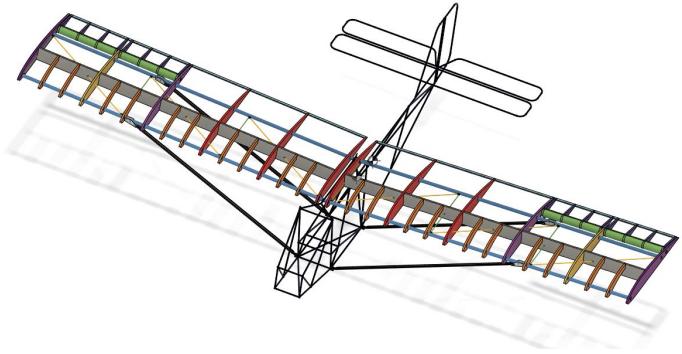




# Flight Club Aerospace

8/11/21 Design Review



# Mission

Description	Symbol	Value	Units	Comments
Maximum Speed	$V_{\max}$	55	knots	<a href="#">AC 103-7 section 20</a>
Cruise Speed	$V_c$	46	knots	
Lift at Cruise		569.02	lbf	
Stall Speed	$V_{stall}$	24	knots	<a href="#">AC 103-7 section 21</a>
Cruise Altitude		2500	ft	
Maximum Load Factor		3.8	"g" (but technically unitless)	<a href="#">FAR Sec. 25.337</a>
Minimum Load Factor		-1.5	"g" (but technically unitless)	<a href="#">FAR Sec. 25.338</a>
Safety Factor		1.5	N/A	<a href="#">The Ultimate Factor of Safety for Aircraft and Spacecraft – Its History, Applications and Misconceptions</a>
Max Range		132.34	miles	See "Fuselage" tab

# Weight - Independent Variables

- 254 lb empty weight (legal limit)
- Maximum take-off weight: 569 lb
- V1 is gas-powered with max fuel weight 30 lb ( 5 gallons)

Description	Symbol	Value	Units	Comments
Maximum Takeoff Weight	$W_{TO}$	503	lb <sub>f</sub>	
Maximum Takeoff Weight	$W_{TO}$	228.12	kg	To be used in Truss Analysis Equations
Projected Empty Weight	$W_E$	254	lb <sub>f</sub>	Based on FAR part 103 restrictions
Battery Weight	$W_B$	74	lb <sub>f</sub>	
Crew Weight	$W_c$	170	lb <sub>f</sub>	<a href="#">AC 103-7 section 21A</a>
Payload	$W_P$	5	lb <sub>f</sub>	Camera, Dorritos, licorice, etc...
Projected Useful Load	$W_U$	175	lb <sub>f</sub>	Crew weight + payload
Wing Loading	W/S	2.6198	lb <sub>f</sub> /f <sup>3</sup>	Takeoff weight/wing surface area
Maximum Wing Loading	$W/S_{max}$	14.93	lb <sub>f</sub> /f <sup>3</sup>	Takeoff weight*maximum load factor*safety factor/wing surface area
Wing Weight	$W_w$	100	lb <sub>f</sub>	Total weight of both wings

# Wing Physics - 1

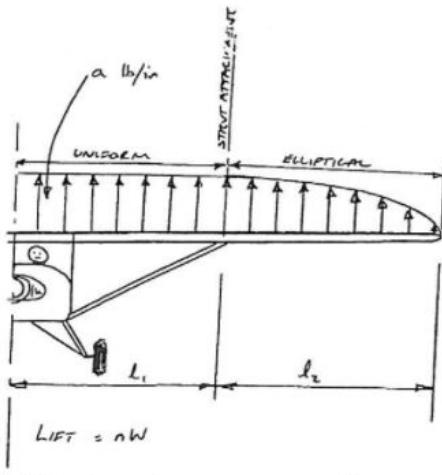
Wingspan		32.000	ft
Wing Chord	C	6.000	ft
Dihedral Angle		3.000	degrees
Wing Reference Area	S	192.000	ft^2
Wing Reference Area	S	17.837	m^2
Wing Aspect Ratio	AR	5.333	N/A
Leading Spar OD		2.000	in
Leading Spar Thickness		0.065	in
Aft Spar OD		2.000	in
Aft Spar Thickness		0.065	in
Spar Spacing (center to center)		43.312	in

# Wing Physics - 2

Chord Width	$W_c$	0.711	ft	
Cruise Reynolds Number	$R_e\text{-cruise}$	375158.000	N/A	
Cruise Lift Coefficient	$C_L\text{-cruise}$	0.424	N/A	
Cruise AOA	$\alpha_{\text{cruise}}$	[0, 0.25]	degrees	<a href="#">Based off Clark Y airfoil, reynold's number of 500K (rounded up), Ncrit=9</a>
Drag Coefficient at Cruise	$C_D\text{-cruise}$	0.00654] (Contested)	N/A	<a href="#">Based off Clark Y airfoil, reynold's number of 500K (rounded up), Ncrit=10, AOA [0, 0.25] degrees   </a> Independent XFLR5 testing shows a $C_d$ of 0.019 at AOA 0.25
Stall Reynolds Number	$R_e\text{-stall}$	183166.779	N/A	
Stall Lift Coefficient	$C_L\text{-stall}$	1.343	N/A	
Stall AOA	$\alpha_{\text{stall}}$	[11.75, 12.00]	degrees	<a href="#">Based off Clark Y airfoil, reynold's number of 200K (rounded up), Ncrit=9</a>
Drag Coefficient at Stall Cl	$C_D\text{-stall}$	[0.02935, 0.03069]	N/A	<a href="#">Based off Clark Y airfoil, reynold's number of 200K (rounded up), Ncrit=10, AOA [11.75, 12.00] degrees</a>

# Schrenk Approximation (Lift Distribution)

1. Strut (or Wire) Braced Wing



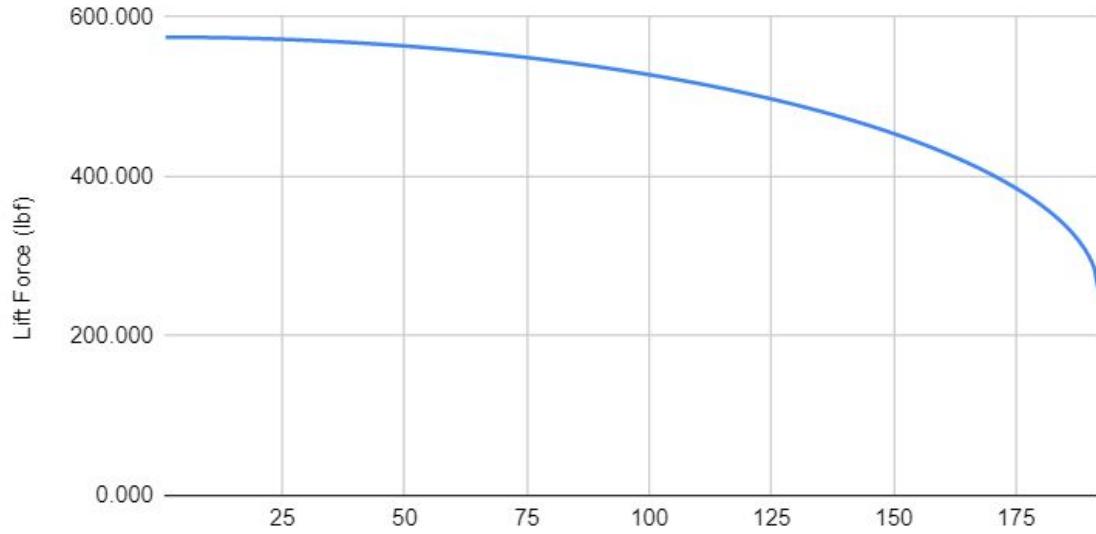
AREA OF UNIFORM LOADING =  $a \times l_1$

AREA OF ELLIPSE =  $\frac{\pi}{4} a l_2$

TOTAL AREA =  $\frac{\pi}{4} a l_2 + a l_1 = \frac{nW}{2}$

$$a = \left[ \frac{nW}{2} \right] / \left[ l_1 + \frac{\pi}{4} l_2 \right] \text{ lb/in}$$

