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## Introduction

On the morning of December 17, 1903 Wilber and Orville Wright crossed a historic milestone by achieving the first powered flight controlled by a pilot. This event marked the beginning of a new era of flight. The flight was brief, a mere 12 seconds covering a distance of 120 feet, but by 1905 the brothers had developed a practical aircraft that could sustain flight as long as 38 minutes. This was the model that the Wright Brothers showcased at Paris and Washington DC in 1908, bringing them international recognition and fame, with the pilot and a passenger sitting upright on the wing.

The year 2003 marks the $100^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of this monumental achievement. Although several groups around the nation are attempting to create exact replicas of the Wright Brothers' aircraft, two professors at Utah State University had a different idea of how to pay homage to the grandfathers of flight.

Dr. Dave Widauf and Professor Chuck Larsen entertained the idea of creating an aesthetically similar plane to the 1905 Wright Flyer while incorporating space-age materials and modern aerodynamic sciences. After presenting the idea to USU administrators, the project received an enthusiastic approval. The USU Wright Flyer project would be funded as a K-12 outreach program, culminating with participation in the 2003 festivities in Dayton, Ohio. It was determined that the Industrial Technology and Education Department would build the USU Wright Flyer. Construction would begin after a design team, consisting of ten senior engineering students from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, had completed the modified design.

Nick Alley, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, was assigned to be the project manager. Twenty-one students applied to be on the design team, of which ten were selected. Five students were responsible for the aerodynamic redesign of the USU Wright Flyer and the other five were responsible for the structural redesign. The process took two semesters, with the goal in mind to build the plane built during the summer of 2002.

It became the responsibility of the student design team to produce a working, fullscale, modified design of the 1905 Flyer. The USU Wright Flyer was to be a more stable and stronger aircraft than its 100 -year-old predecessor. The USU Wright Flyer was to look amazingly similar to the 1905 Flyer, while incorporating characteristics that are necessary for modern, conventional aircraft. This report contains a complete, comprehensive review of the eight-month design process.

## AERロDYNAMIC DESIGN



## Introduction

The characteristics of the 1905 Wright Flyer were ingenious and yet displayed the limits of the Wrights' understanding of flight mechanics and dynamics. They were great engineers, but luckily they were even better pilots. Today's level of aerodynamic properties in the subsonic realm are well understood and implementation of the now considered "basic" theories and principles of aircraft design are able to easily mend the shortcomings of the 100 year old design.

At the time, relatively little was known about the flight dynamics, and the 1905 Wright Flyer, though advanced for its time, was aerodynamically unstable by today's standards. The objective of USU Wright Flyer design team has been to research the characteristics of the original 1905 Flyer and improve the flight ability of the plane.

One of the major constraints placed upon the project was to retain the aesthetics of the original Flyer. This, of course, required the use of a canard-style biplane powered by two pusher propellers. The general dimensions of the aircraft were retained as much as possible so that the plane would look like the Wright Flyer from a distance to the average airplane enthusiast.

All of the powered aircraft that the Wrights' designed from 1903 to 1909 suffered from moderate to severe instability in pitch. Pitch stability was the first major goal for improving the Flyer. Stall speed was another characteristic worth exploring since the Wright Brothers' plane was stalled much of the time during flight, cruising at a relatively slow 28 mph . Higher design speeds would permit higher stall speeds, but also would increase the drag significantly.

These regulations and other governing parameters for safe flight helped to establish the following targets for the redesign:

1. Aesthetically similar to the original 1905 Wright Flyer
2. Stable in Pitch (Static Margin $\geq 8 \%$ )
3. Stall Speed no less than 15 mph under cruise speed

The Wright Flyer was an engineering marvel of its time, the first step into a whole new world. Naturally, since it was the first airplane, it left much to be desired in comparison to the aircraft of today. The flight characteristics of the original 1905 Wright Flyer could have been greatly improved by implementing just a few basic aerodynamic principles.

## Tools of Analysis

In order to make improvements on the 1905 Wright Flyer Design it was necessary to perform an analysis on the original to understand quantitatively its flight characteristics. The necessary analysis was divided into two general areas, the individual parts of the aircraft (airfoils and bluff bodies) and the aircraft as a whole.

The analysis of the airfoils was done using two different computer programs: 1) a program developed by Dr. W. F. Phillips at Utah State University called AIRFOIL2001, and 2) an online program called CALCFOIL. AIRFOIL2001 uses an inviscid vortex panel numerical method to calculate lift and moment coefficients of an airfoil. This was used primarily as a quick preliminary analysis tool. CALCFOIL uses a simple viscous bubble method in conjunction with a vortex panel method to calculate the viscous drag and stall angle of attack of an airfoil in addition to the coefficients that AIRFOIL2001 calculates.

The data for the airfoils collected from CALCFOIL was then used in another program written by Dr. Phillips called WINGS2001. This uses Prandtl's inviscid liftingline theory to calculate the aerodynamic interaction between all parts of an aircraft. By entering the aerodynamic coefficients of each part of an aircraft, the flight characteristics of that plane can be analyzed in a variety of situations. Aerodynamic coefficients obtained from WINGS2001 were then used to calculate the stall speed, static stability and dynamic stability of the airplanes. Calculated values from WINGS2001 were in agreement with available historical or experimental data and flight performance of the 1905 Wright Flyer.

## The Original 1905 Wright Flyer

All of the powered aircraft the Wright Brothers built up to 1909 suffered from moderate to severe instability in pitch. One major reason for the pitch instability of the 1905 flyer is its oversized canard control surface. This placed the aerodynamic center of the aircraft in front of the center of gravity by almost a foot and a half, as seen in Figure 1.1 (Hooven 1978). The other major contributing factor to the pitch instability is that the Wright Brothers preferred controllability rather than stability for fear of going into a stall dive. This caused the death of many would-be aviators including Otto Lilienthal, an inspiration to the Wrights and the father of modern aviation (Hooven 1978).


Figure 1.1: Locations of Center of Gravity and Aerodynamic Center of 1905 Flyer.

A modern measurement for pitch stability is the static margin, which, for modern conventional aircraft, should be around $5 \%$. By contrast, the first iteration of the 1905 Flyer was approximately $-23 \%$. By 1908 the static margin had improved to $-8 \%$, which is still below $-5 \%$, today's limit for human-controlled aircraft (Hooven 1978). This instability can be observed in film footage of the airplane in flight, with the airplane constantly porpoising throughout the flight. This instability led to frequent "hard" or otherwise unplanned landings for the Wright Brother's flyer. More often than not their planes needed some level of repair after this type of landing.

Another area of concern with the Flyer is the fact that the airfoils used were very thin and therefore extremely susceptible to stall. The canard's ability to produce lift was only slightly better than that of a flat plate. Although it had a very ingenious mechanism to increase its camber as it was deflected upward, it still did not perform any better than a NACA 0002, while producing significantly higher drag. Also, in order to produce enough lift in steady level flight the wings had to fly at an $8^{\circ}$ angle of attack, right on the verge of stall.

Another shortcoming of the 1905 design was its high parasitic drag. Both the wing and canard had blunt leading and trailing edges resulting in high drag coefficients. Also, all of the aircraft structure for the airplane had the same level of streamlining: nothing more than rounded corners on their woodwork. Wind tunnel data for the 1903 Flyer, which had the same general drag cross section as the 1905 , showed that it developed approximately 125 pounds of drag in level flight at 28 miles per hour (NASA 1999). This could have easily been reduced by a factor of 2 or 3 using appropriate streamlining.

## Characteristics of Canard Aircraft

In standard tail-configured aircraft the elevator often has negative lift in trimmed flight in order to counter the negative pitching moment of the main wing. With a canard-
configured aircraft the lift in trimmed flight is positive in order to counter the main wings' pitching moment. Thus the canard carries a percentage of the aircraft's weight. The canard configuration is more efficient in that both the canard and wing contribute to lifting the aircraft where in tail configured aircraft the main wing supports the aircraft's weight plus the negative lift created by the elevator. The absolute lift created is less for canards than tail-configured aircraft, which means less drag is induced.

For a canard-configured aircraft to be statically stable, the canard must have higher wing loading than the main wing and thus an airfoil with a high maximum lift coefficient. A statically unstable canard aircraft has a low wing loading on the canard and thus does not need to create much lift. The 1905 Wright Flyer was statically unstable and this is why it was able to fly with an airfoil that had such a low maximum lift coefficient.

One of the design criteria was to have a stall speed below the Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) requirement of 40 mph minimum stall speed for an ultralight trainer. Minimum stall speed of a canard-configured aircraft is determined by the stall speed of canard. The high wing loading on the canard for stability increases the minimum canard stall speed, which increases the stall speed of the whole aircraft. Stability (high canard wing loading) and low minimum stall speed requirements are satisfied using an airfoil with a high maximum section lift coefficient. High maximum section lift coefficients are obtained for an all-flying canard predominantly by increasing the camber and thickness of the airfoil section. However if thickness and camber are increased dramatically the aesthetic design criterion is compromised.

## Airfoil Considerations

The Wright Brother's performed airfoil analysis using rudimentary wind tunnel testing that was advanced for its time, however present-day technology allows for much improvement. Many different airfoil types including the NACA 4-digit and the USU 12digit series were analyzed to evaluate lift, drag, moment, and stall characteristics. USU airfoils are designed for a uniform pressure distribution at zero angle of attack. The uniform pressure distribution minimizes adverse pressure gradients, drag, and probability of boundary layer separation, or stall.

## Canard Airfoil Design

As previously described, the 1905 Wright Flyer canard airfoil is closely modeled as an all-flying NACA 0002. A NACA 0002 produces a very small maximum lift coefficient, approximately 0.25 . As previously concluded, a higher lifting airfoil would need to replace the 1905 canard airfoil. The 1905 used an all-flying canard, meaning that the entire surface rotated to obtain a deflection. To satisfy aesthetics, the USU Wright Flyer also utilizes an all-flying canard.

Airfoil sections for the canard were optimized by first changing camber. Several aircraft were modeled in WINGS2001, the only difference being the camber of the canard airfoil. The camber was increased from $2.2 \%$ to $4.5 \%$. Over this range, the static margin only decreased $0.6 \%$, while the canard stall speed decreased 5 mph . Increasing camber had a desirable effect, which was to lower the stall speed without significant change in the stability. A camber of $4.5 \%$ was chosen because it was the highest cambered airfoil that would not take away from the aesthetic value of the design.

Next, an optimization of canard airfoil section thickness was made. Aircrafts with $8 \%, 9 \%$, and $10 \%$ airfoil thickness were analyzed. Static margin dropped $0.06 \%$ from $8 \%$ to $9 \%$ thickness, and dropped $0.12 \%$ from $9 \%$ to $10 \%$ thickness. Stall speed dropped 0.85 mph from $8 \%$ to $9 \%$ thickness, and dropped 0.11 mph from $9 \%$ to $10 \%$. Increasing thickness had a better effect from $8 \%$ to $9 \%$ than from $9 \%$ to $10 \%$ because there was a larger drop in stall speed and a smaller drop in static margin. Therefore a $9 \%$ thick airfoil for the canard was the best choice.

The USU 12-digit airfoil that corresponded to the $4.5 \%$ camber and $9 \%$ thickness was a USU 993009-3040.13 shown with the 1905 canard in Figure 1.2. Lift slope and maximum section lift coefficients were then obtained from CALCFOIL and compared to the NACA 0002 as shown in Figure 1.3. Obvious improvements in maximum section lift can be seen in this comparison.

An analysis of pressure distributions on the upper and lower surfaces of the USU 993009-3040.13 and NACA 0002 airfoils was done using AIRFOIL2001 to check for the presence of adverse pressure gradients. As previously mentioned, adverse pressure gradients can cause an abrupt stall. Both airfoils were analyzed at zero degree angle of


Figure 1.2: 1905 Wright Flyer (top) and USU 993009-3040.13 (bottom) canard airfoil cross-sections.


Figure 1.3: A section lift coefficient comparison between USU 993009-3040.13 and NACA 0002 airfoils.
attack and at a takeoff/landing condition of 10 degrees angle of attack as seen in Figure 1.4 and Figure 1.5 respectively. The obvious effects of camber can be seen as the change in pressure between the upper and lower surfaces in Figure 1.4. The USU airfoil has a smoother pressure distribution and the desired smaller pressure gradient near the leading edge of the airfoil section as seen in Figure 1.5.


Figure 1.4: The zero angle of attack pressure distribution for the USU 993009-3040.13 (left) and NACA 0002 (right) airfoil sections.


Figure 1.5: The 10 -degree angle of attack pressure distribution for the USU 9930093040.13 (left) and NACA 0002 (right) airfoil sections.

## Main Wing Airfoil Design

The 1905 Wright Flyer main wing airfoil had a poor lift to drag ratio due to its thin shape and blunt leading edge. The main factors considered in selecting a new airfoil were the lift and stall characteristics along with the pitching moment created. Because of the large wing area with respect to the overall weight of the aircraft, it was not necessary to select a high lift airfoil. It was more important to select an airfoil that had an acceptable pressure distribution and good stall characteristics.

## Airfoil Optimization and Analysis

There were several variables that were taken into account that affect the performance of an airfoil. These variables included airfoil thickness, location of maximum thickness, leading and trailing edge geometry, and camber. After much iteration a modified USU 402509-3040.13 airfoil was selected. It is shown in Figure 1.6 along with the 1905 Wright Flyer airfoil.

The USU airfoil has a much larger maximum thickness than its 1905 counterpart ( $9 \%$ of the chord length vs. $3.5 \%$ ), which allows larger angles of attack before stall. The 1905 airfoil has very blunt leading and trailing edges and has a near constant thickness over the whole chord length. The USU airfoil is thickest at the quarter chord, tapers to a sharp point at the trailing edge and is smoothly rounded in the front. These characteristics reduce flow separation and allow the suitable pressure distribution shown in Figure 1.7.


Figure 1.6: 1905 Wright Flyer airfoil (top) and USU 402509-3040.13 airfoil (bottom)


Figure 1.7: Pressure distribution of modified USU 402509-3040.13 airfoil.

Due to the improved aerodynamic efficiency of the new airfoil design, it was not necessary to have such a highly cambered design. Even with less then half the camber of the 1905 airfoil, the lift characteristics of the modified USU airfoil are much more desirable. Figure 1.8 shows the predicted lift slopes of the two airfoils using data obtained from CALCFOIL. It can be seen that the USU airfoil has a higher maximum lift coefficient, and can achieve higher angles of attack before stalling.

The USU airfoil was modified slightly in order to reduce the forward pitching moment that is created by cambered airfoils. This was done in order to reduce the loading of the canard. The last $5 \%$ of the trailing edge was reflexed upward slightly 7 degrees which reduced the lift on the end of the airfoil. At high angles of attack the end section of the airfoil actually produced a small amount of negative lift. While this does reduce the lift efficiency of the airfoil, it is justifiable due to the low wing loadings required for flight. Figures 1.9 and 1.10 illustrate the slight design modification and how it drastically reduces the forward pitching moment coefficient.


Figure 1.8: Lift slopes of 1905 Wright Flyer and USU airfoil.


Figure 1.9: USU 402509-3040.13 airfoil with modified trailing edge.


Figure 1.10: Moment Slopes of 1905 and USU airfoils.

## Longitudinal Static Stability

The improvement in the airfoils assisted in developing a more stable aircraft, but many more parameters needed to be studied. The most accurate representation of the airplane and its flight stability was found by modeling it in WINGS2001. However, when the affects of many variables needed to be explored, using WINGS2001 was very time consuming. In order to assist in the analysis, a computer program named STAB was developed to quickly approximate the static margin. STAB incorporated the basic equations that govern the longitudinal stability of an aircraft, including simple statics (Newton's Second Law), and basic flight mechanics, to compute the static margin. A free-body diagram similar to the one used in the derivation is shown in Figure 1.11. Though the program was designed to produce only an estimate of the static margin it proved to be quite accurate in its predictions when compared to the results found from WINGS2001.

When comparing a bi-plane to a conventional single-wing aircraft the nondimensionalization process must be changed. The reference area must be doubled, to represent an area equivalent to both the top and bottom wings. The longitudinal reference length was also doubled to represent the two wings. Another factor of concern was that two wings in a biplane configuration do not create the same amount of lift (and therefore upwash on the canard), when placed together. In order to account for this inefficiency WINGS2001 was used to determine how a bi-plane configuration affected the lift of two wings. Then the lift and upwash created by the main wings were scaled proportionally (the scaling factor was 0.91 ).


Figure 1.11: Simplified free-body diagram of a canard aircraft (without vertical offsets).

In order to find the desired static margin, certain parameters of the plane were altered while others were held constant in order to retain aesthetics to the highest possible degree (such as the span and chord length of the main wing). After eliminating these and other parameters, the following remained as variables altered to find the ideal static margin:

- Location of the center of gravity
- Canard span
- Canard chord length
- Canard location.

After experimenting with many different configurations and values for the chosen variables, the following changes increased the static margin:

1. Moving the CG position further forward.
2. Decreasing the canard span.
3. Decreasing the canard chord length.
4. Moving the canard further aft.

Notice that changing all of these parameters in the manner specified also increases the wing loading on the canard surfaces, affecting not only the static margin but also the stall speed of the aircraft. The coupling of higher stall speeds with low static margins was a difficult obstacle to overcome. Figure 1.12 shows a plot generated using STAB. It represents a flyer with a canard span of 12.5 feet and the CG placed one foot in front of the leading edge of the main wing.

The following parameters were chosen from the preliminary analysis:

1. CG position $=1.0$ feet forward of the main wing's leading edge
2. Canard span $=12.5$ feet
3. Canard chord length $=2.5$ feet
4. Canard placement $=9.5$ feet forward of the CG (referenced to the $1 / 4$ chord)
5. Static Margin $=8.0 \%$

The 1905 Wright Flyer parameters for comparison:

1. CG position $=3$ to 6 inches behind the $1 / 4$ chord of the main wing
2. Canard span $=15$ feet, $71 / 2$ inches
3. Canard chord length $=3.125$ feet
4. Canard placement $=11.2$ feet forward of the $C G$ (referenced to the $1 / 4$ chord)
5. Static Margin $\approx-23 \%$

Final results after analysis with WINGS200I:
6. CG position $=1.0$ feet forward of the main wing's leading edge
7. Canard $\mathrm{span}=12.5$ feet
8. Canard chord length $=2.5$ feet
9. Canard placement $=9.5$ feet forward of the CG (referenced to the $1 / 4$ chord)
10. Static Margin $=9.5 \%$


Figure 1.12: Static Margin (\%) as a function of the canard chord length and placement with respect to the CG. Using a span of 12.5 ft . and the CG being placed 1 ft . in front of the leading edge of the main wing.

## Aerodynamic Drag Reduction

To improve the aerodynamic design of the 1905 Wright Flyer, a detailed analysis of structural parasitic drag of the original was performed. Once the characteristics of the original aircraft were understood, improvements could be recommended and designed.

## The 1905 Wright Flyer

The aerodynamic drag forces that affected the 1905 Wright Flyer were estimated using a set of blueprints drawn under the direction of Wilbur Wright nearly forty years after the plane was flown. The main equation used in the analysis was the definition of the non-dimensional drag coefficient.

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{D} \equiv \frac{\text { DragForce }}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^{2} \text { Area }} \tag{eq.1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The process was simply a matter of examining each part of the plane, estimating the frontal area of the part, then determining the best value for the drag coefficient. The
areas were estimated by measuring the blueprints and scaling the dimensions. The drag coefficients were determined by comparing each part to a list of geometries described in Fluid Mechanics by Frank M. White, and then choosing the geometry best describing the part. The aerodynamic forces calculated for each part were then added together to give an approximation of the total drag force exerted on the original aircraft during flight.

In using the drag coefficient equation, density was assumed to be 0.0023769 slug/ft ${ }^{3}$ (standard sea-level air density). The velocity used was 28 mph , which is about the speed the Wrights are reported to have flown. The drag coefficients and corresponding geometries used are tabulated below in Table 1.1.

A large portion of the drag was actually developed by the main wings. The drag coefficients for the main wing, canard, and rudder were found using CALCFOIL. To be consistent with the derivation of their coefficients, the reference areas used in the drag force calculations were the planform areas. A spreadsheet was then used to organize the analysis of each part and calculate the drag forces (see Appendix A).

Although the Wright brothers had done a good deal of airfoil testing in the development of their plane, they seem to have been primarily interested in the lift produced by the surfaces they tested. It is not evident that they paid much attention to the aerodynamic drag caused by the many other parts on their flying machine. For example, the parasitic drag coefficient for the main wing airfoil on the original plane was estimated to be about $C_{D o}=0.047$, while most modern commercial planes have wings with parasitic drag coefficients around $C_{D_{0}}=0.02$.

All of the flying machines designed and built by the Wright brothers developed relatively large aerodynamic drag from bluff bodies as well. The 18 struts between the main wings, and the 9 struts on the canard were all simply oval cylinders. The entire chassis was made of a similar cross section. Several hundred feet of wires and cables held the plane together. A round cylinder, such as a wire or cable, has a drag coefficient of 1.2 . A small cylinder about $0.0625^{\prime \prime}$ diameter, such as a wire, creates the same drag force as a streamlined body that is six times as thick. There was much room for improvement in the structural/aerodynamic design of the world's first airplane.

| Round Nose <br> Section | $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{H}$ | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ | 1.16 | 0.90 | 0.70 | 0.68 | 0.64 |
| Flat Nose | $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{H}$ | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| Section | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ | 1.90 | 2.70 | 1.80 | 1.30 | 0.90 |
| Cylinder | CD | 1.20 |  |  |  |  |
| Disk | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ | 1.17 |  |  |  |  |
| Main Wing | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ Parasitic | 0.047 |  |  |  |  |
| Canard Wing | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D} \text { Parasiic }}$ | 0.030 |  |  |  |  |
| Rudder | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}$ Parasitic | 0.002 |  |  |  |  |

Table 1.1: Drag coefficients of varying geometries.

