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The Northwest SeaBee Club



"it doesn't even slow us down!"

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you all snuggly, warm, and enjoying a wonderful Holiday. I'm looking forward to some fun in 2004. This past year we had a few gatherings with the Washington Seaplane pilots, small splash-ins seemed of interest to those who attended. Every one suggested we do more of them. If you live on a lake, invite others to a pot luck. Let's meet at Blake Island. Isabel, I still haven't been up there. It's high time for me to be able to get out to do more and to meet up with more of you. I would like to plan some weekend camping trips. Just going off for the \$100 burger's fun.

The folks in Florida meet somewhere every month. I'd like to find others that find this of interest and do the same in our area. Interested... click on this and drop me a note brucehinds@earthlink.net I can make a phone list too for those in the immediate area for the real short notice guys like myself that decide the day is too nice not to go fly. Several people are just looking for an excuse to go fly.

Roger York in BC wants to plan an event to coincide with the Oualicum Beach Airport Day in May 2004. He writes... "[Let's plan a Bee gathering co-incident with that event. Everyone could fly in formation and head off to Cameron lake for a group shot! You'll be hearing more on this from me in the future.](#)"

Is anyone flying down to the Albatross splash in February. I think it's the same dates as the Northwest Aviation Trade Conference. Come to the Seaplane Pilots, Ground Hogs Dinner the night before. Pete Killin who flys the Martin Mars will be making the presentation this year.



It's an impressive flying boat. If you missed my newsletter last summer, we were up on Vancouver Island and had the tour. WOW!

News

Canada is now using a data base they got from the FBI or NCIS that has U.S. Court records that go back more than 35 years. I've been going to Canada for 25 years, but last week I was denied entry because of a misdemeanor charge from Oklahoma in 1968! They have this information even though I can find no information through the arresting agency. It has been "off the books" for many years, but our government is supplying it to Canada. They consider certain misdemeanors and any driving convictions concerning alcohol as a "Serious Crime" and you will be denied entry.

They insist the only way to "get in" is to obtain a "Rehabilitation Certificate." This process will take a minimum of 6 months to review and cost you \$715 to process! It doesn't take quite as long or cost as much to get a "temporary resident permit." (used to be called a "Minister's permit") But, entry with this is at the discretion of the immigration officer and can be denied at any time. If you have any question you can contact the Consulate General of Canada. They have offices in Buffalo, Los Angeles, Seattle, Detroit, New York, and Washington.

This is old news if you've been to the SPA website recently, but...**Wild Sky Passes Senate**

December 9, 2003 - The Wild Sky Wilderness Area proposal moved one step closer to reality in November after the Senate approved the proposal. Senate Bill 391 includes the protection for seaplane access to Lake Isabel that the SPA had sought and required as a condition for endorsement. The House, which many observers see as less interested in wilderness issues, is expected to take up the bill next year.

The Wild Sky Wilderness proposal would establish a large wilderness area in the Cascade Mountains in Washington State near the town of Index. The proposal is unusual in that it proposes wilderness protection at lower elevations than the existing wilderness areas in the region. The proposed wilderness area encompasses Lake Isabel, a popular and unique seaplane destination, and would have closed the lake to seaplanes were it not for protective clauses built into both the House and Senate versions of the authorizing legislation.

Maintenance looking for tips if you will share them...

Safety Section NEVER AGAIN! Maybe this should be the new title of this section...Perhaps if I get enough response I'll do that. Anyone want to own up to some bone head maneuver?

Wanted: Request for Aircraft or parts **New listings will only be new for 2 months, then I'll run them in "old listings" for another 4 months unless I hear from you. After that, they will be gone...renew as long as you like!**

Bill Lawson needs one good blade for a two bladed Franklin Prop. Blade model LV8433N Contact him at wlawson@frontiernet.net or 715 247 3242 **1**

I am looking for an original Franklin Bee to purchase. Please e-mail me on any information you might have on any project or flying Bee. contact Preston plike@hotmail.com **2**



Planes and Parts (new listings) This used to be Henry Ruzakowski's Bee and is again for sale... Super Sea Bee AF 1200 TT, GO-480-B1A6 512 SMOH, Hartzell reversing prop 800 SNEW, Simufflight conversion (increased gross weight), STOL Amphib long wings, overhead controls, electric hyd. pump, wide spray rails, droop tips, landing lights, steerable tailwheel, Cleveland brakes, new tinted glass, cabin cover, GMA340 Audio Panel w/ intercom, KX-155 w/ LOC, SL30 w/GS, TRT250 w/encoder. Contact Mark mark@yachtcollection.com **2**

Super Bee with GO480 (275 hp) for sale. The aircraft needs some engine work. We found four cracked cylinders at last annual. We bought new cylinders, but as soon as we started to install the cylinders we found a soft lobe on the cam. The aircraft has about 1850 hours total time and about 500 SMOH. It has wide spray rails, wing tip extensions, droop tips, bilge pump, electric hydraulic pump, full electric gyro panel, dual nav com, transponder etc. The paint is about a 5 of 10. (not shiny, but all there) The interior is also about a 5 of 10. I have pictures if anyone is interested. I think the owner will let it go for around \$50,000. We can install a cam and the four new cylinders for about \$9,500.00. It will make someone a really good deal on a Super Bee. Contact George@gesoco.com **2**

