

The Northwest Seabee Club



Ben Blackett's Bee flies again!

Greetings everyone...

This month is the WSPA Ground Hogs Dinner on the 21st and the Trade Conference in Puyallup that weekend. I hope to be there with an overhead shot of the Bremerton Airport that will depict the water runway proposal. Get your insurance discount by signing up for the sea wings seminar. Bring a bathing suit and a towel so you can get dunked! Hope to see you there.

Would anyone be interested in having a once a month fly-out? Could be just a restaurant, or I'd like to plan some trips to remote areas this year, day trips and/or weekend get-a-ways with other airplanes, anyone interested? I've attached a list of events I have found interesting and would like to attend. Please forward any other events you may know of.

My on going search for water front restaurants with docks has revealed the Foghorn and Yarrow Bay, both in Kirkland. If anyone has a personal experience with either of these please let me know. Pictures help too. What else do you know of? I found out you don't want to park long at the kayak dock just south of Kenmore on Lake Union.



One of the Kenmore guys came over and explained the police boat will come over and tow you away! I think you can get away with a pick up or drop off, we did, but don't leave it there. Just across the way you can use the guest dock at Chandlier's Landing, now without a

reservation. I've been over there and walked it off. We didn't have the Beast with us, but it should work fine. Kenmore was gracious, they said we can use their dock too for a pick up or drop off anytime it's not jammed up with traffic. But, it looks a little high on the west dock for the floats. You'd have to be out on the north dock or on the end near their fuel dock.

Seabee Accidents

I found some interesting reading on AOPA web site. You can pull up accidents by type. There were 25 Seabee accidents over the last 20 years with 3 fatalities. Here are some of the stats. Bottom line is... Know your airplane, know the conditions and don't get distracted from the landing check.

5 water landings with wheels down!

8 had engine failures, at least 3 were due to improper maintenance, some interesting stuff including loose spark plugs.

7 were due to loss of control... some of these were real bone head maneuvers, and make for real interesting reading, things like over gross, out of CG, departure stalls, improper prop installed... this guy with the wrong prop couldn't get off a 9000 foot runway after 2 attempts. He got off briefly the third time. Or the one in Monument Valley @ 7600' DA and 30-45 knot winds...

1 fuel feed problem

1 lost prop

1 wrong prop installed

1 step taxi

1 docking (unrated pilot rammed the dock and fell out the right door...Bee sank)

1 unknown

If you'd like to read these for yourself, go to <http://www.aopa.org/asf/ntsb/index.html>

Folding or Inflatable Boats I had asked for information on these handy little boats to take along in the Beast. These are the responses I recieved. Thanks guys, I haven't gotten one yet, but I plan to get out more this year and hope to take advantage of one of these...

1. Byron Miller writes... Mine is 13'9" long. It is a Metzler brand, Model is Juca. They were bought out and made by Zodiac, which became Sevylor and have a range of sizes from about 7ft up to the big one I have. I have seen these first hand and they are identical to my original Metzeler. which will handle up to 15 hp which I have had on mine. It weighs 69 lbs in rowing mode. Extremely safe and small when rolled up. Even met one maniac in Alaska that was using a 50hp. jet outboard on one just like mine and running rapids with it. The smallest model is Sevytex SVX250, at 8'6". The website is www.sevylor.com These boats are pretty tough and motor nicely. I would imagine a 2-3 hp outboard would be just fine and they are not too heavy. A 2hp Honda pushes my 14' OK if I am not in a hurry.
2. Several people suggested...The Fold-a-boat. Sold at Campers World, were they have some other models too.
3. Fred Sorenson from Yelm, says... the Luger Boat Company had folding boat kits. Check any of the Popular Mechanics Magazines for the ads in the back. This is the last place I saw them. [Folbot Folding Kayaks: Since 1933. Greenland II double, Aleut and Kodiak singles. Sail kits, paddles and other acc](#)

4. Ken Miller suggested www.pakboats.com
5. Tom Donnelly suggested...You can rent a Feathercraft folding Kayak from a local guy here in Seattle. <http://www.foldingkayak.com/> [Lyle@foldingkayak.com] I have a Feathercraft Klondike but have rented the larger K2 Expedition. It comes in two bags and goes together in about 45minutes. Huge volume! If you are not hauling a lot of stuff you may want to consider getting the Klondike w/ the triple opening deck, that way you can accommodate the dog in the center without having to remove the top deck. The Klondike also has the option to operate as an open kayak w/ the cockpit cover removed. Give Lyle a shout, he is a really nice guy.

Henry's Auxillary Wing Tanks

What? That's right, 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

Planes and Parts (new listings) **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!**

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 **1**

I have a really nice Beech swapover yoke with the Ram's horn wheel for sale. It has a Davtron electronic clock in the middle, a mike button, map light underneath and of course the Aileron Trim.



This is a specially made "bolt in" set up for the Seabee! The Beech shaft that goes through the panel has been mated to the Seabee unit. Just widen the hole in your panel and bolt this puppy in. It has been modified to connect right up. \$1600 or best offer, 337 included. Call me at 360-769-2311 or 360-710-5793

Rod Teel doesn't have a Bee, but would like to find one, either Franklin or Lycoming, in reasonable condition. He's a 757 captain for American Airlines in Washington, DC and plans on using the airplane on the east coast and Chesapeake bay. Let him know if any one hears of a solid Bee for sale. Thanks! Contact captianrod@comcast.net 1

Can't afford your own airplane, here's an interesting deal...

