



15. This snappy looking *Swoose* was built by Maurey Fine. Orange and white color scheme, and O&R .29 front rotary valve motor.



Ed Soltis of Yonkers, New York, sends in this vintage photo of himself (left) with an Elf powered *Honey*, and Bernie Gross with original design. Site is Hicksville, New York.



16. Angus Crosbie created this pink and white *Playboy Senior* which came out surprisingly attractive.

discovered by Bob Larsh, SAM Midwest veep, and approved by the SAM board of directors. Plans are in the process of being drawn now.

Jim, who is quite self-effacing, has had another hobby supplant model airplanes, as can be seen in Photo No. 10. Jim has been prospecting for gold for over twenty years. Jim has been able to get enough gold for a modest return, but still feels (like every prospector) there is a bigger vein to be found yet.

Bohash owns (at 65 years young) a piece of property in the Gailbrath Township located near Bruce Station Ontario, Canada. The property, located south-

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them!

On this same day, the German Gestapo hit the University of Oslo where I should have been studying. The raid was the result of the Gestapo's growing irritation with the students as they suspected (as it turned out, correctly) participation in the underground resistance movement. Two weeks later, 700 students were transported in prison ships to German concentration camps and many hardships.

What could have been a very serious accident for me (retrieving the model over ice) turned out to be a lucky break for me. Thirty days later, as soon as I was able to arrange it, I fled to Sweden and stayed there until the war was over.

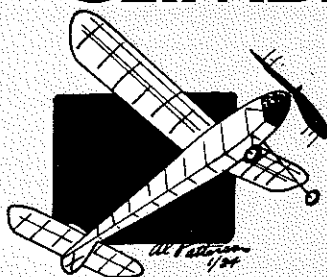
The KGS? Yes, it survived until 1957 when my five year old son received it as a present. That did it in!

I could go on with reminiscences for several more letters, but write to say I like **Model Builder** for its coverage of old timers and free flight. Right now, it is several degrees below freezing outside with a thin cover of snow. Nice time for building.

#### WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Many old timers will remember Jim Bohash and his eliminations winner of the 1939 Wakefield Team. A good shot of his model is seen in a photo on page 29 of the November 1939 issue of *Model Airplane News*. This design has been re-

## Hi-CLIMBER



### OLD TIMER Model of the Month

Designed by:  
Drawn by:  
Text by:

Earl Stahl  
Al Patterson  
Bill Northrop

- Earl Stahl is best remembered by O.T. modelers as the designer of a great series of rubber powered scale models that appeared in the magazines (mostly *Model Airplane News*) during the last few years before the U.S. entered World War II. The *Rearwin Speedster* and *Fairchild 24* were the most popular, and even today are almost sure to show up at any contest offering a rubber event.

