

#### Club

### Hello Everyone,

\*Very important SPA meeting on the 11th ... see Gathering and Ideas below ...

! Woops, you might check through some of your old emails. The past few weeks I've been sending stuff with a March date instead of April!! I had a slight computer problem and had to fool it by changing the internal clock!! Hopefully all is well now.

#### News

Sun-n-fun was just that! It was a ball. The weather was perfect, temperature was in the low 80's with a pretty good breeze. We never needed the AC! The turnout was down a little, but you wouldn't have known it from the number of seaplanes. I do have to admit though, I was skeptical of the name of the place we had decided to stay. I mean what kind of a name is "LekaricA" on Lake Easy? Actually, it's a combination of family names, it's a family business. Their restaurant and golf course are very well known and it's no wonder. Their hospitality and menu are second to none! We'll be back! The Weaver family is also very much the promoter of Seaplaning in Florida. They have a perfect beach with ramp access and a dock. So it's a popular spot for seaplanes to stop for lunch or a weekend. In fact they may become the next seaplane base in the state of Fla.. As you're probably aware, every year at S&F they have a seaplane day at Lake Parker. That has always been held on Thursday as it was this year. (they are changing the schedule of S&F next year and the seaplane stuff will be on Friday)



At LekaricA, they have their own splash in the day before Lake Parker. We had 23 seaplanes show up at our little cottage on the lake!

These are two of four Bees that arrived in formation right over our cottage (the one hidden in the trees)! The formation made a low sweeping pass in front of the lodge, then circled out of sight and made their approach right over head. It was like an assault!! WOW! There were 2 Widgeon, 4 Bees, a few lakes and several of the float



variety and even some Seareys. Oh what a day! Because of space, I won't try to send a bunch of pictures here, but go to ...

http://community.webshots.com/user/sonnyfl to see a ton of great photos! It was such a good time we will try and get the seabee there next year. With or with out the Bee we are planning to be back at LekaricA!

These airplanes weren't at Lake Easy or Parker, but the first one is a

rare example of a Mansdorff Widgeon. (300HP Lycoming Radials) Of course the SeaFury in the background is pretty nice too. But don't let the name fool you, it's only good for one water landing.



And the most beautiful PBY I have ever seen ...

# Gatherings and Ideas

Yes, Florida was fun. I think mostly because they get out and do things together. If you have a chance, check out their activities listed on SPA's web site. At least once a month they have a large gathering at a restaruant, and then there are those that have smaller meets. I see the desire here at home, and I hope those of you who want to get out and go will voice your desires.

You can do just that, voice your desires on the 11th and 12th at the WSPA meeting at the Alderbrook Inn on the Hood Canal. On the 11th at 13:30 SPA President Michael Volk will host a seaplane pilots' town meeting during the Washington SPA Fly-In. Members and non-members alike are invited to join in for an open discussion of issues facing the seaplane industry, including regulatory trends, insurance, safety, and rental aircraft. Audience questions and participation will be encouraged, and feedback garnered will influence future association policy and strategy. For more information on the fly-in and schedule, contact Bob McKenny 253-630-0100 or 206-723-5252. Your presence is needed here. I hope they will discuss my idea of a phone list for everyone. How many of you have heard about the Alderbrook event? That's what I thought. When something like this comes up you call the next person on the list. If no answer, you go to the next one on the list. Everyone on the list gets called! May is blooming and there are some conflicts with the meeting: 11th is the Blaine, WA Annual fly-in at Blaine Municipal Airport (4W6) call Jack 360-322-8268 Also on the 11th in Greenwater, WA the WPA is having a work party and chili feed to help open up Ranger Creek airstrip. 425-228-6330 no reason we can't do one of those early then go to the meeting

17-19 Concrete, WA Annual Old Fashioned Fly-in at Concrete airport we should plan to stay and splash on lake Shannon or lake Baker Call me 360-769-2311

18 Everett, WA Paine Field General Aviation Appreciation Day and Young Eagles Event 425-353-2110 ext 5700

Your ideas needed here ... What would you like to do? Where would you like to go? And, any suggestions for the newsletter are always welcomed too. Let me know what you think ... Any dates you may know

of, I'd be happy to post. The bottom line here is, I'd like to go to some remote areas, and part of the safety is in numbers,( that's more than one.) I'm sure the best aircraft have had things happen which could leave a single ship in a lonely situation. I'd love to be able to say ... "we've got 4 Seaplanes departing for Concrete at 0800..." or..." 3 seabees are meeting at PAE to fly to lake Isabel on Saturday for a picnic!

