

SEABEE NEWSLETTER

Next meeting of Chicago SEAPLERS CLUB will be THURSDAY, JAN. 21, 1900 hrs.

at  
SHARKO'S RESTAURANT and LOUNGE  
7840 South Western Avenue (Their phone: 724-7600)  
Chicago, Illinois

Smorgasbord, or order from the menu. Dutch Treat, as usual. Easy to find, too.

FROM CHICAGO AREA---Since Charley Carncross from Vancouver dropped by the middle of Nov., things have been so quiet around here that some of us donated a few nickels to the phone Co. to find out what happened to our hardly local members. Most are still hard at work keeping one step ahead of the proverbial sheriff, except one character from Mendota. Seemed he flew South with the birds, and is spending the winter in Florida, complete with Bee and Ultravan—and wife.

FROM OMAHA---Bert Hanson (N6499K) received a quote from Seaton Wilson for the Whittaker W-8600 1/8" gascolator drain valve furnished as original equipment on the Bee. \$95.00 each, delivery 120 days. Could this be California humor, or does smog really effect people that way?

FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA---W.B.Richards (N6410K) was scheduled to be flying by Xmas. He put it back together almost standard, but will make planned mods later.---Mac McCarthy hasn't gotten the IO-470P back together, but when he does he will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental powered Bee in the States.

FROM JAPAN---Fred Sorensen, retired Navy now flying carbon spreaders for JAL, purchased a Bee in Japan, Serial #950. Bee was purchased for \$2400. In Calif. And shipped to Japan by Amer. Lawyer in 1954. By the time it first flew in Japan, owner had \$15,000 invested. Fred is starting again, installing a 24V electric system, spray rails, root plates, enclosed gas cap, drooped tips, new paint, and no doubt many more. Sounds like he is well on the way to matching the previous owner's investment.

FROM PHILIPPINE ISLANDS---C.F.Miller, Jr. lost his Bee in the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> hurricane. The Bee was well tied down, with spoilers, water in the hull, etc., riding out the storm without a whimper until a DC-3 broke loose, sheered the Bee's tiedown cable, and the wind pushed it into a hangar. Damage was too extensive to consider repair. As Miller put it, his Bee was assassinated by a passing DC-3!

FROM VANCOUVER B.C.---It surely was good news to hear that Jack L. Morgan, the modest and quietly unassuming local champion fisherman, is regaining his health, and has renewed his effort to retain the coveted title. It's reported he has even been reaching outside his regular bailiwick to muster support!

SWAP AND SHOP---Fred Sorenson located a number of new brake assemblies for the Bee in Japan at a mighty reasonable figure. He can ship FOB from Alaska or Honolulu. His address is: 13-6 Chome Iikura, Azabu Minato-Ku, Tokyo Japan.---C.F.Miller, Jr. has a number of serviceable parts, including a low time practically new metal prop. His address is: Director Contract Division OICC; NAVFAC Contracts, SWPAC; APO, San Francisco, Calif. 96528

HELPFUL HINTS---The Dec. issue of FLYING contained information on ice, and most important was the suggestion of coating the prop blades with liquid silicone to prevent an appreciable build up. Incidentally, we understood that coating the prop blades with liquid silicone on a water bird reduces prop erosion from spray, and some claim even reduces stone damage experienced with the tricycle geared variety of land locked machines.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT---Ran across a United Airlines ad in a Disney publication which says, "United is the Mickey Mouse Airline". Wonder what Don Kyte has to say about that?

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