

## **Final Presentation**



# FCAAP: AIAA Design Build Fly

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## **Presentation Outline**

#### **Project Overview**

- AIAA "Design Build Fly"
- Competition Basics
- Specific Requirements

#### **Design**

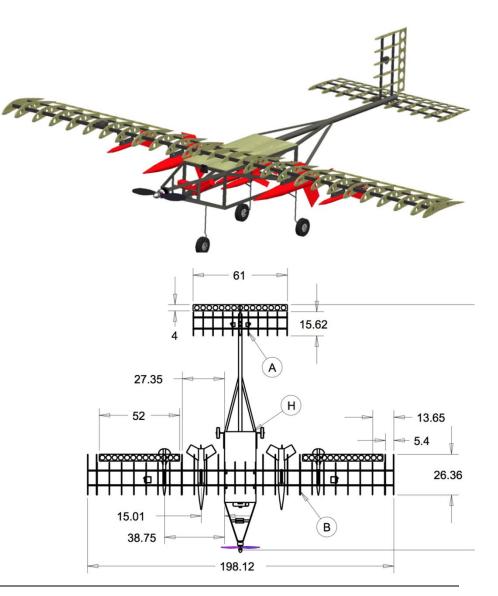
- Aircraft Components
- Sub Assemblies
- Propulsion Circuit
- Electronics

#### **Build**

- Construction Processes
- Completed Plane

#### <u>Fly</u>

Final Results



## **Project Overview**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

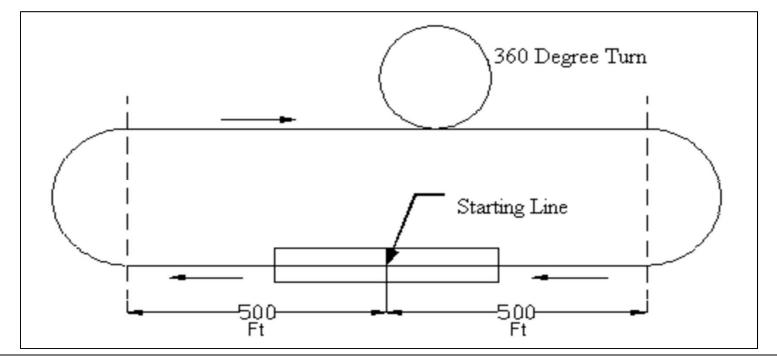
- Design and build an electrically powered
   RC aircraft
- Complete 3 flight missions directed by the AIAA Design/Build/Fly competition
- Create a precise written report documenting the process (scored along with flight missions)



# **Competition Basics**

#### Mission 1:

- Take-off within the prescribed area
- Maximum number of complete laps within a 4 minute flight time
- Mission score: M1= 2 \* (N\_Laps\_Flown/Max\_N\_Laps\_Flown)



# **Competition Basics**

#### Mission 2:

- Take-off within the prescribed area
- 3 Lap internal-stores flight
- Internal Store MiniMax Rocket



Mission score:

M2= 4 \* (#\_Stores\_Flown/Max\_#\_Stores\_Flown)

## **Competition Basics**

#### Mission 3:

- Take-off within the prescribed area
- 3 lap mixed-stores (internal & external) flight
- Mission score: M3= 6 \* (Fastest\_Time\_Flown/Team\_Time\_Flown)



# **Specific Requirements**

#### **Competition Restrictions:**

- Propulsion circuit battery pack must weigh ≤ 1.5 lbs.
- Batteries must be NiMH or NiCad
- Current draw limited to 20 Amps by inline fuse

## **Challenge:**

- Power = Voltage\*Amperage
- Available components utilize low voltage and high amperage
- 20 amp limit forces competitors to run excessive voltage to reach desired power level



## Specific Requirements

# Weight Vs. Power Concerns

- Internal/External Rockets + Battery Packs = 4.5 lbs.
- Max Power available ≈ 500 Watts
- General Power Rule: 220 Watts per pound ——> Allows only 2.4 lbs.!
- \*\*\* This DOES NOT include the additional weight of the aircraft itself

# **Aircraft Underpowered**

- Tasked with designing/building a plane that is vastly underpowered
- Oversized due to the necessity of internal rocket storage
- While also high-strength to support internal/external rocket weights

