



—(Gazette Photo - Ray Summers)

NOT A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE — The fragile-looking craft above is an experimental airplane that will one day take to the sky at 180 mph. Mark Borom, above, a General Electric Co. engineer and Civil Air Patrol member, is building it in the basement of his Niskayuna home and recently, he took the time to give a group of CAP cadets from Saratoga Springs a lesson in pilot-built airplanes. Borom's project is from a

design by a California firm, featuring a body made of styro-foam wrapped in layers of fiberglass and a rear-mounted prop. Squadron Commander Ronald Kormanek of Saratoga Springs, not pictured, brought the 13- to 17-year-old cadets down for the presentation as part of their aerospace education. The cadets also participate in the Civil Air Patrol's emergency rescue service.