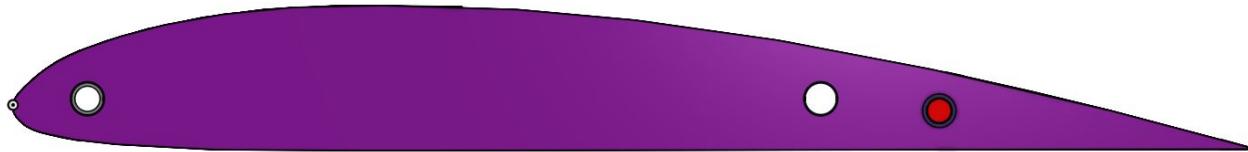
Spanwise Lift Distribution (Schrenk Approximation)



$$\text{Elliptic Height} = \frac{4S}{\pi b} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{2y}{b} \right)^2}$$

Wing Design

# Ribs



Clark Y - 6 ft Chord

XPS Foam with  
fiberglass epoxied with  
micro glass bubbles

Aluminum spar caps to  
help take the load

“False” ribs to keep up  
the fabric

# Rib Testing



# Structure



Spars: 2" x 0.065" 6061 T6  
Aluminum

Cross Struts: 0.55"x 0.032"  
6061

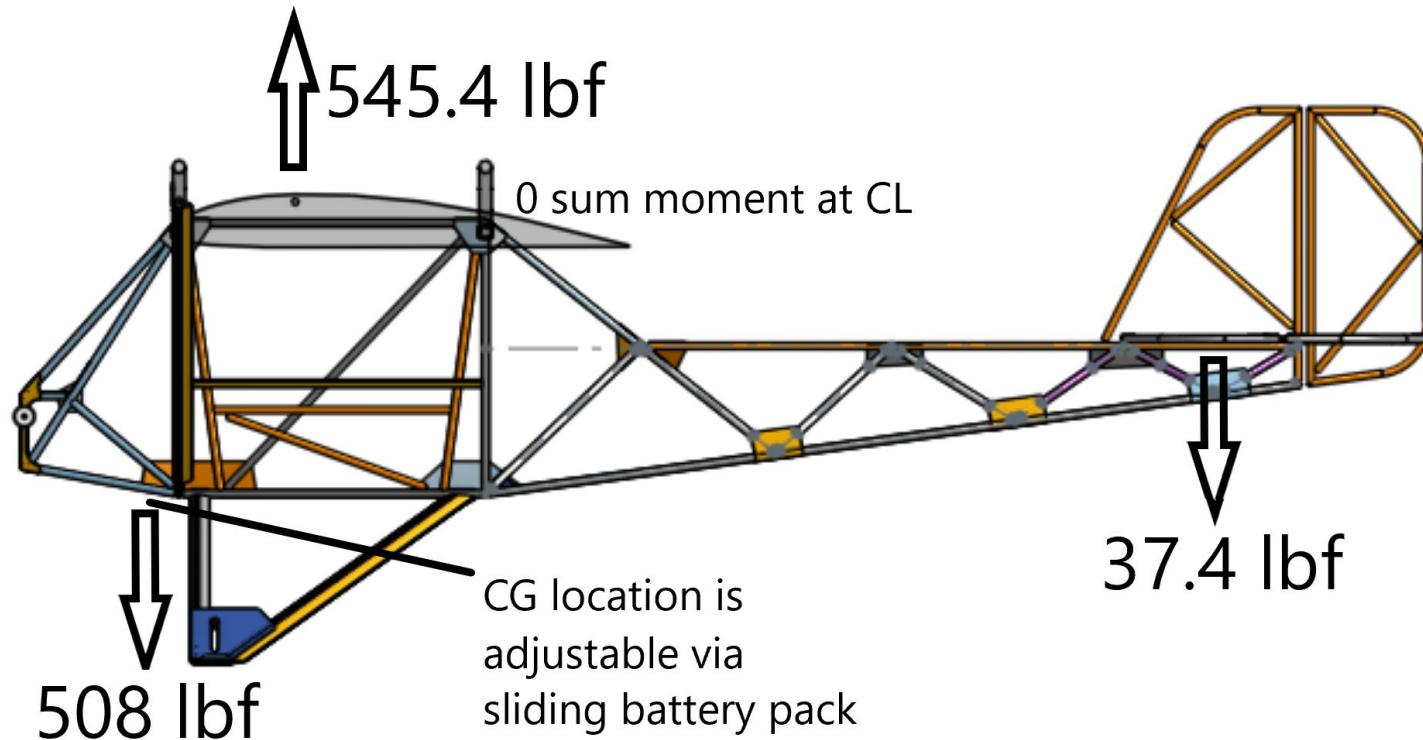
Gusseted with Cherrymax  
3/16" rivets

# Mostly Done!



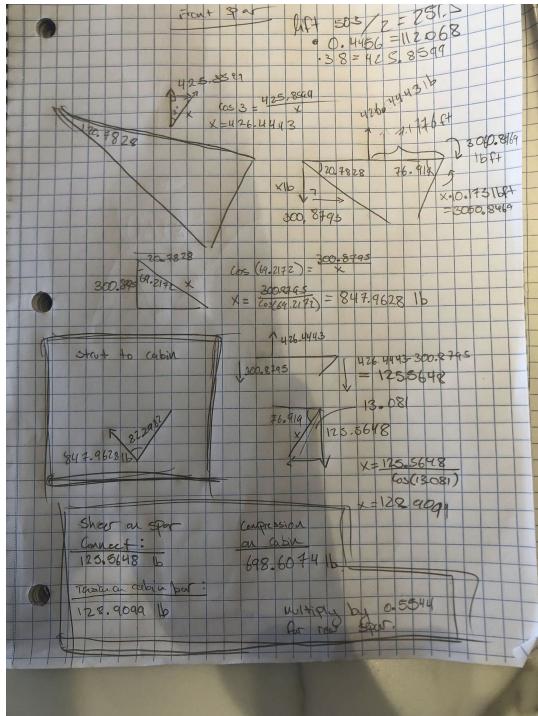
# Truss Physics

# Identifying initial forces.



# Calculating Strut Location - 1

We calculated compression and column buckling inboard of spar.



13 Buckling strength of spar

14  $u(x) = \frac{\pi^2 10000000 i}{(12x)^2} \{-16 \leq x \leq 0\}$

15 How much compression spar will be under

16  $c(x) = k \cdot 3.8 \cdot \tan(90 - a(x)) \cdot \frac{1592.8983}{\text{abs}(x)} \{-16 \leq x \leq 0\}$

17 Percent of lift bearing done by main spar (percent of lift bearing done by rear spar =  $1 - k$ )

18  $k = 0.4456$

Area moment of inertia:  $i = \frac{\pi(D^4 - (D - 2p)^4)}{64}$

$i = 0.166963971849$

according to law of cosines:  $I(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 10.543 - 6.499 \cdot x \cdot \cos 93}$

according to law of sines:  $a(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3.247 \sin 93}{\sqrt{x^2 + 10.543 - 6.499 \cdot x \cdot \cos 93}}\right)$

Dimensions of spar (D=outer diameter, p=thickness)

D = 2

p = 0.058

# Calculating Strut Location - 2

We calculated the greatest tension caused by moment on the spar and compared it to the tensile yield strength.

