

Comments from Don Ross re Jimmy Allen Skokie

by George White

I noticed a comment in Don Ross's column in the January 2003 issue of Flying Models referred to a rule that Jimmy Allen models must be built exactly as the original. Grabski thought that a Skokie with no DT made no sense, and that the model in the picture had wire landing gear vs. wood gear on the original. So I fired off an e-mail to Don for clarification. He answered as follows: "I spoke to Lin Reichel of FAC who says DT's are allowed by FAC rules. Then I spoke with a fellow named Jalinec who writes for SAM. He says that under SAM rules, DT's are allowed, also a slight enlargement to allow for blast tubes and a back-up model to complete your flights....Of course each CD can make up his own rules... I think anyone would be nuts to outlaw DTs..." In another email, Don says: "I'm just starting on a cabin Skokie using the kit supplied by Bob Hilman and it not only calls for wire LG but also shows laminated tips on rudder, stab and wings. The kit even supplies laser cut plywood forms around which to laminate. I feel that I wouldn't take rigid rules too seriously. If the club wants to use the Jimmy Allen models in a contest, the club should make rules to attract more flyers, not reject them."