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Example of a FAA Model Plane tracking module

Taken from SAM 26 Speaks, issue 385

BIG BROTHER WILL BE WATCHING YOU! It will be happening through a device such as the one on the right, or something similar with another brand name. Unless you are part of an organized club, flying on an AMA registered flying site being run under an acronym called "FRIA", you will be forced to install one of these devices on every RC airplane you fly, so the federal government will know who you are, your location, your aircraft's location, it's altitude and flightpath at all times.



From Spectrum ad: "This Spectrum "SkyID" module is designed to make it easy to fly in compliance with the latest Remote ID mandates. It provides required information about the aircraft's location and identification, which, if necessary, can be used by air traffic control or law enforcement to determine who and what is flying. SkyID is compatible with aircraft that require RID and airplanes of almost any size and allows your aircraft to be tracked in real-time¹². SkyID features GPS for pinpoint accuracy in the sky¹. It transmits aircraft ground speed, altitude, position (latitude and longitude), heading, distance and time³. SkyID will also transmit a unique serial number which can be used to identify your aircraft and its location³."

It could be worse, but this unit is being offered for \$100, or in "consumer speak" \$99.99 and adds "just" ½ Oz. of unneeded weight to your ship. Of course, if you've painstakingly struggled to construct the lightest model (at about ½ Lb.) which requires this module, which would add about 13% to your efforts! You must pre-order though, because the modules aren't available until a future date a couple weeks or more downstream. BUT WAIT! Tower hobbies is offering them at a special opening price at only \$70 (\$69.99 C.S.) although only on preorder. I think what this tells us is the list price on these things will likely be \$100, while the street price will be \$70. But the problem is that compliance is scheduled to start September 16, 2023, not only for using these modules, but also for sites that are seeking FRIA approval as well. (**Editor Note --- FAA has delayed the Compliance date!!!!**)

September 9th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

George Avilla, Phil Burrell, Jeff Englert, Regina & Marty Kline, Marty O'Reilly, Kent Peters, Linda & Chuck Powell, Octavius Powell, Marlene Hayes & Ed Salguero, Marilyn & Bill Schmidt and Dave Wiebe

President Powell called the meeting to order; Minutes were approved as delivered.

No treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim O'Reilly's passing was noted to the group.

Indoor Contest being determined...probably November time frame.

Wichita Wichihawks plan to run a Ringmaster fun-fly at the east side circles, Sept 30 – Oct 1.

HAFFA contest at Marion Oct 7 – 8th.

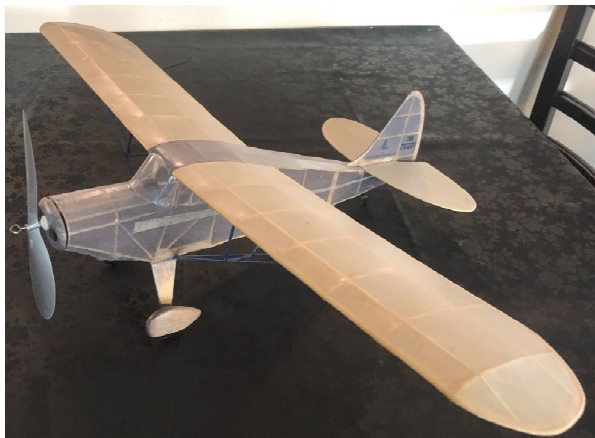
Nats P-30 was won by Chuck Powell.

SHOW AND TELL:

Dave Wiebe displayed an Interstate Cadet built from Mr. Schmidt's plans.

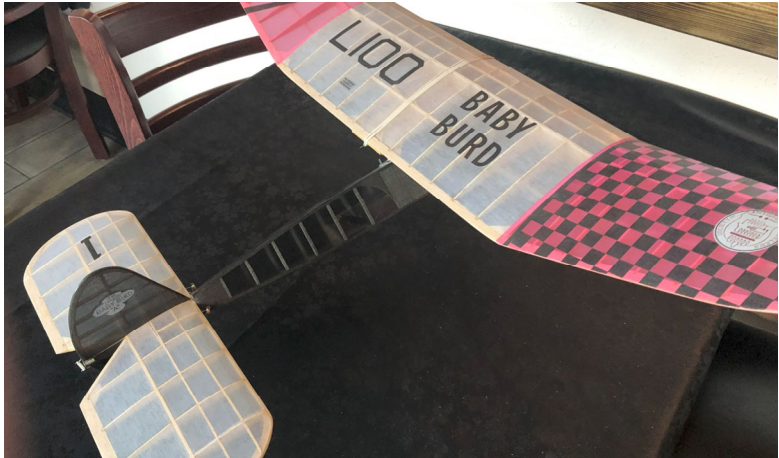
Chuck Powell had a Wally Simmer's designed Cosmo for the Hi-start event. Covered in silk!

Bill Schmidt had a 30-inch WS Cessna 140 built from his enlarged plans. The plans originally ran in Flying Models.





Last Issues MISSING Photos!!!!



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The next SAM 56 Dinner Meeting will be at:

Mediterranean Grill

335 S Towne East Mall Dr., Wichita, KS 67207

(316) 651-5599

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Social Hour @ 6:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:30 PM...

Upcoming events:

Membership Information:

Open to all interested AMA members, founded to encourage and promote model airplane building.

Member dues ~~\$20~~ (not this year!) annually, Subscription only; \$12 annually, \$18 foreign.

Club Officers:

President: Chuck Powell,
Treasurer: Phil Burress,

Vice-President: Marty Kline
Secretary: Jeff Englert, 722-7491