Intermediate step used to find moment

$$f(x) = \int_{-16}^{-\text{abs}(x)} g(t) dt$$

How much tension the spar will have at the strut intersection (the point of greatest moment)

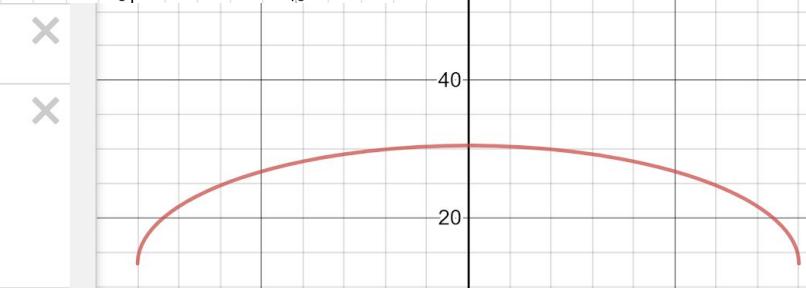
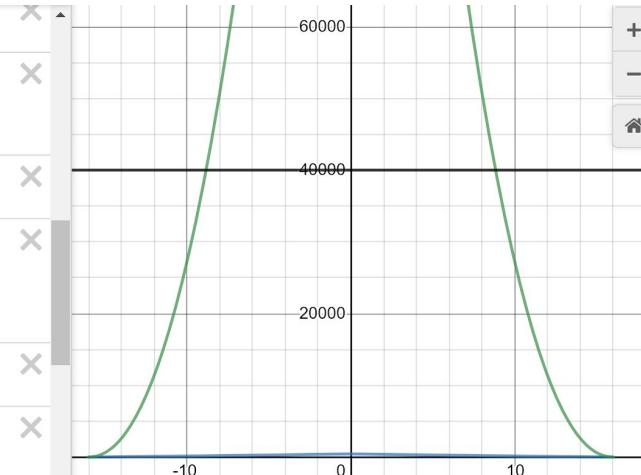
$$h(x) = 12 \frac{\frac{D}{2} \int_{-16}^{-\text{abs}(x)} f(v) dv}{i}$$

Yield tensile strength

$$o(x) = 40000$$

Lift coefficient using the Schrenk approximation

$$g(x) = k \cdot 3.8 \cdot \left( .3627 \frac{\frac{6 + \frac{4 \cdot 192}{\pi \cdot 32} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{2x}{32} \right)^2}}{2}}{32 \cdot 6} \right)$$



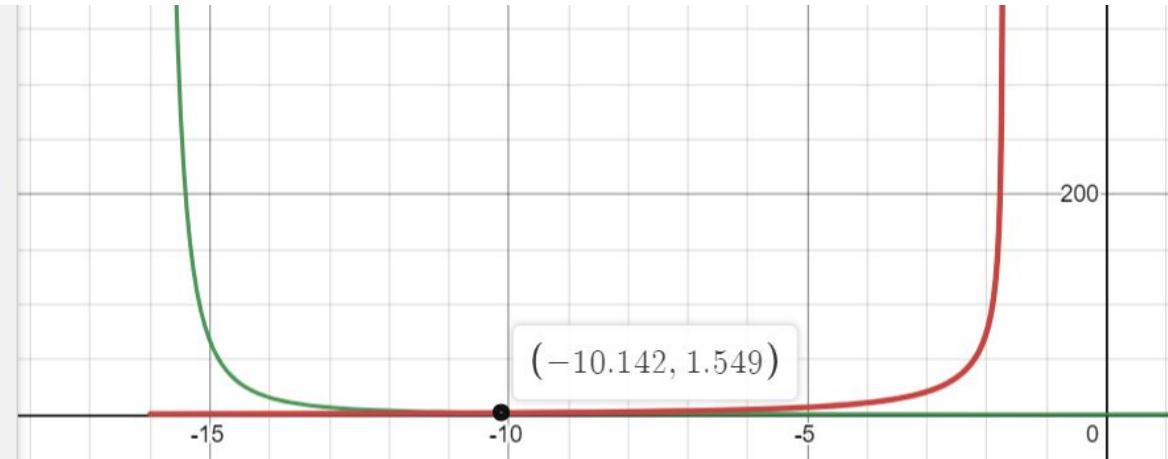
# Calculating Strut Location - 3

- Compared the (column buckling of our spar/the compression inboard of spar) and the (tensile yield strength of our spar/the greatest tension caused by moment on the spar) ratio
- X value of the intersection point= the optimal distance from the fuselage to the strut attachment point
- Y value = the factor of safety at that point
- Creates the optimal factor of safety for both tension and compression.

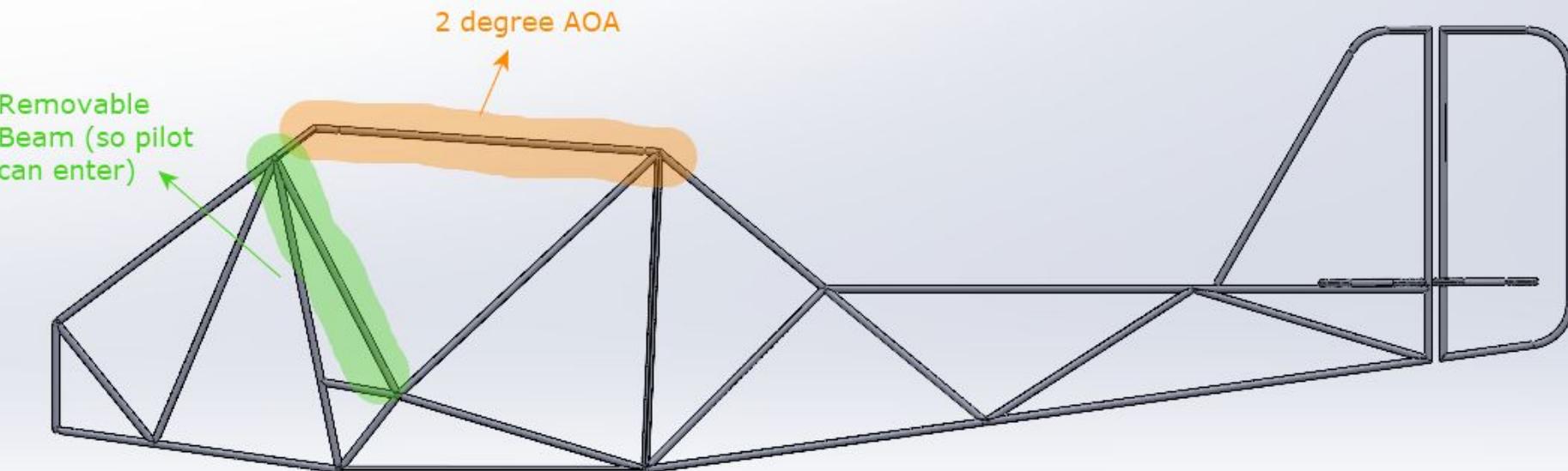
35 ▾ Ratios of forces the plane can take to how much the will be taking. The point of intersection's x value will be the strut location and y value will be the factor of safety

