

6 Identical Models - All Flown during Filming Model #3 is the property of Matthew Modtine -

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Built & Flown by Kenneth B. Johnson

Best time - 1 min - 9" flight

BIRDY

Flown in Film Scene - July, 1984 - Philadelphia, Pa. A 25" Ornithopter - Built & Flown for Birdy Film.

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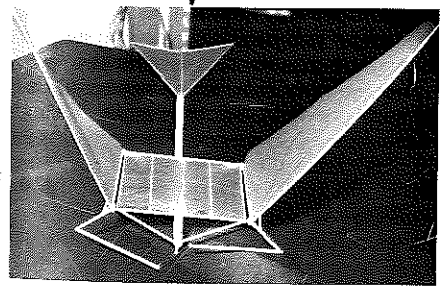


Photo of "Birdy" showing crank mechanism.

He admonished both of us and stormed off. I left for home that day feeling pretty low.

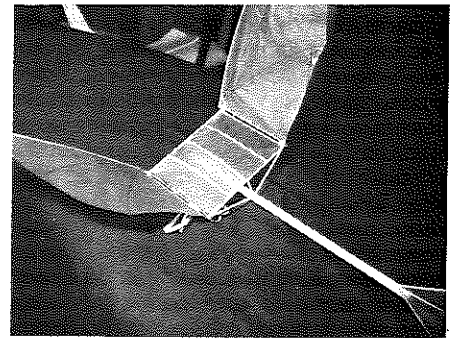
On the brighter side, the Burbank sessions are a real contrast. When the Black Sheep group flies indoors at Luther Burbank gym, the custodian is a prince. Several times lately my models hung up there. A word to the custodian brought me a step ladder and a pole to dislodge the models.

Last session, my new ROG lodged on a vertical pipe at 14 feet. Carlo Godel came over and offered to climb up to save it. He jumped up from a stack of mats, caught onto a thin ledge and hoisted himself up. Pressing his body against the wall he inched his way over to the model. A long

pole was passed up to him. Carlo was then able to lift the model free and away it flew. He knew that I was injured in a truck accident many years ago and this type of climbing was beyond me. I appreciated his effort.

ENCINO DEMO

Recently your indoor editor was asked to demonstrate indoor models for two assemblies at the Encino (Grade) school. Upon arriving, I discovered that I was the entire program! After a few minutes of model trimming in the small auditorium the first group was lead in. Grades One through Three comprised about 120 kids. They were so excited to see the first models fly. After 30 minutes of screaming youngsters, the group was led out. In 15 minutes the older kids arrived. An even bigger crowd. They were even sitting on the floor just in front of me. After flying about 20 models, I gave a brief talk on the reason birds can fly, etc. The next day my school contact, Ila Hebert brought a stack of about 30 "Thank You" cards from the students. One card from a little tot said "Hi there, how are you? I like your planes. Do you like them? Don't answer that. That was a dumb question. Love, TAMI."



NEWS RELEASE

The National Free Flight Society announces that the Fourth United States Indoor Championships will be held on June 18, 19 and 20, 1985 at the Niagara Falls International Convention Center Arena.

EVENTS: Hand Launched Glider, F1D, AMA Stick, Manhattan, Bostonian, Ornithopter, Autogiro, Pennyplane, Novice Pennyplane, ROG Cabin, Unlimited Speed, Peanut Speed, Easy B, Paper Stick, Peanut Scale, AMA Scale, and the MIAMA Peanut Grand Prix.

This may be the largest indoor contest in the world, with enough events to satisfy