

SEATTLE SEABEE CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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SPLASH IN NEWS

Because of threatening weather and a number of Seabees being unable to attend for various reasons, our April 20th Splash-In was postponed till the 27th. We managed to round up 4 Seabees to match the 4 that flew down from the VANCOUVER SEABEE CLUB as well as MILT SCOVILL'S Lake and HAROLD RUTHERFORD'S 180. Special guests were ERNIE MARTIN, CHUCK & VIRGINIA WOLVERON & MIKE STINSON who flew up from Long Beach in an amphibious 180. From Seattle, in addition to my 'Bee, were Seabees owned by LEO MEHLER, MILLARD THOMAS, AND DR. DOUG FREEMAN. The 4 Bees from VANCOUVER, I'm not sure of, but I think they belong to PADDY NEWTON, JACK MORGAN, DOUG WILLISTON & WALT DAVIDSON. With JACK & RAE MORGAN were FRED & JEAN POND who are relatives of the MORGANS, visiting them from BICESTER, ENGLAND. I don't think they came all the way just for our Splash-In, but it was an honor having them with us, none the less. The highlight of the day was the formation fly-by by 4 VANCOUVER 'Bees. Just as exciting was our scramble to clear camping supplies and airplanes from the beach in the face of a rapidly advancing tide. Many buried wheels in the soft sand required the application of a little beef to pry them free. One (mine) drifted loose and tried to get better acquainted with MILT SCOVILL'S Lake, forcing MILT to charge into the icy water up to his waist to keep them separated. Much fun was had by all, and were looking forward to many more during the summer.

COMING EVENTS

We have received a formal invitation to the DUNCAN FLYING CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL FLY-IN June 15-16. The fly-in breakfast is from 7 to 11 AM both days and features pancakes and sausages, all you can eat, for \$1.00. There will be a Saturday nite party with entertainment and a crab feed and southern fried chicken. Duncan is just north of Sydney Spit. Sounds like fun.

We have also received an invitation from the CAMPBELL RIVER FLYING CLUB to participate in a SEABEE INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE to be held Sunday June 30th. HUGH O'DONNELL assures me it is a serious race (although, how you can have a serious race with our bunch of clowns, I don't know!!). Details are still a bit scanty, but so far it shapes up like this: The race course will be a 15 or 20 minute course around the Campbell River area. Aircraft will assemble at a pre-determined point and the race will start "line-abreast" using Harvard aircraft as pace plane. (I didn't know a Harvard could fly that slow!!) HUGH says they have plenty of mooring space at the spit seaplane base in downtown Campbell River, if you don't have wheels. They have also reserved 50 rooms at the Discovery Inn Hotel for guests. Their activities span 3 days, June 29th, 30th and July 1st, which is Canada's Dominion Day. They will have a dance on the evening of the 29th and remind us to bring our fishing gear as the trout and salmon fishing is great.

Also in CANADA, on the 29th of June is the GOVERNOR GENERAL'S TROPHY RACE which will take place at PITT MEDOWS AIRPORT located at the east end of VANCOUVER on the north shore of the river. This is the first year that they have invited Americans to enter and we have been invited. THE VANCOUVER SEABEE CLUB is going to put up a flight of 3, and it would be nice if we could have some entries too. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact me. I plan to lead a flight up either Friday nite or Saturday morning. We will plan to attend both the GOVERNOR GENERAL'S TROPHY RACE and the SEABEE INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE at CAMPBELL RIVER the following day. Contact me for more details.

MAY 10TH DINNER-MEETING

RON WILLARD who flew in from Spokane in his Super Widgeon was our guest of honor. We also had a fine turnout from our good friends north of the border. Unfortunately, our short-sighted and overly restrictive U.S. Customs laws prevented the Canadian flight of Seabees from arriving. The group got as far as Bellingham but were informed by radio that since they were arriving ten minutes

past normal working hours, they would be charged \$24.00 per aircraft for overtime charges. Understandably, they returned to Vancouver and drove down. It seems that every year there are bills introduced in Congress to abolish these unfair charges, but they get nowhere. I think it's high time we got our dander up and did something about this.

Saturday, it was coffee and doughnut time at our place on Lake Sammamish, as usual, and we had a fine turnout. At one time it looked like SAM YOUNKER'S USED PLANE LOT with 6 planes strung out up and down the beach. In addition to RON'S two planes and my Bee, we were visited by SAM YOUNKER, MILT SCOVILL, TONY GROUT & DR. DOUG FREEMAN. The focal point was RON'S Widgeon, which fit neatly on my pad for all to see. A very pretty bird, but at 50 to 60 grand a copy, I don't think the air will be flooded with them.

