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The Northwest Seabee Club



Bob Gould's Seabee Heaven

Hello Everyone,

As you have probably seen, I've created a website for the WSPA and made their newsletter more of an announcement of what's on the site. I hope this will allow me some time to get the Bee Letter out to you. I'll try to keep this mostly Seabee related information and I invite you all will visit the WSPA site for local flying information. This will save me gobs of time so I don't have to duplicate the information. Please visit www.wa-spa.org ... all seaplane stuff is good right?

Big news from Simuflight... they have gotten an STC for their Electric Trim System. The big deal about this is it's Elevator and Ruder Trim. If you've done any long distance flying, especially at altitude, you know how tired that leg can get. See www.simuflight.net for a list of their STCs and other field approval modifications.

This is pretty important stuff.... here is the latest proposal on user fees. We need to get a response in here, visit <http://web.nbaa.org/public/govt/userfees/>

Fun Stuff.... Opening days at Lake Tahoe ... California does it again.

The Lake Tahoe West Shore Association, the Truckee EAA Chapter 1073 and Obexer's Boat Company invite seaplanes of all types to join them for the Memorial Day Season Opening Ceremonies! This will be the First Annual Mike Brown Seaplane Splash-In, honoring Mike Brown's decades of operations in and contributions to seaplane flying on Lake Tahoe. His wife Lois plans to attend.

What: An afternoon of wooden boats, BBQ, flying and fun to celebrate the opening of the boating season on Lake Tahoe's West Shore see: <http://www.tahoewestshoreassoc.com/opening.html>

Time: 12:03 pm, May 28th, 2007*

Where: Obexer's Boat Yard, Homewood, CA. N 39.04.55 W 120.09.23 See: <http://www.obexersboat.com/>

Why: Free BBQ provided for all attending crews by California Chris Craft of Lake Tahoe, flying and great fun! See: <http://cachriscraft.com/>

Let's take advantage of this opportunity to open the West Coast Seaplane Season with the First Annual Mike Brown Seaplane Splash-In on the day following the Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow!

Moorings and boat shuttles are provided for large seaplanes. Float planes are welcome on the beach to the North and South of the Marina.

The beach is 1 - 2 inch river rock with clear approaches and a moderate pitch. Mats will be provided to protect floats, assistance with beaching will be available, as will lines and stakes to secure your aircraft.

EAA Chapter 1073 will provide support services for planes arriving at the Truckee Airport ahead of the event. Call EAA Chapter 1073 President Tim LoDolce, 530-386-3100, to let them know your needs.

The Rockwood Lodge B&B, directly across the street from Obexer's, is offering discounted rates for Splash-In Crews. Go to:

<http://home.inreach.com/rockwood/>

The free West Shore Shuttle will run from Tahoe City to Meeks Bay every day and EAA Chapter 1073 will have rides available from the Truckee Airport the morning of the event. Call EAA Chapter 1073 President Tim LoDolce, 530-386-3100 at least a day or two ahead to arrange transportation.

This is a great opportunity, thanks to the support of the Truckee EAA Chapter 1073, to establish a new annual seaplane splash-in for west coast seaplanes. Let's make the First Annual Mike Brown Seaplane Splash-In a success; and the first of many more to come!

Please reply to the link at <http://www.mikebrownsplashin.com/> we want to be sure there is plenty of BBQ for everyone!

*12:03 is the time of the beach fly by of the "Parade of Seaplanes". You may arrive earlier and orient yourself to the facilities, but we would like all attending aircraft to participate in the fly-by at 12:03, if able. The line (not formation) will form up at 11:45 over Tahoe City, N 39.10.15 W 120.08.28, at 7500' MSL. Communications for the event, air to air and air to beach, will utilize 122.9, per the AIM.

Do any of you have pictures and stories from Sun and Fun for those of us that couldn't attend?

Maintenance Seabee Items on ebay http://motors.search.ebay.com/_W0QQsassyZjawany

Safety Section Please feel free to offer any tips or experiences that you feel could help others. I'll keep all confidential if you like.
Need something here!!

History I'm always looking for interesting pieces, Know any great seaplane history. And, by the way, what got you interested in flying? **How many of you are you flying to Sun and Fun this year???**

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!

Airpark Home on Whidbey

Roger Duke that has his Bee for sale below 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> **1**

Hangar Space Available

Small t-Hangar available at Bremerton (PWT) from April 15th thru Nov. 1st. Current Rent \$187.00/mo, any reasonable offer will be considered. Greg Corrado 206-383-7560. Gcorrado@wavecable.com **1**

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 Grumman's. If he says it's one of the finest, you can count on it. **1**

Needed, [core or crankcase for a G0 435](#). Someone may have one sitting around? I also needed a three blade prop and carb for a G0 480.

Contact: Paul Collard collardp@telus.net 250-567-4805

Daubenspeck Brake Conversion Parts

Way back when, we converted our brakes on N681CB, I made up a half dozen sets and have 3-4 sets left over of the machined parts that go with this conversion. Do anyone know what is the status with the Daubenspeck people? We had the STC come with our Bee, and I have the drawings for same. I would be happy to offer the components/sets I have left over, to anyone wishing to make the conversion. It's not rocket science, but unless you have a machine shop available (which I do), to have them fabricated on a one at a time set basis, it would cost about \$700.00 to make up a single set. Obviously, I've no authority to sell or offer the STC, but I could sell the parts, and send a copy of the STC drawings along as a courtesy.

