SEABEE NEWSLETTER

There will be a meeting of the SEAPLANERS CLUB on <u>Thursday, May 16</u>, 1968
7:00 PM
SHARKO'S RESTAURANT and LOUNGE (Their phone: 776-6644)
7840 South Western Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Smorgasbord or order from the menu, and Dutch Treat as usual. Bring anything of mutual interest to help the entertainment department.

FROM CHICAGO--Four winter projects nearing completion: Maas-Semenchuk (N6019K), Hanson (N6070K), Jellison with number two (N6277K), and Otto (N6204K). It's sure amazing what a little paint, upholstery, tinted glass, and hours and hours of absence from regular duties can do for a well run-down airframe like Bob Otto transported from Portage. Should have quite respectable representation from Chicago at fly-ins this summer. Right now no one seems to be able to get away, so the Spring Splash-In will have to wait until after Memorial Day.

FROM SEATTLE--Understand from information from the Kyte stronghold that the Seattle group have been having a ball with fly-ins along the Pacific coast, gathering clams and oysters and meeting with the Vancouver group. It's even gotten to the point where they use a portable transceiver for beach to air communications. John and Ann Schafhausen flew their Twin-Bee to the January meeting, and many had a chance to observe first-hand the outstanding performance of this fine machine.

FROM TORONTO--Jim Taylor (CF-JKS) is now back in the air, but Bradley and McWilliams (CF-MIX) inherited his long face when they lost two main bearings and had to replace the crankcase on their 185 floatplane.

FROM DETOIT--Sloan-Baylon (N6747K) expect STC approval for their IO-260 Cont. installation sometime this summer (see May 1967 NEWSLETTER for details). Have been promised a sneak preview, so watch for details in a forthcoming issue.

FIRST '68 CANADIAN EXPEDITION--It's Lindmeier's NORTH SHORE LODGE, Eagle River, Ontario for the Memorial Day holiday. Arriving the evening of the 28th; have to be out by noon of the 31st. Little space left, so better get your reservation with resort pronto if you plan to join us. (Many fish, very good food, Amer. Plan)

PARTS DEPARTMENT--Need new engine instrument sending units? (Info. Compliments Bob Otto) Fuel pressure sending unit #353A: order from your local Caterpillar tractor parts supplier. Oil pressure sending unit #353F: order from Alemite Sales, 59 E. 25th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60616. Mr. Hulkey of Stewart-Warner spends his time finding suitable replacements for obsolete S-W equipment. If you need help call him at (312) 883-7658.

CLOUD NINE--Had quite a chat with Vince Mecca of Franklin Engine Co., and got to the bottom of the rumors of new powerplants from Syracuse. Briefly, nothing on the shelf for the Seabee, and because of high tooling costs, nothing under development unless another market develops. They have been considering factory remanufactured Bee engines for around \$3000. Exchange, but no decision to date.

SHOP AND SWAP--Dr. John A. Green, 1300 Pinetree Drive, Eau Gallie, Florida has two Bee's and one's for sale. Richard E. White, 7630 Willow Glen Road, Los Angeles, Calif. 90046 is offering his Riviera, loaded wit extras, for \$25,900.

NEW LOOK--Revised format made possible with offset printing by a friend. Also the addressing goes much faster with the Addresserette, donated by Bob Otto.

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