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Daily coverage of the 2010 National Aeromodeling Championships

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- HL Glider
- Standard Cat. Glider
- Unlimited Cat. Glider
- *35 CM
- *RTP & SLS & RTR
- *P-24 Mass Launch

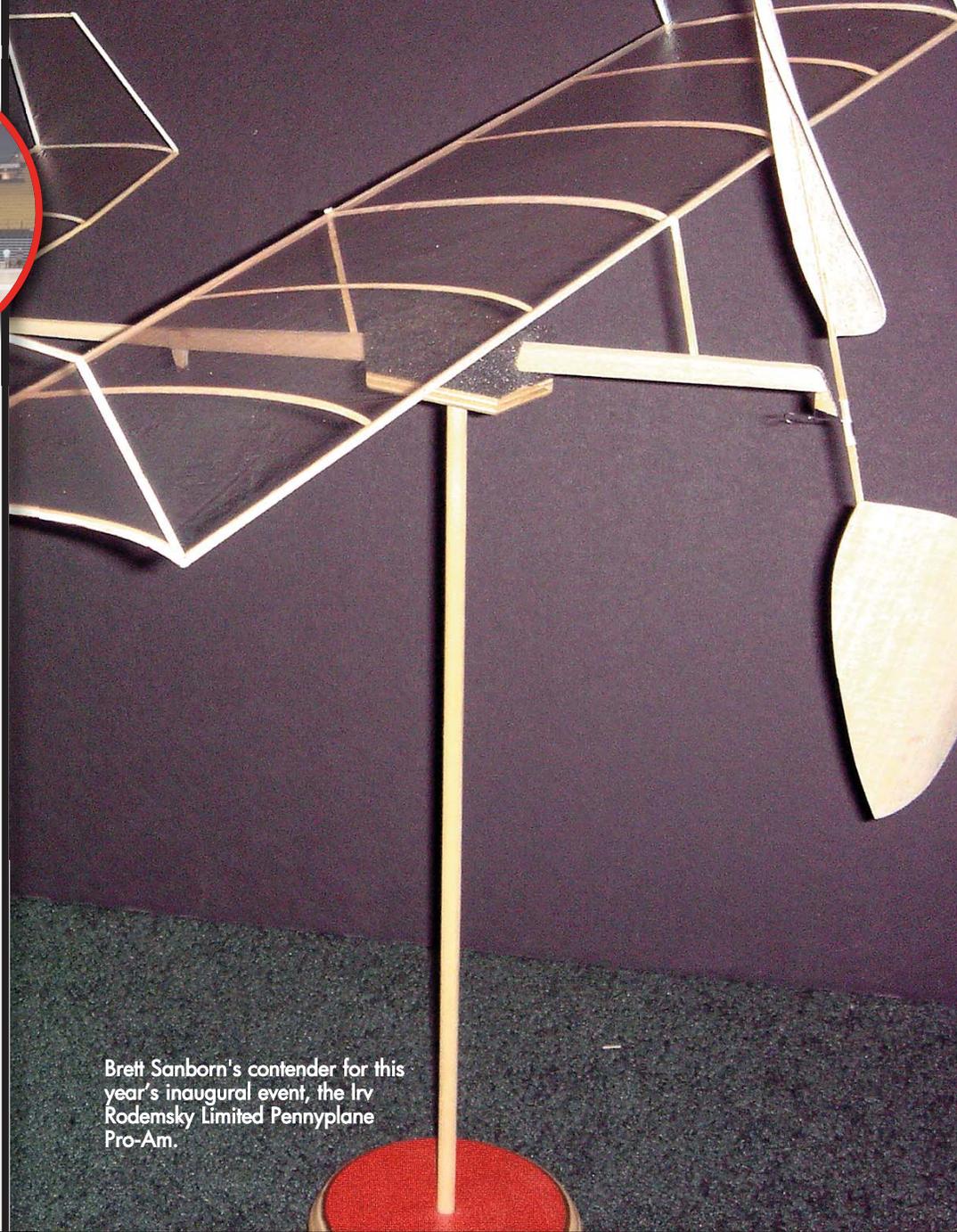
Thursday

- HL Stick
- Bostonian
- *Mod Civ Prod
- *Unlimited Rubber Speed
