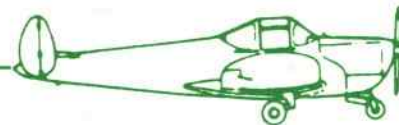


COUPE CAPERS

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Regional News

Region 1

Dear Northwest Coupers,

Such a nice April fly-in we had on the 18th! There were a few patches of rain around the valley -- but, a generally flyable day. When we arrived the VanLies and Loopers were just tying down their transportation and Roscoes and Leroy Geddis and daughter were in the pattern. From the number of Coupes in the lot there appeared to be quite a crowd already in the restaurant. True! We all merged with the Lyons, Art Doll and daughter, Mohrs and their two children, Gene Dykes and friend, Zumwalts, Ken Damewood, Mary Wines, and Walt Seeley with Scott (one of the flight instructors from Airtech Aviation at the north end of Aurora where I also take lessons from Cliff Showalter). Before we left, Errol Ashaia arrived, having been delayed by dodging rain showers. Errol is another of Airtech's student pilots and we were glad to have him work our gathering into his cross country time.

We all enjoyed seeing Clark and Bella Mohr and Mary Wines after long absences. Mary is gradually reconstructing a pile of Ercoupe remains. Clark and Bella are making future plans to escape to some airport property in N. Mex. -- sounds great! Also, we were pleased that Polly Zumwalt brought along Jerry to meet the group -- you should see the IFR panel in her Coupe!

A few suggestions came up in the general conversation. (1) There was further discussion about Hal Looper's experience with his Coupe's self-firing during hand-turning of the prop (all switches were off.) In reply to the suggestion that the prop be turned backwards, Leroy Geddis warned that reverse propping an O200 engine will tear up the starter clutch. So, be aware of the exceptions; but always stand clear when hand-turning the prop!

(2) Ken Damewood had plans for modifying the battery pan to fit the new batteries which are a fraction too wide to fit. It consisted mainly of splitting, spreading, and reinforcing the pan. I'm sure he would share the drawn plans with anyone facing the same problem. Ken also had drawings to illustrate the modification of the Escort 110 Radio to include an intercom.

(3) Mary Roscoe mentioned that it's a good idea to check your control cables for fraying by running an old nylon stocking along them.

Laurel VanLieu was the bearer of the unhappy news that Tom Newton had recently suffered a heart attack. We were certainly sorry to hear that and wish him a speedy recovery.

There was more discussion regarding the newly proposed Recreational Pilots' license. We would like to encourage each of you to take a minute to write your comments on the proposals to: Office of Chief Counsel, Attn. Rules Docket (AGC-204), Docket No. 22692, FAA, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20591. The comment period ends June 15. Now's the time to speak up, not after the fact.

Several of the newer Coupe couples have recently ordered the EOC name badges which are made locally by Armeta and should be receiving them soon in the mail. For others of you who are interested, these are the badges you see many of us wearing each month and they are available for \$2.00 each (with a \$.75 mailing fee for any number of badges going to one address). We'll be glad to order them for you, or Armeta's phone no. and address are listed in the Portland Directory.

The list of hopefuls for the trek to the National Fly-In now includes Loopers, Damewoods, Harmans, Thomases, Roscoes, Dykes, Seeley, and Wrights. Be sure to get in your reservations for motel and with EOC. Info is in the last couple of Coupe Capers.

See you at Albany, Sun., May 16, at 1:00 pm for lunch.

Roy & Eileen Wright

Region 2

Dear Skip,

Another month gone by and time to bring you up to date on our month of May fly-in at Solvang, Ca. Sunday May 2nd didn't start out too well with weather reporting zero zero at 6:30 a.m. but being of the Calif. believer of sunshine, we departed Hesperia for the fly-in.

Bob Elliott, his wife Bev and myself stopped over at Foxfield to have breakfast with the Coupe Moose, Bill Jacobi and his wife, Barb.

