

## SEABEE NEWSLETTER

Next meeting of the CHICAGO SEAPLANERS Club will be THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1900 hrs.

at

SHARKO'S RESTAURANT and LOUNGE

7840 South Western Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

Their phone: 776-6644

Smorgasbord, or order from the menu, and Dutch Treat as usual. Bring anything of mutual interest. Screen is available, but bring your own projector for slides or movies.

FROM CHICAGO AREA---As the last snow flakes of winter fall, we here in Chicago are getting our Ducks dusted off for a full summer's flying. Bob Otto (N6240K) was first to splash water this year with a landing in the Fox River March 1, all while our usual early-bird, Herb Maas, was shooting yards of film in Mexico!

FROM BARRY'S BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA---Dr. Andy Chapeskie (CF-GAD) flew to James Bay (about 9 hours north of Ottawa!) the first part of July, accompanied by a 172 on floats. 21½ inches and just over 90 mph indicated matched the Cessna cruise. Fishing was excellent, of course, but the trip wouldn't have been complete without some mechanical trouble, and GAD obligingly dropped a valve seat. So GAD spent a month at James Bay. Here are some tips that Andy offers for those planning a trip north: 1) Never fly alone. Always plan on at least 2 aircraft. 2) Fly with half the seats empty. This not only allows for a bigger load, but gives some margin of safety in getting out of the bush in cases of mechanical difficulties. 3) Prearrange for all gasoline. Prices run \$1. to \$1.50 per Canadian gallon, and local air carriers don't like to part with it unless it is replaced. 4) Take plenty of warm clothing. A daily high of 45 degrees with strong winds is not uncommon. (Temperature must still be above freezing in October, though, as GAD flew, sans gear, to northern Ontario then for moose.)

FROM FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA---Dimitri Rebikoff (N6250K) reminds us that temperatures in sunny Florida and the Islands are just right for bikinis water temp. at Elliott Key, accessible only to water craft, is a warm 72°. But, don't forget the tide, as one can be left high and dry. Then there are warm springs such as Crystal River, with its clear water and playful seacows.

FROM SEATTLE AREA---Seattle Club newsletter is now being published in the NORTHWEST FLYER, a bimonthly publication that states that it is "the largest aviation newspaper in the world". First of Seattle's news appeared in Feb. 24 issue. If interested in a subscription, send \$3.50 for one year subscription to NORTHWEST FLYER, P.O. Box 2008, Parkland Station, Tacoma, Wash. 98444.

FROM OAKLAND BAY AREA---Bill Richards (N6410K) is in the midst of an overhaul and modification program. He is the third person I know who intends to install drooped tips. Mike Crouches (N6485K) & N6518K), from whom Bill purchased his Bee, is in the process of rebuilding 2 Bees for resale.

HELPFUL HINTS---Dimitri Rebikoff traced trouble of high cylinder temps to improper timing. Temperatures dropped 50°C. when mags were retimed to factory specs. He stopped water leakage into hull through gear seals with "O" rings and stainless steel adapter. If interested in drawings, contact him at 245 SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33315.

(Request by typist)

Where shall the SEAPLANERS CLUB have its May meeting?? PLEASE make suggestions!

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