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*The Northwest Seabee Club*

*May he fly forever...*

Hello Everyone,

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Myron Olson. He was not only one of our members at WSPA, but a very important part of our neighboring organization for many years, the B.C. Floatplane Pilots Association. He passed away December 30, 2005 at age 69, after 9 years battling cancer. You've probably seen him at the Northwest Aviation Trade Show each year. He was the tall guy with a great smile that manned the BC Floatplane pilots booth. He was Born November 24, 1936 in Edmonton, Myron earned his pilot's license while working the ground for Associated Airways. Certified as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and flew for PWA as a Bush Pilot from 1955-1966 in the Northwest Territories. Joined Air Canada in Vancouver as second officer on the DC-8, retiring as captain on the Boeing 767 after 30 years of service. In his retirement, Myron co-founded the BC Floatplane Association and served as a director in the Quarter Century in Aviation Club. Also active in the Langley Aero Club, PAMEA, International 180-185 Club, COPA, BC Aviation Council and the Vintage Car Club of BC. Major highlight of Myron's 25,000 hours-flying aviation career was his participation in the 1971 London-Victoria Air Race, flying a single engine Staggerwing Beechcraft. He will be missed and remain an inspiration for all of us.

This is sure a sad way to start the new year. But, I'm sure he'd want us to get out and do more flying. That's just exactly what we're looking forward to. As most you may know, I took early retirement on my 57th birthday this past October.(Our own little Oktoberfest!) We plan to devote more time to the things we love most, can you guess what that might be?

I've attached a Calendar of Events for 2006. It's a Word file that's a working document, meaning nothing is set in stone. I will revise it each month as the need arises. Please use it to mark your calendar for some fun and interesting things to do. Please, if you have an idea for an event, what to picnic, or just get out and fly, let us know... my cell phone's always on.

February 20th is the deadline to register for Grounded Hog's Banquet. It's a great program and wonderful company-YOU! Tickets are \$35.00. If you're a WSPA member you can use the convenient registration form on the renewal envelope enclosed with your WSPA newsletter that should be in the mail next week. As always, make checks payable to WSPA. The new mailing address to 6924 55th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98118. Questions? Call Al at 206-567-4346.

If you're not a member yet, please call Al and join. He'll be happy to take your money.

Yes the Grounded Hogs Dinner is our annual banquet and winter opportunity to reunite with friends old and new. Mark your calendar, it's Friday Feb 24, 2006. This year we are breaking some tradition and moving it to Salty's at Alki Point. Veronica Johnson has chosen a wonderful menu; 2 hors d'oeuvres, Prawns on ice, and Vegetable Spring Rolls. Caesar Salad served at tables. The buffet dinner includes; Antipasto Tray, Seasonal Fresh Fruits, Cheese Filled Tortellini with Garlic Cream Sauce, Sliced BBQ Pork Tenderloin, Seasonal Vegetables, Grilled Chicken With Red Sauce and Smoked Mozzarella, Grilled Salmon With Lime Vinaigrette, Artesian Rolls & Butter, Assorted Petit Fours, Starbucks Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea. Al says "it's the only event that the dress code is hard sole shoes and long pants, the rest of the events of course are shorts and boat shoes. If you gave up hard-soled shoes with a job, I can understand, that's okay too."

This year our feature speaker will be Mr. David Johnston author of The Knights of Avalon. This will be a fascinating presentation about the flying boats and pilots that flew from southern California to Catalina. As usual we'll have door prizes and other speakers to bring you up to date on what's happening. John Sibold, Aviation Director of the Washington State Department of Transportation has been hard at work this year to develop a website devoted to a seaplane base directory. He will be with us to update us on the changes this past year and brief us the year to come. Their whole website is pretty awesome.. [www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/)

Michael Volk, President of our national organization, The Seaplane Pilots Association will be on hand too. We are hoping for good news concerning the Missouri River Breaks National Monument they now feel this is an issue of "National Significance". Please go to the SPA's Forum and read the short thread posted on 11/11/05... [www.seaplanes.org/cgi-bin/forum/displaymsg.cgi?thread=2891%26ts=1](http://www.seaplanes.org/cgi-bin/forum/displaymsg.cgi?thread=2891%26ts=1) I encourage you take a look at this and do as J.C. Kantorowicz from Montana requests, write to the BLM and support Alternative B. If this is allowed to continue it's present course, this will effectively stop float plane landing on the Missouri River for nearly 300 miles. It would allow seaplanes only within 3 miles of Fort Benton, while the Fed. Fish & Wildlife only allow them at Fort Peck.

