

THE BIG PICTURE

by Dick Pe

I recently had a great weekend at the field. The weather was good for this time of year, the skies were partly cloudy, and the wind was right down the runway at maybe 5 mph. It was a perfect day for flying, and I hope the weather in your area woods was just as good.

I've been working on a few new projects, one of which you will see soon (maybe in this very issue), complete with a short video. Plus, I'm adding something new to my column this month. I have video from a new, giant scale kits distributor that just happens to live right down the road from me. I'll also show you a gorgeous Corsair built by one of our readers, and I'll bring you up to date on another project of mine, a big WWI biplane. SO let's get to it now and take another look at RCRO's "The Big Picture".



CREATIVE CORSAIR

George Hovey, of Willimantic, CT, built this beautiful F4U7 seen in Photo 1 to represent a French Navy Corsair used by the F-14 Squadron in the 1956 Suez Canal Campaign. George's



Photo 1: George Hovey, Willimantic, CT, built this French Navy version of the F4U Corsair



Photo 2: George Hovey's Corsair has many details and scale modifications

span Corsair took over two years to complete, and is powered by a Zenoah G62 engine. It's finished with Flite Metal and 3/4 oz. glass cloth applied with Pacer Z-Poxy, and painted with Rustoleum auto primer, detailed with ChartPak tape panel lines, and finished off with Model Master paints. The rivets were simulated with a 1/8" brass tube attached to a soldering gun and burned into the primer. The model also uses Robart main and tail retracts with Aerotech wheels. The fiberglass cowl is from Stan's FiberTech.

George made a number of modifications to the basic Top Flite kit, including changing the shape of the rudder and wing tips, adding a sliding canopy, building functional gear doors and door closers, and scale guns. Many of these details can be seen in **Photo 2**.

Thanks, George, for sharing your beautiful photos with our readers.

REALLY BIG KITS!

A new member of our local flying showed up at the field a few months back with a beautiful 1/3 scale Sopwith Pup, and flew it to an appreciative crowd of onlookers. It was powered by a large twin, and flew in a scale manner at just a hair above idle. He introduced himself as Goetz Vogelsang, the son of world famous giant scale pioneer, Georg Vogelsang, who was one of the first to work out the details of flying giant scale models. Goetz is presently operating a business that imports a number of giant scale kits, including the Pup and the 1/3 scale Fly Baby seen in the video. This Fly Baby has a span of 149.6", and weighs about 39 lbs, powered by a Zenoah G62 engine coupled to a Schlundt 2.5:1 belt reduction drive turning a 34x20 prop at about 2900 RPM. With a canister muffler, the sound level of the exhaust is actually lower than the sound of the prop!