I'm guessing could make the conversion on your own, with a field approval. I do have a contact with a parts provider, who can supply the "old" Cleveland brake components specified on the STC. Contact: Don Anderson dander77@oh.rr.com **1**

Seabee Airframe s/n 939. Completely overhauled airframe with new bottom, tail and overhauled landing gear. \$75K Contact Buzz Hale thunderbee7@hotmail.com 775-338-3228 **1**

Cleveland brakes with wheels ... a complete set. Powder coated white and look like new. \$750.00 Contact Steve at stevelantz@aol.com 775 -720 4157 **2**

Roger Glazer needs a new or near new Seabee tailwheel. if you have one or know of one, call him at 949 300-2575 or twinseabee1@aol.com **3**

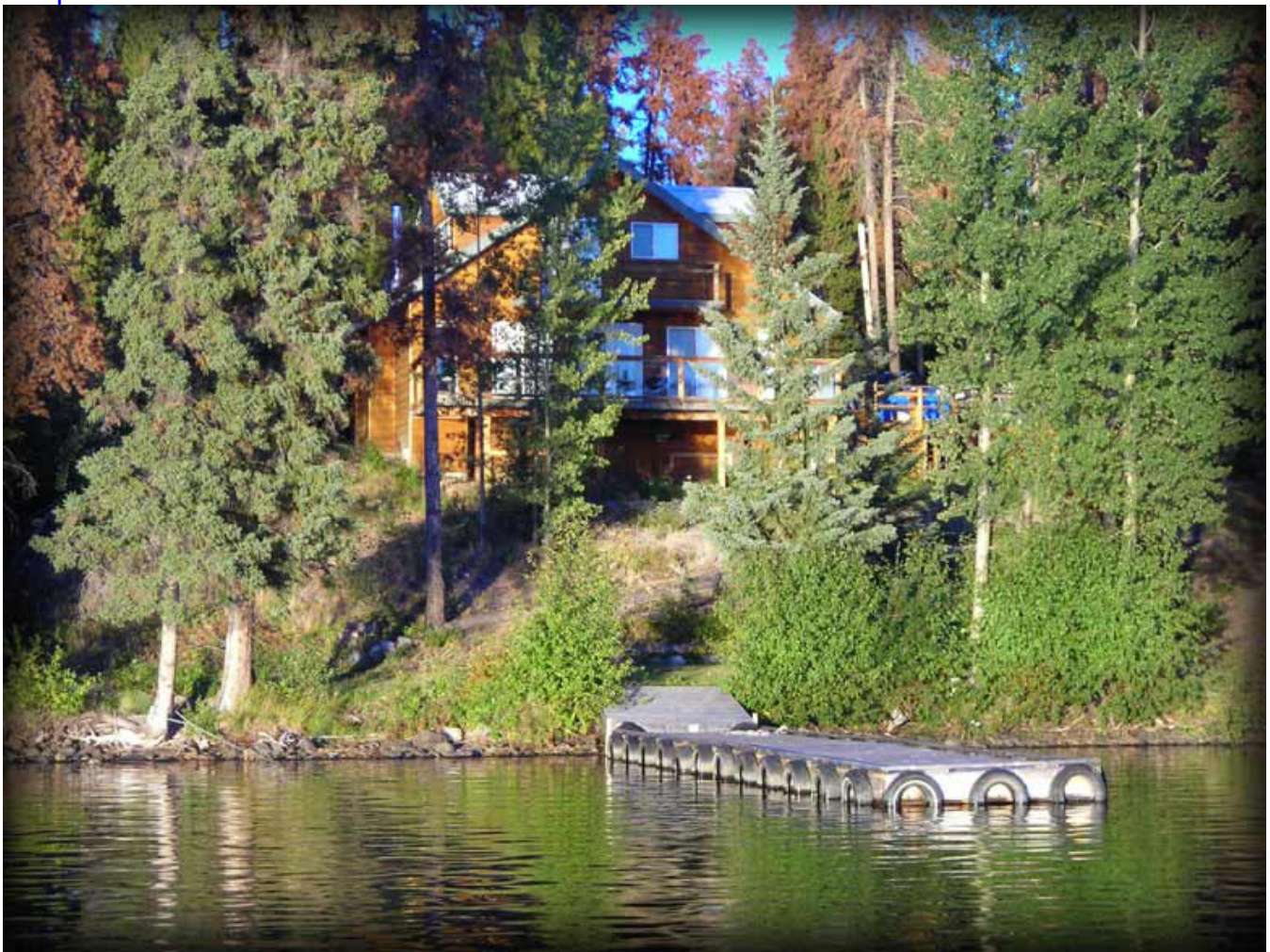
Great deals do come along! Pair GO-480 C2D6 flanged shaft engines. 0 time Since 1966 military overhaul & preservation. still full of preservation oil and in military cans. Overhaul documents included. Surplused from USAF in 1974, been in dry storage since. For sale or possible trade.
Jon Anderson Odd@ak.net

1954 Cessna 180



<http://home.flash.net/~wsanders/index.html> 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 or call 817-658-8637 **2**

Nimpo Lake Home



Jim Shipp writes that they are selling their home on Nimpo Lake, B.C. "This is perfect for a floatplane with a 50 foot dock, and house fully furnished except for wife's dishes and such. Most appliances new or in fine condition.

<http://www.pirate4x4.com/webster/nimpohome.html>

Have \$250K USA, invested and wish to get that back upon sale. When I did not wish to sell, I had many calls and drop in's asking if I would sell."

Contact Jim at jim4shipp@aol.com **3**

Reduced Price on Super Seabee



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

Other Interesting Web Sites

www.alaska.faa.gov/flyak/

www.dunk-you.com emergency egress training.

www.sfahistory.org Society for Aviation History

www.clearlakesplashin.com

homepage.mac.com/gottalder/PhotoAlbum28.html personal Clearlake photos

www.dhvied.com/clearlakesplashin personal Clearlake photos

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 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@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!" brummricks@comcast.net
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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