

SAE Aero

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Project Description

- The purpose of this team is to design and manufacture an RC aircraft to compete in the SAE West Region competition.
- Fixed wing regular class
- All electric aircraft and has to carry payload
- Stakeholders: John Tester, Sarah Oman, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff Flyers, ASNAU
- Represent NAU in a positive manner



Figure 1: SAE Aero West Competitor

Black Box Model

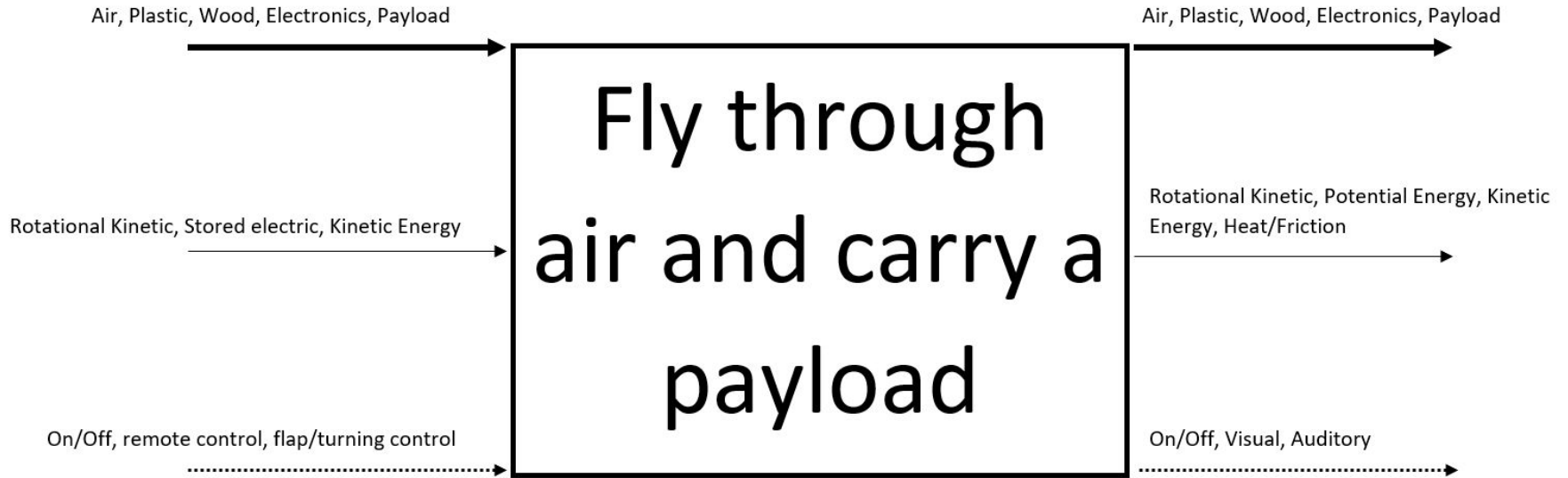


Figure 2: Black Box Model

Functional Model

- Aided in concept generation by:
 - Visual schematic of inputs and outputs
 - Electrical component schematic
 - Energy and materials needed in various components
 - Functionality of components
 - Importance of components

