



Connecticut Flitzer Werke

Rigging In The New Year

Here at the Connecticut Flitzer Werke we celebrated New Year's Day with the initial trial assembly of the first of the four wings of the Morrisov machine.

The previous weeks had seen the preparation of the eight wing spars, and the shaping and bending of the multitude of steel and aluminum brackets involved in the construction of all four of the biplane's wings.



Eighty years ago—in 1926 to be exact—Staaken Flugzeugbau of Berlin delivered Z-21 Flitzer, wearing the German registration D696, to the *Sportflug GmbH für Mittelfranken und Oberpfalz* at Furth, near Nuremberg. So began the aircraft's long association with Baron Ivan Morrisov.

The Baron is known to have flown for Ernst Udet as a pilot in several of the German hero's adventure movies before bringing the Flitzer to the U.S. when Udet made his tour of America in 1933.



Flitzer - the Link with the Past



Baron Ivan Morrisov spent some years as a senior flight instructor at the *Sportflug GmbH für Mittelfranken und Oberpfalz* at Furth, near Nuremberg, which in 1926 awarded him the prestigious von Richtofen Memorial Stein for outstanding service to sport aviation. Morrisov was well known in European sporting circles with his personal mount, a *Staaken Flitzer* adorned with the Death or Glory pennant of Kazakov's Tsarist squadron in which he once served. The school grew to become the second largest pilot training establishment in Germany.

The stein is now on display at the Connecticut Flitzer Werke in East Hampton, CT., which is resurrecting the Morrisov machine.



The current Morrisov recreates the scene at the Flitzer Werke.

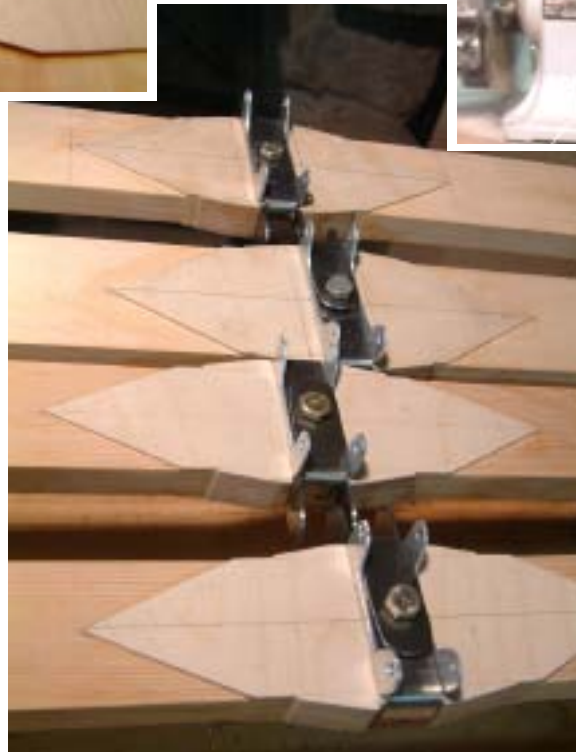
1926: Baron Morrisov was awarded the von Richtofen Memorial Stein for his contributions to sport aviation.



Wing spars.



Keeping the glue warm...



Wing spars - strut and compression rib brackets.

Lotsa Bitza Flitzer