We had a nice turnout at our dinner-meeting with 32 in attendance. Unfortunately, I had alerted the EL NIDO to expect at least 50 so they were stuck with quite a bit of food. I'm sure you agree with me that the EL NIDO is a fine meeting place and we wouldn't want to lose it so I had a meeting with the manager and gave him a check to cover their loss. I feel this to be my fault and not yours, because I wanted to try a meeting without reservations or a phone call follow-up. I thought I could predict the turnout, but I was wrong. To make matters worse, I didn't take into consideration the tax in asking for \$8.00 per couple and figured the tip at 10% instead of the standard 15%. Consequently, the "Kitty" is in pretty bad shape. If any of you would like to help make the "Kitty" well again, it would be gratefully received.

JULY 12TH MEETING

Were going to try a change of pace for our next meeting, The EL NIDO suggested we might like to have a swimming party around the pool. They would provide the standard buffet cart and bar set up, if we wanted, as well as change rooms and the meeting room later for slides and movies. I think part of our lower turnout might be due to the nice weather. If this is true, we might not have enough to justify the buffet cart or bar set up. For this reason, I lean more toward ordering ala cart, no host in the dining room. At any rate, it is up for grabs and any suggestions would be appreciated.

COAST TO COAST BY SEABEE

CHARLEY CARCROSS bought a Seabee in NEW BRUNSWICK (that's CARNCROSS, sorry Charley) a couple of months ago and has been working hard preparing it for it's long cross-country. Late word has reached me that CHARLEY has reached CALGARY. The last leg of the trip was into 50 mph headwinds, including the landing!! CHARLEY had the help of a 6000 hour bush pilot on the trip and a few others too, I'll bet, getting it off the runway!! No troubles, just the usual oil leaks.

BAJA BY SEABEE

ERNIE MARTIN and I borrowed BOB PORTER'S Bee in Burbank and took it on a camping trip 300 miles below MEXICALI. We met Bee owner HARRY CASEY and prospective owner CHUCK STUBBEN at IMPERIAL for dinner. FBO at MEXICALI (and a fine fellow) who had a plane in need of a piston at BIA DE GONZAGA, so we added the weight of RAUL, his tool box and 5 gal. of gas!! The long runway allowed us to get in the air and she flew down without a hitch. We had a fine time and even towed a boat with two Mexican boys back to their village when their outboard conked out (½ gas, ½ diesel, no wonder)

SEABEES FOR SALE

For the life of me, I can't understand why all these people want to sell their 'Bees, especially with the nice weather coming on strong, but we do have a sizable list. Under the subtitle, "YOU'LL BE SORRY", here goes.

GEORGE E. WALLACE, 3434 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97232, phone: 234-8441 (WALLACE BUICK CO.) has a dandy. In 1962 it was given the full KENMORE treatment. Majored engine, new glass, new instruments, large oil cooler, extended spray rails, metal prop, quick disconnects, vernier prop control and it

has a LTRA-6 radio with 11 crystals. Flight Craft in Portland painted it and gave it a new interior. It has flown 355 hours since then and is licensed to August. T.T. 956: Price \$6950.

A few calls on Unicom passing over SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. revealed that BOB RAWLINGS bargain priced Seabee is still for sale. 550 hours total with 0 since extensive top overhaul. Factory reconditioned cyls. with all new valves. Narco VHT radio, B-50 prop control valve, BT oil cooler, exterior and interior done over. Contact BOB RAWLINGS RT. 2 BOX 395A SAULTE STE. MARIE, MICH. Price \$3500.

ED KENNEL 3534 BAGLEY SEATTLE 98103, phone: EA4-4434 has his 'Bee for sale. First class shape, always maintained by KENMORE. It is parked at KURTZERS and priced at \$5500.

TONY GROUT BOX 1912, SPANAWAY, WASH. Phone: LE 1-0909 would like to sell his fine 'Bee. 25 hours SMOH large spray rails, FGP, KX-150-B, extended wings, new leather roll and pleated int. good glass and rubber. 3 tone paint, new fuel cell and metal prop. 1360 TT

MILLARD THOMQAS has his 'Bee for sale, or better yet, take in a partner. BOB GILL is also reported to have his 'Bee for sale. Both these Seabees and perhaps one other can be seen at KENMORE. Contact them directly, or see BOB MONROE AT KENMORE.

