

WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS



Welcome to 2025!

Prez Sez -

Welcome to 2025, or at least it will be in a few more days for me as I write this. Enjoying a few days over the holidays with the family and finding some time in the shop to do maintenance and to keep pressing forward on my F86 project. Always something to do in the shop. Hopefully a new project, engine, or something modeling related found its way to you!

Please get those membership renewals in. If you have accumulated points at the field in the last few weeks, there will be one last update of the points spreadsheet by Stein at year end in case that will reduce your membership renewal fee. It will be sent out via club email when available.

Chili and Chilly will be coming up in a few days. Looking forward to seeing everyone out there. Please bring something to share, chili or a side of some sort. Always a good time, bring anything to fly, and whatever needed to stay warm! Guests are welcome. Current forecast shows almost no wind, partly sunny skies and a high temp around 50. Not too shabby!

Goals for 2025: We had an increase in membership in 2024 and one of my goals is to continue to push for

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Chili n' Chilly

Nov. Board Meeting Minutes

Mike O'Kane

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Rich Geertson

**The WDA General meeting is
scheduled for Monday Jan.
13th, 7pm Round Table Pizza,
Woodland
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changes
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new ways to help the community better understand the resource that we are. More opportunities for flight training and introductory flights. More communication to the communities of Woodland, Davis and beyond about our events. A key to our success is welcoming newcomers, answering questions and provided an opportunity to get involved in this great organization. Think about who you know in your circle of family, friends and neighbors that you could introduce to the hobby. If you have someone, please reach out to a board member or instructor to make plans.

Speaking of instructors, Henry King has volunteered to be a instructor for the club. He will be set up to go very shortly, his contact will be in the newsletter. Thanks Henry!

That's all for now, looking forward to a great 2025 and seeing everyone out at the field soon!
Jeff

Here is a fun and nostalgic blast from the past... a COX promotional film from 1961 Wally Wins His Wings

CHILLY AND CHILI

Woodland Davis Aeromodelers held our annual "Chilly and Chili" event on New Year's day.
- for those who wanted to start the new year with a flight or two, while enjoying the company of fellow enthusiasts AND good food!

The weather this year was tolerable, but drizzling and cool. Winds were almost non-existent, so if you didn't mind a few sprinkles, the flying conditions were OK.

Participants were encouraged to bring food to share, with the predominate entre being Chili. Ben Ponzo manned the grill, providing chili dogs for those so inclined. There were plenty of appetizers and deserts to please every palate.

We had a good variety of aircraft in the pits and in the air as well.



Ben Ponzo mans the grill as hungry onlookers anticipate another culinary masterpiece.



John Eaton pilots his Benny Boxcar old timer through the drizzle

WDA December Board Meeting Minutes 12-9-2024

Board meeting called to order by Jeff Lovitt at 6:08pm

Board Members Present: Jeff Lovitt, Chris Dillinger, Mike O'Kane, Jim Dahl, Doug Barton, Forrest Barton, Keith Young and Dan Winters. Bill McGaughey is absent

Members present: Miguel Halpern, John Vance

Officer Reports

- President: Motion to approve November minutes as listed in the November News Letter, 2nd made, Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- Vice President: Forrest - No reports
- Treasurer: Chris Dellinger - P & L provided to the Board for November 12 thru December 9. After income and expenses the net income was (-\$544.33). Membership is at 14 members
- Secretary: Mike O'Kane comments in Old Business.

Old Business

- By-Laws revue is completed, Jeff e-mailed copies. Please send any questions or concerns to Mike or Board member of your choice, contact info can be found in the current Board members listed in the News Letter. Comments received were reviewed and turned over to the By-laws revue committee. An Online meeting for this committee is scheduled at 7pm on January 9th via zoom.
- Secure WEB Site members only page is still in process.
- Pit elevation survey and mat replacement is an open Item
- RC car course at the North side of the road just as you turn west to get to the parking area for the RC parking lot is being considered. Dirt will be needed to create banked and jump areas along the track. Planning and course layout will need to take place prior to any work being performed.
- Secretary: Bylaws draft has been updated with an Table of Contents automatic function in Word, any section change will add or delete pages and section page number after changes are made, saved and update is selected. This allows anyone trying to find info in a particular section by just clicking on the Section and that section will be auto scrolled to.
- Club to purchase the Field as a Non-Profit entity. This is an open item.
- Elections: new nominations and vote is tonight
- IMAC request No new information was received for a 2025 event
- Request from an individual regarding Powered paragliders with wheeled gondolas was received. Lease agreement with the landowner does not allow for this type of use. Jeff will reach out to the individual.
- Events Chilly-n-Chili scheduled for January 1st No rain day scheduled for this event

