

The Northwest *Seabee*

Club

Hello Everyone,

I'm trying to hustle to get this out, so there may not be too much stuff. I haven't had too much time with taxes, the annual and now I've compacted my flying schedule so we can fit in a trip to Sun-n-fun. But I wanted to get this out before we leave. I'll bring back what news and photos I can.

News

Some of the stuff available on the net is really interesting. Especially some of this stuff from Norway. One of my hanger buddies is Norwegian, and offered to interpret some of it for me... "Apparently ten Seabees were produced in Norway after WWII under license from Republic. The factory was just outside of Bergen on the West Coast of Norway. Except for SAS's C-47/Dc-3s and 50 war surplus Piper Cubs donated to various flying clubs, the Seabee was the most commonly used aircraft in post war Norway. It was very popular with the operators because of its flexibility and sturdy construction. Flying in Norway is very much like bush flying in Alaska's, rough terrain and weather."

... Thank you Stien

We lucked into the Seabee world because we had to have room for the dog. I had wanted to build a Searey! But, we had to have room for "Foo-Fee"! I guess in Norway they have other pets, maybe the guys in Alaska can appreciate this...



Gatherings and Ideas

I recently picked up a copy of Bob Hamilton's book at the recent trade conference, I can't remember the exact title, Flying boats for fun? It was fascinating. For those of you that don't recognize the name. Bob was the President of the Washington Seaplane Pilots Association years ago.

I had heard how much fun they used to have, a chapter of the book is about an Alaska rally, where they get 42 seaplanes to fly the Alaskan Hiway to commemorate it's 50th anniversary. It seems that seaplanes were used quite a bit during the construction of the Hiway to move men and supplies. The rally follows the same route along the many lakes, just as they did during the construction. Bob made a video to commemorate the trip called, "One Hiway At A Time". I feel very fortunate to have had recent contact with his family, and they have been generous enough to give me a copy of the tape.

I'd like to have a hanger party to view it, with a large map board to trace the route of the flight and offer any one involved in the trip to have the opportunity to speak to the group. Anyone interested in such a gathering, please give me call at 360-769-2311 or just reply to this email.

Your ideas needed here ... What would you like to do? Where would you like to go? And, any suggestions for the newsletter are always welcomed too. Let me know what you think ... Any dates you may know of, I'd be happy to post. The bottom line here is, I'd like to go to some remote areas, and part of the safety is in numbers,(that's more than one.) I'm sure the best aircraft have had things happen, like a dead battery, fouled plugs or any number of small items that would leave the single ship in a lonely situation. I'd love to be able to say ... "we've got 5 Seabees departing PAE for Concrete at 0800..." or..." 4 seabees are gathering at Blake island, Lake Shannon or lake Isabel on Saturday for a picnic...

It doesn't have to be a big plan either, this was lots of fun and it was really impromptu, just a phone call. Even though this picture didn't come out too well, it sure was fun. 3 Bee's at Oak Harbor...

... we made a formation splash too!



I will be including my calendar of events each month and as an attachment in case you want to print it separately. At this point it's only my calendar. These are some of the things I have become aware of and would like to attend. You are welcome to add things to it if you want others to join you, and I'd love to hear from anyone who plans on attending any events.

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www.tulipfestival.org/events

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Old (but good) News

The IRSOC ... have you checked out the International Republic Seabee Owners Club **and Joined?** Go
ahead, it's free! It's also the best source of information and experts on the old beast that you will
find. They have free classifieds for members too jhooper3@mindspring.com
<http://www.mindspring.com/~jhooper3>>

James Poel's database and clearing house for all Seabee 337 forms and field approvals. This would
be a free service to all members. For the time being all forms would have to be **faxed** to Jim: May
to November (315) 531-9168; November to May (386) 767-0706.