## The USU Wright Flyer

The reduction of drag for a more modern design was a straightforward process. The structural elements of the plane were redesigned with two objectives aside from the requirements of holding the plane together. The first periphery constraint was to maintain a form that would represent the 1905 Wright Flyer from about 100 feet away. The second periphery constraint was to reduce the aerodynamic drag.

By using stronger and more modern materials, along with better construction techniques, many extraneous structural elements were either eliminated, or their numbers reduced. The remaining parts were redesigned to reduce their frontal area or use geometries with smaller drag coefficients. In the case of the wings and canard, more efficient airfoils were used, thereby not only increasing the performance and stability of the plane, but also greatly reducing the parasitic drag. The final design of the main wing airfoil resulted in an impressive parasitic drag coefficient of $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Do}_{0}}=0.0073$.

After the final structural design of the USU Wright Flyer was finished, a second spreadsheet (Appendix A) was developed to estimate the drag forces experienced in flight. Comparing the two spreadsheets shows the drag differences between the new USU flyer with the old 1905.

For the USU flyer the number of struts needed for structural support was reduced, the struts that remained were changed to have a streamlined cross-section, and all of the wires used to hold the plane together were eliminated. Figure 1.13 shows how these changes benefit the performance of the USU Wright Flyer. The 1905 fought approximately 120 pounds of aerodynamic drag at a cruise speed of 28 mph . The new aircraft at the same speed had only 55 pounds of drag. If the original aircraft had enough propulsive power to reach the design cruise speed of the new aircraft ( 45 mph ) the drag would be 300 pounds. The new aircraft is estimated to induce only 120 pounds at cruise.

From a copy of the Wright brother's 1908 notebook, they recorded a static thrust from their propellers of 134 pounds (Ash 1999). Their propellers would produce less thrust at 28 mph , and the thrust must equal the drag in steady-level flight. So a prediction of 120 pounds of drag seems quite reasonable.

It is interesting to note the influence that a passenger had on the two airplanes. There is not much difference between flying with or without a passenger in the original aircraft. The drag from the 1905 airframe was so large that the second person didn't make much difference. On the new aircraft however, the airframe drag is low enough that adding a passenger significantly adds to the over all drag.


Figure 1.13: Aerodynamic drag force developed as a function of airspeed.

The aerodynamic drag forces on the aircraft also produce a moment about the center of gravity. Since the majority of the aircraft's frontal area is above the center of gravity a pitching-up moment is produced. As the speed of the aircraft increases the pitching moment also increases. Figure 1.14 shows a prediction of how the positive pitching moment is expected to increase as a function of forward airspeed. At a cruise speed of 45 mph , the moment acting on the USU Wright Flyer should be about $700 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb}$. The propellers, sitting two feet above the center of gravity will have to produce enough thrust to balance the expected drag force of about 125 lbf , thus producing a negative moment of $250 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb}$. A remaining moment of $450 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb}$ is left acting on the aircraft. The possible stability problems due to the increased pitching moment were evaluated by adding an extraneous surface to the WINGS2001 model that would produce the same results as the total parasitic drag of the aircraft.

The detailed estimations of the drag forces and moments that are expected for both the 1905 and the USU Wright Flyer made it possible to find ways to improve the 1905 Wright Flyer and also predict the needs of the USU Wright Flyer. The thrust needed for take off and cruising flight were predicted, and values needed to predict the static stability of the aircraft were found.


Figure 1.14: Drag moments as a function of airspeed.

## Performance

Canard configured aircraft can be susceptible to an unrecoverable stall if the main wing stalls before the canard. If the wing were to stall first the aircraft would pitch backwards and there would be no way to restore the flow over the wings surface and regain level flight. When the canard stalls first the aircraft pitches forward and loses altitude (potential energy), which is exchanged for an increase in airspeed (kinetic energy). The boundary layer re-attaches to the canard surface inducing lift, which allows the pilot to pitch back the aircraft and return to level flight.

To verify a "canard first" stall, the new aircraft was balanced in WINGS2001 at speeds ranging from 20 mph to 80 mph . Data from WINGS2001 showed that as the aircraft approached stall, the balanced angle of attack for the canard approached its maximum angle of attack at a faster rate than the wing did. Thus the canard would stall first. Downwash on the wing tends to decrease its absolute angle of attack and move away from stall, while upwash on the canard tends to increase its absolute angle of attack and move it closer to stall.

A "canard first" stall analysis was also done with respect to lift coefficients using the same method outlined above. The data also showed that as the aircraft approached stall the lift coefficient for the canard increased at a higher rate than that of the wing, thus the canard always stalled first. Static margin was found to increase with decreasing speeds. This verified that the aircraft would maintain good stability throughout its design speed range.

The USU Wright Flyer performance analysis found in Appendix B was developed using equations based on Newton's second law (Phillips 2002), data obtained from WINGS2001, and the drag analysis (Appendix A). Results of this analysis are best presented graphically as: Figure 1.15-Thrust Required/Available, Figure 1.16-Power Required/Available, Figure 1.17 - Rate of Climb, and Figure 1.18-Sink Rate. The analysis also found the USU Wright Flyer to have a stall limited minimum turning radius of 84.2 ft , and take off distance of 222.0 ft .


Figure 1.15: Comparison of thrust required to maintain level flight and thrust available given the chosen engine and propellers at standard sea level.


Figure 1.16: Comparison of power required to maintain level flight and power available given the chosen engine and propellers as standard sea level.


Figure 1.17: Rate of climb at standard sea level.


Figure 1.18: Sink rate at standard sea level.

## Dynamic Stability

After finding the USU Wright Flyer to be statically stable it was necessary to ensure its dynamic stability. Many modern aircraft design projects are delayed because of problems with dynamic stability, as it can be a difficult characteristic of an airplane to predict (Phillips 2002).

The dynamic stability of an aircraft is found by determining how the airplane would respond to different perturbations from the equilibrium state. Just as a spring-mass system has different dynamic modes, so does an aircraft. The airplane is the mass and the atmosphere is the spring. The five main dynamic modes for an aircraft are:

1. Short-period
2. Long-period or Phugoid
3. Roll
4. Spiral
5. Dutch Roll

Each mode represents conditions that could either make the flight uncomfortable or, in some cases, dangerous.

In order to quantify an airplane's characteristics in dynamic stability, the government has established a classification system that measures how an aircraft's dynamic modes affect the quality of flight. Cooper and Harper (1969) developed a rating system that ranked an aircraft's handling characteristics according to pilot opinion. A Level I rating in this system corresponds to an aircraft for which "pilot compensation (is) not a factor for desired performance." Level 4, the lowest pilot rating, states "control will be lost during some portion of required operation" (Phillips 2002).

Different classes of aircraft and categories of flight phases are also taken into account when classifying an airplane's dynamic flight capabilities. The USU Wright Flyer is a Class I aircraft, which means it is small, light, and used for training or "general observation." The flight phase for the flyer will be a Category C, implying "gradual maneuvers" requiring "accurate flight-path control" (Hodgkinson 1999). Table 1.2 shows the requirements of a Level I pilot rating for each of the major dynamic modes given this particular aircraft class and flight category.

Just as a spring-mass system has a governing equation to describe its motion, so does an aircraft. A computer program named DYNSTAB was developed using the linearized equations of motion to find the properties of the different dynamic modes of an aircraft. DYNSTAB required as input a list of moments of inertia and derivatives characterizing the motion of an aircraft. The moments of inertia were found using solid models of the 1905 and USU Wright Flyers made with Autodesk® Mechancial Desktop© and Inventor©. The aerodynamic derivatives were found using WINGS2001 and

DYNSTAB was then able to find the dynamic flight qualities of both the USU Wright Flyer and the 1905 flyer (see Table 1.2).

As can be seen in Table 1.2, the USU Wright Flyer passed almost all of the requirements for Level I status in steady-level flight. The divergent spiral mode had a Level II doubling time, which is less than ideal. However, in the conditions the airplane will be flying in (visual flight reference or VFR), it should be only a slight inconvenience to the pilot, and not a dangerous quality.

The positive pitching moment of the 1905 Flyer, which resulted in static instability, prevents a proper prediction of its short-period mode. The spiral mode doubling time of the 1905 Flyer was just above the threshold of a Level IV pilot rating ( 4.0 seconds), resulting in a nearly uncontrollable aircraft.

The Level $I$ spiral mode of the USU flyer gave rise to a study of the effects of how dihedral and a smaller rudder would effect the plane's dynamic stability. Not mentioned earlier was the fact that the initial dynamic analysis did not consider the fact that under regular flight conditions the wings would have natural dihedral due bending in the wing spar. Ignoring the natural dihedral resulted in a doubling time of 9.54 seconds. Using a simple cantilever model, dihedral was placed in the wing representing the natural wing deflection during steady-level flight. The doubling time of the spiral mode was then found to be 12.62 seconds. The result was not only more pleasing, but also more realistic. The dynamic stability results shown in Table 1.2 for the USU Wright Flyer are actually the results obtained by incorporating the natural dihedral.

Hodgkinson Classifications (1999)
Aircraft Classification: Class I
Flight Phase: Category C

| Mode | Requirements for a Pilot Rating of Level $I$ : |  | USU Wright Flyer | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Original } \\ & 1905 \text { Flyer } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Short-period | Range of $\zeta$ | 0.35 to 1.30 | 0.87156 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Phugoid | Minimum $\zeta$ | 0.04 | 0.12814 | 0.52627 |
| Roll | Maximum $1 / \sigma(\mathrm{sec})$ | 1.0 | 0.03733 | 0.08827 |
| Spiral | Minimum Doubling Time (sec) | 20 | 12.62 |  |
| Dutch Roll | Minimum $\zeta$ | 0.08 | 0.46145 | 0.56481 |
| Key: <br> Level I <br> !ッハ! | Minimum $\zeta \omega_{n}$ | 0.15 | 1.84903 | 1.35461 |
| Level iv | Minimum $\omega_{\mathrm{n}}$ | 1.00 | 4.00701 | 2.39834 |

Table 1.2: Hodgkinson (1999) classification comparison for Level I pilot rating. Values for the USU Wright Flyer and the original 1905 Flyer represent steady-level flight.

Another attempt to increase the doubling time of the spiral mode was to decrease the size of the rudder. The design team was hesitant to do so in the first place because of the negative effect it would have on the aesthetics of the airplane. Decreasing the chord length of the rudder was the best possibility. However, by reducing the rudder's chord length from 3.0 feet to 2.75 feet in the DYNSTAB model, the resulting doubling time was 12.68 seconds, only a $0.5 \%$ increase. Needless to say, the original rudder size remained in use.

Velocity is a large contributor to the quality of an aircraft's dynamic stability. Figure 1.19 represents the manner in which the velocity affects the doubling time of the spiral mode. The figure also presents the relationship between the spiral mode's doubling time and changes in climb angle. As one can see, high climb angles can the plane to plummet below the Level III threshold, placing the aircraft in a potentially dangerous situation.

In the continued study of airspeed effects, a phugoid mode of decreasing quality was found at lower speeds, as shown in Figure 1.20. A flight speed of 35 mph causes a higher climb angle to be potentially dangerous. With this and the potential spiral mode problems at lower airspeeds, it will be important for the pilots of the USU Wright Flyer to be gradual in their maneuvering. In take-off configuration, for example, the pilot must maintain a high speed and a low climb angle to secure safe handling of the aircraft.

The effects of bank angles were also studied, but found only to increase the dynamic stability of the aircraft within the realm of the USU Wright Flyer's flight conditions.


Figure 1.19: Doubling time of the spiral mode amplitude as the climb angle changes for airspeeds of 45 and 55 mph .


Figure 1.20: Damping rate of the phugoid mode as the climb angle changes for airspeeds of 35 and 45 mph .

Early in the year of 1905 the Wright Brothers added blinkers to their canard to keep the nose of the plane from sliding to the side when banking. The blinkers were small vertical plates that sat between the two canards. Little did the Wright Brothers know that the blinkers would also increase the dynamic stability of their aircraft. In the initial design phases of the USU Wright Flyer the blinkers were assumed to create more drag than they would assist in stability, and were therefore emitted. The small difficulties encountered in both the spiral and phugoid modes led to a decision to reapply the blinkers. Adding the blinkers raised the spiral doubling time to almost 18 seconds. They also had a small positive effect on the phugoid damping ratio, most likely due to the winglet effect the blinkers had on the canard. It is common for modern aircraft to use what is called a strake to create a similar stabilizing effect, due to the commonality of the divergent spiral mode. The actual application of the blinkers to the USU Flyer will be beyond the scope of our time frame.

The design of the USU Wright Flyer has been one to create a unique airplane one to bring the past into the future. Had the goal of this design been to create a more conventional aircraft, different design criteria would have been established, and the performance in dynamic stability would have been greatly improved. However, it has been shown that the dynamic stability of the USU Wright Flyer surpasses the performance of the 1905 Wright Flyer. Due to the overall improvement and the competent performance of the new plane the less-than-ideal circumstances presented above, such as the spiral and phugoid modes, are permissible.

If design changes were possible, the first step in improving the dynamic stability would be to increase the airspeed. This alone would raise the dynamic stability pilot rating to Level I for all modes, and allow for steeper climb angles. Blinkers would also increase the dynamic stability, especially for the spiral mode. However, the effects of the blinkers are still small compared to simply increasing the airspeed.

## Conclusion

The Wright Brothers' work was ingenious for their time, laying the groundwork for the advancement in flight sciences for 100 years. As aerodynamic sciences have built upon their findings, this project has built upon their aircraft. The targets established at the beginning of this re-designing; an aircraft that appears as the 1905 Wright Flyer, positive pitch stability and a stall speed 15 miles per hour less than cruise have been accomplished according to the analysis completed thus far.

1. Aesthetically similar to the 1905 Wright Flyer (See Figure 1.21)
2. Stable in Pitch (Static Margin $=\mathbf{9 . 5 \%}$ )
3. Stall Speed $=30 \mathrm{mph}$ ( 2 people), 25 mph (1person).

All of these results are based upon a 45 mph cruise speed and a 496 lbf aircraft empty weight. The relevant results of the aerodynamic design were passed along to the structural team mcmbcrs to bring the design to life as is detailed in the following chapters.


Figure 1.21: WINGS2001 models of 1905 and USU Wright Flyers. Clockwise from top left: 1905 Wright Flyer, USU Wright Flyer, USU Wright Flyer, USU Wright Flyer side view showing lift of airfoils (red), USU Wright Flyer top view.

## MAIN WING DESIGN



## Introduction

The main wing the 1905 Wright Flyer was ingenious in many ways. The spars, ribs, and struts were made of spruce and ash, making them light and easy to work with. The wings could be attached and detached easily using simple, modular hardware. The wing warping method designed to control the plane was ahead of its time. The exceptional designs invented by the Wright Brothers made their wing simple and light weight.

Although the original wing design was extraordinary, major changes were needed to accommodate the aerodynamic redesign. For example, the original airfoil was replaced by a thicker more efficient design. The simple change in the wing thickness necessitated changes in many other aspects such as the spars, struts and cabling system.

Despite these large changes, every care was taken to remain sincere to the Wright Brother's original wing design. Wing warping is the defining characteristic of the 1905 Wright Flyer wings. As will be shown, all designs of the USU Wright Flyer were done around wing warping in hope of honoring the great builders of a legacy.

## Concept Requirements

1. Weight
A. The final design must weigh less than 120 pounds without compromising safety and/or functionality.
2. Wing Warping
A. When warped, the wings must keep an acceptable airfoil shape (minimal skin wrinkling).
B. The design must accommodate a maximum pilot force of 70 lbf .
C. The design must produce an acceptable roll rate.
3. Strength
A. The wings must be built so that the deflection of the wingtips is 20 inches when the aircraft is in a 2.5 g turn.
B. The wing spars must be able to withstand a maximum distributed load of 525 Ibf at the interfaces.
4. Aesthetics
A. The aircraft must look like the 1905 Wright Flyer from a distance of 100 feet to a person that has a general knowledge of the design.
5. Interfaces with other parts of the airplane
A. All interfaces must withstand all possible loads that could occur during normal flight and landing conditions.
6. Manufacturing
A. All designs must take into account the construction capabilities of the Utah State University Industrial Technology Department.
B. All designs must be capable of being manufactured within a reasonable time frame.

## Wing Warping

## 1905 Wright Flyer Design

Initial wing warping ideas for the USU Wright Flyer were based on the warping devices of the 1905 Wright Flyer (see Figure 2.1). The 1905 Wright Flyer used two flimsy spars that could be deflected to warp the wing. Each rib was attached to two spars, one at the leading edge of the wing and one about four feet back. With a clever cable setup, the Wright Brothers deflected the back spar to achieve an acceptable rolling rate. The design worked well with the thin airfoil of the 1905 Wright Flyer.

## USU Wright Flyer Design

Using the wing warping method designed by the Wright Brothers as a foundation, internal changes were made to accommodate the new airfoil shape. Several ideas considered were twisting a single spar, splitting a rib to include an elastomeric interface and twisting the leading edge of the wing with free floating ribs.

## Twisting a Single Spar

This concept uses a single main spar to carry both the lifting loads and the wing warping loads. The spar would have a torsion load applied at the wingtip to cause the attached ribs to deflect.

Initial concepts using a twisting spar had some very appealing properties. Foremost was the elimination of the rear spar, which greatly reduced the overall weight of the wing structure. Control cables and rods would be located inside the wing structure, eliminating parasitic drag caused by external cables.

Several attributes of the Single Spar design were found to be unacceptable. First, the main spar would be subjected to continuous torsion and bending loads. Torsion loads would be further increased by the inherent moment caused by the wing. Such a combination of loads was frightening bearing in mind that if the spar failed the aircraft would crash. Second, no acceptable twisting mechanism was found to apply controlled warping.


Figure 2.1: The. 1905 Wright Flyer wing warping detail from original drawings.

## Splitting the Ribs with an Elastomeric Interface

This concept splits the outer ribs near the quarter-chord and reattaches them with an elastomeric material effectively creating a large, internal aileron. A load applied to the back spar would bend the back portion of the ribs while the front piece remained rigidly attached to the main spar. Two rubber-like interfaces would hold the pieces to together (Figure 2.2). This eliminates the constant loading of the main spar, allowing it to carry the lifting forces while the rear spar experiences only the predictable bending loads created by the control cables.

A mockup was built to analyze the feasibility of construction and locate any problems that were not originally taken into account. Motion was found to be acceptable, but the front and back rib pieces tended to separate. Applying retaining blocks to the edges of the ribs impeded this problem, but still left concern (Figure 2.3).


Figure 2.2: Split rib with elastomeric material.


Figure 2.3: Split rib with elastomeric material mockup.

Unfortunately, this design did not meet the requirement for simplicity. As the individual parts were considered, the design quickly grew too complex. This design required two to three separate D-tubes, elastomeric material that would run the entire length of the warping section, two spars, and four spar collars (Figure 2.4).


Figure 2.4: List of required parts for split rib idea.

## Twisting Leading Edge with Free-Floating Ribs

Work was then done to simplify the previous design. It was found that the leading edge of the airfoil was nearly three inches in diameter. Therefore, a three-inch diameter front spar was placed at the leading edge. This would strengthen the leading edge and effectively eliminate the need for the two heavy D-tubes, which could now be replaced with a single lightweight composite piece. The rib was also left as a solid piece that could rotate around the front spar, eliminating the need for the elastomeric material. Finally, simple wooden blocks bonded to the spar replaced the spar collars to constrain the ribs in the lateral direction.

This idea, consisting of only five main parts (the ribs, the back spar, the front spar, the leading edge, and the wingtip) is much simpler than the previous design, which incorporates ten. As shown in Figure 2.5, the outer seven ribs are free-floating over both spars and are bonded only to the slightly flexible leading edge. The wingtip simply constrains the distance between the two spar tips and is also free-floating. Control cables bend the back spar to provide the same warping motion as the 1905 Wright Flyer. Ironically, the best design found was nearly identical to the 1905 Wright Flyer, which is great testament to the ingenuity and engineering skill of the Wright Brothers.

## Leading Edge Design

To achieve the flexibility for the required motion of the leading edge, the expertise of Dave Widauf and Charles Larsen was sought. According to their opinion, woven graphite laid up at a $45^{\circ}$ angle would provide the needed strength and flexibility.


Figure 2.5: Twisting leading edge idea detail.

## Determination of Required Wing Deflection

To ensure proper aileron size and placement it was necessary to model the USU Wright Flyer using WINGS2001. The process of studying the affects of aileron deflection entails matching a desired rolling rate with the required aileron deflection. If a large deflection is required the ailerons may be undersized or poorly located. Similarly, small deflections might indicate that the ailerons are too large.

The difficult part in obtaining assurance of proper aileron sizing and deflection is generating an accurate model of the airplane. For most aircraft it is not a problem because the ailerons have a specific location and size. However, it is difficult to model a warping wing.

WINGS2001 applies the same angle of aileron deflection on every flap designated as an aileron. With wing warping, the wing is most deflected toward the tips of the wing and the deflection decreases until the wing can be considered rigid, having no deflection. Since it was impossible to model this gradual decrease in deflection angle in WINGS2001, a different technique was used. First of all, the wing was broken up into sections as shown in Figure 2.6(a). After dividing the wing, the midpoint of each section was treated as a point on a cantilever beam. Next, the ratio of a section's midpoint deflection compared to the maximum deflection was used as the percent of the chord of each section used as an effective aileron, as shown in Figure 2.6(a) and (b).