Motion to adjourn meeting ended @ 6:40p. January 2025 Board monthly meeting scheduled for 6pm. Monday January 13th, at the Round Table Pizza community room located at 421 Pioneer Ave. Woodland, CA 95776

December General Membership Meeting

12-9-2024

Board Members Present: Jeff Lovitt, Forrest Barton, Chris Dillinger, Mike O'Kane, Doug Barton, Jim Dahl, Dan Winters.

Motion to approve the minutes as posted in the November News Letter, 2nd made, unanimous vote to approve.

This meeting has a quorum.

President: Jeff Lovitt has mailed a draft copy to all members who are listed on the e-mail mailing list. Review of comments received on the Draft Bylaw in process. Bylaw Committee meets on January 9 via Zoom at 7pm

RC Pit area mat and landscape leveling to be worked in 2025.

Vice President: Forrest Barton mentioned the Annual Bay Side area auction was not held this year.

Treasurer: Chris Dellinger presented the monthly P & L statement. After income and expenses net income was (-\$544.33)

Secretary: Bylaws comments received regarding the Draft. Revue committee will meet January 9th to revue comments received.

Membership renewals are due at the end of December with the renewal grace period until the February meeting. Current AMA membership is required if yours expires at the end of December.

Old Business

Bylaws review continues based on members comments. All comments are appreciated.

Field Entrance sign: Work has begun recently to renovate the old sign which is faded and darkening. John E. has the sign at his work shop Item open

New Business

Swap meet planned again for April

Nominations for the 2025 Officers position were opened, voting will take place at tonight's meeting.

Positions open are for all four officers' positions, which is an annual position. Doug Barton's 4 year Board position is ending 12-31-24 and this slot will be open. Bill McGueyhe is stepping down, this position expires in December 2027.

Current nominations and positions are: Jeff Lovitt- President, Forrest Barton-Vice-President, Chris Dellinger-Treasurer, Mike O'Kane- Secretary and John Eton- General Board position and Miguel Halpern for General Board position. Nominations closed.

Members nominated for board and officer's positions were elected by unanimous acclamation by the members present with no opposition votes noted.

Events

Float Fly: fewer pilots than previous meet. Thousand Oaks is considering significant rate hikes, more to come as information is learned.

Jeff reported Scale Master in Hemet, CA was lightly attended

Toys-for-Tots event was held, Jeff collected the donations and delivered them to the Marine Corp. Auxiliary

Show and tell. Ed Morgan presented a Dynaflyte Skeeter with an electric pylon motor vs. nitro. Motor is powered with a 2S 1300mah LiPo and spins an APC 6-3 prop. ESC is 30amp

Chili-n-Chilly January 1st, rain, snow, fog, sleet, hail, wind or sunshine. Bring your best tailgate delicacy (optional). Overnights welcome. Chili is the theme.

Next meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 13th, 2024 @ 7:00pm. Meeting place is at the Round Table Pizza, community room, located at 421 Pioneer Ave. Woodland CA 95776

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p

Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers, Inc. 2025 Membership Form

<http://www.wdarc.org>

ADULT MEMBER OR GUARDIAN **If no changes please write "No Changes" in this block, then I don't have to verify each entry when I update your membership record:**

Name:			
Street:		City:	State:
Zip:			
Home Phone:	Alt Phone:	Email Address:	

() List my name only on club roster

RETURNING MEMBERS

2025 AMA Number: _____ 2024 Points Earned: _____
Points Purchased: _____ X(\$15 per point) = \$ _____ 8pts./year required)...

