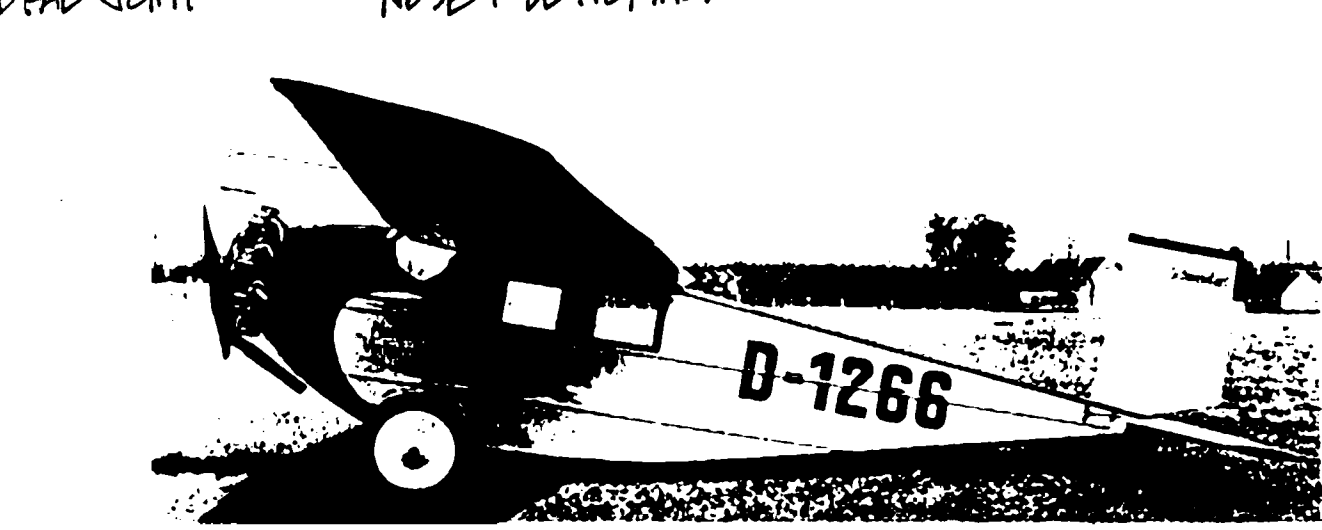
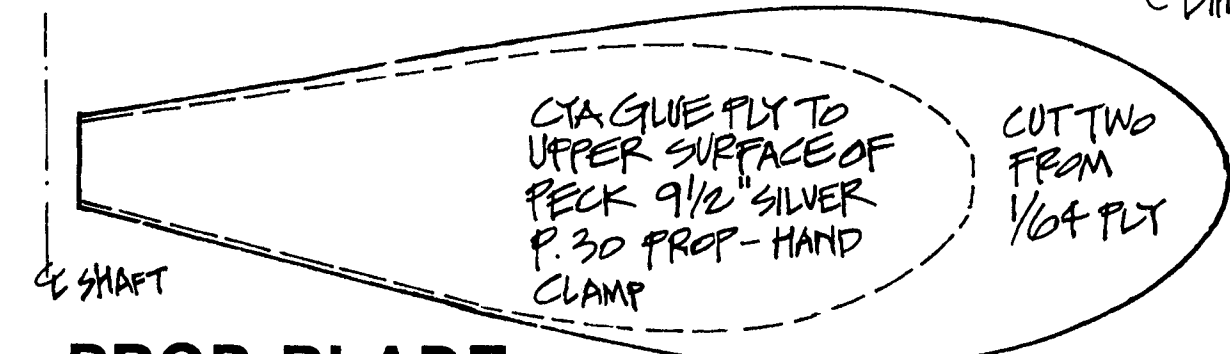


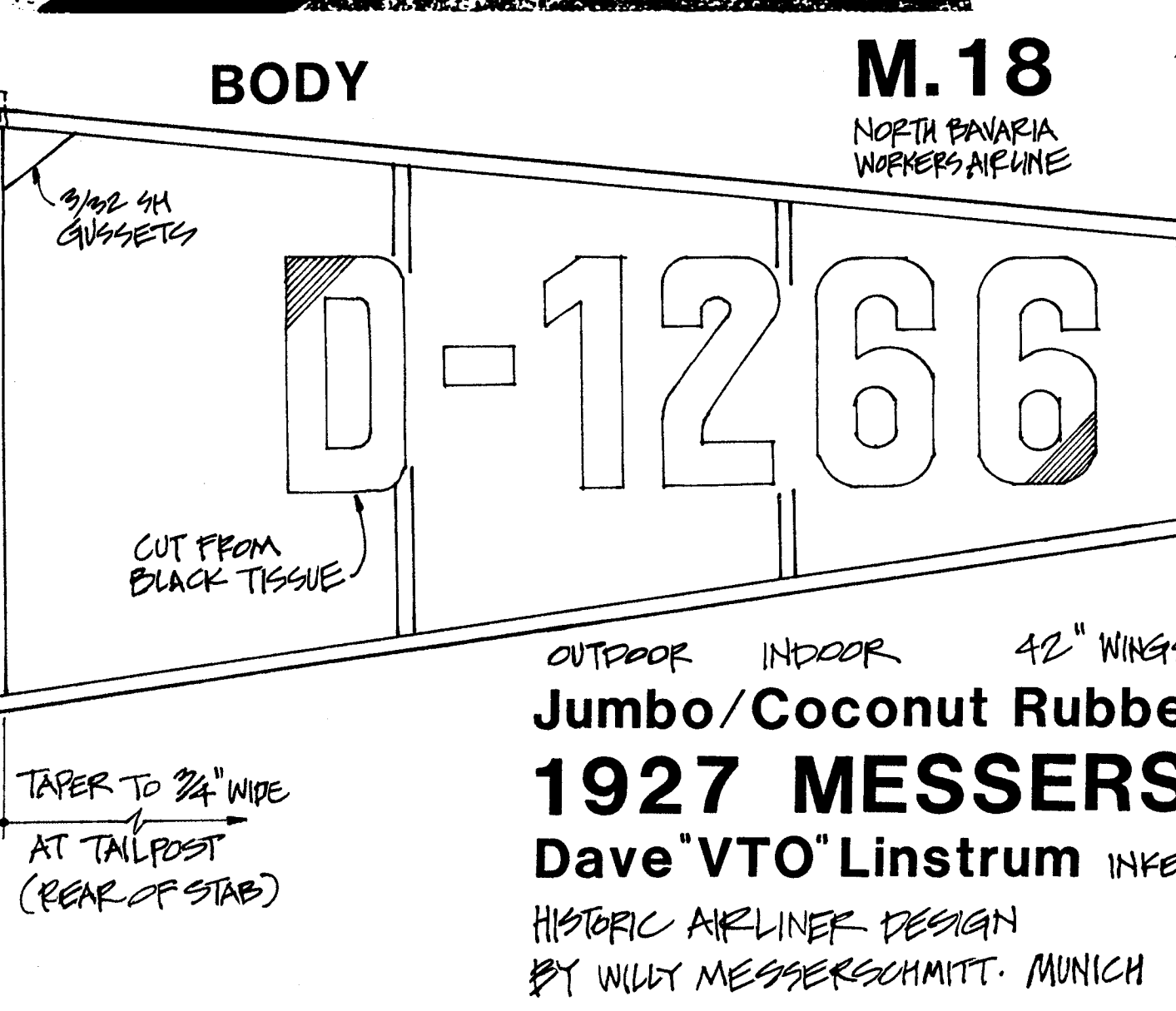
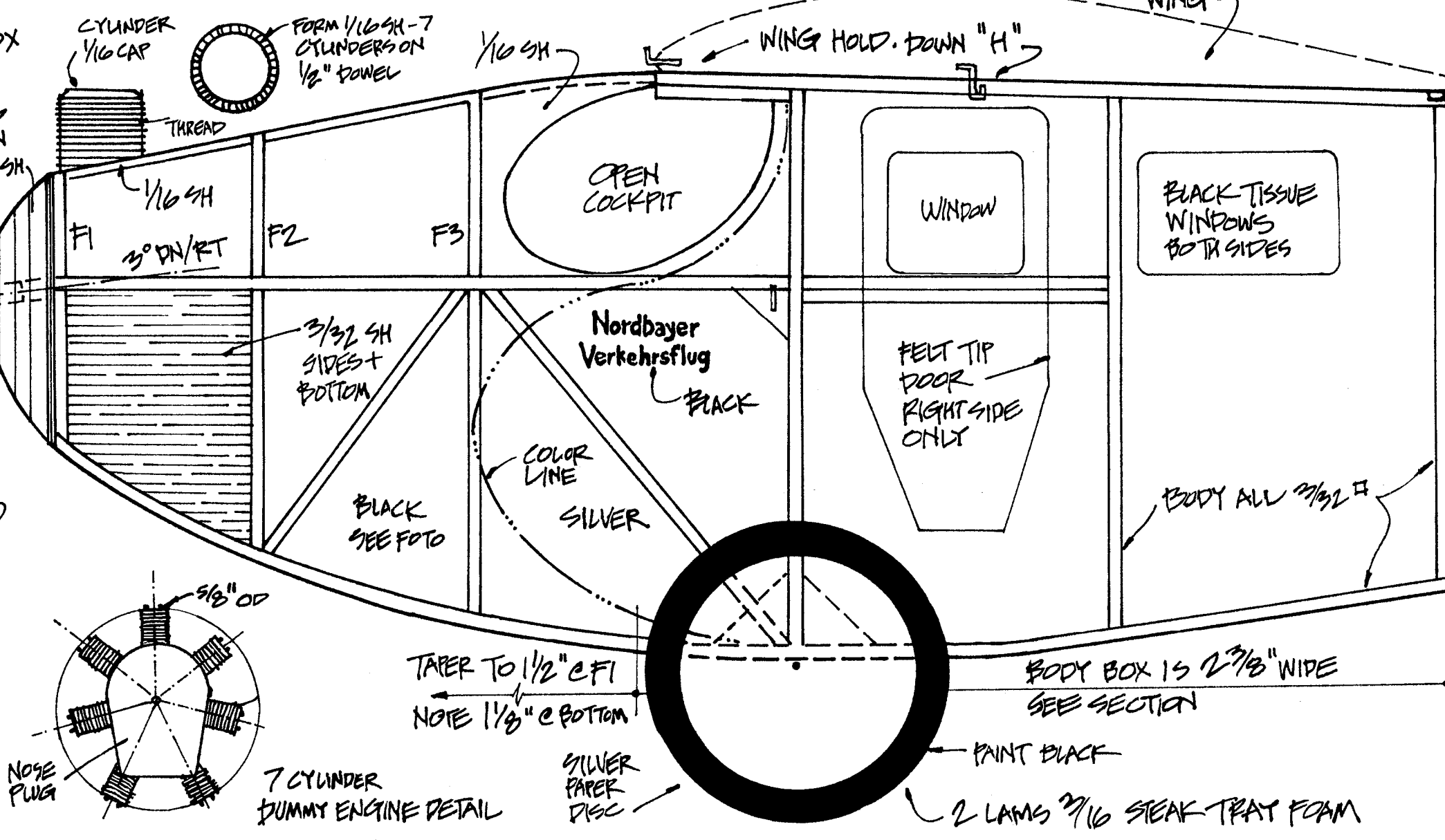
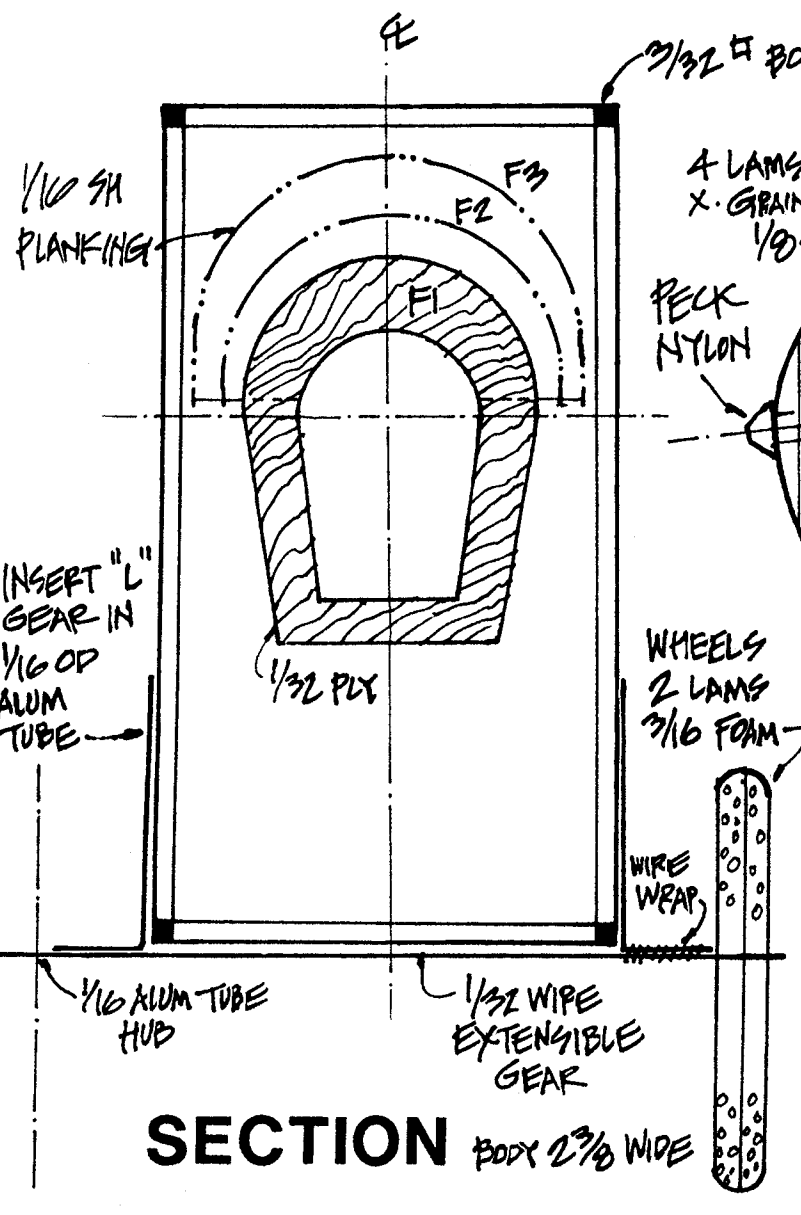
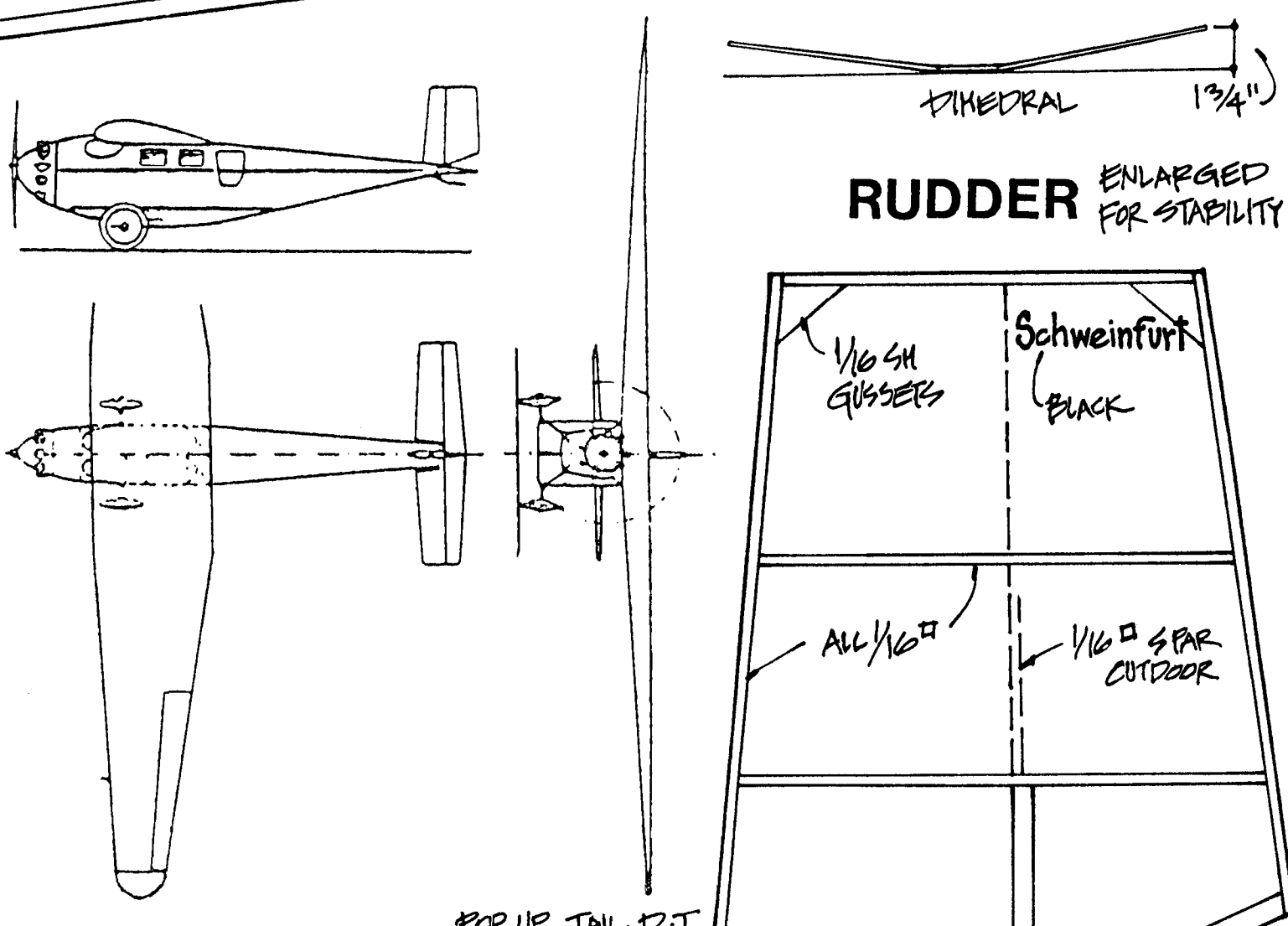
M 18
 THE AIRCRAFT that first introduced the name of Messerschmitt to the German public was the M 18 airliner produced in 1925. The machine, which was similar in appearance to the M 17, was also built to the