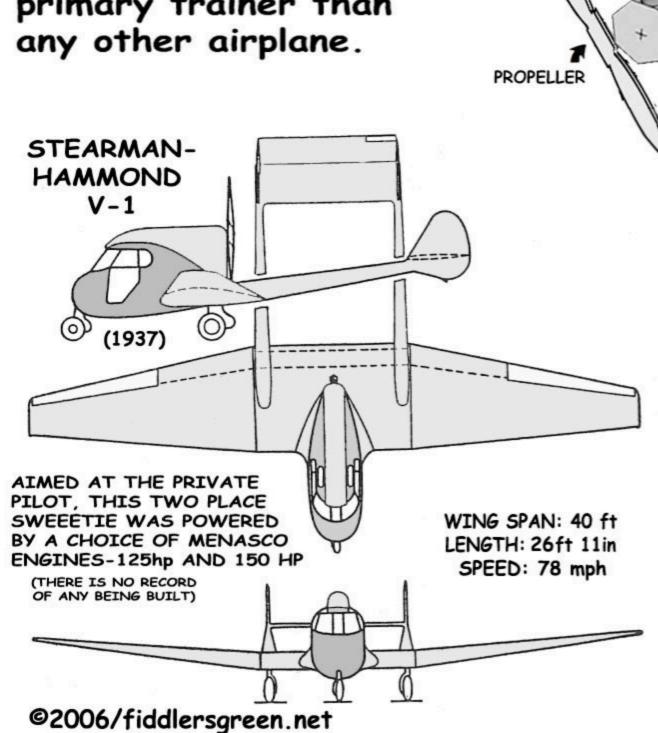
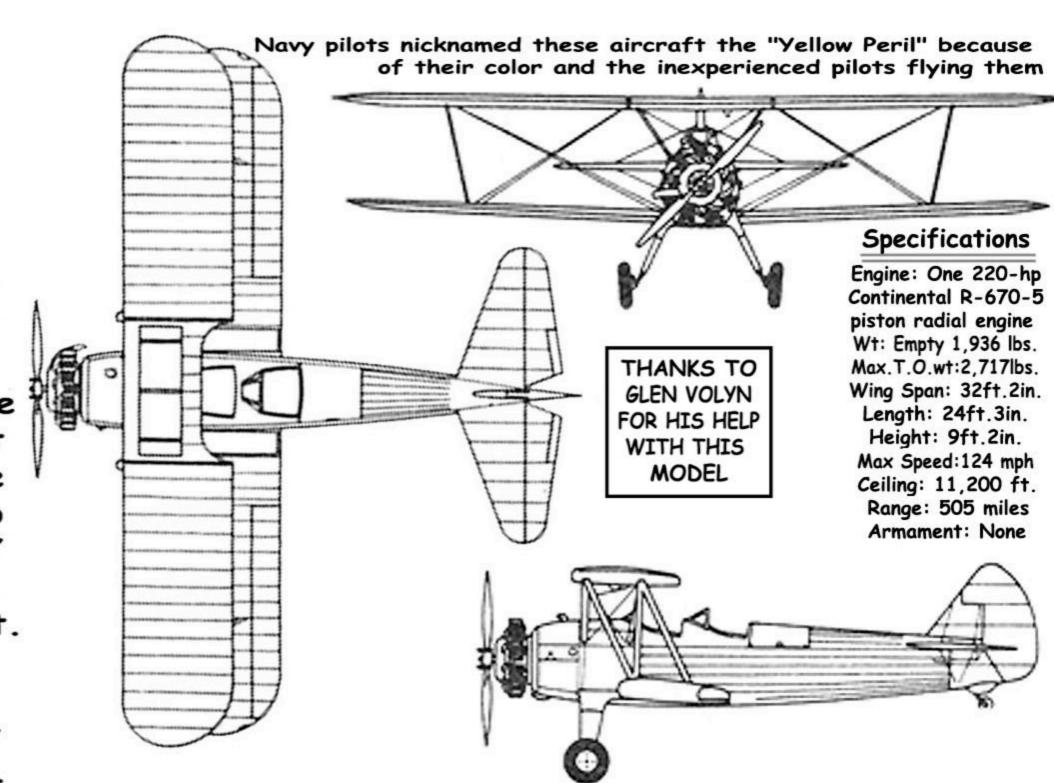
P17 P17 KAYDET N25-5

