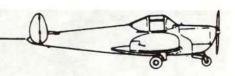
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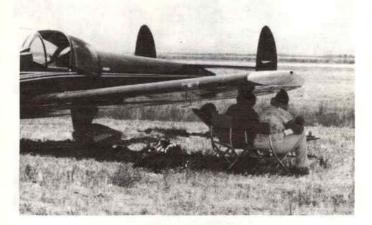
After a wet start on Wednesday the Colorado weather decided to cooperate and gave us beautiful weather for the rest of our stay. We had 170 people attending and 48 Coupes, 52 Alons, Mooneys, and Forneys. Jack Tronevec even came in his newly acquired Coupooney. We had planes from Texas, California, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Oregon and other states. We had people come in commercial, come in motor homes, come on motorcycles, come in an 18 wheeler and some came by car. But the main point is that they came to renew old friendships and make new ones and to see the beautiful Coupes and the beautiful Colorado scenery. The forums were well attended and lots of good information was available. No one seemed to have any trouble with the density altitude and one Couper who wishes to remain anonymous, climbed his Coupe to 19,500 ft. Yes, that number is correct and I think a new world record for a Coupe. The trip to Univair went very well with all that attended talking about the great time they had. The trip to the Estes Park and Rocky Mountain State Park also went off as smoothe as silk with everyone enjoying the trip. We had 52 people in a bus and van and 6 more in cars.

The Banquet and business meeting was well attended with acting president Carl Hall doing a magnificent job. Next month I will go into more detail on the meetings and decisions that were made. Also, next month we will do a photo collage on the Fly-In and ask that if you have any good photos that we can use that you send them along. Please advise me if you want them returned.

The Longest Distance Flown went to Walt Rettig who flew his F-1 Forney from Richmond, Virginia, the second Longest Distance Flown was Ron Kidd who flew his 415C all the way from Burlington, N.C. Congratulations to these two members who flew such a great distance to attend the Fly-In. Some of the old faithfuls were there. Wayne Olson, Chuck Ferris, Leonard and Laura Page, Joe Figuoras, Joe Brooks, Gary Dallugge, Rita and John Wright, Jim Folks, Jim Jackson, J Thoms, Jon Hiles and others who make up our regulars. We had one mishap when a plane in Roy and Eileen Wright's flight was totaled when the pilot became ill and landed on the highway. All went well til he turned off the road to avoid traffic and the plane flipped and was totaled. The pilot escaped with only minor injury. We are sorry that this happened, but glad that there were no serious injuries. Of course, the Weicks were there, being able to attend at the last minute. More next month with a better write up.

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# Regional News

# Region 1

Dear Northwest Coupers,

Whoopie...what a terrific turnout for our May gathering! When we arrived Bill and Lou Crothers were waiting and Stan and Naida Lyon were in the pattern. The Lyons brought as guests Al Propst and his fiance (Al used to own the Albany Airport and was running for Governor of Oregon). About the time we finished playing musical chairs for seating, Arlyn and Virginia VanAtta (fairly new to the area from Cal.) arrived and melted right in like old friends. They are usually kept busy with Scouting- - but, we were delighted to meet them and hope they'll join us whenever they have a chance.

The next Coupers to arrive were Leroy Geddis and his brother-in-law, the VanLieus and their grandson, Ken and Dorothy Damewood, and Dick and Mary Roscoe. Dick is an Amzoil distributor and says the 100% synthetic oils have now been approved for aircraft use and the literature and product will soon be available. Before long Gordon and Mary Lou Shortreed and her brother-in-law flew in in their Cardinal and mentioned that they are putting their Coupe up for sale (two planes are too expensive).

By that time another batch of Coupers had accumulted in the parking lot and ambled in, adding tables as they came. This gang included Art and Cheryl Doll, Clarence and Bobbie Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Young, Gene and Cindy Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Dykes, Hal Looper and his grandson, Jack Martin, and two young men from Medford whose names I never got.

There was such a great gabbing mob I'm sure we missed lots of information. But we did hear from both Laurel VanLieu and Mary Roscoe that Tom Newton is up and around a bit - - certainly hope to keep getting good reports on his recovery. Also, Mary Roscoe mentioned an upcoming Saturday Pinch Hitter Course to be given by the 99's at Willamette Univ. in Salem and took names of several women who were interested. When I took that class a few years go I found it really worthwhile.

A further word on Shortreed's Coupe for sale -- It is a '46, polished aluminum, recent engine overhaul, asking \$7500. Phone: 503-447-4210 in Prineville.

