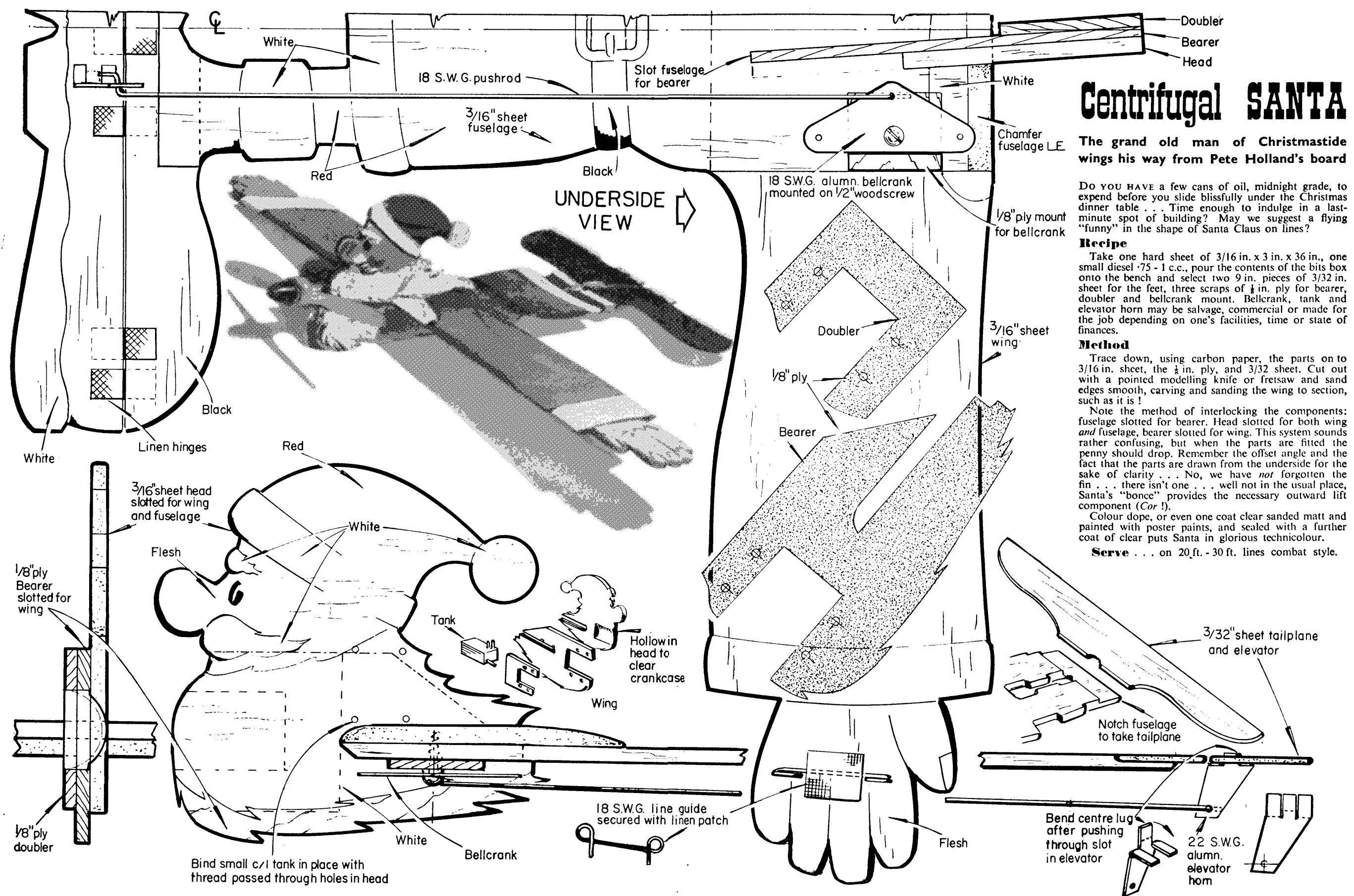




Centrifugal SANTA

The grand old man of Christmastide wings his way from Pete Holland's board

DO YOU HAVE a few cans of oil, midnight grade, to expend before you slide blissfully under the Christmas dinner table . . . Time enough to indulge in a last-minute spot of building? May we suggest a flying "funny" in the shape of Santa Claus on lines?

Recipe

Take one hard sheet of 3/16 in. x 3 in. x 36 in., one small diesel .75 - 1 c.c., pour the contents of the bits box onto the bench and select two 9 in. pieces of 3/32 in. sheet for the feet, three scraps of 1/8 in. ply for bearer, doubler and bellcrank mount. Bellcrank, tank and elevator horn may be salvage, commercial or made for the job depending on one's facilities, time or state of finances.

Method

Trace down, using carbon paper, the parts on to 3/16 in. sheet, the 1/8 in. ply, and 3/32 sheet. Cut out with a pointed modelling knife or fretsaw and sand edges smooth, carving and sanding the wing to section, such as it is!

Note the method of interlocking the components: fuselage slotted for bearer. Head slotted for both wing and fuselage, bearer slotted for wing. This system sounds rather confusing, but when the parts are fitted the penny should drop. Remember the offset angle and the fact that the parts are drawn from the underside for the sake of clarity . . . No, we have *not* forgotten the fin . . . there isn't one . . . well not in the usual place, Santa's "bonce" provides the necessary outward lift component (*Cor*!).

Colour dope, or even one coat clear sanded matt and painted with poster paints, and sealed with a further coat of clear puts Santa in glorious technicolour.

Serve . . . on 20 ft. - 30 ft. lines combat style.