A rolling rate value $p$, commonly used for aileron sizing in low-maneuverability aircraft is shown non-dimensionalized as follows (Phillips):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(p b_{w} / 2 V_{o}\right)_{\max } \geq 0.07 \tag{eq.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

After placing this value into WINGS2001, the resulting rolling moment was then balanced by an opposing aileron deflection. At this balanced configuration, the aileron deflection required in the lifting line model was $5.4^{\circ}$, which corresponds to a wingtip deflection of 4.3 inches. A visual of the exaggerated wing warping used in WINGS2001 is shown in Figure 2.7.

## Trailing Edge Design

## 1905 Wright Flyer Design

The Wright Brothers simply attached a wire, pulled as tight as possible, to the trailing edge of the ribs. This design did an adequate job, but still allowed the fabric to 'dip' and 'bubble' in flight.


Figure 2.6: (a) Visual of how the main wing was sectioned, and the percent chord used on each section as an effective aileron. (b) Cantilever beam model used to approximate the percent chord modeled as an aileron.


Figure 2.7: Exaggerated wing warping of the WINGS2001 model.

## USU Wright Flyer Design

Great thought was given to this aspect of the design mainly because of a paper written by J. D. DeLaurier of the University of Toronto, "The Development of an Efficient Ornithopter Wing." The DeLaurier-proposed ornithopter wing had many similar warping motions and requirements, namely the design required that the skin of a double-surface airfoil remained relatively unwrinkled. To achieve this, a sliding trailing edge was developed for the ornithopter wing.
"The essential feature is that the trailing edge has to be split, thus opening the 'torque box' formed by the airfoil's cross section. Two unidirectional carbon fibre/epoxy strips are glued to the ends of the ribs to form the trailing edge. However, these are not glued to each other. Instead, clips are attached which prevent spreading of the trailing edge while allowing free relative lateral motion between the strips" as seen in Figure 2.8 (DeLaurier 1993).

## Final Design

Upon further investigation, the motion of the USU Wright Flyer was considered small when compared to the ornithopter motion, and the shearflex trailing edge concept was retired. Therefore, a simple, off-the-shelf trailing edge was specified as seen in Figure 2.9.


Figure 2.8: Shearflex concept.


Figure 2.9: Trailing edge detail.

## Spar Design

## 1905 Wright Flyer Design

The 1905 design, as mentioned in the 'Wing Warping' section, consisted of a rectangular arrangement of relatively flimsy spars that depended on cables for stiffness. Wing warping and weight seemed to be the reason behind the idea.

## USU Wright Flyer Design

To accommodate the wing warping mechanics, two spars would be required: a main front spar that would carry most of the lifting load and a smaller, flexible back spar that would share some of the lifting load and provide the proper deflection motion for wing warping. Each spar would also require a high enough radial stiffness to bear landing loads at each of the chassis interfaces.

To meet the strength requirement stated above, the combination of the bending stiffness of the front spar, the back spar, and the cables would have to have a deflection of 20 inches while carrying a wingtip load of $60 \mathrm{lbf}\left(\frac{\text { Weight } \cdot \text { LoadPercentage }}{4}\right)$. This test simulates a 2.5 g load to the aircraft. In order to design to these specifications, several assumptions were made. First, since a canard-configured aircraft will always have some load being carried by the canard, a percentage of the load will be sustained by the canard. Second, the load on the wings will be equally distributed over both wings. Finally, the
addition of ribs, skin, and especially cables will carry a substantial percentage of the load. It was decided to model the load percentages as follows:

| Front Spar: | $30 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Back Spar: | $20 \%$ |
| Canard: | $15 \%$ |
| Cables/Ribs/Skin: | $50 \%$ |

## Front Spar Design

To determine the size and layup to carry the aforementioned load, a simple cantilever model was used (much the same that was used to determine aileron deflection) where the chassis interface location was considered the rigid point of the cantilever (207 inches from the wingtip). The bending load would be placed at the wingtip (see Figure 2.10).

From the chosen wing warping design, the front spar would have to fit the ribs' leading edge of three inches in diameter. It was found that a 3.2 -inch diameter tube would only change the leading edge by 0.01 inches. Therefore, a range of values was known for the outer diameter: 3.0 to 3.2 inches in diameter. The outer three ribs' leading edge radii decreased linearly as they were placed further from the center. The front outer spar diameter was reduced to fit this change.

All that was now required to complete the initial design was the inner diameter or thickness of the tube. To find this, the stiffness of the tube would have to be modeled. Composites have been known to have moduli that are difficult to predict. For help with this aspect, a paper written by Chan and Demirhan of The University of Texas at Arlington was consulted. It states that the bending stiffness of composite tube[s] can be obtained by using smeared modulus of the laminate and multiplying the moment of inertia of the tube. The expression is given as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E I=E_{x} \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot\left(R_{o}^{4}-R_{i}^{4}\right) \tag{eq.2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{x}}$ is the smeared modulus of the tube laminate and can be obtained by lamination. (Chan, Demirhan 1995) According to one of the composites donators, Bill Pratt of Patterned Composites Inc., the smeared modulus of the contributed material would be 95 to 100 MPa .

Armed with these assumptions and values, calculation was done to find the thickness of the tube to be ten laminate layers (.05 inches) on the inner section of the spar and twelve layers on the outer section of the spar (Appendix C).


Figure 2.10: Cantilever model used to size front and back spars.

The front spar's layup was done according to the suggestion of Bill Pratt. He suggested that multiples of four were required when using wavy composites to retain even curing properties. Therefore, four wavy layers, two $0^{\circ}$ layers, and then another four wavy layers were used for the inner section. This layup takes advantage of the ease of building, beauty, and torsional stiffness of the wavy graphite while retaining the good bending stiffness qualities of the $0^{\circ}$ layers. The front outer spar would use a twelve layer wavy design.

## Back Spar Design

While the front spar was mainly designed to hold the bending forces of lift, the back spar was made to support lift, propeller forces, and to assist the warping motion. As can be seen in Figure 2.11, the back outer spar is a large, flexible glass tube much like a vaulting pole in order to provide the proper warping mechanics. The larger middle section of the spar was made to be a rigid anchor for the outer spar and a stiff connection for the engine struts.


Figure 2.11: Back spar assembly.

Again, the smearing method was used to calculate the proper thickness for the inner and outer tubes. The exact motion that would be caused by forces from lift, control cable, and/or propeller forces is unknown because of coupling effects, but has been accounted for in designs discussed in the 'Interface Design' section.

Thicknesses for the back spar pieces were found to be eight layers of graphite and a lay-up of eight wavy layers would be used (see Appendix C).

## Spar to Spar Interfaces

Since the complete spar would be difficult to build as one piece, each spar would have to be made in section and attached together using interfaces. These consisted of shorter, stiffer graphite tubes made to slide into the ends of each spar section and would be filled with foam, wood or any acceptable filler. A filler was used to support the part from crushing since most spar locations have either a chassis interface or a wing strut interface or both.

At the locations where the diameter of the spar is reduced, a different insert would be used. A 'spar cap' was inserted into the end of the larger diameter spar having the smaller diameter spar adhered to the inner part. Consisting of a balsa center and spruce end caps, the spar cap would resist the bending loads of the smaller spar while remaining lightweight (Figure 2.12).

## Spar Weight

Fortunately, the required stiffness of the spars resulted in a lightweight tube. The total weight of the front spar would be about 15 pounds ( $1 / 3 \mathrm{lb} /$ foot). The total weight of the back spar drops to 12 pounds ( $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb} / f 0 o t$ ). This left 66 pounds for ribs, struts, connections and skin (see Appendix C). The final spar design follows in Figure 2.13.

Figure 2.12: Spar cap assembly.


Figure 2.13: Final spar assembly.

## Rib Design

The two functions of the USU Wright Flyer ribs were to carry the lifting forces (bending loads) and to constrain the spars in the longitudinal direction (buckling loads). The ribs would form the airfoil shape, and require stiffness in every direction. Also, with over 60 ribs, weight was of great concern.

A number of ribs were manufactured by students of the ITE Department. Each rib consisted of a low-density foam core and a single layer of glass/epoxy adhered to the surfaces of the foam (Figure 2.14). Since the manufacturing method was proven, this general design was chosen for further analysis and modifications.

A simple test was done to determine the bending strength of the ribs (Figure 2.15). Weight was added in a suspended bucket until rib failure. One rib that was recorded to weighed less than 0.5 pounds carried a load of 142 pounds.

The load each rib carried was determined by taking the theoretical lift distribution from WINGS2001 and finding a polynomial to fit the curve (Figure 2.16). The largest rib load in a 2.5 g maneuver was calculated to be 50 lbf , well below the tested 142 lbf . This relatively small value was expected because of the small wing loading.


Figure 2.14: Rib layup.


Figure 2.15: Rib testing method


Figure 2.16: Lift distribution of the USU Wright Flyer

This result left room for weight reduction and several more rib designs were tested, such as the "swiss cheese" design seen in Figure 2.17. Before this testing was done, it was decided that manufacturability would be sacrificed if holes were cut in the rib structures. If holes were cut the exposed foam would have to be covered by composite - a painstaking process for 60 ribs. Since this only reduced the weight of the wing by 3 pounds, it was decided to reduce the weight by using less foam and replacing the fiberglass skin with Kevlar.

## Wing Strut Design

## 1905 Wright Flyer Design

The Wright Brothers used spruce sticks to provide a vertical constraint between the wings. Each strut had an eyebolt lashed to the end that was run though a hook fastened to each spar. This prevented the strut from applying any torsional forces to the spars.

## USU Wright Flyer Design

Several aspects of the strut design were explored. First, since the strut crosssection with respect to the free-stream velocity was rather large, drag would be a major consideration. Second, a six-foot strut could be rather heavy and weight was an issue. Third, the struts would have to meet requirements for strength and manufacturability. Several ideas were considered.


Figure 2.17: "Swiss cheese" rib concept.

## Graphite, Cylindrical Tube with Graphite/Nickel Streamlined Fairing

To be consistent with the spar design, a cylindrical tube was initially chosen as the strut structure. The tube and fairing would be made of graphite/epoxy. Simple buckling calculations showed that a $3 / 4$-inch tube would be required to hold the loads. A nickel-coated fairing would be wrapped around the strut to reduce drag and provide aesthetics.

## Graphite, Airfoil Shaped Tube

The second idea consisted of using an airfoil-shaped bar as a mandrel for the strut. Composite would then be laid around the mandrel and cured. Since the airfoil shape was wider and longer than the diameter of the cylindrical tube, the buckling resistance would be higher and there would be no need for a fairing. The only problem was that the concept was unproven.

With the help and expertise of Professor Charles Larsen, a method was developed to make a streamlined strut (Figure 2.18). This aspect of the USU Wright Flyer is perhaps the most innovative of the entire wing structure. By using this unique building scheme, the struts were created with an airfoil shape made from graphite and epoxy with a nickel surface to create the appearance of wood.

## Configuration

The layout of the struts is nearly identical to the 1905 Wright Flyer with one exception: the USU Wright Flyer has added cross struts (see Figure 2.19). By doing this, the stress box was closed where the wings attach to the chassis to provide longitudinal stiffness and help carry the landing and thrust loads.


Figure 2.18: Streamlined tube made with wavy graphite.


Figure 2.19: Demonstration of the 'stress box'.

## Strut Interface Design

With a finalized strut design, the last obstacle was to connect these struts to the spars. Each interface would have to withstand expected loads while not affecting the properties of the spar. Also, since the above mentioned loads were unknown before actual flight-testing, a modular design was developed to meet the requirements if unforeseen problems arose.

The first part of the design was a simple aluminum plate that would be bonded and strapped to the spar with epoxy and graphite strips. The plate could be bonded in any direction on the spar, providing modularity. Also, the effect on the spar properties would be minimal. Second, a simple aluminum tube would be welded onto the center of the plate. The support bar of the strut would then be inserted inside the tube and affixed to the strut by an epoxy/cotton filler (see Figure 2.20).

Weldament strength was a concern and strength calculations were done to determine that a $0.20 \times 0.20$ weld bead would provide strength to withstand the expected bending load of 421 pounds. Where needed, universal joints (Figure 2.21) were used instead of the inserted bar to protect the structure from repeating loading. These joints were constrained in twisting and axial directions, and still allow bending.


Figure 2.20: USU Wright Flyer interface assembly.


Figure 2.21: A universal joint in twisting, bending, and compression.

## Cable Design

## 1905 Wright Flyer Design

The majority of the 1905 Wright Flyer wing stiffness was provided by a large matrix of cables. These cables were required because of the inherent flaws of the aircraft configuration such as large wings, no fuselage, and flimsy wing spars.

USU Wright Flyer Design

## Structural Cabling

For aesthetic purposes, the inherent problems mentioned above were slightly improved but not avoided. Therefore cables were needed to add stiffness to the USU Wright Flyer wing box. The wing spars would be much stiffer than their 1905 predecessors, and the exact stiffness of the entire wing structure would be very difficult to analytically determine. It was determined to make a modular interface design that would allow different cable configurations.

Simple cable plates were designed to fit the bar of the strut interface (Figure 2.22 ), which could easily be added or removed to any strut interface. The one-pronged cable plate would accommodate a strut interface with only one cable connection while the two-pronged cable plate could fit two connections. It was estimated that the largest load to be carried by the structural cables would be 412 pounds and a $1 / 16$-inch cable (break strength of 460 pounds) was specified.

## Control Cabling

To provide routing for the cable design shown in Figure 2.23, another modular pulley idea was used (Figure 2.24). The pulley assembly was also attached to the strut interfaces via cable plates. The cable plates were then bent to the proper angles to prevent cable derailment. Standard $1 / 8$-inch control cable was used on all control routing.

## Conclusion

As was shown in the previous sections, many concepts of the USU Wright Flyer mimic the Wright Brothers' original wing design while accommodating the needs of the USU Wright Flyer. By doing this, the design remains true to the Wright Brothers' legacy while creating a safer platform.


Figure 2.22: USU Wright Flyer cable plates (one and two-pronged).


Figure 2.23: Control cable routing design.


Figure 2.24: USU Wright Flyer pulley assembly.

## CANARD DESIGN



## Introduction

The main objective of the USU Wright Flyer canard redesign was to make a strong, simple bi-wing canard, which looked like the 1905 Wright Flyer canard. A canard is the vertical elevator for the aircraft. The dominating problem was the design had to be flexible to accept aerodynamic design modifications and constraints which were undetermined at the beginning stages of the design. Also new material types were to be used and it was important to understand the different characteristics of innovative composite materials.

## Concept

When designing a component of an aircraft such as the canard, it is critical to understand the loads and moments that it will experience during normal use and the maximum loads encountered. The initial estimation of the loads in flight was estimated as half the weight of the plane plus a safety factor of two. Resulting in a maximum load of 500 pounds, this was used to calculate stresses. In actuality, the final aerodynamic analysis predicts a trimmed flight load of 183.1 lbs and a 2.5 G loading of 457.75 lbs . The 500 -pound estimation was an adequate loading in comparison to the predicted values.

## Preliminary Design

To allow the airfoil shape, size and location to be variable until aerodynamic analysis was complete meant the structure had to be able to accept a wide variety of constraints and dimensions such as chord length and thickness. A preliminary design package was created and presented to the customer, which incorporated the variability of the structural components and placement.

The initial design for the aerodynamics was finished on November 20 establishing specific parameters such as the chord length, mounting angle, span and distance from the leading edge of the wing. These numbers were later finalized on January 10 and all subsequent drawings that used preliminary design numbers were modified but the basic design did not change.

The 1905 Wright Flyer canard pivoted about the half-chord, which allowed for the varying camber as the angle of attack increased (see Figure 3.1). Canard design constraints were no ailerons, no airfoil deformation during changes in angle of attack, and pivoting about the quarter chord. Pivoting about the quarter chord allows the hinge pins to take most of the load. This minimizes the pitching moments or control forces, and reduces the input force required from the pilot.


Figure 3.1: Original canard changing airfoil shape as angle of attack varies.

## Airfoil

The airfoil shape changed drastically as shown by Figure 3.2. The drawing package needed the correct airfoil shape for the construction of the foam core. To determine the dimensions of various components, an X-Y data point file for the airfoil was plotted in AutoCAD 2000 and then imported into Inventor. The airfoil shape was extruded as the basis for all subsequent parts.

## The Original 1905 Canard Airfoil



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Figure 3.2: A comparison of the original canard airfoil versus the 2003 design.

## Hinges

Vital structural components of the canard are the hinges, ensuring that both lifting surfaces rotate at the same angle. The shear loads on the hinge pins are small: 125 lbf ( 500 lbf being divided among the 4 hinges). The main spar was initially along the quarter chord for strength, but was moved forward properly locating the hinge pins. The main spar and hard plates are important mounting points; a collar and two plates were logical ways to mount to these components. A round collar was initially used to mount on a round support strut. The strut was changed to an airfoil cross-section to reduce drag. This required the collar to be changed to a plate that welded onto the strut. The new hinge assembly is shown in Figure 3.3.

## Control linkages

Control linkages start with cables coming from the cockpit, running along the left skid from the control stick to a bell crank. The bell crank connects the cables to pushpull rods that connect to the hinge assembly. Hinges are coupled and are attached to the hard plates on one side of the strut supports. The hard plates and hinge assembly transfer the torque from the controls throughout the foam. The first idea was to form hard plastic to make these hard plates. A more suitable solution, considering cost and ease of manufacturability, was to bolt the hinge to half-inch plywood.

For the final selection, a bell crank was mounted on the support struts in between the two lifting surfaces of the canard to control angle of attack. Running parallel to the chassis struts, the control cables from the cockpit attach to the bell crank at a variable distance from the pivot point. This adjustability of control wires allows the pilot to set a desired deflection rate and stick force (see Figure 3.4).

Also seen in the figure are the push-pull rods attached to the bell crank, which connect to the hinge assemblies mounted in the lifting surfaces of the canard. A symmetric four-bar linkage was designed such that the angle of attack of each lifting surface was identical.

## Structure:

The objective in the overall structure was to keep it as strong and as light as possible, while retaining a safety factor. The notion of designing a carbon fiber-truss-airfoil-shaped structure as rib supports with varying pressure loads was possible but unnecessary. The most feasible and modular design, from a manufacturing standpoint, was to use a solid foam core. Dave Widauf, an expert in composite fabrication, suggested several options that were available for construction. He mentioned several hybrid methods not generally found in engineering textbooks such as plastic or foam cores with fiberglass skins, D-tube spar and graphite shell, or shaped honeycomb with graphite layers similar to that used in F-16 fighter planes. A foam core rib reinforced with fiberglass skin was chosen for manufacturability, which includes the low cost of materials, little training needed for technicians, and no need for special equipment.


Figure 3.3: Final lower hinge assembly showing hinge pin.


Figure 3.4: Canard bell crank mounted to support strut.

## Testing and Mockups

A full size mock up of one of the canard wings was built and assembled. An excellent job of covering the foam core with a graphite skin was done. Figure 3.5 gives a reference for how large the canard lifting surfaces are.


Figure 3.5: Nate standing in front of the canard wing.

## Final Design

Due to a sound preliminary design, the final design did not vary much from the initial ideas. Some materials and dimensions were modified, but most modifications were putting details into the assembly. To match the aesthetics of the original planform view of the canard, the wing tips had to be made in several pieces as shown in Figure 3.5. Each section has a different chord length of the same USU airfoil shape with a scaled down thickness and width. A template of the cross-sections for each piece had to be made so the foam cores could be hot-wired out. Each section is glued to the next and sanded for a smooth finish before being coated with a layer of fiberglass.

The location of the center of gravity, an important design constraint, needed to be moved forward. Weight was added to the canard to ballast the aircraft. As a result, steel was used for many components instead of hanging odd-looking items from the canard. The main spar is made of large steel tubing. The rear spar size and position were chosen such that the sum of the moments about the $1 / 4$ chord was zero. With the added weight, the center of gravity was moved to the correct location, meeting the aerodynamic requirements of the aircraft.


Figure 3.5: Diagram of the different foam sections of the canard end caps.

## RUDDER Design



## Preliminary Design

The design constraints for the rudder were to reduce weight and drag. The requirement of minimal drag set the rudder airfoil shape as a thin airfoil. The lifting surface needed to be symmetric with the objective that the lift coefficient must remain equivalent as angle of attack varied from one direction to the other. The NACA 0009 was selected, being symmetric and having a maximum thickness that is $9 \%$ of the chord length. From WINGS2001 the maximum lifting coefficient was found to be at $\alpha=8^{\circ}$ and the maximum force for this angle of attack was found to be 130 lbs . Initial designs were established using this number as the preliminary maximum force on each panel.

The early design was composed of a simple foam core covered with one or two layers of fiberglass and resin depending on the strength test performed. The chord length, spar length, and the distance between centers were kept at the same dimensions as the 1905 Wright Flyer to retain aesthetics. The two rudder panels would no longer be joined as a rigid box pivoting about a center point, but rather rotate parallel to each other about the quarter chord (see Figure 4.1). There are many advantages of changing this design including minimizing the effects of downwash from one panel to the other, and having the center of pressure acting along the pivot points.


Figure 4.1: Top view of rudder pivoting at quarter chord.

The top and bottom cross plates connecting the two rudder panels could be made light and extremely strong by using a honeycomb core with several layers of carbon fiber lamina on the outside. Hard points inserted inside the honeycomb were needed to take the compressive loads caused by mounting the attach fittings to the plates. Bearings also had to be mounted inside the honeycomb to provide pivot points for the rudder panels.