After 1 Mar 2025, add \$20.00 dollars for late renewal fee

2025 Payment:
() Junior NO COST () Adult 18-55 \$120.00 () Senior 55-75 \$114.00
() Super Senior 75 & older 114.00 () Family \$153.00

NEW MEMBERS

(Payment made from 1/1 to 8/31 Full Amount, 9/1 to 11/30 50%, 12/1 to 12/31 Full Amount and Applied to the Following Year

2025 AMA Number: _____
2025 Payment:
() Junior \$NO COST () Adult 18-55 \$120.00 () Senior 55-75 \$114.00
() Super Senior 75 & older 114.00 () Family \$153.00
Total Payment: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Junior Members

(Each Member Must have a current AMA No. Print Additional Names and AMA Numbers on the Back)

1. Name: _____ AMA No. _____
2. Name: _____ AMA No. _____

Mail membership application, check payable to "WOODLAND/DAVIS AEROMODELERS, INC.", or by PayPal to wda2100@yahoo.com **NOTE: As a non profit, we do not accept FRIENDS AND FAMILY PAYMENT OPTION ON PAYPAL.**

Send checks with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below, or present at a club meeting.

For inquiries, email Chris Dellinger at cdellin@sbcglobal.net or write to the address below.

**WDA Inc.
C/O Chris Dellinger
7576 Putman Rd.
Vacaville, CA 95688**

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AMA Model Safety Code, Woodland/Davis Aeromodelers Current Bylaws and Field Operating Rules and Regulations.

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
Dues Received: _____ Card Issued: _____ Newsletter Editor Notified _____

See next page for details of the fee structure

Additional fee information is at http://wdarc.org/points_dues.html

Membership Fees For 2025

WDA Member Levels: Adults are 18-54

Seniors are over 55-74

Super Seniors are 75 and over

Juniors are up to 18

Families are any number of members of any age living at the same address

New Members Fees: Adults \$ 120 membership

Seniors \$114 membership

Super Seniors \$114 membership, no points required.

Juniors \$29

Families \$153 membership

**** University of California Davis Aero Students, No charge for up to 25 members with Student ID, Must have AMA membership, No voting rights or ability to hold officer position in the club. ****

Member Renewals: Member ship is from 1 Jan thru 31 Dec, club renewals are due by 15 Feb
Renewals after 1 Mar are subject to Late fees.

Adult \$240 with 0 points / \$120 with 8 points

Seniors \$234 with 0 points / \$114 with 8 points

Super Seniors \$114 (No points needed)

Note: Seniors over 75 can deduct points earned against dues at \$15 per point.

Juniors NO COST

Families \$273 with 0 points / \$153 with 8 points

Active Military and Individuals who live over 70 miles away, \$120 with no

points

required for renewal.

UC Davis Students do not need to earn points

Points Work System: Points are worth \$15 per point and members need 8 per year to renew their membership. You can buy points at the end of the year during renewal, if you have not earned enough points. Super Seniors can work off their membership fee by earning 8 points.

Junior members do not need to earn points

Families only need to earn 8 points within the group

Members who live more than 70 miles from the flying field do not need points for renewal, but donations for field maintenance are gladly received.

Hardship Program: Members can make requests to the board that the \$120 points be waived if they have a physical/ Medical hardship. Or they can request of the board, to be allowed to work off their membership by earning extra points, if they have a financial hardship.

***This will only be allowed 2 times in a 10 year period. ***

Revised 12-2-24

Some might not consider a plastic model within the realm of “models” that pique our interests, but fact is, most scale RC modelers routinely default to a scale plastic model kit of their chosen subject. The finer quality plastic model kits generally feature a host of scale details that aid the RC model builder in producing an accurate scale flying rendition.

MODELLERS CORNER

A longtime acquaintance of mine works for a gentleman in Texas who just so happens to own an impressive collection of full-scale warbirds and other classic aircraft. I was contacted and asked if I might know of someone capable of building accurately detailed scale plastic models which duplicate all their full-scale aircraft... John Eaton came to mind, as I was aware that John was an experienced plastic model builder. I was NOT aware of the level of fine quality detail John was capable of reproducing, as you will see from some of his completed models.

Turns out John and a fellow modeler agreed to build some of the replica models being requested and I thought it might be fun to share some of their completed projects here. Below are a U-2F and an RF-86F John built for the Vacaville Rowland Museum in 1/48 scale.

John is currently in the painting stage of a Spitfire Mk 5B for the museum.

