremendously different than his Kaos, but Joe seemed to find a sense of style and applied it to the flowing lines of the Dirty Birdy. It became a fixture at pattern contests for several years. Of course, Bridi produced the balsa kit along with a reduced version called the Tweedy Bird. Ultimately, Joe sold his business to Great Planes Manufacturing, and they continued producing the Dirty Birdy into the '80s with a fiberglass fuselage. They brought it back a few years ago as the ARF you see here with a glass fuse and wood wings.



Joe Bridi

Dirty Birdy Resources

[Download free plans](#) and RCM article for the Dirty Birdy (65" span) from Outerzone
[Download free plans](#) for the Tweedy Bird (49" span) from Outerzone
[Information](#) about the Great Planes ARF available from Tower Hobbies
[Online Article](#) from Model Airplane News "Detailing the Dirty Birdy"
[Information](#) about a full kit available from Bluejay Airplane Kits
[Information](#) about a short kit available from Eureka Aircraft Co.

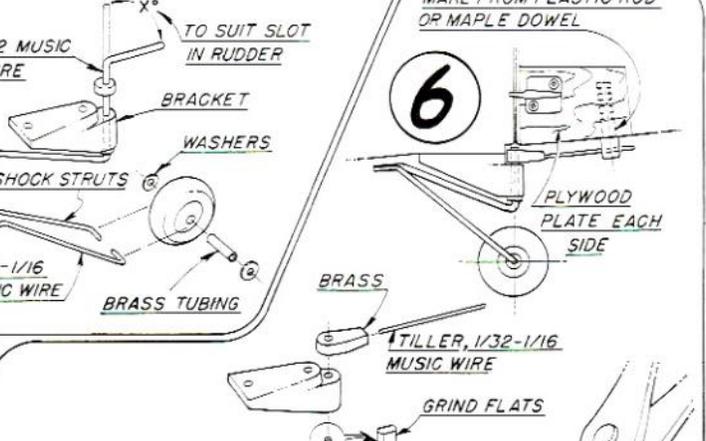
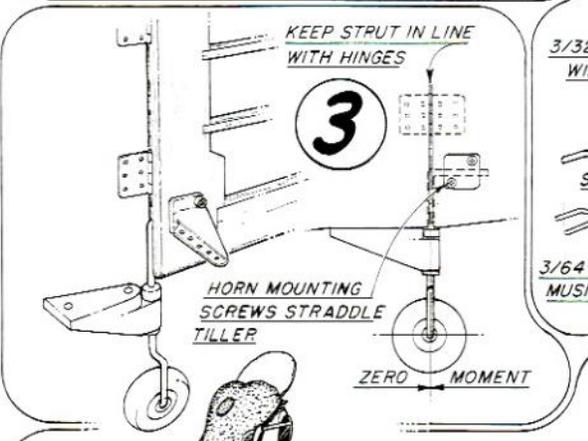
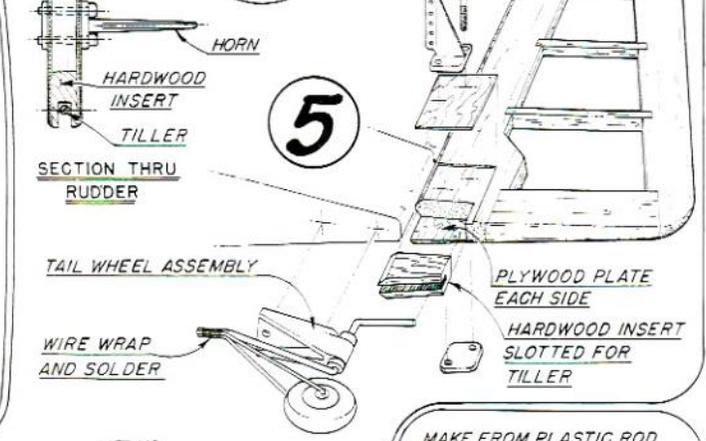
