

A Corlo

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2nd Vintage Glider Model Meet

The "Gruppo Aeromodellistico Cremonese" (Cremona Model Group), led by the enthusiastic Marco Pattoni, organized the 2nd aero-tow National Vintage Model Glider Meeting on Sunday September 25th 2011 on the airfield at Annicco near Cremona.

of them were built, like the originals, from wood and fabric. In accordance with meeting regulations, ready-built models were not allowed to participate.

Choosing the best looking models would have been an invidious and embarrassing task! Many of them were reproducing sailplanes designed by the German Hans Jakob, such as the Weihe, Rhoensperber, Habicht, Sperber Junior, Reiher and the famous Meise, winner of the competition for the Olympic design of 1939.

From Slingsby Design, the Petrel and the Kirby Kite while the USA exhibited the SGS 1-26 Schweizer and the Super Albatross



his is the most active group in Italy building and flying vintage model sailplanes. Thanks to favourable weather, the meeting went off safely, exceeding the success of the previous year for numbers of participants and variety of models.

Twenty five "pilots", from different Italian regions with 32 models were present, plus five skilled Pilots with efficient tow models. Some of them, after having towed the model gliders, performed aerobatic manoeuvres as they returned to the airfield, in inverted flight very close to the ground. Because of good thermals in the afternoon, some "pilots" took their models to great heights, enjoying prolonged flights. All scale models were reproductions of sailplanes designed before 1960 and most



The airfield of Annicco with all vintage glider models participating in the event.

1/5 scale Kirby Kite landing.





1/4 scale of Borea, designed by Luigi Teichfuss.

1/4 scale Sperber Junior.
1/4 scale of Ka2.



of Hawley Bowlus the latter, built on a 1:2 scale, quite big! There was also a quarter scale model of the Maeda 703, designed by the Japanese Kennichi Maeda. The Borea of Teichfuss was the only Italian representative.

To avoid disappointing anyone, I would like to include all the other model sail-planes participating in the meeting. These were the Ka2, Jastrzab, Minimoa, Fafnir, SG38, ASK13, SZD Bocian, Pyonir, Lunak, Harbinger, Moswey III, Ulf 1 and Macka.

Besides enjoying flying, the meeting in Annicco offered everybody the great opportunity of getting together and sharing the same interest in scale vintage sailplanes. Everyone has been quite happy with this meeting and agreed to meet again next September 2012, possibly bringing more models of Italian design.





The detailed cockpit of Bowlus Super Albatross in scale 1:2, by Carlo Simeoni