36   $d = \frac{u(x)}{c(x)}$

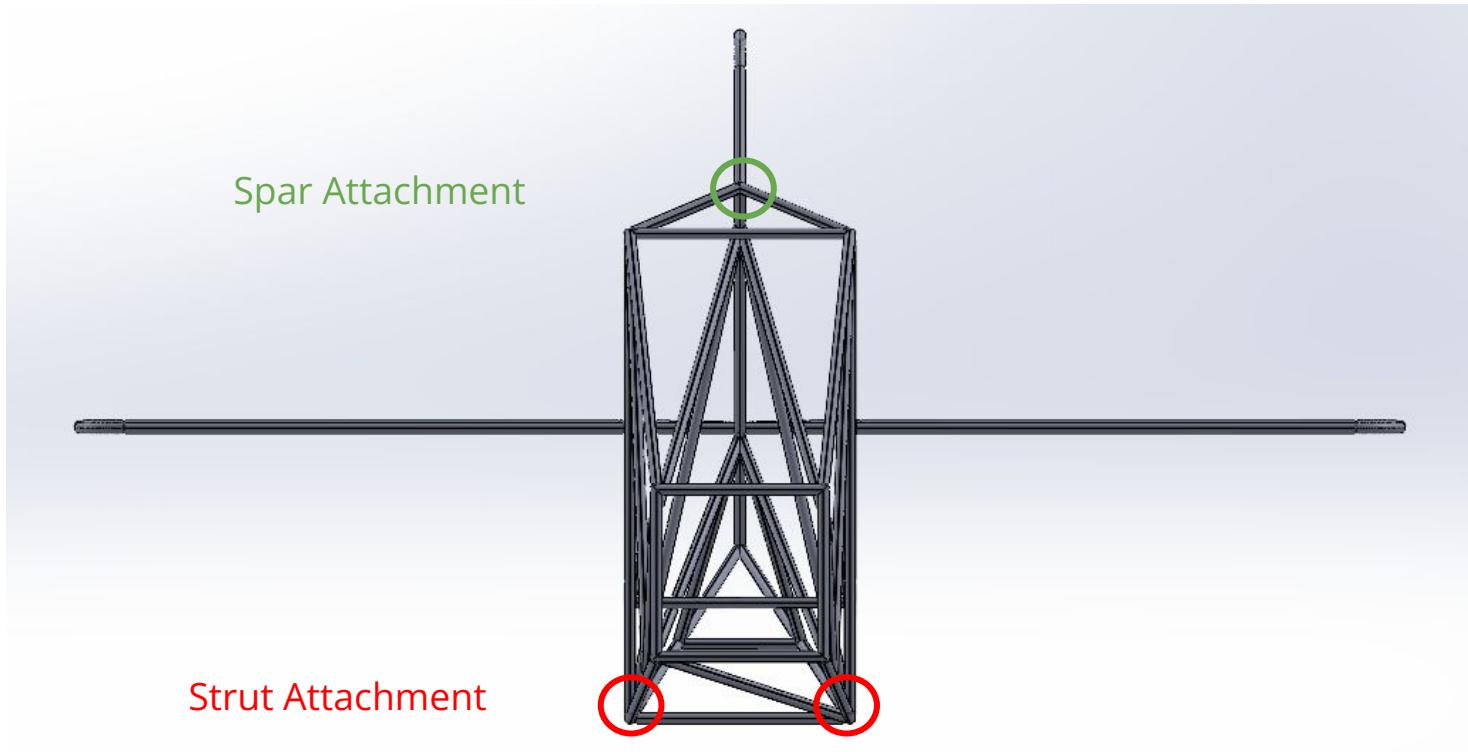
37   $s = \frac{o(x)}{h(x)}$



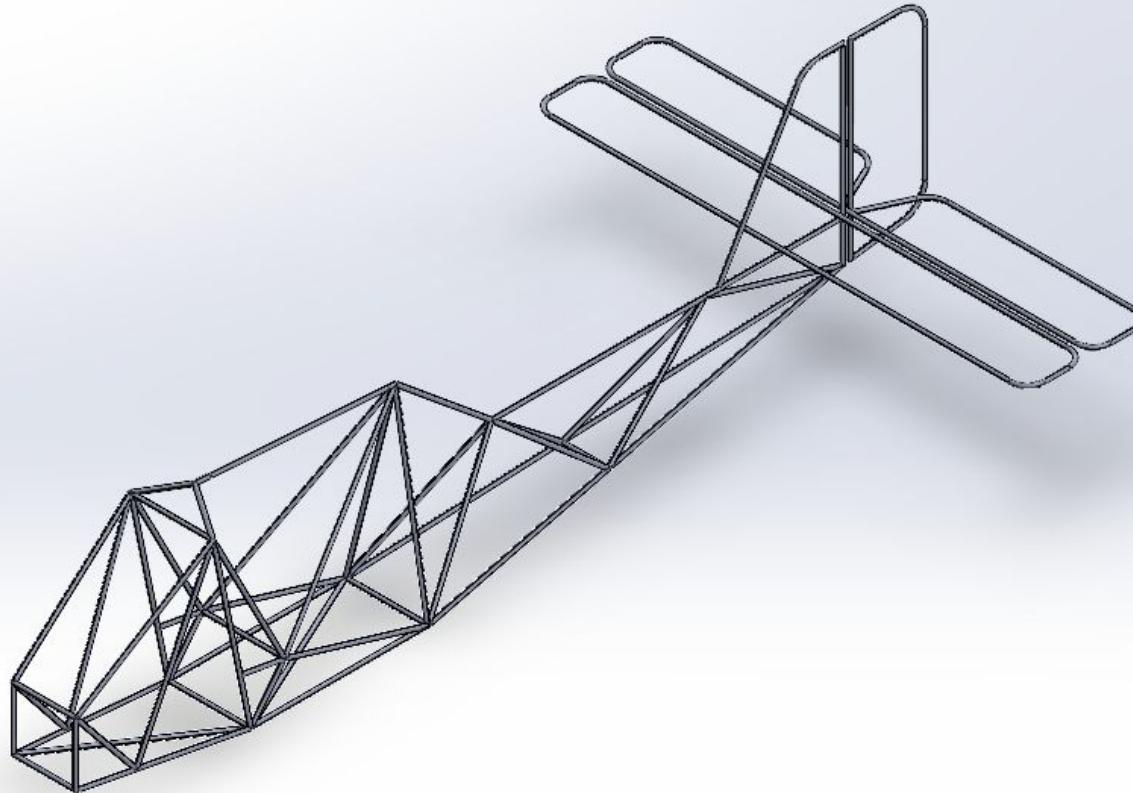
# Truss Design - 1



# Truss Design - 2



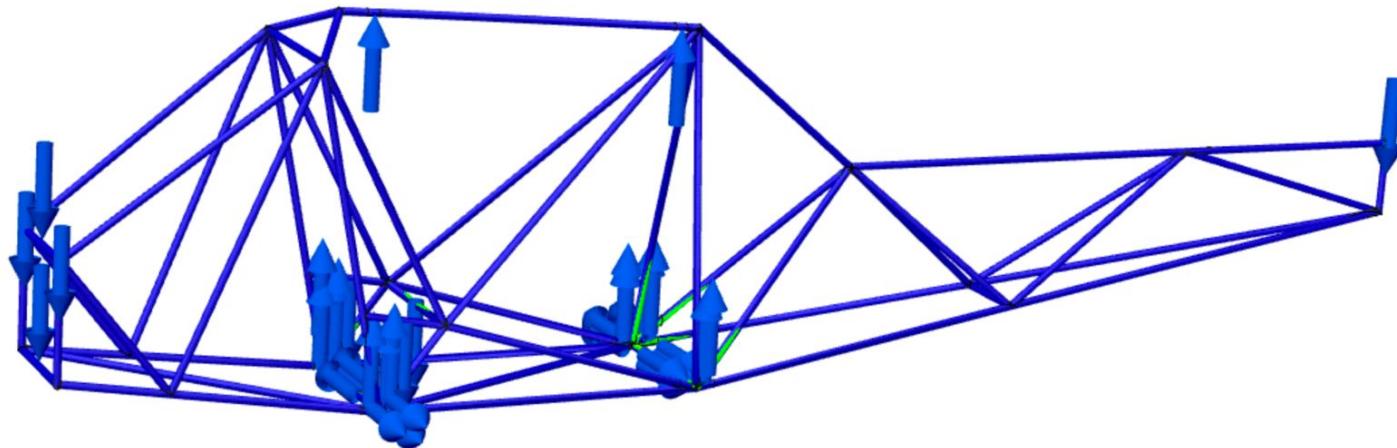
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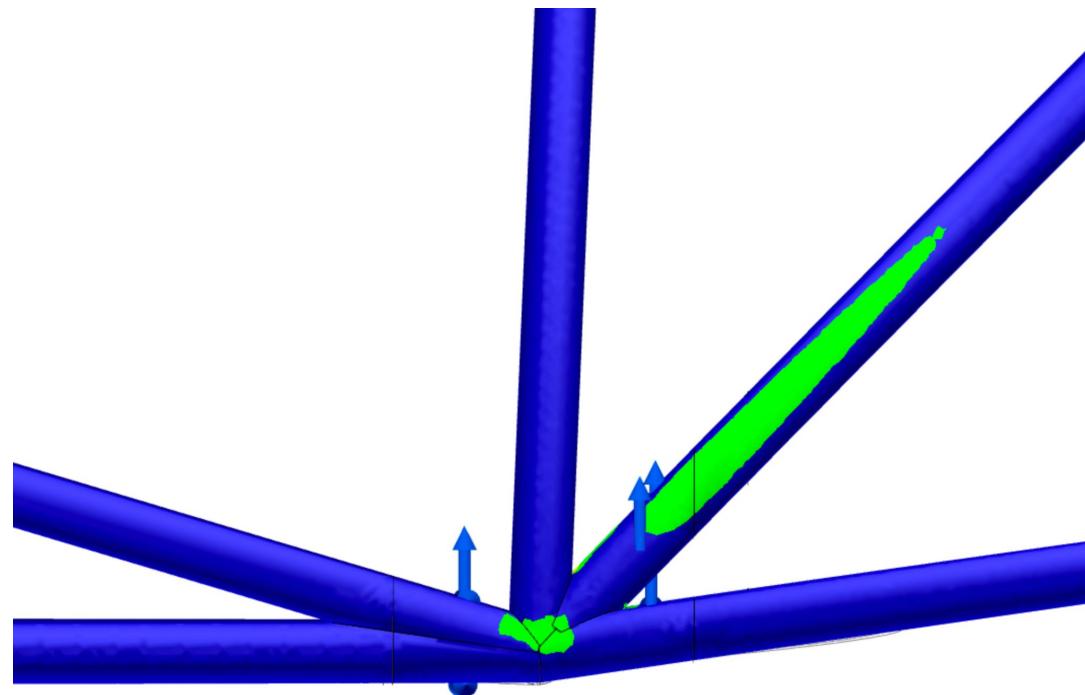
1" x 0.058" 6061 T6  
Aluminum

