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**Preflight**  
Submitted by Bob Niemiec

<http://www.vertigo-miniatures.com/vertigo/eshop/15-1-VERTIGO-jigs/0/5/798-Jigs-for-biplane-in-scale-1-72-and-1-48>

Last month's meeting was canceled due to vacations and other summer related activities so this month's newsletter will cover both months.

Dave Calhoun sent an articles covering a biplane jig tool that looks pretty interesting for you multi-wing builders.

I really hate missing any meetings but my wife's condition makes it difficult and family comes first. The meetings at the church are no problem. Meetings in Connecticut, while not impossible to attend make it more difficult to find someone to help out. Since one of our friends comes over to help, I'm very hesitant to ask her to possibly come earlier and stay later. She has a life, too.

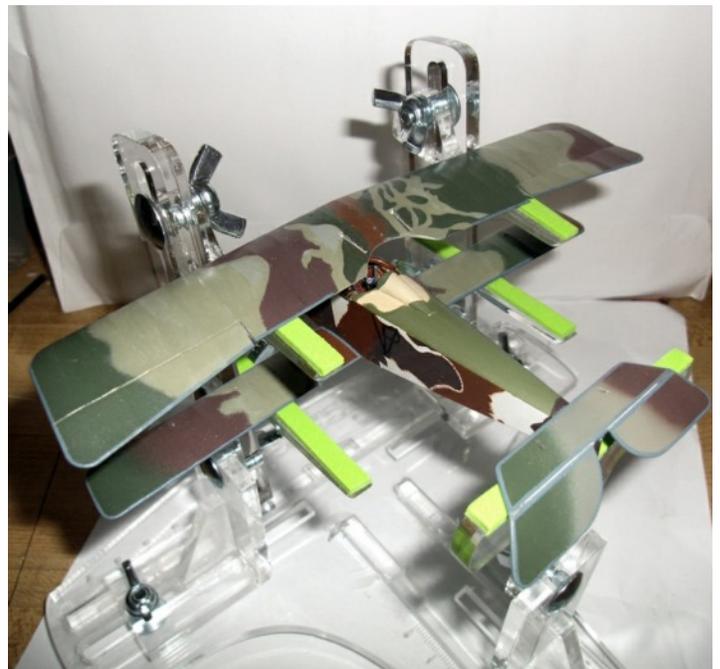
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the First Congregational Church in West Springfield, starting at 7 PM. Hope to see you there.

**Vertigo Miniatures Biplane Jig**  
Submitted by Dave Calhoun

I recently got a large padded envelope in the mail from Slovakia. Inside was a bag full of clear Plexiglas parts, some metal hardware and a few other bits and pieces. It was the following item:

VMP003 Jigs for biplane in scale 1/72 and 1/48

Assembly took about 20 minutes, half of the time involved removing the plastic film from one side of each part. They recommend using super glue, which is what I did but it fogged up the clear plastic. I would recommend getting some Plexiglas adhesive which would avoid this problem. After gluing a few parts together everything is assembled with bolts, washers and wing nuts. The following photos show the completed jig, and a rough fitting to hold up my Nieuport 16 model. The upper wing needs to be more forward but these photos are just to give an overview of how it supports everything, not to build the actual model. Of course the good thing about this is you can pre-measure the correct wing angles and set it up to hold your wings perfectly square and in the correct position. It looks to be a very sturdy piece with the Plexiglas around 1/8" thick. I would recommend this to anyone building biplanes in 1/72 or 1/48 scale, and they also make a larger one for bombers and 1/32 scale aircraft. They are available from:



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