

SEATTLE SEABEE CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Our Club is one year old this month and by way of celebrating, we won't have a Dinner-meeting this month!! Actually, I wasn't able to arrange to be in town on our regular meeting nite of the 2nd Friday. In addition, our invited guest speaker, MOLT TAYLOR, of Aerocar fame will probably be tied up in certification of his exciting Aerocar Model III. Molt has agreed to show us slides and movies of his "Coot" 2 place homebuilt amphibian. The "Coot" B prototype is expected to fly this month and there is a possibility it might have the required 50 hours of flight time by March to allow Molt to fly it to our March Dinner-meeting on the 14th. This is speculation right now but all things considered, I feel we will have a fine meeting in March and worth waiting for.

LAST NEWSLETTER

I'm sure most of you appreciate the work and expense of sending out these newsletters. Your much needed and gratefully received contributions have enabled me to break even on expenses but it chews up the better part of two days to type up, print, and mail out 100 newsletters. I have been casting about for "a better way" and think I have the answer. I have been in contact with JACK BROWN of the NORTHWEST FLYER aviation newspaper. JACK has put forth a plan by which he will make space available to us for our newsletter. This has many advantages for us besides cutting my costs from \$15 an edition to 6¢. The NORTHWEST FLYER comes out 3 times a month giving us 6 times the number of mailings. We can now print pictures and we will also be able to reach potential SEABEE CLUBBERS we otherwise couldn't. In addition, THE NORTHWEST FLYER has offered us subscription rates at the discount price of \$3.00 per year. The only "catch" and a minor one, to all this is they want to have a one time billing for everyone in the club. This would be no problem for a normal dues paying club, but since we aren't, I must ask each of you to send me \$3.00 for a years subscription, or transfer it to anyone of your choice. This is where we separate the members who are serious and those who aren't. If we get enough who are serious we're in business and there will be no need for any other contributions as my only expense in the future will be a periodic 6¢ stamp. If you have enjoyed these newsletters and want to help keep our group together and a going concern, please sit down and fire me back a check for \$3.00 right away. If we get enough response, we will be an official "Club" as far as the NORTHWEST FLYER is concerned and off to the races. If not, maybe we've just been kidding ourselves and should forget the whole thing.

NOVEMBER DINNER-MEETING IN VANCOUVER

Once again, our good friends in the VANCOUVER SEABEE CLUB showed us what excellent hosts they are and put on by far, the most successful Dinner-meeting we have had to date. The meeting was held in the NCO's Mess at the H.M.S. DISCOVERY. Over 75 attended, including 12 from the SEATTLE Club. The program consisted of a movie made and presented by HERBERT L. McDONALD of bush flyiing in remote areas of B.C. This movie was filmed while Mr. McDonald was gathering material for a book. The pilot in the movie was JUSTIN DE-COURTIERE who was the author of the book, "THE PATHLESS WAY". Mr. DE-COURTIERE died of cancer last August. I understand the book is very absorbing. If you would like a copy you may order it from: GREYDONALD GRAPHICS LTD. 1070 GROVELAND RD. WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. \$7.95 plus 20¢ mailing. The book Mr. McDONALD was gathering material for is called "BRITISH COLUMBIA, CHALLENGE IN ABUNDANCE" you may order this from: CENTENIAL COMMITTEE, PARLIAMENT BLDGS. VICTORIA, B.C. the price is \$2.95. The food was excellent, the bar, handy, and it's hard to remember a more enjoyable evening of good conversation and hangar flying. Those of you who haven't had a chance to come out are missing some wonderful times.

PACIFIC SEABEES

It was my good fortune to fly a MAC trip for UNITED over the holidays that allowed me to photograph not only LLOYD CAMPBELL'S Seabee in HAWAII but the one belonging to the ATSUGI FLYING CLUB in Japan as well. On that same trip I also dropped into CUBI POINT, PHILLIPINES just 40 miles from the other Seabee in that part of the World. It was about 2AM and we were only there long enough to drop off some freight so I missed making a "grand slam". These films should be ready for our Dinner-meeting in March. On this trip I had two Christmas's, one in TOKYO and the other in SEATTLE, because of the date line. DAVE and LIS HAZELWOOD did a little traveling over the, also visited LLOYD CAMPBELL between Christmas and New Years and enjoyed some of LLOYD'S special brand of ISLAND hospitality.

TRIDENT

There are movements afoot to revive this project. By this time next year I hope to be able to announce not only another conventional engine in addition to the Cont. IO470-P but perhaps one of the new exotic engines as well.

SPINNERS

My apologies to some of you for the incompleteness of my last article on the Spinners. I should have mentioned that "those of you who already have spinners from KENMORE AIR HARBOR" may send them your model number and serial number and they will send your 337. I forgot that this information might reach a lot of Seabee owners that do not already have spinners. Arrangements have been made to take care of those of you who would like to buy a spinner. If you will send me \$50, I will see that you receive one, as long as the supply lasts. In the event I can't deliver, I will return your money, of course.

BOOST TABS FOR THE BEE

COURTNEY BENNETT who recently purchased AL BALARD'S Seabee didn't like the heavy controls of the Bee but unlike the rest of us who learn to live with it, he decided to do something about it. He has rigged one elevator trim tab as an assist tab or "boost tab" and is now test flying it. His first flight indicated some adjustments were called for but he was quite pleased with the overall results. When he works out all the bugs he hopes to rig all the controls in this manner. He reports the FAA has been very co-operative. This could be big news for a lot of you with flying wives.

MEXICO, ANYONE?

Some of us are thinking of making a little run down to MEXICO about the 1st of April. Most of us will leave our Seabees at home in favor of faster birds but at least one Seabee from L.A. is a possibility. About 5 planes have indicated interest so far. Our thinking is in the order of 4 or 5 days in the sun somewhere between MAZATLAN and MANZANILLO with at least a visit to JOHN SCHAFHAUSEN at PUETO VALLARTA thrown in. Several of us plan to take our kids too. If you're interested, let me know. Should be a lot of fun. Speaking of JOHN, he writes that he has been doing some water flying with his TWIN-BEE down there. When he first arrived the Mexican Officials denied him permission to land in the water. He soon found that a 20 peso bill placed in the right hand took care of this, however. His first water landing was one to remember but JOHN says early morning quite frequently finds the water calm and quite suitable for seaplanes.

Best Regards,

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