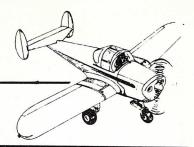
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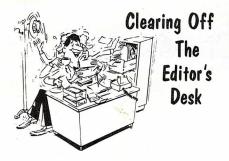
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### 88 Coupes Attend '88 Fly-In

Even with bad weather to the south and west we had 88 brave coupes that showed up for our 13th. National Fly-In ay Ames Iowa. The first days were plagued with strong winds low ceilings and cool temperatures (65) with wind. This was one of the best organized and executed fly-ins yet. As usual it was like a huge family reunion with old friends, new friends and guests. There were 225 people for the banquet Saturday nite, and it was noted that Fred E. Weick was also 88 years old so I guess 88 was the magic number. There were lots of mods and many improved Ercoupes. The most common thing that was seen was Loran "C" receivers in a great many Coupes. There were Coupes with big engines Coupes with small engines, Coupes with larger wing tanks, Coupes with no head tanks, polished Coupes, beautifully painted Coupes and anything in between. Ernie Cuff from California has volunteered to do an article on the National for the next Capers so I will stop now for Ernie next month. -Skip-



Of course after a National Fly-In there is always a lot to report. I will try to be brief but there were several very interesting points made that I think that you should be aware of. The following is a brief outline of some of the ideas and suggestions that were presented in the meetings and forums: In all seminars it was very evident that the FAA is in a very non-cooperative mode. They are approving only a few 337's and these are taking anywhere from six to eighteen months to approve. The best way to get a 337 approved is by having a copy of a previous 337 showing that what you want has been approved before and that you want approval based on that. This is why it is so important that I have copies of all of the 337's on any type of modification. If you haven't sent this in to me PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE! I will print a list of those that I have in a future issue.

There was a lot of talk about Auto fuel, pro and con and the cost as opposed to the risks. I would venture to say that there were no definite conclusions reached. Those that use it with no problems said YES, those that had problems said NO.

Leonard Page held a good discussion on the correct propeller and how to determine if yours was correct by using a manifold pressure gage.

The Board voted to turn over the Fred E. Weick Scholarship over to Embry-Riddle Aviation University to administer the Scholarship. We now have something over \$10,000.00 in the fund George Gallaspy has offered to match all donations up to \$5,000.00, which would make the fund over \$20.000.00, which would yield a yearly scholarship of about \$2,000.00. And another person has offered to match up to \$500.00 over Georges match. This is an opportunity to honor Mr. Weick in a material way and also in a way that will further aviation. As before The Ercoupe Owners Club is a non-profit corporation and all

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contributions are fully Tax Deductible. So send in your contribution NOW!

It was proposed and passed that at all future National Fly-Ins no funds from the Club, Registration or sale of items be used to finance the Happy Hour. It was suggested that this event be sponsored by members, or advertisers, or that a cash bar be in effect.

Anyone wanting a copy of the official minutes of the Board meeting may have one, simply send in a self addressed envelope, large (no. 10 Size), and I will send you a copy. -Skip-

### **Product Liability Reform**

Washington, DC, March 4, 1988 -- The General Aviation Standards Act (H.R. 2238) was reported out of the Aviation Subcommittee of the U.S.

House of Representatives Public Workd and Transportation Committee on Thursday, March 3, 1988. In the wake of the strong affirmative voice vote, Edward W. Stimpson, president of the General Aviation Manufacurers Association (GAMA) praised the actions of the subcommittee and thanked Chairman Norman Mineta (D-CA) and Ranking Minority Member Newt Gingrich (R-GA) for their "Leadership and sensitivity to the concerns of consumers and manufacturere alike".

Characterizing the action as "a vistory for the entire general aviation community", Stimpson said, "We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the subcommittee for their understanding and support on an issue that is critically important to all of us".

H.R. 2238, which has 180 cosponsors in the House of Representatives, would establish federal uniform product liability standards for general aviation accidents. The full Public Works and Transportation Committee is expected to take action on the bill in the near future.

### OLD ARTICLES TO BE PRINTED

I was pleased at the interest in the Twin Ercoupe Video that we showed at National. It is hard for me to be aware that there are members who have never heard of the Twin Coupe, or the Retractable Coupe, but some of you have not. Beginning with this issue I hope to re-print some old material. If you have something that you are especially interested in then drop me a line and I will try to get it in a future issue. There were several interesting suggestions like re-printing the "Hints-N-Tips" volumes. Well for those of you who missed the video here is the original story that was printed. I hope to have the video narrated and possibly have copies for sale.



### IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! NO, IT'S A TRI-PLE TAILED TWIN ENGINED ERCOUPE!!

Through the cooperation of Neil Lang, who put me in touch with Mr. Grady Thrasher, we proudly present the following letter, description and photos.

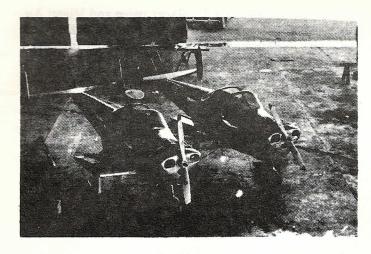
Thanks for sending me the Coupe Capers and stickers.

