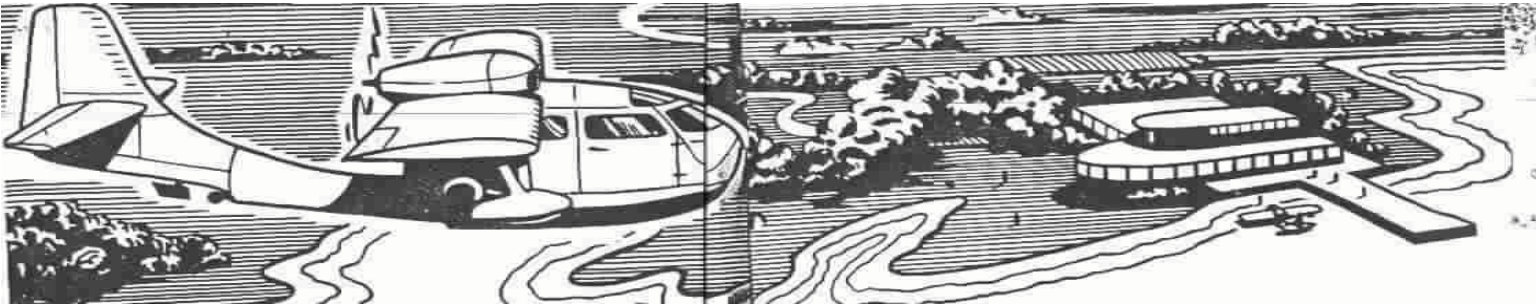


November 2002  
The Northwest

**Seabee**   
Club



*"Cruising over aerial highways in luxurious comfort, and relaxation, setting down on land or water, the Seabee is the realization of the ideal in personal planes."*

Welcome to Fall everyone,  
I hope you enjoyed the summer as much as we did.



Some one said to let my hair down this summer, so I did... If you have any pictures our experiences you'd like to share, I'd be happy to try to include them in a newsletter. I'm always on the lookout for new places and experiences. Pictures of you and other club members and or/friends are always great, so we can put some faces with the names and airplanes. If you can't email them, no worries, I'd be happy to return any photos you can send.

I made some more changes to the newsletter. The first is I've reduced the memory required to download the pictures. So, this should have come through much faster. I hope you like it and continue to add input, it's for all of us.

I hope to be flying all winter, there are so many nice days and great places to go. In fact, the first break in the weather that I have a day off, I want to get out to Isabel before it freezes! Anyone want to go up for the day? I love flying in the company of other airplanes.



Come on, we'll get some great digital shots of your airplane in action. Email or call when you can go! Speaking of Lake Isabel, it's still the LOCAL ISSUE.

### *Bee Keepers Needing Help*

Roger York up in B.C. just got his bee flying again after a few years in the shop, he's Seeking out commentary on down-turned spray rails for the Bee. "I'm wondering how much reduced water take-off-run in enabled with rails that point downward? Currently, mine are in the horizontal position." He's also talking about turning them down at 45 degrees, sounds dangerous to me. Anyone wishing to comment, contact him at [roger@rogerthepilot.com](mailto:roger@rogerthepilot.com)

Greg is restoring a bee and needs to ask, where he can get a replacement elevator torque tube, his has a coiled steel wire on one end

which is bent and rusted, or does anyone know if there is an STC for the elevator system? He's also searching for a left front window seal. Contact Greg at [paulajk5@aol.com](mailto:paulajk5@aol.com)

### Found Help! (thanks)

Tom Hoag finally found a good Frankenstien Crankshaft. Rich Brumm is rebuilding his engine, so hopefully he'll be back in the air soon.

Speaking of in the air soon. Ben Blackett is now about ready to fly N6295K. He finally found his special propeller. (Not the one that came off!) He installed the Hartsell prop with SAE - 20 splines ( no more bolted flange for him!), and the fuselage was repaired by Don Wallace over at Soloy. It looks great and is about ready to go.

### History Blurb

Here is a trivia question from Roger York of B.C. ..."What kind of airplane set a world speed record for single engine amphibians on Wednesday, December 4, 1935. And what was the speed?" Hint: It was no where near the 1925 Jimmy Doolittle seaplane speed record of 232.56 MPH in 1925 for which he won the Snyder Cup in a Curtis R3C-2. (See bottom of page for answer)

### Would a turboprop bee cool?

I've run into Randy Komko a few times since Arlington. For those of you who don't recognize the name. He has had the STC for the IO-540 since 1986, both normally aspirated and a turbo charged version. Oh did I say turboprop? Well, he has a line on the little Allison 250SHP turboprops. He's started working on the drawings and is looking for his first project. (Sam) He said this will fit in the original cowling and should drop the empty weight by about 300 lbs. If you've flown the beast with min fuel and alone, you know what a difference it makes when it's light! Fuel flow should be about the same too!! Call Randy at 360-458-7715 or 253-229-7219

## *Local Issues*

WA-SPA The new website is coming together. I'm not sure if the old address will remain in effect. [www.WA-spa.org](http://www.WA-spa.org) still works. When you get there just click on the page and it takes you to <http://seaplanes.home.att.net> Check it out occasionally, they are continually updating it.