The rudder initially was to attach by an aluminum channel that bolts to the rudder plates (see Figure 4.2) and glues to the main wing ribs. Standard dimensions for aluminum channel stock set the thickness of the plates and special wing ribs. Round aluminum inserts to fit in the carbon fiber tubes had to be tapered, such that the fittings would not cause stress risers at the uneven point of contact when in bending. The round inserts and aluminum channel were designed to weld together. Special care was given to the top attachments that must be welded on a slight angle of $6.6^{\circ}$ in order to match the geometry of the original Wright Flyer.


Figure 4.2: Rudder attachments that bolt to the cross plates.

## Testing and Mockups

Before any testing or building of prototypes, it was decided that a solid foam core added too much weight to the rear of the aircraft, and that a rib design would be lighter. A test mockup of the rib design is still being built. Due to fabrication length constraints the C-beam and leading edge are both constructed in two sections and later glued together as shown in Figures 4.3 and 4.4. Extensive testing will be done to ensure the two sections are properly bonded together.

A working prototype of a rudder panel was fabricated. End caps were changed from half-inch plywood to half-inch honeycomb with aluminum skin, which greatly reduced the weight. It was found that the Kevlar reinforced foam leading edge could be manufactured to be a full pound lighter than predicted. The rudder panel shown in Figure 4.5 weighed 3.5 lbs .


Figure 4.3: Rudder D-tube fabricated from more than one piece of foam.


Figure 4.4: C-beam and foam leading edge being glued together using epoxy-resin mix.


Figure 4.5: Prototype of one rudder panel that measures 81 inches in length and weighs 3.5 pounds.

## Selection

Initially a large safety factor was invoked and later reduced considerably as the weight in the rear of the aircraft became the primary concern in attempting to move the center of gravity of the aircraft to a foot in front of the leading edge of the wing. Many parts were reduced in size making them lighter and weaker.

To reduce drag, support cables were initially removed from the design. The proper tube strength to hold the rudder rigid was derived such that the aero-elastic deflection was less than $4^{\circ}$. Sufficiently strong tubes were calculated to weigh 6 pounds at length of 9.5 ft . As prescribed by weight restrictions, this design was replaced by the use of support cables capable of withstanding the lateral forces created at maximum deflection. The support tubes are also only required to resist compressive loads, thus greatly reducing their size and weight. Included in the design selection was the shortening of the tube lengths from 9.5 ft to 8 feet to aesthetically match the changes done to distance the canard is from the wing. With the thinning and the shortening of the support tubes, each tubes final predicted weight is now 1.66 lbs . A symmetric, seven layer stacking sequence of $[0 / \pm 20 / 0 / \pm 20 / 0]$ was used in the calculation of loads with the primary concern of buckling. Later it was changed to a wavy composite.

Elaborate attach fittings that earlier served as cantilever beam-ends were reduced in size because there was no longer a need to withstand bending moment. The aluminum inserts, which were tapered to prevent a stress riscr, ware changed to thin steel tubing. The tubes bond to the inside of the support beams require holes to increasing the mechanical bond strength. Slits are milled in the side to allow attach plates to be welded in the tubing, see Figure 4.6. Where the support tubes attach on the wing spar, a single tab is welded to a collar that is glued and lashed to the spar. This provides ample strength and rigidity for mounting (see Figure 4.7).

## Final Design

The final design consisted of a C-beam channel spar along the quarter chord that allowed one inch notched ribs to be glued to the inside of it. The ribs were made of foam covered in fiberglass or Kevlar to make them as light as possible. The C-beam consisted of two layers of bi-directional weave carbon fiber laid up inside two pieces of aluminum channel and pressed together during the curing process. The rudder endplates are made from half-inch aluminum covered honeycomb, and the pivot inserts were changed to lightweight Delrin plastic. The trailing edge could be purchased from the Spruce Aircraft catalog. Other components remain the same (see Figure 4.8).


Figure 4.6: Attach fittings that bolt to the rudder cross plates.


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Figure 4.7: Attach fittings that mount to the rear wing spar.


Figure 4.8: Final rudder panel assembly.

## CロCKPIT DESIGN



## Introduction

To fly the 1905 Wright Flyer, the pilot lay prone with his head forward as shown in Figure 5.1, his left hand operating the elevator control, and his right hand operating the rudder control. Lateral control was achieved by warping the wing tips in opposite directions via wires attached to a hip cradle mounted on the lower wing. The pilot shifted his hips from side to side to operate the mechanism (Smithsonian 2002). In 1907, the Wright brothers hastily adapted their 1905 Flyer with two seats and a more powerful engine as shown in Figure 5.2, as per request of the U.S. Army and the French.


Figure 5.1: 1903, Orville Wright flying prone.


Figure 5.1: 1907, Orville Wright flying upright.

## Concept

The USU Wright Flyer was in need of a cockpit design, since the 1905 edition did not incorporate a literal cockpit. The customers set up guidelines for a cockpit design. The specified guidelines to design towards included:

1. Consider pilot ergonomics
2. Implement modern control mechanisms
3. Incorporate flight instrumentation
4. Modular mounting
5. Simple maintenance
6. Accommodate two people
7. Maintain overall aesthetics

The cockpit integration into the flyer needed to be accomplished without distracting from the original aesthetics of the 1905 Flyer. Early aerodynamic analysis illustrated a prone pilot impractical for the stability of the flyer. The seats needed to be placed on the center of gravity. This allows the location of the CG to remain unchanged even with weight differences in passengers.

## Preliminary Design

To begin the cockpit design initial decisions were made to direct the design of the project. One decision was an open cockpit. Another was to use mechanical control mechanisms as opposed to radio signals or electrically driven controls. These decisions were the dominating factors in the design of the cockpit.

## Cockpit Frame

The frame was the first component of the cockpit to be designed. The frame was first intended for an average man of about $6^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ in height. The layout and position of the pilot was similar to a small one-seat aircraft. Initially the frame was to be manufactured from carbon fiber tubing, but the resultant frame looked like a PVC structure (as shown in Figures 5.3 and 5.4.)


Figure 5.2: Line drawing of first frame design.


Figure 5.3: First frame design including control mechanisms.

Considering ergonomic issues, the arrangement of the pilot was changed to a more comfortable sitting position, as shown in Figure 5.5. The position change allows for a more pleasant flight for extended periods. In addition, it creates a place for the passenger to place his/her feet so interference with the rudder pedals does not occur.


Figure 5.4: Cockpit frame with modified sitting position.

The next major design modification was the frame material. Aesthetically the frame looked like it was constructed out of PVC pipe. Structurally the cockpit would be subject to tensile, compressive, and bending stresses. Carbon Fiber exhibits high tensile strength, however the bending strength of tubular composites is very difficult to predict and model. In consideration of the manufacturability of the structure, the material type of the frame was changed to aluminum (6061).tubing stock, and high strength steel (AISI 4130), as shown in Figure 5.6. Changing the frame to isotropic, readily available materials, allowed for simpler design calculations and considerable simplification of the manufacturing plan.

Considering the stability of the USU Wright Flyer, the frame suspends between two aluminum chassis bars making the position of the travelers adjustable. Aerodynamic analysis positioned the location of the CG in front of the leading edge of the wing. To aid in moving the CG forward, the engine was proposed to mount on the cockpit structure. A practical place to mount the engine was between the pilot and passenger on the footrest plate as shown in Figure 5.7.


Figure 5.5: Frame designed towards manufacturability.


Figure 5.6: Frame including the engine position

## Pitch/Roll Control System

The control stick, pitch, and roll mechanisms were the next components designed. Initial mechanism sketches were drawn as shown in Figure 5.8. The simple pitch and roll reactions were coupled, meaning that when the pitch mechanism was initiated a roll reaction occurred too. To solve the problem, the cable for the roll mechanism was placed along the center of rotation of the pitch mechanism as shown in Figure 5.9.


Figure 5.7: Control mechanism sketch.


Figure 5.8: Simple representation of mechanisms needed.

Modifications were made to the original control system. Shown in Figure 5.10, the straight stick was replaced with a curved stick to eliminate seat contact when pulled inward. Placing both control differentials outside the main rotation tube further simplified the design. Shown in Figure 5.11, the bell crank for the pitch mechanism was placed in line with its connecting device on the canard. The throw differential was moved to an external position due to size restraints.


Figure 5.9: Control system.


Figure 5.10: Final control system

## Rudder Control System

The next component for design consideration was the rudder or yaw mechanism. An initial sketch shown in Figure 5.12 represents a possible mechanism. To bring the rotation in-house, a modular pedal set was considered. A floating bar connects the primary set to the trainees' pedal set. The pilot's pedal set incorporates the rudder control differential as shown in Figure 5.13.


Figure 5.11: Initial rudder mechanism drawing.


Figure 5.12: Modular rudder pedal set.

To reduce the number of parts included in the rudder pedal assembly, the system was revamped. Shown in Figure 5.14, the new configuration performs the same task as the modular set, but with simple movements and a design similar to many systems currently used in industry. The bell tabs allow for adjustable pedal movement versus rudder rotation.

## Testing and Mockups

## Cockpit Frame

The selection of the span bars, footrest bars, and chassis bar was based on a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, which represents different shapes of possible stock bars and calculates maximum deflection and bar weight. To check the chosen bar geometry, a model of each worst-case scenario was performed using I-DEAS finite element method. Refer to plots in Appendix D.

## The Control Systems

Throughout the cockpit design process, physical and 3-D computer models were useful design and visualization tools. Physical models brought attention to problems with actual movements. Shown in Figure 5.15 is a simple cotton swab and pin mockup of an initial design concept. The mockup illustrated coupling movements in the pitch and roll mechanism. Shown in Figure 5.16 is a balsa wood mockup of the cockpit system. The quarter scale model showed concerns with mounting the pitch and roll control assembly. The model brought attention to concerns with mounting the modular cockpit onto the chassis, and the effect of a solid footplate when flying at an angle. The computer models also illustrated physical problems such as control stick interference with the seat, size and mounting concerns.


Figure 5.13: Rudder pedals.

## Pitch/Roll Control System

The final design of the pitch and roll control system, shown in Figure 5.18 is easy to integrate into the main cockpit frame. To mount the system, two pillow blocks bolt onto the chassis bars. The thin walled steel rotation tube has bell crank tabs welded on one end to control the canard movement, which also couples the primary and trainee sticks. Sideways control stick movement initiates the wing warp mechanism. The trainee control stick is coupled to the primary with a push-pull rod. The control stick is fabricated from tubular steel stock. All systems use pull-pull cable response, excluding coupling devices.

## Rudder Control System

The final design of the rudder control system, shown in Figure 5.19 is simple and common to industry. A steel tube connects the right pedals together and another steel tube connects the left pedals together. The right and left pedals are coupled through a bell crank. The bell crank tabs use a push-pull rod to move the bell crank that in turn pulls the cable to rotate the rudder. The bell crank is located about one foot back from the pedal assembly. The pedal assembly is mounted using pillow block type mounts with dual holes to restrain the bars.


Figure 5.17: Final pitch/roll control system.


Figure 5.18: Final rudder control assembly.

## Conclusion

The final cockpit design meets the criteria set by the customers. The cockpit is designed for two occupants, sitting upright. The pilot can easily reach the rudder pedals, and the footrest plate provides an area for the passenger's feet. The coupled control mechanisms are purely mechanical, and are similar to systems currently used in industry. The necessary flight instrumentation is mounted on the control panel to meet Federal Aviation Regulations for ultra-light aircraft. The cockpit frame is mounted modularly using standard bolts and materials. The incorporation of high strength steel minimizes the amount of materials used and causes less distraction from the overall flyer aesthetics. The evolution of the design produced a more efficient, manufacturable cockpit.

## DRIVE TRAIN AND PRロFLLSIロN DESIGN



## Propellers

## Requirements

Propeller selection was based on several requirements including aesthetics and thrust production. As much as possible, the propellers needed to look just like the propellers designed by the Wright Brothers. The propellers also needed to produce enough thrust to make the plane safe under all predictable conditions. The 1905 Wright Flyer incorporated two counter-rotating propellers, with eight-foot diameters. From a photo copy of Wilbur and Orville Wright's 1908 Notebook, pg.13, the results of testing the original propellers show a static thrust between 132 and 136 pounds (for two propellers) when the propellers were turning at a speed of 350 rpm (Ash 2001).

Much has been accomplished in the development of propellers since the Wright brothers flew nearly 100 years ago, but the trends they observed are still valid today. A large diameter propeller, accelerating a large mass of air across a small velocity increment is most efficient. The Wright Brothers used the largest propeller possible considering their airframe structure. At low airspeeds, a small pitch to diameter ratio produces the most thrust per unit power: during low forward speed conditions, the rotational velocity of the blades is much larger than the forward velocity. The free stream velocity seen by the propeller blade sections is basically in the plane of propeller rotation. To keep the blades from stalling, the angle of attack of the blades must be measured relative to the direction of rotation and designed to be less than the stall angle. Since the velocity of the blade sections in the plane of rotation increases with the distance from the hub, the angle of attack of the blade sections must decrease with the distance from the hub. Stalled blade sections create large amount of drag and very little, if any, lift.

Selecting propellers for the USU Wright Flyer meant choosing propellers as close to the original eight-foot diameter as possible in order to maintain aesthetics. Minimizing forces such as P-factor and torque would require the use of counter-rotating propellers. Materials used for construction would need to be made of wood or at least finished to have the appearance of maple or mahogany. In accordance with the design goal of a lighter, stronger, more modern plane, the most modern and lightweight materials would have to be used.

## Preliminary

The foremost concern with the propellers was finding a manufacturer that would build an eight-foot propeller, and do so with lightweight composite materials. Most propellers used for modern lightweight aircraft have a diameter between four and six feet and are made of heavy metals. Reducing the diameter from eight feet to six or less was strongly considered for purposes of availability.

## Testing

Computer software that incorporates Propeller Blade theory and Goldstein Vortex theory was developed to further the understanding of each variable involved in propeller design. The main variables considered were diameter, pitch-to-diameter ratio, rotational speed, and desired cruise speeds. The main results considered were the power required to turn the propeller at take-off and cruise, and the thrust produced at take-off and cruise.

The advance ratio, J , is a variable that combines the forward airspeed of the plane, the rotational speed of the propeller and the propeller diameter, as shown in eq. 6.1.

(eq. 6.1)

After experimenting with the effects of each variable, and noting how each one affected the important results, several trends were found. Figure 6.1 shows the generic trends that power and thrust coefficients follow as functions of the advance ratio. Actual values of thrust and power are directly proportional to the coefficients. Conclusions drawn from the graphs include the fact that thrust produced drops off as velocity increases, which would indicate that for a given amount of power, a propeller driven plane would have a limiting maximum velocity.

## Selection

The majority of the design of the final propellers was done in conjunction with CATTO PROPELLERS, a propeller manufacturing and design company located in San Andreas, California. Calculations showed that the thrust produced at cruise speeds was


Figure 6.1: Generic curves for Thrust and Power Coefficients.
nearly independent of propeller diameter. On the other hand, for static thrust, or take off thrust, more thrust was available with larger diameters. With this information, the selection of the propeller diameter was simple. Propellers with the same eight-foot diameter that the Wright brothers used would meet constraints for both aesthetics and thrust.

With the general size of the propeller selected other specific parameters such as the pitch-to-diameter ratio, airfoil sections, and lift distribution depended mainly on the weight of the plane, the engine to be used and the desired performance of the plane. The weight of the plane was assumed to be the maximum allowable under the FAR regulations described earlier. The selection of the Rotax 277 for the engine is discussed later on. The desired performance of the plane required the propellers to produce high thrust at takeoff and sufficient thrust to overcome drag at cruising speed.

In order to match the propellers and the engine, performance curves for the Rotax 277 were generated. Figure 6.2 shows the torque and power curves for the selected engine. Additional propeller software was developed to estimate the RPM at which the engine would run, the power that it would produce and the thrust that would be available to the plane under a variety of conditions. The interaction between the engine RPM and the propellers is quite complicated. The thrust required for steady level or climbing flight depends on the airspeed, and climb angle. The power available from the engine depends on throttle setting. If the power required by the propellers is less than what the engine is able to supply at a given throttle setting, the propeller RPM will increase, accelerating the plane until the drag forces on the plane and the brake power required to turn the propellers match the engine power. The propellers and transmission would need to be designed so that the propellers could turn at the RPM necessary while the engine was turning at the RPM that could provide sufficient braking power. After a brief evaluation of the engine- propeller combinations using the software developed at USU, Catto Propellers determined the actual blade section coefficients, using a program that they had developed which incorporated years of empirical data.

A 94 -inch diameter propeller with a 70 -inch pitch was selected. The design rotational speed is 800 RPM. Thrust data supplied by CATTO ranges from 280 pounds at static to 70 pounds at 60 mph . A curve fit to the data points provided is shown in Figure 6.3. A quick comparison of the thrust produced by the propellers and the expected drug forces of the aircraft evidently show that the 2003 Wright Flyer will have a top speed some where around 50 mph .

The propellers will be mounted using an SAE - 1 bolt pattern that is comprised of six $3 / 8$-inch bolts. Catto Props found that space-age materials are not always the most appropriate. Sometimes Mother Nature does a pretty good job herself. Materials used for construction of the propellers include maple and mahogany, so the appearance will be similar to the propellers used on the 1905 version. Each propeller will weigh only eight pounds: quite impressive for such a large diameter.


Figure 6.2: Torque and Power curves for the Rotax 277 two-stroke engine.


Figure 6.3: Propeller thrust produced as a function of Airspeed.

## Final

Catto Propellers was selected to manufacture the propellers to be used on the USU Wright Flyer. Craig Catto's extensive experience in the design and manufacture of light aircraft propellers was the main factor in their selection as propeller supplier. He demonstrated great proficiency in adapting a propeller to the engine that had been selected and the purposes of the plane. As a wonderful benefit, Craig Catto offered to donate everything needed to design and build the propellers.

## Transmission

## Concept

The two main requirements of the transmission assembly were speed reduction and the ability to counter rotate the propellers. In order for the propellers to rotate at 800 rpm , a seven to one speed reduction was necessary. The 1905 Wright Flyer used bicycle chains to transmit power from the engine to the prop shafts. One chain was twisted to achieve counter-rotation of one prop. The transmission needed to accomplish the same objective, without use of the twisted bicycle chain. The maximum weight of the transmission was limited to 30 pounds.

## Preliminary

Drive belts were first considered as an alternative to chains. By using belts, efficiency could be increased while reducing noise and overall weight. Both toothed timing belts and grooved V-belts were taken into consideration. Other ideas for transmitting power from the transmission to the prop shafts included drive shafts with bevel gears on each end, cogged V-belts and serpentine belts.

Counter-rotation of props using belts of any kind left only two options. The first was to twist one of the belts over itself between the transmission and the prop shaft. The other was incorporate the use of an idler gear built into the transmission assembly as shown in Figure 6.4. The use of belts to transmit power would allow the use different sheave diameters to obtain the necessary gear reduction for the system.

## Testing

Testing and analysis were conducted using belt design software provided by Gates Rubber Company. This design program provided several belt options, and illustrated their respective advantages and disadvantages. The program accounted for the design horsepower, maximum rpm of the smallest sheave, center-to-center distance between shafts and the type of leading. After reading these inputs, the program recommends a belt type, length, width and appropriate tension.

## Selection

Poly-Chain toothed belts were selected to transmit power to the propeller shafts. Poly-Chain belts, shown in Figure 6.5, are timing type belts manufactured by Gates Rubber Company. While they require approximately 30 percent more tensioning force than standard V-belts, tensioned properly they can provide the safest power transmission possible.

After determining the horsepower that would be transmitted through the transmission, Rush Gears proved to be the best vendor for the gears needed to accommodate the necessary counter-rotation of the props.


Figure 6.4: Transmission asscmbly with toothed sheaves and gear assembly.


Figure 6.5: Poly-Chain used for power transmission to prop shafts.

## Engine

## Concept

The power plant selected would need to generate enough thrust to fly the plane at least 50 mph . The motor needed to have a high power to weight ratio and excellent reliability. The Wright Brothers flew the 1905 version on a 12 horsepower engine that weighed over 100 pounds. The USU Wright Flyer required an engine that could provide at least 25 horsepower and weigh half as much as the original.

## Preliminary

Simple lightweight two-stroke engines power most aircraft in the ultralight category today. Because of this, first consideration was given to use of a Rotax twocycle engine. The Rotax 277 provided 28 horsepower while weighing only 74 pounds, making it a viable option (see Figure 6.6). A fuel consumption rate of 1.8 gallons per hour would allow for a one-hour flight on less than two-gallons of fuel, as shown in Table 6.1. The availability and relatively low cost of this engine seemed to make it a practical choice.

Powering the USU Wright Flyer via electric motors was also strongly considered. The high efficiency, lightweight motors available today could provide the needed power to fly the airplane but weigh less than two-stroke engines in the same power range. By using electric motors, the transmission could be eliminated by attaching a motor directly to the prop shaft. This would also eliminate the need for belts and pulleys. Other advantages included increased reliability and noise reduction. The disadvantages of using electric motors were the high cost of the new technology and the reduction of flight duration. Even with the best available batteries, flight times would be reduced to around 25 minutes.


Figure 6.6: Horsepower and weight comparisons of various Rotax engines.


Table 6.1: Complete data for Rotax 277 two-cycle engine.

Final
After weighing the options, the Rotax 277 was selected as the best choice for the USU Wright Flyer. The Rotax 277 has been proven reliable in the ultralight industry. The high availability of this engine and its parts was also taken into consideration during the selection process. The analysis and modeling of the USU Wright Flyer showed that the Rotax 277 could provide sufficient power to propel the aircraft.

