

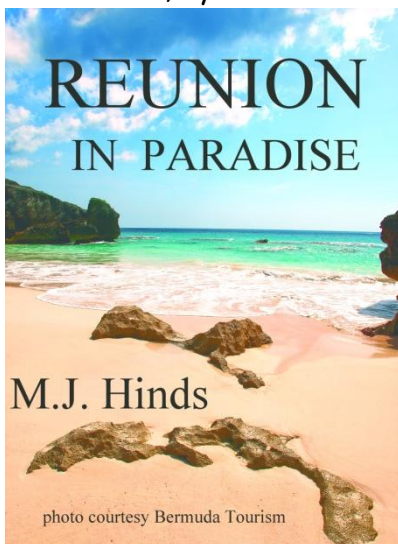
# Seabee Club Newsletter

## February 2014

Hello Everyone,

Holly smokes! Can you believe what Global Warming is doing. I know those that profess the theory must have some reasonable explanation, but for the life of me I can't imagine how they can make sense of this.

Last month I offered a couple of winter distractions if you've not put your Seabee on skis. Budd Davisson's books are so good that you'll wonder what to pick up next week. Or, if you've not ordered them just yet and are about to, you must pick up a book for her too, right? After all it is Valentine's Day. Dear ladies, please forgive me. I'm going under the assumption that most of my readers are men. So here's my thought for her, pick up the new book just out on Amazon in electronic format called *Reunion in Paradise*, by M.J. Hinds.



If that name looks familiar it's because I just published my wife's novel. This has been a long time in coming. My dad was an avid reader before he passed away and had read the original manuscript, he couldn't put it down. Everyone so far that has seen it has had nothing but praises. Even though the genre is listed as romance, it's really a pretty fun book. If you've ever wanted to go to Bermuda, this should seal the deal.

We'd tired to get a publisher interested, but you may know that is next to impossible unless your last name is Clancy or Bach. It's actually been that way for some time. Several years ago Janie had taken a script writing course and used her story as the basis for her course script. The instructor, Mr. Irving Cooper had done several movies back in the '50s and '60s and was so impressed with her work that he offered to help her produce a screen play. Unfortunately, Irving came upon some serious health issues and never got to finish the project with her. Then the whole project went on hold with her MS . . . Praises be to God and modern medicine though, she's back and this is the first of a few things she's written that we'll be offering to the world. We hope you'll download it for her, heck it's cheaper than a Hallmark Card. Besides, you may even enjoy it too. We hope those of you involved in the social media will give it high marks among your friends and spread the word. We could use the marketing help, thanks.

If you have read Budd's books and need something else when you order Janie's book,



I got the following from Don Kyte . . .

Rebecca Wallick lives on Lake Sammamish less than a mile south of my house where my Ex, Mackie, and Tony Jurcan still live. I used to watch Lew Wallick flying his Scan-converted Grumman Widgeon out on the lake. He developed a technique on how to take-off without throwing up a cloud of spray which destroyed the props of radial-engined Widgeons.

When I was informed that Lew's daughter, Rebecca was writing this book, I joined "Kickstarter" and submitted my story about Lew developing this technique to her. I think she included it in her book. She is looking to spread the word of her book . . . Don

Rebecca Wallick wrote . . . I am so excited to announce that my book, *Growing Up Boeing – The Early Jet Age Through the Eyes of a Test Pilot's Daughter*, has officially launched today!(Feb.9<sup>th</sup> 2014)

Today is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the first flight of the Boeing 727. My father Lew Wallick was the pilot, with Dix Loesch as co-pilot and M. K. "Shuly" Shulenberg as flight engineer rounding out the crew. It seemed fitting to launch my book—which highlights the careers of my father as well as the other Boeing test pilots and flight test engineers of the Golden Age of commercial jet transports—on this date.

Please visit the book's website:

<http://www.growingupboeing.com/>. On the home page, you'll find links to outlets where the print and ebook versions can be purchased. (Please note that some of the ebook vendor options may not be ready for a day or two, and the Kindle version is listed separately from the print version on Amazon at present but they'll coordinate in a few days.)