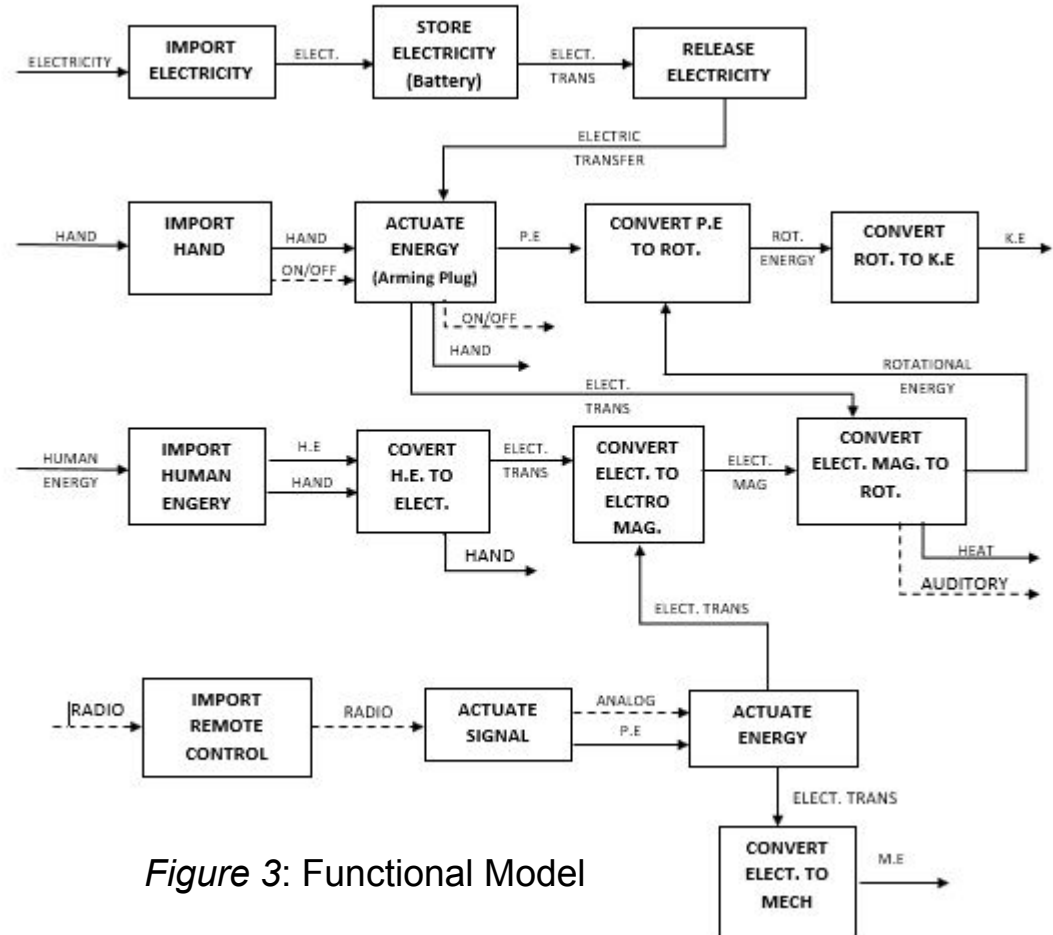


Figure 3: Functional Model

Concept Generation

- **6-3-5 Concept Generation Method:**
- **Modified Method 5-5-3:**
 - 5 people
 - 5 ideas each
 - 3 minute sessions
- **Various Sections:**
 - Propeller/Power Train
 - Body/Fuselage
 - Landing Gear
 - Tail
 - Wings

