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Seabee Club Newsletter

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The Icon A5

Hello Everyone,

Well it's not a Seabee, but the new LSA coming on the market looks like it was inspired by the SeaBee. AOPA reports.... **NEW LSA: IT'S AMBITIOUS AND AMPHIBIOUS** The newest light sport aircraft to make its debut, the [ICON A5](#), is amphibious and eager to please. The airplane was designed and developed to "put the fun back into flying," said Kirk Hawkins, CEO of ICON Aircraft, as he spoke to a large crowd at the airplane's official unveiling in Los Angeles on May 11. Read more on [AOPA Online](#). I have to say it looks real interesting, but, it's not cheap! With a \$140,000 you can have one of the nicest Seabees in the country.

There are several new arrivals on the Classifieds below, talk about a buyers market, if you are in the market, now is the time to find your airplane. Whether you want a Franklin or Super Bee, prices are as low as I've seen them in many years. At these prices, you can find a great deal, spend a few bucks to personalize it with your interior, paint, or radios and still be well under the asking prices of a few years ago. If you are still skeptical, compare what you get compared to any other amphibian. I wish I could buy them all and start my own dealership. Anyone want to be a partner? How about "Seabees West"????

Speaking of deals, Kurt called. He's the friend of the owner of what I call the Z-Bee that I've had listed in the Classifieds. He said the Bee is "seriously for sale and they'll accept any reasonable offer!" He'll be bringing it to Arlington for the NWEAA event to give it some exposure. So yes, speaking of deals..... 3 super seabees listed here asking \$107 or less and there are more listings at the IRSOC website, <http://republicseabee.com/Buyseabee.html#Seabeeforsale>

If you can't tell, I'm just nuts about the old waterwagon. It's like an airshow everywhere you go, you can't leave the airplane before you've talked to just about everyone on the airport. I guess that can be kind of a pain, but we sure have met a bunch of great people. I'm continually amazed at how many people have seabee stories. I need to take my recorder with me to some of these fly-ins to capture their history.

Too Good To Bee True

If a deal is too good to be true, it just may be! I head from a fellow

in CA that put money down on N36455K which was supposed to be a Seabee project. The story he said sounded great, too great. That's a really long N# which should have been his first clue. Even with all the resources available to us about the seabee, he didn't know to check the web sites to see if the aircraft existed. Over the past week, he's gotten a real education. But it hasn't spoiled him, he is still looking for a Bee.

Stewardship

I think a little stewardship can go along way. We all need to be aware of our neighbors and we all need to be aware of who's water we are landing upon. The following letter, while it applies to Eastern Washington, can be an example for all of us. Thanks to Addison Pemberton for sending it along.

To all...

Last night I was in our Sea cub and landed at Diamond Lake then Sacheen Lake (10 miles north east of Deer park) without a hitch. I then headed south toward Elokia lake and over flew Trout lake 3 miles south of Sacheen along a small river. This is a stunning beautiful setting and I saw what looked be a new resort being built on the North West shore. I overflew and timed the length of the lake and figured it to be 4000 ft long corner to corner. I carefully looked for power lines and made an uneventful landing. I taxied over to the resort setting and was really impressed. There was a house on the south east shore that I stayed away from. I taxied to the far corner and climbed out with comfortable safety margins. The eve was cool .I was light and alone. After take off and avoiding the south east house I saw a jet ski come out into the lake. I set up another landing and taxied slowly to the house and shut down 200ft from there dock and waved. No wave back, bad news!!

The owner of the house came out on the jet ski and I asked him if he minded seaplane ops in the lake. He said YES! Mr. Reiner explained that this was a private lake. I was very polite and said that I would never land there again and that I would pass the word. I said that there were no markings on the sectional or any other indications that would restrict seaplane ops. Another note is that the resort I saw was going to be Mr. Reiner's new home. I step taxied to the far corner and climbed out west away from the houses.

Lesson learned do not assume all lakes are friendly even seemly desolate ones. I will be more careful in the future and will do my home work. Trout Lake is not listed in the seaplane directly as closed??

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Useful News for B.C.

Seair Seaplanes in Nanaimo would like to bring to your attention the many services we offer for arriving aircraft in Nanaimo. Since the Esso dock at Brechin Point was dismantled, Seair has taken over selling Jet-A fuel and Av Gas to Kenmore Air, Tofino Air, and any private aircrafts. Canadian Customs also uses the Seair dock to meet any aircraft coming in from the United States. The Seair terminal in Nanaimo provides restrooms, refreshments and light snacks for everyone coming through, as well as secure overnight parking. Any incoming aircraft can contact Seair dispatch at frequency 129.30

Thank you, Seair Seaplanes Ltd.

