



Club Meetings are held the **Second** Thursday of every month at Brauer's Restaurant 6611 Campbell Blvd.

**** Our next meeting will be Thursday February 13th at 7:30PM *****

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FAA RULES CHANGE COMMENT PERIOD

The FAA has drafted the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). We have until March 2nd to send in comments. The AMA believes that we all need to comment on this so that the FAA will reconsider the proposal. Please go to the AMA website www.modelaircraft.org and click on the link (in RED) across the top of the website. Please review the information and submit your comments on the FAA proposal. The AMA site makes it easy as you can copy the template and customize it for your own experience. Please make sure to submit a comment on this very important issue. →

FROM THE PRESIDENT



EZ Cruiser as designed



EZ Cruiser as a Biplane

The EZ-Cruiser, designed by Andy Reynolds, has been one of my go-to models. It's easy to build, low cost and an excellent 3 channel trainer. Dick Brazell and I have used this foam trainer in teaching High School tech classes how to build and fly RC airplanes. It's an easy plane to build, easy to fly, inexpensive, and easy to rebuild if necessary and a great trainer for new pilots. My original EZ cruiser had over 100 flights before a wind gust took total care of it. I salvaged the components and cutout a new fuselage out of 1/4" foam. The \$3 it cost for a new plane that is easy to fly is a bargain!

I've enjoyed this plane so much that I wondered if it could be converted into a Biplane. To make the transition from a high wing trainer to a Biplane I cut out another wing added the braces to the bottom of the wing. Keeping the new bottom wing in line with the top wing seemed to make sense as it didn't change the CG of the plane. I cut the wing shape in the fuselage directly below the top wing. The lower wing was slipped into the fuselage and glued in place. The top wing is braced with bamboo skewers so it's pretty stable. I added wingtip struts to tie the 2 wings together. This tied the wingtips together and created a box type wing assembly. The Center of Gravity was basically the same as the top and bottom wing were parallel and in line along the fuselage.

It was a cold day in late January that I took it out for its maiden flight. I knew the EZ Cruiser was a good flyer and assumed the biplane would be the same. I was not disappointed; it flew well, was easy to control and looked great floating gracefully in the sky. One of the reasons I like this design so much is that it's a great teaching tool and is easy to keep in the car for that opportunity to take a break and fly. The EZ Cruiser Biplane is a great modification of a good flying plane.

This month's Technical Topics will be an interactive Audio / Visual session on maiden in-flight trimming. ALTSU (Always Land Tail Side Up)

Brian →

WINTER FUN FLY

At the January meeting, it was decided to have the winter fly on Leap Day, February 29th! Come to the meeting to find out more details on the where and when and what to bring and then watch the website for final details! →