



FOO-2-U-2...

OLD TIMER Model of the Month

Original design by: Dick Obarski
 Replica design by: Ron Sharpton
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● Full credit for preserving this Dick Obarski design should go to Ken Freese, a transplanted Chicagoan, now living in the Sacramento area. Ken was so struck by Dick's continuing development of the Zipper, that he made scale three-views of the design and had them pre-

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served on film. Photos which substantiate the design are dated April 1939, hence the reason for classifying it as an old timer rather than an antique.

The name "Foo" was taken from the very popular comic strip, "Smokey Stover," which featured a black cat generally in the corner of the end block saying "Foo." This became so popular that some of the large aircraft were called "Foo Fighters" and there was even a "FOO" Squadron. As close as can be determined by the writer, the word "Foo" was short for a popular derogatory phrase of the time, "Foey on you." (Remember the "Notary Sojac"

signs that showed up frequently in this strip? wcn)

This month's .020 Replica design is the brainchild of Ron Sharpton, a Florida modeler, who did very well at the Nationals old timer events, placing no less than third in a field of 35. The model had been scaled to approximately 150 sq. in., which has been found to be the optimum size for .020 Replica types.

Foo-2-U-2 designs fly exactly like Zippers (from which the model owes its ancestry), i.e., right turn under power, and glide right. The model trims out very quickly and is a consistent soarer. Try one, you'll like it!