## **Aircraft Components**

## Wing Tail

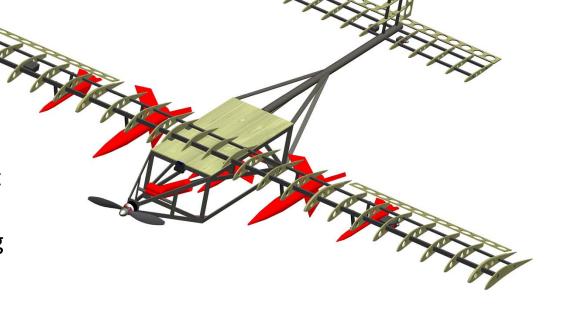
- Max Coefficient of lift
- Extremely light weight construction
- High material strength

Must allow for external store attachment

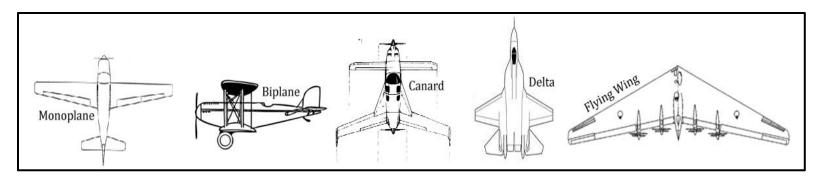
#### **Fuselage**

- Must be large enough to contain internal stores in addition to necessary flight components
- Acts as skeleton supporting entire plane, must be high strength

Defines flight stability and control



# Wing Selection



#### Monoplane:

- Stable flight characteristics
- Exterior storage capacity
- Less complexity

Airfoil	Max Cl	Stall Angle (deg)	Max Aerodynamic Efficiency (CI/Cd)	α at Max Eff (deg)	Cl at α
NACA 4412	1.55	12.00	70.60	6.00	1.20
NACA 65-418	1.45	9.00	48.30	6.00	0.97
Eppler 422	1.474	17.00	85.29	6.00	1.45
DAE 11	1.78	15.00	56.00	10.00	1.56

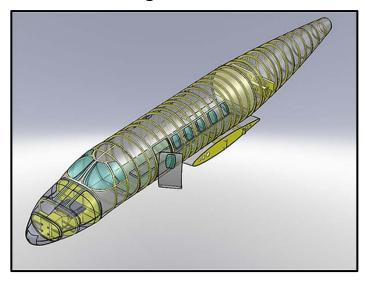
# **Fuselage Selection**

#### **Single Boom:**

- Largest interior storage capacity
- Less overall drag and weight
- Less design complexity

Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Double Boom	Single Boom	Blended Body
Weight	0.40	1	3	4
Drag	0.20	2	4	5
Durability	0.10	3	4	5
Storage Capacity	0.30	5	4	1
Total	1.00	2.6	3.6	3.4

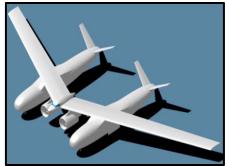
Single Boom



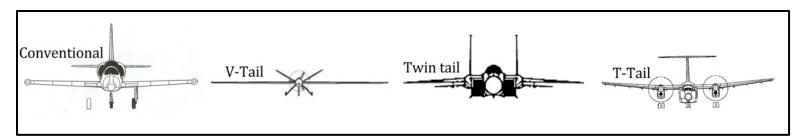
Blended Body



Double Boom



## **Tail Selection**



#### **Conventional Tail:**

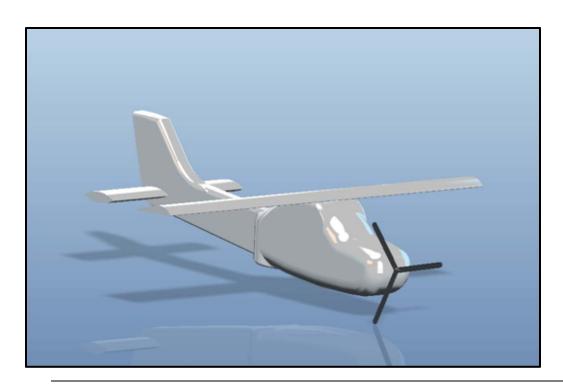
- Stable flight characteristics
- Less design complexity

Figure of Merit	Weighting Factor	Conventional	V-Tail	Twin Tail	T-Tail
Weight	0.15	3	4	3	3
Drag	0.20	4	5	3	3
Stability	0.35	5	2	3	3
Maneuverability	0.20	5	2	4	4
Manufacturability	0.10	4	2	3	3
Total	1.00	4.40	2.90	3.20	3.20

