**Tohoku University** 

# Windnauts

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#### What is Windnauts?

→ We make the human powered aircraft for participating in the Birdman rally at Biwa lake.
→ We compete distance from taking off to landing on the water.

✤ In 2015, 35 members belonged to our team.



Official name	Human-powered flight club
Team name	Windnauts
Founding	1993
Average production cost	¥250,000

#### Our records

year	event	Aircraft name	Record	
2006	30 <sup>th</sup> rally	谺 ~echo~	28,628m	1 <sup>st</sup> /18 team
2008	32 <sup>th</sup> rally	來(sou)	36,000m	1 <sup>st</sup> /13 team (Tourney record)
2009	Record Flight	Rera	20,720m	FAI official record
2011	34 <sup>th</sup> rally	Riih	18,687m	1 <sup>st</sup> /11 team
2012	35 <sup>th</sup> rally	翠(sui)	14,129m	1 <sup>st</sup> /11 team
2015	38 <sup>th</sup> rally	鴻(kou)	35,367m	1 <sup>st</sup> /11 team

#### → We have...

- •5 times victory at Birdman rally.
- Tourney record, 36,000m, at Birdman rally.
- FAI official record.

#### Design concept

Theme

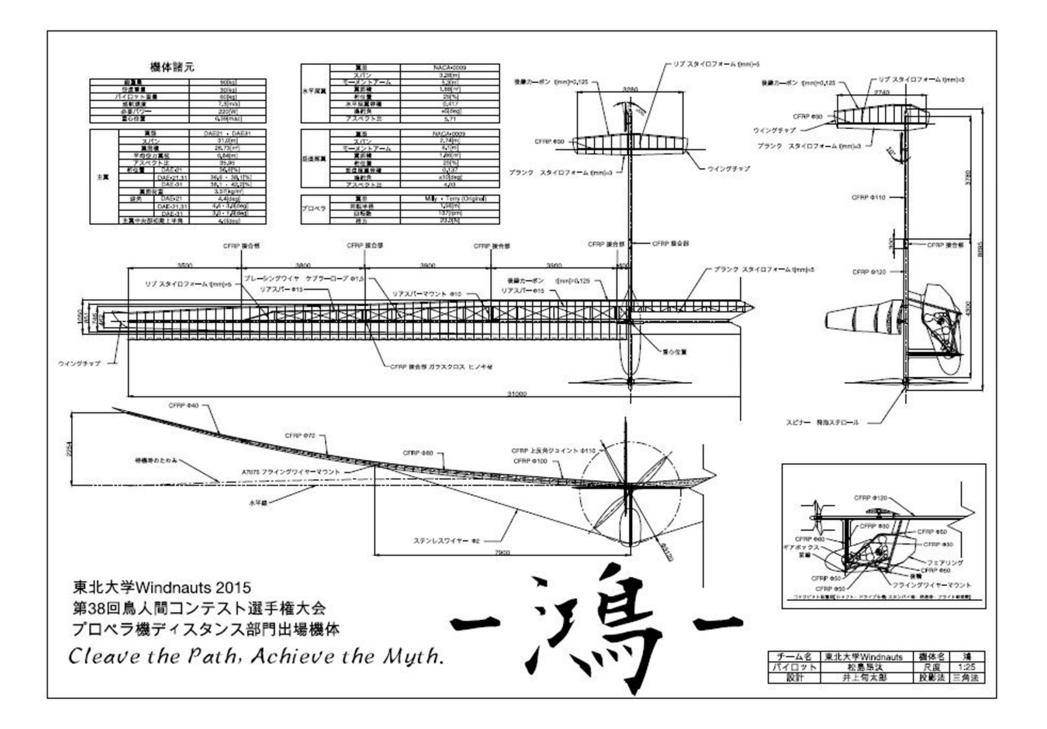
✤ How to win the Birdman rally in any conditions.

→ Designer …Designing high speed and short span wing.	ort span wing. Removing effect of external wind. Improving steering performance.	
	Making good escape from complex wind conditions.	
→ Worker …Planning minutely, then attaining roll-out early.	Being experienced many test flights,(=wind conditions) for pilot,	

✤Our result of winning the Birdman rally, distance section.

× Low power then aim the farthest record.