Here is a link to his [Spitfire Build Blog](#)

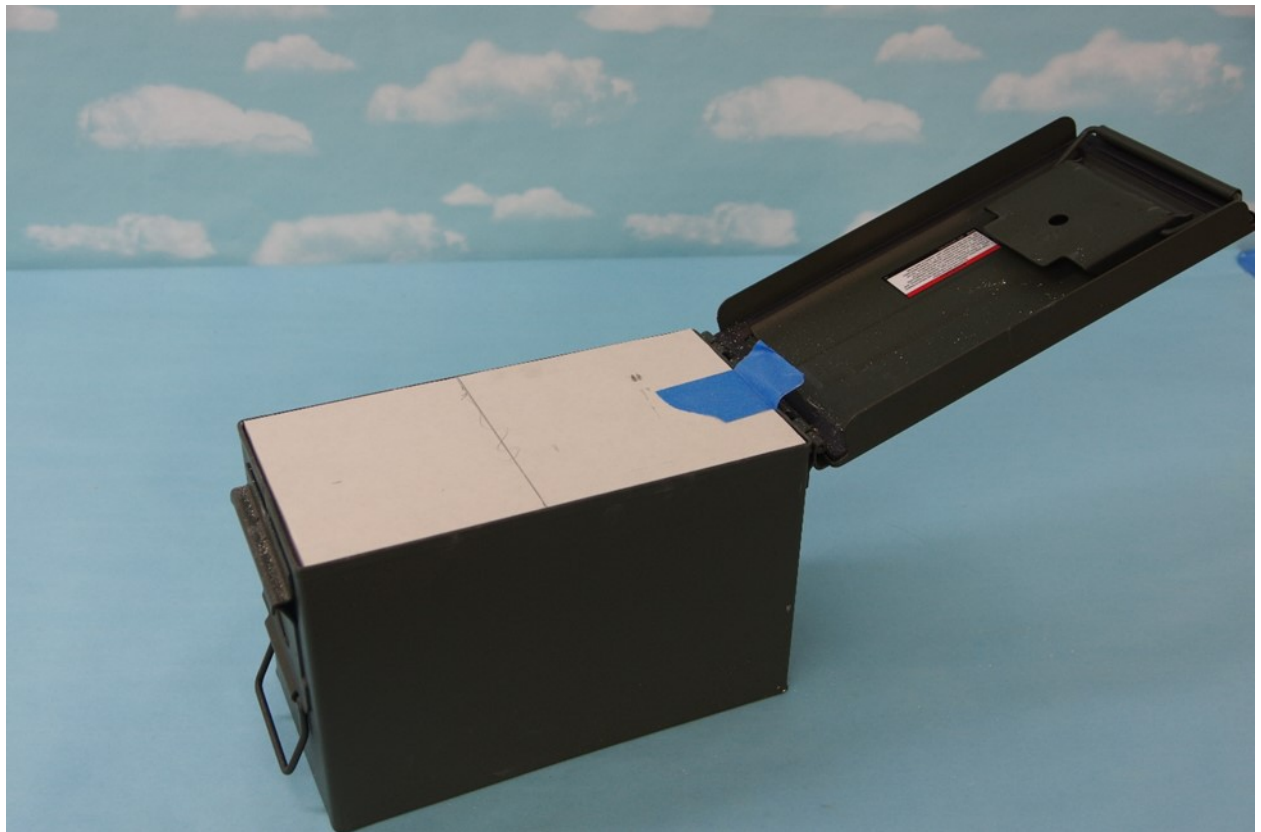
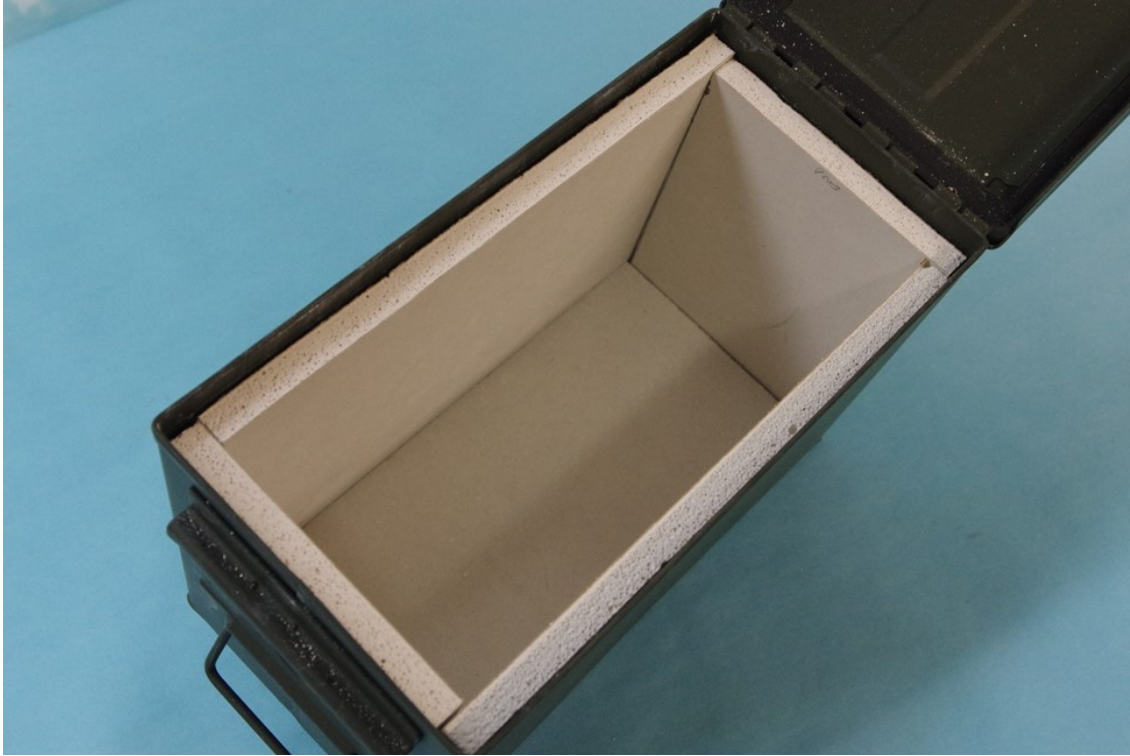