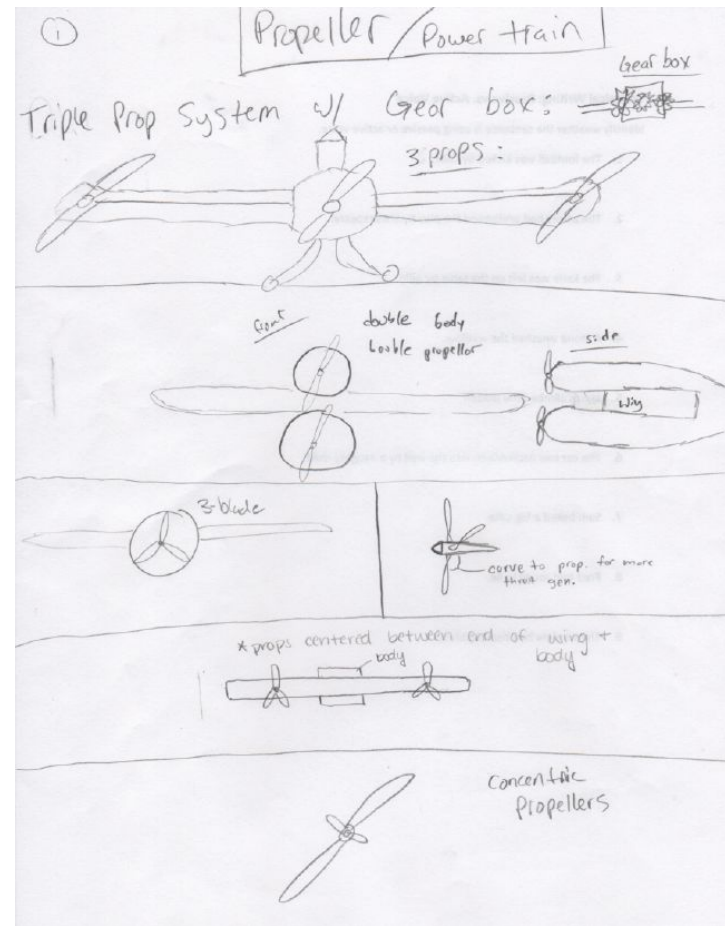


Figure 4: 5-5-3 Concept Generation Sketches

Bio-Inspired Concept Generation

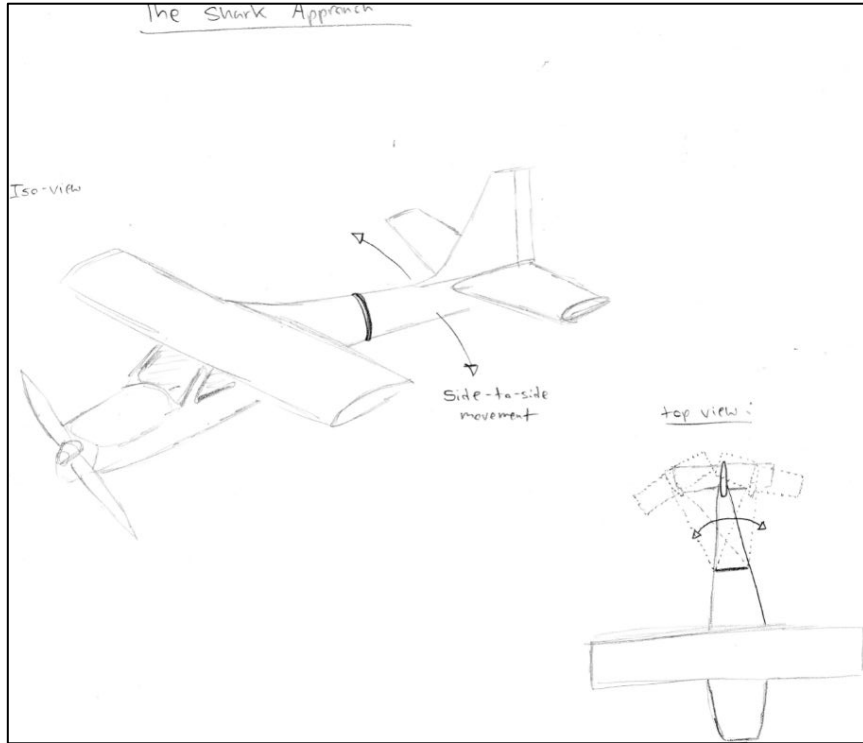


Figure 5: Bio-Inspired Shark Tail Concept

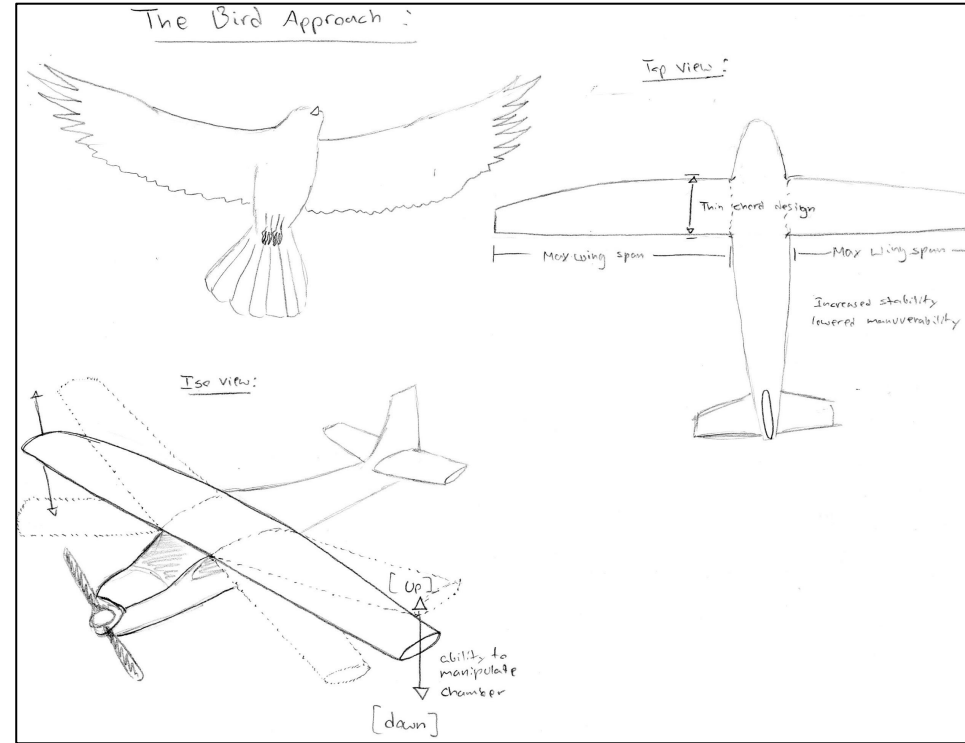


Figure 6: Bio-Inspired Bird Wing Concept

Concept Selection Method

- **Pugh Chart:**

- Wing Design
- Propeller/Power Train Design
- Body/Fuselage Design
- Landing Gear Design
- Tail Design

Tail Design								
Concept	2017 NAU Design	Conventional	Rocket	Double	T-Shaped	Inverted T (Y)	Shark Tail	
Criteria								
Cost		+	-	-	S	+	-	
Durability		+	+	-	S	+	S	
Safety		S	-	-	S	S	S	
Repeatability	D	S	-	-	S	-	S	
Landing	A	S	S	-	S	-	-	
Take Off	T	S	S	-	S	-	-	
Repairability	U	+	-	-	S	+	-	
Scoring	M	-	+	+	S	-	+	