Scott Henderson (son of Joe McHugh) reports that "Simuflight has finally completed our move into the new Fallon NV Facility. This has been a long project that has been filled with delays but it is finally complete. The week of Jan 9th was the last of the unloading of parts and tooling and the beginning of the shipment of Seabee parts for the first time in two years. We are still a little disorganized and expect that to last for a couple of months but we plan on accepting aircraft starting the 1st of Feb. and have already begun shipping parts to customers.

Simuflight will be providing a full Seabee restoration service as well as general maintenance for Seabee's. The Fallon shop is being run by Ken Thompson and we have added a long time Seabee owner and mechanic (Tim Sutter) to our staff that is dedicated to traveling to your location to handle Seabee work. We offer the largest inventory of Seabee parts anywhere in the world and of course all the Simuflight kits that most Seabee owners have come to depend on.

On a separate note, we are expanding our STC kit offerings to include an electric trim system and landing light kit. The STC's are still pending on both of these kits but we should finish final flight test on these within the next few weeks.

You can refer to our web site <http://www.simuflight.net> for more information on our services, not everything is there yet, but more information appears every day. Please feel free to call me at 907.339.8085 x6101 or e-mail at [scott@simuflight.net](mailto:scott@simuflight.net) for more information."

In addition to keeping our waterways open, I think it's important to keep our back country strips open to. This link in the landings.com site is something I think all pilots in the North West should have a look at. Please input your feelings on this issue & keep our outback airstrips open to our use.  
[http://www.recreationalaviationfoundation.org/raf/breaks\\_action.htm](http://www.recreationalaviationfoundation.org/raf/breaks_action.htm)

This is old business, but one I'd like to keep putting out for more ideas, it concerns the fun we had at the Clear Lake Splash-IN. What makes the event unique is that it gets the whole town involved for the weekend. They have a football field with a ramp for parking the planes and docks at the hotel for straight floats. The field has a parking area where the town's people can park so they can wander among the aircraft and the 4H club sets up a concession to sell hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks, all weekend! They also produce a large barbecue dinner for our group on that

Saturday evening for a very reasonable price. There are also classrooms right at the site that are available for guest speakers. The town is packed for the entire weekend. Seattle is too big for such an event, but it would be a great event at some other town in the state. I have three websites listed below Other websites for viewing pictures. My question to you is... Where can we do the same thing in our state?

## Maintenance & Safety Please feel free to offer any tips or experiences that you feel could help others. I'll keep all confidential if you like.

I think we all have had the little voice talk to us, I'd love to receive some stuff from those of you and your results of listening or ignoring that little voice.

A friend writes... "In the "little voice" category, here's a literal example for you. I was landing years ago, a calm day on a wide grass strip in Iowa, had just touched down, and a little voice said, "Move over to the right." That was so startling to "hear" that I did, touched the rudder a bit and angled to the right side of the runway. A couple of seconds after that, a Tri-Pacer blurred by on the left, landing in the opposite direction!

Must have been some subconscious part of me noticed a tiny dot on final coming the other way, and made it conscious with the "voice." I really listen to such things, particularly, I go around if something doesn't feel right on final. It rarely happens, but once in a while...R"

### FAA APPROVES MULTI-FOCUS CONTACTS, INTRAOCULAR LENSES

The FAA has just approved the use of multi-focus contact lenses, and multi-focus intraocular lenses for pilots. "You can fly with these lenses now, as long as your vision is normal," said Gary Crump, AOPA director of medical certification. "You just need an FAA eye evaluation form completed by your eye-care specialist, and give that to your AME at the time of your next medical certification exam." The form and more information are available on [AOPA Online](#).

What's your Aircraft Authentication Status, my what? Aircraft Owners and Operators - Check your Registration!

