

SEABEE NEWSLETTER

The next meeting of CHICAGO SEAPLAINERS CLUB will be Thursday, March 19, at 1900 hrs.
 at
 BELGRADE ZLATA'S RESTAURANT (Their phone:
 1516 N. Milwaukee Avenue 279-8544)
 Chicago, Illinois

The group needs a lift, so something different for this meeting: no movies, no flying machine chatter, just good food in a foreign atmosphere. So remember, write your Senator protesting User Charges: H.R. 14465, then come eat shishkebab, Hungarian goulash, eggplant musaka, and stuffed grape leaves. Zlata's is just South of North Avenue and Damen, on Milwaukee Ave. Plenty of parking on Milwaukee or side streets. BE BRAVE—come join us and TRY IT!

FROM CHICAGO AREA---We just learned that George Peklo passed away early this year. His Bee (N6239K) never had any other owner.---We know Bellancas are fine airplanes, but a little crowded for 6, so annual tour South of the Border was by Big Carbon Spreaders. Somehow an ancient Mexican train got into the transportation, and will long be remembered, I gather.---Bob Otto sold his Bee; now is landlocked with upsidedown twin. Anyone know of a Goose, PBY, or even a spare inner tube? It's going to be a l-o-n-g swim to The Shack.

FROM BARRY'S BAY, ONT.---The moose hunt last Fall came off without a hitch, except for very turbulent air encountered while penetrating a front near North Bay. But sore arms recover eventually, and the Bee bounced through safely. Andy is planning a trip to James Bay in -GAD for speckled trout in July, taking his two boys. Wonders if anyone would care to join them. Bradley with his 185 amphib is interested, but hankers for Labrador. Again, Dennis? Write Andrew H. Chapeski, M.D., Box 238, Barry's Bay, Ontario, Canada.

FROM LAKE TAHOE, CALIF.---Wes Stetson (N87482) filled us in on details of events leading up to the "BEE" buzz job which opened the Air Races at Reno this past season. Seems a few minor difficulties at Tahoe and enroute reduced the number of participants. But 4 were left to ZOOM by—at 125 mph -- and 3 rolled up in front of the grandstand; the fourth had floats and couldn't. And maybe no one at the Races realized one of the 3 was a Royal Gull! But FUN!

FROM PALO ALTO, CALIF.---Bill Richards (N6410K) is having mechanic problems. Apparently his mechanic seems reluctant to assemble the engine. Perhaps he's heard about Franklins?

FROM MIAMI, FLA.---John Vanderbunt (N6604K) hit a boat wake, porpoised, and damaged bow plates. It's easy to do, and SO hard to fix.---Henry Rusakowski's Bayside radio was at factory when factory destroyed by fire. Wonder if someone started 2 fires in different locations the same night to bankrupt Bayside?---Fulton Ivy (N6461K) acquired Seabee parts inventory and tooling. Hopes to start production of Bee with bigger engine and other improvement.

SWAP AND SHOP---Lester Christianson's 2 Bees (N6352K and N37WT) are for sale. Both in good condition with many mods. Sell outright or trade for 185 on Floats. Contact at 82 Irving Place, New York, N.Y. 10001, or phone (days, 9 to 5) (212) 942-7500 or 923-7000.

---George Peklo's Seabee (N6239K) is for sale. This aircraft has only 275 hrs. on it, and is in almost the same unmodified condition that it was when he took original delivery. For details contact: George Peklo, Jr., 1021 S. East Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60304. Phone: (312) 848-3737.

---Jack Ellis has just advised that there is a Trecker Gull for sale at Roselle Airport for \$17,500. TT is 320 hrs. "Cream puff condition" is his description. (Title search may be advisable: mechanic's lien involved.)

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