Winter Build Challenge

New Event Announcement

Mickey Cohen Memorial Winter Build Challenge

Maiden day for winter builds Will be:

Saturday August 1, 2020

The main goal of the Winter Build Challenge is to stimulate and encourage traditional model building within the club. It will also be a good platform for sharing modeling techniques and will hopefully provide some good content for our newsletter and Facebook page. Don't be afraid to bring your build to the monthly meetings for show and tell or advice from fellow builders. The WBC is for experienced builders and beginners alike. It's important to know you will NOT be judged at any time on your building skills.

The end game for this event will be a maiden flight party, Saturday August 1, 2020. All entries will be expected to make their maiden flight, one-at-a-time, on that day. If you are not comfortable flying your plane, you can have somebody else do the test flight. After all of the maiden flights are done, successful builders become eligible to win prizes or cool stuff yet to be determined.

Here's the Challenge:

- Must be a NEW build from a balsa kit, foam kit or plans. No repair jobs of previously flown aircraft. No ARFs.
- Previously started kits are okay, but they should have no covering and the framework must be less than 50% completed.
- Models must be radio-controlled, of any size or complexity, and powered with glow, gas, or electric.

To enter, you must post at least one current photo showing the starting point of your project in our newsletter or on the clubs Facebook page. Remember, this is a social event - no secret projects allowed. To finish the challenge, your plane must be flown at the maiden flight party. The plane must take off, make at least one lap, and land.

The Challenge is open to any AMA member.

For now, let's consider these guidelines to be semi-fluid. There may be good reasons to make some tweaks down the line. It's not like this is a competition. The idea is to challenge yourself, learn a thing or two, and have fun.

If you are a relative newcomer to building, take some time to research your kit options and talk with a few experienced club members for ideas and advice. If you are an established builder grab a kit out of your stash and start gluing!

Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Jeff Lutz 541-954-8955 jefflutz@q.com

Once again, I will have plaques made for every builder that builds and flys a plane. I have contacted RTL fasteners in hopes of getting a few raffle prizes to raffle off to the builders. At a minimum I will purchase a plane kit to raffle once again, this year. So, get your kits out and get to building. If you've never built a kit airplane maybe this winter is the time.

List of builders so far ... Jeff Lutz Old School Model Works Javelin

Oliver Willis Ultimate Biplane
Pat Willis 1/3 scale Decathalon

Sam Hiatt Unknown