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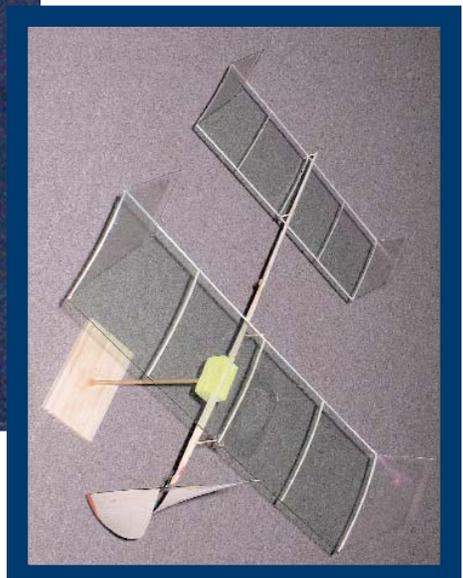
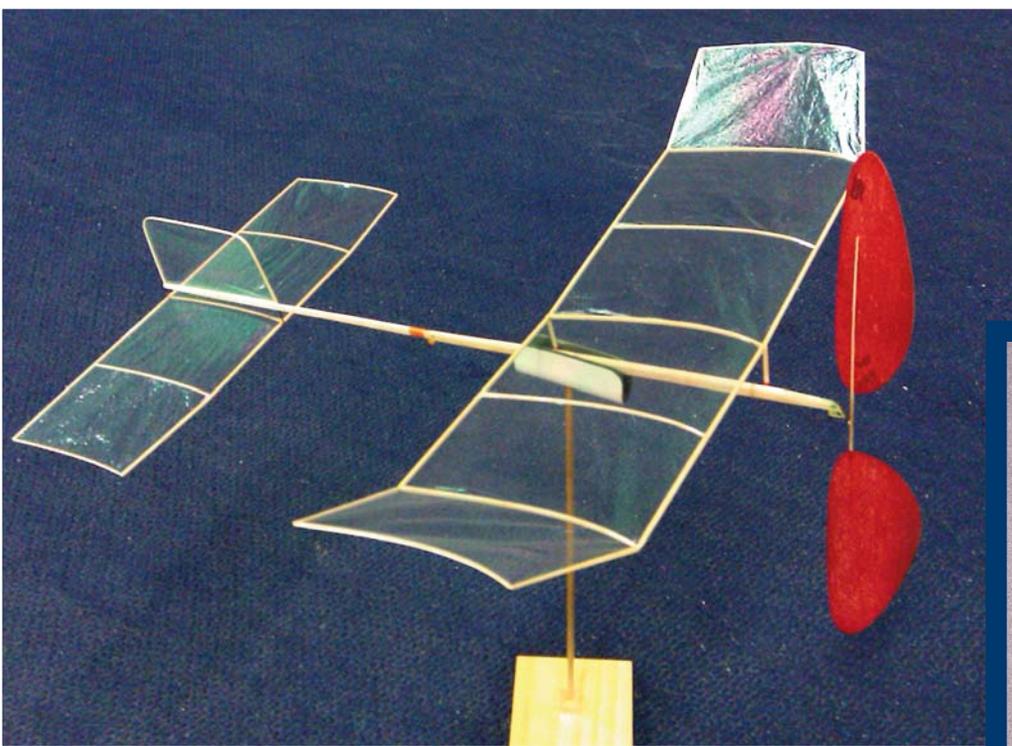
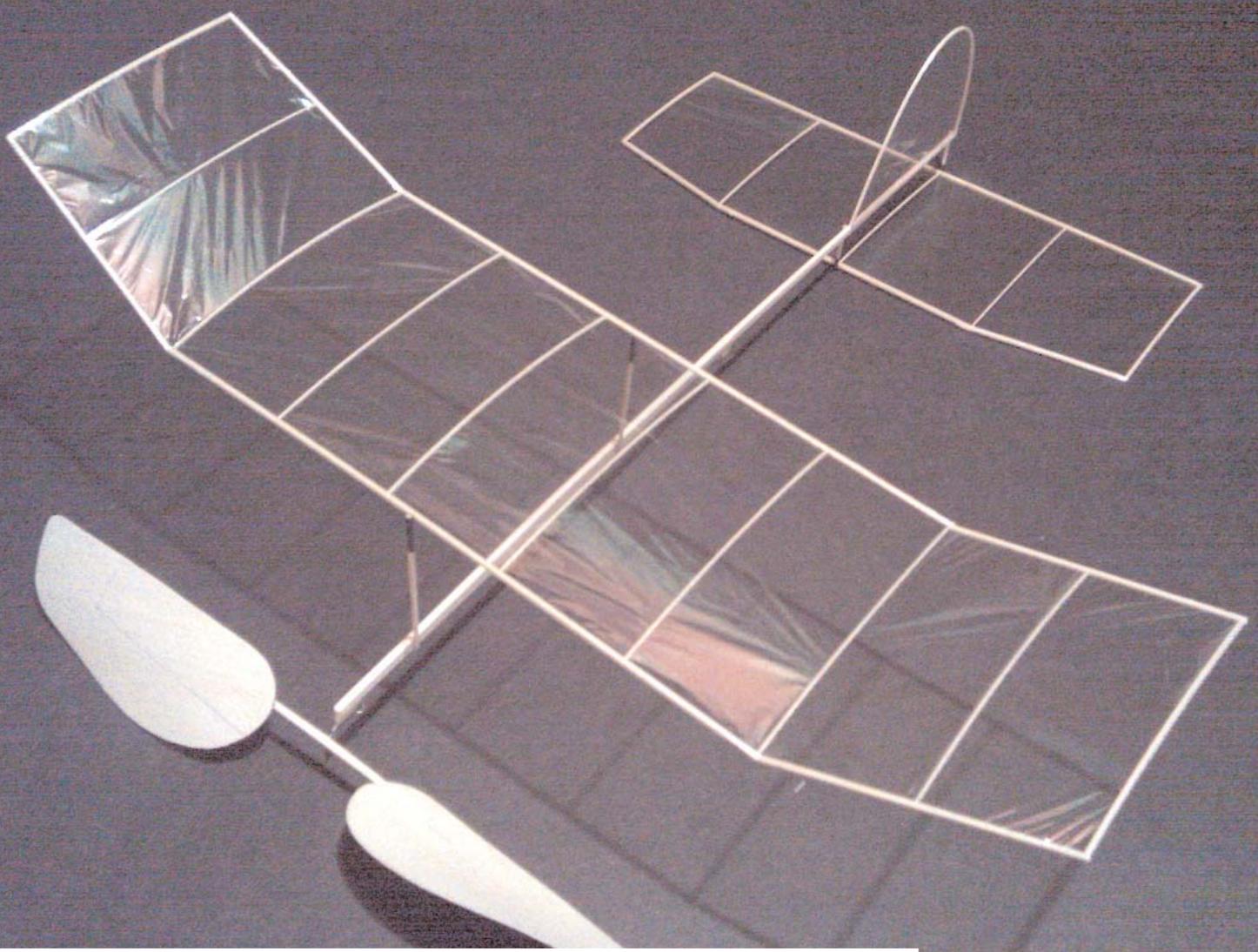


