

SEAPLANERS CLUB NEWS LETTER



“Dow-Jones Industrial averages up 1.71, rails down .92 . . .”

There will be a meeting of the SEAPLANERS CLUB:

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1965, at 7:00 P.M.

at

*Sparga's Restaurant and Lounge (Their phone: BE 7-1124)
5537 W. Diversey Avenue
Chicago, Illinois*

Diversity is 2800 North, and 5537 is just a few doors East of Central Avenue. For those taking the Eisenhower, get off at Central area. Dinners start at \$2.45. Dutch treat, as usual. We will meet in the lounge at 7:00 or so, and retire to the dining room at 8:00. There is plenty of room and they serve until quite late, so you who can't make it by eight can still plan on being served.

Bring movies, slides, etc. which may be of mutual interest. Management will set up a screen in a convenient spot when required. Bring your own projector if you plan to show movies or slides.

FLIGHT NEWS

Not much flying with the weather we have had recently, so just news----

But then we have those souls who not only plan winter vacations, but take them: Herb Maas, Zion, Ill. (6019K), and two other men flew to Florida via Bellanca. Took them four days to get across Tenn. On their return: weather, so the story goes, but then I will have to admit that a motel is a good place to be in freezing rain, even though the only available bug killer is a shoe.

Harry Stewart-Moore, Ft. Meyers, Fla. (Seabee N6350K), has the right idea: spends his winters in Fla. And summers in Wis. His engine is presently being majored at West Bend and should be in fine shape to join some of our local group flying activities this summer. He advises that there are several Seabees for sale down there, so if anyone is interested, drop him a line for details at 3752 Harold Avenue, Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Gordon Travis, Fort Worth, Texas (Seabee N6048K), has been busy with hammer and tong. The last we heard he was installing a three bladed prop. Now understand he has two foot wing extensions, tip plates, fan spinner, and other goodies. Claims a very noticeable increase in performance.

Marion Wright, Fort Worth, Texas (Seabee N6048K), installed a spinner from a twin Beech. This fits just inside of the fan flange on the Franklin engine. No exact test data, but engine cooling is slightly improved, and slightly less MAP for a given indicated airspeed.

No matter how far out a story, there is still one to better it---. Taylor, Niagara Falls, N.Y., installed a fan spinner, two foot wing extensions with tip plates, a baffle on the starboard side of the carburetor air intake just behind the fan, and by removing the tip floats obtained an indicated airspeed of 140 MPH with two people and 60 gal. Of fuel. I don't know a Seabee could go that fast, straight down!

Larry Byerly, Byerly Aviation, Peoria, Ill., has added a 1950 C-1 Colonial Skimmer to his list of amphibians. Both the Seabee and Skimmer are for sale, at \$6500. Each. As you may recall, this is the Seabee with the smooth wings and Herner tips. So Jack, or anyone else in the market for an amphibian, head for Greater Peoria Airport,. Tell Larry you got the information from the Seaplaners News Letter.

Bracket & Whitney (Seabee N6007K) received their engine from West Bend. Looks like new. Here is another candidate for our summer fly-ins.

With Spring just around the corner, it's about time for us once again to refresh our memory about altitude and temperature effect on take-off performance. For those who don't have this material handy, am enclosing FAA's latest KOCH chart.

MECHANICS LITTLE HELPERS

For those of you looking for fuel cells for a Seabee, Jack Egemeier found, after much time and effort, that reconditioned cells may be obtained for \$150. And an exchange from Leavens Bros., Toronto, Canada. Phone RV 1-5222. Ask for Doug Leavens.

For those weight concious Seabee owners: the rubber channel holding the windows in place weighs 9 ½ lbs. This is one thing in favor of flush windows. But don't hit a dock or high wave, as all flush window installations to date are too rigid and a cracked windshield will result.

DUSTY GEMS:

Any one want to write the Personal Plane Division of Republic about the enclosed ass which appeared in Aviation News May 27, 1946?

Pure rumor--- You can cure your wife of almost any common illness by mentioning that her symptoms are signs of advancing age. Wonder if this would work with the Seabee?

Question of the month--- "Are you working on the solution, or are you part of the problem?"

A customer waiting for a small job to be done on his aircraft, watched a mechanic change the oil in another ship without spilling a drop, check the battery, clean the windshield, wipe away all greasy finger marks, place a clean cloth over the upholstery, wash his hands thoroughly, and taxi slowly to the tiedown area. "Now there's a real mechanic," the customer observed. "oh," explained the foreman, "that's his own ship."