Controllability		+	-	-	S	+	+	
Manufacturing		+	-	-	S	+	-	
$\Sigma+$		5	2	1	0	5	2	
$\Sigma-$		1	6	9	0	4	5	
ΣS		4	2	0	10	1	3	
Total Sum			4	-4	-8	0	1	-3

Figure 7: Tail Design Pugh Chart

Selected Design

- **Wings:** Rectangular wing with Selig 1223 airfoil
- **Fuselage:** Rounded rectangular tapered body
- **Propeller/Powertrain:** Single two-blade propeller
- **Landing Gear:** Through Fuselage
- **Tail:** Conventional tail

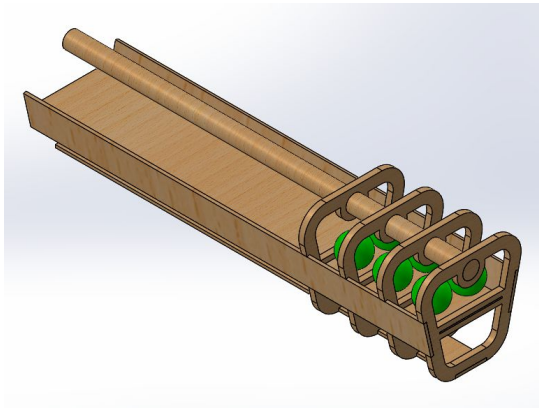


Figure 8: Fuselage CAD Model

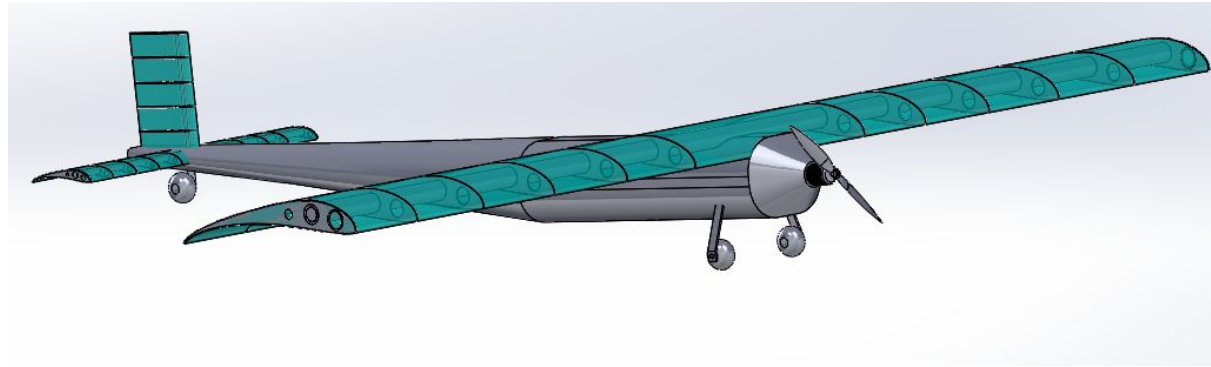


Figure 9: Selected Design CAD Model

Conforming to Customer Requirements

- **Selected design will give us the ability to meet:**
 - Original design
 - Fixed wing aircraft
 - Cargo plane
 - Safe
 - Electric motor