We just had Jim Prosser do our annual again and got a cleam bill of health - living proof that a good sturdy little Coupe can survive the antics of a student pilot. We always feel Jim does a good, thorough job on our annual. He works mainly out of Lenhardt's Airfield, charges \$15/hr., and is willing to let you disassemble, assist him, and re-assemble to save on cost. He also has a van equipped to do annuals at your location. Phone: 503-981-9061.

It was suggested at the May Fly-In that we invade the Washington gang at Shelton Airport's Cottage Cafe for their lunch fly-in Sunday, June 20. If the weather is good we'll plan to meet at Shelton around noon, If you're unable to go to Shelton or if the weather isn't good, head for Albany as usual. The Wash, gang should have interesting tales of their May gathering at Victoria BC.

There is now 80 octane fuel available at the extreme north end of Aurora at Air Tech Aviation.

The Coupers flying to National at Ft, Collins -- we'll spend the night June 30 at 86 Corral Motel in Redmond and leave early next morning. Roy & Eileen Wright

P.S. Eileen's a Pilot now.

Hi Skip,

Well the Minn. Wing of the E.O.C. had its fly-in at Detroit Lakes on the 5th & 6th of June and the weather turned sour again. High winds, rain and low ceilings. But in spite of the weather we had 6 coupes make it up there. They were John Baade & daughter, Charlie Schulty and son, Mr. & Mrs. Eischen, Burt Ellegaard, Dan Schattschneider, along with myself. We had 3 car loads that drove up and thank God, because Charlie and Fran had to ride home with them Sunday morning because them Sunday morning because of work Monday morning. The cars that made it were Ed Kelly whose plane is being reworked, Roy Mattson and wife, Muriel. Their plane is also being reworked and Silas & Lucy DeOliveira, for a total of 20 people.

Dan Schattschneider, our host, arranged to have Col. Bob White U.S.M.C. Ret. as our speaker. Col. White went into the U.S.M.C. in 1940 and retired in 1968. He flew about everything the Navy had. Was in the Battle of Midway off a carrier, then went to New Caladonia. After the Second World War instructed until the Korean War and flew Jets there where he crashed breaking his back and neck. After a long hospital stay flew a desk a short while and then came Vietnam and flew C130's. Col. White said they were flying off sod strips there with 35000 of junk and people that was only 1800 ft. long. To quote the Col., "that is one hell of a plane." But his favorite piston pounder is the Corsair. For power and reliability it couldn't be beat. It would get you home somehow.

Saturday night we had our Steak Fry along with the trimmings at a cost of \$9.00 each which included breakfast Sun. morning. That is good and cheap eating.

John Baade, Burt & myself stayed Sun. nite at the Northland Fixed Base. Slept their in the lobby Sun. nite and got out of there Monday morning. They are wonderful people and I strongly recommend it as a stop over anytime you come up to Detroit Lakes.

Well I have to close for now so I'll see you all at the National next month.

Vern Brown Minn, Wing Leader

Enjoyed seeing ya in Colorado!

# INDIANA FLY-IN REPORT

Dear Skip & Coupers,

The Indiana Wing had our fly-in-cook out at Speedway Airport, Saturday, June 26th, 1982, along with the E.A.A. Chapter from Brownsburg, Ind. We had a fair turnout since our Indiana weather was not so nice.

We had Jim Osborne and co-pilot up from Bloomington, Ind. in his nice 0-200 powered coupe. He won a trophy at Shelbyville, Ind. last Sunday a week ago for best tri-cycle antique at an Antiquer's fly-in. Terry & Diane Shankland came in from up by Bowling Green, Ohio in their nice Coupe. Vern Brown, the Minnesota Wing Leader, made it in, co-pilot of a V.W. Beetle, as he hit a wall of water just south of the Purdue Airport and had to leave his beautiful Coupe there. Joe Purdue flew Vern up Sunday to bring his Coupe into Speedway and as I am writing this, Vern is staying at Willard & Betty Mosley's home trying to get out for home or the National but this static cold front just is not being nice to V.F.R. pilots.

Our Indiana Wing Leader, John Summers, of Brazil, Ind., did not make it because of a bad mag and trying to get it ready for the National. Willard Mosely was laid up with a foot, ankle problem and also did not make it. I'll let Vern Brown tell in his own letter about his trip. Thanks to the Coupers who made it and sorry we did not get to see the ones who did not make it.

I won't be at the National due to repairs to my aircraft engine and an unexpected illness in my family that caused me to miss some work, cutting into my finances for vacation time. But I'll see you all at Oshkosh.

Best wishes, K.C.F.