Well, on the flight over we were about 15 miles out when I heard this big Ye! Ha! Ye! Ha! Yes, it was the sound of another Moose, Joe Brooks on his way over to Fox. We all landed, had our breakfast and got another briefing from weather that wasn't too good but anyway

departed for Solvang. While in flight we heard another call. This time it was good old Joe Figueras and his wife, Belle. Just going over LA TCA. Well, while we slowed down to let him catch up to us I heard another call saying Hey, Olson, is that you. Well, after flying over that white stuff for about fifteen minutes we finally came upon Jack Owens out there all by himself above that nasty stuff headed back to Corona as he said it was solid all the way. Well, we decided to keep on going. So, when we thought we were close we had Joe Figueras tune in on the VOR with his new DME and we were able to determine how far from the VOR we were, as the big lake at the bottom of the Santa Barbara Mts. Pass was the spot we wanted for descending. So down we all went looking for the Big Lake and as you would guess, it was there, had about 1500 ceiling. Good enough for us to all find the airport. I was the first one to land and as I taxied to the tie down spots provided for us by the airport owners, I spotted Gary Dallugge walking over to the area. Good to see him but found that he had come up the day before. Lucky for him as he had clear weather. Well, finally all the other Coupes landed and the laughing started. Man, what a bust! Everyone telling how he found the Big Hole to the Airport.

Well, we all picked up our bags and headed over to the airport office where Joe Brooks' wife, Sharon and a beautiful van were waiting to cart us to the motel. Can't beat that kind of transportation. Have to thank her again for putting up with the gang for a weekend.

We all stayed at the Dan Barge Inn with its huge indoor pool and super rooms.

After a short time at the motel we all just got lost in town having a great time shopping around the gift shops and spending a lot of time in the wine tasting rooms. Oh Boy, Good Stuff!

That night we all went to a super Steak House for steak & shrimp. Again Good Stuff, as old Joe Brooks would say "Man, let's Pork out." ha ha

Those that made this fly-in were Gary Dallugge 3040G; Joe Brooks and family 2074H; Joe and Belle Figueras 3630H; Jack Owens 3577H; Bob & Bev Elliott in his newly super painted 99146; Walt Bacon & friend 2585H; Peter Leffis and Emily 3007G; David Melechin and friend 3047G, and myself 2081H. Also a friend of Bob Elliott, Chuck King drove in. Good to see them come so far.

The trip home was somewhat uneventful as we were too pooped to do much.

Skip, I have had many letters about the article last month we wrote you about the new Slick so enclosed you will find the fact sheet and all the other goodies people have asked. Would you please put it in the Coupe Capers also the address and phone number if you would.

Enough for now. See you in Colorado. KCF

Your director
Wayne

Region 3

The EAA Chicken Fly or Fry at Columbus, N.M. was fun. However, the five Arizona Coupes represented 70% of the turnout.

Those who flew down were Red Ward & Ron Smith, Marge & Jim Duval, Jim Cox & Del Denham, Ron Jewett & Ken nt Foster, Bob King flew solo.

The Chicken Fly was won by one of the arrivals from Silver City, N.M. All other activities were cancelled due to the 25 MPH wind.

at 1:30 PM Bob King took advantage of the tail wind and made it back to Phoenix in 2 hours forty-five minutes cutting off one full hour from the time going down.

Saturday night was the highlight, Red & Ron stayed in Columbus, N.M. to guard the airplanes. The rest of us went to Deming, N.M. to spend the night. Rumor has it the town Marshall is still scratching his head. We all arrived from the local airport in a van that the FBO loaned us. Jim Duval was the driver while Jim Cox navigated. It was impossible for Jim Duval to keep the vehicle between the curbs and watch also (this was a mechanical situation not hypoxia).

Can you imagine five men walking into the motel with one woman and guess who, with a smile on her face, paid the bill? Deming will never be the same.

Kent Foster acted as the tour director and found a super new steak house that had just opened. After dinner all returned to the motel to watch 7 channels of cable TV reruns.

Sunday AM we discovered Del Denham had stood watch all night over the van. All had Huevo Rancheros for breakfast and then headed for Phoenix, while I was still trying to convince everyone we should go to old Mexico.

Ron Jewett

Region 3

The Arizona Coupe Group met at the Jewett's house for a potluck and meeting on April 12, 1982. Twenty-five members showed up.

Fly-in plans for April include the chicken fly or fry at Columbus, New Mexico on April 17th and 18th and a fly-in breakfast at Kingman, Arizona on May 1, 1982.

Our March fly-in picnic to the desert strip was rained out. Therefore we met with our picnic baskets at Bob King's hanger at Falcon Field, Mesa, Arizona. Aggie Liljegren was our only fly-in couper. Everyone else used ground transportation. Attending were the Kings, Aggie, the Paines, the Duvals, the Jewetts and the Fosters.

We received checks towards the Jack Harkness Ercoupe this month from Irvin & Dean Keirle, Phoenix, AZ and Dale Adams, Knoxville, TN. By the time this letter is in the Coupe Capers I hope the plane is in the air. Thanks to all of you who have contributed. I am positive this has kept one more Ercoupe in the air.