Also I am especially pleased that you are interested in my Siamese (Twin) Ercoupe NX93384 Aircraft. This was a great aircraft as demonstrated by over 1250 hours of flying in a four year time span. I would like for the complete story of the TWIN ERCOUPE to be recorded. I will only attempt to relate here some of the highlights, however, the entire accomplishments of this plane in my behalf were almost human and would have to be related week after week for the entire period I owned it. The worse mistake I ever made was the day I decided to sell.

The story of the Twin Ercoupe began in the winter of 1946-47. It was conceived and built in Athens, Ga. License was issued by the FAA in April 1947. At that time I was in the Air Show Business full time - known as the "Thrasher Bros." This Siamese Ercoupe was built to add another different act to our program-and it did it so well.

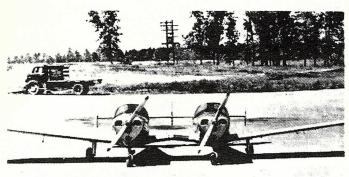
The left wing was removed from one aircraft and the right wing from the other and the two airplanes were bolted together by 1/4" high strength steel plates, one in the front and one in the rear of the front main spar fittings. The horizontal stabilizer had to be shortened on both aircraft, and there was no way to physically join the two elevators. They were coordinated and controlled by cables through the center of each fuselage.

We left the two outboard vertical stabilizers and judders the same as the original Ercoupe. A vertical



stabilizer and rudder was added between the two horizontal stabilizers. This rudder had a full deflection both ways - right and left. Also rudders pedals were added.

I went to the Ga. Tech School of Aeronautics for a stress analysis. Since I did not have any of the original ERCO data the cost was prohibitive. So I did my own analysis plus I added a precaution throughout construction of "over built". If I thought I needed a 1/4" bolt I used a 1/2" etc. Then using a nine inch steel I beam across the top of the two cabins of the bolted together center sections plus a calibrated hydraulic jack the two center sections were jacked to a calibrated 6G's and released. The center section returned to normal, however the amount of deflection was 6" at the wing tips. We decided because of the landing loads to add a flying wire from the outer wing fitting under both fuselages to the other wing fitting. This reduced the wing tip deflection to 3". All stops were removed from the controls. The center gas tank was a forward elevator stop that could not be removed and prevented using enough forward elevator to hold the nose up while inverted.



While this plane was under construction I contacted ERCO in Maryland and requested Engineering Data on the Original Ercoupe. I cannot remember if they answered my inquiry however I do remember they did not cooperate and showed a complete lack of interest until the plane was flying. At ERCO's request after I proved the twin Ercoupe was a success and practical, I flew to the factory and they tested it in the air and checked it on the ground. The only change

ERCO recommended was the addition of two controllable pitch props. I believed the gentlemen who flew the plan at ERCO was Dick Weibley. I notice he is a member of your Board of Directors so that could be checked out.

Please note - this was the first post war twin engine plane built plus the first extra light twin ever built in the U. S. I received from Beech a request for my engineering data prior to the inception of the TWIN Bononza.



The Twin could cruise on honest 120 MPH and do excellent loops, and immelmanns. The stall was very clean and smooth. Four people plus baggage were carried at times, however, the experimental license only permitted members of the crew in flight. Having two engines and differental thrust gave much more flexibility to the aircrafts capabilities. For example to do an immelmann, just as I was going over the top in a loop full left rudder, full left aileron plus cutting the left engine produced a beautiful smooth snap-then full throttle and the plane flew out of the maneuver. In those days, I didn't have any idea what VMC meant. Today, however, I recognized why this occurred. Once in Charlotte, N. C. at a show I rushed the snap and cut the left engine while the plane was in a vertical position. The resultant roll was vertical with complete loss of orientation on my part. The nose luckily finally fell right side up at 250' above the ground. This was such an amazing aircraft the loss of altitude was only about 25 to 40 feet. I know of no other aircraft which recovers control after a stall so quick.

The Twin was carried in 3 times on one engine. Once I flew for over 30 minutes before landing. The only problem on single engine was the fixed pitch



props. With the loss of air speed with one engine out the good engine could not develop its rated power. This is the reason ERCO recommended controllable pitch props.

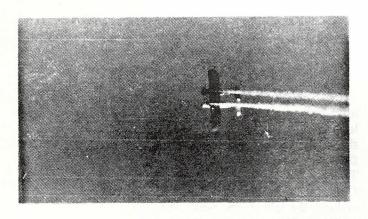
The plane was used in shows from Eirie, Penn. to Cleveland, Air Races, MIAMI to Corpus Christi, Texas over 200 different shows. Well over a million specta-

There were many interesting and unusual incidents. On the very first flight over Athens, GA. with the FAA people on the field and their cameras grinding, a Pepsi-Cola T-6 smoke writer in the middle of writing PEPSI, dived from 10,000 ft. and pulled along side. I do not know whether he knows to this day what he saw.

Another time the confusion caused in the Lynchburg, Va. Tower when I called for landing instructions was written up in Flying Magazine under the by line of Betty Skelton.