Everett L. Stedman

# AREA NEWS THE WISCONSIN ERCOUPER

Fellow Ercouper:

Sunday, June 13 gave us one great day for our Fly-Out to Sylvania where the FBO's A and Bernice Koser gave us the use of the field and they helped provide transportation to the T-Bird for dinner. We thank you Al and Bernice for your wonderful help. Without you and the other endangered species (FBO's) our fly-outs would never exist, 23 of us sat around the tables for lunch. Those who were in attendance were: Al and Bernice Koser the dependable FBO's of Sylvania Airport, Bud and Cathy Felton in 5473F from Lake Villa, III., Al Johnson and his son, Jacob in 99919 from Grays Lake, III., Tom Crunk, Ruth Ann Crunk in 3002G from Mundelein, III., Ron Ringle and Tom's sister Jimmie from Mundelein, III. in Cessna 3093S, Jim and Dolly Dickelman in 2007H from Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Oscar and Marie Deutsch in 3936 from Hartford, Wisc., Brad Deutsch, Bob Zimmerman & Dave Nehm in Cessna 6589V from Hartford, Wis., Bob Cramer in his newly revamped Coupe 3548H from Racine, Wis., Stanley Gerlach in Cessna 49485 from Palmyra, Wis., Demo Staver in 9383H from Elm Grove, Wisl., Jim Fohr and Judy Beckstrom drove in from Racine, Wis., Bob and Ann Dermody in 99116 from Racine, Wis., Our line-up of aircraft drew many curious ground bound dreamers which was great funn to watch.

Great News // Ray and Gertrude Amptman of Brookfield just recently purchased 3003G. Ray and Gertrude are members of our group so keep your eyes open for them at the next Fly-Out. We wish you folks many pleasant flying hours to come in your new acquisition.

Any Couper knowing the location of NC2764H or 2212H can either contact Oscar Deutsch of Hartford or me. Oscar flew these two coupes long ago and I have a feeling that under his rib cage he still has a soft spot for these coupes.

I recently had the privilege of speaking with Judge Allen Gramza about the coming trip to Ft. Collins. He is still planning on leaving Sylvania on June 30. He has plotted the entire flight and anyone (the more the merrier) planning on this flight can take advantage of all his home work by just tailing along and have some carefree flying while he does all the work. If any of you plan on taking advantage of his offer just give me the word and I'll pass it on to him. Remember, there is safety in numbers, so if anyone should be unfortunate and have a

problem, others will know about it and very likely be able to give a hand. The frequency used for in-flight chatter will be 122.9.

Unless something very unusual occurs our next fly-out will be July 25 at Reedsburg. We can meet there about noon and walk across the stret for something to put in back of our belt buckles. 80 Octane is available there. Reedsburg is on the Chicago chart about 10 miles west of Baraboo. A real fine airport with 2 paved strips. Unicom 122.8. I have been there quite a few times and I keep looking forward to the next time I have reason to go there again. If there is very much of a breeze blowing that day, keep on the look-out for shear fairly close to the surface. Those little hillocks a couple of miles away create some very weird air motions close to the gound on a breezy day.

Here is a short "Thank You Skip" for your kind remembrance of us Irish. After seeing the June Caper being printed in green, I knew right off the bat that there has got to be a heck of a lot of good in you.

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

FOR SALE: 1946 415-C-85 N93939, Contact: Larry Bonnette, Rt. 4, Box 164, Nautoma, Wis., 54982.

Bob

### WING TIPS

Dear Skip,

Your telephone call was a very pleasant surprise and I enjoyed discussing my "Coupe" with you.

I am determined to convert N-2438H, to a retractable. It is just a matter of having time to do it. I have patiently accumulated the necessary parts and accessories. Now I only need time!

Now that the "Coupe" is flying again, I look forward to meeting you at one of the Fly-Ins.

If you have any questions about the wing tip modification, please don't hesitate to call me.

I look forward to receiving the information about the Forney retractable.

Very truly yours, Woodrow Wilson, Jr., PE Inspections-International 512-664-9833





# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The 1982 National Fly-In was a great success. Everyone had a great time, the food was good and the aircraft were outstanding. No one seemed to have any trouble with the 5000' at Loveland. The forums were full of information and the hangar flying was more fun than ever. A lot of plans are under way for another year of our great club. Some of these will be taken care of by the following committees and officers:

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Public Information Officer — Elke Trnovec, Technical Officer, Larry Blauvelt; National Fly-In Committee - John Wright (Chair), Jim Jackson, Jack Trnovec, Dave Koepp, Mark Pullman; Fred Weick Scholarship Committee: Bob Venn (Chair), Bill Jones; Oshkosh Committee: Jim Jackson. EOC VP - Jon Hiles, EOC Sec/Treas, Skip Carden.