Brett Sanborn's contender for this year's inaugural event, the Irv Rodemsky Limited Pennyplane Pro-Am.

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Indoor author John Kagan brings his own LPP Pro-Am offering (above) as does veteran flier Tom Sova (left). Below is Bill Gowen's Pro-Am LPP.

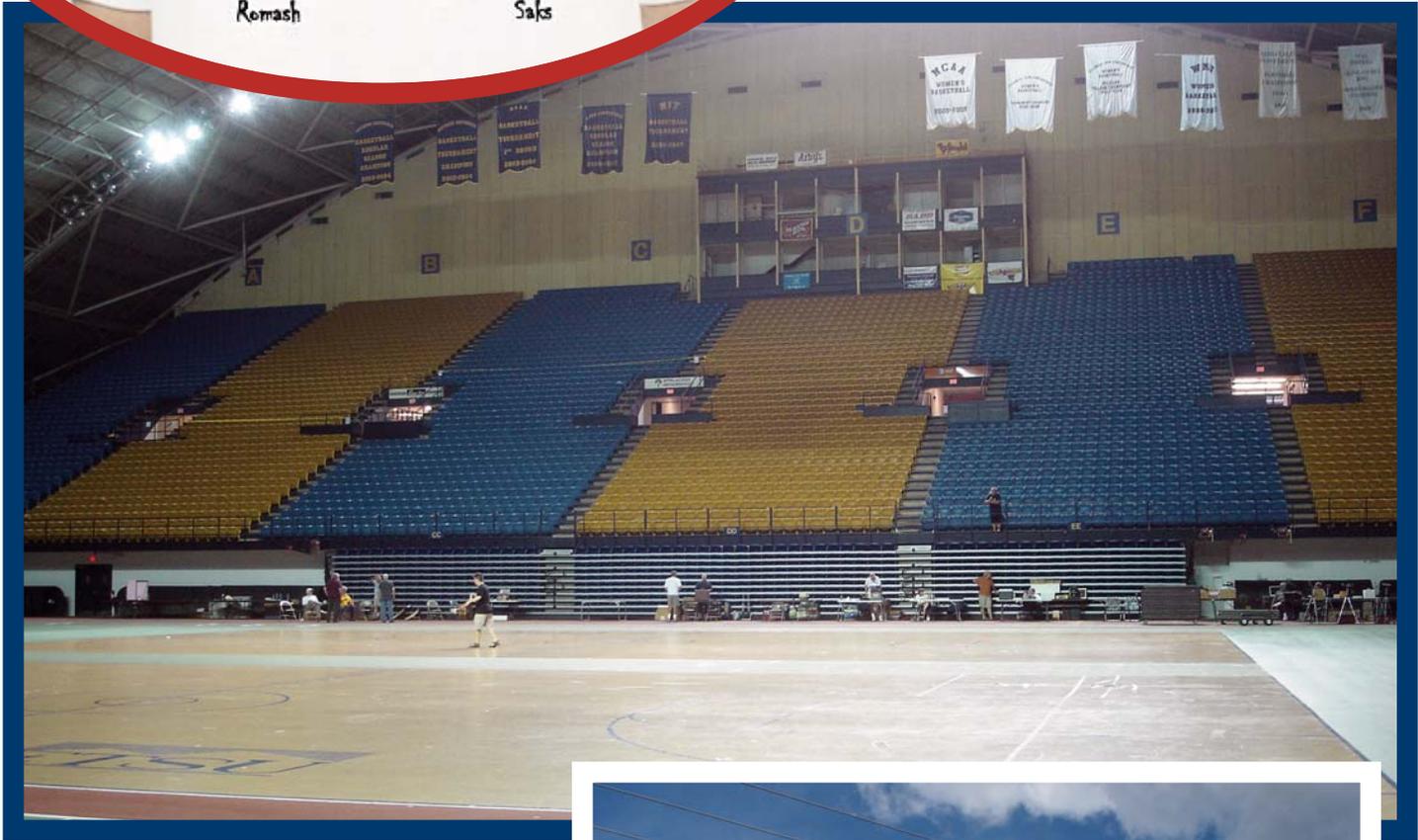
The big deal at this year's Indoor FF Nats is the first-ever Erv Rodemsky Limited Pennyplane (LPP) Pro-Am. Newcomers will be paired with experienced modelers

to compete as a team for fun and prizes. The amateur must wind and launch; the pro can tweak, tune, fix, guide, and adjust. At the end of the day, the amateur



Left: The US Indoor Team T-shirts for August's Indoor World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. Inset: The front of the shirt.

Below: The East Tennessee State University Mini Dome's spacious interior is the venue for this year's Indoor National Aeromodeling Championships. Inset: The Mini Dome is beautiful from the outside as well. Brett Sanborn photos.



gets to keep the pro-built model. This promises to be a great way to bring new people into the activity, and the response so far has been great. The amateurs are enthusiastic, and the pros have already begun competing—from comparisons of their donation models to one-upmanship over boxes to hold the planes. Some of the pros have built special models to donate to the amateurs, while others are giving away past contest winners. Check out the photo album on the Indoor_Construction Yahoo group to see the collection (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indoor_construction), and stay tuned to *NatsNews* to find out which team emerges victorious. The LPP Pro-Am will be held on Saturday, May 29.

