The Year 1961

The 1961 National Champion was James Ribar from Dunellen, NJ flying an airplane called "Explorer". It was inspired by Riley Wooten's "Quicker" but was quite innovative in its' own right. Ted Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio was 2nd also flying an airplane of his own design. Pablo Samperio from Mexico was third flying a Berryman Oklahoma Twister. All three men used a Johnson 35 for power.

Henry Schell of Phoenixville, Pa won Senior Combat flying a Max 35 powered Renegade.



1961 National Champion Jim Ribar with his "Explorer" at a Parrisipany, NJ contest in September of 1959.

Oh Yeah . . . He finished first that day, as well



Frank Pisz Jr.-Union, NJ 1961 Junior National Champion shown with his dad and his "Quicker"

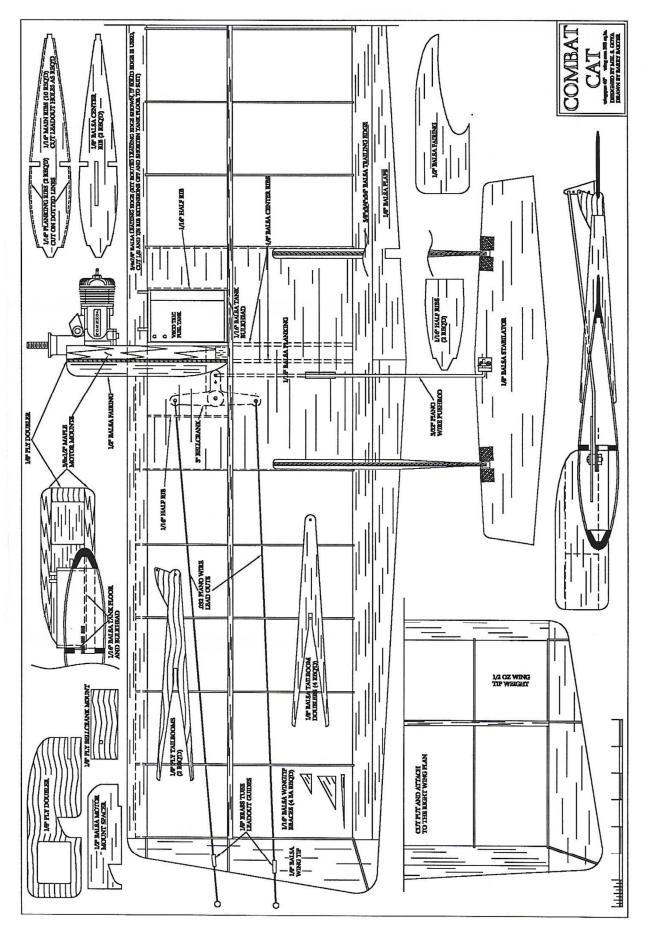


In 1961 Fox came out with the "Rumble"



Barrie Hobkirk of British Columbia built this exquisite Fox Rumble Ken Burdick photos from the Flying Lines website

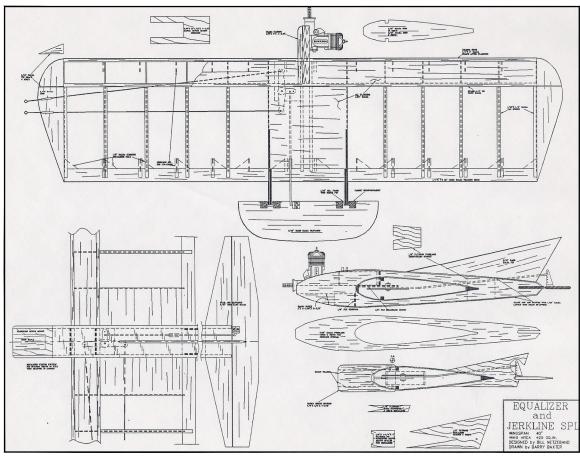




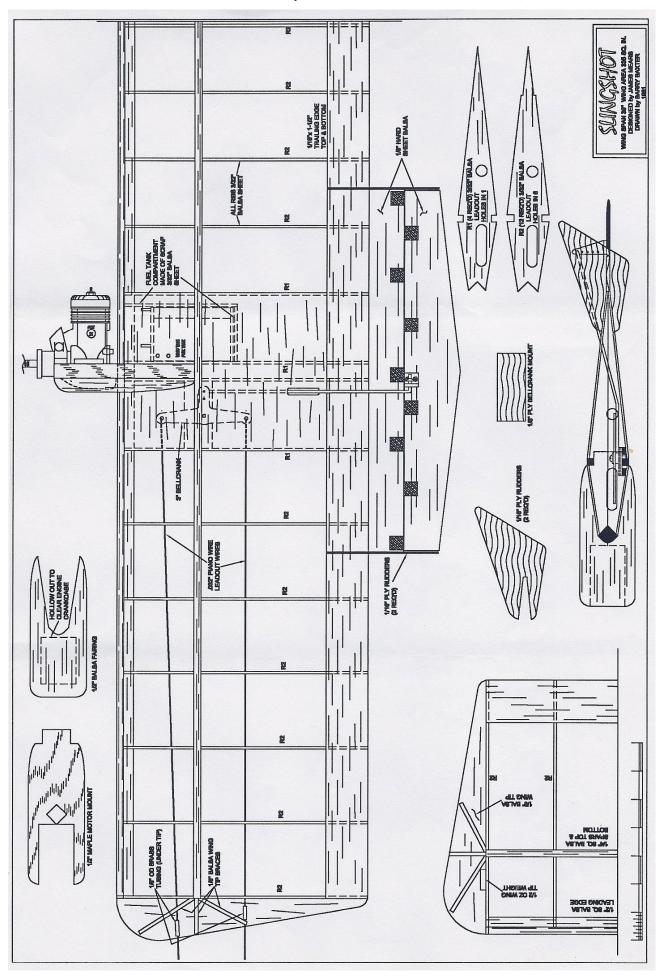


In 1961 the hot combat kits available at your hobby shop were the Top Flite Combat Cat and the Carl Goldberg Voodoo both kits released that year





Bill Netzband's "Equalizer" published in 1961 was yet another excellent option available that year Full Size Plans available from: Barry Baxter 3292 Greenleaf Drive Brea, CA 92823





This Beautiful "Slingshot" is from
The Mear's Classic Combat Collection

Designed by James Mears in 1961