Last October 1974 I received a request from the Smithsonion Museum for info on the TWIN ER-COUPE as well as my other Air Show Activities for inclusion in their new Aviation Building opening in July 1976. I have supplied this.

Grady Thrasher



#### THRASHER BROS AIR SHOW

The Thrasher Bros. Air Show began in late 1945 and continued every week end until 19 November 1950. During this time, they performed in 278 Air Shows throughout the USA. From Erie, Penn., north, to Miami, south, Houston, west, and covered the entire East Coast.

The Thrasher Bros had three firsts. They originated the "Worlds Smallest Airport", landing a car on top of a car, the human pick-up whereby Bud Thrasher was picked up from the top of a car and replaced back on the car, and the Twin Engine Ercoupe=The Siamese plane.

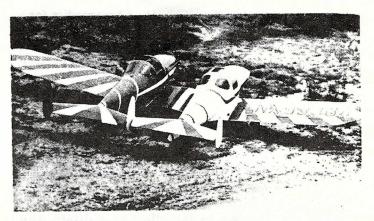
The Thrasher Bros Twin Ercoupe was the first light twin in US history, and has not been duplicated to this date. This twin Ercoupe was two planes bolted together and the necessary alterations made to insure safety. This Twin Ercoupe would cruise at 120 MPH, maintain altitude on one engine and do loops and immelmanns. Smoke was available for each engine. It

performed in Cleveland Air Races twice and Miami Air Race twice. It was flown over 1250 hours before bad judgement was used and the plane was sold for parts.

One show in Charlotte, N. C. was performed on the river and the human pick up was completed from a motor boat.

The landing on a car top was completed 284 times, human pickup completed 260 times including once from a motor boat, the Ercoupe was flown in over 172 shows. The only accident was before a hometown crowd, when the car pulled out from under the plane on take off and the plane fell to the ground damaging the landing gear.

Many shows were held in conjunction with world champions like "Bevo" Howard, Woody Edmondson, and Betty Skelton. In fact, a story about the confusion in Lynchburg, Va. tower when the Twin Ercoupe approached appeared in Flying Magazine under Betty Skelton's byline.



During one of our four shows in Washington, D. C. we had a full page spread in the Washington Post with a picture of the Human pickup.

On 19 Nov. 1950 at a show in Charleston, S. C., "Bevo" Howard's home airport, the Thrasher Bros retired from Air Show business; parked their planes, and entered a more normal business where one could obtain life insurance, make a decent loan at the bank, and spend some time at home.

Maybe we can get Mr. Thrasher to write the whole story for us later as I would like to hear of his many experiences, more later maybe.



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Shirley and crew made arrangements for a professional Video crew to tape the ENTIRE Fly-In

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Exhibitions-Balloon Ascentions. Food and Refreshments, Camping and more. Delaware Airport, Delaware OH. Contact: Dale Yost (614) 895-7133, or Alan Harding (614) 885-6502. July 21-22, Dayton, OH, Dayton Air and Trade Show at Dayton International Airport. Contact Rajean Campbell, 513-898-5901

July 29-August 5th. Oshkosh WI. 36th annual EAA Conventionand Sport Aviation Exibition. Contact John Burton, EAA Headquarters, Whitman Airfield, Oshkosh, WI 54903

TUESDAY AUGUST 2nd. Annual Ercoupe Banquet, Be there at 6:00 dinner served at 7:00, Westhaven Golf Club, Oshkosh WI. Contact Terry or Diane Shanklin, 851 Islington, Toledo, OH 43610 Reservations a must!

August 13th and 14th. Bloomington-Normal Illinois Airport 4th. annual "Day at the Airport" static displays, antique cars, airplane rides, aerobatic demonstrations. Food Available. Evening hanger dance with live band and music from the 40's to the present. No fee for Fly-Ins, \$2.00 car parking donation. Tickets \$8.50 per person in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Call Dave Smith 309-827-8039

August 20th. Winter Haven Florida, Florida Sport Aviation Antique and Classic Association, EAA A/C Chapter 1 Fly in at Gilbert Field. Contact Rod Spanier, 813-665-5572

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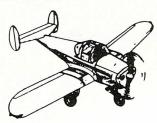
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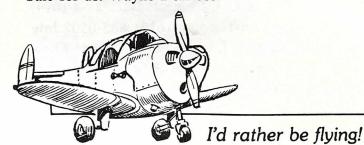


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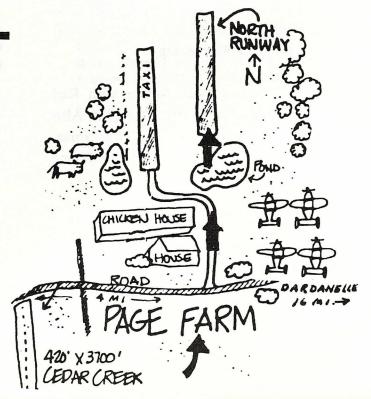
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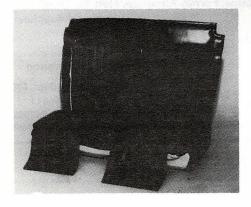
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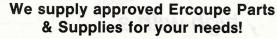
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