Lake Isabel is still an issue. But, "as a result of the efforts of John Sessions, and all who lobbied Congress, the Lake Isabel legislation has resulted favorably to us in the House. Now, the focus has to shift to the Senate, so keep phoning, writing, and emailing Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and get those log book entries, showing landings, to John Sessions. They are a very important part of his presentation and he needs all he can get. Thanks! (Signed: Don Schwabel - President)" John's mailing address is: 411 University Street Suite 1200, Seattle, Washington 98101

If you haven't been to the SPA's web site yet [www.seaplanes.org](http://www.seaplanes.org), all the Isabel stuff and is there so you can print it and at least read it when you have a ~~movement~~ moment. For those of you who feel compelled to write a letter, the addresses are on the web site, but you won't find the email addresses ... so here you go:

[dunnwa08@mail.house.gov](mailto:dunnwa08@mail.house.gov), Jennifer Dunn

[Rick.Larsen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rick.Larsen@mail.house.gov), Rick Larsen

[senator\\_murray@murray.senate.gov](mailto:senator_murray@murray.senate.gov), Patty Murray (there's an underscore between senator\_murray)

***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 and of course the Aileron Trim. This is a specially made bolt in set

up for the Seabee! It has been modified to connect right up. You will only have to drill a slightly larger hole in the instrument panel. \$1800 or best offer. Call me at 360-769-2311 or 360-710-5793



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. \$250" Contact [tdonnelly@mindspring.com](mailto:tdonnelly@mindspring.com)

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](mailto:rlseabee@internetcds.com) 360-604-9549



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

### **Planes and Parts (old listing)**

Bob Synoground has a Generator for the GO-480. Only \$100! 360-253-6253 **1**

Larry Kruejack had 5 GO-480 Cylinders. 503-838-6465 **1**

Tamara McKenney may have sold their Bee. N6590K is Sn 863. 1330TT, it's only been 25 hours since the engine was rebuilt to a B9F at W.E.Aerotech, and the prop has had the AD's complied with. Bob had replaced the fuel cell, the hydraulics have been reworked, it has the extended tips, wide spray rails and the Cleveland Wheels and Brakes. Other than a KX-170A and the encoding altimeter the panel is as it

came from the factory. Asking price is \$43,000 and I believe there is an offer on the table, so if you know anyone interested they should call her real soon at 253-549-6515.1

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 3751.1

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 ... 1

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](mailto: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](mailto:majajudi@teleport.com) 1

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, 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](mailto:Margaretvictor@cs.com) 1

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](mailto:czechride@juno.com)/ 1

Needed Seabee fuselage, preferably with little or no corrosion to complete project aircraft. Gordon @ Ph(503) 694-5316. 1

We have a completely stripped B9 Engine 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: [markb@za.ibm.com](mailto:markb@za.ibm.com) 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 1

Need a wing float strut. Lower priority needs include a lift strut and RH lift strut fuselage fitting. If any one can help him, it's Tom Kennedy, 50881 O'Byrne Rd, Sardis, B.C. Canada V4Z 1B6. [thos2kennedy@yahoo.com](mailto:thos2kennedy@yahoo.com) 604 824 9090 1



## *The Experts*

The IRSOC (International Republic Seabee Owners Club) is still the best source of information and experts on the old beast that you will find. If you haven't checked out the International Republic Seabee Owners Club **and Joined? Go ahead, it's free!** They have free classifieds for members [www.mindspring.com/~jhooper3](http://www.mindspring.com/~jhooper3) .

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](mailto: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](mailto:richkarenbrumm@prodigy.net) Phone: 631-757-2216 Office: 516-885-5879

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

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

<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>

<http://douglina.home.mindspring.com.htm> Spencer Air-Car website

**Blurb answer:** The Duck (JF-2s) set a world speed record for single engine amphibians on Wednesday, December 4, 1935 when a JF-2 (Serial #0266) was flown near Quantico, VA at a speed of 191 mph (307.39 kph). There's a picture of one on the Yahoo Seabee website pulling water skiers.

Remember the landing check list.... "landing Gear...Up for water!" And confirm it!

Bee Sea n'ya,

Bruce Hinds

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