Gussets: Steel (so  
we can bend it)

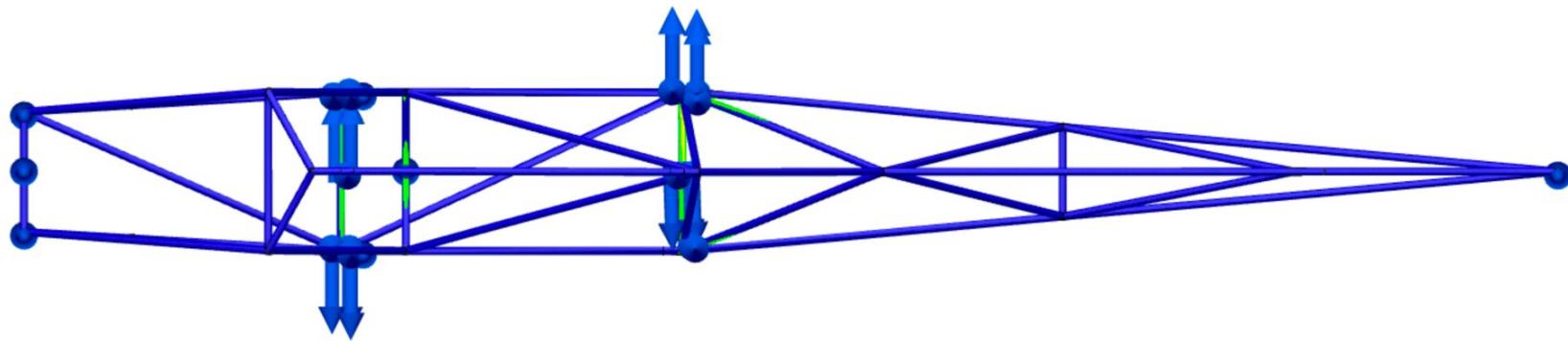
# Truss Simulations



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# Tail + Static Stability

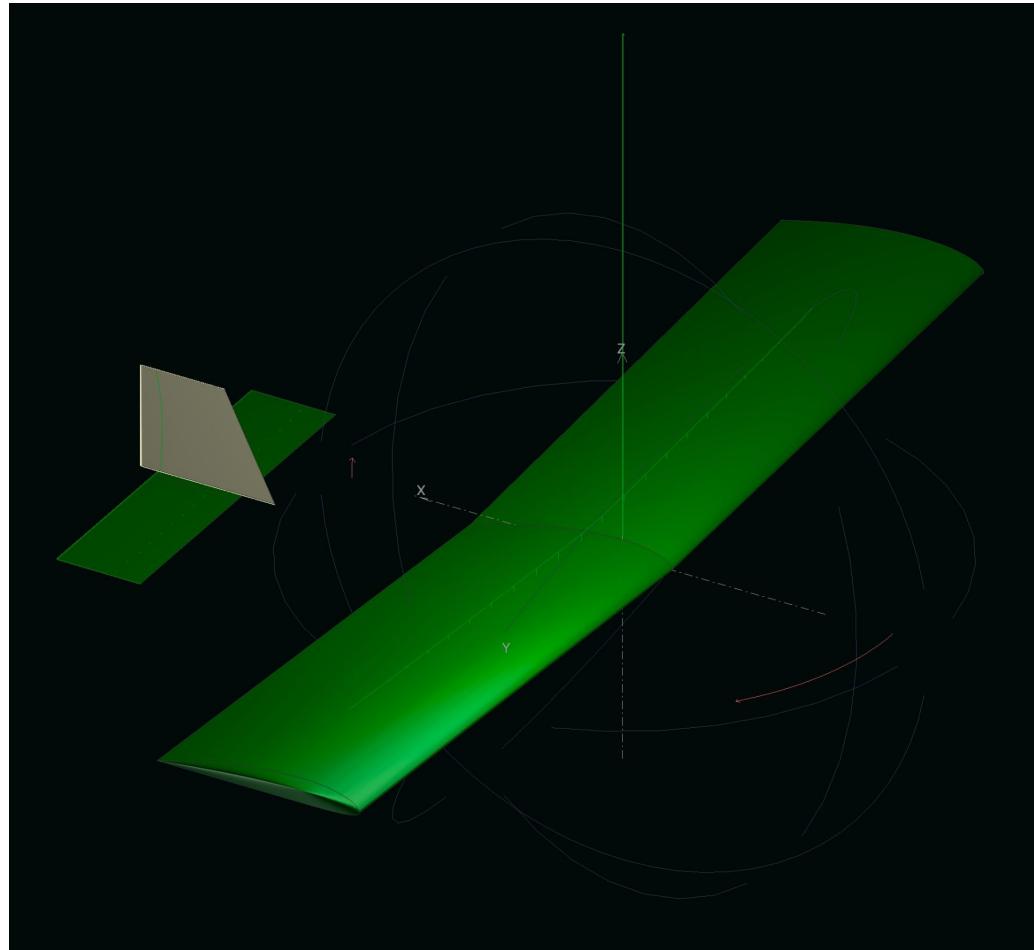


# Tail Volume Coefficient

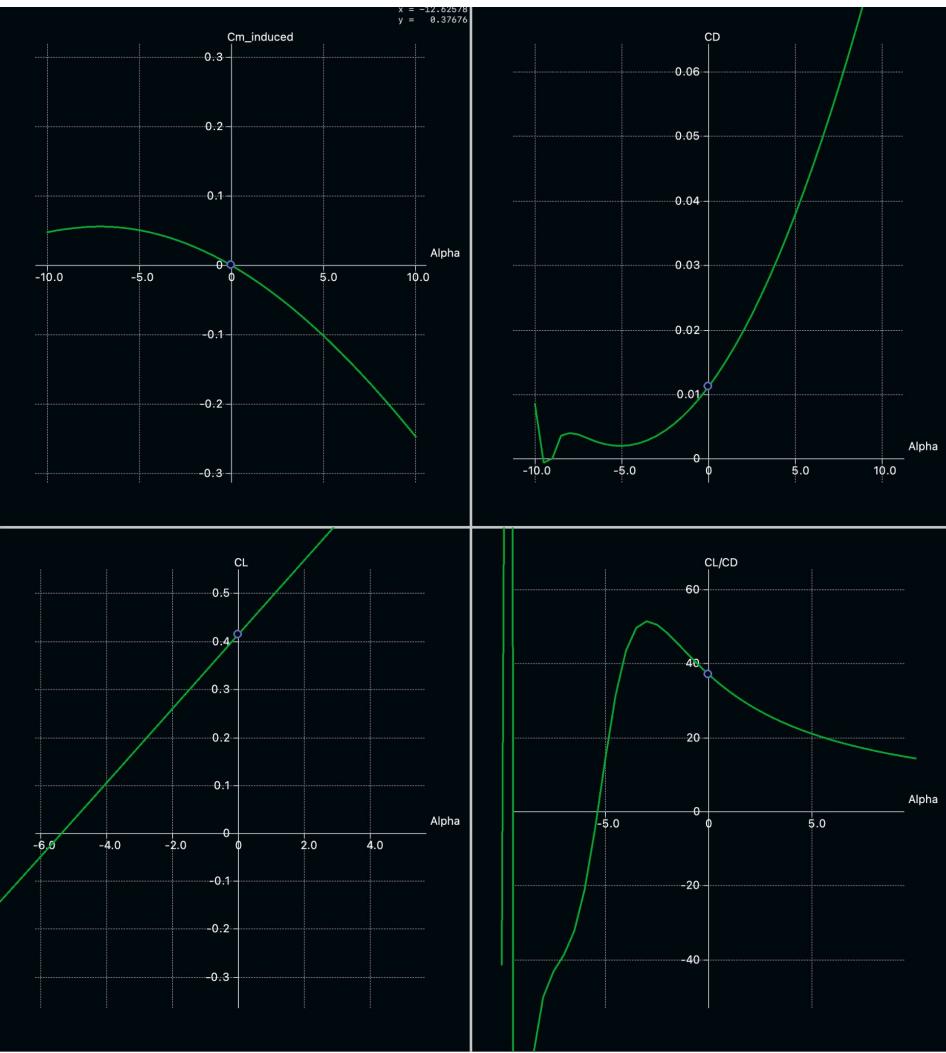
- $S_H = (V_H \times S_w \times \text{m.a.c.}) / L_H$
- Using  $V_H$  (0.34) from Piper J-3 Cub:
  - $S_H = (0.34 \times 192 \text{ ft}^2 \times 6 \text{ ft}) / 13 \text{ ft} = \sim 30.1 \text{ ft}$  (really big)
- Typical homebuilt  $V_H = 0.5$ :
  - $S_H = (0.5 \times 192 \text{ ft}^2 \times 6 \text{ ft}) / 13 \text{ ft} = \sim 44.3 \text{ ft}$  (massively oversized)

# XFLR5

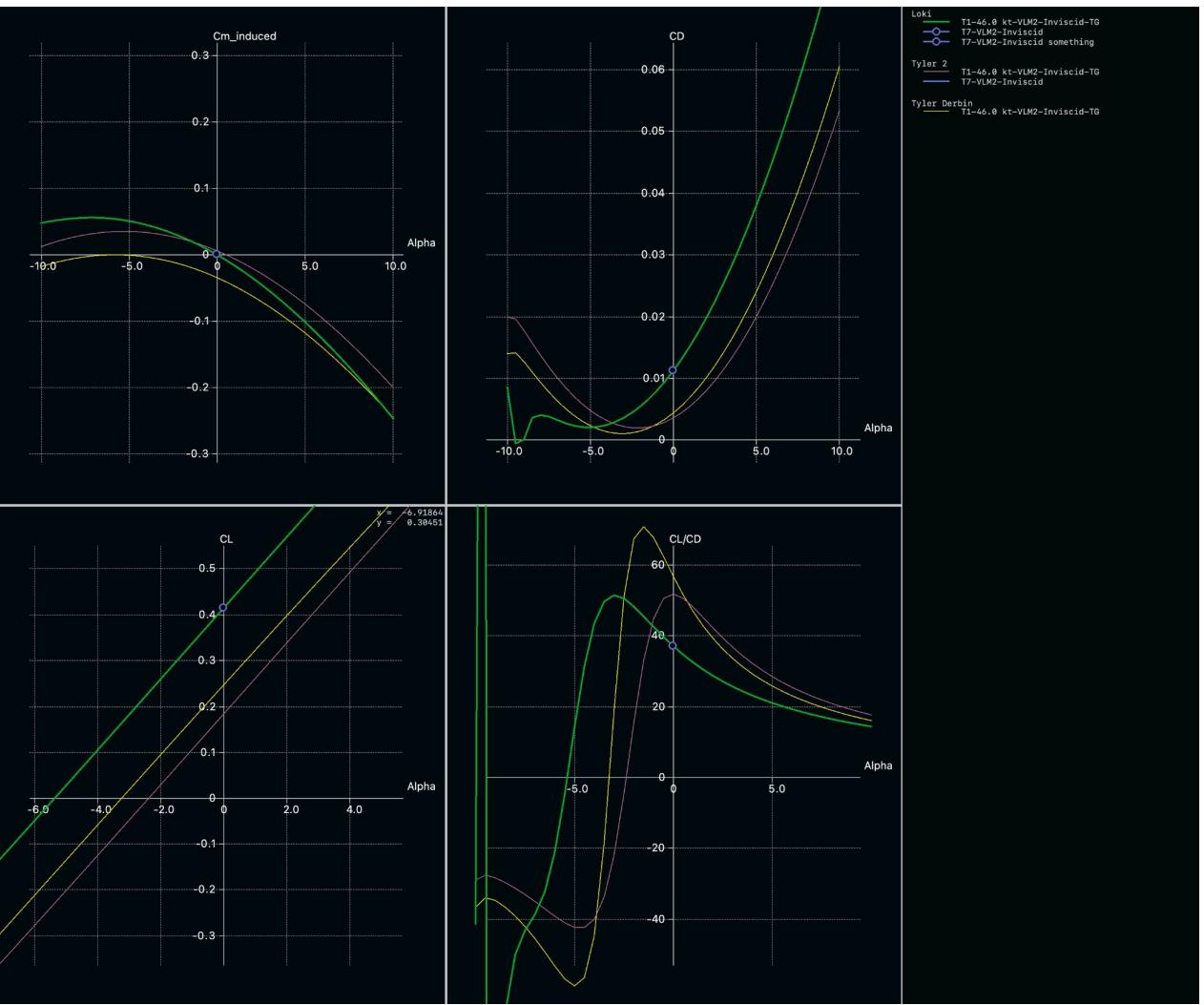
- 2.5 ft x 10 ft (25 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- -0.3° AOA
- 0.258 tail volume coefficient



# Current Design (Loki)



# Loki vs Tylers



# CG Calculator

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QXmaBWWRDz4BI3gv-ack8mFDM79IXPg8rVR1Yl0DeKg/edit#gid=2001226050>

Required CG: 0.245" in front of QC

