

Mooney's D. D.

Pictured at the right is a three-view drawing of Walt Mooney's original design sailplane, The Dust Devil. It is the result of acute frustration suffered at the 1958 Torrey Pines Meet, conceived to fill a personal desire to soar with his own wings. Toward this end he has withdrawn from all other outside interests and pledged himself to concentrated work on the project. However, he would remind everyone that talk is cheap and the proof will be in the flying.

Some of the design features are: all metal and fibreglas construction; all compound curves, under fuselage and wing leading edge (with integral ribs) to be fibreglas; an all-moving, anti-balance tabbed tail; and the use of P-K screws where possible.

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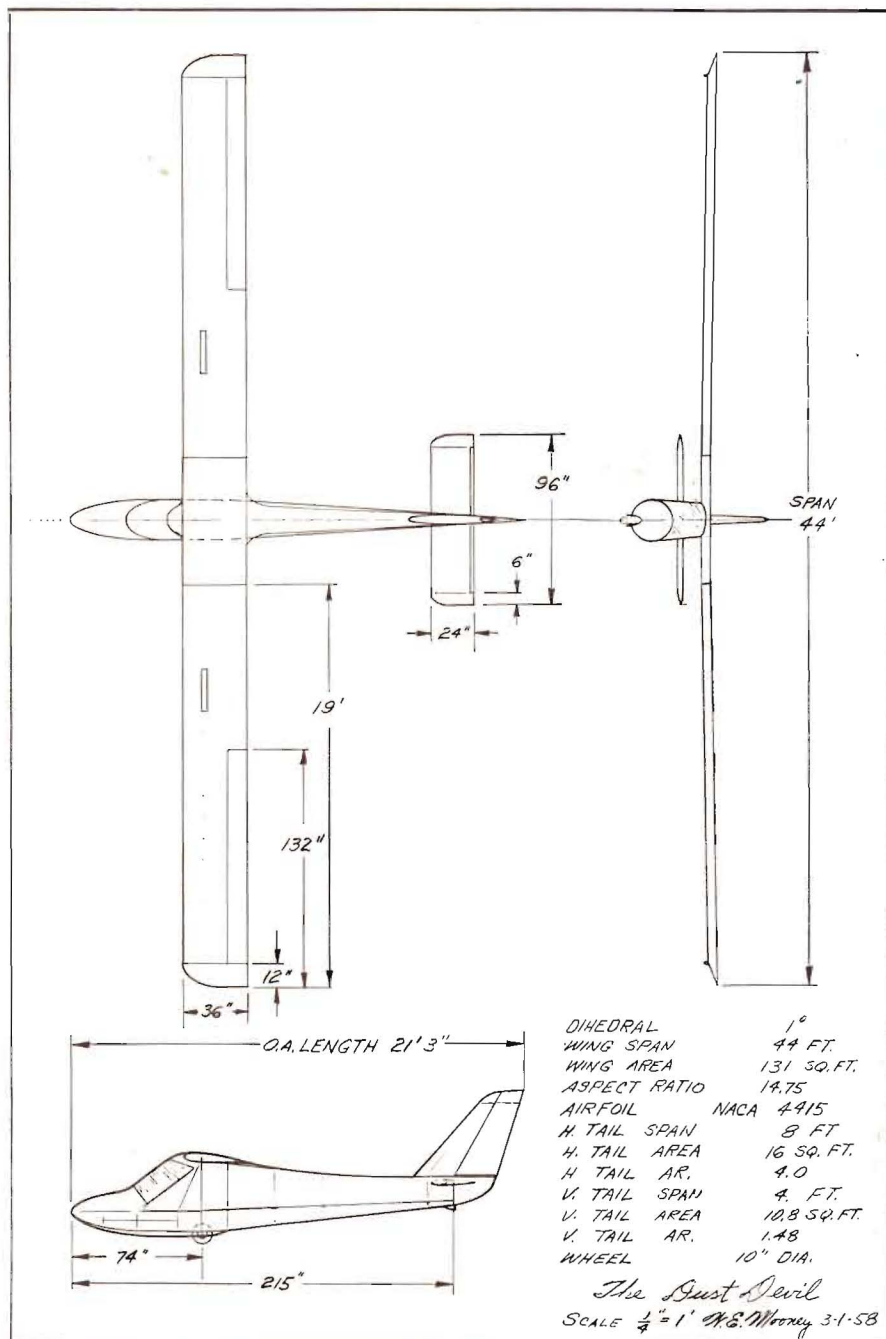
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can see diamonds in her now for sure.

Both Al and I are glad the ride is completed. We certainly learned a lot from it. As for myself, I just can't stop thinking about that nice smooth ride on the wave and I'm anxiously looking forward to finding another some fine day.

It was 2000 before the gliders were back on the trailers, papers were witnessed and the ships put back in the hangar. Then we started to think about getting something to eat. Naturally, it was steak that night. The three-hour drive back home passed quickly as we relished this day's fine flight over and over again.

(Editor's note: This flight is the 1st Gold C altitude leg made in clear air east of the Mississippi River. Only nine other Gold C altitude legs have been earned in that area, all in convective clouds; three out of Elmira, N.Y., and one each at Atlanta, Ga., Detroit, Mich., Orlando, Fla., Richmond, Ind., Starkville, Miss., and Wurtsboro, N.Y. West of the Mississippi, 137 Gold C altitude legs have been earned, 101 in clear air thermals, 19 in convective clouds and 17 in waves. All the wave flights were at Bishop except four; three at Wenatchee, Wash., and one at El Mirage Field, Cal.)



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