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Safety

In the past I've written about he ASRS system. It is a great tool you all should be familiar with, it can save your ticket! Now it's available online.

[ASRS CALLBACK GOES ONLINE](#)

The NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) has gone online. Now from the ASRS website, pilots can receive CALLBACK in their inbox by [signing up online](#). The monthly safety bulletin includes excerpts from ASRS incident reports with supporting commentary as well as occasional research studies and aviation safety information. The [ASRS website](#) also offers an online database and Electronic Report Submission portal that accepted 45,000 reports from pilots, controllers, mechanics and flight attendants last year. [More...](#)

Classifieds Listings will be for 4 months unless I hear from you. After that, they will be gone... renew or update your ad as long as you like! Cleaning out your hanger, sell it here! Need some parts, let us know!

David Reeve says, "I use the attached bottle to carry spare 5606 hydraulic fluid in my Seabee.



It works great as it is both of sufficient quantity and easy to maneuver/fill both the hydraulic pump reservoir and the brake master cylinders. It is chemical proof, so the fluid does not harm it. It is also spillproof.

I had to buy a minimum order of 12, but only needed 2, so I am offering the bottles at \$4.50/each plus postage (don't know how much, but they don't weight hardly anything). This was my cost.Consolidated Plastics 16oz. flip-top measuring bottle (#41695LZ), approx 8"x2.5" Contact David at dcribr@earthlink.net

FOR SALE



1947 SEABEE, RC3 SN395, TTAf 1463, Franklin B9F, TT 629, 12 STO, Reversing 3 blade Prop, TT Prop 197, 12 SPOH, Bendix/King KX 125 Nav/Com, Cleveland Brakes, New Engine Control Cables 2004, Fuel Cell replaced 1996, Artex ELT, Wing Extensions, Large Spray Rails, Never operated in Salt Water. Location Muskoka, Ontario, CYQA. Asking \$55,000, Contact: Lorne McLean 905-989-2798, 416-434-0091 cell, or lornemclean@rogers.com 1

Super Seabee \$99,000 wow!



Sn 78(1946), Simufflight STC'd 295 Horsepower Lyc GO-480- G1B6 serial # L-1133-35 mfg 1964, overhauled Nov 1983, Total time since overhaul 85 hours. Hartzell 3 blade reversing Propeller Total time

since New 55 hours. Total time on airframe since new 2040 hours.

Extended Wing Tips, Large Spray Rails, Jasco Alternator 12Volt 50 Amp, Whelen Strobe System, Transponder- Garmin GTX 327 with encoder King KX125 Nav/Com, FlightCom 403 MC 4 place intercom, Cleveland Brakes Garmin 295 GPS

New Interior (seat covers, side panels (photo forthcoming, please email), headliner & seatbelts), All new windows (with vents)

New Paint (needs minor touch up), All Ads complied with, New Keel 2007, New Battery 2007, Complete 337s, STCs and Log books. Plane is in excellent condition, with tens of thousands of dollars put into upgrades NOTE: Seabee is located in Daytona, Florida area. Contact Lou Fitzpatrick

Loufitz@aol.com 610-647-3255 **1**

Super Seabee for sale in northern IL. He wants to sell it quickly and lowered the price to \$100,000. N3263G has 2100 TTAf with a Lycoming 480; 330 SMOH, new 3-blade prop, STOL wing extensions w/ drooped tips, 3 bilge pumps, electric hydraulic gear and flaps. More info at www.MotorcyclePilot.com/Seabee You can reach Ken at (847) 724-0000 or KenK@mc.net **1**

The Ultimate SUV.... would that be a USUV?



Lena Harned's 1961 UH34D Sikorsky Helicopter is for sale www.dscal.com/UH34/UH34.htm \$199K for the chopper and all the spare parts. Call Lena at 530-695-3030. **2**

CHELAN AIRWAYS requires an experienced floatplane pilot for the 2008 tourism season (June - October)

Chelan Airways provides transportation for tourists and local residents in North Central Washington from our city of Chelan Base. Our flights offer on demand air service on Lake Chelan between the city of Chelan and points uplake such as Stejhekin and Domke Lake. Preference given to floatplane pilots with mountain flying, amphibious and DHC-2 experience.

Minimum Qualifications: Commercial SES, 1500 TT, 500 SES. Email or Fax only - No phone calls Contact: Director of Operations

info@chelanairways.com Fax 509-682-5065 **3**

Mike Carey's Republic Sea Bee (restoration project)

Here is an unusual opportunity to have a most unusual SeaBee. This project is in pieces and almost complete but some parts are missing. (Sponsons and sponson struts). At this time, I have not done an inventory but am planning on doing that next month. After that, I will work on the price. What makes it unusual is the power plant. It is a low time (2 hrs since major overhaul) IO470P rated at 250 hp. This engine was installed in this airplane and it comes with a 337. The airplane has been painted and has new glass and fuel bladder. There is a lot of work here and I am too long in the tooth to do it but this will make a wonderful Bee.