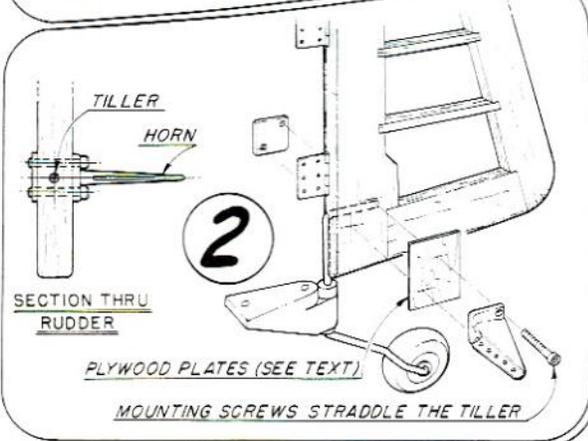
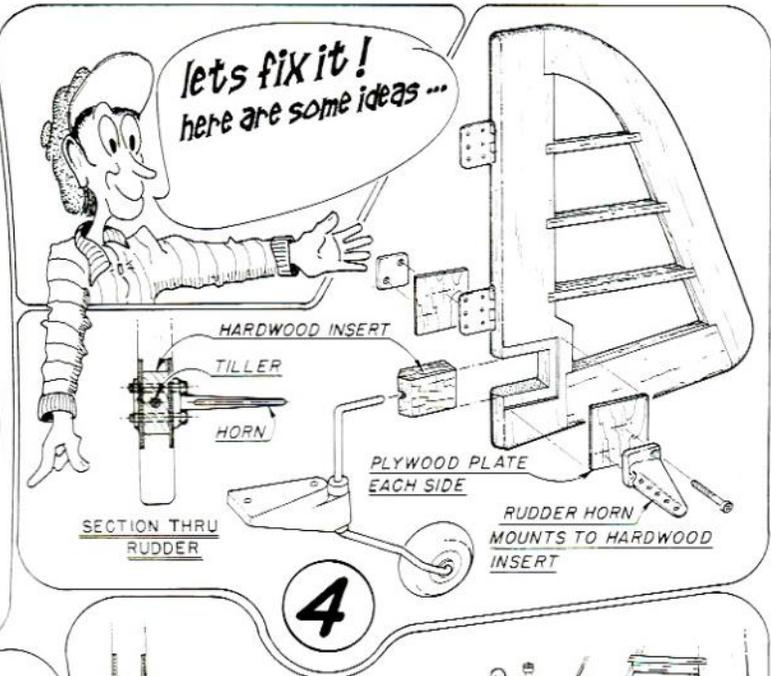
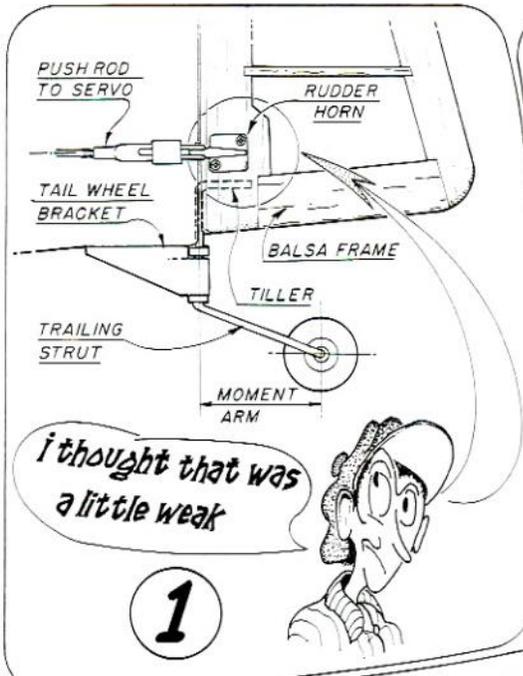


**Rick Lindsey's
Tweedy Bird**

AND THAT'S THE END OF THE PARADE

Different Ways to Fix a Busted Tail Wheel

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www.rogue-eagles.org

Meeting Information

The next **General Membership Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

(No General Meeting in December.)

We meet at the Central Point Senior Citizens Center, 123 N 2nd Street in Central Point.

[Click here for directions](#).

Seen at the Last Meeting



We should have an election every month! The place was packed for the November meeting, which was a really great thing to see. We will be nominating and electing three Board Members at Large at the January Meeting, so come on out, pay your dues, and vote!

CHILI DOG FUN-FLY January 1, 2015
Dress warm, bring something for the pot luck, and fly! CD Larry Myers

Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

For more info, call Phil Baehne at **541-727-7059**

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