



SPEED'S NEWS

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President: Chuck Larsen
 Vice-President: Gerald Laundry
 Sec/Treas: Rosemary Frank
 Designee: Roger Westerberg

Meeting: November 3th 7:30
 Sanborn Aviation Hanger
 Downtown St. Paul Airport

At the last meeting: The meeting was very well attended, including new members and interested parties. We heard good comments on the Free Piston Turbine engine brought into the September meeting. We may hear more on it later. There were also more good comments on Ron Voelker's Zenith.

Pres. Larsen mentioned subjects brought up at a recent MSAA meeting.

1. Apparently the GADO office is not (according to it's charter) really responsible for inspecting homebuilts, and their personnel have noted some friction with homebuilders over inspections. To grease the wheels, if you have an inspection coming up, please let Pres Larsen know, or bring it up at a meeting, since there may be others who need some inspection work, and then the GADO can do several at once. ALSO, if the item to be inspected is small, CALL AHEAD to the GADO office, then take it over....they can inspect it right there. Since we depend on their help, let's all try to be as nice as possible....there now....

2. Let's hear it for Rodger W. and all designee's, since they were praised again at that meeting (MSAA). Shucks, we all knew they was good.

3. "Watch the door, they're comin' in the window." It seems the legislature is planning to bring out MS 360.0216. This is the Mandatory Aircraft Insurance Act, stipulating insurance minimums to register your aircraft in MN. They have it in mind to up the minimums. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her stationary to the next meeting, where the first order of business will be everyone writing his or her personal letter to his representative. What good is building aircraft if you can't afford the sky? More on this at the meeting.

p.s. This insurance bill was not originated or promoted by MN Dept. of Aeronautics, Aircraft Insurance Companies, or Mn Aviation Trades Assoc. WE'LL supply your representative's address if you don't have it.
 Let's go get a drink!

Ray Houle's letter says the Seattle area chapters aren't quite as lively as ours, (but then they don't have the Texas Flash), but he'll join anyway. Hey Ray, maybe you should open a new place out there, call it SAVOY II.

If You're going past Sioux Falls, stop at Tea airport, a few miles south, and you'll see bunches of homebuilts according to our sources.

WINGED ESCORT, by Douglas Reeman (Putnam, 1976) is a novel about an English fighter pilot named Tim Rowan. Rowan's adventures in the air, flying off a convoy escort carrier, HMS Growler, include several air battles, and his being shot down. Reeman shows finesse in describing the hearts and minds of naval pilots, captains, and admirals. The story includes wives and lovers too, so Winged Escort is light reading for adults.

HOLLYWOOD PILOT: The Biography of Paul Mantz by Don Dwiggins (Doubleday, 1967) is a real treat for aviation buffs. Paul Mantz was a superior pilot, whose rise to the top rank of film flyers is a story of determination, skill, ambition, luck and humor. Dwiggins, a flyer and professional writer, keeps the story crisp and well paced. Mantz' biography includes tales of competition among movie pilots, anecdotes of his encounters with film personalities, details of Mantz' genius for film technique and innovation, and his skills in the air. Paul Mantz was Amelia Erhart's technical advisor for her last flight. This chapter reveals precautions she overlooked, and details of the search for the lost aviatrix and her crew. Another chapter tells of Mantz' contribution to our military effort in WWII, giving movie buffs valuable background on production techniques and film innovations. The book gives few details of Mantz' personal life, but with so much to tell about his career this can be understood. HOLLYWOOD PILOT gets an A.

(If you'd like to see a book you're interested in reviewed here, give me the title, author's name, and the publisher.)

Barking Bum! DAVE GLOWARTZ saw Midway and The Great Waldo Pecker in one sitting!
BUY & SELL

Mitchell Zahler wants to swap a new vacuum turn and bank indicator for an altimeter. 439-4124

BOB LARSEN is selling everything forward of the firewall on the Sonera I, unless the offer for the WHOLE plane can't be refused.

GENE FRANK has lots of A/N lock nuts, cotter pins, lock washers, etc. (Feathers and Down from a Whirlybirds Nest?) 451-8187

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NEW MEMBERS: ROBERT COON, 944 Wilson Ave, St. Paul 55106

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Put 'em down in your Chapter Roster Please.

JIM TOME is starting the fiberglass layup, and has the canard cut out on the Veri-Eze, with help from BOB HILLIARD who has his KR-2 up for the winter. CAL JENSEN'S T-18 is at the house for winter work. GERALD LAUNDRY is planning to work on his plane this year. LEE ALEXANDER has begun work on his ICARUS. PAT COOK is working on a hydraulic landing gear for CLAYTON RICHARD'S FW-190. BOB LARSEN is working on someone's Cassut, between rides in the Sonera I.

more BUY & SELL.... Don Stock is looking for a warm location to build an aircraft, a partner for the venture, an economical pratt & Whitney, a buyer for his house, and an engineering job. Not necessarily in that order.

AROUND THE AREA... Bellanca entered an agreement with Anderson-Greenwood (of Texas) to produce an all-metal 4 place high performance bird called the ARIES T-250 at Osceola, Wisconsin, Starting in the Spring of '77.

Don't throw out this newsletter, ... Sauté in butter with garlic salt, it's delicious.