"Frankenstein" parts ... Rich Brumm in Northport, N.Y. is one of the experts. If you ever heard of a problem the Franklin's have, he has the fix for it! richkarenbrumm@prodigy.net Phone: 631-757-2216 Office: 516-885-5879

Planes and Parts (new listings)

I am now at the restoration point for 6295K. I need to find a propeller. I suspect that I will need to have one specially made but I will need an 89 inch three bladed reversal Hartsell propeller with SAE - 20 splines (no more bolted flange for me). Contact Ben Blackett wbnsurgconsult@attbi.com 253-752-3970

I found Tom Benedict in Vancouver, WA. with some Seabee stuff ... 360-896-6494 ... 2 engine cowls with baffles, nose bowl, cabin windows, 3 tail wheels, tail shock strut rubbers, 3 starter and generator fan sets, 3 engine blocks, 18 cylinders, 2 carbs, 1 heat box for carb, 4 starters 2 generators, All items for assembly as push rods & Housing tubes, rocker arms, valve covers, Seals, 4 motor mounts, Valves and springs, 2 fuel pumps, 3 oil pumps, 4 oil coolers(1 small, 3 large), 3 oil pans, 8 pistons, 4 magnetos, 100 new sparkplugs, 2 intake manifolds, 2 lower cooling shrouds, 1 set engine baffles, 2 set battery ignition, 3 relining seat brackets. He also has a bunch of Cessna and Piper stuff ... There was also a Seabee in Trade a Plane you might find interesting. #126, wing extensions, new bottom, but needs to have wings, tail and prop reinstalled. Currently trailerable. \$24,000 877-234-0635 or 702-453-2201

I moved this back to new stuff because he's dropped the price 10K! And needs room in his hanger ... Daubenspeck/Lycoming Conversion Kit for Republic Seabee - FOR SALE GO 480 275 hp engine and complete kit - 1500 hrs GO 480 core with complete maintenance record including oil analysis (+/- every 20 hrs), parts manual, overhaul manual and engine operation manual. Daubenspeck kit - complete, including: cowling, engine mounts, pushrod controls, installation manual, etc. All engine accessories included - 2 mags, starter, oil cooler and mounting bracket, carb with heat box/filter etc., alternator (with regulator), engine-driven fuel pump, governor with reversing valve (Hartzell), electric fuel boost pump, vacuum pump (only 35 hrs) plus regulator and indicator, overhead quadrant engine controls and cables, electric tach and tach generator, complete stainless steel exhaust system. Spares Starter (overhauled/tagged), carb

(overhauled/tagged), cylinder stud (overhauled/tagged), 2 mags, electric fuel boost pump, 3 in 1 gauge (oil temp & pressure & fuel pressure), stainless steel exhaust parts, 6-way EGT with complete wiring harness, 1-way CHT. COMPLETE ENGINE, DAUBENSPECK KIT AND SPARES: **New Price \$15,000US**. Other extras: 2 vacuum horizons and 2 vacuum heading indicators US\$ 400 ea. contact Henry Chapeskie near Ontario at 519-461-0764 hchapeskie@sympatico.ca.

Planes and Parts(previous listings) please update!

For those of you needing a little larger ship, the Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville/Hemisphere Dancer flagship is for sale. The beautiful Grumman Albatross, as you would expect, is a meticulously maintained aircraft and is on the market. E-mail Henry at Amphibs1@aol.com if you need further information. His request is ... "for serious inquires only. We are not here to give rides and all info will be forwarded to Jimmy's aircraft manager." If you are not familiar with Henry Ruzakowski, he is quite active with his projects, and as an active member of the IRSOC is always a great help to the Seabee community. He currently has a couple of Seabee projects being put together and will have at least one and possibly two Widgeons rebuilt in the following year.

