
WNYFFS Update for January 2016

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New Year Greetings Free Flighters,

Since our last update, the Planning Meeting has come and gone. That get together was productive and everyone present had a very nice time. As usual, Ruth put on a very nice lunch and, also as usual, there were sufficient deserts to tempt anyone's fancy. Details for our outdoor contests have been mostly worked out. A formal announcement with contest flyers for Empire State Free Flight Championships and the Pirate Challenge will be sent out with the next Thermal Journal shortly. Particulars for the Spring Opener will be included but that event will not be a contest. It will provide an opportunity for trimming and getting ready for the rest of the outdoor season. We even have a rain date for our practice day.

One curious turn of events at the Planning Meeting occurred while discussing the idea of building an extra E-36 model or two. This was originally suggested at the Annual Meeting in November. Models would be made available to visitors at a given contest so they could try out Free Flight first hand. As the discussion and plans evolved at the Planning Meeting, it seemed that E-36 models may be a bit too expensive (if built to be competitive) and beyond a neophyte's building or trimming capabilities. Instead, the low cost and simpler construction of E-20 models became the subject of discussion.

Power systems for E-20 are available from the Willamette Modelers as a "turnkey" package including everything but the battery. We are fortunate that Bob Stalick and the Willamette Modelers provide the components for this system at what appears to be a very small, if any, profit. Thanks to Bob and the Willamette Modelers.

For my part, I have thought the E-20 power package offers an easy entry into electric modeling, including scale models. By choosing and building a simple (i.e., high wing monoplane) scale model to more or less fit the requirements for E-20, being a scale model should make little difference. We'll see; I'm on the hook to build at least an E-20 model. Joe Mollendorf and Brad Bane also like the ease of a turnkey power system. Joe is hot on to build a Kiwi for the event. He intends to use the laser cut kit for the Kiwi available from BMJR models. Brad has signed on himself, Ruth and one of their grandchildren to build models as well. Brad wants to build from plans, of which there are many available on the web and from the Willamette Modelers. Airframes for Ruth and the unsuspecting grandchild are TBD. E-20 has now been added to the events being flown at the ESFFC so you may as well get started now.

Here are links for the Willamette Modelers and BMJR in case you are interested in starting your own E-20 model:

<http://willamette-modelers-club.weebly.com/>

<http://www.bmjrmmodels.com/free-flight/e-20>

Indoor

Indoor flying continues this Saturday, January 9, at Pieter's Life Family Center. Attendance has been good and it seems like that will continue.

Although we suggested previously that we would get together for model talk outside of the indoor session, we have decided instead to use the time available towards the end of the indoor sessions for modeling shop talk. At least for now. To kick things off, Jim DeTar will be talking about building the Wildcat NoCal. Jim gave out a number of plans for this model at our last indoor session in December. With the number of new modelers participating in these indoor sessions it may be useful to go over some of the unusual or specialized techniques used to build a good flying model. Jim will start off with making sliced ribs.

I had intended to build the Wildcat but decided instead to build another Hellcat. Having built the Hellcat already, forms for laminated parts were already available. In addition, graphics were available so the tissue could be produced on an Ink Jet printer. If there is interest I will talk about my technique for laminating parts such as the Hellcat's fin or stabilizer tips. If anyone has interest in a particular technique, drop a line or mention it at the next session. We may still move meetings off the indoor cycle but first we'll see how it works this way.

That is about it for now,

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