I feel very fortunate to have been given a copy of "One Hiway At A Time" Bob Hamilton's video of the Alaska rally, where they get 42 seaplanes to fly the Alaskan Hiway to commemorate it's 50th anniversary. It seems that seaplanes were used quite a bit during the construction of the Hiway to move men and supplies. The rally follows the same route along the many lakes, just as they did during the construction.

I'd like to have a hanger party to view it, with a large map board to trace the route of the flight and offer any one involved in the trip to have the opportunity to speak to the group. Anyone interested in such a gathering, please give me call at 360-769-2311 or just reply to this email. If you already have (Pete you're the only one), I'll get back to you, we've been gone for a month, so I'm not quite caught up yet. My calendar of events is attached in case you want to print it separately. At this point it's only my calendar. These are some of the things I have become aware of and would like to attend. You are welcome to add things to it if you want others to join you, and I'd love to hear from anyone who plans on attending any events.

### Old (but good) News

The IRSOC ... have you checked out the International Republic Seabee Owners Club <u>and Joined</u>? Go ahead, it's free! It's also the best source of information and experts on the old beast that you will find. They have free classifieds for members too <u>jhooper3@mindspring.com</u> <a href="http://www.mindspring.com/~jhooper3">http://www.mindspring.com/~jhooper3</a>

James Poel's database and clearing house for all Seabee 337 forms and field approvals. This would be a free service to all members. For the time being all forms would have to be <u>faxed</u> to Jim: May to November (315) 531-9168; November to May (386) 767-0706.

"Frankenstein" parts ... Rich Brumm in Northport, N.Y. is one of the experts. <u>If you ever heard of a problem the Franklin's have, he has the fix for it!</u> <u>richkarenbrumm@prodigy.net</u> Phone: 631-757-2216 Office: 516-885-5879

# Planes and Parts (new listings)

I need yokes, airplane jokes are always fun, but no! I need everything aft of the vertical assembly in the nose. My Bee had been converted to the Bonanza swap over unit. I want to restore it to the original and then adapt the beech ram horn wheels to fit. With the swap over I can't really give any dual, I'm just not that brave. If I install the double beech unit, then I can't get out the hatch! No a diet isn't an option! Please call if you know of any of these parts 360-769-2311 or brucehinds@earthliknk.net

Ben Blackett is now at the restoration point for 6295K. He needs to find a propeller. He will need an 89 inch three bladed reversal Hartsell propeller with SAE - 20 splines (no more bolted flange for him!). <a href="https://www.wbnsurgconsult@attbi.com">wbnsurgconsult@attbi.com</a> 253-752-3970

Tom Bennedict 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 ... There were also a several Seabees in Trade a Plane you might find interesting.

I moved this back to new stuff because he's dropped the price 10K! And needs room in his hanger ... <u>Daubenspeck/Lycoming Conversion Kit for Republic Seabee - FOR SALE 60</u> 480 275 hp engine and complete kit - 1500 hrs 60 480 core with complete maintenance record including oil analysis (+/- every 20 hrs), parts manual, overhaul manual and engine operation manual. Daubenspeck kit - complete, including: cowling, engine mounts, pushrod controls, installation manual, etc. All engine accessories included - 2 mags, starter, oil cooler and mounting bracket, carb with heat box/filter etc., alternator (with regulator), engine-driven fuel pump, governor with reversing valve (Hartzell), electric fuel boost pump, vacuum pump (only 35 hrs) plus regulator and indicator, overhead quadrant engine controls and cables, electric tach and tach generator, complete stainless steel exhaust system. <u>Spares</u> Starter (overhauled/tagged), carb (overhauled/tagged), cylinder stud (overhauled/tagged), 2 mags, electric fuel boost pump, 3 in 1 gauge (oil temp & pressure & fuel pressure), stainless steel exhaust parts, 6-way EGT with complete wiring harness, 1-way CHT. COMPLETE ENGINE, DAUBENSPECK KIT AND SPARES: New Price \$15, 000US. Other extras: 2 vacuum horizons and 2 vacuum heading indicators US\$ 400 ea. contact Henry Chapeskie near Ontario at 519-461-0764 hchapeskie@sympatico.ca.

### Planes and Parts(previous listings) please update!

The Seabee CD ... Steve Mestler, N9042N (The Marty B) has produced a CD with 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 <a href="mailto:smestler@bellsouth.net">smestler@bellsouth.net</a> I have it and I love it, it's a great reference! It now comes with a Seabee Hat for \$40.