Analyses to Meet Other Customer Requirements

- **Requirements needed to be met:**
 - Must be able to take-off, fly, and land
 - Must carry a payload of at least 6.5 pounds
 - Must be repeatable
 - Must be durable/repairable

Airfoil Selection

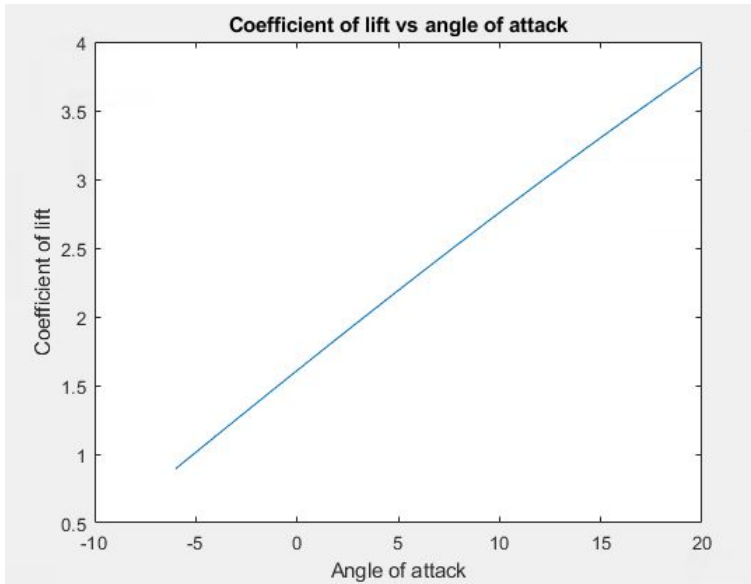


Figure 10: Selig 1223 Coefficient of lift vs angle of attack plot

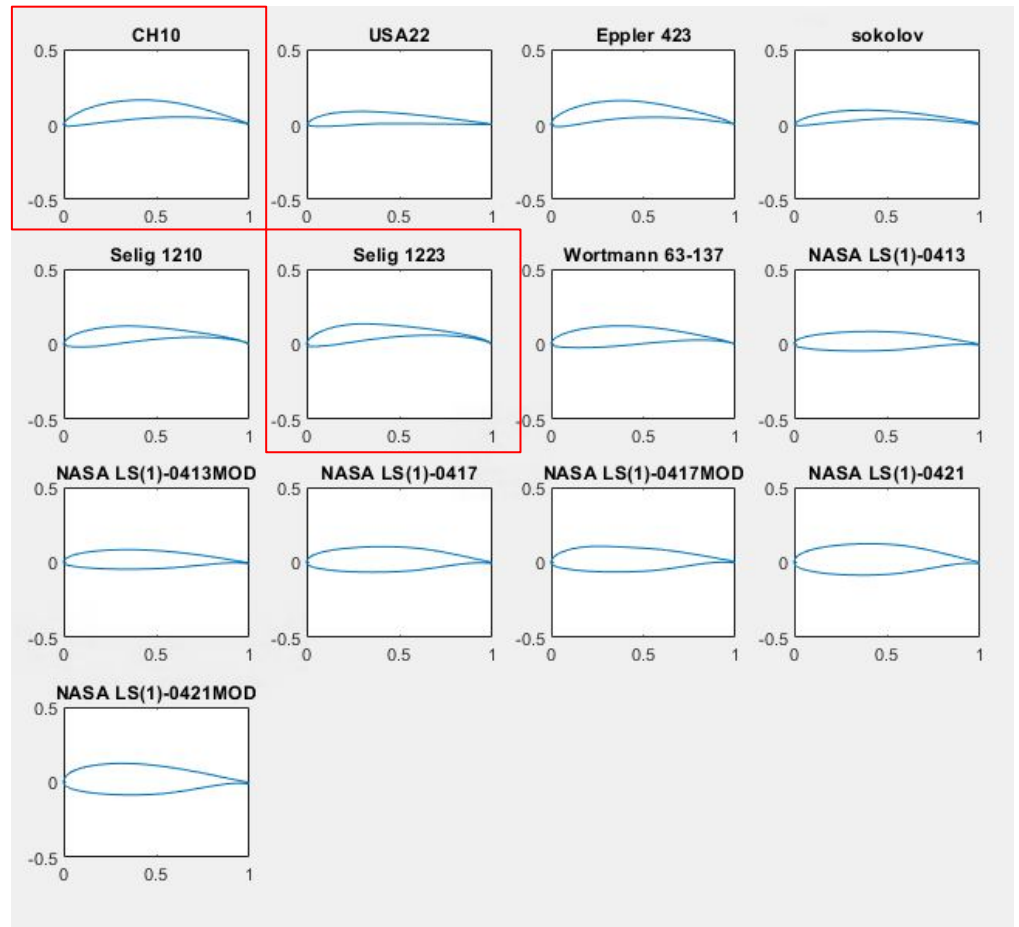


Figure 11: Selected Airfoil Geometries

Propeller Thrust Calculator

```
1- clear; clc;
2- rpm = input('What is the rpm of the engine?\n') ;
3- d = input('What is the diameter of the propeller? (inches)\n') ; %diameter in inches
4- p = input('What is the pitch of the propeller? (inches)\n') ; %pitch in inches
5- V = input('What is the plane flight velocity? (m/s)\n') ; %velocity of plane, m/s
6- F = 1.225*(pi*(0.0254*d)^2/4)*((rpm*0.0254*p*1/60)^2-(rpm*0.0254*p*1/60)*V)*(d/(3.29546*p))^(1.5);
7- formatspec1 = 'Thrust of the propeller is %f Newtons\n';
8- fprintf(formatspec1,F)
9- m = input('What is the mass of the aircraft? (pounds)\n') ;
10- m = m*0.453593 ; %convert pounds to kg
11- a = F/m;
12- formatspec2 = 'Acceleration of the aircraft is %f m/s^2\n' ;
13- fprintf(formatspec2,a)
```

Command Window

```
What is the rpm of the engine?
8500
What is the diameter of the propeller? (inches)
16
What is the pitch of the propeller? (inches)
6
What is the plane flight velocity? (m/s)
5