The business meeting made some minor changes in our By-Laws to up-date and bring them in line with the operation of our club. Discussion was held on mailing the newsletter, and Skip Carden will do some further checking and recommend the fastest, least expensive mode. A call was made for bids for the 1984 National Fly-In. So if you have a location in mind that will meet our needs and that would like to have us, please contact Skip or me. The '83 date is open at this time as is the location. However, the committee is hard at work and will inform all at a later date.

Everyone expresses their thanks to Skip Carden, Roy Wright, Jim Jackson and Jana Ross for another fine National.

Carl Hall

# 1982 FLY-IN EXPENSES

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Dave Koepp
Walter Rettig \$ 25.00
\$730.00
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# **ERCOUPE INGENUE**

What's it like, being raised by an Ercoupe enthusiast. For all her eleven years, Shelly Olson has lived with her Grandfather, Wayne Olson, Director of E.O.C. Region 2.

When I first saw Shelly, she was two, and toddling around the Ercoupe compound at Chino Airport. Her toys were Ercoupe parts that lay on the ground. Wayne kept an eye on her as he worked on one or another of the many coupes he has restored.

As she grew, she was a frequent passenger in Wayne's Ercoupes. She became as familiar with the plane as most children become with the family car.

Wayne built a home on the Hesperia airport, and now Shelly's neigh-



bors all had planes, and her backyard was filled with planes...usually Ercoupes. Ercoupe pilots frequently, and literally, "dropped in" on the Olsons at home.

Shelly is a regular participant at Ercoupe fly-ins. Now, Shelly can identify Southern California coupes by sound alone. At a fly in, when a coupe is seen high overhead, pilots will ask, "Shelly, who is that?"

Sometimes without looking, or sometimes with a quick look, she can answer... "That's John Coe" or "That's Joe Figueras." She admits to some difficulty. "I can never tell the difference between Jack Owens' and Bud Ford's old airplane." (They are both white with green detail)

Some young people know their cars, and some young people know their rock stars. Shelly Olson knows Ercoupes.

-- Chuck Ferris

# ACCIDENT REPORT

On May 29, 1982 an Ercoupe 415C, N93616, owned by William Seybold of Jefferson, Wisconsin, was involved in an accident near Jefferson, Wisconsin. After being airborne for 15 minutes the engine began to run rough and the aircraft was landed short of a private landing strip. The nose wheel collapsed and the aircraft was demolished. The pilot and his son who was a passenger received facial cuts. The Milwaukee GADO is investigating.

An Ercoupe, Model not given, N99481, owned and piloted by Byron Boafha of Mayassing, Wyoming, was involved in an accident on July 2, 1982 at 1545Z. The pilot became ill when airborne and landed on a prarie near Mayassing, Wyoming, and hit a ditch causing substantial damage but no injuries to the pilot. FAA's Casper, Wyoming, office is investigating.

An Ercoupe 415C, N93353, owned and piloted by Bruce Payne of Foxborough, Massachusetts, was involved in an accident on July 3, 1982 at 1555Z at Mansfield, Massachusetts. On a bounced landing the nose wheel collapsed and the aircraft went over on its back. There was substantial damage to the aircraft and serious injuries to the pilot.

An Ercoupe, N99997, owned and piloted by Bob Packett of Bremerton, Washington, was involved in an accident on July 3, 1982 at 1741Z near Denver, Colorado. The aircraft crashed after loss of power resulting in minor damage to the aircraft and no injuries to the pilot. FAA's Denver office is investigating.

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We enjoyed a ten day trip to Kansas and Colo, visiting friends and relatives, also the National. Good to see you all again. Ercoupers are the Best.

Leonard & Laura Page Belleville, Ark. 72824 501-495-2647

# WANTED

Seats and brackets from a Mooney M-10 Cadett for my Alon. At that time I will sell my Alon Fiberglass buckets. Larry Chastain, Rt. 1, Box 511-C, Leander, TX. 78641 (512) 267-2868.

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FOR SALE AND WANT ADS are placed free of charge to any current member of the Ercoupe 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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Ercoupe, 1946, 415C 85 hp, N41884, Escort 110, located near Apex, NC., good condition, June '81 annual. \$5,600.00. A. Gelbin, Tel. (203) 966-3984 (no collects).

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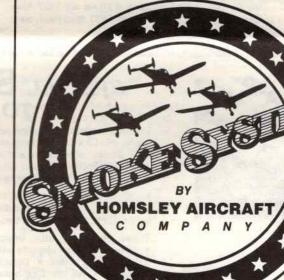
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