Most of you are aware by now that the Arizona group did not have the annual spring fly-in here in Phoenix. We felt with the National being held in Colorado in July we might interfere. We look forward to seeing you here next spring at our fly-in.

Happy Flying
Ron Jewett

ARIZONA COUPE GROUP

The Arizona Coupe Group held their regular monthly meeting on May 10 at the Glendale Airport Restaurant. The old year was brought to a close and new officers were elected for the coming year.

President - Ron Jewett
Vice President - Robert King
Secretary - Joy Jewett
Treasurer - Bernie King
Correspondent - Jim Duval
Fly-In Director - Jim Cox

The work on Jack Harkness' coupe is progressing with all engine parts on hand and ready for assembly. We also have a prospective buyer who is anxious for the plane to be completed. Funds were received this month for the Jack Harkness Fund from James & June Allison, Yellow Springs, Ohio and Harold Mensing, Sun Valley, California. On May 2, Kent Foster and Ron Jewett, N93405; and Bud and Kit Warner, N51 BW, flew to Falcon Field for breakfast while Bob and Bernie King, N2700H and Jim and Marge Duval, N6511Q, flew to Havasu City for a breakfast fly-in with the E.A.A. Three Las Vegas coupes came also, so we had a good showing of coupes. The Las Vegas Coupers were not aware of the coupe clubs, National or Local and are interested in more club information. We will pass information on to them.

Sincerely,
Jim Duval, Region 3

The Wisconsin Ercouper

Fellow Ercouper:

April 25 at Oshkosh sure proved to be a banner day in the young life of the Wisconsin Wing. 27 people arrived in 15 coupes, 2 uncoupes, and 1 drive in to start the year out with a bang. I for one, am very pleased with the interest shown by each of you. Thanks for making my job so pleasant. Those from Wisconsin were: Bob Winkie, Racine, Ed & Donna Farr, Stoughton, Stanley Gerlach, Palmyra, Don Barneson, Manitowoc, Herb Duescher, Luxemburg, Gene Havlovitz, Maribel, Demo Staver, Elm Grove, Ken Faken, New Berlin, Larry Bonnette, FBO Wautoma Airport, Ray & Gertrude Amtmann, Brookfield, Bob Dermody, Racine. The people from Illinois were: Ken & Pearl Janulewicz, Waukegan, Tom Crunk, Mundelein, Ron Rengal, Mundelein, Bud Felton, Lake Villa, Jon & Carolyn Clark, Waukegan, Pat Milks, Crystal Lake, Bob Amann, Libertyville, Alan Ralston, Waukegan, Al & Jacob Johnson, Grays Lake, John Cost, Waukegan, and Lloyd Frye, Waukegan.

I feel that the courtesy extended to us by the tower personnel, Basslers and the airport restaurant was way above reproach. I find it very hard to believe that we could ever be treated better no matter where we would decide to meet.

Now to pass on to the coming month of May. The pick of the lot for May 23 turned out to be Lake Lawn. We can get together at the restaurant about noon and at that time we should be able to complete the calendar for the rest of the year. One note: they don't have any 80 octane there for anyone needing it. The closest would be Burlington about 15 miles east of there. Use 122.8 for advisories. I sure will appreciate any opinions that you may care to pass on.

NOTE: The following is a suggested 80 octane route for those who plan on flying their coupes to Ft. Collins, Colorado. These are paved strips and they basically follow highway 80 nearly all the way. Savanna, Ill. (Stransky), Knoxville, Iowa, Shennandoah, Iowa (Bill Berning's home base), Minden, Neb., McCook, Neb., Akron, Col.

The other pages of this newsletter are used as methods of buying or selling of anything pertaining to flying. All ads are free to EOC members. The only request that I make is that whoever places an ad, let me know when your request has been filled. These old fingers poop out rather easily and I don't care to repeat an un-needed ad.

Here's wishing you clear skies and a good tail wind.

Bob

Wanted to Buy

One set of Federal skis and fork nose wheel for a '47 Coupe. Contact Oscar Deutsch, 645 1st St. Hartford, Wis. 53027.

One set of Kenney wheel fairings. Contact Bob Cramer, 1424 S. Wisconsin, Racine, Wis. 53403.

For Sale

1959 Forney 100 octane valves, Rudders, Bucket seats, 110 Escort, TT 2300, 340STOH. Contact Bob Venn, 39535 North Beck Rd., Lake Villa, Ill. 60046.

1966 A2 Alon, S/N 194, 694 TT, Full Gyro panel. Excellent air-plane, ready to go anywhere. Contact Stanley Gerlach, Palmyra, Wis. 53156. Phone 414-495-4349.