There is another Albatross for sale at TIW. It's a long wing and supposedly the lowest time SU-16 in the country. I think the price is \$375,000, so don't quote me on that, but I can put you in touch. Bruce

The Seabee CD ... Steve Mestler, N9042N (The Marty B) has produced a CD with all the Seabee Service Bulletins, Flight Manual, Parts Manuals, etc.. He states ..."Everyone I have sold this CD to has found it most useful. I have re-typed all of the Service Bulletins and reformatted the parts manuals for easier reading. No special software is required. All files are in Adobe Acrobat format and I include a reader with the CD. Once the Acrobat Reader is installed, just put the CD in the computer and it starts automatically! The charge is \$25 which includes shipping. " Contact Steve at smestler@bellsouth.net **I have it and I love it, it's a great reference!**

Kathy Anderson from XP Mods. writes ..."We've had a Sea Bee here for a long time and the owner wants us to find the remaining part, used. It's a reversing control block with spool, for a Hartzel reversing (3-bladed) propeller. The part number of the part I need is A4117. Waaaaay too expensive to buy new. Can you help??" xpmod@tgi.net

I am looking for bow door, rudder, complete landing gear front and rear, or a gear set I could borrow so I could duplicate it, Complete control column, yokes, etc. My address is 365 Monitor rd. Silverton, Or. 97381. Where I own a steel fabrication shop . Byron Miller 503-873-2857 shop 503-873-1113 house email majajudi@teleport.com

Seabee RC-3 N6019K and all parts and equipment \$60K. Annual -01-01-01, 1135.6 hrs TT , 347.6 SMOH, Prop 37.8 hrs (9-15-99 OH), No salt ever, overhead throttle quadrant, 20" wing extensions, KX 170 B comm, TX(non mode C), nav and strobe lites, Nice Bee Call me if interested. 361-547-6692. Out of town until 12-26-01. Thanks for the interest. A.K. Young, Margaretvictor@cs.com

FOR SALE, Seabee suffered Off Airport Ldg. due to ignition failure.,S/N 1035, TT 590, B9F eng. with 9 hr. smoh, prop 20 hrs smoh, mod. hull damage, wings , struts, floats/struts, tail feathers all OK. New or OH instruments, new Valcom and KT-76 Tx, support equipt., work stands etc., plus extra complete B9F engine and parts. \$14,500. Sam @ Ph (503) 678-5114 or E-Mail czechride@juno.com/

Needed Seabee fuselage, preferably with little or no corrosion to complete project aircraft. Gordon @ Ph(503) 694-5316.

We have a completely stripped B9 Engine with most parts in good condition ...digital pictures available on request ...There are both Fed-Ex and DHL offices in Cape Town for easy shipment to the US and SAA fly direct to Fort Lauderdale and Atlanta twice weekly. Mark Becker email: markb@za.ibm.com IBM House, V&A Waterfront, PortsWood Square, PortsWood Road, CAPE TOWN, 8000 Tele. +27(0)21-402-5900 Fax. +27(0)21-402-5515 Mobile. +27(0)82-448-2779

I am in need of a wing float strut. Lower priority needs include a lift strut and RH lift strut fuselage fitting. If any one can help him, it's Tom Kennedy, 50881 O'Byrne Rd, Sardis, B.C. Canada V4Z 1B6. thos2kennedy@yahoo.com 604 824 9090

There's also this Super Bee for sale over on lake Chelan, Michael Stevens seabeepilot@aol.com 509 682-3531 home, 206-658-0333 work.

Interesting Web Sites

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Seabee> *If you don't want to join the group right away, you can log in as "seabee guest" with a password of "Seabee". Enjoy, it's a great site with lots of great pictures and links.*

These are mostly B.C. stuff, but I'm already dreaming of next summer ... if they're listed in blue, you may be able to just click on them to launch your browser ...

<http://tappix.com/506824>

<http://www.members.home.net/makins40/>

<http://www.bcfloatplane.com/>

<http://www.alertbay.com/eagleair/> *Looks like a great place to go, let's plan a trip!*

<http://www.canadianseaplane.com/index.htm>

The flying Seabee model! This is cool! Easy to build with a 72" wing span, check out

www.rcairplane.net *Has anyone built this? I'd love to find out more about it.*

Bee Sea n'ya,

Bruce 360-769-2311

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