Current CG: 6.2" in front of QC

# Engine

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# Drag

$$C_D = C_{D\ min} + (C_L^2 / (\pi \cdot AR \cdot e))$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot V^2 \cdot S_{ref} \cdot C_D$$

Drag			
Minimum Drag Coefficient	$C_{D\ min}$	0.04	Searey CD_min (General Aviation Aircraft Design textbook pg 756)
Oswald Efficiency Factor	e	0.70	<a href="https://www.grc.nasa.gov/www/k-12/airplane/induced.html">https://www.grc.nasa.gov/www/k-12/airplane/induced.html</a>
Cruise Lift Coefficient	$C_{L\ cruise}$	0.41	XFLR5
Drag Coefficient	$C_D$	0.06	
Drag Force	D	80.76 lbf	



# Polini Thor 202

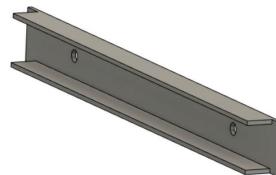
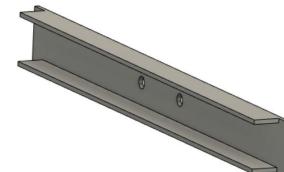


- Two stroke
- Liquid Cooled
- 33 hp
- 200 pounds of thrust
- 37 pounds

# Engine Data

Description	Value	Unit	Comments
Max Thrust	200	lbf	<a href="#">Polini Thor 202</a>
Average gph	2	G/h	<a href="#">Average from Forum</a>
Oil Content in Fuel	2.5	%	
Total Fuel	5	G	
Effective Fuel	4.88	G	
Max Range	132.34	miles	Assuming Cruise Speed