The Glider guys are fresh off a series of new national and world records. Recently renewed access to the Tustin blimp hangar has sparked an explosion of activity. The Hand-Launched Glider world record turned over three times in less than six months. The Standard Catapult record is pushing two minutes for a single flight.

While Tustin hangar is notable for its wide-open floor space, the Indoor FF Nationals' Mini Dome is a challenge with a few hanging obstacles reducing width at the top, and seating areas restricting space on the floor.

Find out who used Tustin access to their best advantage and dialed in their flight profile. Precision launches and rollouts will be critical for avoiding

collisions and turning in top times.

Glider action takes place in the morning on Wednesday, July 26.

This is a World Champs year for F1D, so expect team members to leave their top ships in the box and work on breaking in the next up-and-comer. A top finish at the Nats is a good indication of a deep model box—an important advantage for tricky sites such as the Serbian expo dome.

It's also the start of the selection program for the 2012 F1D team. Watch for the field to earn early regional points and begin to position themselves as contenders for the finals in 2011.

F1D competition is held in the afternoon and evening on Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, May 27.

A-6 has recently been voted in as an official AMA event, to start next year. See who is prepared to snag the new national record. A-6 takes to the air on Saturday.

In addition to the usual flying action, there will also be the opportunity to snag some great goodies. The raffle will be stocked with products from Peck-Polymers, Harlan Indoor Specialties, and other generous contributors. One of the top items will be the new dual-ration winder from A2Z. There will also be Team USA T-shirts for sale to help support the F1D team.

Come join the fun and excitement in one of the best Indoor FF sites around. And, if you can't be there in person, follow *NatsNews!*

—John Kagan

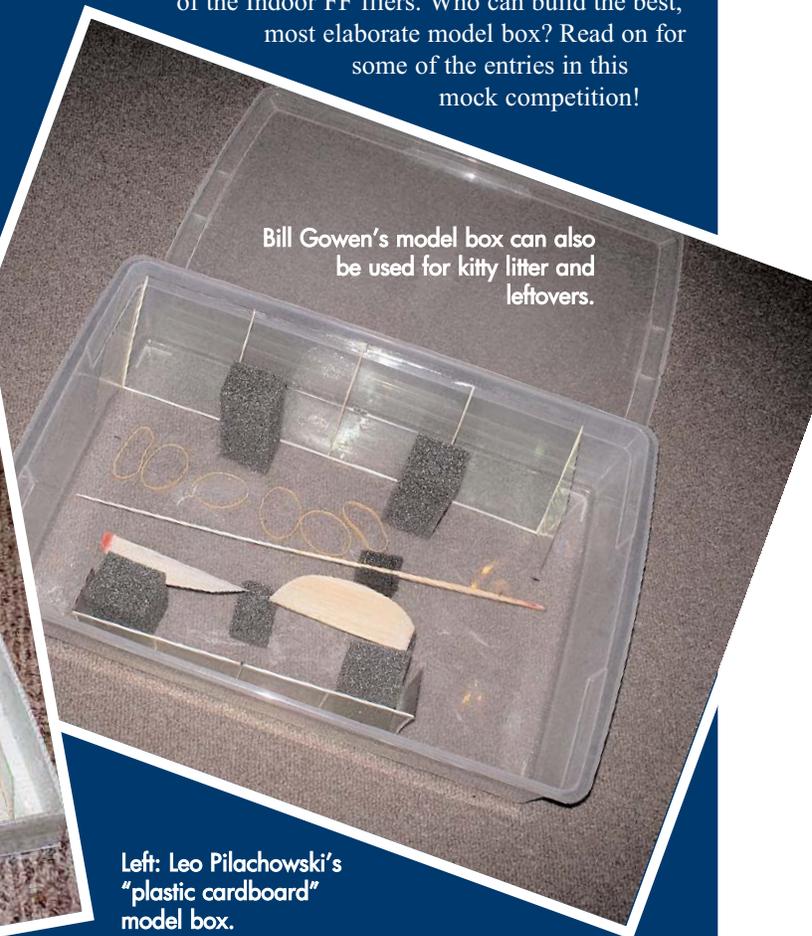
"Some of us will do our jobs well and some will not, but we will all be judged by only one thing—the result."

