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ROSS-STEPHENS "ZANONIA"

THE RS-1 was designed and built in 1937 for Harvey Stephens by Harland Ross. After being damaged in a landing, the ship was sold to Woody Brown, who rebuilt it with the help of Ross, and made several outstanding flights in it. The RS-1 was next sold to John Robinson, who named it "Zanonia." Piloted by Robinson, the "Zany" has been America's outstanding record breaker, holding the distance record almost continually for the last ten years, and recently capturing the international record for absolute altitude (33,300 ft.) The "Zany's" longest cross-country flight is 325 miles, and greatest altitude 33,800 ft. Robinson and the "Zanonia" have been national champions three times.

The RS-1 was the first of the small-span sailplanes built in this country, and undoubtedly the best. The ship is also credited with starting the shoulder-wing trend in American design.

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MEASUREMENTS—(Feet)		WING		PERFORMANCE	
Span	46	Wing Planform	Taper	Glide Angle (Maximum)	28.8 30
Length (Overall)	20.5	Sweepback	0°	Minimum Sink ft./sec.	2.3
Height (Overall)	6	Dihedral		Airspeed at Best Glide Angle	47 mph
Fuselage Width (Overall)	0.91	Gull	Yes	Airspeed at Best Sink	42.5 mph
Fuselage Height (Overall)	4	Root Chord	46"	Maximum Design Speed	
AREAS—(Sq. Ft.)		Half Span Chord	32"	Wing Loading	
Wing Area (With Aileron)	125	Tip Chord (1 foot from tip)	18"	(Test Flight)	4.9 lbs./sq. ft.
Aileron (Total)	15	Aspect Ratio	17	Span Loading	
Flaps (Total)		Load Factor	8	(Test Flight)	3.0 lbs./sq. ft.
Spoilers (Total)	3.12	Taper Ratio	2.66	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS	
Fuselage Cross-Section Area	4.6	AIRFOIL SECTIONS		Wing—Wooden Structure, etc	Wood
Stabilizer	7.18	Wing Root	NACA 2418	Fuselage	Wood
Elevator	11.5	Wing Half Span	Straight Taper	Horizontal Tail	Wood
Horizontal Tail Area	18.68		Root to Tip	Vertical Tail	Wood
Fin	0.76	Wing Tip	2409	Landing Gear	Skid
Rudder	10	Horizontal Tail	Sym.	AERODYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Vertical Tail Area	10.8	Vertical Tail	Sym.	Min. Drag Coefficient	0.0128
WEIGHTS—(Pounds)		Angle of Incidence to Fuselage	4°	Efficiency Factor	70.5%
Empty	330	Washout	3.5°		
Pilot and Chute	182	Winch Tow	Yes		
Extra Equipment	99	Auto Tow	Yes		
Total	611	Airplane Tow	Yes		
Pilot/Empty	0.55	Aerobatics	Yes		