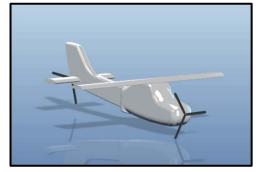
# **Propeller Configuration**

#### **Tractor:**

- Efficient propulsion
- Increased controllability
- Better performance



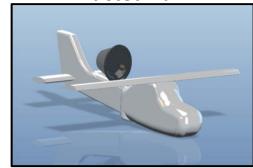
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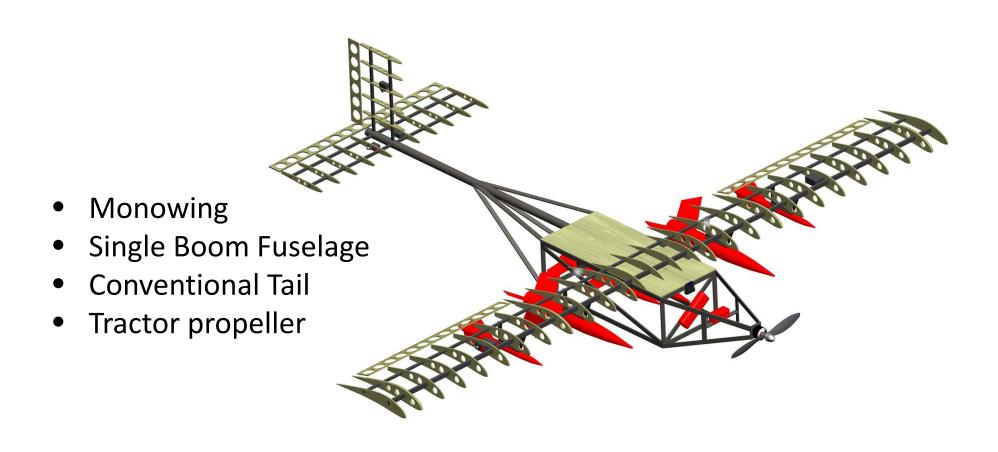
Pusher



**Ducted Fan** 



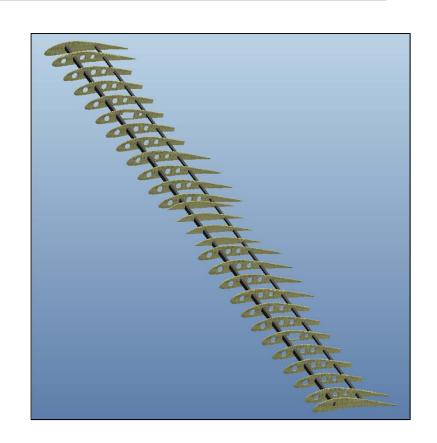
# **Overall Aircraft Configuration**



# Wing - Eppler 422

- High lift at low Reynolds numbers
- Low drag at cruising state

Wing Area (S)	806.4 in <sup>2</sup>
Span ( b )	77.77 in
Chord ( c )	10.37 in
Aspect Ratio ( AR )	7.5
Minimum Takeoff Speed	21.387 mph

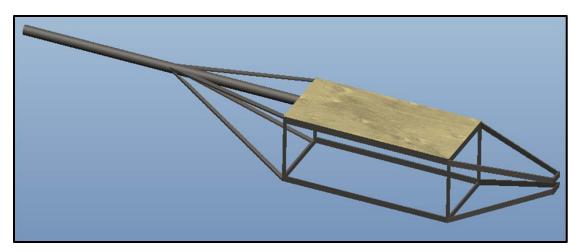


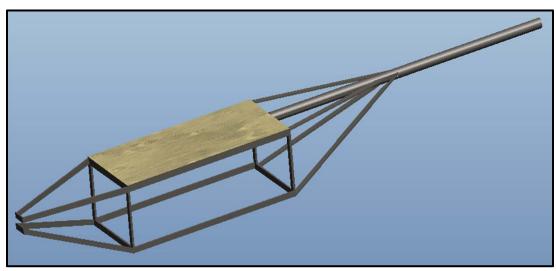
#### **Airfoil Profile**



# **Fuselage**

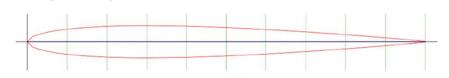
- Constructed with combination of high strength / light weight materials
- Carbon Composite
   Density: 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Bass Wood
   Density: 0.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