Is your aircraft properly registered? Is the aircraft you are about to operate properly registered? Did you forget to register that new aircraft you recently purchased?

If an aircraft does not have a valid registration or if information contained on the registration is not correct, such as current owner name or address, your aircraft may show a status of "in Question" on FAA records.

On February 1, an operator and or/owner of an aircraft attempting to operate or operating within the NAS without a currently effective registration or a registration which is "questionable" and/or without a TSA required security measure/waiver may have actions taken such as but not limited to:

1. Notification of deficiency
2. A pilot deviation may be filed against the operator
3. The operator may be denied access to the NAS

Please check your aircraft registration by going to <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry> and clicking on the link "Registrations at Risk" (left hand side), type in your N number. If your aircraft is contained in this list then your registration is "in question." You can contact Aircraft registration toll free at (866) 762-9434 for assistance.

See notice FR Doc 05-23852 filed 12-8-05 for complete summary by following this link:

[http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/2005-Dec/21\\_FR\\_Doc\\_05-23852.pdf](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/2005-Dec/21_FR_Doc_05-23852.pdf)

## History From time to time I get some good history pieces I'll include... I think too it would be nice to find out what's inspired you to fly, especially

seaplanes. This came in from Steinar, our friend across the pond... "In my research of the individual stories of all 1060+ Seabees built, I have found that several Seabees in the 60 years of Seabee history have ended their lives in accidents and crashes. This is of course no surprise, considering the challenging environment most seaplanes/amphibians operate in. The most frequent causes of Seabee accidents seems to be landing gear down on water, hitting objects in water, engine failure and stall on take off.

I am trying to document the final fate of all Seabees and I would therefore appreciate any photos you can send of wrecked and crashed Seabees. At my Seabee website I have made a new photo album of crashed Seabees; [http://www.seabee.info/seabee\\_accident\\_photos\\_01.htm](http://www.seabee.info/seabee_accident_photos_01.htm)

I do of course understand that accidents can be a delicate matter, and I am also most sad to have found that people have died in Seabee accidents. Fortunately, however, I am glad to see that in most cases the occupants have survived, proving that the Seabee is one of the most sturdy aircraft ever built. If you want me to anonymize the information and photos you can send, I will be glad to do that.

Wish you all safe flying! Thanks!

Steinar <http://www.seabee.info/seabee.htm>"

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

See other Bees and parts for sale on the IRSOC's website, here's the link

<http://www.republicseabee.com/Buyseabee.html>

I'm selling my 180



and planning on getting a LYC.'Bee... <http://home.flash.net/~wsanders/index.html> .. 1954, 950 smoh, new 88" McCauley prop. NOV 05 annual. Same owner and hangar last 20 years. Seen in several books, magazines and cover of Trade-A-Plane. Contact West Sanders [westsanders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westsanders@sbcglobal.net) or call 817-658-8637 **1**

I have an old seabee friend that doesn't do computer. He needs some information on cowling parts. They are the parts that make up the whole cowling, part #s 1309,1310,1311,1312,1363,1370

He has sold them to a friend and doesn't know what to charge for them. I have no idea what they are worth. If you can help out, either email me with your suggestions or call Tom Benedict in Vancouver WA at 360-896-6494. **1**

### Planes and Parts (old listings)

Keith Hiebert has a friend who is shopping for a Cessna 185 that has a seaplane kit or is already on floats. He writes...."he's looking for a cash deal and not at the top of market value. Engine time & paint are not a factor except in the reduction of price.

If someone has a plane that is not moving this might be your ticket out." Contact Keith: [hanger-talk@earthlink.net](mailto:hanger-talk@earthlink.net) **1**

Marr Mullen has a Shoreline seaplane lift for sale. It was completely rebuilt 2 years ago. It is on Lake Washington. A steal @ \$2500 ( they are over \$6000 new).Call him @ 206-232-5143. **1**