The Stearman "Kaydet" can trace its design and heritage back to Lloyd Stearman, founder of the Stearman Aircraft Co., at Venice, Ca in 1926. The Company was moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1927 & subsequently became part of Boeing Aircraft.

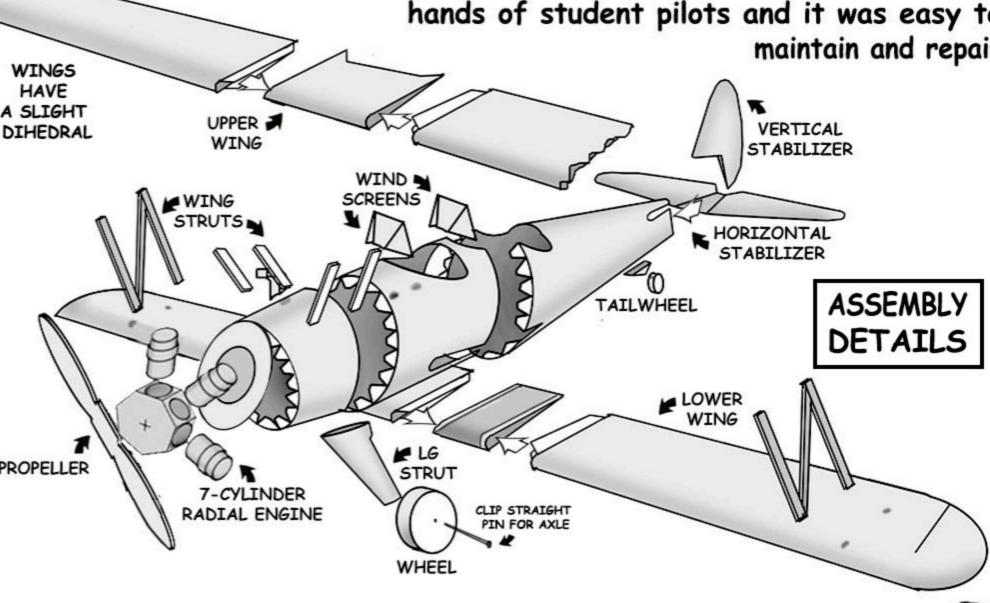
The first model 75, the X75 prototype, was test flown in September 1934. By February 1945, the Stearman Aircraft Co., built over 8,000 Kaydet airplanes in Wichita for the U.S. Army Air Corps (PT-17) and U.S. Navy (N2S) to use as primary military trainers.

During this 11-year span, more American military pilots learned to fly in the Stearman model 75 primary trainer than any other airplane.





The PT- 17 design was unique in that it met the specs for both the Army and Navy It was a simple, rugged machine that could withstand a thrashing at the hands of student pilots and it was easy to maintain and repair.



THIS IS HOW GOVERNMENTS WORK ..

During the early part of the War in Europe, the U.S. participated in the Lend-Lease Program to avoid being seen as an aggressive power

before we were officially involved. Part of this Program was the requirement that the U.S. military initially purchase the lend items with their funding and then loan them to the receiving government, rather than allowing the receiver to purchase directly from the manufacturer (direct arms dealing). This PT-27 was a result of this confusing system. There were 300 examples and they were all delivered to the Canadian Government. They were basically stock PT-17's with a canopy installed, and other minor items that comprised a winterization kit; as they were not identical to the PT-17 they were given the PT-27 designation. Since the airplanes were owned on paper by the U.S.Army., they still had to have a USAAC designation however. Oh the games they play...

STEARMAN PT-27