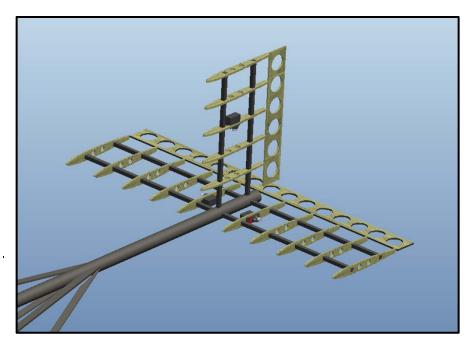




## **Tail – NACA 0008**

Low drag at high coefficients of lift





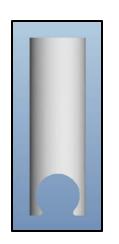
# 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.4 0.6 0.4 0.6 0.7 0.8 0 0.9 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 Coefficient of Drag (C<sub>d</sub>)

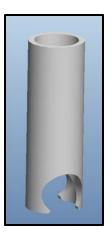
Vertical Span	10.239 inches
Vertical Chord	7.9 inches
Horizontal Span	23.76 inches
Horizontal Chord	7.9 inches
Moment Arm	31.107 inches

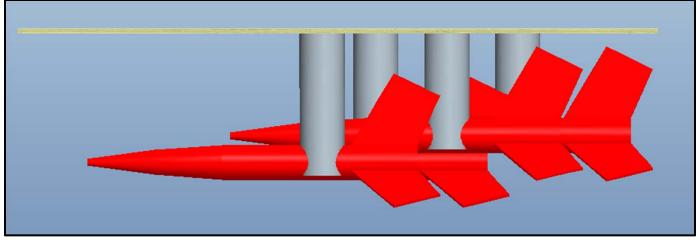
## **Internal Store Attachment**

#### **Light weight plastic tubing**

- Single piece design eliminates complicated attachment mechanisms
- Provides secure grasp on outer surface of Minimax internal stores
- Prevents unwanted axial motion during flight



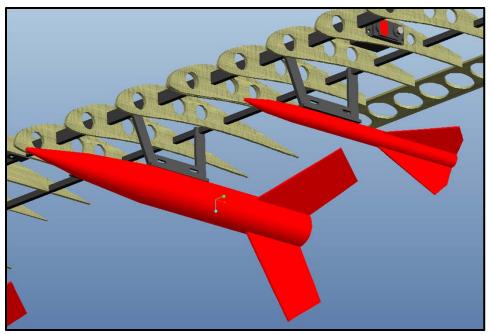


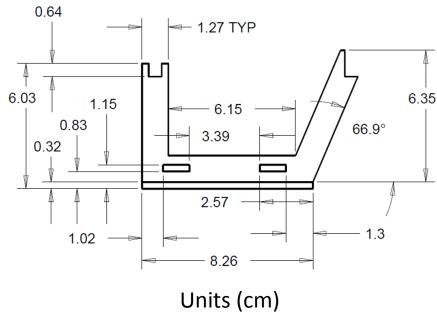


## **External Store Attachment**

#### **Carbon Composite Extensions**

- Permanently affixed to primary and secondary main wing spars
- Provide additional wing reinforcement
- Simple tie-strap connection between composite and external rocket





## Aircraft Detailed Design - Propulsion

#### **Battery Requirements:**

- High discharge rate
- Eliminates many smaller, higher voltage cell types

#### **Battery Selection:**

- 20 A limit requires maximum voltage possible
- Optimal cell type:

Size -2/3 A

Volt - 1.2 V

Capacity - 1500 mAh



- Pack will yield 26.4 Volts at just under 1.5 lbs.
- Max Power = 528 Watts

Figures of Merit	Supercharge Orion 1500	Speedpack 2400	Traxxis Power Cell 6 Cell 1500	Speedpack 1800	Individual Cell Elite 1500
Cell Voltage	7.2 V	7.2V	7.2V	7.2V	1.2V
Amp-Hours	1600 mAh	2400 mAh	1500 mAh	1800mAh	1500mAh
Weight	8.6 oz	12 oz	8 oz	10.4 oz	0.81 oz
Dimensions (in <sup>3</sup> )	4.4 x 2.2 x 0.9	7.7 x 2 x 1	5.6 x 3 x 1	7.6 x 2.1 x 1.2	1.13 x 0.66 x 0.66
Cost	\$21.15	\$20.81	\$11.09	\$11.68	\$2.75