My wife and I will be building phase 1 of our retirement home on San Juan Island next spring, shortly there after we will be in the market for a Super Seabee to get on and off the island. We think it will be a perfect fit for the area. I am a Delta 767ER Line Check Captain (with 16 hours of prop time) and my wife is a 767 First Officer with lots of prop and rotor time, she used to fly for Horizon Airlines out of Portland. We are just now beginning to do research on the Seabee, we saw one a couple years ago in Oshkosh and really liked it. If you could include us in you email newsletter mail list we would appreciate it. Thank you, Erik and Elaine Schumy, 1820 Parkside Dr. Marietta, GA 30064 770-426-0029 2

Seabee propeller items: I've had them for a couple of years now, and it would help on our Seabee travel expenses this year to sell them. 1) 3 propeller blades for a Franklin Engine- LV8433. 2) 3 Propeller blades for a Lycoming engine- VL9333C-3. 3) Associated for Lycoming engine- HC-A3VF-5AL. Prices are negotiable. Contact E.T. at (954)557-6340, or etseabee@yahoo.com. 2

Daniel Furmanek has a ton of parts to sell in a single lot. If your address is on the IRSOC website, you probably received the 3page list of about 90 parts. Some he says are rare and valuable, some new in the their package. He estimates them to be worth over \$4000, and will sell the lot for \$1500. He can ship it all UPS in 7 or 8 boxes, but he says he lives on the shores of Lake Ontario between Buffalo and Rochester, and you can park on his door step. But, he doesn't say what the stuff weighs! You might need the length of the lake to get airborne!

Call him in Appleton at 716-795-3540 2



Serial number 330, N6144K is a Daubenspeck conversion with top hatch access. Aircraft TT is 3780. 340 HP Lycoming G50-480 Supercharged. 170 hours SMOH. Air wolf spin-on oil filter. 6 cylinder CHT. Prop AD done April '03. Prop TT 445. Hartzell reversible. New paint June '01. New droop tips. Dual landing lights in each wing which can flash inboard and outboard lights alternately via a Pulselite. Wing tip strobes. Custom instrument panel (shock mounted) with a new Edoair engine driven vacuum gyro horizon and electric trim coordinator, Garmin GNS-430 NAV/COM, Garmin GTX-327 transponder and a Standard Galaxy Marine VHF/FM Transceiver. Full IFR. Three David Clark and one telex ANR-1D headsets. Bucket seats mounted on tracks. Spare Piper pilot and co-pilot seats provided. Doors open 180 degrees. Wide spray rails. Heavy hull bottom. 24 volt system. 24 volt marine bilge pump which can pump any of the five hull compartments. Seven inch main wheels with Cleveland brakes recently rebuilt. Stainless steel brake pistons and sleeves. New starter and solenoids, April '03. New engine oil and gas hoses, new oil cooler, new vacuum pump, October 2000.

Hydraulic system and elevator trim system refurbished April '03. New plane cover, anchor, full tool kit, new heater ready to install. Three spare propeller blades available for separate purchase. New tinted glass to be installed prior to sale. No corrosion. Annual done May '03 by Henry Ruzakowski who has been maintaining the airplane. Asking \$150,000. Will deliver anywhere in North America. wjmcnamara@earthlink.net 252-634-9538 H 252-349-9538 C 3

1947 RC-3 Serial No. 1047. \$133,000 Airframe TTSN 1185, Lycoming GO-480 (295 HP) SMOH 921. Bendix fuel injection, August annual. Magneto OH 2002. New fuel bladder 2002. New tires 2002. Simuflight Cleveland brakes, Steerable tail wheel, Simuflight wing extensions, Simuflight droop wing tips. Nylon cockpit cover. Simuflight heated pitot, Inflatable life jackets (4), paddle, WE Aerotech custom bilge pump system. Electric hydraulic system. Annunciator lights - gear-up, gear-down, low vacuum, low oil pressure. Flush enlarged windows, Wing tip and tail strobes. Landing lights. Southwind heater, King 76A transponder, King KMA 24 Audio Panel. King 197 Com, King KX155 Nav Com. Northstar M1 Loran. ISOCOM intercom W/4 David Clark head sets. Shadin fuel flow / totalizer. Insight Engine Analyzer. Simuflight wide spray rails. Flush fuel filler. Cessna 310 seats (front w/4-way adjust; back w/2-way adjust)Interior window frame covers. Overhead panel with 4 individual air vents. Extra insulation, Nice paint and interior, tan and brown. Always hangared since simuflight conversion, to see the airplane in Deer Park, Washington Phone: 509-276-4117 The owner is in Alaska, Russ Mager Rkmager@hotmail.com 907 362-2370 3