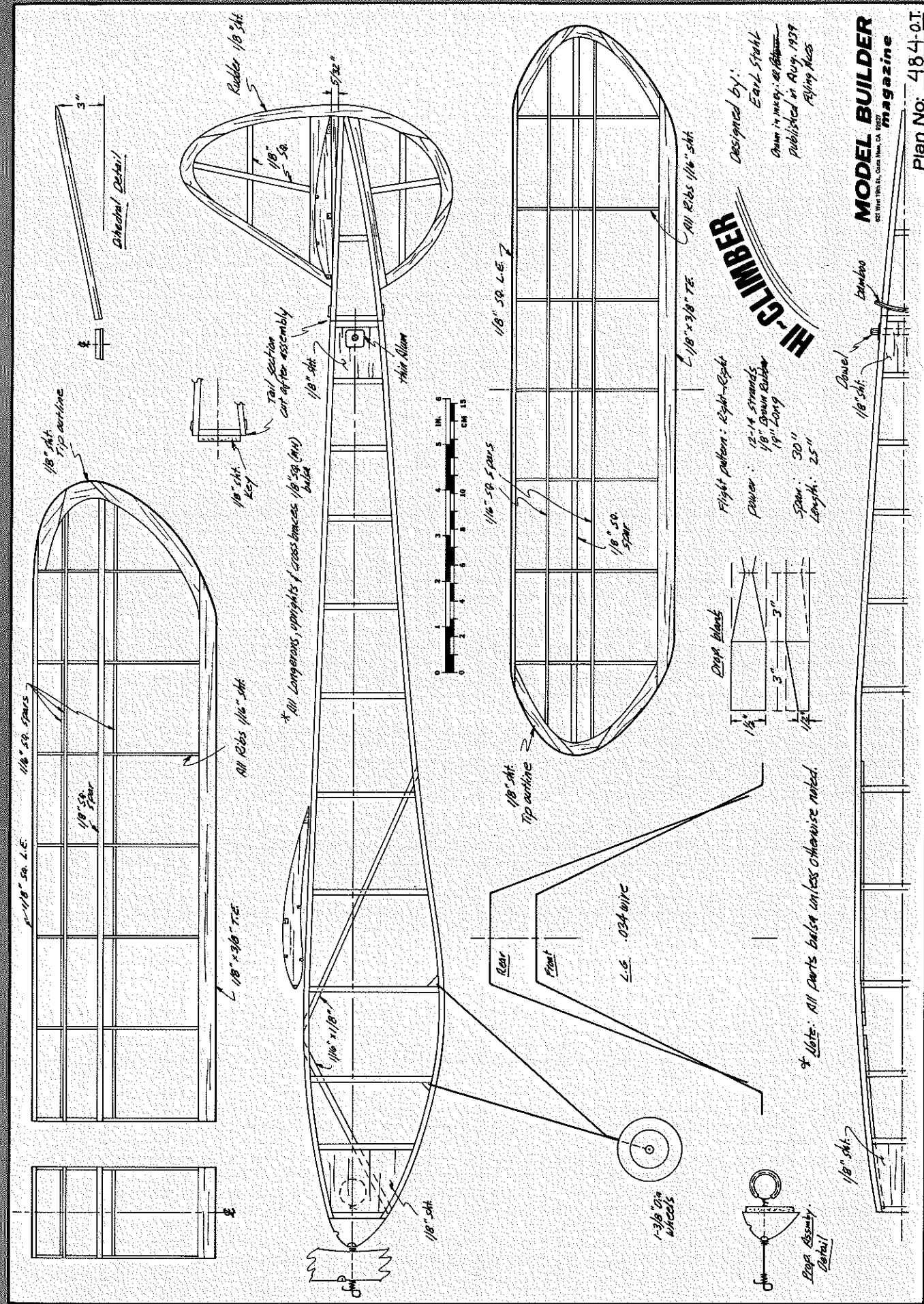
However (without digging into the old model mag flies to verify it), I believe the *Hi-Climber*, and its low-wing counterpart, the *Hurricane* (MB Plan No. 1277-O.T.) were published in *Flying Aces* magazine before the scale jobs appeared. Anyway, the *Hi-Climber* appeared in the August 1939 issue of *F.A.*, and the *Hurricane* in the July 1949 issue.

As the plans indicate, this 30-inch span model is quite basic, and easy to build. We'd only suggest two modifications... build the fuselage in one piece and rig a simple D.T. for the stab. We're not sure how the O.T. rules apply, but Earl does suggest in the article that a one-bladed prop could be used.

The balance point is not specified on the plans, but Earl suggests that the wing be slid back and forth for glide adjustment. He also suggests 12 to 14 strands of rubber (shouldn't need that much of the modern stuff) and right turn under power and in the glide.

In typical *Flying Aces* lingo, the sub-heading says, "Yessir, she's a push-over to build and a humdinger for turning in long endurance flights. So don't lose any time in constructing YOUR copy of this thermal-loving balsa-baby!"

Well "Twenty-three skidoo to you too!"



# HI-CLIMBER

Designed by:  
Earl Stahl  
Plan in mag. at bottom  
Published in Aug. 1939  
Flying Aces

Flight pattern: Right-Left  
Power: 12-14 strands  
1/8" Green Rubber  
1 1/2" Long  
Span: 30"  
Length: 25"

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Note: All parts built unless otherwise noted.