1969 Mooney M-10, N-9508V, S/N 690009, TT 1230 AF&E. Continental C90-16F w/integral vacuum pump, McCauley prop 1B90CM7148. King 1202 VOR indicator, Genave Alpha 200 receiver w/VOR indicator, Bendix T12C ADF, Airmarc 128H 3-light marker-beacon, full gyro panel. Brittain elec. turn & bank, OAT & Rate of climb, EGT (1 probe) Full rear seat w/seat belts. Kenney main gear cuffs, Whelan wing tip strobes. 3-tone orig. green & white overall paint. Canopy cover and tow bar. Contact Jon Hiles, 6711 Emerald Ave., Enon, Ohio 45323, phone 1-513-864-1041.

Minnesota Wing

Hi Skip,

The Minn. Wing of the Ercoupe Owners Club is having a get together at Detroit Lakes, Minn. this year on the 5th & 6th of June. Again we have the City Park which adjoins the Airport, reserved for us.

Last year the Mayor, Airport Commission and the local newspaper came out and gave us a hearty welcome which included pictures and interviews. You will sure feel welcome here. There is 80 oct. gas (you know the Red Stuff) ha ha, on the field.

Arrive on Sat. and we will play games and visit until early evening and then will have our famous steak fry along with baked potatoes, salads and the rest of the goodies. After dinner we will have Col. Bob White, U.S.M.C. Ret. to visit and answer questions about the aircraft he flew in the 2nd World War. He is a friend of Pappy Boyington and I am sure he will be as interesting as Jerry Killiam, our guest speaker last year. Jerry is a retired 747 Captain from Northwest Air Lines and I sure enjoyed him last year. We can pitch a tent alongside your plane or let us know by the 15th of May and we will make reservations for you at a local hotel. Don Schattscheider will furnish transportation and I'll help with the reservations. At best we would like to know how many to expect so we can order the steaks. So come up to Minn. and join the good times.

Arrive Sat. we will have spot landings, give rides and visit. Sat. night Steak Fry. Visit with Col. White. Sun. morning coffee and possibly breakfast and then depart for home or stay on a couple of days. The fishing is great up there. So please contact either Don Schattscheider, c/o Schutts Elect Detroit Lakes, Minn. phone 715-847-5255 for motel res. before May 15th, or drop a line or call by June 1, 1982.

Vern Brown
101 W. Sycamore, St. Paul, Minn. 55117
612-489-5450

P.S. Let's make this a good showing of Coupes. If your plane is down, drive up. You're just as welcome.

Region 7

Tune Up Fly-In for the Nationals. June 5 & 6. Peco, TX. Pecos Unicom 122.8. Camping facilities 1 block. Best Western Motel 5 blocks (915) 447-2215. Rates 1 Bed - 2 people \$32.10, 2 beds - 2 people \$36.38. Restaurant - Lounge - Pool.

This is a planning meeting for a West Texas, Southern New Mexico "Coupe-Group." We won't have a pre-planned program but we may discuss the National in Colorado and a local Fall Fly-In. In West Texas/Southern New Mexico, we have some of the best flying weather/conditions in the country, let's get together and enjoy it.

Mr. Varner of Varner Aviation, Pecos Airport says he will have 80 octane and tie-downs. He will also assist us in transportation and would like to help us in any way that he can.

My wife and I will arrive by noon on Saturday, and be either on the ground or in the air around Pecos until noon or so on Sunday. Please come and join us. If you have any suggestions or will help me in any way to get a group of 'Coupe-Drivers' together, contact me.

Robert E (Bob) Craft
10721 Vista Lomas, El Paso, TX 79935
915 598-3372

P.S. I'm using an old EOC Roster, please tell all Coupe Drivers about the Pecos Fly-In. Everyone welcome.

