

THE MASTHEAD PLANE

The masthead plane this month could have been deliberately designed to be modeled. The Gordou-Lesurre LGL-341 was a development of the GL-30, which first flew in 1920. Over 500 of these French planes were built, with most of them being retired or "broken" by 1938. The GL-32, the most popular version of this marque, had a 40 foot wingspan, and could hit 155 m.p.h. while armed with two .303 Vickers machine guns. Only two LGL-341 models were built, to evaluate using the Hisso 12Hb V-12 engine.

For the modeler, what could be easier to build than a parasol-winged monoplane with no dihedral, no retracts, and a fairly large cowling with a decent nose moment? I'd probably build it to a scale where the wing could stay attached. Those jury struts might be a pain to rig every time you take it out of the car!

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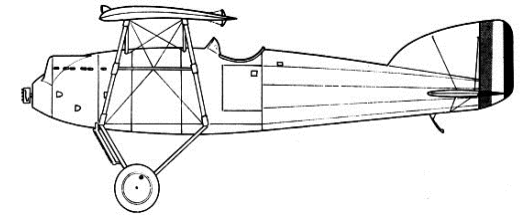
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CLASSIFIEDS

Former member **Dave Wojnar**, from the early '80's has passed on, and his son wants to sell his Super Aeromaster, complete with an OS .60 engine, and presumably a radio, for \$450 OBO. Call 248-477-7632 for more information.



INDOOR FLYING

Nick Kyriacou's wife is once again offering the vestibule of the building where she runs "You Dirty Dog" dog grooming as a site for small helicopter flying. The area is available the first and third Friday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

Saline Community Education is offering indoor electric flying at the Saline Middle School gym from 7 to 10p.m. Dates are 11/14, 11/19, 11/26, 12/4, 12/10, 12/17, 12/26, 1/2 (from 2 to 5 p.m.), 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 3/4, 3/11 and 3/18. Cost is \$10 per session. Call **Phil Smith** at 734-429-4707 or email him at jphilipsmith@verizon.net for more info.

Skymasters R/C is offering indoor electric flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arena, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac on Tuesdays through 3/30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The dome is 365 ft x 260 ft with ceilings as high as 75 ft. Cost is \$15 per session, \$30 for any five sessions, and \$100 for all 23 sessions. Contact **Jim Held** at 248-641-9724 or check the website at www.skymasters.org for more info.

DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

Tom Pounds won the \$15.00 **Nankin Hardware** gift certificates, and **Leon Stein** won the \$25.00 raffle prize from **Nankin Hardware & Hobby**. Thank you, Nankin!

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MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are now being taken for the 2011 flying season. As of the November meeting, we have 13 members paid up. Do it now! After the April meeting you'll have to pay a late fee.

ANNUAL BANQUET CHANGES

The plans for our annual banquet were revisited at the November meeting, and changes were made. As it stands now, we will have our pizza and pop dinner at the Redford Community Center, where we hold our meetings, in the gym on Thursday, 1/20/11 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Spouses and significant others are invited to be our guests. Please arrive promptly at 6 so we can figure out how many pizzas to order!

FIELD NEWS

No, the porta-potty is not missing. It has been put into storage for the winter season!

UPCOMING SWAPS

Propbusters swap is 12/5 at the Community Center Building in Goodells County Park, 8345 County Park Drive, Goodells, Mi 48027 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Sheila O. at 810-367-6367 for reservations. Check www.sccpropbusters.com for more info.

DAM swap is 1/9 at the Monaghan K of C hall, 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, Mi, from 9 a.m. to ?. Organizer **Charlie Thomas** still needs volunteers to help with setup and running the show. Tables are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, and include one admission. \$5 gets you in the door. Call Charlie at 313-565-2973 for more info.

Flying Aces of Flint, has a swap on 3/6 at the Lake Fenton High School, 4070 Lahring Rd, Linden, Mi, 48451 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check the website www.rcflyingaces.com or call **Bill Gerald** at 810-655-6420 for more info

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Business meeting	12/14	7 p.m.
DAM Swap	1/9	9 a.m.
Business meeting	1/11	7 p.m.
Banquet	1/20	6 p.m.
Flint Swap	3/6	9 a.m.

APRIL STATIC DISPLAY

The annual Static Display contest will be held this year in April. ARF's and planes purchased at swaps, etc. will be shown, but only kit-built, plans-built, or scratch-built models will be eligible for prizes. The grand prize this time is an extra ticket for the door prize drawing! If that's not an incentive to build, I don't know what is!

SHOW AND TELL

Jim Lucas brought in an RV-4, impeccably finished. The fifty inch wingspan model is powered by an E-Flite .46 engine. What made this model inspiring was the fact that Jim drew up his own blueprints, and built the model from those plans! This is true scratch-building, and the result was truly a work of art.

On a much simpler note, **Mike Cuba** brought in a bird glider from Retro R/C. Spanning all of six inches, the kit is a postcard model, laser cut and printed on a single sheet of hard balsa. You provide the color for the markings with felt-tip pens, glue together the nine pieces, and have a bird suitable for hanging on the Christmas tree or flying.

Mike also thanked **Al Zerber** and others who helped him when his P-51 went into the Valley of Doom. Al spotted the plane gleaming in the early morning sun, high up a tree. Oddly enough, you couldn't see it later in the day... the sun was at the wrong angle! By the time Mike went into the Valley to retrieve it (after an out-of-town trip), it had come tu of the tree. Mike had a compass reading to follow, and believe me, it was needed! You can lose orientation in twenty feet when the brush is thick!

The plane pieces were recovered near the river. The body was in three widely separated areas, and only a third of the wing was found. All the expensive parts were recovered, though, and seem to be in fine working condition. So how did the plane go down? Mike focused on a spider that was hanging from his hat brim, instead of tracking the plane! Snakes in the cockpit have nothing on a spider on your nose!

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