## Support Structure

## Concept

The support structure would need to provide support to the propeller drive shafts, transmission, and engine. The Wright Brothers used a system of four rods and eight cables to support each propeller drive shaft. Due to the high drag caused by cables, eliminating as much cabling as possible was an immediate consideration for the USU Wright Flyer. The main force the propeller support structure would have to withstand would be the axial force along the shaft. Other minor forces included drive belts turning the shaft producing lateral forces and vibrations. Any eccentricity in the propellers would also induce lateral forces. Due to the size of the propellers, excessive lateral motion could result in the propellers colliding with the main wing. Transmission and engine support systems would not only support their respective components, but also add rigidity to the wing and cockpit assemblies.

## Preliminary

From the thrust curves of the propellers, the maximum expected thrust each would produce would be around 175 lb . The tension in the drive belts would be less than 150 lb . In order to support these loads, the system shown in Figure 6.7 was developed. Four rods support the thrust from the propellers while four other rods support the end of the shaft where the drive belts will be pulling and vibrating. In order to reduce the drag on the entire structure, a streamlined cross-section would be needed for the support shafts. The use of carbon fiber would allow for a larger streamlined cross-section while still keeping the weight low.

Transmission support could be provided by the strengthened wing ribs or by adding structural tubing between the front and rear spar. Early consideration was given to using tubing because of the high tension in the belts.

Engine support and placement varied throughout the design in order to accommodate proper placement of the center of gravity of the aircraft. Originally, the idea was to place the engine on the quarter chord of the main wing and support it and the transmission with the same structure. This location was gradually moved forward onto the floor of the cockpit to move the center of gravity forward.


Figure 6.7: Drawing of the Propeller support and drive system

## ChASSIS DESIGN



## Introduction

The 1905 Flyer incorporated a chassis made up of spruce struts and skids assembled with bolts, screws and sheet metal fittings. The skids provided a large contact area, stabilizing the 1905 Flyer while on the ground. The chassis was interfaced with a track system that guided the plane during takeoff. When the Wright Brothers relocated their proving grounds away from the ceaseless winds of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the chassis-track takeoff system was reintegrated with a catapult system to obtain the needed airspeed required for lift off. The challenge of the USU Wright Flyer redesign was to incorporate space age materials in order to avoid, undoubtedly, the strut repairs made by the Wright Brothers in between flights. Also, the chassis needed to aesthetically look like the 1905 Flyer, but allow the USU Wright Flyer to take off and land like a conventional aircraft.

## Concept

## Aesthetics

In keeping with the aesthetics requirement for the overall look of the plane, the chassis design needed to keep the skids as part of the design. However, the geometry of the structural tubing attaching the skids to the rest of the USU Wright Flyer was largely unspecified. It was requested that the USU Wright Flyer incorporate composite tubing as the main component of construction.

## Landing Gear

It was also determined in the early conceptual phase of the project that wheels would also need to be incorporated into the design of the new Flyer. Originally, the 1905 Flyer used the heavy winds at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to create the needed lift as a man on each wing guided the Flyer down its track with the skids sliding across the sand. Later, when the Wright Brothers relocated their experimental proving grounds to a remote field near Dayton, Ohio, the Wright Brothers constructed a catapult system to give the Flyer the needed velocity to create the necessary lift for take off. Heavy winds and a catapult would not be available in takeoff of the USU Wright Flyer. The USU Wright Flyer would need to be able to take off on asphalt or cement and possibly a manicured grassy lawn. This would not be possible if the plane had to overcome the sliding friction of skids on any of the proposed take off surfaces. It was determined that the appearance of the USU Wright Flyer would need to suffer the addition of wheels.

Early flights of the 1905 Flyer undoubtedly saw the failure of many struts upon landing. The experiments at Kitty Hawk especially saw many broken components when the Flyer would execute improper landings, as well as perfect landings. This was due largely to the lack of any suspension system absorbing the impact forces during landings. It was also decided early in the conceptual phase that some sort of landing gear suspension system would be critical in extending the life of the USU Wright Flyer, as
well as avoiding embarrassing and timely repairs during the tour of the aircraft on its way to Dayton, Ohio for the 2003 festivities.

## Disassembly

As part of a USU Outreach Program, the USU Wright Flyer needed to be disassembled for transport in semi-truck trailer. Using nylon locking bolts to attach the skids to the canard and wing would quite easily accommodate this requirement. The USU Wright Flyer would most likely be broken down into five pieces consisting of wings, rudder, canard and two skids.

## Preliminary Design

From the beginning, emphasis was placed on interchangeability of parts. This was a lesson learned by Henry Ford and adopted since by all of manufacturing. Interchangeability would ease in the manufacturing of the parts as well as the assembly of the components during construction. Emphasis was also placed on adjustability, understanding that the scope of a systems integration project such as this one would, undoubtedly, lead to tolerances quickly stacking up and leading to inevitable conflicts. However, the built in adjustabilities of the design created their own unique complexities that further created problems for manufacturability and cost of construction. Early possibilities of solving the suspension problem included using a lightweight mountain bike shock in conjunction with a composite leaf spring. This was an impressive solution that included sliding linkages and hinged joints that would allow the rear part of the skid to compress upward independent of the wings and canard. Figure 7.1 below shows a conceptualization of the shocks and spring and the two-piece nature of the skid. A diagram of the sliding mechanism of the composite spring is also included.

Developing an accurate model of the mechanics of such a large composite spring proved inconsistent with the intuition of the team. Curved beam theory was the model equation used. This was found in Mechanical Engineering Design, Shigley, Mischke, pages 138, 140-142, 200-202.

$$
\delta \approx \frac{\pi F R^{3}}{2 E I}=382.8 \mathrm{in}
$$

$F=$ landing force, 1000 lb
$R=$ centerline radius of spring, 90.47 in .
$E=$ smeared modulus of elasticity for fiber lay-up, 12.2 E6 psi
$I=$ moment of inertia, $0.25 \mathrm{in}^{4}$


Figure 7.1: Spring/shock conceptualization.

The smeared modulus of elasticity was taken from a program that calculated the value for different fiber orientations. A $[0 / 90]_{s}$ gave the highest value that most closely resembled an isotropic material. The characteristics of an isotropic material would be desirable, given the possible angles at which the Flyer might land. The spring should behave the same regardless of the angle of impact. This value was used in the calculation. As demonstrated, the value of 382.8 in of deflection was quite inconsistent with design requirements. A finite element analysis of the design gave a deflection of 1040 in. Either the science was demonstrating the complete lack of feasibility of the design, or the science could not accurately model the unique characteristics of the composite design. It was determined that a mock up would need to be made to determine "hands-on" the true mechanics of the design.

Preliminary design showed that, unlike the Wright Brothers who flew their 1905 Flyer with the pilot lying prone on the wing, the USU Wright Flyer would require the pilots to be situated in a "cockpit" forward of the main wing. This arrangement would allow for correct placement of the center of gravity. Due to this new design requirement, some of the chassis struts would require being directly attached to the cockpit components. Struts that had previously been subjected to only "historical" loading, would now need to be reexamined for the additional loading of the weight of the cockpit itself, as well as a possible loading of 500 lb of pilot and passenger.

The preliminary design phase involved drawing early concepts in the Inventor CAD program. This allowed for a visual of conceptual designs in a real-life scale. Many early designs were plagued with complexity as might be expected, and later refined into simpler ideas as the team made suggestions. A good example of a part evolution in the chassis design involves the skid hard-point. This was a fitting to be attached to the skid on which to attach the struts. Figures 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4 show how the part went from a heavily machined design, to a lightweight cut and welded design.


Figure 7.2: Early hard-point design, note intense machining requirements.


Figure 7.3: Progressed hard-point design, note intense welding requirements.


Figure 7.4: Final hard-point design, note little welding, mostly drilling and milling.

During the preliminary design phase, much thought was given to the construction of the skids. Initially it was thought that the skids could be made out of space-age composites like the struts of the USU Wright Flyer. It was also considered that the hardpoints might be "splices" for different sections of the skid. Thought was given to covering the bottom of the skids with P-Tex, a material used to repair the bottom of skis and snowboards. The desire for a straight, stiff skid began to weed out the ideas of a multi-piece design. It was determined that each skid would at the most be made up of two pieces in order to facilitate the leaf spring linkage concept for the USU Wright Flyer suspension. However, before a final decision could be reached, a proof of concept mockup of the composite spring would need to be made.

## Testing and Mockups

## Composite Spring

A mock up of the composite spring was constructed out of less expensive glass fibers. The spring was laid up in excess of 20 layers in a $[0,90]_{s}$ configuration. During the curing of the spring the vacuum pump failed to work properly and the spring cured with serious spaces and voids. However, the mock up did demonstrate that the springs would be too heavy to be considered for the final design, and the mathematical models were showing serious problems in the rigidity of the structure subjected to our anticipated maximum landing loads. Figure 7.5 is a picture of the mock up leaf spring with a span near 100 in .


Figure 7.5: Mock up composite spring made of glass fibers.

## Composite Structural Tubing

The application of composite materials is generally for tension and torsion. The USU Wright Flyer would require most of the composite structural tubing to undergo compressive loading, magnified greatly during landing. Traditionally composite materials are not used in compressive loading applications because of the inaccurate predictability of the behavior of a composite member in compression. Analysis of such compressive loading was beyond the scope of a student engineer, and doctoral assistance was not readily available. Intuitively the ITE professors felt that their experience with composite materials warranted their use in the USU Wright Flyer. In order to back up a decision to use composite tubing in the strut structures of the USU Wright Flyer, three composite tubes of different geometries where tested in compression.

It was determined that the worst case scenario for the loading on one of the tube struts would be a fully loaded plane at 1000 pounds landing at two times the acceleration of gravity. This would cause the landing load of 2000 pounds to be distributed at 1000 pounds per skid assembly. If the entire load were taken by one strut, then it would need to be able to withstand 1000 pounds. The composite tubes to be used in the project are constructed of a "wavy" fiber made by Wavy Composites, Provo, Utah. Due to the nature of the even more unpredictable wavy composite construction, tests were invaluable. The three test specimens were fitted with steel pipe plugs that where glued in place with epoxy in order to be placed in the compression test cell. The three specimens were each loaded at a displacement rate of $0.0816 \mathrm{in} / \mathrm{min}$. The tests were only limited by the failure of the epoxy bonds on the fittings. None of the tubes failed in the tests. Table 7.1 and Figure 7.6 give the specifications of each tube and the loading at which the epoxy bonds of the fittings failed.

| Tube Description | I.D. | O.D. | Maximum Load |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thin-walled | .882 in | .928 in | 891 lb |
| Thicker-walled | .875 in | .945 in | 689 lb |
| Damped | .875 in | .980 in | 470 lb |

Table 7.1: The three tubes placed in compressive testing.


Figure 7.6: Compressive loads in three dissimilar wavy composite tubes.

Although tests were only conducted on three dissimilar specimens, the results were very encouraging. As stated earlier, none of the tubes failed at the loads indicated, and each tube appeared quite intact upon later inspection. Later inspection also showed that the epoxy had only adhered to only $1 / 4$ in of the fitting at the end of the tube and that the "swiss-cheese" feature of the fitting had not been properly "gooped" with epoxy.

## Steel Structural Tubing

Using the AISC specifications for allowable loads in structural columns referenced in Mechanics of Materials, Timoshenko, pages 775-782, analysis was performed on the longest steel tube to be used in the chassis struts. Below are the equations used to calculate the allowable loads on a 46 in steel tube with a $1 / 16$ in wall thickness.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{\text {crass-sectional }}=\pi\left(r_{o}^{2}-r_{i}^{2}\right)=0.1841 \mathrm{in}^{2} \\
& E=29,000 \mathrm{ksi}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{\text {allow }}=\frac{12 \pi^{2} E}{23(K L / r)^{2}}=17,643 \mathrm{psi} \\
& F_{\text {allow }}=\sigma_{\text {allow }} * A_{\text {cruss-sectional }}=3,248 \mathrm{lb}
\end{aligned}
$$

With an allowable load of 3,248 pound, the steel struts are well suited for the design. As discussed earlier, it was assumed that in a worst case scenario a single strut might be subjected to a 1000 pound loading. The allowable load on the steel struts gives added security in the cockpit support areas where the struts will be applied.

## Weldaments

No physical tests of weldaments were performed, however theoretical calculations were made. The smallest, simplest weld on the skid hard point was analyzed under a worst-case scenario to determine the overall integrity of the USU Wright Flyer's structural welds. A worst-case scenario would again involve a possible 2.0 g landing. At 1000 pounds per skid assembly, it is assumed that the most a single weldament would have to take would be 500 pounds in bending. Below is a string of calculations to determine the nominal throat shear stress in bending, with a rectangular weld $1 / 8$ in $\times 1$ in. The equations were taken from Mechanical Engineering Design, Shigley, Mischke, pages 540-544.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& b=0.125 \mathrm{in} \\
& d=I \mathrm{in} \\
& h=0.0625 \mathrm{in} \\
& c=\frac{d}{2}=0.5 \mathrm{in} \\
& F=500 \mathrm{lb} \\
& X=0.75 \mathrm{in} \\
& M=F X=375 \mathrm{lb}^{*} \mathrm{in} \\
& I_{u}=\frac{d^{2}}{6}(3 b+d)=.229 \mathrm{in}^{3} \\
& I=0.707 \mathrm{hI} I_{u}=.010 \mathrm{in}^{3} \\
& \tau=\frac{M c}{I}=18.52 \mathrm{kpsi}
\end{aligned}
$$

Using fillet welds, the permissible stress in the AISC Code for weld metal using an AWS electrode number E60XX in shear loading is 18.6 kpsi . Compared to the shear stress value of 18.52 kpsi found in the above equations, this gives a safety factor of 0.996 in a worst-case scenario. This is an acceptable design, and despite theoretical calculations that sometimes don't correctly model real-life situations, welding a $1 / 8$ in steel plate to a $1 / 16$ in steel plate is intuitively strong enough for this lightweight aircraft.

## Selection

It was determined that the structural tubing of the project would be a mix of wavy composite tubes, steel tubes and rectangular aluminum tubes. The selection was due to several factors.

First, using steel tubing in areas that would directly support the weight of the cockpit during landing was preferred because of the strength of steel needed in these critical areas. Next, the steel and aluminum tubes allowed for conventional drilling and mounting with nuts and bolts. This allowed for secure placement of cockpit elements. Composite tubes do not lend themselves to be drilled through and bolted without placing a wood core inside the tube in areas to be mounted in order to take the compressive hoop stresses. Such fabrication details did not mesh well with overall ease in manufacturing. Finally, the use of wavy composite tubing in the remaining struts of the chassis was preferred for weight savings as well as their demonstrated compressive strength.

The tubes that were tested had an approximate outside diameter of $7 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. The final tubes to be used in construction of the plane would be $140 / 1000$ I.D. with approximately $40 / 1000$ in gluing tolerance. The wall thickness on the final tubes was specified at $1 / 16$ in. This diameter will still allow for streamlining later if the need to cut wind resistance is great enough. This decision is in stark contrast to an original proposal to have the tubes 2 I.D.

It was decided that all hardware and fittings, except for the cockpit aluminum tube, would be made out of steel. In general, steel is easier to weld than aluminum. The strength of steel in the heat-affected zone of the welds is not as affected as it is in the case of aluminum. Aluminum was chosen for the cockpit mounting tubes because of the weight savings over steel due to the size of the tube.

The desire to use composites for the skids, allowing the USU Wright Flyer to leave the wooden legacy of 1905 Flyer behind, was outweighed by the inability of composites to resist impact and abrasion well. The Wright Brothers had it "right" in selecting spruce for the skid material. Wood has great strength to weight ratio as well as good impact and abrasion resistance. The USU Wright Flyer skids, however, would be beefed up just a touch by adding in layers of Kevlar during the spruce laminating process. This will indeed add a touch of space-age design desired in the project as a whole.

All joints of the chassis were designed to incorporate a double-shear property allowing the maximum shear in the bolts to be doubled. The bolts specified have a $125,000 \mathrm{psi}$ tensile rating. Generally, the maximum shear in metals is half the tensile strength. With the double shear property of the joints the shearing force in the bolts becomes approximately 125,000 psi, well over-designed for the application.

## Conclusion

The final design (see Figures 7.6 and 7.7) is indeed somewhat along the lines of the New VW Beetle. It successfully pays homage to its predecessor, yet it exhibits the vast improvements that years of technological innovation have spawned. Indeed, the final chassis design most closely resembles the geometry and look of the original 1905 Flyer chassis better than any other component of the USU Wright Flyer. This is due largely in part to the lack of a need to improve its function. The chassis of the 1905 Flyer functioned well for its intended purpose, to hold the canard and wing together in flight and provide an aircraft to ground interface when taking off or landing. The wing, canard, and rudder design of the 1905 Flyer did not function well. The cockpit was poorly designed from a practical standpoint, and the motor was primitive to say the least. Hence these components saw a more serious overhaul in the USU Wright Flyer design than that of the chassis.


Figure 7.6: Final chassis design.


Figure 7.7: Final chassis design.

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## 2003 USU Wright Flyer Drawing Package

## Wing Assembly


USE ASSEMBLY SHOWN IN DETAIL B FOR 8 INTERFACES INDICATED. USE ASSEMELY SHOWN IN DETAIL A OTHERWISE.

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DETAIL B
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## Materials List for Wings

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| Iiem/Material | Description | Qty | Part\# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aluminum Plate | . $04{ }^{\text {" }}$ thick | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Aluminum Tube |  | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Universal Joint |  | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Clevis Pin |  | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Trailing Edge |  | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |

## Parts List for Wings

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-10-000 | Assy, Wing | 1 | top assembly |
| WF-10-200 | Sub-assy, Lower Wing Planform | 1 | assembly/adhered |
| WF-10-201 | Sub-assy, Upper Wing Planiorm | 1 | assembly/adhered |
| WF-10-202 | Sub-assy, Back Mid Strut Interface | 10 | assembly/weldament |
| WF-10-203 | Sub-assy, Back End Strut Interface | 8 | assembly/weldament |
| WF-10-204 | Sub-assy, Front Mid Strut Interface | 14 | assembly/weldament |
| WF-10-205 | Sub-assy, Front End Strut Interface | 4 | assembly/weldament |
| WF-10-220 | Assy, Pulley | 6 | assembly/boit |
| WF-10-206 | Strut | 16 | laid up \& cut |
| WF-10-207 | Cable Plate, 2-Prong | TBD | cut \& drilled |
| WF-10-208 | Cable Plate, 1-Prong | TBD | cut \& drilled |
| WF-10-213 | Leading Edge, Inner | 2 | laid up \& cut |
| WF-10-214 | Leading Edge, Outer Left | 2 | laid up \& cut |
| WF-10-215 | Leading Edge, Outer Right | 2 | laid up \& cut |
| WF-10-216 | Trailing Edge, Inner | 2 | cut from stock |
| WF-10-217 | Trailing Edge, Outer Left | 2 | cut from stock |
| WF-10-218 | Trailing Edge, Outer Right | 2 | cut from stock |
| WF-10-219 | Pulley Plate | 12 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-10-221 | Strut Cap | 28 | cut and adhered |
| WF-10-222 | X-Strut | 2 | laid up \& cut |
| WF-10-300 | Sub-Assy, Front Spar | 2 | assembly/adhered |
| WF-10-301 | Sub-Assy, Back Spar | 2 | assembly/adhered |
| WF-10-302 | Interface Plate, Back Outer | 8 | cut |
| WF-10-303 | Interface Plate, Back Inner | 8 | cut |
| WF-10-304 | Interface Plate, Front Inner | 12 | cut |
| WF-10-305 | Interface Plate, Front Outer | 4 | cut |
| WF-10-306 | Interface Tube, Strut/Spar, Front | 16 | cut |
| WF-10-307 | Interface Tube, Strut/Spar, Back | 16. | cut |
| WF-10-308 | Wingtip | 4 | cut \& bent |
| WF-10-309 | Cap, Wingtip/Front Spar | 2 | cut |
| WF-10-310 | Cap, Wingtip/Back Spar | 2 | cut |
| WF-10-312 | Rib, Main, Structural | 34 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-313 | Rib A | 4 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-314 | Rib B | 4 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-316 | Rib C | 4 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-318 | Rib D | 4 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-315 | Aib, Main | 12 | cut \& laid up |
| WF-10-400 | Spar, Front, Middle | 2 | laid up |
| WF-10-401 | Spar, Front, First Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-402 | Spar, Front, Second Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-403 | Spar, Front, Third Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-404 | Spar, Back, Middle | 2 | laid up |
| WF-10-405 | Spar, Back, First Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-406 | Spar, Back, Second Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-407 | Spar, Back, Third Outer | 4 | laid up |
| WF-10-408 | Spar Interface, Front Inner | 12 | laid up |
| WF-10-409 | Spar Interface, Back Inner | 8 | laid up |
| WF-10-410 | Spar Interface, Front Outer | 4 | cut \& adhered |
| WF-10-411 | Spar Interface, Back Outer | 8 | cut \& adhered |




NOTES

1. GENERAL STRUT/SPAR INTERFACE ASSEMBLY

REPRESENTED IN DETAIL A AND B. USE ON ALL SUCH ASSEMBLIES
2. ADHERE SPAR/STRUT INTERFACE PLATES TO SPAR WITH EPOXY AND ONE LAYYER OF EPOXIED GRAPHITE AROUND THE FLANGES
3. REFERENCE AREAS TO ATTACH INTERFACE PLATES ACCORDING TO NAME. (EX. "FRONT MID STRUT INTERFACE SUB-ASSY" (ITEM 5) WOULD EE ADHERED IN THE "MID" SPAR/STRUT REGION ON THE FRONT SPAR)
4. BOND LEADING EDGE TO SPAR AND RIBS EVERWHERE EXCEPT THE OUTER SEVEN RIBS WHERE IT IS ONLY BONDED TO THE RIBS.
5. USE ATTACHING HARDWARE AS NEEDED ON PULLEY ASSEMBLY. BEND t-PRONG PLATE TO APPROPRIATE ANGLE TO PREVENT CABLE FROM SLIPPING OFF OF THE PULLEYS.
6. USE CABLES AND CABLE PLATES TO CREATE A STRUCTURAL CABLE SETUP THAT WILL CREATE $2 \cdot$ OF DIHEDRAL. ATTACHING HARDWARE AS REQUIRED.






