

The "Stick 2 It" project plane

Well, the Quad Squad is at it again!

For all the new comers to RCCD, here is a little history and back ground information about the Quad Squad and the club project planes.



*Dick Joe Pete George
"Warlord" "jester" "Rattlesnake" "Snap shot"*

One day in the early spring of 2010, four RCCD club members, Dick Babisch, George Dudek, Pete Mlinarcik, Joe Svatora, all met at George's house just to shoot the breeze.

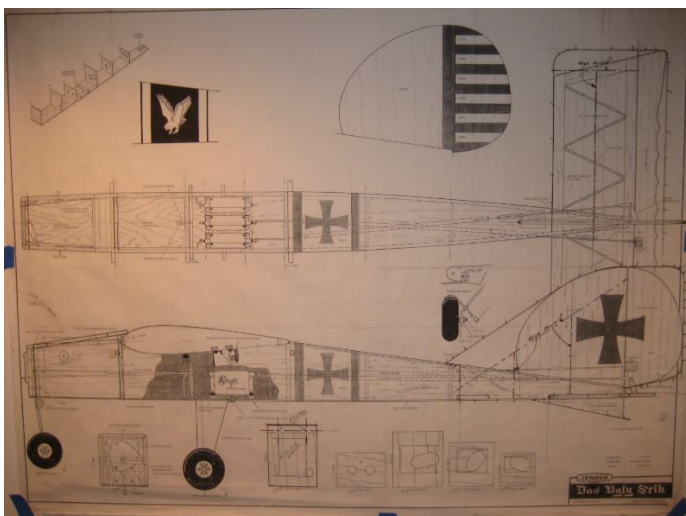


They were sitting around George's dining room table having coffee and eating cookies while each was talking about their next potential plane build.

After hashing around various aircraft that each member wanted to build, the idea light turned on.



Hey, let's join forces and each of us build an identical airplane together. The question was, which airplane?? Scouring through the many RC airplane designs, they came to an unanimous decision. The chosen airplane would be their rendition of Das Ugly Stik. They also decided, their rendition would be an American style or design of the Ugly Stik. They worked together making shape templates off of their hand sketched changes drawn on the original plans.



By using the same templates to build the planes, all four planes would be identical. After a number of weeks building, breakfasts, lunches, and many many many donuts, their planes were complete.



Since there were four of them building their planes together, they decided they would call themselves the "Quad Squad".



When the officers of the club heard what was going on, they asked the "Quad Squad" if they would expand the operation to include other club members in the project. The idea of a club project plane was introduced to the club members and it was overwhelmingly accepted. Well, the manufacturing method of producing the volume of kits would have to be updated. Now enters Peter Van with his laser cutting machine.



Pete M. would design the plane in CAD and produce the data for Peter Van to laser cut the parts.



The rest of the Quad Squad would handle the organizing, ordering, packaging and distribution of the short kits.



The idea of making instruction manuals instead of a full set of plans to build the plane would cut the cost of the kits, but the design would have to include self locating and locking parts. The question is, how do you efficiently get the instructions to the builders. Now enters Noel H the club's webmaster.



Noel would set up the club's website as the source for information regarding all facets of the project. The instruction manuals, pictures, progress reports, the builders input, etc. would funnel through Noel and on to the website. This system has worked well for all the club projects.

This brings us up to the latest question.

What the Sam Hill is the Quad Squad up to now?

Well, the Quad Squad's latest idea



is to go in the opposite direction and modify the short kit design so it would be a German version of the "Stick 2 It" instead of the American version as designed.

*Having collected data about the early years of aviation during World War I, it seemed the German air force or **Deutsche Luftstreitkräfte** was the most advanced air force of the time and used a large variety of aircraft during this period. We thought, if each member of the Quad Squad would add their own modifications and paint or cover the "Stick 2 It" as each member wanted, the planes would still fall right in the mix of the German air force of that time period. Naturally, the "Stick 2 It" wouldn't be a scaled plane of that era. But, if you would close one eye, squint with the other and hold your tongue out the left side of your mouth, you could view our project planes carrying the national German markings and the **Royal Prussian Jagdstaffel 4**, commonly abbreviated to **Jasta 4** insignias, you could easily fit the project plane in that time frame.*



*We are not immortalizing the German air force of that era, but we are allowing our project planes a wider latitude of modifications so each member can add their own choice of design changes and still be in the same squadron or **Jagdstaffel 4** or **Jasta 4**, just as the famed German "Flying Circus".*

We do encourage all those who have purchased a "Stick 2 It" short kit to add their own modifications to the original design. You can join our Jasta 4 or form your own squadron or just build, display and fly your "Stick 2 It" as designed. The choice is yours.

Most of all have fun,

The "Quad Squad" aka "Jasta Vier"