

SEABEE NEWSLETTER

Next meeting of CHICAGO SEAPLANERS CLUB will be on Thurs., JAN. 20, 1972

at
 WILLIAM TELL RESTAURANT & LOUNGE (Their phone:
 5709 W. North Avenue TU 9-0855)
 Chicago, Illinois

William Tell is on the South side of North Avenue, between Central and Austin. Dutch treat, as usual. Meet in the lounge about 7 PM. Screen is available, but bring your own projector for slides or movies.

FROM CHICAGO AREA---It was a great day when the Norley's Volmer (N11TM) flew. Unfortunately, adverse stall characteristics and a slow approach by the volunteer test pilot resulted in a collapsed gear cross tube. But it's been repaired, and plane is again on the active list. The test flight reduced by one hour the time required before restrictions are lifted. We expect to see this machine quite frequently this summer.

FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST---It's the Arbutus Club on January 29 for the annual get together of the Vancouver and Seattle groups. Then a tour of the Trident plant in Richmond, B.C. on Sunday AM for a first hand inspection of how the new amphib is progressing. Surely hate to miss both events!

ONTARIO, CANADA---Andy Chapeskie (CF-GAD) got the annual moose last Fall, just one hour North of Barry's Bay. Then it took the second trip be Bee to haul out the gear. First trip included people, 40 Imperial gallons of gas, and some 450 pounds of dressed meat. Andy has worked out a system for carrying a 14 foot fiberglass canoe on the side of the hull, and is presently considering filing for approval with the D.O.T. This sounds great, as sooner or later a Bee owner is faced with the problem of obtaining a seaworthy boat which may be taken into the bush, and we have listened in disbelief to stories of bush pilots who have allegedly carried canoes lashed to the tip floats.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA---John O'Brien (N6121K) of San Jose picked up his Bee in Minnesota and flew it to the Bay area by way of El Paso. The account sounds much like one your editor is quite familiar with, and time was just about the same, too. Saw two Bees at San Jose Muni when we left January 2, but didn't have time to investigate. One was Bud Growert's all red N6575K.

FROM THE MIAMI AREA---And then there are those in the sunny south who send Xmas cards of Santa taking a dip in the gulf stream. But we did get a big chuckle out of this, Hugh, especially when we thought of it while returning over the central Rockies with outside air temperature at -20°F.

Sorry for the brief letter this issue, but I seem to have misplaced my crystal ball, and I had only one letter and a couple of phone calls to draw on. (Does anyone detect a hint in this? Address follows....)

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