REGION SEVEN REPORT

Several local fly-ins have been happening all over the region this spring. Our Laredo Fly-In was certainly a success for those who attended. Thanks to HECTOR SOLIZ again for organizing such an entertaining weekend. Like every year, Region 7 has its share of interesting weather. We've had floods, tornados, high winds, fog, all the yucky stuff. That has been a determining factor in our VFR flying activities. **REGION SEVEN NAMES IN THE NEWS:** Congratulations to GENE TAYLOR and Forney 08Charlie who won "Best of Show" at the EAA Montgomery County Fly-In. Area Coupers who attended were: GENE ELLISOR, BOB DE LEON, TERRY SAVAGE, GARY TAYLOR, GENE TAYLOR, RANDY ROARK, and maybe JOHN TROWBRIDGE (at least his Forney was there...). Congratulations too, to LEONARD PAGE. His Wasp was featured in the April issue of EAA's *Sport Aviation* in the "Oshkosh Album." It was a beautiful color picture of the well known homebuilt. Speaking of LEONARD, it's reported that he's become a television personality as well. At EAA event in Columbia, Mo., the local tv station interviewed Leonard and the Wasp. Maybe he will bring the video tapes to Ft. Collins. Keeping up the good public relations for Coupes. Congratulations to MARVIN and PAULA HOMSLEY who were married this spring. Marvin's doing quite well selling his smoke systems. Paula is a corporate charter pilot and CFII. JANA ROSS was featured on the cover and interviewed for local magazine, *Matrix*, highlighting Women in Aviation recognition month in May. She, of course, got her Coupe in the photos as well. **COUPE GADGETS:** GENE TAYLOR has finished installing an electric trim system with push button control on the yoke. He reports that his heated pitot/static system is working well. **PERSONALS:** We're glad to hear that Oklahoma's Wing Leader ERIC ANDERSON is up and flying again after two months of hospital and illness.

At the May Ninety-Nines South Central Sectional meeting in Corpus Christi I enjoyed meeting and talking with other lady Coupers LEE KENSETT and partner DOROTHY from Chanute, Kansas. Almost everywhere other enthusiastic Coupers can be found. Flying back to Houston from a weekend visit in Arlington, I stopped in Waxahachie at O'Brien Airport and was glad to meet new Coupe owner PERRY ROBERTS. Perry has just purchased Alon 5637F from BILL PRICE in Dallas. Saw the "Red Baron" Coupe too, down for annual and sold. Coupes have a way of changing owners but they keep on flying. Region Seven has signed up quite a few new members this year. Welcome to you all. Hope we can all meet you at the National, the Regionals, and local fly-ins.

Keep 'em flying...and keep in touch.

Jana Ross
8155 Richmond/109, Houston, TX 77063

REGION SEVEN EVENTS

CONFEDERATE AIRFORCE: May 30, Breckenridge, Tx. For more information: 817-559-9129. **REGION SEVEN ERCOUBE OWNERS CLUB AND EAA CHAPTER 659 BACK WOODS BARNSTORMERS BASH:** June 5, 6, Crockett, Tx. - Houston County Airport. For more information: Gene Ellisor 713-544-3045 days. **EAA ANNUAL ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION:** June 11, 12, 13, Denton, Tx. - Denton County Airport. **PECOS AREA "COUPE-GROUP" FLY-IN:** June 5, 6, Pecos Airport, Pecos, Tx. - For more information: Bob Craft 915-498-3372. **HOUSTON AREA "COUPE-GROUP" ECONO-FLY-IN:** June 19, Weiser Airpark, Houston, Tx. - For more information Bob DeLeon 713-965-0303 day, 782-7166. There will be concentrations of Coupes at the Denton Fly-In, at the Crockett Region Seven and EAA event, and at the two local fly-ins. Please plan to attend one or more of these. Support your Coupe Group!!! There are more and more local fly-ins being scheduled all over Region Seven due to the economy this summer. If you are interested in having a local fly-in and need mailing lists, suggestions, etc., just let your wing leaders or me know. We'll be glad to assist!

Jana Ross-Regional Director
8155 Richmond/109, Houston, Tx. 77063
713-972-1600 day/781-3775 evenings

Region 9

OUR FIRST ERCOUBE FLY-IN WAS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to about 22 "coupe lovers" we had a very successful fly-in at South Boston on May 2. In spite of threatening weather and limited visibility 11 coupes and two or three other type flying machines made it in.

The late arrival of several members made it impossible to have much time together. I hope the next fly-in will allow more time to meet everyone, eye all the coupes, make future plans, and exchange information that can be helpful to us all.

Certainly "Chic" Clayton is to be congratulated for providing such fine accommodations. We had plenty of parking space, good comfortable meeting quarters, and well prepared food right on the field.

I also wish to thank "Skip" Carden and the other North Carolina

"coupers" (from Burlington, Raleigh and Greensboro) for adding to our overall success.

Bob Conlon (Buchanan) in his "coupe" with Hiram Martin as co-pilot and my "hare coupe" were among the last to leave. We ran into a front (thunderstorm, etc.) we couldn't penetrate or get around about 10 miles from Lynchburg - had to do a 180 and go back to South Boston.

After getting thoroughly drenched and weather allowing no chance of getting into the air again, our host, Chic, let us use his station wagon to drive home.