RENTON AVIATION at RENTON AIRPORT has a Seabee for sale. I flew this plane last week. It is nearly "stock" with the exception of a metal prop. Has good glass and paint and a fairly good interior. There is less than 100 hours on a KENMORE major and it runs well. The plane has sat for about a year before I flew it and has the usual problems associated with sitting, hard to work trim and brakes, but a little work would see this in first class shape. Price: about \$6500.

GEORGE PAPPAS in ANCHORAGE reports that he just hasn't had time to run that final vapor-lock test for the type certificate on his Continental 250 powered Seabee but hopes to do it very soon. This one of a kind airplane is still for sale. Price is \$22,500. Contact me for a list of it's modifications, or write George directly. GEORGE PAPPAS BOX 3567 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. George still plans to come down this month, but there is some doubt about bringing the 'Bee. I'll try to keep you posted.

WIDGEONS FOR SALE

JOHNNY LOGAN 8245 W. MERCER WAY MERCER ISLAND, WASH. 98040 PHONE: AD 2-0014 has his Widgeon for sale. This has the Ranger engines. Gross weight is 5175# with 1700# for fuel and payload. Cruise is 135 to 140mph on 19 to 20 gph. Fuel capacity is 108 gal. It has a Mk 12A and ADF. Johnny would sell the plane outright, but he would rather form a Club with the right bunch of fellows.

RON WILLARD 4812 HOFFMAN PL. SPOKANE would like to sell his 300 Lyc. Radial engine powered Widgeon. Some of you saw this plane at my house after the last meeting. It was also featured in a recent issue of PRIVATE PILOT MAGAZINE. Contact Ron for more details.

SWAP SHOP

STEV GROSS 640 W. LK. SAMM. BLVD. N.E. BELLEVUE, WASH. 98004 phone: SH 7-3757 is looking for the following parts: 3 sodium filled exhaust valves, (.437 stem); 6 guides, inside diameter (.4375 to .4385), preferably .001 oversize; 2 cylinders (without cracks between valve seats); magneto drive gears, B8F, with slight (or no) wear.

GEORGE POMEROY 1860 REICHERT SAUK VILLAGE, ILL. 60411 would like 4 to 6 cylinders that are uncracked - preferably runouts that can be factory rebuilt; Steerable tailwheel yoke, axle wheel and attaching nuts and washers. All main cross pipe clevis bolts and nuts for assembling gear elbows and actuating arm to

cross shaft - (8 bolts and nuts altogether of 9/16 x 3½ approx.) also metal prop. GEORGE has some arts if anyone needs them. He has a standard oil cooler, standard starter, standard generator and most of the interior upholstery, except for doors and seats. George also mentions a right landing gear elbow casting but I don't know if he has one or that he needs one. George is a member of the Chicago Seabee Club and has really had his hands full completely rebuilding a Seabee. He bought a flying boat and is putting the landing gear back in among many other things. George also has a friend in the Philippines who has a 'Bee and needs some parts. I don't have his name, but if you have anything he can use, you could contact George. He needs: Trim cable set-up-housing cables and chains. He has the gear boxes on each end. Also needs a reverse control - handle and all - from cab to valve he has nothing. He would like to buy a gas tank and a complete tach cable, housing and angle fitting. How would you like to be fixing up a Seabee in the Philippines????

DAVE HAZELWOOD, 1192 32nd West VANCOUVER 9, B.C. CANADA phone: 604-733-8558 would like to find two metal blades for three bladed prop. Also could use a blade or two for a two bladed prop. Dave needs a co-pilot pin too, and I just remembered that I need one too, if anyone has an extra.

A NOTE ABOUT SWAP AND SHOP

Quite a bit of thought was devoted to deciding how to get someone who wants a part and someone who has a part together. Rather than try to make a list of all parts and who has them, we decided to list the names and addresses of those wanting parts in our newsletter, and then send our newsletter to anyone who has a supply of parts that we know of. For that reason, some of you are receiving the newsletter for the first time. In return, we would ask that when advising someone that you have a part they are looking for that you PUT A PRICE ON IT. They might receive several replies and this will save much time and trouble. If anyone knows someone with Seabee parts, I would like their addresses. We need all the circulation we can get to make this work.

Best Regards,

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