## <u>Aircraft Detailed Design – Propulsion</u>

#### **Velocity and Thrust Requirements**

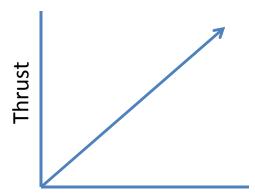
- Wing Loading = 25.73 oz/ft<sup>2</sup>
- Stall Speed = 25.36 mph
- Max Speed ≈ 65 mph
- Thrust must be > ½ Total Aircraft Weight

#### **Effect of Thrust on Current Draw**

- Increased thrust = Larger pitch = Higher Amps
- Motor / Prop combinations providing necessary thrust draw too much amperage
- Competition has 20 Amp limit

#### **Solution**

- 2.5:1 Gear box
- Provides mechanical advantage to turn prop with less added torque on motor



Amperage



## <u>Aircraft Detailed Design – Propulsion</u>

#### **E-Flite Power 15 Brushless**



## **Performance**

Thrust: 76 oz.

Max Velocity: 60 mph

Amperage Draw: 18.8 A

Full Throttle Duration: 5+ min

**APC Prop: Dia-13in Pitch-8in** 



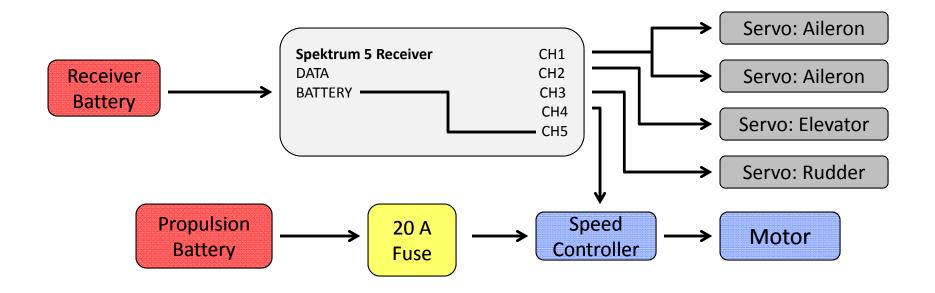
## **Thrust Ratio**

Mission 1: 1.583

Mission 2: 1.357

Mission 3: 1.055

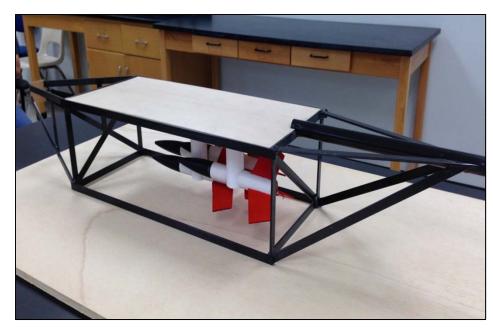
#### <u>Aircraft Design – Control System Electronics</u>





# <u>Build Process – Fuselage</u>

## **Fuselage**



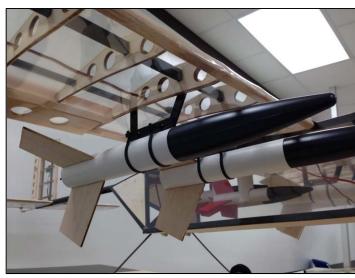
- Bass Wood Bottom Plate
   6.0 in. (W) x 18.0 in (L) x 0.125 in. (T)
- Magnetic Connection Points

- Carbon Composite Strips
   0.5 in. x 0.125 in.
- Carbon Fiber Tube
  0.75 in. (dia) x 30.0 in. (L)
- Bass Wood Top Plate
  6.0 in. (W) x 18.0 in (L) x 0.125 in. (T)