Bob and I returned Tuesday the 4th, retrieved our "coupes" and had an uneventful return trip.

A copy of the attendees who signed in is enclosed. We missed those of you who could not come and certainly hope we can meet you all soon.

Got a nice note (and a second generous contribution) from Gene Dufflemeyer (Ercoupe Pete & Boog) or Luray. He also sent along an article from *The Aviation Consumer*, February 15, 1978. I found it quite interesting. Even though 4 years have passed, it's obvious that much of it still applies.

I'm sending a copy to each of you and hope you find it informative and useful. I feel that this is what we are all about. If you have something to share, something to suggest, or technical information we can use - let's get it out and make our Virginia Wing as worthwhile as possible.

Thanks Gene!

Bob Conlon finished my RST 442 Intercom kit - it works fine. I certainly enjoy being able to slide the canopy down and still talk with ease to my co-pilot. I'll be glad to furnish details for anyone requesting them and will have the unit with me at our next fly-in.

Incidentally, if anyone needs a mike, I have found the best price to be RST. The Telex 66C (carbon) is listed for \$30 and the Telex 66T (transistorized dynamic) is \$39.75. (For catalog, write, Radio Systems Technology, Inc., 10985 Grass Valley Avenue, Grass Valley, CA 95945).

I have gathered all the information I can get my hands on regarding the use of MOGAS in aircraft. Quite a bit is from the past six or seven issues of EAA's *Sport Aviation* regarding Tests on their Cessna 150 with it 0-200 engine.

I just received the June 1, 1982 issue of *The Aviation Consumer* which has about 8 pages devoted to the latest available information on the tests, uses, regulations, and limitations of MOGAS. If you think this can be of interest to you let me know and I can include the information in future mailings of our newsletter.

With the cost of AVGAS going into orbit and the general unavailability of 80/87 for our ancient continental engines, I feel that this research might bear watching.

I hope the FAA will soon clear the use of readily available MOGAS for the 150, our coupes, and other aircraft requiring less than 100 octane fuel.

The other short article from aviation consumer is from the distant past - but again, it's interesting and should provide food for thought. Our "coupes" are great - but they still must be flown with a degree of caution and respect.

FOR SALE

1959 Mooney M-10, N9508V, S/N 690009, TT 1230 AF&E; Continental C90-16F w/integral vacuum pump, McCauley prop 1B90CM7148, King 1202 VOR indicator, Genave Alpha 200 receiver w/VOR indicator, Bendix T12C ADF, Airmarc 128H 3-light marker-beacon, full gyro panel; Brittain elec. turn & bank, OAT & rate of climb, EGT (1 probe); Full rear seat w/seat belts; Kenney main gear cuffs; Whelan wing tip strobes; 3-tone orig. green & white overall paint; Canopy cover and tow bar. Contact Jon Hiles, 6711 Emerald Avenue, Enon, OH 45323, Phone 1-513-864-1041. (I saw it at last year's National Fly-in, it's a real beauty.)

REMEMBER, YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL COUPERS. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU SO THE INFORMATION CAN BE SHARED.

Carter Bradley
4818 Norwood St., SW, Roanoke, VA 24018
Telephone (703) 774-4829 after 6 p.m.

Region 10

A Good Time Was Had By All

Region 10's May 29 and 30 fly-in hosted 12 Er-Air Coupes, 1 Turbo Arrow, 1 Banana and over 30 Coupers.

The weather was good the first day but turned sour late Sunday morning. Many gifts were given out (from EOC) and a raffle was held for a digital panel clock which was won by Don, "Cool Cat," Brower of Pompano Beach. Don also applied for membership during the fly-in. Welcome Don!

Among those present were: Jerry Whitmire, Fred Weick, Dorothy Weick, Marvin Hammock, Walt Riviere, June Riviere, Frankie P., Kelli Jo P., George White, Helen White, Paul Lewis, Ralph Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Joe B. McCawley, George Ashley, Shirley Ashley, Hubert Talton, Jerry Cook, Howie Gibson, Doug Gibson, Don Brower, Judy Brower, Sam Wimberley, Frank Race, and the Four Potts from VA.

Jerry Cook flew in from Madison, Georgia in his beautiful, completely re-done Alon. He has a 0-200 and has soundproofed the Alon to the extent that you can comfortably talk during cruise flight.

He indicates 110 miles per hour with 2 aboard at 1000 feet and 65% power.

Fred Weick answered questions for the entire group on both Saturday and Sunday and everyone seemed to enjoy both him and the week-end.

