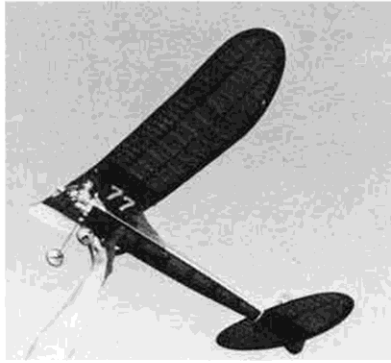


Old Timer of the Month

The Alert

Design by: Michael LaTorre
Text by: Bill Northrop
Plan by: Phil Bernhardt



• When this month's Old Timer was originally published, there weren't too many modelers around to appreciate it . . . most of them had joined the U.S. military forces, and those who hadn't, for one reason or another, were finding it difficult to obtain the main ingredient, balsa wood. The "Alert," an appropriate name for the period, was published in the December 1942 issue of *Air Trails* magazine, and was designed by Michael LaTorre, a well-known East Coast (New York) modeler. Like his "C-Raider," which was a simplified version of Schoenbrun's "Gladiator," the Alert is a

greatly simplified Goldberg "Zipper" or "Mercury."

Our plans were drawn by Phil Bernhardt, and the model shown was built by Phil's father, the late Otto Bernhardt, about 18 years ago. It has always been an excellent flier in free flight events. After reading the construction portion of the article, we've decided to let Phil's plans talk for themselves; the article is somewhat confusing. Flight pattern of the original model was left power, left glide, with a bit of wash-in applied to the left wing panels to prevent any power spirals.

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