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## NOTES

1. 8OND RIBS TO SPARS WITH STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE AS REQUIRED
2. BOND CAPS WITH STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE IN ORIENTATION AS SHOWN
3. OUTER 7 RIBS AND THE WINGTIP ARE FREE FLOATING. THE RIBS WILL BE RETAINED BY THE LEADING EDGE AND RETAINING BLOCKS. THE WINGTIP WILL BE RETAINED BY THE SKIN TENSION. PERFORM ON BOTH WINGTIPS.
4. BOND BLOCKS ON SPAR ONLY TO HOLD RIBS IN LOCATIONS SHOWN IN DETAIL A MAKE BLOCKS TO FIT SPAR (BUILDER'S DISCRESSION)

Parts List




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1. CUT FROM .04" THICK PLATE (AIRCRAFT SPRUCE \& CO. P.N. 03-31150)
2. PUNCH HOLES


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1. USE OUTER 54 INCHES OF WING RIBS AND SPAR TO CREATE A TEMPLATE FOR PART
2. USE WOVEN GRAPHITE AT A $45^{\circ}$ LAYUP


SCALE 1: 1


1. USE OUTER 54 INCHES OF WING RIBS AND SPAR TO CREATE ATEMPLATE FOR PART
2. USE WOVEN GRAPHITE ON A 5 LAYUP

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2. BEND AND CUT TO FIT TRAILING EDGE





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1. CUT FROM TUBE STOCK (AIRCRAFT SPRUCE \& CO. P.N. $03-36400$ )
2. USE 1 " TUBE AIRCRAFT SPRUCE \& SPECIALTY CO. PN 03-36600
3. BUSHING, AIRCRAFT SPRUCE \& SPECIALTY CO. PN: FB1620-06










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1. CUT PATTERN FROM 1" FOAM USING TEMPLATES WF-10-318-T1
2. COVER FOAM WITH 1 LAYER KEVLAR
3. FINAL WEIGHT MUST NOT EXCEED 0.3 LB


LAYUP: 4NAVY, $2 / 0^{\prime}, 4 \mathrm{NAVY}$
LAYUP: 4NAMY, 210, 4 WAVY
4. LAYUP: $4 N / W A V Y, 2 / 0,4 N A V Y$


SECTION A-A
SCALE 1: 1


LAYUP: 8 WAVY

SECTION A-A SCALE 1:1







## Canard Assembly



## Materials List for Canard

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Control Rod |  | 4 | AN673AC-1475 | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| Terminal Assembly |  | 8 | AN665-21(R/L) | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| Rear Spar (4130 tube) | $2 \times 9 \mathrm{ft}$ | 1 | $03-02300$ | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| Main Spar (4130 tube) | $2 \times 9 \mathrm{ft}$ | 1 | $03-09100$ | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| $10-32$ Bolts |  | 32 | AN526-1032R16 | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| $10-32$ Nuts |  | 32 | AN365-1032A | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| Clevis Pin |  | 4 | AN396-81 | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| $3 / 8-24$ Bolt |  | 1 | AN6-24 | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| $3 / 8-24$ Stop Nut |  | 1 | AN365-624A | Aircraft Spruce Co. |
| Bearing |  | 1 | KS6A-AN200 | Aircraft Spruce Co. |

## Parts List for Canard

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-20-050 | Control Adjust | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-033 | Linkage Mount | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-030 | Chassis Connect | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-028 | Control Mount | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-025 | Canard Supports | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-022 | Hinge Pin Shaft | 12 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-021 | Spar Hinge Shaft | 4 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-020 | Strut Hinge Plate | 4 | cut |
| WF-20-018 | Hinge Bracket | 6 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-017 | Linkage Bracket | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-016 | Canard Surface Right | 2 | hot wired,glued, shaped,layed up |
| WF-20-015 | Canard Surface Left | 2 | hot wired, glued, shaped,layed up |
| WF-20-014 | Canard Surface Center | 2 | hot wired,glued, shaped,layed up |
| WF-20-013 | Canard Rib | 8 | cut, drilled, \& sanded |
| WF-20-007 | Spar Hinge Assembly | 4 | weldament |
| WF-20-006 | Strut Hinge Assembly | 4 | weldament |
| WF-20-005 | Hinge Assembly Right | 2 | weldament |
| WF-20-004 | Hinge Assembly Bottom | 1 | weldament |
| WF-20-003 | Hinge Assembly Top | 1 | weldament |
| WF-20-027 | Control Sub-Assembly | 1 | weld and bolt |
| WF-20-040 | Canard Sub-Assembly | 1 | weld and bolt |
| WF-20-001 | Top Surface Assembly | 1 | bolt |
| WF-20-002 | Bottom Surface Assembly | 1 | bolt |
| WF-20-000 | Canard Assembly | 1 | weld and bolt |

















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## Rudder Assembly



## Materials List for Rudder

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Foam | 1"X30", $2^{\prime \prime}$ sheets | ck spc |  | Hardware store |
| Kevlar | $7{ }^{\text {' }}$ length | ck spc |  | ? |
| Aluminum Skin Honeycomb | $12^{\text {" }} \times 30^{\prime \prime}$ |  |  | ITE Dept. |
| Wood | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times+1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 |  | ITE Dept. |
| Wood | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ diameter | 4 |  | ITE Dept. |
| Carbon Tubes | 2"X8' | 2 |  | ITE Dept. |
| Steel Tubing | 2" O.D. $\times 0.035^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 2 ft |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Steel Pins | $3 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 1 ft |  | ? |
| Plate Steel | $5^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 ft |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Plate Steel | $4^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ | 1 ft |  | ITEIPACO |
| Plate Steel | $3^{\text {n }} \times 0.10^{\text {I }}$ | 1 ft |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Aluminum Plate | $1 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Push/Pull Control Rod |  |  |  | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt and Nut 1/4" |  | 8 |  | ITE |
| Bolt and Nut 10-32 |  | 2 |  | ITE |
| Bolt (machine screw) |  | 8 |  | ITE |
| Nylon Washer | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ hole | 8 | NW 2061 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Delrin Stock | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{11} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 4 |  | ? |
| Nylon Stock | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 |  | ? |
| Trailing Edge | $1^{\prime \prime}$ | 14 ft | pg. 72 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Dacron Covering | 28 sq ft |  |  | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |

## Parts List for Rudder

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-20-100 | Rudder Assembly | 1 | assembly |
| WF-20-101 | Rudder Surface Assembly | 2 | assembly |
| WF-20-103 | Bottom Plate Assembly | 1 | assembly |
| WF-20-104 | Top Plate Assembly | 1 | assembly |
| WF-20-105 | Control Linkage Assembly | 1 | assembly |
| WF-20-130 | Push/Pull Rod (round) | 1 | fit |
| WF-20-131 | Control Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-141 | Rudder Spacer Plate (bottom) | 2 | cut \& drilled |
|  | Hardware |  | attach |
| WF-20-111 | Rudder D Tube | 2 | foam lay-up |
| WF-20-112 | Rudder C Beam | 2 | bi-dir weave lay-up |
| WF-20-113 | Rudder Hard Plate | 4 | cut, mill \& finish |
| WF-20-114 | Rudder Ribs | 10 | foam lay-up |
| WF-20-115 | Rudder Trailing Edge | 2 | cut \& attach |
| WF-20-116 | Rudder Pivot Block Insert | 2 | mill \& bond |
| WF-20-140 | Rudder Pivot Block Insert Pins | 4 | cut \& bond |
|  | Hardware |  |  |
|  | Glue |  |  |
|  | Covering Material |  | attach |
| WF-20-117 | Cross Support | 2 | honeycomb lay-up |
| WF-20-118 | Bearing Assy | 4 | press-fit \& bond |
| WF-20-130 | Steel Shaft | 4 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-131 | Wood Circle | 4 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-20-119 | Mount Point | 2 | cut |
| WF-20-120 | Support Cables | 4 | attach fit |
| NW 2061 | Nylon Washers | 6 | drill |
| WF-20-122 | Bottom Beam Support | 1 | wavy comp, lay-up |
| WF-20-126 | Top Beam Support | 1 | wavy comp. lay-up |
| WF-20-123 | Wing Spar Mount Assy | 2 | weldment |
| WF-20-142 | Wing Spar Mount Tube | 2 | rolled |
| WF-20-145 | Wing Spar Mount Brace | 4 | weldment |
| WF-20-124a | Beam Attach Insert | 2 | cut \& milled |
| WF-20-125 | Bot Rud Attach Assy | 1 | weldment |
| WF-20-135 | Bot Rud Tube | 1 | milled |
| WF-20-129 | Top Rudattach Assy | 1 | weldment |
| WF-20-136 | Top Rud Tube | 1 | milled |
| WF-20-137 | Rud Attach Plate | 4 | milled |


































## Cockpit Assembly



## Materials List for Cockpit

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Washer | $1 / 44^{\text {" flat washer }}$ | 186 |  | 0 |
| Nut | 1/4" locknut | 96 |  | 0 |
| Bolt | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} 1 / 4-20$ grade 8 hex | 78 |  | 0 |
| Bolt | $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} 1 / 4-20$ grade 8 hex | 12 |  | 0 |
| Bolt | $2^{\prime \prime} 1 / 4-20$ grade 8 hex | 2 |  | 0 |
| Screw | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ 1/4-20 flat screw | 4 |  | 0 |
| Pillow Block | UHMW Duo 3/4" bore dia | 2 |  | IPACO |
| Pillow Block | UHMW 2" bore dia. | 2 |  | IPACO |
| Steel Tubing | $4130-\mathrm{-}$ (3/4" OD X . $063^{\prime \prime}$ wall) | 122.5 in |  | 0 |
| Steel Tubing | $4130-\left(2^{\prime \prime}\right.$ OD $\times .049^{n}$ wall $)$ | 69 in |  | 0 |
| Steel Tubing | $4130-\mathrm{-}$ (1/2" OD X . $03^{\prime \prime}$ wall) | 28 in |  | 0 |
| Sheet Metal - Steel | 4130-- (.063" thick) | $459.5 \mathrm{in}^{2}$ |  | 0 |
| Sheet Metal - Aluminum | . $016^{\prime \prime}$ thick | $54 \mathrm{in}^{2}$ |  | 0 |
| Honeycomb - Aluminum | (1/2" ${ }^{\text {II }}$ thick, $18^{\prime \prime} \chi^{12} 2^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 2 |  | ? |
| Rectangular Tube | aluminum ( $2^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wall $)$ | 247 in |  | 0 |
| Angle Stock | -_aluminum $2^{\text {" }}$ | 20 in |  | 0 |
| Streamline Tube | 4130 steel $1^{\prime \prime}$ | 138 in | 03-11300 | 0 |
| Steel Rod | push rod | 38 in |  | 0 |
| Linkages | fork end (cable terminal) | 4 | MS20667-4 | 0 |
| Linkages | fork end (rod terminal) | 4 | AN161-32S | 0 |
| Linkages | eye end (cable terminal) | 2 | MS20668-5 | 0 |
| Linkages | fork end (rod terminal) | 2 | AN665-34R | 0 |
| Tangs | 1 prong $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ (see wing parts) | 4 |  | 0 |
| Spacer | nylon $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ inside diameter | 2.5 in |  | 0 |
| Bushing | 1/4" inner diameter (1.5" long) | 2 |  | 0 |
| Bushing | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ inner diameter (1.75" long) | 2 |  | 0 |
| Clevis Pin | atleast $1^{\text {" }}$ long | 2 |  | 0 |
| Cotter Pin | to fit clevis | 2 |  | 0 |
| Cable Wire | steel $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ diameter | ? |  | 0 |
| Carbon Fiber | $18^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{X} 12^{\prime \prime}$ lamina | ? (4) |  | ITE |
| Chair | pilot defined | 2 |  | ITE |

## Parts List for Cockpit

| Part Number | Description | Qty |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-30-001 | Span Bar Front | 1 | Type |
| WF-30-002 | Span Bar Back | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-003 | Foot Bar Front | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-004 | Foot Bar Back | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-005 | Span Bar Support | 8 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-007 | Streamline Rear Strut | 2 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-008 | Streamline Small Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-013 | Streamline Large Plate | 10 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-014 | Streamline Left Front | 1 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-015 | Streamline Right Front | 1 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-016 | Streamline Left Back | 1 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-017 | Streamline Right Back | 1 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-019 | 1/16" Tab | 4 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-021 | Control Panel | 1 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-022 | Long Panel Legs | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-023 | Short Panel Legs | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30031 | Foot Plate Fiber Lamina | 4 | layed up |
| WF-30-032 | Hardpoint | 8 | drill \& \&laced |
| WF-30-101 | Control Case | 1 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-102 | Control Stick Mount | 2 | cut, bent \& drilled |
| WF-30-104 | Round Section of Stick | 2 | cut \& bent |
| WF-30-105 | Straight Section of Stick | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-30-106 | Short Section | 2 | cut \& threaded |
| WF-30-110 | Canard Bell Crank | 2 | cut, bent \& drilled |
| WF-30-112 | Nylon Spacer | 4 | cut |
| WF-30-115 | Push Pull Rod | 1 | cut \& threaded |
| WF-30-119 | Nylon Spacer | 2 | cut |
| WF-30-121 | Wing Warp Bell | 1 | cut, bent \& drilled |
| WF-30-201 | Pedal Rod | 2 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-203 | Pedal -Foot Interface | 4 | cut \& weldament |
| WF-30-204 | Pedal Arm | 4 | cut, bored |
| WF-30-205 | Rudder Tab | 2 | cut, bent \& drilled |
| WF-30-209 | Nylon Spacer | 2 | cut |
| WF-30-210 | Rudder Bell Crank | 1 | cut, bent \& drilled |
| WF-30-212 | Push Pull Rod | 2 | cut \& threaded |










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| DRAWN BY: AMY HINTZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATERIAL: Aluminum-6061 | PART DESCRIPTION: CONTROL PANEL |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { PART NUMBER: } \\ & \text { WF-30-021 } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | REV |
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| DRAWN BY: AMY HINTZE |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATERIAL: <br> Steel, High Strength Low Alloy | PART DESCRIPTION: <br> STRAIGHT SECT. |  | PART NUMBER: WF-30-105 |  | REV |
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# Transmission Assembly 



## Materials List for Transmission

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square Tubing | $4 \times 4 \times 72^{n}$ | 2 | 88875 k 44 | McMaster |
| Keyed Shaft | $0.5 \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 | $1497 \mathrm{k61}$ | McMaster |
| Hollow Rod | $0.5 \times 12^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 8 \mathrm{wall}$ | 2 | 89965 k 65 | McMaster |
| Ball Bearing | $0.5 \times 1.5 \times 0.5^{\prime \prime}$ | 4 | $2329 \mathrm{kB7}$ | McMaster |
| Sheave | 24 tooth | 2 | P24-8MGT-30 | Gates |
| Sheave | 56 tooth | 2 | P56-8MGT-30 | Gates |
| Spacer | $0.5 \times 1.0 \times 0.25^{n}$ | 6 | 3088 A 14 | McMaster |
| Shaft Collar | $0.5 \times 2.0 \times 1.0^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 | 6157 k 16 | McMaster |
| Gear | 36 tooth, $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ face, steel | 2 | A636H | Rush Gears |
| Drive Belt | 144 tooth, 30 mm wide | 2 | B144-8MGT-30 | Gates |
| Bolt | grade $8,0.375 \times 3.5$ | 4 |  | $?$ |
| Nut | grade $8,0.375$ | 4 |  | $?$ |
| Washer | grade $8,0.375$ | 8 |  | $?$ |
| Bolt | grade $8.0 .375 \times 2.5$ | 4 |  | $?$ |

## Parts List for Transmission

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-40-002-602 | Mounting Bracket | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-40-002-603 | Bearing Block | 2 | milled \& drilled |
| WF-40-002-604 | Keyed Shaft | 2 | cut |
| WF-40-002-605 | Support Shaft | 2 | cut |
| WF-40-002-606 | Ball Bearing | 4 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| WF-40-002-607 | 24 Tooth Sheave | 2 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| WF-40-002-608 | 56 Tooth Sheave | 2 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| WF-40-002-609 | Shaft Spacer | 6 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| WF-40-002-610 | Shaft Collar | 5 | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| WF-40-002-611 | Gear | 2 | Bored |
| WF-40-002-612 | Drive Belt | 2 | N/A |




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# Propeller Assembly 



## Materials List for Propeller Support Assembly

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4130 Normalized Tubing | $1 " \times 0.065^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 8 ft |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Ball Bearings | $\# 6305$ | 4 |  | Motion Industries |
| $6061-$ T6 Aluminum | $1.25^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 4 |  | ITE |
| 4130 Steel Round Stock | $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ dia. - normalized | 1 ft | MIL-S-6758A | Aircraft Spruce |
| 4131 Steel Round Tubing | $17 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ OD $-0.25^{\prime \prime}$ wall - nrmlized | 1 ft |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| $6061-$ T6 Aluminum | round stock $-6^{\prime \prime}$ diameter | 1.5 ft |  | $?$ |
| 4131 Steel Plate | $0.125^{\prime \prime}$ thick $\times 6^{\prime \prime}$ wide | 1.5 ft |  | ITE |
| 4132 Steel Strap | $0.125^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 12 ft |  | ITE |
| 4133 Steel Strap | $0.125^{\prime \prime} \times 5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 12 ft |  | ITE |
| Steamlined Carbon Tubes |  | 16 |  | ITE |

## Parts List for Propeller Support Assembly

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-40-009-03 | Drive Shaft | 2 | cut and ground |
| Bearing-6305 | Drive Shaft Bearings | 4 | purchased |
| WF-40-009-06 | Front Bearing Block | 2 | milled \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-04 | Rear Bearing Block | 2 | milled \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-09A | Shive Hub | 2 | cut, drilled, keyed |
| WF-40-009-09B | Shive Hub Outer Collar | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-09C | Shive Hub Inner Collar | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-10A | Propeller Hub | 2 | turned \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-10B | Hub Backing Plate | 2 | water jet cut |
| WF-40-009-05A | Rear Support | 8 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-40-009-07A | Front Support | 8 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-40-009-05B | Rear Support Mounting Tab | 8 | cut, formed \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-07B | Front Support Mounting Tab | 8 | cut, formed \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-08A | Spar Mount Bar - Rear | 4 | cut, formed \& drilled |
| WF-40-009-08B | Spar Mount Bar - Front | 4 | cut, formed \& drilled |
| Wat shet to Wrap around <br> spar to glue and lash | Sheet Steel 0.065" <br> (any type) | 4 | cut \& formed |










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## Chassis Assembly



## Materials List for Chassis

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| Item/Material | Description | Qty | Part \# | Supplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce Strips | 1.75" wide | ck spc |  | Aircraft Spruce |
| Kevlar (lay up with spruce) | $1.75^{\prime \prime}$ wide | ck spc |  | ? |
| Carbon Tubes | $140 / 1000^{\prime \prime}$ I.D. $\times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ wall | ck spc |  | ITE Dept. |
| Steel Tubing | 1" O.D. $\times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 18 ft |  | ITEIPACO |
| Steel Tubing | $7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ O.D. $\times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 10 in |  | ITEIPACO |
| Plate Steel (strapping) | $1.75^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ | 9 ft |  | ITEIIPACO |
| Plate Steel (strapping) | $1^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 ft |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Plate Steel (strapping) | 4" $\times 1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ | 8 ft |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Plate Steel (strapping) | $33 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ | 2 ft |  | ITE/PACO |
| Plate Steel (strapping) | $23 / 4^{11} \times 1 / 8^{11}$ | 5 in |  | ITEIPACO |
| Plate Steel | $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 3 / 8^{11}$ | 18 in |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Bolt |  | 2 | AN4-24 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt |  | 4 | AN5-13 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt |  | 28 | AN4-14 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt |  | 2 | AN4-23 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt |  | 2 | AN4-25 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Bolt (machine screw) |  | 60 | MS24694 | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Nut |  | 60 | AN365-(match MS) | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Nut |  | 4 | AN365-524A | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Nut |  | 34 | AN365-428A | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Washer | 5/16" hole | 8 |  | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Washer | 1/4" hole | 72 |  | ITE/Aircraft Spruce |
| Nylon Bushing | 1/4" hole $\times 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ (shaped to size) | 70 |  | ? |
| Aluminum Tubing (rect) | $1^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ outside $\times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 97 in |  | ITEIPACO |
| Aluminum Plate | $1 " \times 1 / 8{ }^{\text {" }}$ | 18 in |  | ITEIPACO |
| Aluminum Disks | $1.25^{\prime \prime}$ O.D. $\times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 2 |  | ITEIPACO |
| Aluminum Tubing (circ) | $1^{\prime}$ O.D. $\times 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ wall | 6 in |  | ITE/IPACO |
| Matco Wheel | castered, solid rubber | 4 | P/N 06-01615 | Aircraft Spruce |
| Azusalite Nylon Wheel | 4" wheel | 2 | P/N 06-02600 | Aircraft Spruce |
| Tire \& Tube Assembly |  | 2 | P/N 06-02800 | Aircraft Spruce |
| Cannondale Shock | Lefty model | 2 |  | Cannondale Corp. |

## Parts List for Chassis

| Part Number | Description | Qty | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-50-099-01 | Skid Hardpoint | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-01A | Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-01B | Tab | 20 | cut,shaped \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-01C | Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-02 | Fitting | 26 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-02B | Disk | 2 | cut or stamped |
| WF-50-099-02C | Fitting | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-03 | Canard/Skid Hardpoint | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-03A | Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-03B | Fitting | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-03C | Plate | 2 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-04-01 | Spar Hardpoint | 1 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-04-02 | Spar Hardpoint | 1 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-04A | Fitting | 6 | cut \& rolled |
| WF-50-099-05-01 | Spar Hardpoint | 1 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-05-02 | Spar Hardpoint | 1 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-05A | Fitting | 4 | cut \& rolled |
| WF-50-099-06 | Spar Hardpoint | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-06A | Tab | 8 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-07 | Spar Hardpoint | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-08 | Spar Hardpoint | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-08A | Tab | 2 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-10 | Skid Hardpoint | 10 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-10A | Plate | 10 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-10B | Plate | 14 | cut \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-11 | Cockpit Mounting Strut | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-11A | Strut | 2 | cut |
| WF-50-099-11B | Plate | 4 | cut |
| WF-50-099-11C | Tab | 4 | cut,shaped \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-13 | Fitting | 2 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-14A1 | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14A2 | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14B | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14C1 | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14C2 | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14D | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14E | Strut | 2 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-14F | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14G | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14H | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14 | Strut | 2 | layed up \& cut |
| WF-50-099-14J | Strut | 2 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-18 | Fitting | 4 | cut, milled \& drilled |
| WF-50-099-19 | Strut/Shock Mount | 2 | weldament |
| WF-50-099-19A | Mount | 4 | cut, milled \& drilled |






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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { USU } \\ \text { WRIGHT FLYER } \\ 1903-2003 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| DRAWN BY: <br> David Beck Christensen |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATERIAL: | PART DESCRIPTION: Skid |  | PART NUMBER: WF-50-000-00F |  | REV |
| DATE: 2/17/2002 | SCALE: | size: B | B SHEET | 1 of | 1 |





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| DRAWN BY: <br> David Beck Christensen |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATERIAL: <br> Steel, Mild | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PART DESCRIPTION: } \\ & \text { Tube, Fitting } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PART NUMBER: } \\ & \text { WF-50-099-13 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\underset{\text { ReV }}{\text { A }}$ |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | WRIGHT FLYER$1903-2003$ |  |  |  |  |
| DRAWN BY: <br> David Beck Christensen |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATERIAL: <br> Aluminum-6061 | PART DESCRIPTION: <br> Tube, Fitting |  | PART NUMBER: WF-50-099-02C |  | REV |
| DATE: 2/17/2002 | SCALE: | SIZE: B | - SHEET 1 | of | 1 |



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APPENDIX A

## Original 1905 Wright Flyer Drag Calculations <br> Reference: White, Frank. Fluid Mechanics. Fourth Edition. Pages 458-460.