The Turbo Arrow pilot was a former Ercoupe owner. Howie Gibson and son, Doug, flew in Sunday in their Polish Airforce Coupe which was a sight to behold.

Pictures to follow later.

Sincerely,
Joe B. McCawley, Director
Region 10

STOP OVER

Dear Skip,

Received the copy of EOC Vol. 10 No. 9. I've missed a lot of news the last few years. Been too busy to enjoy flying.

Skip, our airport is "Lee Bird Field" with 2 FBO's all paved, excellent cafe, also the home of "Buffalo Bill Cody" is a state museum with plenty real collector's items. We will have transportation for any EOC members passing thru to the annual fly-in at Longmont. Just call 532-7129. We have company coming July 2 from California so won't make it this year.

Minor Lyne
3020 Wright Ave., North Platte, NE 69101

NOTICE

Dear Skip:

We want to extend a welcome to all "Coupers" to visit Platte Valley Airport while they're in Colorado. We are approximately 22 miles S.E. from Loveland-Ft. Collins.

The coffee pot is always on and we do have 80/87 octane. See you in July.

Andy & Connie Haller
Platte Valley Airport
7507 Rd. 39, Fort Lupton CO 80621

From the Mail Box

Dear Skip,

In all my years with Jack, I can think of nothing that afforded him such pleasure as the honor bestowed upon him when he received the Fred Weick Award. It meant so very much to him. Please convey this to the Coupers. He always said they were an exceptional group of people - "a special breed of cats." His working with them and fellowship with them were very special to him. My heartfelt thanks goes to all who have supported me with their prayers, cards, letters, and gifts. The goodness of people has been overwhelming to me and it has helped strengthen me to face the loss of my beloved Jack. We were a team for over thirty-five years.

Best of luck with National this year. You can bet that the spirit of one most ardent Couper will be hovering over the entire proceedings urging you all on to the best gathering yet!

Please give my regards to Carolyn and the family.

Sincerely,
Shirley Harkness
4110 West Lawrence Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Dear Skip,

Enclosed find check for good old member No. 103. I too couldn't make Sun-N-Fun this year although I had thought our previous 2 years coupe attendance was satisfactory.

I broke away to California early this year (had to, not much flying up here this past winter) and once again Coupe camaraderie was in force. While there I wanted to visit Ames Research Center and found the tours filled up. With my trusty Club Directory with me I found Bob Jones, a NASA employee at Moffet Field and was treated to V.I.P. treatment. The tour is great, what with a trip thru the hangers with the world's quietest plane to the sleek spaceship chase planes to the huge flying laboratories. Lots of wind tunnels with the world's largest also located there. Incidentally, Bob has a sweet little coupe over at Palo Alto. (Thanks again, Bob).

Colorado kind of far for me but a hot spark keeps glowing inside me. Maybe - - -

See Ya,
Stan Sessler

Hi to yooooouse that flies or flies:

Wow! Another year has gone by. Nothing new in this end of the world. One or two bits of good news....I now have my sod strip done and it's only about 150' from my front door. It is 80' wide and 2700' long so if any of the Coupers are going over please stop in or drop a rock or something so we can run outside and wave. We are just 2 miles west of the Garden City Airport and we are on the sectional for Wichita. The other bit of news is that I have finally found time to get my homebuilt Sidewinder out and start building again.

By the way...if anyone in the area of Kansas is looking for a super A & I to work on Ercoupes, Rick Laurence in Pratt, Ks. is the man to see. He helped me rebuild my four Coupes and knows what he is doing and to top it off he is honest and very reasonable in price. He will not do anything that is not needed and will not charge you for a bunch of parts you don't need. I cannot say enough about this man. He's been an A & I for around 15 years. A yearly check up for under \$175.00 is not toooooo bad, huh?

We plan to make the yearly Ercoupe get together at Fort Collins so we hope to see you there.

Had a B-52 in Nebraska wanting to get a good look at my Coupe so he flew in behind me on the right rear of 42-EC. When we noticed him he was close enough that we could see him smiling and count the rivets in his wing. I failed to see the humor at the time...he was about 100 feet above us and directly upwind from us. As soon as I saw him I firewalled the 'ole gas lever and pulled up the nose...Praise the Lord m still here to say that we only caught part of his vortex and did a short lived dance in the sky. Did you know that a B-52's tail is two feet longer than an Ercoupe's wing span, and did you know that a total eclipse occurs when they fly between a Coupe and the sun...have you ever heard of instant darkness when there are no clouds. After the smoke cleared when he put the pedal to the metal we were a few miles closer to Kan. and he was over Texas.

