

Spring Midterm Presentation



FCAAP: AIAA Design Build Fly

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Project Overview



- Remote Piloted Aircraft Design Competition
- Must <u>Design/Build/Fly</u> RC Plane
- Score based upon Three flight missions, aircraft parameters, and written report.
- Mission 1: Max completed laps in given time
- Mission 2: Max internal stores for 3 laps
- Mission 3: Random missile configuration
 3 laps, minimum time



Presentation Outline



Construction Process

- Fuselage / Tail
- Internal Store Assembly
- Main Wing

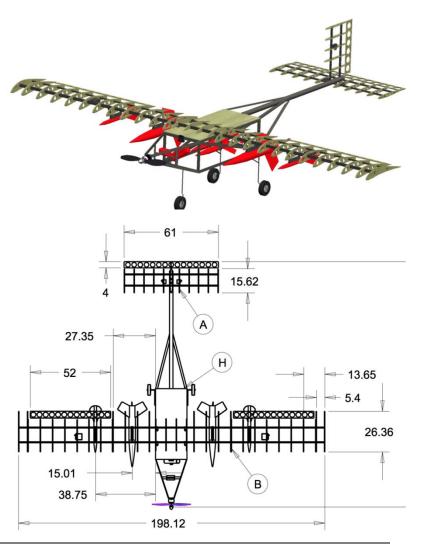
Propulsion Circuit

- Challenges
- Solutions

Future Work

- Electronics Integration
- Exterior Coating
- Flight Test

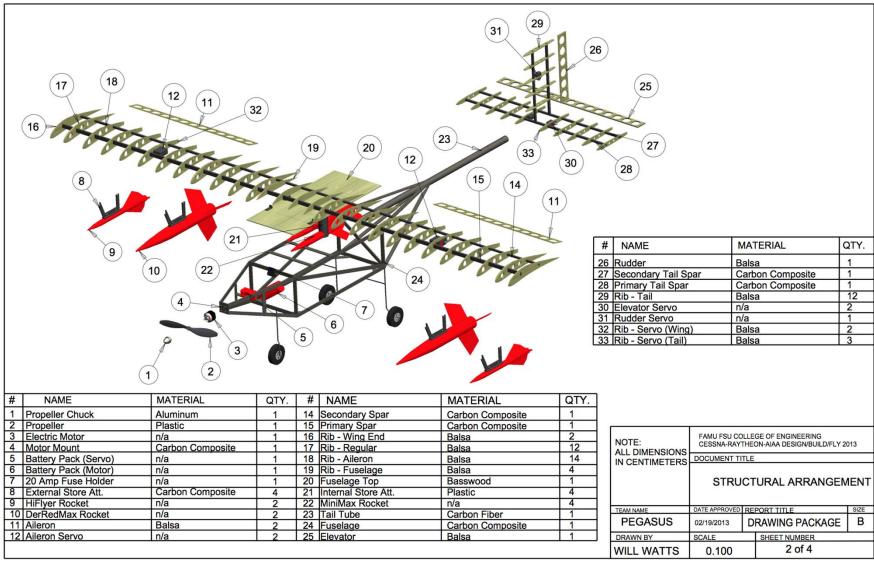
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Build Process



