

The Northwest Seabee Club



If he'd had a Bee he could have stayed low and slow!

Sorry this is so late getting out...

The last few months have been crazy as I'm sure yours have. Now it's back to business. I won't bore you with the Bremerton and Isabel stuff anymore, just to say that if there is any future on these issues, it is up to us, and SPA needs the help. At the Ground Hogs Dinner and the Northwest Aviation Trade Conference, all the information you need should be available. I hope to see you there and I thank those of you to those who have stepped forward.

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. I'm still looking for and would like to create a list of waterfront restaurants where we can have several seaplanes show up at once. What do you know of?

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?

News

There's another new Seabee website! Steiner from Norway who's done a great job with the Yahoo Seabee group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Seabee/> has also done a great job with a new site which has lots of history, data bases and a nice format. Check out <http://home.c2i.net/otter32/seabee/seabee.htm> for stuff like this... "Percival Hopkins

Spencer was the third child of then 63 year old inventor genius Christopher Miner Spencer. Percival always hated his name and preferred to be called "Spence". Christopher Miner Spencer (1833 - 1922) invented one of the earliest successful repeating rifles in 1860, the automatic screw machine (that produced screws in one operation) in 1873 and the repeating shotgun in 1886. He had a shooting match with President Lincoln when he demonstrated the rifle to the President because Secretary of War, Stanton, refused to talk to a "crackpot inventor". ... "

Some interesting photos from the Clear Lake Fly-in can be viewed at <http://www.norcalaahs.org/>

Thanks to someone's help, Tom Hoag found an unground crankshaft. That was the missing ingredient needed for Rich Brumm to build up his "new" Franklin. Tom just got the engine back and hopes to have it back in the air soon. We're anxious to see how it performs. I've heard great things about what these engines will do. Soon we'll see for our selves. It is 550 cubic inches you know!

We've all heard ugly stories about the Frankenstien, even though some guys swear by them. Tom flew his almost every week and had only a few problems, the typical stuff you hear about. But when Rich pulled that thing apart he was surprised at how bad it was inside, one of the worst he's seen. I guess that could be a testament to the fact that it's a tough old beast and why it still ran as well as it did.

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!**



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

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, rlseabee@internetcds.com 360-604-9549 **1**

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 **1**

Bob Synoground has a Generator for the GO-480. Only \$100! 360-253-6253 **3**

Larry Kruejack had 5 GO-480 Cylinders. 503-838-6465 **3**

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. **3**

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 ... **3**

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 **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 3

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. Out of town until 12-26-01. Thanks for the interest. A.K. Young, Margaretvictor@cs.com 3

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/ 2

Needed Seabee fuselage, preferably with little or no corrosion to complete project aircraft. Gordon @ Ph(503) 694-5316. 2

The Experts

John Hooper is stepping down from the IRSOC (International Republic Seabee Owners Club) and is handing the reins over to Jim Poel and Steve Mestler. 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 \$25 which includes shipping. " Contact Steve at smestler@bellsouth.net I have it and I love it, it's a great reference! It now comes with a Seabee Hat for \$50.

"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

Other 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.

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

These is mostly B.C. stuff, but I'm already dreaming of next summer

<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>

Let's get out and go,

Bee Sea n'ya,

Bruce

360-769-2311

360-710-5793

(See calendar of events for 2003 below)

Events for 2003

January

12 AOPA Pinch Hitter Ground school at the Wyndham Seatac 930am to 3pm

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

9th AOPA Airsaftey 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

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

July

9-13th Arlington

15th-18th McCall Mountain Canyon Flying Semianar FAA Wings approved instruction in the Idaho

Backcountry Lori 208-634-1344 www.mountaincanyonflying.com

August

2nd Fraiser Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4

September

1st Labor Day

6th Frasier Lake Antique Aircraft display

12-14th Reno Air Races

October

9th-12th Copperstate Fly-In Phoenix regional grande walley airport 520-400-8887 www.copperstate.org

26th Daylight savings time ends