# Build Process – Internal/External Assemblies

#### **External**





#### **Internal**

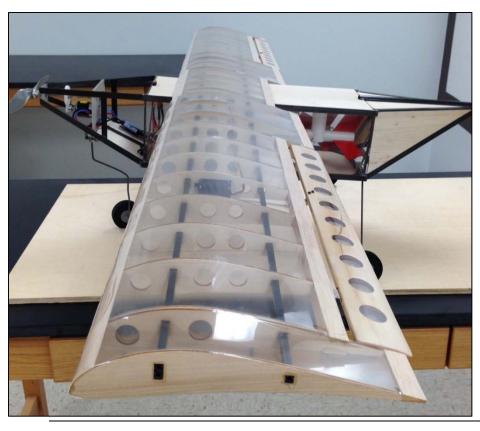




# Build Process – Main Wing

# Airfoil: Eppler 422

- 78 in. Wingspan
- 806 in<sup>2</sup>







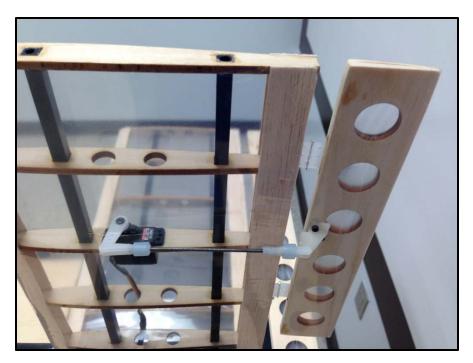
# Build Process – Tail

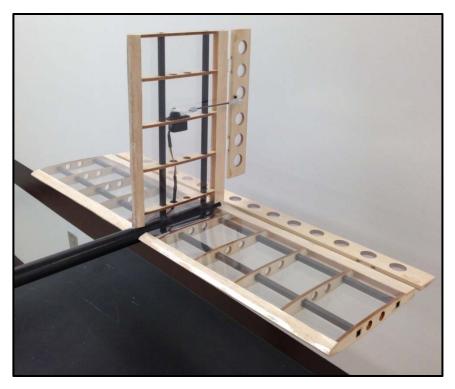
## Airfoil: NACA 0008

• 10.24 in. Vertical Span

• 23.76 in. Horiz. Span

• 7.90 in. Chord





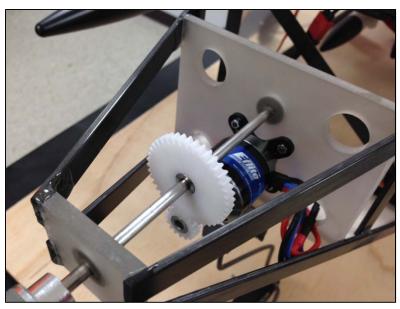
# Build Process - Motor Mount

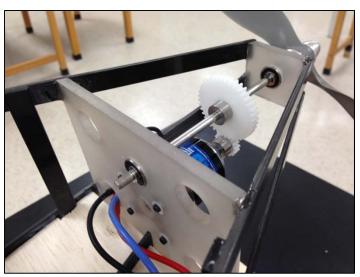
#### 2.5 : 1 Gear Ratio

- Pinion 16 tooth
   (Acetal/Stainless Hub)
- Output 40 tooth (Acetal/Stainless Hub)

#### **Lexan Plate**

- Mounts E-flite Power 15
   Motor
- Houses 5mm prop shaft through press-fit bearings
- Attachment point for nose gear





# Build Process – Landing Gear

#### **Nose Gear**

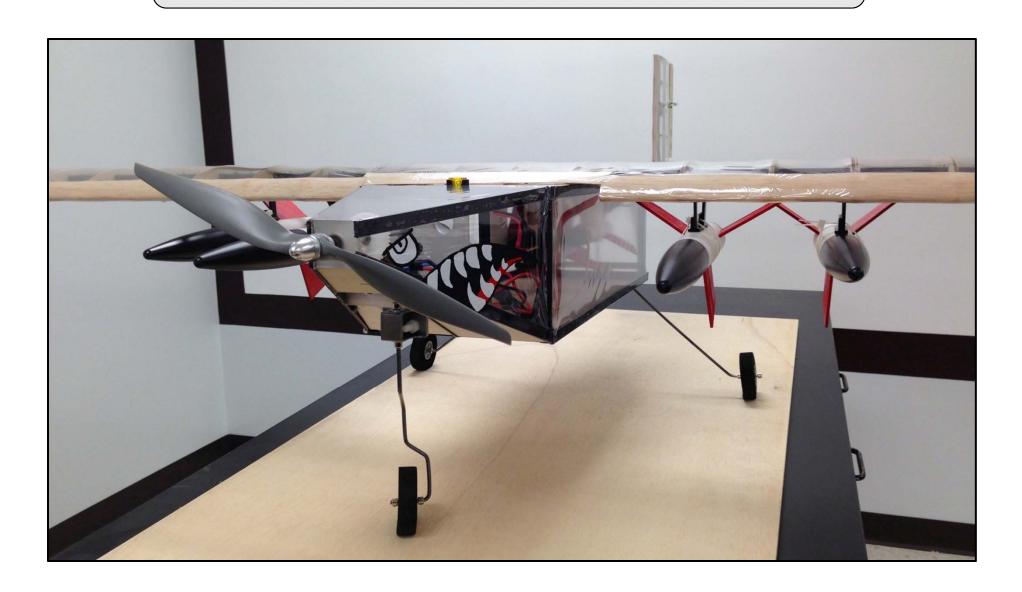
- 5/32 in. spring steel
- 1 in<sup>2</sup> tube machined to house rod
- 5/32 in. collars allow for swivel