Important Notes:
1.) All aerodynamic areas are frontal unless otherwise specified.
2.) Any diagonal member is modeled using a vertical projection of the area.
3.) A YELLOW cell contains a changeable property.

Air Properties (@ 1 atm, and 68 F):

| velocity, $V=$ | 28 mph |
| ---: | ---: |
| density, $\rho=$ | $0.002377 \mathrm{slugs} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ |
| viscosity, $\mu=$ | $0.000000376 \mathrm{lb}^{*} / \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
| kinematic viscosity, $v=$ | $0.000158183 \mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{s}$ |

$$
q_{0}=\quad 1 / 2 \rho V^{2}=2.0053 \text { slugs } / \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{s}^{2}
$$

Characteristic Length

| 0.25 in | or |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1 in | or |
| 2 in | or |
| 18 in | or |

Reynolds

$$
\begin{array}{r}
0.020833 \mathrm{ft} \\
0.083333 \mathrm{ft} \\
0.166667 \mathrm{ft} \\
1.5 \mathrm{ft}
\end{array}
$$

## Main Wing:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C_{D}$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{in}^{2}\right)$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ | Quantity | Drag (lb) | Drag (\% |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Top Wing | Generic Wing | 0.047 | $-\ldots$ | 251.50 | 1 | 23.703 | $20.8 \%$ |
| Bottom Wing | Generic Wing | 0.047 | - | 251.50 | 1 | 23.703 | $20.8 \%$ |
| Propeller Supports | Cylinder | 1.2 | 32.81 | 0.23 | 8 | 4.386 | $3.9 \%$ |
| Struts | Rounded Nose Secti | 0.8 | 70 | 0.49 | 18 | 14.037 | $12.3 \%$ |
| Wires (collective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 175.2 | 1.22 | 1 | 2.928 | $2.6 \%$ |

## Front Rudder (Canard):

| Part Description | Modeled as $a \ldots$ | $C_{D}$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{in}^{2}\right)$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ | Quantity | Drag (b) | Drag (\% |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Top Wing | Generic Wing | 0.03 | -- | 41.50 | 1 | 2.497 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Bottom Wing | Generic Wing | 0.03 | $\ldots$ | 41.50 | 1 | 2.497 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Control Shaft | Cylinder | 1.2 | 76.5 | 0.53 | 1 | 1.278 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Blinkers | Rounded Nose Secti | 0.8 | 22.3 | 0.15 | 2 | 0.497 | $0.4 \%$ |
| Struts | Rounded Nose Sectil | 0.8 | 33.75 | 0.23 | 9 | 3.384 | $3.0 \%$ |
| Wires (collective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 15.68 | 0.11 | 1 | 0.262 | $0.2 \%$ |

## 1905 Flyer Drag Calculations Continued...

Rear Rudder:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | CD | Area (in2) | Area (ft2) | Quantity | Drag (lb) | Drag (\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Left Wing | Generic Wing | 0.0017 | $\ldots-$ | 17.40 | 1 | 0.059 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Right Wing | Generic Wing | 0.0017 | - | 17.40 | 1 | 0.059 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Struts | Rounded Nose Secti | 0.8 | 22.5 | 0.16 | 6 | 1.504 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Wires (coilective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 15.68 | 0.11 | 1 | 0.262 | $0.2 \%$ |

## Engine and Drive Train:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C D$ | Area (in2) | Area (ft2) | Quantity | Drag (lb) | Drag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Engine | -- | -- | - - | --- | -- | $\cdots$ |  |
| Block | Rectangular Plate | 1.2 | 250 | 1.74 | 1 | 4.178 | 3.7\% |
| Radiator | Flat Nose Section | 0.8 | 101.6 | 0.71 | 1 | 1.132 | 1.0\% |
| Fuel Tank | Cylinder | 0.8 | 76.56 | 0.53 | 1 | 0.853 | 0.8\% |
| Drive Train | ---- | $\cdots$ | --- | $\cdots$ | --- | $\cdots$ |  |
| Guide Tubes (collective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 200 | 1.39 | 1 | 3.342 | 2.9\% |
| Sprockets | Disk | 1.17 | 99.4 | 0.69 | 2 | 3.239 | 2.8\% |
| Propellers (non-rotating) | Flat Plate | 0 | ---> | 4.00 | Subiotal $=$ | 0.000 | 0.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 12.744 | 11.2\% |

## Pilot:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | CD | Area (in2) | Area (ft2) | Quantity | Drag (lb) | Drag (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Orville | Human(sitting) | 1.2 | $\ldots$ | 2 | 4.813 | $4.2 \%$ |  |

## Airframe Structural Supports:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | CD | Area (in2) | Area (ft2) | Quantity | Drag (lb) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Skids | Flat Nose Section | 1.6 | 38.75 | 0.27 | 2 | 1.7 |
| Wires (collective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 96.78 | 0.67 | 1 | 1.727 |
| Control Wires (collective) | Cylinder | 1.2 | 80.36 | 0.56 | 1 | 1.617 |
| Center Strut | Rounded Nose Secti | 0.8 | $1.4 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Vertical Struts (collective) | Rounded Nose Secti | 0.8 | 14 | 0.10 | 1 | 1.343 |
| Horizontal Struts | Rounded Nose Sectil | 0.8 | 728.1 | $1.2 \%$ |  |  |

Total Drag Force $=113.70 \mathrm{ib}$
Moment arms on the next sheet, sheet 2

## USU Wright Flyer Drag Calculations

## ****Drag of wings counted on this sheet

Reference: White, Frank. Fluid Mechanics. Fourth Edition. Pages 458-460.
Important Notes:
1.) All aerodynamic areas are frontal unless otherwise specified.
2.) Any diagonal member is modeled using a vertical projection of the area.
3.) A YELLOW cell contains a changeable property.

Air Properties (@1 atm, and 68 F):

| velocity, $V=$ | 45 mph | $66.015 \mathrm{tt} / \mathrm{s}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| density, $\rho=$ | 0.002377 slugs $/ \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ |  |
| viscosity, $\mu=$ | $0.000000376 \mathrm{lb} * / / \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |  |
| kinematic viscosity, $v=$ | $0.000158183 \mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{s}$ |  |

## Characteristic Length

| 0.25 in | or | 0.020833 ft |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 1 in | or | 0.083333 ft |
| 2 in | or | 0.166667 ft |
| 18 in | or | 1.5 ft |

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## Main Wing:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C_{D}$ | Area (in ${ }^{2}$ ) | Area ( $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ ) | Quantity | Drag (b) | Drag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Top Wing | usu 402509-3040.13 | 0.0073 | --- | 230 | 1 | 8.6963125 | 5.7\% |
| Bottom Wing | usu 402509-3040.13 | 0.0073 | --- | 230 | 1 | 8.6963125 | 5.7\% |
| Propeller Supports | Stream Lined Body | 0.12 | 50 | 0.347222 | 16 | 3.452973 | 2.3\% |
| Struts | Stream Lined Body | 0.12 | 100 | 0.694444 | 16 | 6.905946 | 4.6\% |
| Wires (collective) | Round Cylinder | 1.2 |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal $=$ | 27.751544 | 18.3\% |

Front Rudder (Canard):

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C_{D}$ | Area ( $\mathrm{in}^{2}$ ) | Area ( $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ ) | Quantity | Drag (b) | Drag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Top Wing | usu 993009-3040.13 | 0.0451 | Area | 27.5 | 1 | 6.4174151 | 4.2\% |
| Bottom Wing | usu 993009-3040.13 | 0.0451 | ---- | 27.5 | 1 | 6.4174151 | 4.2\% |
| Struts | Stream Lined Body | 0.12 | 24 | 0.166667 | 2 | 0.2071784 | 0.1\% |
| Subtotal $=$ |  |  |  |  |  | 13.042009 | $8.6 \%$ |

## USU Flyer Drag Calculations Continued...

Rear Rudder:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C_{D}$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{in}^{2}\right)$ | Area (ft ${ }^{2}$ ) | Quantity | Drag (lb) | Drag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Left Wing | NACA 0009 | 0.0017 | --- | 21 | 1 | 0.1849067 | 0.1\% |
| Right Wing | NACA 0009 | 0.0017 | --- | 21 | 1 | 0.1849067 | 0.1\% |
| Struts | Round Cylinder | 1.2 | 20 | 0.138889 | 1 | 0.8632432 | 0.6\% |
| Wires (collective) | Round Cylinder | 1.2 |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Subtotal $=$ |  |  |  |  |  | 1.2330567 | 0.8\% |

## Engine and Drive Train:

| Part Description | Modeled as a... | $C_{D}$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{in}^{2}\right)$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ | Quantity | Drag (b) | Drag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Engine | ---- | --- | ---- | ---- | --- | ---- |  |
| Block | Bluff Body | 1 | 180 | 1.25 | 1 | 6.4743244 | 4.3\% |
| Fuel Tank | Bluff Body | 1 | 100 | 0.694444 | 1 | 3.5968469 | 2.4\% |
| Drive Train | - --- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | --- | --- | $\cdots$ |  |
| Transmission | Bluff Body | 0.5 | 216 | 1.5 | 1 | 3.8845946 | 2.6\% |
| Sprockets | Round Cylinder | 1.2 | 28.25 | 0.196181 | 2 | 2.4386622 | 1.6\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Subtotal $=$ | 16.394428 | 10.8\% |

## Pilot:

| Part Description | Modeled as $a_{\ldots} .$. | $C_{D}$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{in}^{2}\right)$ | Area $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ | Quantity | Drag (ib) | Drag (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Orville | Person | 6 | - | 2 | 62.153514 | $41.1 \%$ |  |

## Airframe Structural Supports:

| Part Description | Modeled as $a . .$. | $C_{D}$ | Area (in ${ }^{2}$ ) | Area (ft ${ }^{2}$ ) | Quantity | Drag (lb) | rag (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Skids | Square Cylinder | 2.1 | 12 | 0.083333 | 2 | 1.8128108 | 1.2\% |
| Wires (collective) | Round Cylinder | 1.2 |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Control Wires (collecive) | Round Cylinder | 1.2 |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Vertical Struts (colleative) | Round Cylinder | 1.2 | 271 | 1.881944 | 2 | 23.393892 | 15.5\% |
| Diagonal Struts | Round Cylinder | 1.2 | 65 | 0.451389 | 2 | 5.6110811 | 3.7\% |
| Subtotal $=30.80 .817784 \quad 20.4 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Total Drag Force $=151,39$ Ib

APPENDIX B

## AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

## Thrust Required

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{V}:=\left(\begin{array}{c}
5 \\
15 \\
25 \\
35 \\
40 \\
45 \\
50 \\
55
\end{array}\right) \mathrm{mph} \quad \mathrm{~V}_{1}:=\left(\begin{array}{c}
5 \\
15 \\
25 \\
35 \\
40 \\
45 \\
50 \\
55
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { W := 89abf } \\
& \text { e := . } 82 \\
& \mathrm{~W}_{1}:=890 \\
& \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{R}}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1.547 \times 10^{3} \\
182.649 \\
92.11 \\
90.895 \\
101.67 \\
117.191 \\
136.579 \\
159.331
\end{array}\right) \mathrm{lbf}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Power Required



## Power/Thrust Available

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{S}}:=282.034 \mathrm{bf} \quad \mathrm{T}_{1}:=5.025 \frac{\mathrm{lbf} \cdot \mathrm{sec}}{\mathrm{ft}} \quad \mathrm{T}_{2}:=-.144 \frac{\mathrm{lbf} \cdot \mathrm{s}^{2}}{\mathrm{ft}^{2}}$
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}:=282.034+5.025 \mathrm{~V}_{1}-.144 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{l}}{ }^{2}$
Note: Thrust available (Ta) data was obtained from propelier manufacturer.

$$
\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{A}}:=\frac{282.034 \mathrm{~V}_{1}+5.025 \mathrm{~V}_{1}^{2}-.144 \mathrm{~V}_{1}^{3}}{550}
$$

$$
\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{t}^{2}=\left(\begin{array}{l}
303.559 \\
325.009 \\
317.659 \\
281.509 \\
252.634 \\
216.559 \\
173.284 \\
122.809
\end{array}\right)
$$

$P_{A}=\left(\begin{array}{c}2.76 \\ 8.864 \\ 14.439 \\ 17.914 \\ 18.373 \\ 17.718 \\ 15.753 \\ 12.281\end{array}\right)$

Rate of Climb
$12.281)$

$$
\mathrm{Vc}:=\frac{\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{A}}-\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{R} 1}}{\mathrm{~W}_{1}} .55060 \quad \mathrm{Vc}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
-662.457 \\
57.766 \\
307.694 \\
349.677 \\
279.151 \\
135.541 \\
-91.117 \\
-411.118
\end{array}\right) \quad \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\min }
$$

Power failure and gliding flight

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V_{s}=\text { Sink Rate } \\
& V_{s}:=\frac{C_{D_{0}} \cdot \rho \cdot V^{3}}{2 \cdot \frac{W}{S_{W}}}+C_{D_{0} . L} \cdot V+\frac{2 \cdot \frac{W}{S_{W}}}{\pi \cdot e \cdot R_{A} \cdot \rho \cdot V}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathrm{Vs}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
764.78 \\
270.895 \\
227.686 \\
314.558 \\
402.109 \\
521.436 \\
675.22 \\
866.477
\end{array}\right) \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\mathrm{~min}}
$$

The glide ratio for zero wind is equal to the Lift to Drag ratio. Assuming that the wright flyer will not be flying in windy conditions, we say that $R_{G}=L / D=C_{L} / C_{D}$. Cl and $C d$ were obtained from WINGS2001 output after the plane was balanced.

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}:=.241 \quad \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}:=.05018 \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{G}}:=\frac{\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}}{\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}} \quad \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{G}}=4.803
$$

## Steady Coordinated Turn

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Lmax}}:=0.706 \quad \text { Added } \mathrm{Cl} \text { of each surface when plane was balanced for } 29 \mathrm{mph} .
$$

$$
V:=45 \mathrm{mph} \quad \text { Design flight speed. }
$$

$n_{\operatorname{maxs}}$ is the stall limited, Maximum allowable load on the wings.
$r_{t}$ is the stall limited Minimum turning radius
This equation does not account for tip stall.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
n_{\max S}:=\frac{0.5 \cdot \rho \cdot v^{2}}{\frac{W}{S_{w}}} \cdot C_{L \max } \quad n_{\max S}=1.894 \\
r_{t}:=\frac{\mathrm{v}^{2}}{\mathrm{~g} \cdot \sqrt{\mathrm{n}_{\max S^{2}}^{2}-1}} \quad \mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{t}}=84.199 \mathrm{ft} & \\
& \text { PercentWingSpan }:=\frac{\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{t}}}{\mathrm{~b}} \cdot 100 \\
& \text { PercentWingSpan }=207.898
\end{array}
$$

**** PercentWingSpan wing span is not very much, the inner wing could easily be stalling, so we have to try again using the equations that take tip stall into account !!!.

The foilowing equation finds the max load allowable on a wing, taking into account the bank angle and turning radius to avoid stalling the tip of the inside wing (See Eq. 3.9.46 and the preceding paragragh, pg. 76.

When ' $\mathrm{f}\left(\mathrm{n}_{\max }\right)^{\prime}$ equals zero, $\mathrm{n}_{\max }$ is the correct value =>

$$
f\left(n_{m}\right):=n_{m}-\left(\frac{b \cdot g}{2 \cdot v^{2}} \cdot \sqrt{n_{m}^{2}-1}\right)-\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \frac{v}{S_{w}}}{\rho \cdot v^{2} \cdot C_{L \max }}} \cdot \sqrt{n_{m}^{3}}
$$

## Over view graph:

ZOOM view graph:



This is to verify a guess taken from the graph above:

Guess from graph:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n_{\max }:=2.32421 \\
& f\left(n_{\max }\right):=n_{\max }-\left(\frac{b \cdot g}{2 \cdot v^{2}} \cdot \sqrt{n_{\max }^{2}-1}\right)-\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \frac{W}{S_{w}}}{\rho \cdot v^{2} \cdot C_{L \max }}} \cdot \sqrt{n_{\max }^{3}} \\
& r_{t}:=\frac{v^{2}}{g \cdot \sqrt{n_{\max }^{2}-1}} \quad f\left(n_{\max }\right)=-0.565 \\
& \\
& \quad r_{t}=64.53 f t \quad \\
& \text { PercentWingSEMISpan }:=\frac{r_{t}}{\frac{b}{2}} \cdot 100
\end{aligned}
$$

**The load on the wing structure is the weight of the plane times the load factor, $n$.

$$
\text { WingLoad }:=\mathrm{n}_{\max } \mathrm{W} \quad \text { WingLoad }=2.069 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{lbf}
$$

g forces on the wings:

$$
\text { Gs }:=\frac{\text { WingLoad }}{W} \quad G s=2.324
$$

## Take Off Performance

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\mathrm{g}=32.174 \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{2} & \mathrm{t}_{\text {rotate }}:=1 \mathrm{sec} & \\
\mathrm{~s}^{2} & \mathrm{t}_{\text {react }}:=2 \mathrm{sec} & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{hw}}:=0 \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\mathrm{sec}}
\end{array} \quad \mathrm{~V}_{\text {stall }}:=44 \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\mathrm{sec}}
$$

Note: Rolling and brake friction are unknown at this time.
The values listed are an estimate. If $\quad \mu$ brake $=\mu \mathrm{r}$ then a zero brake analysis is being done.

$$
\begin{gathered}
C_{L}:=\pi \cdot e \cdot R_{A} \cdot\left[\frac{1}{2 \cdot\left(\frac{16 \cdot h w}{b}\right)^{2}}+\frac{1}{2}\right] \cdot\left(\mu_{r}-C_{D o . L}\right) \\
C_{D}:=C_{D o}+C_{D o . L} C_{L}+\frac{\left(16 \cdot \frac{h w}{b}\right)^{2}}{1+\left(16 \cdot \frac{h w}{b}\right)^{2}} \cdot \frac{C_{L}^{2}}{\pi \cdot e \cdot R_{A}}
\end{gathered}
$$

hw := 5ft
Note: Uncertain what value is correct for the height of wings from ground for biplane configuration. An average of the two is being used here.

