

# CARVING A PROP FOR A SPARKY

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Ten years ago, the Sparky was one of the all-time favorites of the SAM flyers. A lot of things were written about it, mostly concerning how to get the best performance. One particularly important factor in the performance of any free-flight model, of course, is the prop. In looking over some old SAM Speaks issues, I came across some diagrams for carving Sparky props in the May 2002 issue. Since these diagrams were drawn by guys who could arguably be said are among three of the best modelers of old-time free flight aircraft, I thought it worth repeating here for anyone thinking about building a Sparky. If you've never owned a Sparky, you've missed a piece of legend. Properly trimmed, they'll fly wonderfully. With the right prop, that achievement should be easier. Here are what three guys consider to be the ideal prop blank for the airplane.

