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HOMEBOUND ...

Pandemic question— who's new build is captured in this picture— send me your guess!

So hello everyone from *Casa Kallok*, or where I've been working from for the past six weeks just like the rest of those folks in NJ who are fortunate enough to be able to work from home. Honestly, I know I'm very lucky that I can do this— many of my friends are not in the same position. So while I'm looking forward to not working from my dining room table, I'm grateful that I can.

I suspect I'm not alone when I say this whole experience has been quite surreal. The days



have started to blend together, but one bright side of being home this much is having more time to do hobby stuff. Honestly, we are all VERY lucky that we have a great hobby like this to keep us busy. I feel bad for all those folks who are just binging on cable TV. Don't get me wrong— a little TV is OK once in awhile, but the shop is really a good way to use this time and tackle some projects that you've been wanting to do. In addition to model building with the weather getting nicer I'm starting to split time in the garage as I'm starting to restore my '65 Falcon wagon. Doing body work and paint prep in the driveway will be a good way to get some fresh air later this spring and summer.

Staying home right now is the best and easiest thing we can do to knock this virus out and get things back to normal. I'm so grateful to those folks out there who are putting themselves in harm's way to keep us going. The first thing that pops into my mind are all the healthcare workers who are in the trenches trying to treat those who have caught this nasty bastard. Then there are the folks who are still manning the supermarkets, and the guys who are still making package deliveries. I could keep going but you know what I'm getting at. They deserve our support and be sure when you meet then give them a hearty thanks!

We still don't know when we'll have our next meeting, or when the park will reopen for us to get in some flying. I'm sure hoping by mid-summer we'll be able to get together again, but that's not something we get to decide. In the meantime please stay healthy, use this time to your advantage, and let me know what you're up to :)

Miscellaneous Ramblings...

So my son Bobby was down in my shop the other night checking out my collection of rubber-powered airplanes and asked if he could build one. Naturally I was crushed (LOL) and gave him one to start with (OneNighter 16). That was a success and he



just finished up his second plane—a SIG Tiger with a 21" wingspan. He's now on his third plane and we're taking advantage of the empty schoolyard to get in some free flight fun!

> Speaking of stickbuilding, I've finished framing up my latest project - a Megawatt!

This plane is a 25 year -old design with a 80" span and an AUW of eight pounds. With about 1600 watts on tap it should be a blast to fly! And yes, it's getting a lighting system :)



I've heard a rumor that someone we know who has a REALLY big plane has decided he needed a matching pair. Hmmm... wonder who that might be? Any guesses???

So what have you been up to?

Drop me a line and let me know— we'll feature it in an upcoming newsletter! On a totally different note, check out Gary's shrimp! He's been breeding them for some time now and getting some extremely cool color combinations. The largest ones are a bit over an inch long!



<u>Next Meeting</u> – TBD...

UPCOMING EVENTS

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