# Motor Mount



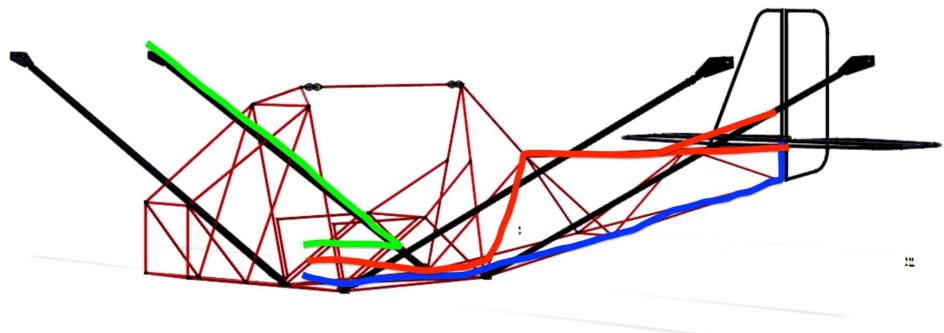
- The top design is our old design made of the same pipe as the fuselage and welded together.
- The bottom design is our new mount made of c-channels that mount flush with the nose.
- The reason we re-designed the mount was because we switched to gusseting and the first design was overly complicated.
- The main downside with the new design is the motor will be 4.5 inches closer to the CG.

# Control System

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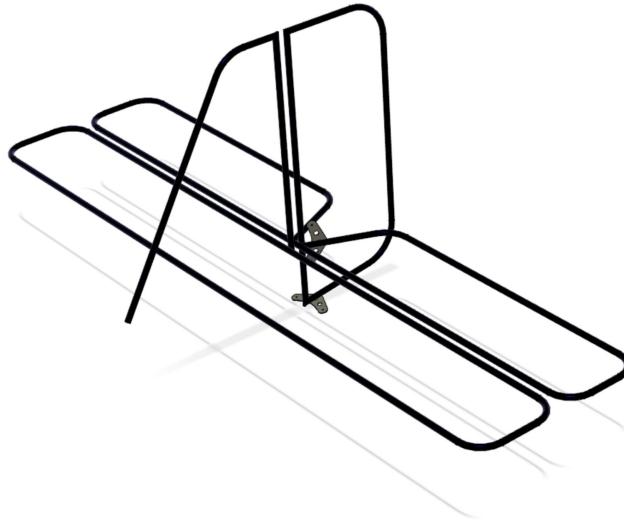
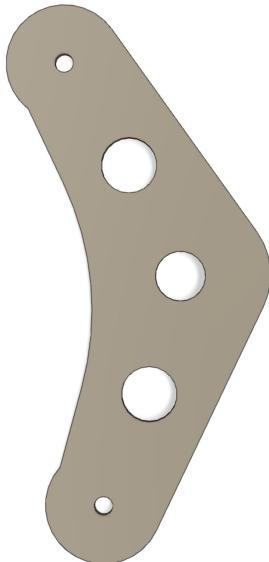
# Cable-Controlled

- 3/32" 7x19 galvanized steel cable
- Copper Nicopress sleeves
- MS20219-1 Phenolic Pulleys
- Making own Nylon fairleads



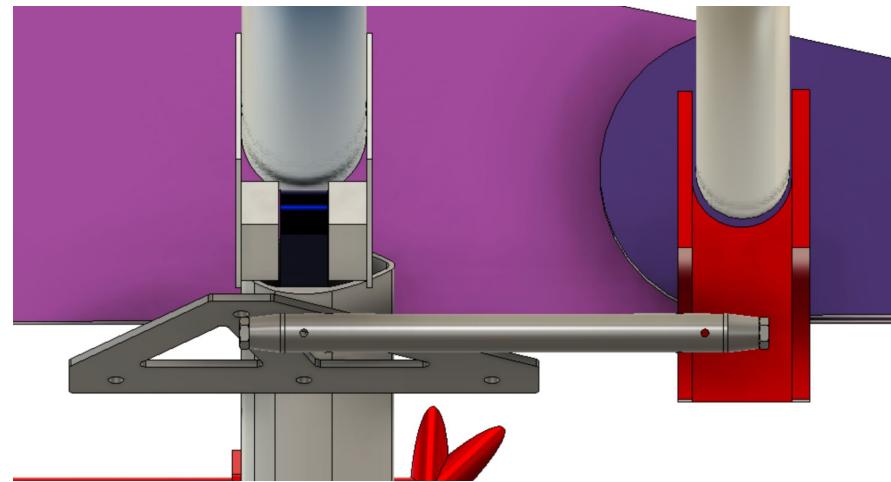
# Rudder/Elevator Bellcranks

- $\frac{1}{8}$ " Aluminum



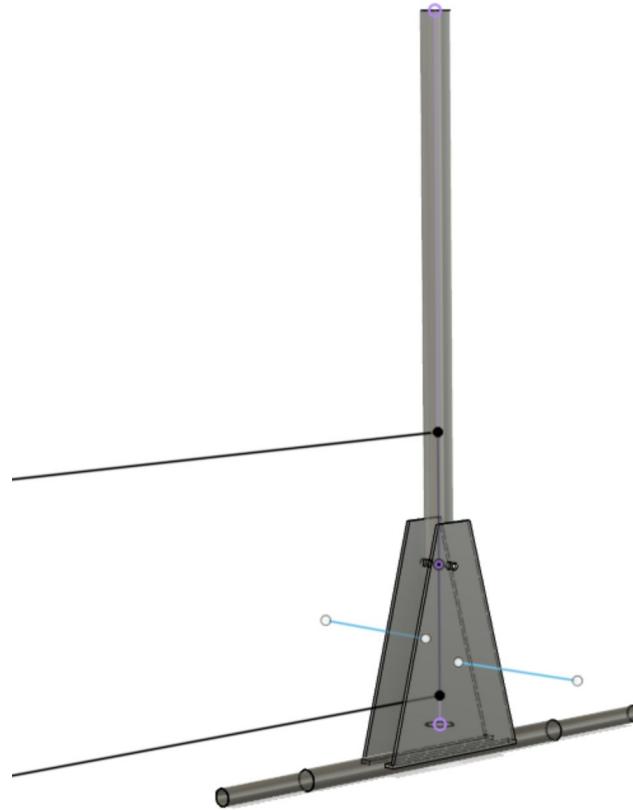
# Aileron

- $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel bellcrank
- Push-pull tube:  $\frac{5}{8}$ " OD pipe with threaded inserts on both ends (to connect to rod ends)
- $1/16$ " aluminum push-pull tube to torque tube attach



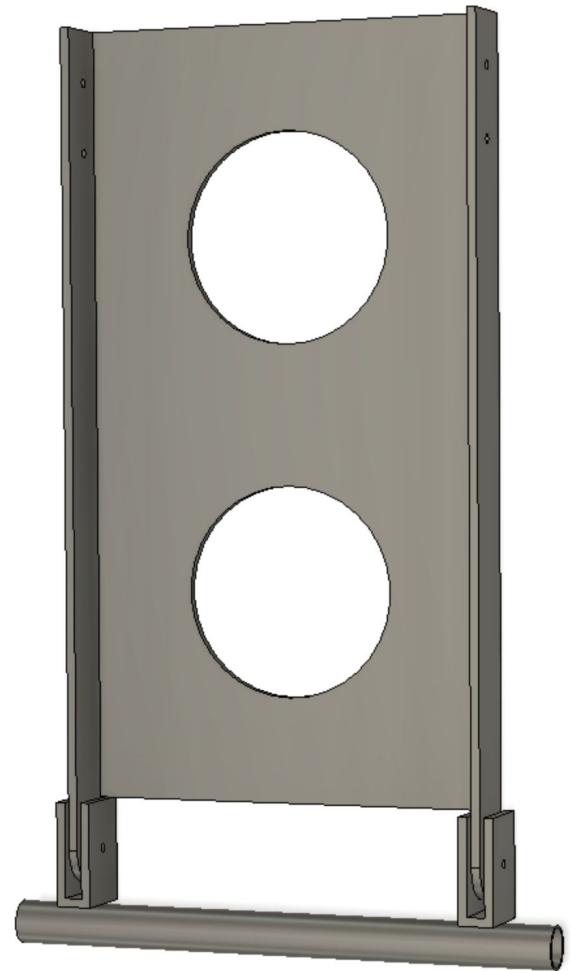
# Control Stick

- $\frac{1}{8}$ " aluminum sheets + 1" OD aluminum pipe
- Mounted on floor of nose