Contact: Michael Carey mmcarey3@cs.com 313-510-2222 **3 Mike, you were going to send me some pictures!**

Rock Kyle writes that he has a tailwheel fork for sale, but he sent this picture of a spindle.



He writes..."The number on the casting is: 17F42040 -1 145T(cast in place) #1543(felt pen) There are some marks around the holes in the ears. The fork may have been used." The original part numbers for the Fork is 1141 and the Spindle is 1122. If you need a spindle or possibly a fork contact Rocky Kyle at kyle.ab@verizon.net Interesting photo, it's different than my spindle. Mine has a large flang around the top and a larger pad where one of the pulleys attach, I'd question this part. **3**

Our friend from Alabama needs some Seabee Prop parts... If anyone can help him out, here's his info.... I'm looking for C-3 clamps w/ser# greater than D5293 or complete hub or complete prop for Franklin Seabee HC-12X20-3 propeller. Contact Bill Shaver wshaver@aol.com or 256-881-6193 **Last issue Bill, let me know if you want to keep it going.**

Tod Dickey writes.... I still have a Hartzell reversing 3 blade prop originally designed for the Seabee with a Continental GTSIO-520. It is 0 time and would come with the reversing valve. It's a model HC-H3YN-3LFX/FLC9587C-2X. Any serious offer considered. Contact Tod at toddickey@aol.com **Last shot tod unless**

you want to renew, let me know

SEABEE Ground-Up Restoration



\$79,000 • AVAILABLE FOR SALE • 1947 Republic Seabee N6755K, S/N 1043, , T.T. 650, Engine & Prop 17 SMOH, Spare AWW B9F, Alternator, Airwolf oil Filter, new glass paint and interior 07, wide spray rails, wing ext's., overhead quadrant, Cleveland brakes., new fuel cell, inboard strakes, steerable T/W all logs • for two other photos, visit Barnstormers website http://www.barnstormers.com/ad_detail.php?ID=171092 Contact Sam czechride@canby.com - located Wilsonville, OR phone: 503 678-5114 **1**

"ZeeBee" Estate Sale! NEW PRICE



The aircraft is located in Sequim, WA and the owner had flown it to BC each summer. It looks clean and straight and it has the IO-540! N6585K could be a great deal for someone, asking price is \$95K (make a reasonable offer!)..... Contact Kurt at 360-457-3651 or 360-461-4481, he's not the owner, but has all the information and can put you in touch. **2**

Seaplane Pilots Dream



Shilling Lake is located 35NM SE of Nimpo Lake at 2300' in beautiful British Columbia. This is the only parcel of land available on the Lake. It is a 6.7 Acre parcel and currently has 5 completed structures that can accommodate 15-20 people. It is accessible only by air or foot however there currently is no trail to the Lake. We have had all manor of floatplanes from J-3's to Twin Otters visit and there is also a helipad on site. Many aircraft have visited landing on the ice in winter on both Wheels and Ski's. Please visit our website: <http://landquest.com/detailmain.asp?prop=07382&curpage=1&search=newlist> . Or contact Gcorrado@wavecable.com 3

Seabee for sale at Schellville/Sonoma Valley Airport 0Q3 in Calif. It's been for sale for a while now.



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Info on the card says: 1947 Republic RC-3 Seabee \$30,000 or best offer 707-944-2503 3 Has anyone looked into this? I'm curious....

I am looking for an original trim tab crank handle. Here is a picture.



Call Tim (907) 223-4230 or contact him at Sutterak1@aol.com Tim, let me know if you got your part.

Lena's Bee



A regular at this Splash-In event, N6375K is a 1947 Republic RC-3 Seabee mc/n 604, owned by Gene Harned of Live Oaks California. Not really visible in this picture is a moon-lit mural on the side of this plane.

1454 TT, 110 SMOH, 108 STOH, Prop 30, Extended Wing, Droop Tips, Extended Spray Rails, New Interior, Bendix KY96A and KT 76A encoder, PS Engineering Intercom, Insight graphic engine monitor GEM-602 and the landing and taxi lights are built into the wing. She also has a Sikorsky H-34 for sale she was going to send me information on... Call Lena 530-695-3030 or lena@syix.com 2

G 21A Grumman Goose



Serial Number B 32 is one of the best fresh-water Gooses in existence. It is a straight, corrosion free, always-hangared and well maintained aircraft perfect for long-range exploration. It has only 4,000 hours since it was rebuilt in 1982 for the late Bob Richardson of Seattle.