I'm in the process of completely refurbishing a Cessna 180 on Edo 2870s. We're putting a number of STCs on it along the way (wing extensions, horton stol, baggage extension, and a bunch more). Eventually, I'll be putting together a fractional ownership program for the aircraft. We'll be basing the aircraft at Kenmore. I have 2 of the 5 fractional owners already accounted for (me and a mechanic from Kenmore). When we get a little closer to getting the aircraft back to airworthy status, I'm going to take applications and offer the other 3 fractionals to the most qualified folks. The buy-in for each fractional owner will be somewhere in the 30-35K range. vince_mancuso@compuserve.com (their is an _ between his first and last name) 2

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 put them in touch. Contact tdonnelly@mindspring.com 1

Ron Lyall's Super Seabee is for sale in OR, but he'd actually rather find a partner. It's a simuflight conversion with the 340HP supercharged Lycoming. \$115,000 or bee his partner...



Contact Ron, rseabee@internetcds.com 360-604-9549 2

Planes and Parts (old listings)

Doug from Kenair writes... "Finally got some info on the Bee for sale. TTAF - 1089 TSMOH - 154 IGSO-480 Lyc. 340 HP Simuflight conversion New prop. Goodies include extended wings, bilge pumps, electric hydraulics, HSI, marker beacon, bearing buddies, droop tips, rudder lock, steerable tailwheel, Cleveland brakes, electric oil cooler door, EGT/CHT, vacuum system.



He doesn't mention radios but there are some. Encoder by the looks of the paperwork. Seems to me a good deal for \$145K. Couldn't build one for that. Ken put this together a while back, I think it was the first one he did, made the cover of TAP. Not flown very much." Contact Ken Thompson 707-939-0401 **2**

Bob Synoground has a Generator for the GO-480. Only \$100! 360-253-6253 **last**

Larry Kruejack had 5 GO-480 Cylinders. 503-838-6465 **last**

S/N 779, N11NW was spotted on the ramp in Phoenix. TT 700, 200 SMOH and 200 SPOH. Extended wings, and wide spray rail. Annualized Feb of this year. Asking \$60K. Contact Louis Hudgin at 480 988-1382 or 602 509 3751. **Anyone know anything about this airplane?**

Tom Benedict in Vancouver, WA. has 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 ... **last**

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??" contact info@xpmods.com **1**

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 last

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 (?except the day it rolled off the assembly line?), 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. Thanks for the interest. A.K. Young, Margaretvictor@cs.com Anyone know if this is still available?

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/ 3

Needed Seabee fuselage, preferably with little or no corrosion to complete project aircraft. Gordon @ Ph(503) 694-5316. 3

The Experts

IRSOC (International Republic Seabee Owners Club) See the new web site 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! I contains 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 \$50 , it comes with a Seabee Hat, and includes shipping." Contact Steve at smestler@bellsouth.net I have it and I love it, it's a great reference!

"Frankenstein Guru" Rich Brumm in Northport, N.Y. is one of the experts. If you ever heard of a problem with the Franklin, he has the fix for it! 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 web site, check out <http://home.c2i.net/otter32/seabee/seabee.htm>

Other 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>

Call me, Let's get out and go!

Bee Sea n'ya,

Bruce

360-769-2311

360-710-5793

(See 2003 Calendar of Events below)

Events for 2003

New additions highlighted

February

- 15th Valentines dinner dance at Pearson Aviation Museum 360-694-7026 www.pearsonairmuseum.org
- 21st WSPA's Ground Hogs Dinner
- 22nd-23rd Northwest Aviation Trade Conference and 866-922-7469 or 253-288-2304

March

- 3rd Glacier Girl Special on the History Channel at 9pm (pacific)
- 9th AOPA Airsafety foundation Pinch Hitter Ground school at the Sharaton-Phoenix Airport
930Am-3PM 301-695-2169 www.aopa.org/asf

April

- 6th Start Daylight savings time
- 6th-12th Sun and Fun
- 20th Easter Sunday
- 26th Odessa, WA Jubilee in the Desert Music Festival and Fly in. Noon to 7pm Lou 509-670-7953

May

- 11th Mother's Day
- 23-25th Watsonville CA 39th annual flyin and air show Largest in Northern CA
www.watsonvilleflyin.org
- 26th Memorial Day "Observed"

June

- 13-15th Olympia's Gathering of Warbirds www.olympicflightmuseum.com
- 15th Father's Day
- 24-27th McCall mountain Canyon Flying Seminar FAA Wings approved instruction in the Idaho Backcountry Lori 208-634-1344 www.mountaincanyonflying.com

July

- 9-13th Arlington
- 8-11th McCall Mountain Canyon Flying Seminar FAA wings approved (see June for info)
- 15-18th McCall again
- 18-20th Oregon Antique & Classic Aircraft Club Fly-in Headquarters at Oregon Aviation History Center Dan Carthey 541-942-2286
- 21-25th Mcall...Returning participants only!

August

- 2nd Frazier Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4

September

- 1st Labor Day
- 5-6th 5th annualPort Angeles, WA Annual Airport Day Fly In and show...Warbirds, flying teams skydiving ultralights and busjets
- 6th Frasier Lake Antique Aircraft display
- 12-14th Reno Air Races

October

9th-12th Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-In Phoenix regional grande walley airport 520-400-8887

www.copperstate.org

26th Daylight savings time ends