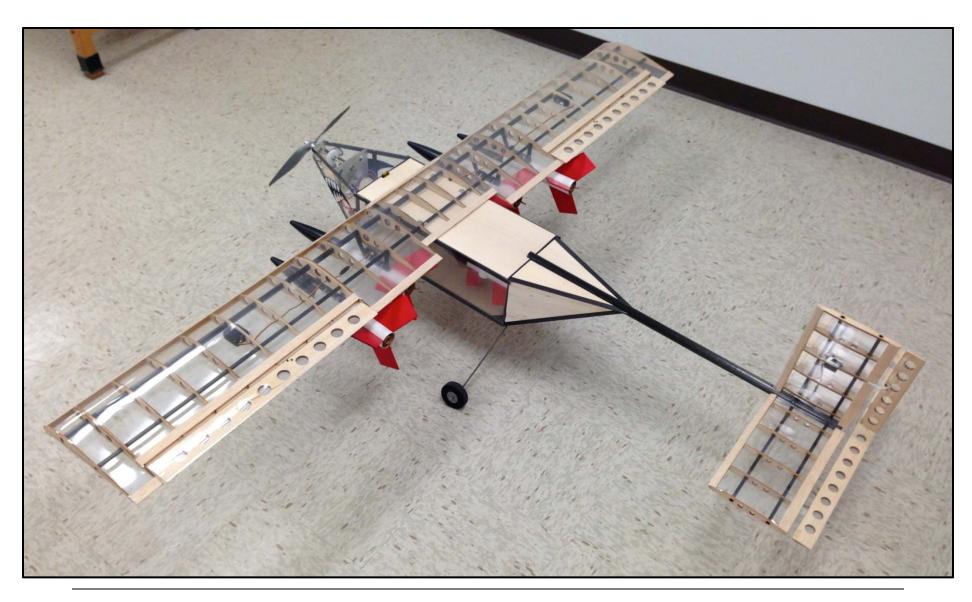
#### **Main Gear**

- 5/32 in. spring steel
- Mounts to fuselage rear
- Slide lock into tail tube









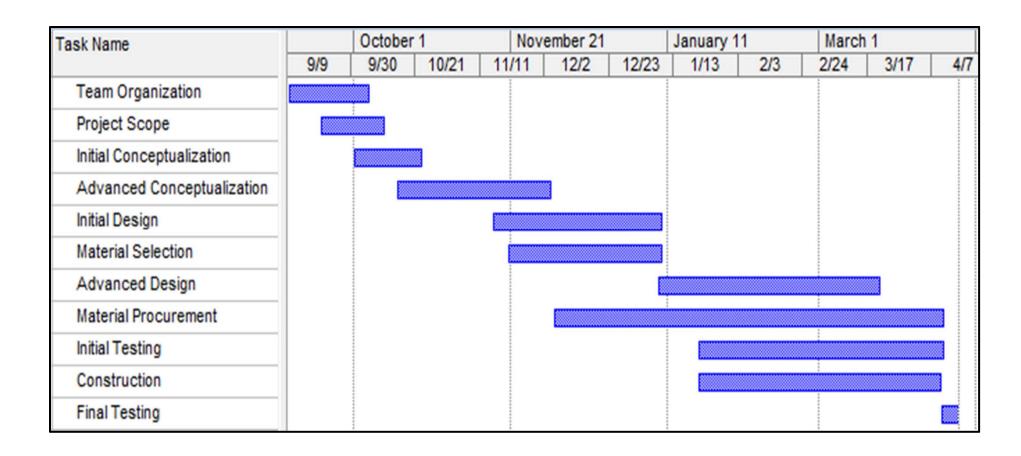


78 in. →

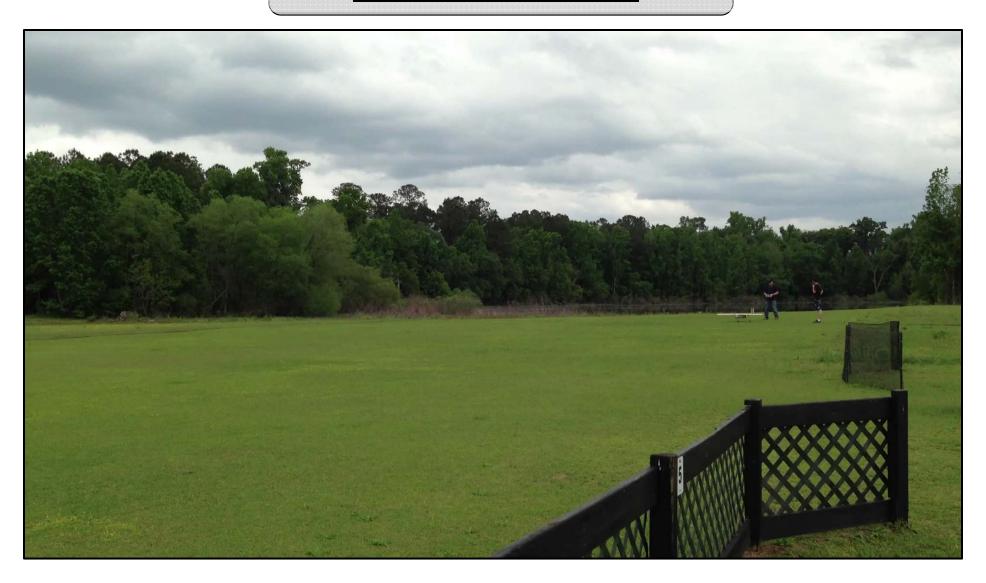
# <u>Budget</u>

Category	<u>Item</u>	Cost	<u>Total</u>
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<b>Electronics</b>			\$410.00
	Motors	\$110.00	
	Servos	\$80.00	
	Wires	\$20.00	
	Batteries	\$120.00	
	ESC	\$80.00	
