

Ultralite aircraft

Hang glider gains a motor

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Sport aviation has gone back to basics: At least that's the way Jack Weber of

Northern Microlite explains the current trend in Ultralight flying. Pilots everywhere are trying out this new, simple, and some say, ultimate method of flying.

Mr. Weber claims ultralight aircraft have become the newest aviatational trend of the 80's. Adapted from the hang glider, this super-light machine is capable of flying one or two people with surprisingly low operating costs. This puts the experience of recreational flying within the grasp of the average person.

The ultralights still resemble the original hang glider. In 1977, a Wisconsin man modified his existing hang glider by adding a 12-horsepower go-cart engine to the structure. The idea immediately caught on, and people throughout North America began to try this exciting method of flying.

Today, the "ultralights" have become considerably more sophisticated, according to Mr. Weber, who is Microlites' chief flying instructor.

"Through time, things improve," Mr. Weber explained. "Today, the machines have a stronger design, are made with better materials, and have become more like airplanes, with larger, more dependable engines."

Northern Microlites, located in Claremont, has been in the hang gliding and ultralight business for the past 12 years. Michael Robertson, owner and originator of the company, recognized the coming trend of ultralight flying in the late 70's and introduced a 20-hour government approved flying course for beginners.

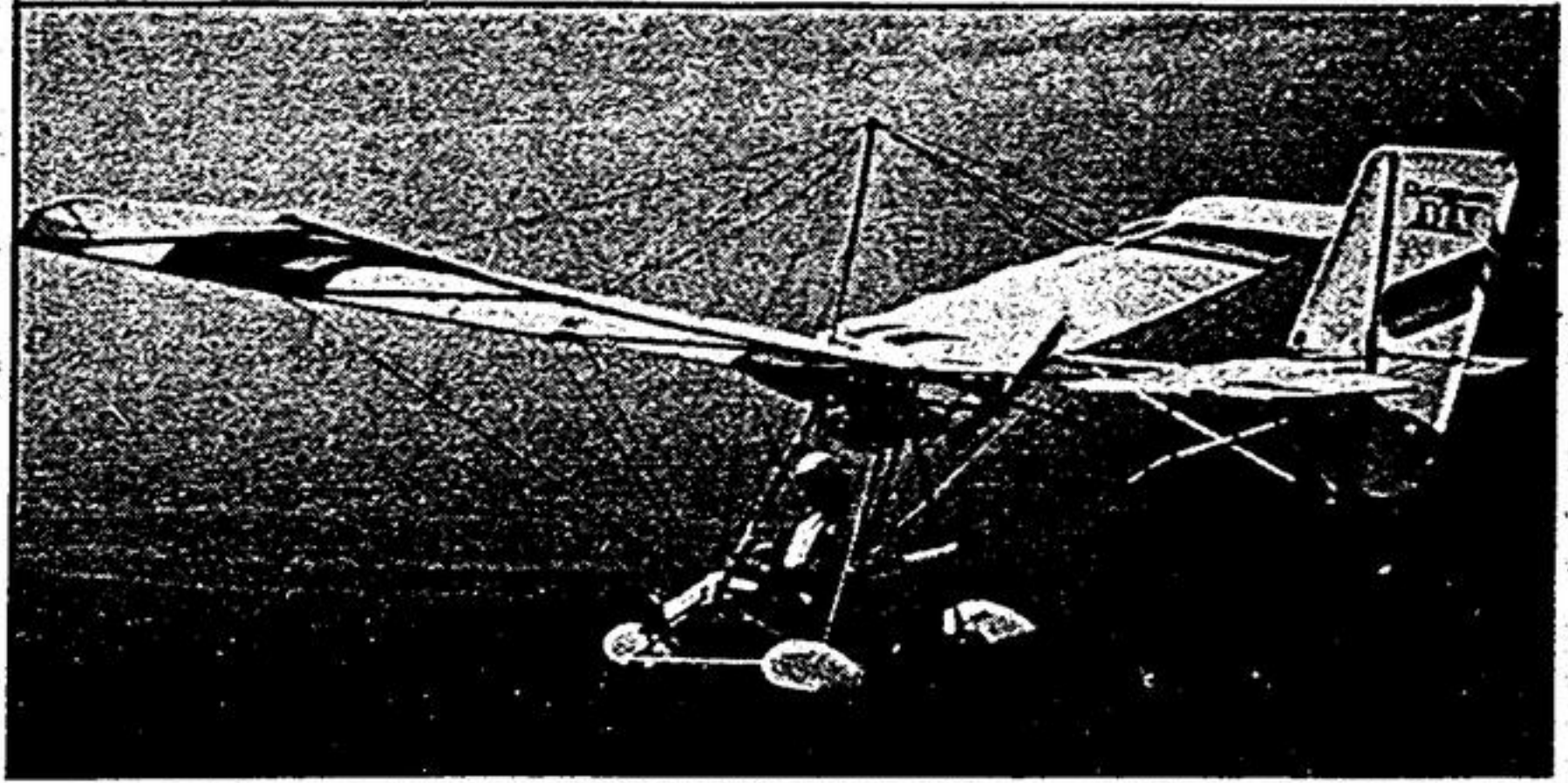
The company also builds hang gliders and assembles Eipper Aircraft Quicksilver model planes for sale.