Thrust of the propeller is 41.429666 Newtons
What is the mass of the aircraft? (pounds)
50
Acceleration of the aircraft is 1.826733 m/s^2
```

Figure 12: Matlab Code for Propeller Thrust Calculator [2]

Opportunities for Test Analyses

- **Possible Measurements:**

- Thrust
- Motor temp
- Esc temp
- Battery temp
- Battery life
- Exit air velocity
- Entrance air velocity
- RPM
- Battery esc motor compatibility
- Wind Tunnel Thrust
- Wind Tunnel flow field



Figure 13: Turnigy Thrust Test Stand [3]

Looking Toward the Future

- **Analytical Report Topics:**
 - Drag Force Simulation
 - Airfoil Selection and Lift Force
 - Thrust Force and Prop Analysis
 - Center of Gravity
 - Motor selection and powertrain analysis

Budget

	Item	Cost	Current source of funding	paid
	SAE membership	\$ 125.00	Out of Pocket	yes
	Registration	\$ 1,050.00	Engineering Department	yes
<i>reference book</i>	Fundamentals of Aerodynamics (Anderson)	\$ 111.00	Out of Pocket	yes
<i>Insuring Safe Repeatable Flights</i>	AMA Membership	\$ 75.00		
	Flagstaff Flyers Membership	\$ 200.00		
	RC practice plane	\$ 220.00		
<i>testing equipment</i>	Turnigy Thrust Stand and Power Analyser v3	\$ 87.00		
	part/material/manufacturing cost estimates	\$ 1,100.00		
<i>travel estimates</i>	hotel (Airtel Van Nuys)	\$ 495.00	NAU SAE club / ASNAU	
	gas	\$ 400.00		
	total	\$ 3,863.00		
	estimated total currently without funding source	\$ 1,682.00		