# Rudder Pedals

- $\frac{1}{8}$ " aluminum, sheet



# Landing Gear

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# Landing Gear Physics

Used basic kinematic equations to find force on landing

Speed at Landing	27	knots	Assumption by Physics Team
Angle at Landing	0.12	radians	Assumption by Physics Team
Verticle Landing Vector	3.17	knots	
Vector on Rear Tail Wheel	191.14	lb	Assuming 10% of total weight
Angle from Line( Front to Back landing gear) to ground (on ground)	0.17	radians	Not exact, need to update after finish CAD
Verticle vector on Rear Tail Wheel	188.24	lbf	
Angle from ground to bottom empennage Beams	0.16	radians	
Distance of Landing	4.1	inches	Distance between bottom of slot to top
Acceleration at Landing	25.13	knots/sec <sup>2</sup>	
Acceleration at Landing	12.93	m/s <sup>2</sup>	To be used in Truss Analysis calculations

# Landing Gear Physics cont.

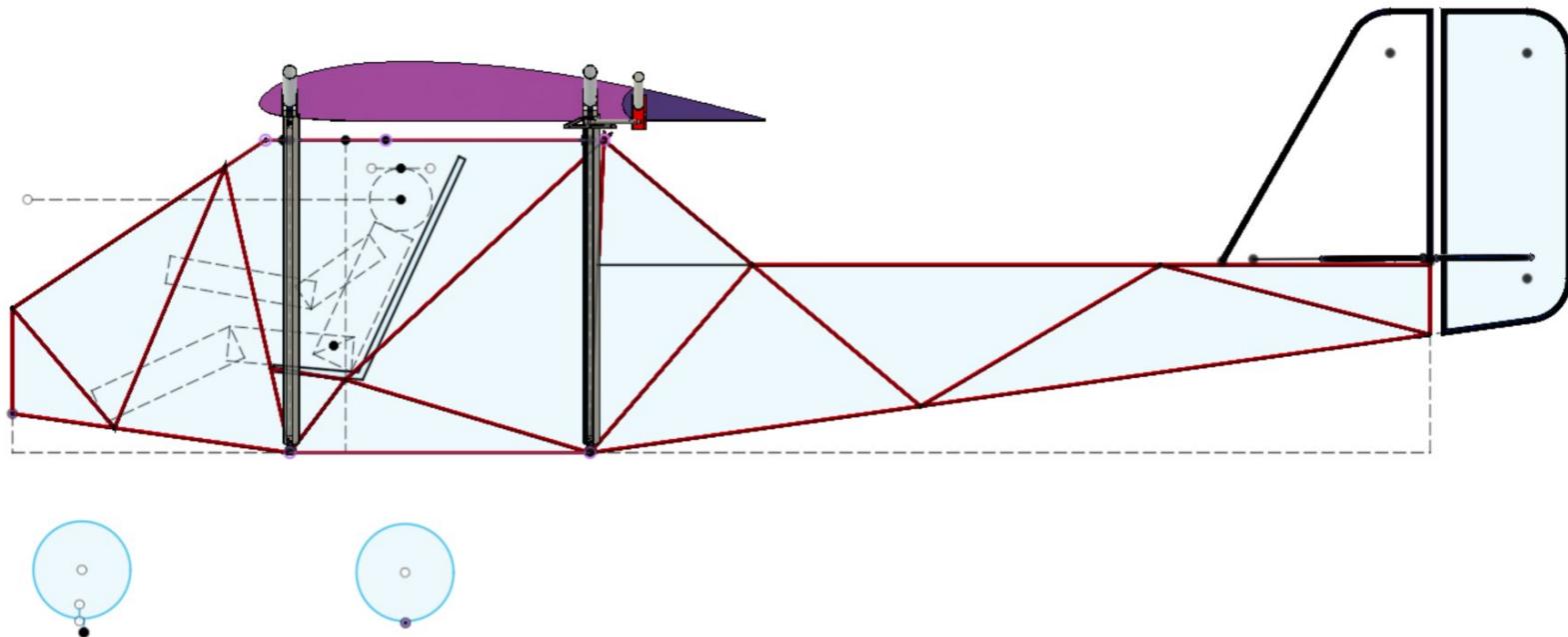
Then, used the force to check if our struts could take the weight

Beam	Length (in)	Column buckling (lbf)	Max tension tolerable (PSI)	Forces at landing C/T (lbf)	Forces at landing PSI	Forces at 3.8 g (-=T, +=C)	Forces at -1.5 g (-=T, +=C)	K	Pi	Area moment of inertia (in^4)	Safety Factor C
Landing gear vertical beam	29.5	39847.9139		2,541		2,541		0.9	3.141592654		0.2846 15.6819810

Using column buckling equations:

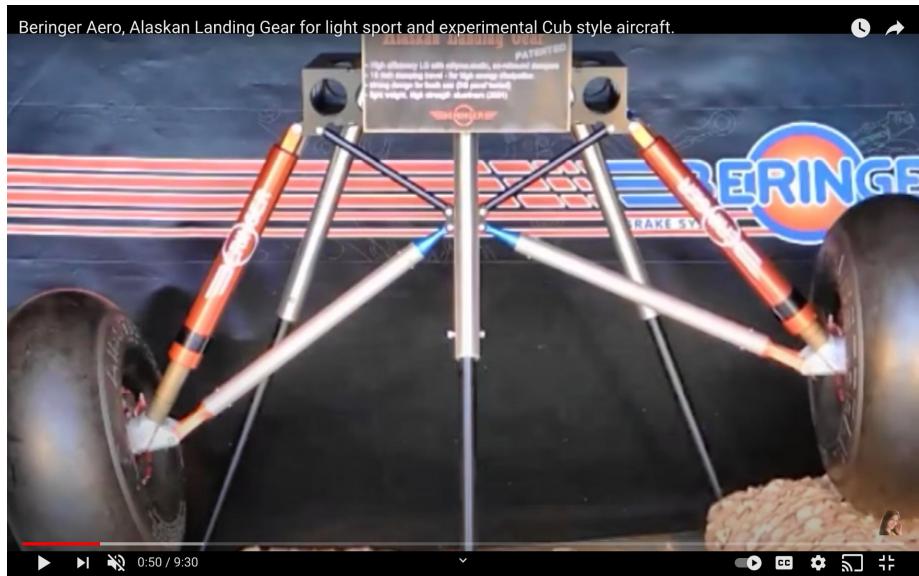
$$F = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$

# Trike Configuration



# Landing Gear Attach

- Tricycle arrangement
- Rubber pucks
- No welding - attached with gussets



# Black Max Landing Gear Kit

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-fEPRIgm5izc7\\_tjbXStEDB6-VrwqTQb](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-fEPRIgm5izc7_tjbXStEDB6-VrwqTQb)

2 wheels brake independently, 2 master cylinders on control stick



# Safety

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# BRS & Harness

- Ballistic Recovery System:
  - [Aerolite 103 BRS](#)
  - NOT installing immediately
- Safety Harness:
  - <https://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/appages/rvcrowres-llwo.php?clickkey=436169>
  - 5 point Y harness



# Safety Harness

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5 point Y harness

# Questions:

1. Check drag calculations + range + endurance + consumption
2. Our gusset calculations seem to be VERY off
  - a. Are there better equations? Are we dealing with it wrong?
3. How should we go about deciding beam thickness/gusset thickness?
  - a. Simulations work but they get less accurate when we put in rivets/bolts
4. Make the gussets? Bend them around?
  - a. How much do we need to design and how much are we eyeballing day of construction?