

SKOKIE FLOATS from Pete Kaiteras

So for all you float enthusiasts and ROW wannabes I found these pics on my backup hard drive from 2013. The first pic has the sides and formers on 1/4 grid graph paper. The sides and formers are 1/16" sheet. Top and bottom are 1/32" sheet. Cross ties are 3/32". The float noses are from block. The keel has a strip of bond paper set in glue for abrasion resistance. The fuselage side framing piece has been enlarged to take dowels at the LG mount positions. Dental bands are used to mount the floats and/or the standard Skokie wheels. These floats are set up to fold back in a hard landing, but that is probably not really necessary. The wing is set up with the old style wing tie down hooks as per the Skokie plan with the exception of using a double root rib to hold the wire. These allow the wing to slide back and forth for balance. The wing shifts forward about 3/8" with floats. The float version has been using an 8" Peck, the wheel version has a 9.5" Peck using the same motor. There's a 10 g difference between the versions partly due to the prop change. In the spirit of full disclosure, I never tried ROW, but I'd like to. PK