Figure 14: Updated Team Budget

Preliminary Bill of Materials							
Product Name	SAE Aero Design Regular class						
Team	18F05						
Part #	Part Name	Qty	Description	Functions	Source	Web Address	Price
1.1	Power limiter	1	1000W SAE limiter	Required by SAE	Neutronics power system bundle	https://neumotors.cartloom.com/storefront/product/	\$209
1.2	Motor	1	NeuMotors 4625 motor	rotate prop	Neutronics power system bundle	https://neumotors.cartloom.com/storefront/product/151807	
1.3	ESC	1	Castle Phoenix Edge Lite 100	communicate with remote	Neutronics power system bundle	https://neumotors.cartloom.com/storefront/product/151807	
1.4	Prop Adapter	1	8mm Prop adapter	connect prop to motor	Neutronics power system bundle	https://neumotors.cartloom.com/storefront/product/151807	
1.5	Red Arming Plug	1	Maxx Products 6970	Required by SAE	Amazon	https://www.amazon.com/Battery-Arming-Switch-https://www.hobbyzone.com/batteries/lipo/6-cell-	\$21.94
1.6	battery	1	5000mAh 6 cell 22.2v 30C	provide power	HobbyZone.com	https://www.hobbyzone.com/batteries/lipo/6-cell-	\$125
1.7	propeller	1	APC 16x8	provide thrust	APC propellers	https://www.apcprop.com/product/16x8/	\$15
						current total	\$371