—Vince Lombardi

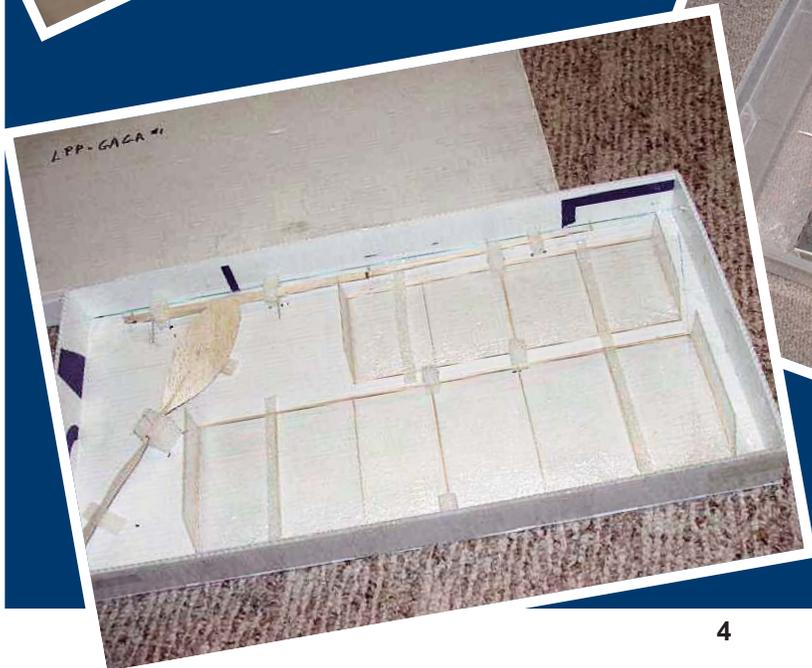
A game of one-up-manship has sprung up among some of the Indoor FF fliers. Who can build the best, most elaborate model box? Read on for some of the entries in this mock competition!



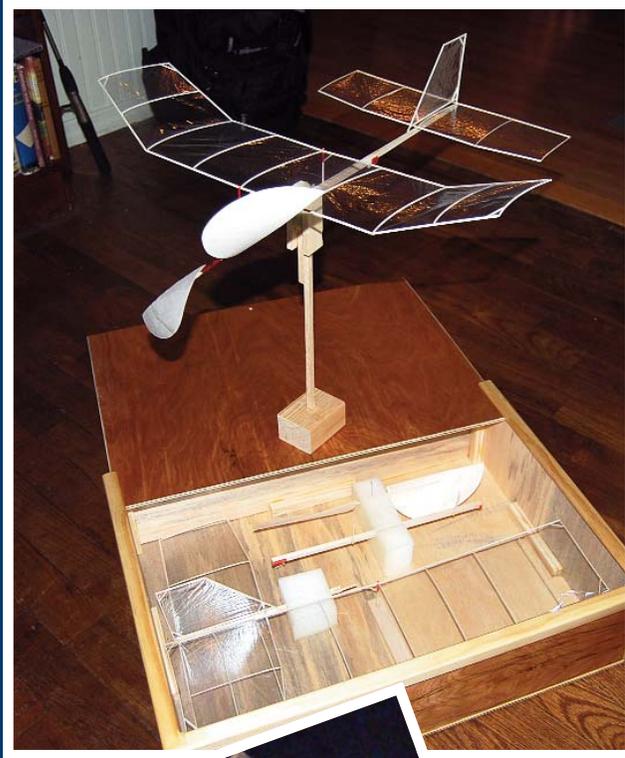
Above: Ben Saks started the model box escalation with this beauty.



Bill Gowen's model box can also be used for kitty litter and leftovers.



Left: Leo Pilachowski's "plastic cardboard" model box.



Left: Dennis and Parker Tyson's models travel in style with this exquisite model box that will also be donated.



Above left: John Kagan initially offered this model sack ... but eventually succumbed to the modelbox war and put this one together (above, right) from some spare foamcore board (now he needs another place to cover his next model).