

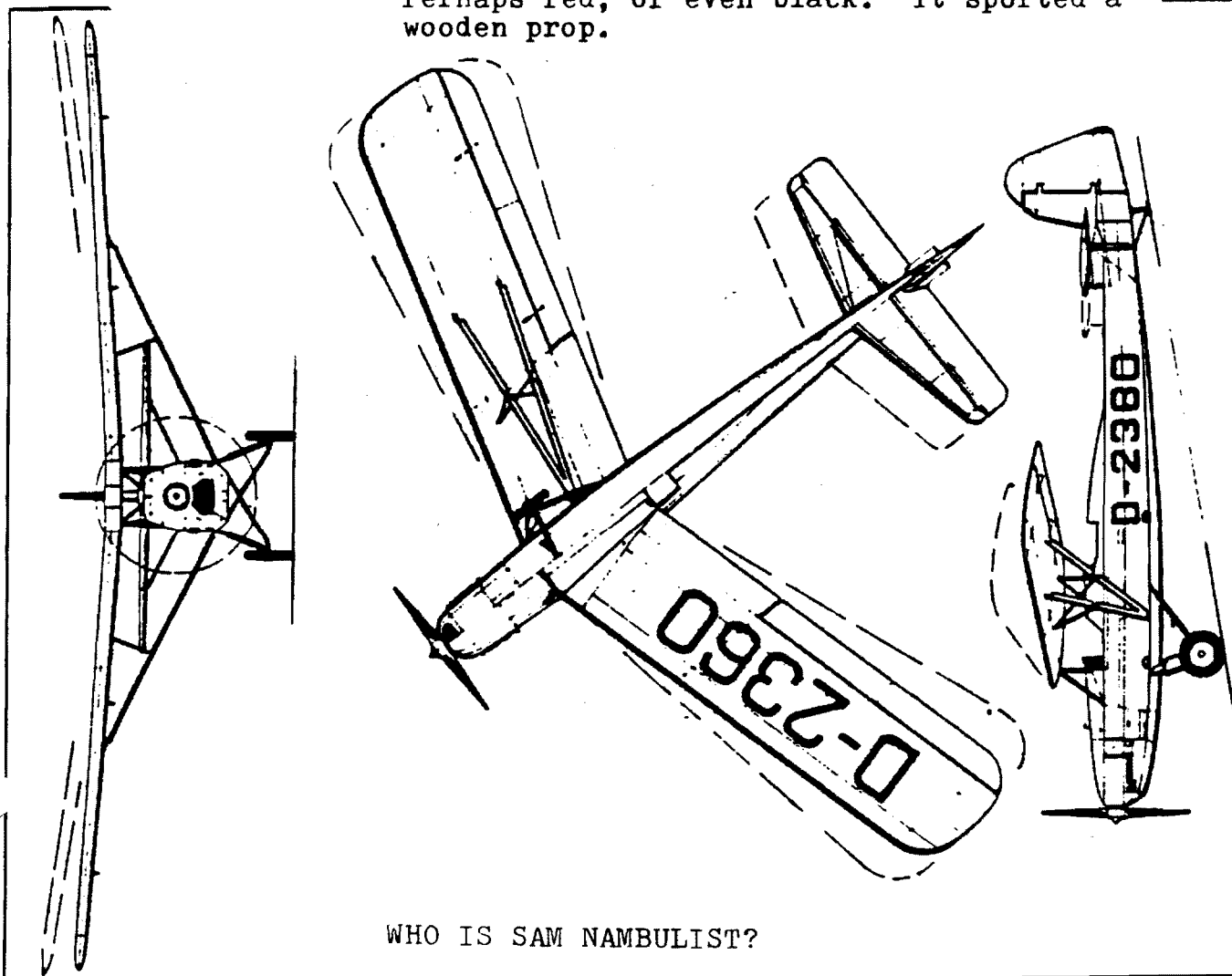
A SCALE MODELER'S DREAM

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By tubulence, there must have been a whole hangar full of free flighters in on the design of this bus! Just look at all the variations of stabilizing geometry you can build into this ship and still be true to scale!

The sweep of the wing can be set at 10, 15, or 20 degrees! The dihedral can be from zero to eight degrees! The stabilizer can be moved fore or aft a considerable distance! And, as if all this were not enough, this flex-o-plane is a parasol in the first place! Just look at that small fuselage cross section, the fuselage length, the nose moment! Skysters, if you draw up and build this one, you had better build in a de-thermalizer. Hung won't take long to spirit one of these away to his ethereal domain.

As near as can be deciphered from the foreign text accompanying this 3-view, the declining Albatros firm, back in 1934, took a Focke Wulf AL 103 at the request of the DVL (the German counterpart of our old NACA) and modified it into the variable geometry flier depicted here. It then became the Albatros AL 102 bearing the civil registry, "D-2360". This registry was in black on an all silver airplane with the exception of the wheel discs, which were a dark color. Perhaps red, or even black. It sported a wooden prop.



FOCKE WULF (ALBATROS) AL 102

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