Viking Air in Vancouver, B.C. has a 1948(?) SEABEE They sent me a brochure that I can't reformat and it's over 2 megs! Sorry. But it looks sharp! AIRFRAME TTSN: 535.4 hours, Lycoming GO-480 (time?),Hartzell 3-Blade Reversing Prop PRICE USD \$115,000.00 OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY VIKING FOR LAST 16 YEARS Times and equipment subject to customer verification. Contact George Gee Sales and Marketing Co-ordinator Tel:(250)-656-7227 Fax:(250)-656-0673 Toll free 1-800-664-8444 email: george.gee@vikingair.com 2

Planes and Parts (old listings)

Tod writes... "I was in the process of having a Seabee built with a 375 hp Continental GTSIO 520 with a new Hartzel reversing 93 in prop when WE Aerotech went bankrupt. I have the engine, prop, turbo, and mounts (and partially completed airframe). Don Wallace at WEA has already done some engineering on this conversion." Contact TodDickey@aol.com 2

I love the original style paint job...



George Coy writes... "We have decided to put our Bee up for sale. (s/n 750) It is an ORIGINAL bee with almost everything original. We have spent 10 years restoring her and have added an Icom Nav radio as well as a Transponder and encoder. We also added wing tip strobes. Other than that she is as she came from the factory. She has only 260 original hours on her. We are repairing the Wing floats now from a gear up landing last summer and she will be ready this spring. The gear up was due to a hydraulic pump failure. Rich Brumm has since rebuilt the pump and done the necessary service bulletins. The engine and prop have about 6 hours since overhaul. It is painted in the original Bee colors. The engine was overhauled by Gaston Blackburn in Canada. (Rich Brumm knows him and his work as they do the same mods). The airplane is in Northern Vermont and our phone is 802-868-5633. We re asking \$55,000.00" **3** Geroge is also the contact for another Seabee... with a GO480 on her and the engine needs repairs. The owner says sell her. It needs a cam and lifters and put the 4 (?) new cylinders on her to get her back in the air.

Tom Donnelly writes ..."I just updated to the new Garmin GPSMAP 196, which has more features than I can use but way whizzy. This leaves me with a II Morrow Apollo 920+ that I would like to sell. Nice hand held w/ PC interface kit and yoke mount. UPS supports this unit and publishes new databases for it. If you know someone who is looking for a nice GPS at a reasonable price / Make me an offer. Contact tdonnelly@mindspring.com Last

New Products

Wing Walks, those things you put on the wings when you want to get up and clean up the oil mess... Jim Dixon's dad is a retired carpenter and make these for \$100 each. He does a great job from the original plans, they just aren't quite as wide. Which is nice, they are easier to handle. I have two one for each side. He also puts felt on the bottom edges so they don't scratch the wing and carpet on top. Contact Jim jdickson@intcd.com 360-701-1119 or 253 851-6315.

<http://www.aircraftwalkaround.com/seabee/seabee.htm> is an interesting series of pictures of a walk around. Note the high polish job and a very interesting water rudder.

I want some of these...



Second generation Seabee Guru, Henry Ruzakowski, has developed some leading edge wing tanks that will hold a least 15 useable gallons per side. They are made of carbon fiber and kevelar and will gravity feed to the main tank with the operation of one lever.

They will be done on a field approval, so you'll have to take your airplane to him in Florida. **So, let's plan a trip to Sun and Fun!!!** Call or email Henry for more information. 561-436-0821
amphibs1@aol.com

The Experts

IRSOC (International Republic Seabee Owners Club) Now at www.republicseabee.com It's still the best source of information and experts on the old beast that you will find. If you haven't checked out the IRSOC and Joined? Go ahead, it's free! They also have free classifieds for members.

Jim Poel's database and clearing house for all Seabee 337 forms and field approvals is also a free service to IRSOC 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.

Steve Mestler has produced The Seabee CD and the new Newsletter CD! The Seabee CD contains all the 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. The **Newsletter** CD contains most of the old Seabee news letters by George Mojonier, and Richard Sanders. 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! Contact Steve at smestler@bellsouth.net **I have them both, they're a great reference!**

"Frankenstein Guru" Rich Brumm in Northport, N.Y. is also one of the experts. If you ever heard of a problem with the Franklin, he has the fix for it! He's also done some interesting thing to fix other plagues that continue to give Bee owners headaches. Ask him about the "Double Lip Seal!" richkarenbrumm@prodigy.net Phone: 631-757-2216 Office: 516-885-5879

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Seabee> This is a great Discussion group that gets lots of activity. If you post a question, you'll be sure to get a response with good experience behind it. 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. The author has also done a great job with his own **new web site, this is great**, check out <http://home.c2i.net/otter32/seabee/seabee.htm>

Interesting Web Sites

<http://www.norcalaahs.org/> interesting pictures

www.rcairplane.net The flying Seabee model! This is cool! Easy to build with a 72" wing span, check it out!! Contact Bill Price bprice@puc.edu

<http://www.bcfloatplane.com/> **Interesting pending legislation in BC similar to our own Lake Isabel issue!**

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

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

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