

## SEA BEE NEWSLETTER

*There will be a meeting of the SEAPLANERS CLUB on Thursday, January 18, 1968*

*at*

*THE GOLDEN PHEASANT (Their phone: 279-8544)  
668 W. North Avenue  
Elmhurst, Illinois*

*The Golden Pheasant is located on the south side of North Avenue, between the Shell and Montana Charley's gas stations, just west of Route 83 (No. Ave = Rt. 64)*

*We will meet at the Bar about 7:00 PM or so, retire to the Dining Room around 8:00, and to the Rathskeller about 9:30 for movies, etc: so, as usual, bring movies, slides, or anything of mutual interest. Usual Dutch Treat & Gen. Menu.*

**FROM CHICAGO AREA:**

*Herb Maas (N6019K) and Paul Hanson (N6090K) are spending the winter reworking their pushum units. Apparently 6090K caught the disease from 6019K, as it turns out it, too, has a bad cam. Nuttin' serious, though, as new parts are on order and both machines should be back in the air by Spring.*

*Robert Otto has received a number of replies to his SeaBee "wanted" ad in Trade-a-Plane: one as far away as Honolulu. Understand he purchased a partially repaired Bee from Bob Mael.*

*The Mojonier's (N6723K) wedged a few stops into a rather full schedule, to talk with friends on the west coast. Surely wish we could have had more time to spend with men like Wes Stetson, P.H. Spencer, Molt Taylor, James Robertson, and many others. But the weatherman did us in, as usual, so at the last moment we again found ourselves on four wheels, and had to omit many stops we had originally planned. Saw 2 more Bees painted like the one on the cover of Feb. '66 The AOPA Pilot. That makes six with this design so far, and there are also plans for 2 more from Los Angeles area! Had our first ride in a Riviera, with Dick White. It's a real going machine with light aileron and rudder pressures and a very respectable cruise. Can't quite get used to the tricycle gear on an amphib and will have to reserve final opinion until I see one on a soft beach. Dick has done a great deal to reduce cabin noise by installing double windows and extra soundproofing in the cabin ceiling. We sure can take a lesson in door design from the Riviera: they're light, appear strong, and have an excellent locking system. Saw Channing Clark's restored Seabird: This was the first of only 5 of these stainless steel birds built in the late 30's. It's a real beauty, with fresh majored Jacobs, and being stainless, no corrosion problems.*

**FROM THE SEATTLE AREA**

*Don Kyte (N6144K) is forming a SeaBee Club in the Seattle area with the first meeting planned for 7:00 PM, January 12, 1968, at the restaurant on Bellevue Airfield. Dinner (Dutch Treat), movies and SeaBee talk is the planned informal program. This should turn into quite an active group with more than 25 Bees in the Lake Washington & Lake Sammamish area: it's no wonder, though, with fish and oysters just a short 15 minute flight away—and delicious, too. I sure can't help but envy people like Harmon Leonard (N6017K), Steve Gross (87499) and Don Kyte (N6144K) having homes on a fresh-water lake so they can park their birds on the beach. Kyte and yours truly had the opportunity to ride with Lyle Flick in Robertson's STOL 182, and what an experience: stall at less than 40, with a 155 cruise at 23 inches and 2300 RPM! Robertson has quite an active tiger by the tail and so no time now to work out a miracle conversion for such lowly creatures as the "hunk-o-lead".*

*FROM VANCOUVER, B.C.*

*The Kyte's, Leonard's and Mojonnier's spent New Year's Eve as guests of the Vancouver SeaBee Club. It's surely a great feeling to look at nine newly painted Bees tied down in a line, greater still when I found myself counting rivets on four other airborne Bees from Morgan's CF-GLP. We all feel deeply indebted to People like the Dave Hazelwood's, Paddy Newton's, Jack Morgan's, and a host of others in their group for a very memorable NewYear's. For you who never get out of gliding distance of the local airport, take notice: we watched movies of the Leonards' trip to Alaska by Bee, and return, without a mechanical hitch.*

*FROM THE DETROIT AREA*

*We got word via Vancouver that certification for the IO-470P Continental installation in a Bee is expected sometime this Spring. We expect to have full particulars on this in a later issue.*

*FROM TORONTO AREA*

*CF-GAD has been sold to Andrew (Andy) Chapeskie, who also has a Volmer with a 125 HP tractor engine. Dennis Bradley and Charley McWilliams now have a 185 on floats.*

*FROM LAKE TAHOE (VIA CONCORD, CALIF.) AREA*

*Wes Stetson (87482) needs an airworthy jug. Anyone with an extra spare contact him at: Wes Stetson's CONTRA COSTA AVIATION, 77 John Glen Drive, Concord, Calif., 94520. Do I detect a slight droop in the Mooney wing on the Stetson Christmas card?*

*FROM MIAMI AREA*

*Dimitri and Ada Rebikoff soared a Mexican 150 (not N6205K) to 17800' around Mt. Popocatepetl. 6250K is in the shop with a loose fan hub after 600 hours since MOH in mid-1965.*

*ANYONE INTERESTED?*

*We received information before our last meeting (and NEWSLETTER) that Mode Air Card Co. had a small quantity of SeaBee cuff links and bracelet charms available. These are not in the catalogue. Anyone interested may write them at East Troy, Wisc. Sorry we goofed, if this would have made a Christmas gift.*

*AND, since we have some space, here are some more DUSTY GEMS!*

*Father: When I was a boy I thought nothing of portaging a 19' canoe by myself.*

*Son: Well, I don't think so much of it either.*

*Then there was the Polish pilot who told his apprehensive passenger, "don't worry about the weather ahead, it if gets bad we can do a 360 and get out of there".*

*Daughter: Father announced last night that he was King of the house.*

*Friend: Well, what happened?*

*Daughter: Oh, Mother crowned him.*

*The last day of an airline ticket agent's employment was spent in the airport cocktail lounge. As a final act before leaving the airport on this busy afternoon, he made the following announcement over the PA system: "Your attention please! Your attention please! This is Kenneth Kelly, now loaded and ready for departure".*

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