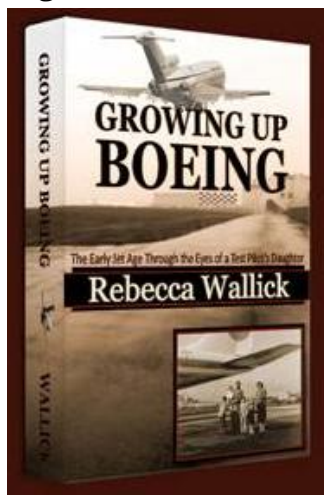
The website's events page will list upcoming programs and book signings, including one set for April 5, 2014 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

And now that the work of writing, editing and publishing the book is done, I will start writing some Growing Up Boeing blog posts again. The blog can be found at

<http://www.growingupboeing.blogspot.com/> (there will soon be a link from the webpage to the blog). On Facebook, please

visit (and like) the book's page: <https://www.facebook.com/growingupboeing> . . .

With gratitude, Rebecca (Becky) Wallick



## Member update

Rich Wiederhold had high expectations of restoring his Bee that he trailered down from Canada as a retirement project. Unfortunately, he'd been hit by a truck, suffered for a time as a quadriplegic and eventually passed away. His widow and dear friend Ken Dehle are offering his project for sale. They write . . .



Rich paid 16,000 for the Seabee. I want to unload it ASAP & would be thrilled to get 6,500 for it. Rich got the Canadian registration switched to American. He registered the plane and it has an American N number, log books, and mechanic logs. I received a letter from the first pilot in Canada back in 1947 who flew the plane. I will give it to the new owner. His wish was to hear



about the progress of the restoration & possibly get a ride in the finished plane. I didn't have the heart to tell him that Rich died and the project was halted.

I also feel that this Bee is a piece of history and I don't want to sell it for scrap metal. Again, anybody who buys this plane can turn around and sell it for a profit. This is one of those one time bargain opportunities for the right person. I have not listed it yet or tried to sell it. I am still having an awful time adjusting to not having my husband around (even after 2 years). Best always, Yvonne Wiederhold  
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Dear Bruce, I am a friend of Yvonne Wiederhold and am assisting her with the Sea Bee. Attached are some recent pics of all the parts/fuselage that have been covered in the backyard. Yvonne has all the interior parts, windscreens, seats, etc in the garage. The plane was trailered from Canada approx' three years ago and was initially under an enclosure in the backyard.

In June of last year I was able to contact Ben Coleman and Mike Araldi about the plane....I had gotten their numbers from Brown' Seaplane Base. Mr Coleman came out and inspected the plane.

Yvonne has also been in contact with John who is apparently the owner of Tailwinds Flight School in Lakeland and he may be interested in the plane. If this is the case I will advise you as soon as I know. For now any assistance you can offer would be appreciated. Ken Dehle 407-920-9200

If you know anyone interested in what could quite possibly be a great project, contact either Ken or Yvonne. Ken might be your better shot, I know Yvonne has been pretty depressed. We all wish you the best Yvonne.

### Tom Guntly

A little update: I purchased 6097K in early 70'S after new paint job and other work to get a neglected aircraft flying. Through the years it was flown frequently including many trips to Oshkosh to the air show. Only outside tie down was available, so after 20 + years, the outside storage was taking its toll.

I finally had storage but only for a dismantled bee, so it had been stored for many years and I transferred ownership to my son. A couple years ago we started the rebuild, made one flight in '12, a couple in 2013, but the time sitting was not kind. It uses lots of oil so this winter the plan is to top the engine and now it will be stored inside. We plan on new radios, paint, interior, and necessary engine work. We hope to be flying early summer as time and money allow, and for many years to come. Good Luck Tom!

### More about Ken from Connie Clark,

I was so sorry to hear about Ken's passing. It was Ken who got a buyer for my Seabee for me. I knew him from his friendship with Ed, but not very well. Then he got in touch with me to let me know that he moved to Nevada. He had some possible buyers for me, then when Jerry bought it, he came down a couple of times and I got to know him better.

When they took the airplane apart, Ken did more sitting than working and someone said he had back pain. I suggested magnets for back pain as they helped me so much, and he said he didn't think they would help cancer of the spine. Oh My.

He kept me posted on the progress of the restoration of (my) now Jerry's, Bee, but didn't answer any questions about how he was doing. Then the emails stopped. Yes, Ken was one of a kind - so special to the SeaBee world, and I had come to consider him a great friend. I so enjoyed reading what others knew about him.

## Safety

Are you doing your engine maintenance sitting on your wing? Falling from up there is not fun. Don't ask me how I know. Ben Olsen at Tacoma Narrows Airport has 3 wing walks for sale. Two are finished as you see with some nice off white berber carpet the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is just plywood. He's closing his shop and no longer has any need for these. These used to sell for \$100 each, call Ben and make an offer. 253-377-3477 or [olsenbenassociated@gmail.com](mailto:olsenbenassociated@gmail.com)



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