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Fun Scale
by Naomi Macklem



As a beginner level flyer in stunt, I was looking for different ways to improve my overall building and flying. I decided to give Fun Scale a try. Scale manoeuvres require a different skill set, and building a semi-scale (or “fun scale”) profile model also demands a much different approach than building a model intended for fun flying and/or stunt flying.

I found a semi-scale Mustang kit at the Brodak Hobby Shop, and I decided I liked the idea of having a scale model that would fly well. I have scratch built 1/2A scale models from 3 view plans enlarged to full size, and I found that they turned out too heavy and not properly balanced to fly well (my biggest mistake was not hollowing out the wings and carving them out of solid sheets of balsa).

I like my models to look “pretty”, so I did a bit of online searching for a full-size historic Mustang that had a pretty colour scheme. I found a photo and some info about “Snoot’s

Sniper”, an airplane that was flown in the war by a team of pilots whose captain was a barber. It was supposed to be named “Snoot’s Sniper”, but the extra “p” got left out and the name “Snoot’s Sniper” stuck.

I liked the combination of the blue nose, silver wings and fuselage, and the barber stripe on the tail. I also like the fact that it flies very well with an LA 40 and an RC throttle, and I found using the trigger throttle control with my left hand allowed me to fly it on a regular 2-line system the same way I would fly any of my models with the added advantage of being able to control my speed with my other hand.

I haven’t totally given up on using a 3-line system for throttle control, but I have to say I really enjoyed not having to worry about my throttle line interfering with my up and down lines (which I found an issue for me, especially during a rainy contest when my 3 lines actually stuck together and I lost throttle control altogether and had to cut my scale flight short when my throttle line finally pulled so tight that it shut my motor off midway through trying to execute a touch and go).

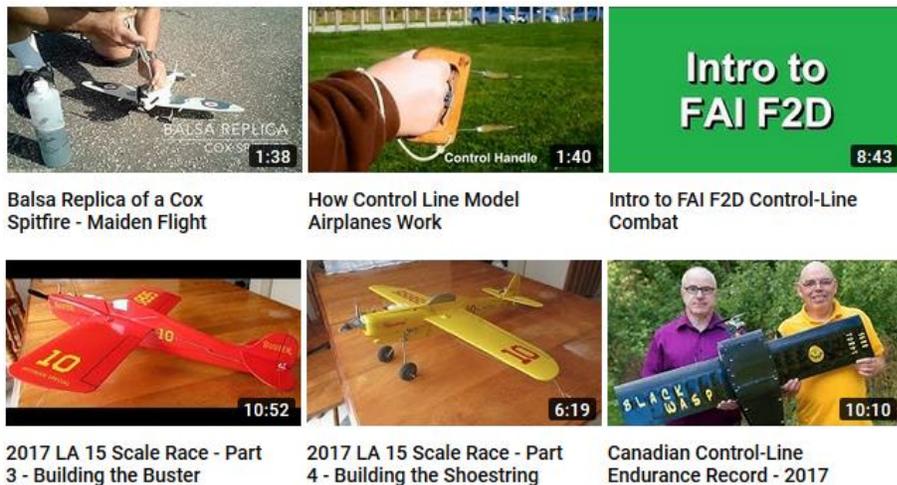
By the way, I am still working on improving my overall flying skills

YouTube Channel
by Doug Blackmore

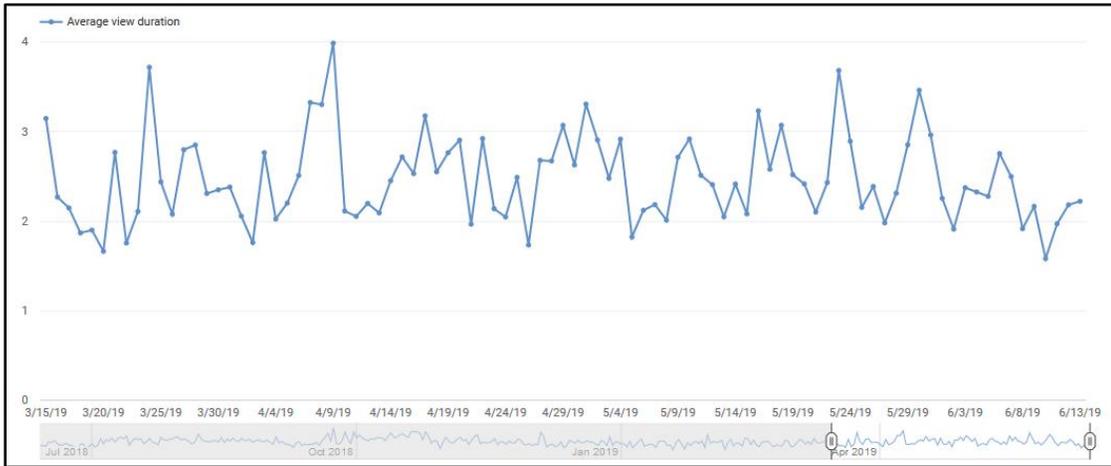


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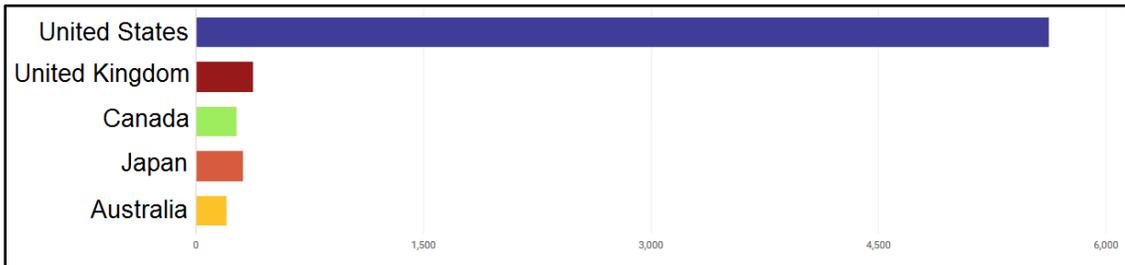
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Our recent average view duration is 2.5 minutes, but that metric is quite volatile:



Where it can be determined, our viewership is 100% male ages 35 to 44 years old. Of course this metric is biased by that group's likelihood of actually logging on to YouTube. I am sure anonymous views reach more demographics. As you might expect, most of this year's views have so far come from the United States. Surprisingly, our channel is more popular in Japan than in Canada.



We have 75 videos on our channel now. We are always looking for more contributions. Thanks to Keith for his recent submission.