DRAGONFLY PROJECT

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I started building this about 9 years ago, haven't worked on it lately but will again when I get more time. It is a great project and I am happy with how it is coming out. I will upload some photo's I have throughout the construction with notes.



Above you can see the large bench I made to accommodate building the fuselage, and also the wing and canard at the same time. I am in process of laying out one of the fuselage sides and other one is starting the canard. The large bench really worked out nice. I set it up with a rotary laser level which really helped me throughout the alignment.



I used Aeropoxy for everything, did most of the layup's by myself. I built a jig for the hoop gear which I will make wider when I add the brake lines at the rear. The key to doing everything alone is preparation. get all the cloth cut to size and laid out for fast.

I used tryply on the wing and canard which helped much. The hoop gear has over 75 layers which you have to do real fast to avoid overheating.





I have built a reflexer which came out great, you can also see the monkey motion for the alerons and the rudder cables. On the right you can see that I have strayed from the plans to hang my rudder pedals, they are the same as far as metal work and I just made a mount for them to hang. I want to be able to remove the canard and wing, with the hoop gear I can trailer it pretty easy I will attach the toe brakes to the pedals and forward canard bulkhead.



Another view of the pedals from the front. The pedals are just to test with, I will make some other type for finish. I am finishing all the parts on the inside which are visable, sure adds to the work load but is so pretty. I use aeropoxy light, On the right side you can see the third header tank, I through the other two out. This one adds strength to the whole front cockpit area. You also can see I don't have the bottom in at the forward bulkhead as yet. I did use the heavy aluminum for the motor mount areas. I am using a corvair for power and want all the strength I can get.



The rear access hatch is very visable on the inside surface so it gets finished. This was plenty work to get all the angles and edges just right.

Today I traded my Dragonfly that I have had for 10 years to Gary Harper from Utah. He drove pulling a trailer with his Quickie on it and took my dragonfly back to Utah. he seamed to be pleased with the trade as I was. It fits in my hangar at Minden, NV airport along with my Quickie 200. Now I have room in my workshop at home to do other projects, It has been there for a long time.

Here are some pictures of both trailers.