1975 Cessna 180J Skywagon... **Brooks please send bigger picture**





5500 TT, 860 SFRM (O-470 S2), 280 SNEW McCauley 3-Blade. Best Equipped 180 In The Country. Recent Paint and Interior. Always Hangared. Factory Float Kit 'B', Factory Zinc Chromate, Large Fin, Kenmore 3190 G/W, Windshield Brace, Long Range Fuel, Cleveland Brakes, SS Brake Rotors, Right Stowable Pedals, Tailcone Lift Handles, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Jump Seats, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Bench, BAS Shoulder Harness, Wingtip Strobes, Large Oil Cooler, Ground Service Plug, Flap Gap Seals, K&N Air Filter, P-Ponk Gear, Abrasion Boots, Extended Baggage, New Scott 10" Tailwheel, 800 X 6 Tires, Snider Speed Kit, Refueling Steps, Electric Engine Heater, VG STOL Kit, Peterson Auto Gas STC. Avionics - Totally New Panel. KMA 340 Audio Panel, MX 20 MFD - Chartview, Dual GNS 430's, GTX 330 XPNDR, JPI RPM, JPI Manifold, JPI Fuel Flow, BF Goodrich WX-500, WSI AV200 Satellite Weather, STEC 20 w/ GPSS & Altitude Hold, KCS 55 HSI, GI 106A CDI, Allen Electric Attitude, Sigma Back-up Vacuum Attitude and DG, Mitchell Engine Cluster, PS Engineering PCD7100 CD Player, Ring and Post Lighting, New CB's. \$ 176,000. (512) 743-7737. 1

I think this has been on the market for a while, But now it's in Bremerton. I haven't seen it, but I'm told it has all the good mods....





N87553 Serial # 114 TTAF: 1984 Lycoming GO480G2D6, 275 HP 65.8 SMOH Hartzell constant speed, 3 blade prop w/reverse. 100 Lbs. increased gross weight, new electrical wiring and system, instrument panel, instruments, avionics, windows, 180' door swing, wing and flap extension, droop wing tips, corrosion proofing though out, improved spray rails, Cleveland brakes, locking tail wheel, Control wheel with removable co-pilot side, custom tail wheel tow bar, and a New annual with sale. Contact: Pat Heseltine [avianinc@oz.net](mailto:avianinc@oz.net) Phone: 360 674 2244 2

Tom Donnally has two great little solar pak kits for sale. We picked up one for our Priest Lake trip. No 110 all week, but we kept our phones and computer charged all week. he still have two of them and will be putting them on Ebay if he cannot find a pilot who wants them. \$160.00 Contact Tom Donnelly [tdonnelly@mindspring.com](mailto:tdonnelly@mindspring.com) 206-784-6563 2

Jim Shipp has sold his C-185 and will be moving on to a trawler lifestyle... He writes...If anyone is looking for a very nice home on Nimpo Lake, B.C. I might think of selling mine. (Nimpo is where the B.C. Floatplane fly in is always held and is called the floatplane capital. I bought the house especially for my floatplane and have a 50 foot dock there. e-mail for anyone interested is [jim4shipp@aol.com](mailto:jim4shipp@aol.com) 2

This one is actually a real estate ad, which I don't normally do, however, David L. Webster is the executor of his father's estate so I offered to help out. His dad lived on Mercer Island and kept a C-180 on a lift on his dock. They're selling the property has a Seaplane lift and 3 deep water moorage slips along with a wide dock once used for a helicopter pad. It's 92 ft of waterfront. \$2,199,000. View online at [www.johnlscott.com/85064](http://www.johnlscott.com/85064), or call Kerry Sussex 206-898-2166 or Bonnie Sanborn 206-919-3501 for showing or more information. Or, you can contact David, 425-313-3664 or [davidcarol@comcast.net](mailto:davidcarol@comcast.net). 2

George Wray is looking for some Landing Gear struts. If you know of any for sale, contact him at [gawray@mac.com](mailto:gawray@mac.com) 2

## Seabee Products

Don Kyte has published another batch of his books. This one is a much improved versions with more stories. He writes...