Bye now
Bob Seng

ACCIDENT REPORT

An Ercoupe, N99129, owned by Herbert Hartz and piloted by an individual named Bishop was involved in an accident on May 23, 1982 at San Springs, Oklahoma. The time of day was 1730Z. On landing the aircraft was landed on its nose wheel which collapsed and the aircraft went over on its back causing substantial damage and minor injuries to the pilot. The Tulsa GADO is investigating.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO????

Quite often I am asked what happens to the money that comes into the club. This is a reasonable and logical question and one that certainly needs to be answered. To begin with let's look at our printing and mailing costs. To print and mail an issue of the newsletter runs about \$500.00 per issue, which includes printing, postage, mailing labels, and computer usage. Based on a membership of approximately 900 members, we have a cost of \$6.68 per member per year. Office rental, telephone, miscellaneous printing, miscellaneous postage, accounting fees, \$3.00 per person per year. Trophies awarded, product testing, gas, insurance, photo expense, local and regional newsletter expense, dues and memberships in other organizations. National Fly-In expense and

travel expense (reimbursement to officers and directors for club travel) \$5.32 per member, or a total of \$15.00. Other things of interest: None of the officers, directors or the Executive Director receive any compensation or salary for services performed. The Computer was purchased by Carden Printing Co. on a 3 year lease. The Erco Coupe Owners Club pays 1/3 of the monthly rental on this machine although the lions share of the usage is theirs. In three years this monthly charge will be eliminated. The office rent is charged at \$35.00 per month for a 10x12 office space in our building. The services of a part time secretary and computer operator are not charged to the Club.

I hope that the above will clear up any questions that you had regarding what happens to your \$15.00 fee. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me for answers.

Skip Carden, Treasurer EOC

FOR SALE AND WANT ADS are placed free of charge to any current member of the Erco Coupe Owners Club. Ads are run as received and those received after the 15th of the month will be held until the next publication. If you want to repeat your ad, then you must re-submit it for publication before the 15th. We accept no responsibility for any errors in ads other than to re-print it the following month. Non-members may place ads for a \$5.00 service charge per ad.

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'46 415-D 300 SMOH 25 STO 1100TT restored by A&P front to back with new items such as wiring, tires, all instruments including Horiz. & D.G., Alpha 200, Interior, paint, glass, lights, fabric, control wheels, battery, panel, engine controls, circuit breakers, antennas, cowling, no expense spared whatsoever, all modifications, zinc chromated throughout, hangered, 45 hrs. since restoration. I sincerely say this is a picture perfect Erco Coupe. Have new rudder kit I will include. Laid off 2 yrs. Forced to sell for best offer. Dale Taylor 205-993-4658. It will be sold to someone.



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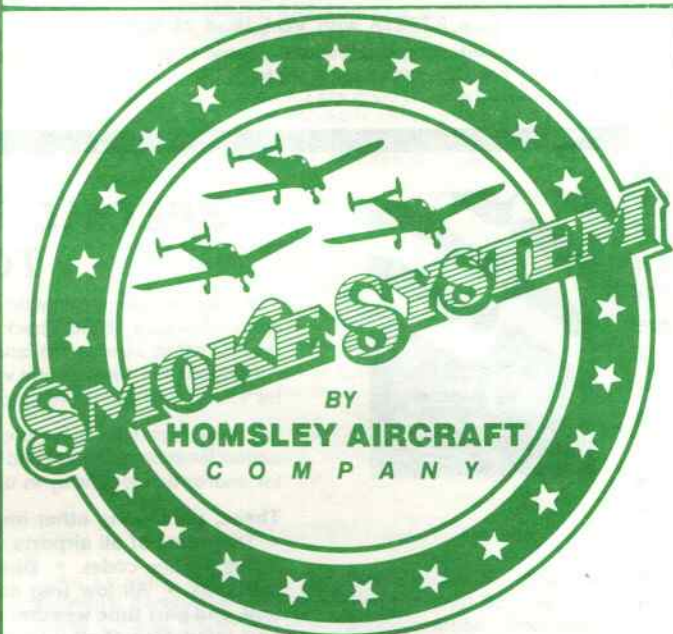
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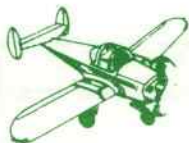
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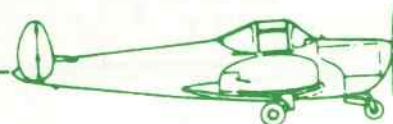
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