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}=1.092
$$

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}=0.096
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{K}_{0}:=\frac{\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{S}}}{\mathrm{~W}}-\mu_{\mathrm{r}} \quad \mathrm{~K}_{0}=0.217 \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{1}:=\frac{\mathrm{T}_{1}}{\mathrm{~W}} \quad \mathrm{~K}_{1}=5.646 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\mathrm{~s}}{\mathrm{ft}} \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{2}:=\frac{\mathrm{T}_{2}}{\mathrm{~W}}+\frac{\rho}{2 \cdot \frac{\mathrm{~W}}{\mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{w}}}} \cdot\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}} \cdot \mu_{\mathrm{r}}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}\right) \quad \mathrm{K}_{2}=-1.535 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\mathrm{~s}^{2}}{\mathrm{ft}^{2}} \\
& K_{R}:=4 \cdot K_{0} \cdot K_{2}-K_{1}{ }^{2} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s}}:=\mathrm{K}_{0} \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{R}}=-1.65 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\mathrm{~s}^{2}}{\mathrm{ft}^{2}} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{S}}=0.217 \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO}}:=\mathrm{K}_{0}+\mathrm{K}_{1} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{LO}}+\mathrm{K}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{LO}}{ }^{2} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO}}=0.131 \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s} 2}:=\mathrm{K}_{1} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s} 2}=5.646 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\mathrm{~s}}{\mathrm{ft}} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO} 2}:=\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{I}}+2 \cdot \mathrm{~K}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{LO}} \\
& \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO} 2}=-9.211 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\mathrm{~s}}{\mathrm{ft}} \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{w}}:=\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}}} \cdot \ln \left[\frac{\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO} 2}-\sqrt{-\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}}\right) \cdot\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s} 2}+\sqrt{-\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}}\right)}{\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO} 2}+\sqrt{-\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}}\right) \cdot\left(\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s} 2}-\sqrt{-\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{R}}}\right)}\right] \quad \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{w}}=213.757 \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\mathrm{~s}} \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{T}}:=\frac{1}{2 \cdot \mathrm{~K}_{2}} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{LO}}}{\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{s}}}\right)-\frac{\mathrm{K}_{1} \cdot \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{W}}}{2 \cdot \mathrm{~K}_{2}} \\
& \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{T}}=5.584 \times 10^{3} \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{2}}{\mathrm{~s}^{2}} \\
& \mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{a}}:=\frac{\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{T}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{hw}} \cdot \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{w}}}{\mathrm{~g}} \\
& \mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{a}}=173.543 \mathrm{ft} \\
& s_{g}:=s_{\mathrm{a}}+\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LO}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{hw}}\right) \cdot \mathrm{t}_{\text {rotate }} \\
& \mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{g}}=221.943 \mathrm{ft}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Landing Performance

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\begin{array}{lr}
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TD}}:=1.15 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {stall }} & \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TD}}=50.6 \frac{\mathrm{ft}}{\mathrm{~s}} \\
\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{f}}:=\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TD}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{hw}}\right) \cdot \mathrm{t}_{\text {react }} & \mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{f}}=101.2 \mathrm{ft} \\
\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{b}}:=\frac{\mathrm{W}}{\rho \cdot g \cdot\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}-\mu_{\mathrm{brakes}} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}\right)} \cdot \ln \left[1+\frac{\rho \cdot \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TD}}^{2}}{2 \cdot \frac{\mathrm{~W}}{S_{\mathrm{w}}}} \cdot\left(\frac{\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}}}{\mu_{\mathrm{brakes}}}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}\right)\right] \\
\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{g} 2}:=\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{f}}+\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{b}} & \mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{b}}=447.454 \mathrm{ft}
\end{array}
$$

APPENDIX ©


## \% of Total Weight Carried ( 800 lbs ) Assumptions <br> *Canard : 15\% <br> *Front Spars : 30\% <br> *Cables/Skin: 50\% <br> *Back Spars : 20\%

## Calculations for front spar thickness and weight

$P:=\frac{800 \mathrm{lbf} \cdot .30}{4} \quad$ Assumed load on wingtip test ( 2.5 g load) [P(\%)/number of spars]
$\mathrm{L}:=207 . \mathrm{in} \quad$ Length of beam (assumed to be rigid at frame mount)
$a:=207$ in
Distance down the beam that the deflection is measured
$\delta:=20$ in
Deflection
$\rho:=.0643065798 \frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{in}^{3}} \quad$ Density
$\mathrm{d}_{0}:=3.109$ in $\quad$ Outer diameter (should be within 3.0 to 3.2 inches diameter)
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}:=\frac{\mathrm{d}_{0}}{2} \quad$ Outer Radius
$\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{X}}:=10010^{9} \cdot \mathrm{~Pa} \quad \mathrm{X}$-dir modulus of the graphite (in line with the fibers)
(El value required)

$$
\text { Stiffness }:=\frac{P \cdot a^{2}}{6 \cdot \delta} \cdot(3 \cdot \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{a})
$$

Stiffness $=2.545 \times 10^{4} \frac{\mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{3}}{\mathrm{~s}^{2}}$
( $\mathrm{Ri}=$ inner radius according to smearing method)

$$
\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}:=\sqrt[4]{\frac{- \text { Stiffness } \cdot 4}{\pi \cdot \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{x}}}+\mathrm{R}_{0}^{4}}
$$

$$
\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}=1.5 \mathrm{in}
$$

(Thickness)

| $t:=R_{0}-R_{i}$ | $t=0.055$ in | (About 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (Volume) |  |  |

$$
\mathrm{V}:=\pi \cdot\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}-\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}^{2}\right) \cdot 486 \mathrm{in}
$$

(Weight)

$$
W_{f}:=\rho \cdot V
$$

(Diameter of Mandrel)

$$
\mathrm{d}:=\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} \cdot 2
$$

$$
\mathrm{d}=3 \mathrm{in}
$$

## Back Spar Calculations

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{P}:=\frac{800 \mathrm{lbf} \cdot .20}{4} & \rho:=.0643065798 \frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{in}^{3}} \\
\mathrm{~L}:=207 \cdot \mathrm{in} & \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{o}}:=2.55 \cdot \mathrm{in} \\
\mathrm{a}:=207 \cdot \mathrm{in} & \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}:=\frac{\mathrm{d}_{0}}{2} \\
\delta:=25 \cdot \mathrm{in} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{X}}:=90 \cdot 10^{9} \cdot \mathrm{~Pa}
\end{array}
$$

$$
\mathrm{V}=254.786 \mathrm{in}^{3}
$$

layers)
(Weight)

$$
W_{b}:=p \cdot V
$$

$$
W_{b}=16.869 \mathrm{lb}
$$

(Diameter of Mandrel)

$$
\mathrm{d}:=\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} \cdot 2
$$

$$
\mathrm{d}=2.431 \mathrm{in}
$$

## Total estimated spar weight

$$
\text { TOTAL }_{\text {spat }}:=2 \cdot \mathrm{~W}_{\mathrm{b}}+2 \cdot \mathrm{~W}_{\mathrm{f}}
$$

## Rib Weight Calculations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \rho_{\text {foam }}:=37165 \frac{\mathrm{gm}}{\mathrm{~m}^{3}} \\
& \mathrm{~N}_{\text {ribs }}:=60 \\
& \mathrm{x}_{\text {ribs }}:=69.576 \mathrm{in}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
y_{\text {ribs }}:=2.5 \cdot \mathrm{in}
$$

$$
z_{\text {ribs }}:=.5 \cdot \mathrm{in}
$$

$$
\mathrm{V}_{\text {ribs }}:=\mathrm{x}_{\text {ribs }} \cdot \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{r}} \mathrm{bss}^{\prime} \cdot \mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{ribs}}
$$

$$
m_{\text {foam }}:=V_{\text {ribs }} \cdot \rho_{\text {foam }} \cdot N_{\text {ribs }}
$$

$$
\mathrm{m}_{\text {foam }}=7.0061 \mathrm{~b}
$$

$$
\rho_{\text {kevlar }}:=.0072 \frac{\mathrm{gm}}{\mathrm{~cm}^{2}}
$$

$$
\text { LAYER }_{\text {kevlar }}:=1
$$

$$
\mathrm{A}_{\text {ribs }}:=.1122 \mathrm{~m}^{2}
$$

$$
m_{\text {kevlar }}:=\rho_{\text {kevlar }} \text { LAYER }{ }_{\text {kevlar }} \cdot A_{\text {ribs }} \cdot N_{\text {ribs }}
$$

$$
\mathrm{m}_{\text {kevlar }}=1.069 \mathrm{lb}
$$

$$
\text { TOTAL }_{\text {ribs }}:=\mathrm{m}_{\text {foam }}+\mathrm{m}_{\text {kevlar }}
$$

(adjust for epoxy)


## I-deas Beam Models

Figure 1 refers to $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{n}$ WF-50-099-11A. The chassis beam is loaded with $120-\mathrm{lbf}$ at two points spanning ten inches. The $2-120-\mathrm{lbf}$ loads $(240-\mathrm{lbf})$ is due to two men standing on the Footrest assembly, estimating 240-lbf per passenger noting there are two chassis bars supporting the reaction.

Figure 2 refers to $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{n}$ WF-50-099-11A. The chassis beam is loaded with $120 \mathrm{-lbf}$ at two points spanning ten inches. The $2-120-\mathrm{lbf}$ loads ( $240-\mathrm{lbf}$ ) is due to two men standing on the Footrest assembly, estimating 240-lbf per passenger noting there are two chassis bars supporting the reaction.

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Figure 1: Chassis when both standing.


Figure 2: Footrest bar both standing.

Figure 3 refers to $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{n}$ WF-50-099-11A. The beam is loaded with two horizontal forces of $120-\mathrm{lbf}$ each, modeling two passengers sitting on the span bar. The distance between loads is about twelve inches. Assuming that the pilot and passenger are $240-\mathrm{lbf}$ each and there are four mounting points, two on each chassis bar.

Figure 4 refers to $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{n}$ WF-30-003. The beam is loaded with 2 distributed loads of $120-\mathrm{lbf}$ across 18 inches each, along with two point loads 20 lbf each for the engine. The distributed loads are if both the pilot and passenger are standing on the footplates. 120lbf is approximately one half the weight of a large man (note: one half because there is a front and back beam supporting the foot plates.) The $20-\mathrm{lbf}$ point loads are two engine mounts on the beam, estimated $80-\mathrm{Ibf}$ engine divided by four mounting points.


Figure 3: Chassis bar both sitting.


Figure 4: Span bar both standing.

Control Throw vs. Surface Deflection



APPENDIX E

## Quality Assurance

As with any manufacturing process there can be inconsistencies in the final product. In order to avoid these inconsistencies, quality assurance inspection forms were created for the purpose of tracking, documenting, and ensuring the quality of each and every part on the USU Flyer. A few examples of these forms are attached for reference. The purpose of each form explains why the quality assurance is needed for each part. The requirements list specific items that must be met in order for the part to continue in the manufacturing process. Four individuals (Technician, Design Engineer, Manufacturing Manager, and Project Manager) inspect and pass off these requirements to ensure that no faulty part continues in the process. If parts are do not conforming to these requirements, their quality assurance forms can aid in determining the root cause of the nonconformance.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE Inspection and Certification Form

## Sheet Number:

$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
Part Number: WF-20-015
Description: Canard Surface Left
Purpose: a) Certify that left canard surface is manufactured according to specifications.
b) Verify dimensions.
c) Certify that the surface has the correct aerodynamic shape and size.

Requirements: Verify the correct material of the surface. Inspect the aerodynamic shape to verify that it is the correct shape and size and reduced accordingly. Verify that the spar holes are in the correct position as specified in the drawing.

| Part Number | Item Number | Weight | Tech. | Str. Eng. | Man. Eng. | Proj. Man. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-20-015 | $\# 1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| WF-20-015 | $\# 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |

Signatures:
Technician $-\cdots$ Date

# QUALITY ASSURANCE Inspection and Certification Form 

Sheet Number: $\qquad$

Date: $\qquad$

Weight: $\qquad$

Description: 4130 Steel control system main housing. The case supports control mechanisms for roll and elevation. It is attached to the chassis with large pillow blocks.

Purpose: a) Certify part has been anodized.
b) Certify part is correct length.
c) Certify all drilled holes are within tolerances of datum.

Signatures:

Technician

Structural Engineer

Manufacturing Engineer
$\qquad$
Project Manager
Date

## QUALITY ASSURANCE Inspection and Certification Form

Sheet Number: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
Part Number: WF-50-099-03
Description: Skid to Canard hardpoint
Purpose: a) Check that four sides on tab are welded
b) Check integrity of welds
c) Check dimensions with drawing specifications
d) Check overall part with drawing specifications

Requirements: This part is a weldament, consisting of three welded pieces and several drilled holes. It may or may not be painted at the time of this inspection.

| Part Number | Item Number | Weight | Tech. | Str. Eng. | Man. Eng. | Proj. Man. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WF-50-099-03 | $\# 1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| WF-50-099-03 | $\# 2$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## Signatures:

Technician
Date

Structural Engineer
Date

Manufacturing Engineer
Date

## APPENDIX F



The Wright Flyer Design Team
Front Row (LR): Nick Filimoehala, Jon Holfeltz, Carson Esplin, Ben Case, Wayne Goodrich,
Eric Peterson, Nick Alley (project manager), Mark Karpowich (modeler), Adam Richards Back Row ( $L F$ ): Amy Hintze, Nate Holman, David Christensen, Weston Allen (Draftsman).

Poster on the Hill - Capital Rotunda


Poster on the Hill participants




Gluing Model


Building Model


Model being assembled.


Complete Model (1:4 scale)


Adam and Nick discuss the power train with Randy Chesley.


Carson and Chuck Larsen converse about the wing ribs.


Fiberglass leaf spring


Wing rib lay-up


Measuring the rib weight

Cochpit concept in pink



Wing Warp concept in cardboard


Mockup of cockpit concept

## Prototyping

Wings and Carbon Fiber Tubes


Sponsor of Wavy Composites


Wavy carbon fiber lamina


Eric and Bill Pratt rolling fibers onto a spar.


Assembled wing section


Carson holding light wing section.


Too Easy!



Nate making canard airfoil template.


Nate sanding the canard


A canard end section


Canard mid-section


Nate is cutting out canard end plates.


Canard center section covered in fiberglass


Finished canard section


Surfs up, DUDE!


Jon and Nate designed and built the canard.


Canard on display

## The Rudder



Jon is cutting the rib profiles.


Leading edge of a rudder section


Eric and Jon are gluing foan together.


Jon is cutting Kevlar to cover each rib.


Assembled rudder section


Finished rudder section

## Random Shots



Carson --????



Jon at work


Nick (the Boss)


## The Salt Lake Tribune - April 23, 2002

## GETTINGIT WRIGHT



USU engineering student Wayne Goodrich weaks a quarter-scale replica of the original Wright Flyer, the Wright broihers' plane that flew the word's first powered flight. A full-size version will be built by USU students.

## Marking a Milestone

## USU students revamping historic plane for centennial fest


#### Abstract

BY GREG I_ATINE THE BAT I-HE TRMMRE LOMAN - Even a century later. Gtah State Universin urad student Nick Alley marels at the pilotine sillo of Orville and Witbur Wright. The sood and canvas biplane -which The s rod and anvas biplane - Winich spatered into history at Kitto Havk.  powered flight - was unstable and hard to control

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At 5 p.m. Eoday in Reom 120 of USU's Cazier Science and Tecmnology Library the stadents will present their plans. I; itrt of the presentation sill inciude a flight-worthy, quarterSin inciude a flight-worny, quartef-
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The Salt Lake Tribune - April 23, 2002 (continued)


Al Harmann/The Salt Lake Tribune USU graduate student Nick Alley, left, and aviation program coordinator Dave Widaut show off a replica of the Wright Flyer.

## USU Project <br> More Than a Flight of Fancy

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"It was too good an opportu nity to pass up," Alley said. "T've lost sleep over this. It's been really stressful."

The student designers have collectively logged about 4,000 work hours. Some of the soon-to-be-graduating students will stick around this summer to
build the plane.
Widauf said USU has big plans for the souped-up biplane. Once the plane is built, it will go on a barnstorming tour of Utah schools.
"Maybe we can light the fire in some kid's eyes to be an engineer," he said.

If money can be found, Widauf would like to show off the plane on the way to or from the Dayton flying festival. Just don't expect to see the Wright Flyer soaring over Interstate 80, as the plane will probably travel yia bruck.
"We're going to have an airpiane flying, hopefully by the end of summer," Widauf said.

The Deseret News - March 10, 2002

## USU students ready to fly into the past <br> By Lash LL CuHier <br> Deseret Newn stat patiox <br> A troup of college students is honoring the word $s$ first aviators by haming back the clock ind re-creating Orville and Wilbur ruht's original hying wonder. <br> Nearly 100 yedrs after the brothers made their first 12 second hight. Dtah state linversity studenks are building a modern-day replica of their flying machine, a teat heleved never atempted. said David Widauf, a IISD associate professor overseeins the project. "We thought. Whey not build a replica with materials that vould be available of the Wrisht brothers were consiructing an ai plane todiy? <br> is using the latest. Kevlar and giaphite materiats instead of the nusifin and sprtce used by the Wrights a century ago. <br> 

## PLANE

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The twa yoar project pot: under way last semester and will endmmate when the plan flyor centennial celebration nosyon Ohio in cork the siturients spent hours last semester getting to icrow cerything atrout the orig inal Wrimht plane, according to Nick Alley, 4 USU graduate sudent and the desimp propect mamater. Five of the 10 students are lecusing on the strue white the other five are wo ingomthe plane's armodyam ies This semester, the students have buite a guatter scale mothl and soon will start work
on the actual full seale ptane
Tie quarter-scale model was on display at "Dinotek 2002" free high tech exhibit at the Oigden Dinosaur Patk, through Febsit
When they finish that plane. former Sen. Jake Garn wants in be the one in the pilot seat on al least one of its lights. They lope that flight will go tarther than the 120 feet the Wright bothers managed.
Garm, who says aviation has awoys ween a part on his life. taion carer to fy a replitar theorginal wropht phe wa has "fown all sortis of things" ncludine tang pliders and experimental and home bunt aireratit In ISR3, he had the opportunity to be the first pub Sicioflicial to fly aboard the.

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And Garn sad hes not wor ried about the safcty of the plane
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The Wrights had very litile understanding of aerodynamcs." Alley said. In the original plane, the
enter of gravity was behind the main ving Alley said the Leam has had to design around hat by makimb the tall end of
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performed in steady flight. They used that proercom to find trouds in how chantine thines about the aireraft would affee its flight performance One of the bigest changes they're making is reducing the weipht from its original 710 pounds ts 310 pounds.
"We're tryng to make the plane as light as possible.' Alley said. "Anybudy can buith a plame that weighs 7(0) or eq(x) prounds.
Alley said the ctablenge is desimming an aireraf that has carty a human being

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## The USU Statesman - April 26, 2002

## Wright plane getting ready to roll


friendly, Wanne
Gurdrich, a studeat working on the project suid.
"And it'll still be good lootin; Goodrich said.
Using computer prograns: :uk simulations such as Wings 2000. students analyeed the effects of their redesigns.
Eric Peterson, a seniar in mechanioal engineering said they lave great confidence in the reliability of the computer models ${ }^{2}$ pres dictions because they have heen tested against wind tunnel experience and compared to other pograms.

Although the plane will actually be flown, Dave Widauf, ariation programs coordinator in the industrial technology and education department, suid the plame will not be making any cross-coun


A QUARTER-SCALE MODEL of the USU Fyyer was on display in the Science and Technology Library Tuesday. The liyer is a model for a fuili-size replica of the original Wright brothers 1902 Kilty Hawk flyter which will be completed this year./Angeie Christensen photo
try Hights because the fuel tank caparity will only allow for Ijights of about an lacur, and the plane will no be able to laandle cioss winds more than five miles per hour.
"Tt's to prove a cancept and to celebrate the Wright brothers," Widauf suid. If it gets off the ground and flies around a football field, well be happy:"
Widauf said USU is the only organization to do anything like isis.
inthen
There are tires or four others doing exact replicas, but they're more for historic value. Were doing something uniţue," Widauf said.
The group is using local materials such as Kevlar and graphite because Widauf said they thought
those would be what the Wright lunthers would use if they were building the plane today: A quarter-scale replica model of the 1905 plane was displared at the presentation, and stutients will begin full-size monstruction of the LSUU version this summet.
Another student working on the project. Ben Case, said the group hopes to have the plane built by the end of sumner, but it will all depend on how the building process goes.
To this point, Case said many of the stadents haze been putting in 20 to 30 hours each neek, and many spent 60 boness over the Ohompic Break working an the project.
tlley said the students worked on the project out of "personal
devorion ${ }^{n}$ because the only received two hours of credit for their participation.
Any Fintze, the only female working on the project, said they have been required to spend 12 hours earh week since September. even during school breaks. "It's been a lot of work," Case said. "Hut it's more than jist a sen-
ior project. It's been realiy fun ior project. It's been really fun becasse of the nagnitude of the project. It's an actral plane thint
will be used
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Alley said he onty knew two of the students when he put logether the team lucked "I bascally went on faith and lucked out," Alley said. "But J also


## Wright <br> Froni Page 3

talked to the faculty.
Hintze said she enjovs seeing the models and muck-ups actudily buils.
The best put is seeing your ideas and thoughts in real life" Hinbe said
Nready the gronp has been featured at several Olympic venues and has received second place with their presentation at the Western Regional American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Student Conference on April 4 through 6.

Eventually Widauf said he hopes to use the plane to provide education and to get kids excited about tecmmogy. engineering and ariation.
"My vision is to have an otalreach tour Uroughout Ulah," Widauf said.

Widauf said tio project will ailo lighlight LSU and their mechanical engineering and aerodynamics propranas.
"We've got a great progran here. I think were one of the best-kept secrets around.' he said.

Tuesday the proup presented their project to the university:

More infonnation will be availathe in a few weeks on the goups Wel site at woswosurightlyer.arg.

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