

AMERICAN FLAP-JACK PLANE

The world's weirdest airplane is the latest thing in the U.S. Navy. The Flying Flap-Jack, experimental fighter, claims to be the fastest propellor-driven plane yet made. One big advantage is very slow landing speed.

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Anti-aircraft gunners must be saying, ~~it's only the Germans~~ ^{What a target, if}

only the Germans had flown something this shape. Perhaps *America*
~~they~~ ^{will} build ^a ~~one~~ ^{one} larger ^{one} for use as an aircraft carrier.

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1. TITLE: NAVY UNVEILS WORLD'S WEIRDEST AIRPLANE

2. Introducing the U.S. Navy's X-F-5 U-1, our nomination for the world's weirdest airplane! It's the flying flapjack, an experimental fighter, that combines an amazing performance with fantastic appearance! Test flights at Stratford, Conn. publicly unveil a full scale model of the radically designed flying wing. It potentially has a lower landing speed, but faster flying speed than any other propellor-driven aircraft. Flying tests have proved that the design is not only practicable. It is also much stronger than conventional planes. In later models the pilot will fly from a prone position an important feature to eliminate air combat fatigue.

12. Powered by two engines, the plane's transmission system enables either engine to drive both propellers in case of a failure. Future models, using gas turbine engines will probably make its speed range from zero to 500 miles an hour. From the standstill flight of a helicopter to nearly as fast as sound is the incredible possibility of the flying flapjack!