✓ <u>High speed then overcome the day's wind condition.</u>



#### **Meaning of Test Flight**

#### ✤ Final tuning of aircraft



Assembling Checking center of gravity and resolving the other initial failures

#### **Meaning of Test Flight**

→ Flight training of pilot
 → handling tail and flying horizontally,
 adjusting thrust power and keeping airspeed





## Flow of tuning at Test Flight

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#### '15.6.20 Test Flight at Kakuda

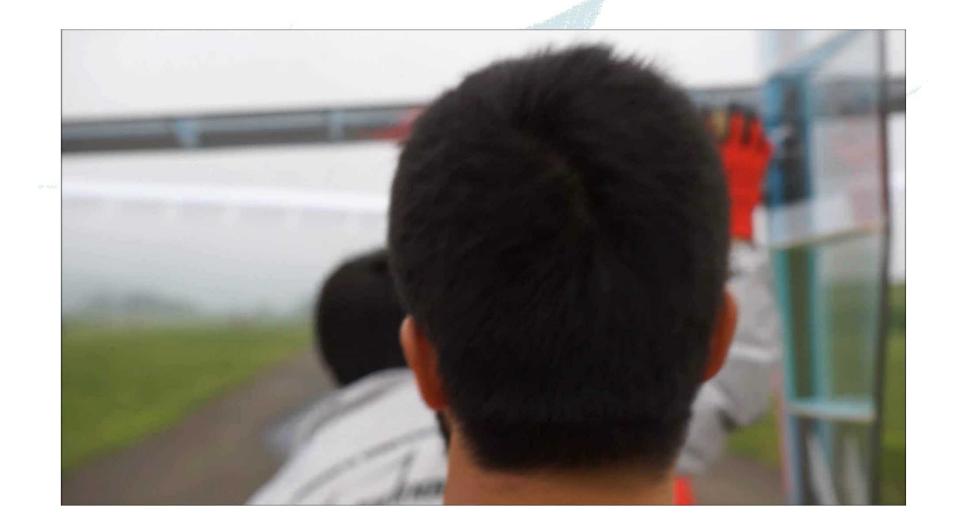


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## '15.7.5 Test Flight at Kakuda



#### **Result of the competition**



Flight route

Rank	Team	Record[m]
1st	Tohoku University	35367.02
2nd	Nihon University	22892.36
3rd	Osaka Institute of Technology	5368.97

#### **The Birdman Rally 2015**



#### Summary

- → We created a HPA within a year.
  → Completed aircraft was brushed up through the test flight.
- → We participated in the birdman rally, and won.





## **Additional Slides**

## Specifications

Specification		Propeller				
Gross weight	90[kg]	Airfoil	Milly-Terry(Original)			
Empty weight	30[kg]	Rudius	1.56[m]			
Design cruising speed	7.3[m/s]	Rotational speed	137[rpm]			
Need power	220[W]	Thrust power	23.0[N]			

	Main wing			
Airfoil	DAE21 - DAE31			
Span of wing	31.0[m]			
Wing area	26.8	3[m <sup>2</sup> ]		
Aspect ratio	35.95			
	DAE-21	4.4[deg]		
Angle of attack	DAE-21,31	4.4-3.0[deg]		
	DAE-31	3.0-1.8[deg]		
Dihedral angle	4.0[	deg]		

#### Appearance of each section

Jig installation Jig made by ABS resin or balsa



All parts are filed by the hand of workers

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#### Carbon cloth impregnated with epoxy





#### And rapping.

Fillet increase workability

#### Appearance of each section



#### Intersection plank and fix

Wing



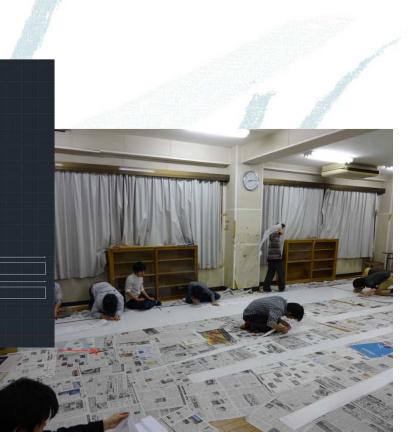
## Columnar beam made by CFRP

Making columnar beam made by CFRP is most important work of all.

So, we set to work it every member. We spend all weekend on making them.

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Designing beam efficiency. Arranging each lamination parts on prepreg



Drawing line using pencils and ruler. Cutting follow the line using scissors.

#### Columnar beam made by CFRP



Lamination Ply1 90° Ply2 0° Ply5~ base on Ply3 45° each design Ply4 -45°

Cloth is overlaid with prepreg. Cloth absorbs futile epoxy, and beam become light. Surface became rough, and workability are increase.