


Pee Wee Pup & Pursuit Models

Joy Products

Whether you build these 1/2A ships from yesteryear for nostalgia or pure pleasure, they certainly will give you the flavor of C/L flying in the 1950s.

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Almost as soon as the first 1/2A engine was announced and hit the marketplace in 1949, the Joy Products Co. of Menominee, MI introduced their first of several small control line models. The *Pee Wee Pursuit* was remarkable in its price and performance in this new market arena. It is hard today to put this in perspective because of all that has happened in the last 50 years. Think about the fact that all the more popular and well known heavy hitters in this field, such as Scientific and L. M. Cox Mfg., were still wandering around the starting gate or waiting to become a manufacturing entity.

Not only was the Joy Co. showing a tremendous degree of business acumen and farsightedness, but their designs were really cute and represented good value. The biplanes, *Stunt Runt* and *Super Stunt Runt*, followed shortly after the *PeeWee Pursuit* and followed the same trend of good looks and value. The *Super Stunt Runt* was a full-fuselage model designed for the then new O.K. Cub .099 engine. The Joy ads always ran as a small picture in the back pages of the major model publications.

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