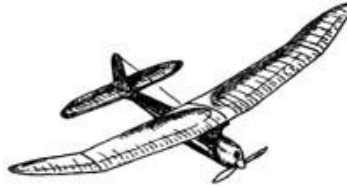


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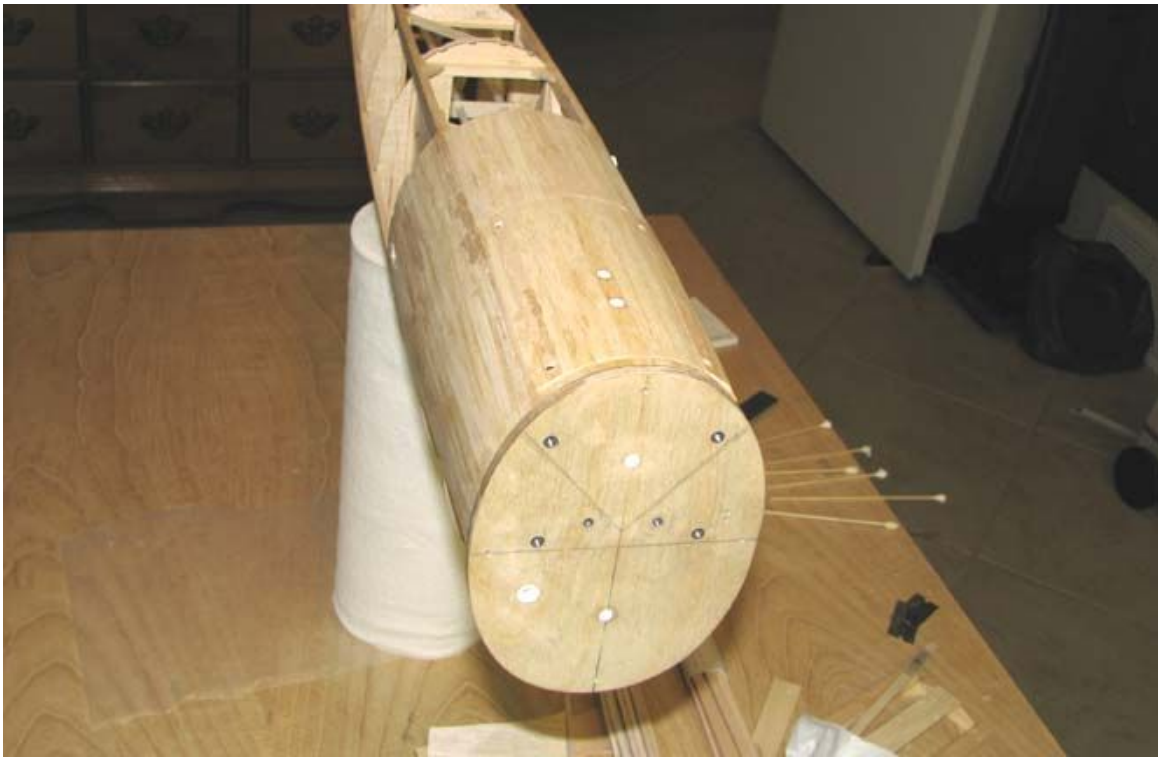
Comet Sailplane Project



Today I had to drive over to Roy's Hobby Shop in Hurst, Texas, to pick up some 3/32" X 1/4" balsa strips to start the planking on the forward portion of the fuselage. I also picked up some medium hard 1/8" square strips for the stringers while I was there. First I planked the fuselage bottom section between the ignition hatch opening and the radio hatch opening. Then I decided to plank the forward lower left side of the fuselage so I could rough in the ignition hatch cover as shown below. I am most pleased with the way the ignition hatch cover is going to integrate into the forward fuselage contour.



This is another view of the ignition hatch cover screwed to the bottom of the fuselage.



Two special 1/4" X 1/2" edge blocks were drilled to match the attachment holes in the radio cover's frame. These holes were then drilled oversize to just fit the head diameter of the 2-56 Allen head screws and then the edge blocks were beveled and glued to the radio hatch cover as shown below. As you can see, I managed to get three strips of planking on the cover's bulkheads before I ran out time this evening.....Tandy