Total airframe time: 8,638 hours.

Clean, smooth-running P&W R985s with 890 hours and good compression.

Heavy Hartzell props and Twin Beech cowls.

Retractable water rudder and McKinnon retractable floats

Electric up and crank down landing gear.

Mallard Goodyear wheels and brakes (Great!)

Electric fuel pump and long-range fuel tanks

Bubble windows in cockpit, picture windows in cabin.

One-piece front bow hatch.

Full King IFR package including HSI, RMI, and Radio Altimeter

New interior with six quick-release original Goose seats on tracks.

Original paint since 1982 rebuild. Still has good gloss.

Complete logs, beginning with original 1943 delivery logs.

For more details and pictures, please see <http://www.tanglefoot.org/gooseforsale.html>

Price: \$650,000 with new annual.

Editor's note: This owner KNOWS Grummans. If he says it's one of the finest, you can count on it. 1

[Seabee Airframe s/n 939](#). Completely overhauled airframe with new bottom, tail and overhauled landing gear. \$75K Contact Buzz Hale 775-338-3228 thunderbee7@hotmail.com 2

Roger Duke's Super Seabee and Home.....



Serial #56, Simuflight GO480-B1A6, 270 HP, logs since new in 9/16/46. Hangared, TTAF 2188, Engine only 600 since overhaul. Reversible Prop 322 since overhaul, 5 yr. AD last year (same as overhaul), Landing light each wing tip. Overhead engine controls, Large spray rails, Locking tail wheel, Cleveland brakes, Whelen strobe system, Daubenspeck droop wing tips, KT 76A transponder, KR 86 ADF, KY97A Comm., Narco 122 Nav., Northstar M2V Loran/GPS, \$107,000. Contact Roger Duke 360-321-1537. email rduke@whidbey.com 3

[Airpark Home on Whidbey](#)

Roger is also selling his home. If the following link doesn't work, go to Windermere's website and type in the following MLS # 27025608. WOW <http://www.windermere.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Listing.ListingDetail&ListingID=17411843>

[Other Interesting Web Sites](#)

[http://www.tanignak.com/More Amphibian Adventures.htm](http://www.tanignak.com/More%20Amphibian%20Adventures.htm) which has some wonderful Widgeon, Goose and other amphib stories,

More history from our friend Andy Shane if you are interested in the Pan Am flying boats. Check out....

<http://www.flyingclippers.com/main.html> or

<http://www.rbogash.com/B314.html>

Carl Hankwitz has republished the 1949/1950 movie featuring his family's Seabee. You can view it online at

http://web.mac.com/chankwitz/Hankwitz_Films/Movie.html if you'd like to contact him, he can be reached at chankwitz@mac.com

www.alaska.faa.gov/flyak/

<http://shaunlunt.typepad.com/shootings/>

www.dunk-you.com emergency egress training.

www.sfahistory.org Society for Aviation History

www.clearlakesplashin.com

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www.aerocheck.com

www.hu-16.com

www.SeaPlaneOps.com

www.flightcontractservices.com

www.rcairplane.net Easy to build Seabee with a 72" wing span, other great models too. Contact Bill Price bprice@puc.edu

Canadian Information

www.alaska.faa.gov/flyak/

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

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

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

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

www.canadianseaplane.com/index.htm

Seabee Products And Information

Don Kyte has published another batch of his books. This one is a much improved version 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"

you can email Don at dvkyte@comcast.net if you have any questions

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 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

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 Mojonnier, 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@pbtcomm.net **I have them both, they're a great reference!**

The Seabee Experts

Simuflight's Back They have been back in business since the first of the year for parts, maintenance and restoration work. Ken Thompson runs the 6000 sq ft facility in Fallon NV and their engineering and operations are run by Scott Henderson out of Anchorage Alaska. They also offer a traveling A&P/IA Seabee expert supported by their shop that can handle anything that is wrong with a Seabee. Simuflight's Fallon facility is a complete Seabee maintenance station. Please contact Scott Henderson (scott@simuflight.net) 907-339-8085 x6101. You can also visit their website at <http://www.simuflight.net> for more information. In addition to Simuflight's many STC'd and non STC'd kits they are also working with the FAA to begin producing replacement parts for the Seabee.

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, 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 Long Island, 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!" brummriskaren@aol.com Phone: 631-779-3178 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 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.

Speaking of engines.... Randy Komko is putting together a new website... Check it out for current pricing on Lycoming engines..Props..parts..ect he'll be updating it with 2007 prices soon.. <http://www.seabee-transition.com/>

Please feel free to submit any information that you feel may be of interest to other Seaplane pilots. Also, please print and/or forward this to any others you may think are interested.

Thank you one and all for your support of our organization.

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