A fellow scale plastic modeler, Howard Weaver, has completed a North American A-36 for the museum @ 1/32 scale. Span is 13 and 7/8"



This month John is also sharing his plans for a SAFE Lithium polymer battery storage solution...

We all have a pile of Lithium Polymer batteries and storage can be a problem. I have them for airplanes of course, but also grandkid cars and other toys. Then there are the yard and shop tools, which may be the ones most likely to be left in unsafe circumstances. I have a metal tool box for my airplane batteries, and use Harbor Freight metal ammunition cans for the others. I line them with sheetrock because it is a good thermal barrier and hopefully the metal contains heat and flame as well. I store them on concrete surfaces away from combustibles. Here are some photos and drawings of how the ammunition cans are done. The sheetrock is cut so the ends run across at alternate ends and surround the bottom sheet so they stay in place. It takes a 2 X 4 piece of sheetrock, 2 X 2 is not quite enough. The toolbox is similar but different sizes of course.



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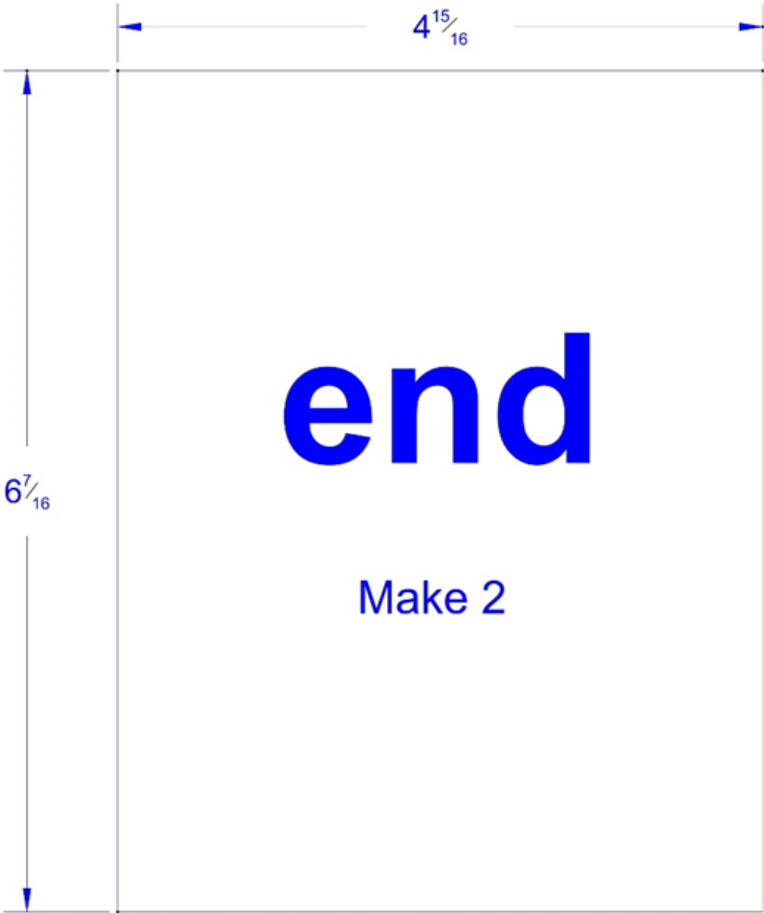
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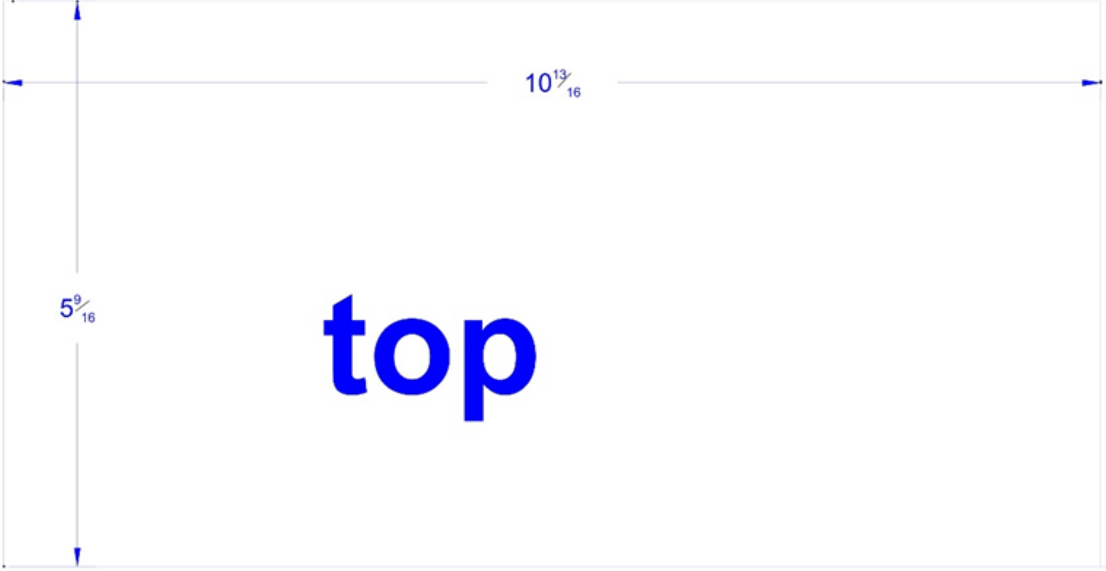
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8 1/2 X 14 paper



Lastly, work continues almost daily on my 1/5 scale Grumman F8F Bearcat from Jerry Bates plans. I recently completed sheeting the wing and it was time to cut-out the sheeting to accommodate the landing gear and wheels. If you have ever tried to cut a perfect circle in wing sheeting, you know it can be a challenge. Also, what you