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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 surface.

✤ In 2016, 53 members belonged to our team.



Official name	Human-powered flight club
Team name	Windnauts
Starts	1993
Project costs for 2016	¥3,500,000

Past Performance of The Team

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

→ We have...

- 5 times victory at Birdman rally.
- Tourney record, 36,000m, at Birdman rally.
- 5th victory in last year.

Our target for this year was... "Back-to-Back Victory"

→ But, we had some problems to be solved...

- \rightarrow We had to flew at high-noon as handicap.
 - High temperature. (Around 33°C)
 - Strong and wild wind. (3~4 m/s)





The Process to Competition



Design Concept

Theme
✤ How to win the Birdman rally in bad condition.

To overcome "High Temperature" ...
Highly efficient air inlet. (NACA ducts)



To overcome "Strong and Wild Wind" ...
Good steering.(short wing span, high rigidity of tail wing)

This year's design concept of aircraft

"Low Power and Good Steering"



The Process to Competition



Making Scenery



Wing



Frame



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Making Scenery



Drive

Making Scenery



Steering



Speed • Cadence meter

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Load Test

✤ To check strength of wing beam... Take a load 1 ¹/₂ times as much weight as steady flight.



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Test Flight

The purpose of Test Flight is...
Training of the Pilot and the members.
Check-up of assembly correctness.
Training of airplane handling.





'16.7.11 Test Flight at Kakuda



Advanced Skill of Operating Aircraft

→ This year, we did Test Flights ahead of schedule. → We trained proper combination of tail wing movement and speed of the aircraft.



The Attack Angle is high

The Attack Angle is low

The technique helped us to adjust to strong wind.

Training of Speed Control



Training of Speed Control



The Process to Competition



Take off



Steady Flight



So Strong Head Wind



Landing on The Water



Result of The Competition

- → Date : July. 31, 2016
- → Rank: 2nd
- → Flight distance : 19,669 [m]

→ Flight time : 70[min]



Flying route (Red line is the estimate)

Rank	Team	Record[m]
1st	Nihon University	21,415.53
2nd	Tohoku University	19,669.59
3rd	Birdman House Iga	17,854.09

Summary and Next Year

 → We won the second prize in the competition.
 → Next year, we will design a higher speed aircraft to overcome strong wind.
 → We consider using Ice Best.





Thank you for your attention



Additional Slides

Specifications

機体諸元

総重量	85[kg]
空虚重量	31[kg]
パイロット重量	54[kg]
巡航速度	7.2[m/s]
必要パワー	210[W]
重心位置	0.39[mac]

	翼型	包	DAE21 - DAE31
	スパ	ペン	31.6[m]
	翼面	積	27.42[m ²]
	平均空)	力翼弦	0.90[m]
	アスペ	クト比	36.42
	桁位置	DAE-21	36.9[%]
主翼		DAE-21,31	36.9 - 38.5[%]
		DAE-31	38.5 - 42.5[%]
	翼面	荷重	3.17[kg/m²]
	迎角	DAE-21	4.1[deg]
		DAE-21,31	4.1 - 3.0[deg]
		DAE-31	3.0 - 1.8[deg]
	主翼中央部	初期上半角	4.0[deg]

	翼型	NACA-0009
	スパン	3.32[m]
	モーメントアーム	5.3[m]
水平尾翼	翼面積	1.93[m ²]
	桁位置	25[%]
	水平尾翼容積	0.415
	操舵角	±5[deg]
	アスペクト比	5.71

	翼型	NACA-0009
	スパン	2.80[m]
モーメントアーム 6.1[m]	6.1[m]	
 山口 中国	達直尾翼 翼面積 1.95[㎡] 桁位置 25[%]	1.95[m ²]
亚 但/托 英		25[%]
垂直尾翼容積	0.137	
	操舵角	±10[deg]
	アスペクト比	4.03

	翼型	Milly - Terry (Original)
プロペラ	回転半径	1.56[m]
	回転数	133[rpm]
	推力	22.2[N]



Flow of tuning at Test Flight

- 1. Practice of the departure and taking off
- 2. Tuning the center of gravity by observing the appearance of steady flight
- 3. Control of the posture of aircraft by steering horizontal and vertical tails



Appearance of each section

Jig installation Jig made by ABS resin or balsa



All parts are filed by the hand of workers

Appearance of each section



Carbon cloth impregnated with epoxy



And rapping.

Fillet increase workability

Appearance of each section



Trailing edge are equal

Wing

Intersection plank and fix



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′ Ply3 45° each Ply4 -45°

Ply5~ base on each design

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