Figure 15: Bill of Materials

Schedule

Design Process Delegation

Airfoil selection and wing/tail:
Caleb and James

Battery, motor, electronics, and propeller selection:
Damian and Braden

Fuselage:
Angel and Caleb

Landing gear:
Braden

Rudders, elevators, and ailerons:
James and Damian

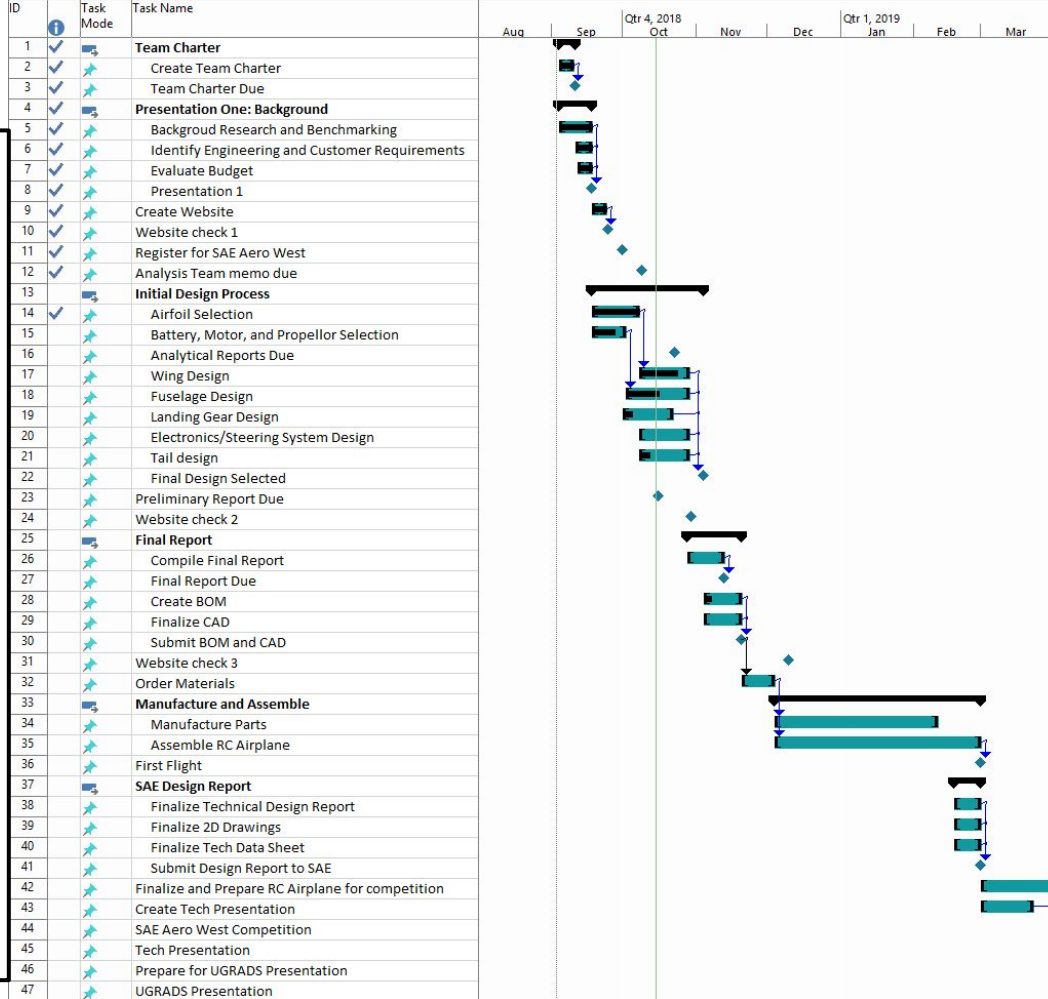


Figure 16: Gantt Chart

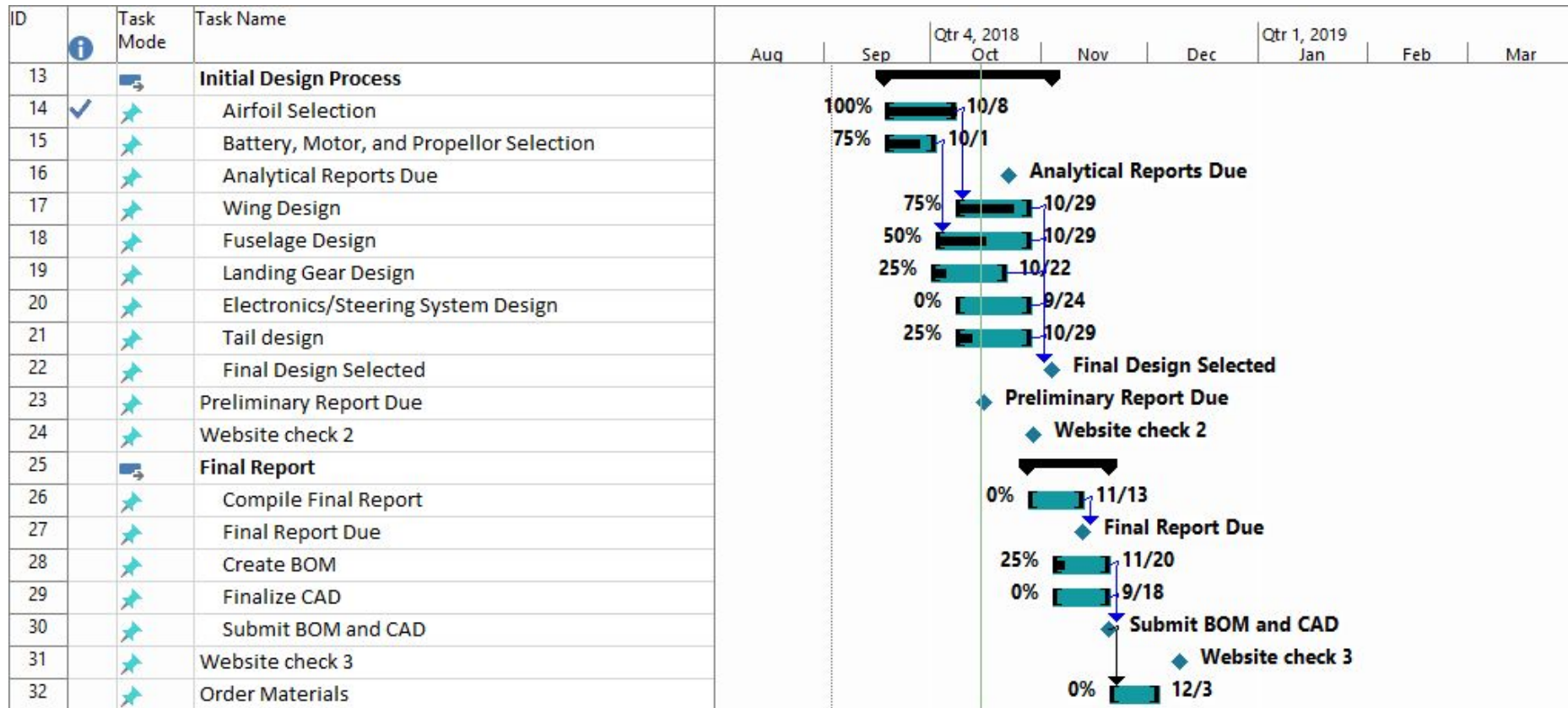


Figure 17: Gantt Chart Continued

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