"At long last my new book about my flying in Alaska is printed and ready to be mailed out. It contains most of the material from the 42 page booklet titled: "Flightseeing S.E. Alaska's Glaciers and Whales"(now out of print) plus much much more. This one took a year to do and is 168 pages long including 16 pages of color pictures and a lot of other stories not in the small booklet. This one is titled: Southeast Alaska Flightseeing Via Seabee" The price is \$14.95 plus \$2.05 for postage. Send me a check or money order for \$17.00 and your signed copy will be sent to you ASAP. For any books going to Europe, the postage is \$5.00. Please send your checks or money orders to: Don Kyte 257 Ostego Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33931. I think you will agree this book is worth the wait. I enjoyed writing it and re-living those happy years... I think you will too.

Very best regards,  
Don"

Bubble Windows Aircraft Windshields in Los Angeles is run by a lady named Judy. They do a great job according to Steve Lantz. The bubble molds are there and all she needs is your old windows as pattern for size. Call 562-430 8108

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 will 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 a lot 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@intd.com](mailto:jdickson@intd.com) 360-701-1119 or 253 851-6315.

Walk Around Inspection <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.

### Leading Edge Wing Tanks (I want some of these...)



Second generation Seabee Guru, Henry Ruzakowski, has developed tanks that will hold at least 15 useable gallons per side. They are made of carbon fiber and Kevlar 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](mailto:amphibs1@aol.com)



[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](mailto:smestler@bellsouth.net) **I have them both, they're a great reference!**

## The Experts

[Simuflight's coming Back](#) Joe McHugh's family has joined forces with Ken Thompson of Kenair in northern California to recreate Simuflight. The long term goal for Simuflight is to be a complete resource for Seabee's regardless of what conversions or kits you want or already have on a Seabee. They are also interested in Seabee parts that may still be out there that don't have a home. They will be setting up shop in Fallon, NV and are accepting work as of October, 2004. All inquiries should be forwarded to the following contact information. Scott Henderson, McHugh Aviation Inc., dba Simuflight, 3763 Image Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504 Phone: 907.337.2860, Fax: 907.333.4482 [scott@finite-tech.com](mailto:scott@finite-tech.com)

[IRSOC \(International Republic Seabee Owners Club\)](#) Now at [www.republicseabee.com](http://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, with free classifieds for members. The [337 database](#) and clearing house for 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.

["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 things to fix other plagues that continue to give Bee owners headaches. Tired of changing wheel bearings? Ask him about the ["Double Lip Seal!"](#) [brummrichkaren@aol.com](mailto:brummrichkaren@aol.com) Phone: 631-757-2216 Office: 516-885-5879

[Seabee Discussion Group](#) This is a great Discussion group that gets lots of activity. If you post a question, you'll be sure to get a quick response with good experience behind it. <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.seabee.info/seabee.htm](http://www.seabee.info/seabee.htm) The author of the discussion group has created this fabulous website that is fast becoming the place to go for knowledge and history on the old Beast. Steinar has done a great job and you can spend hours looking at all his information.

## Other Interesting Web Sites

[www.dunk-you.com](http://www.dunk-you.com) emergency egress training.

[www.clearlakesplashin.com](http://www.clearlakesplashin.com)

[homepage.mac.com/gottaider/PhotoAlbum28.html](http://homepage.mac.com/gottaider/PhotoAlbum28.html) personal Clearlake photos

[www.dhvied.com/clearlakesplashin](http://www.dhvied.com/clearlakesplashin) personal Clearlake photos

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/)

[www.hu-16.com](http://www.hu-16.com)

[www.aerocheck.com](http://www.aerocheck.com)

[www.SeaPlaneOps.com](http://www.SeaPlaneOps.com)

[www.flightcontractservices.com](http://www.flightcontractservices.com)

[www.norcalaahs.org/](http://www.norcalaahs.org/) interesting pictures

[www.rcairplane.net](http://www.rcairplane.net) Easy to build Seabee with a 72" wing span, other great models too. Contact Bill Price [bprice@puc.edu](mailto:bprice@puc.edu)

## Canadian Information

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

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

<http://www.floatplanefflyin.com/index.html>

[www.alertbay.com/eagleair/](http://www.alertbay.com/eagleair/) Looks like a great place to go, **let's plan a trip!**

[www.canadianseaplane.com/index.htm](http://www.canadianseaplane.com/index.htm)

I hope you've enjoyed this. Feel free to pass it along to anyone who may be interested. Please call if you get to the Seattle Area, or want to go out and play!

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