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It's an OKAY Peanut!

By DON BUTMAN Our guest Peanut author presents a little-known aircraft . . . it didn't last long enough to be remembered, but it's designer/builder is still involved in aviation history.

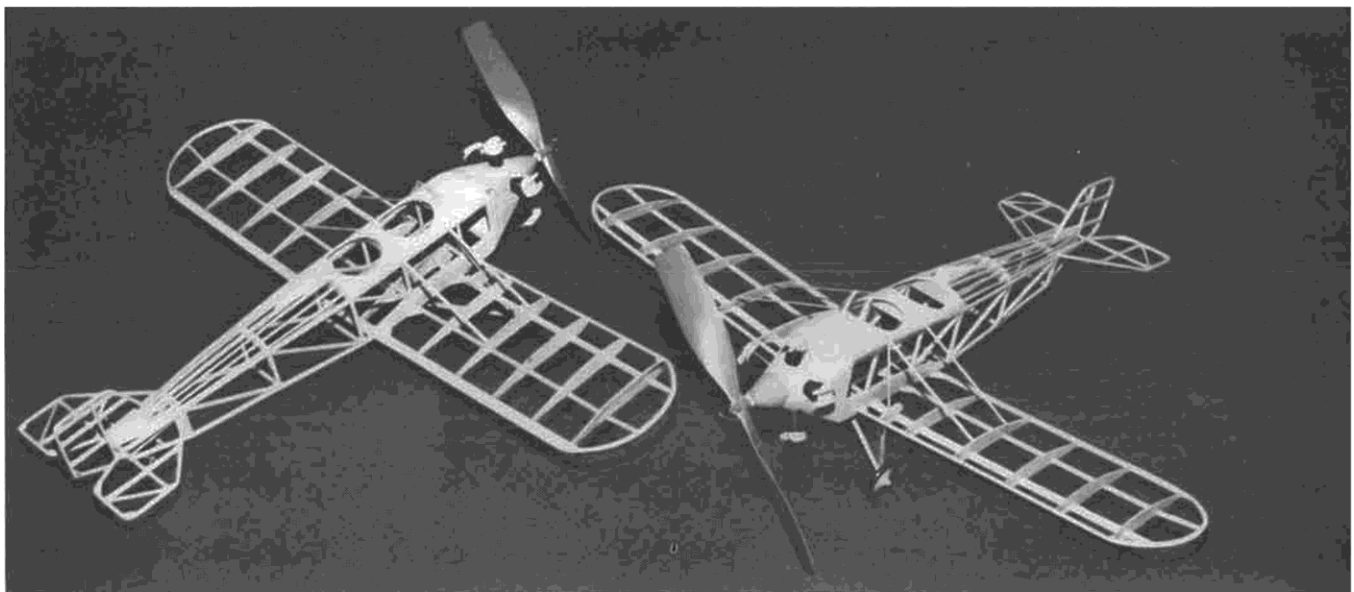
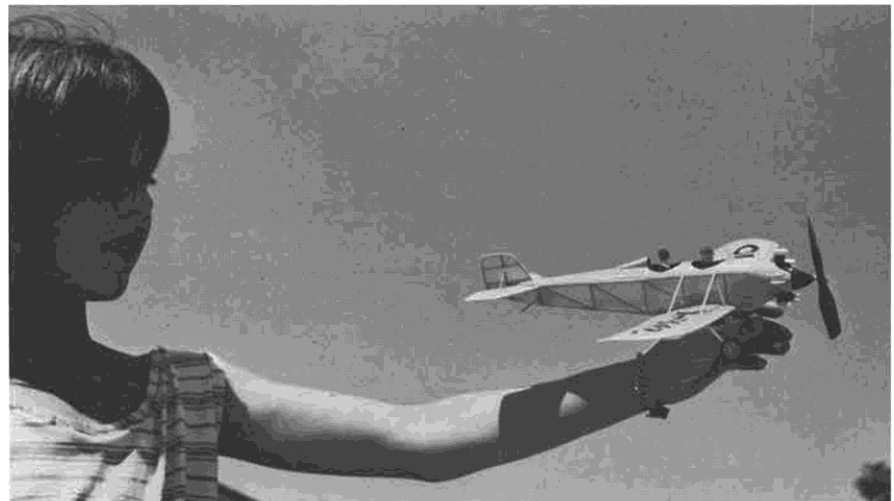
"It is an Okay Airplane," John Leland Atwood insisted to himself. Thus, "Lee" Atwood's career started in 1929 at Okay, Oklahoma, and led to the Space Division of Rockwell International at Tulsa, Oklahoma, 30 miles away and 40 years later!

The Okay Airplane Company became a victim of the "Great Depression," after producing the one plane presented here. The Okay airplane was never licensed due to stability problems and fell into disrepair after "Losing a Jug" of its Kinner engine, and landing in a cow pasture.

The model is of typical "stick-'n-tissue" construction. Covering was yellow.

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Right: Lisa Butman has no trouble holding the Okay peanut at arm's length.



"I thought YOU went to pick up our clothes at the cleaners!"

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low Japanese tissue, with numbers and letters cut from a blank decal sheet. Williams Bros. 3/4 inch wheels and 1/2 inch scale cylinders were used to "dress it up." Note that the landing gear strut from the wing to the wheel on each side is a piece of elastic (rubber band). This allows the gear to flex without damaging the wing. The addition of "Les Pilotes" gives the model some character as opposed to the "Empty Cockpit" look.

A small amount of tail weight was required to balance the model. Flying was satisfactory with an 8 inch loop of 1/8 flat rubber. ●