



OLD TIMER Model of the Month

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- Designed to make the most of the difficult Class A gas model rules for 1939 (a minimum wing area limit of 225 sq. in.), the Colibri was created by Louis Garami.

Published in the September 1939 issue of *Model Airplane News*, the plans must have frustrated most any modeler who tried to duplicate it. Top view of the fuselage shows parallel sides from the trailing edge of the wing on forward, yet a detail drawing of the removeable "engine housing" shows a taper . . . dimensionless, of course. The thickness of the sheet balsa twin rudders is not given (scales to about 3/16), and they appear to be glued to the ends of the stab leading and trailing edges, yet the instructions say to "make sure that the end ribs are perpendicular." A 1-1/2-inch diameter semi-circle is out of the wing leading edge at the center and capped with vertical 1/16 sheet. We can only guess that it was done to clear the engine cylinder head, if you mounted it upright instead of inverted as shown on the plans.

Oh well, we've drawn it as close as possible to the original without making any basic design changes. It should turn into a very high performance Class A Old Timer free flight. Garami's designs have always flown well. •