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??" <a href="mailto:xpmod@tgi.net">xpmod@tgi.net</a>

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

<u>Seabee RC-3 N6019K</u> and all parts and equipment \$60K. Annual -01-01, 1135.6 hrs TT , 347.6 SMOH, Prop 37.8 hrs (9-15-99 OH), No salt ever, 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, <u>Margaretvictor@cs.com</u> 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 <u>czechride@juno.com/</u> Needed Seabee fuselage, preferably with little or no corrosion to complete project aircraft. Gordon @ Ph(503) 694-5316.

We have a completely <u>stripped B9 Engine</u> with most parts in good condition ...digital pictures available on request ...There are both Fed-Ex and DHL offices in Cape Town for easy shipment to the US and SAA fly direct to Fort Lauderdale and Atlanta twice weekly. Mark Becker email: <u>markb@za.ibm.com</u> IBM House, V&A Waterfront, PortsWood Square, PortsWood Road, CAPE TOWN, 8000 Tele. +27(0)21-402-5900 Fax. +27(0)21-402-5515 Mobile. +27(0)82-448-2779 I am in need of a wing float strut. Lower priority needs include a <u>lift strut and RH lift</u> strut fuselage fitting. If any one can help him, it's Tom Kennedy, 50881 O'Byrne Rd, Sardis, B.C. Canada V4Z 1B6. <u>thos2kennedy@yahoo.com</u> 604 824 9090

There's also this Super Bee for sale over on lake Chelan, Michael Stevens <u>seabeepilot@aol.com</u> 509 682-3531 home, 206-658-0333 work.

### 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.

These are mostly B.C. stuff, but I'm already dreaming of next summer ... if they're listed in blue, you may be able to just click on them to launch your browser ...

http://tappix.com/506824

http://www.members.home.net/makins40/

http://www.bcfloatplane.com/

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

http://www.canadianseaplane.com/index.htm

The flying Seabee model! This is cool! Easy to build with a 72" wing span, check out www.rcairplane.net Has anyone built this? I'd love to find out more about it.

Bee Sea n'ya,

Bruce

360-769-2311 home

360-710-5793 Cell(not always on)

Brewster's Calendar of events for 2002 It's only mine ... these are some of the things I'd like to go and do this year, and I'd love to have the company of other aircraft, especially Seabees ... that's why I started this newsletter. So, let's buzz down to some of these events. Or let me know what interest you, I'll put it on the list, and maybe we can do some flying together ... I'll continue to up date this list as things come up, so keep checking ... Changes will be in Yellow! May

- 1 Olympia, WA Night of Naval Aviation www.olywa.net/ofm
- 4 Hollister, CA Frazier Lake Airpart Antique Aircraft 10-4, 408-779-2356
- 4 SanMartin, CA Cinco de Mayo Fly-In Antique Aircraft, chili cookoff, Unique Cars, Old engines, Musuem, starts at 0730 408-683-2290
- 11 Blaine, WA Annual fly-in at Blaine Municipal Airport (4W6) call Jacl 360-322-8268
- 17-19 **Concrete, Wa** Annual Old Fashioned Fly-in at Concrete airport
- 18 Everett, WA Paine Field General Aviation Apprecdiation Day and Young Eagles Event 425-353-2110 ext 5700 June
- 1 Hollister, CA Frasier Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4, 408-779-2356
- ? Orcas Island, WA Old Buzzards Day Come give the old aviators a ride
- 14-15 Olympia, WA, Annual Gathering of War Birds www.olywa.net/ofm
- 25-28 **McCall**, **Id**, Mcall Mountain Canyon Flying Seminar, LLC FAA approved instruction in the Idaho back country Lori or Kathy 208-634-1344
  July
- 6 Hollister, CA Frasier Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4, 408-779-2356
- 9-12 McCall, Id, Mcall Mountain Canyon Flying Seminar, LLC FAA approved instruction in the Idaho back country Lori or Kathy 208-634-1344
- 10-14 Arlington, Wa EAA Northwest Regional Fly-In
- 16-19 McCall, Id, Mcall Mountain Canyon Flying Seminar, LLC FAA approved instruction in the Idaho back country Lori or Kathy 208-634-1344

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3 Hollister, CA Frasier Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4 408-779-2356

#### September

- ? Lake Cushman, WA
- 6-8 Marrysville, CA Yuba County (MYU) is the New Location for Golden West EAA Regional Fly-In to be a combined event with Yuba-Sutter air expo Tracy Peters 925-676-2114 <a href="https://www.GWFly-in.org">www.GWFly-in.org</a> 7 Hollister, CA Frasier Lake Airpark Antique Aircraft Display 10-4, 408-779-2356 12-15 Reno, CA National Championship Air Races 775-972-6663 <a href="https://www.airrace.org">www.airrace.org</a>