order of Theo Cronweiss, who as director of Sportflug GmbH, had formed the Nordbayerische Verkehrsflug airline. The prototype M 18 was unregistered and featured a cabin for three passengers situated behind the open pilot's cockpit. The fuselage and wings were built of wood and fabric and the machine was powered by an 80 hp Siemens Sh 11 seven cylinder engine. Trials were so successful that Messerschmitt requested the Bavarian government to subsidize the large-scale construction of the machine. The first production model was designated Messerschmitt M 18a and differed in being built of metal with mixed metal and fabric covering to the wing. Two aircraft were completed, D-947 (winr 27) Fürth and D-1118 (winr 28), both powered by Siemens Sh 11 radials. They were delivered to Nordbayerische Verkehrsflug in 1926, which, based at Fürth near Nuremberg, eventually operated 10 air routes to 16 different towns. These included Augsburg, Bayreuth, Chemnitz, Coburg, Dresden, Erfurt, Gera, Halle, Hof, Heiningen, Leipzig, Plauen, Rudolstadt, Schweinfurt, Weimar and Zwickau. The aircraft were in daily use apart from

Sunday. The M 18 was such an economic design that it was possible to operate at an average cost of 0.60 RM per kilometre. The two previously mentioned aircraft were followed by a production batch of 12 Messerschmitt M 18bs which differed in being powered by 110 hp Siemens Sh 12 radials. Later aircraft were capable of carrying four passengers and all but one were delivered to Nordbayerische Verkehrsflug and its successor, Deutsche Verkehrsflug. These included D-1133, D-1266, D-1326, D-1333, D-1341, D-1365, D-1405, D-1496, D-1567, D-1581 and D-1613. The other aircraft, D-1577 (winr 419) was delivered to the Deutsches Versuchsanstalt für Luftfahrt.

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