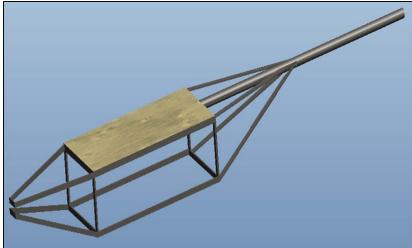


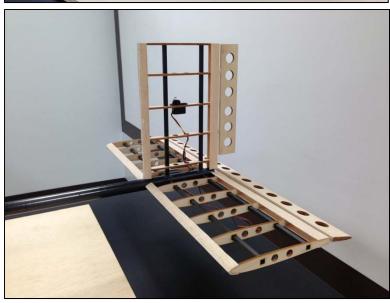


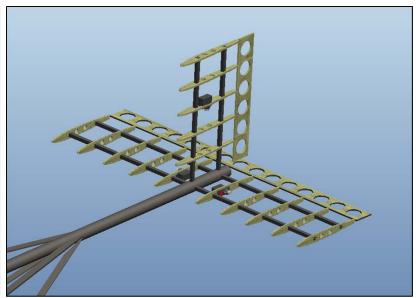
Fuselage and Tail









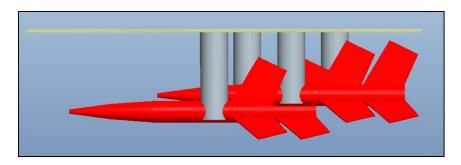




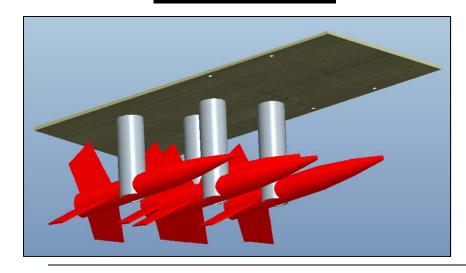
Internal Store Assembly



Profile



Isometric









Main Wing





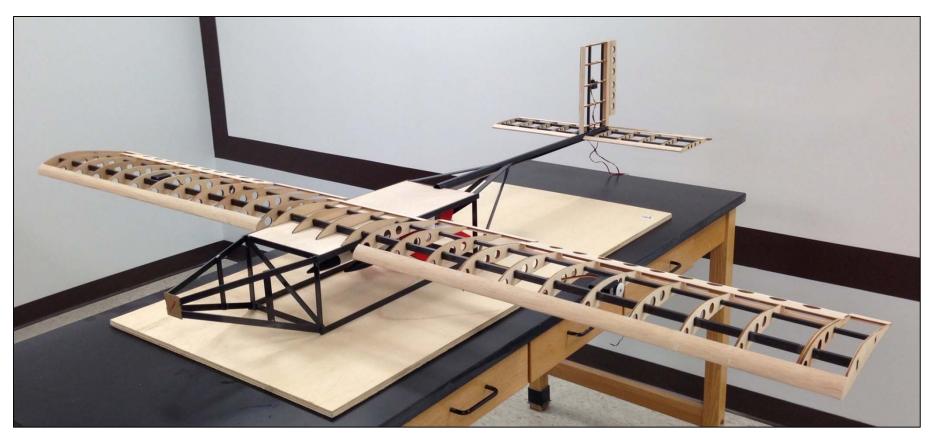
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- Something else
- And some other shit





Current Aircraft Progress







Propulsion Circuit "Re-examination"



Initial Empty Weight Estimate TOO LOW

- During initial design process we estimated our aircraft to have an empty weight of roughly 3 lbs.
- Through material testing we determined our fuselage needed to be constructed of stronger material
- This required our "ready to fly" weight to increase by 3 lbs.
- Yielding a total all up weight of 9 lbs. including internal and external rockets

New Propulsion Circuit

- More weight requires more thrust
- More thrust requires higher voltage



Propulsion Circuit Limitations



Competition Restrictions:

- Propulsion circuit battery pack must weigh ≤ 1.5 lbs
- Current draw limited to 20 Amps by inline fuse

What This Tells Us:

- Power = Volts x Amps
- Since we are limited to 20 A we will need the maximum voltage possible
- Optimal cell type:

Size - 2/3 A

Volt - 1.2 V

Capacity – 1600 mAh

- Pack will yield 28.8 V at just under 1.5 lbs.
- Power = 575 Watts



Motor / Propeller Selection



Velocity and Thrust Requirements

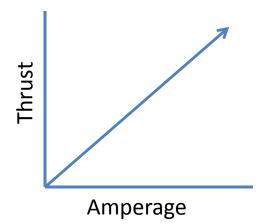
- Wing Loading = 25.73 oz/ft²
- Stall Speed = 25.36 mph
- Max Speed ≈ 65 mph
- Thrust > ½ Total Weight (72 ounces)

Effect of Thrust on Current Draw

- Thrust is generated by the pitch of propeller blade
- Larger pitch = Rise in thrust

Solution

- 2.5:1 Gear box
- Provides mechanical advantage to turn prop w/out added torque on motor







Updated Propulsion System



E-Flite Power 15 Brushless



APC Prop: Dia-13in Pitch-8in



Elite 1500 mAh 1.2V x 22 Cells 26.4 Volts



Performance

Thrust: 76 oz.

Max Velocity: 60 mph

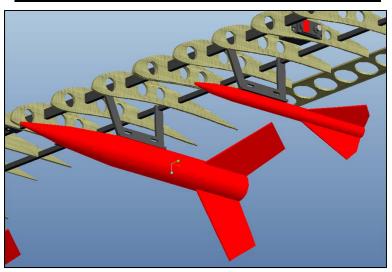
Full Throttle Duration: 5+ min

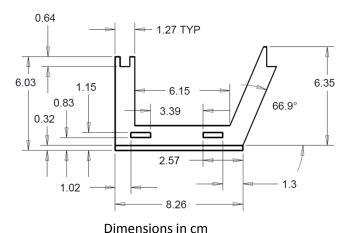


Future Work



Complete External Store Attachments



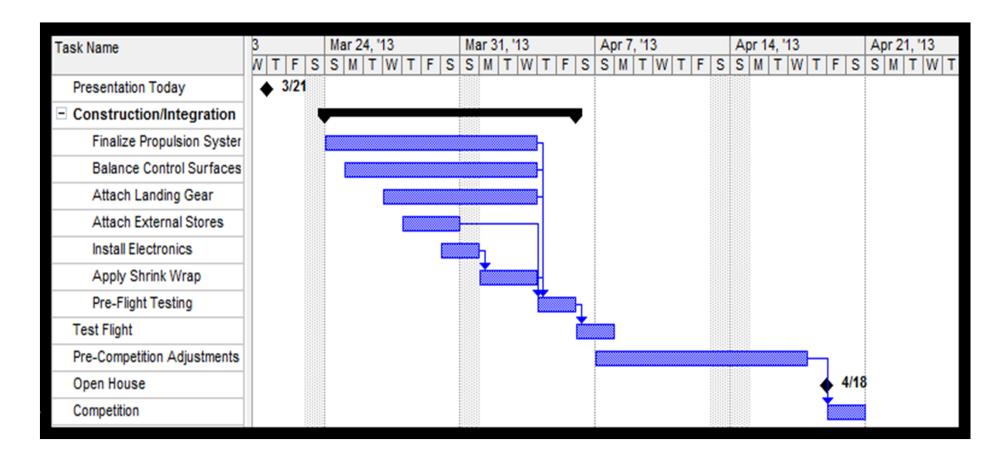


- Integrate motor and gear system with fuselage
- Install Electronics
 - Receiver
 - Speed Controller
- Attach Landing gear
- Cover plane with Shrink wrap
- Test Fly



<u>Schedule</u>







Questions