The current models can fly at approximately 40 to 50 m.p.h., with a range of 200 miles. Because virtually no take-off space is needed, the federal government has so far been unable to impose any flight regulations, although the planes cannot fly within five miles of an airport.

Mr. Weber said that ultralights are easy to operate, and are extremely lightweight. Most models can be adapted to enclosed cockpits, floats and skis.

Since the average design weighs under 284 pounds, the ultralights are not classified as aircraft and a pilot's licence is not required. However, proper flight training and an air-regulated test with the government is mandatory.

Ultralight flying attracts many kinds of people, including seasoned pilots, said Mr.



An ultralite aircraft in flight

Weber, because of the lack of rules and regulations. Northern Microlites' five instructors have taught over 1000 people how to fly the craft, including everyone from married couples to a 75-year-old Mormon priest.

"He had wanted to fly since he was a child, but until now, he couldn't afford it," explained Mr. Weber.

He pointed out that it is expensive to fly or own a regular airplane, but a good ultralight can be bought for about \$7,000 and carries approximately five gallons of gas. It has a range of 200 miles.

The plane is also "land in any field". Mr. Weber occasionally flies the 10 miles to work in his Quicksilver MX, and "parks" it beside the building.

He loves to fly, and says anyone who experiences the ultralights will too. "It is probably the closest sensation to the dreamlike quality of flying," explained Mr. Weber.

He said he is never afraid to fly in the plane, although ironically, he is afraid of heights. "On a building, you could fall down, but in an airplane there is no chance of falling out, or it breaking in half and falling out of the sky."

Mr. Weber does admit the ultralight planes do depend on good, windless weather for safety because of their light weight. He insists the planes are well-constructed, and points out that ultralight manufacturers have a quality-control system to ensure safety.

The ultralights' low weight and speed would reduce the amount of energy involved in flying the plane, he explained, and the impact of a crash would be "sub-

stantially less than that of a car." However, the flight instructor does have a warning for would-be flyers: If you try it, chances are, you will become addicted. "I think flying has broken up as many relationships and marriages than any sport I know," said Mr. Weber with a laugh. "If you go to a party with flight enthusiasts, the talk is bound to get around to airplanes, and will stay there."

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Mr. Jackson said the purpose of the dinner was to help associates "keep in touch" with the rest of the alumni. Each member was presented with a desk clock inscribed with the company's name and the date of the alumni gathering.

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The lab and photography studio, which recently opened in December, offers black and white film processing on the premises. Owners Bruce Cane and Bob Watson also offer custom photo finishing. For information on services, call 477-5161.

Economic Outlook '84

The Scarborough Business Association is extending an invitation to all Markham Board of Trade Members to attend a special luncheon designed to bring together the business community.

The luncheon will be on Thursday, Feb. 16, and will reflect on key economic events and their impact in 1984.

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Cruise wear will be featured, along with spring and summer fashions.

Warm up by nibbling on tropical fruit while watching a travel film shown by Samantha Travel.

Ms. Haiké will talk about co-ordinating

a wardrobe and a Wardair flight attendant will demonstrate how to pack a week's wear in one suitcase.

"February is a blah month," says Ms. Vaudry, who is also a fashion and modelling advisor. "People want to get away."

She is planning similar functions with a different theme on a regular basis with Trend Setter.

Tickets are \$8. It starts at 7:30 p.m. at Trend Setter, 93 Main St. N., in Markham. For more information call 294-0966.

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