

MARYLANDFREAK PLANE PASSES WITH FLYING COLOURS

A plane that can take off from your back-garden.

In Maryland, inventor Willard Custer displays a model of his revolutionary "Channel Wing" plane. These strange wind-tunnels, which replace the wings, raise the plane up just like a hurricane lifts the roof off a barn. Custer's first experimental model looks like something the Wright Brothers might have built. It has no wings, flaps, brakes or slots. Even the fuselage is only a skeleton. But it takes off in just a few feet, up-wind, down-wind or cross-wind.

Inventor Custer claims that his simple plane can be manufactured at around £200 - half the price of a 10-horse-power car. Custer's baby today may become the family baby of tomorrow.