Construction			\$445.00
	Wood	\$100.00	
	Strips	\$108.00	
	Tube	\$54.00	
	Monokote	\$39.00	
	Spars	\$96.00	
	Adhesives	\$48.00	
<u>Tools</u>			\$77.00
	Dremmel	\$55.00	
	Heat Gun	\$22.00	
Misc			\$294.00
	Rockets	\$143.00	
	Gears	\$60.00	
	Shaft	\$30.00	
	Hardware	\$40.00	
	Landing Gear	\$21.00	
	<u>Total Fun</u>	\$1,226.00	
	<u>Initial B</u>	\$1,500.00	

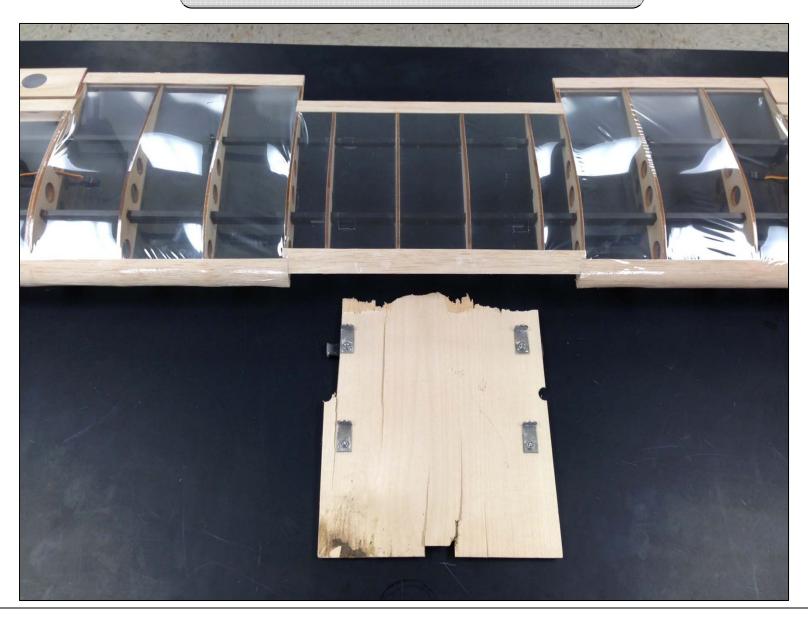
# Schedule



# Flight Results



# Failure Analysis





# Questions



