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### NEWS FLASH:

FARMINGDALE, L.I. - In boisterous winds and from a snow covered field, P.H. Spencer took the first production Seabee off for its initial trial flight at 9:17 a.m. Saturday, December 1st. By Sunday afternoon the new ship had been flown 5 hrs. 25 min. and made 46 landings, eight on land and 38 on water. Spence expresses himself as more than pleased with its performance. Full details later.

### THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS

Republic was host to the first Farmingdale gathering of Seabee dealers when five twin engine Cessna's and one Monocoupe brought in 27 red hot Seabee enthusiasts exactly on their E.T.A. at 1:30 last Monday. They came from all over Michigan taking off from Flint with one stop at Buffalo.

Three of our four Michigan distributors were in the party. I believe that Wilton Gibson, sales manager of Bishop Flying Service (Flint) started the affair with Chet Hall of Northern Air Service (Grand Rapids) and Harvey Hughes of Hughes Flying Service (Flint) joining in.

It was a great treat for the people at Republic to meet the distinguished visitors from Michigan and many friendships were made during the very informal program arranged for Monday and Tuesday. There was a luncheon at the plant on the arrival Monday, a tour of the plant, inspection of the new production model and the others under construction, a business session in the late afternoon, dinner at Dahlstrom's on Jerico Turnpike, Thunderbolt movies, then to the Huntington Hotel for well earned rest.

Tuesday all day Perce Spencer and Eddie Stafford flew our visitors in the prototype Seabee. Many left for Michigan but those who stayed over were snowed in Thursday by the first big storm of winter.

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