find is that the cut-out for the wheels is NOT located at the exact spot where the wheels are fully retracted because the landing gear moves in an ARC such that the wheel cut-outs must be enlarged to allow the wheels sufficient clearance going into and out of the wing.

Using a wheel as a template, I marked circles on the wing in the approximate location of the cut-outs. Once the rough cut-outs were made, I then used a Dremel to get them closer to the exact sizes they needed to be. However, enlarging the cut-outs, while keeping them as close to perfectly circular as possible was a head scratcher..? What I did was find something I could use as a sanding template to enlarge the cut-outs, keeping them close to perfectly circular AND concentric with the wheel axles... That 'something?'

An old macaroni salad container! Below is the container with sandpaper taped to the exterior. Below is the container with sandpaper taped to the exterior.



I then cut a hole in the center of the plastic container so that it would be centered in the wheel pocket and rotate on the wheel axle as I spun it clockwise and counter clockwise to sand/enlarge the hole while keeping it concentric. No, the plastic container will no longer be useful for containing any type of liquid, but hey, in the production of a scale model, *sacrifices must be made*.

When it comes to installing retracts, "trial and error" is the order of the day, though I will say that this time around, my Bearcat retract install has been MUCH easier than the first time around!

Well, that about wraps it up for now. Until next month, BUILD SOMETHING.

Rich Geertson

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