

... suddenly there appeared a wing fashioned from light ...

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WORLD DAY OF HISTORICAL AEROMODELLING



I have before me that marvellous photograph, taken by Michele Jannacci at Middle Wallop in 1994, of the simultaneous launch of an enormous number of model aeroplanes. And, as they climb gracefully into the grey sky, there appears, soaring free, a

'Wing fashioned from Light'.

Nearly twenty years have passed and today, as I study once more that image which always fills me with surprise and wonder, I suddenly have an incredible revelation: peeping out from behind that luminous wing, carved with the gentlest of blades, are all the AEROMODELLERS in the SKY who participate, more alive than ever, in this extraordinary celebration. As if inebriated by the scent of balsa, limewood, pine and poplar, they send us their joy in the fondness, the grace and the spirit that every model aircraft carries aloft.

The joy on Earth is immense.

Then, amid shouts of 'hooray!' and 'yippee!', night falls softly and the **'Wing fashioned from Light'** gently closes, enfolding all those dear souls, now immortal, in a tender embrace. We feel a sweet melancholy in our hearts, while a hesitant question grows in our minds...

Today, in our workshops and on the field, do we really honour Historical Aeromodelling in all the many aspects of its philosophy?

I should only like to add sincere and profound thanks to our Dear Friends in the Sky and propose that we establish, with all SAMs, the

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dedicated to those dear friends, so as to renew again and again the fable of the **'Wing fashioned from Light'**.

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To the presidents of SAM's around the world
from Paolo Montesi
president of SAM 2001 L'Aquilone (Italy)

Dear Friends,

I send you this letter together with my article 'The Wing Fashioned from Light' which appeared earlier last year in issue 67 of our magazine L'Aquilone with a photo taken on the field at Middle Wallop in 1994.

It was this photo that inspired me to promote a

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Our plan is to organise meetings and friendly competitions every year on this day, to remember and honour those aeromodellers who have left us.

We are counting on your collaboration and your ideas to devise a program agreeable to everyone around the world. We think that the best time for the event would be near to the autumnal equinox, on the third Sunday of September, and the event need not be particularly competitive, so as to encourage an atmosphere of relaxation and celebration.

The idea would be for all participants, including children with their models, to enjoy a successful day. I am also sending you a logo, symbol of the World day of Historical Aeromodelling, which would appear on posters, medals, decals and so on; naturally each SAM will add the number of its chapter. I trust that this initiative will find a warm welcome in all SAMs and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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