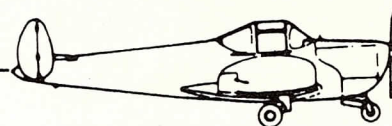


# COUPE CAPERS

NEWSLETTER OF ERCOUPE OWNERS CLUB



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Editor: Skip Carden

## A Note from the President

Dear Fellow Members:

I have been working with Carl Hall and others on the National Ercoupe Fly-In at Bowling Green, Ohio, and the schedule of events offers many interesting items.

I would personally like to invite you to come to the National on July 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

If you have a nearby Ercoupe friend, give him a call and maybe you can fly in together.

Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,  
Jim Fohr, President

## INDIANA FLY-IN

Dear Skip,

I've just returned from the Ercoupe Fly-In at Connersville, Indiana. There were 27 coupes and a lot of good friends and nice people. About eight of us stayed over night and I'll tell you that Joe Todd and his friends can really throw a party, (till three in the morning).

A great time was had by all but I know Joe will be writing you with the details of the Fly-In so I will not elaborate.

Joe, Carl Hall and myself have already started making plans for a Region 8 Fly-In and 48 hour party on August 23rd and 24th at the Holiday Inn in Connersville. It promises to be a great deal of fun. We will keep you informed of our progress in setting up this fly-in.

Sincerely,  
Jim Fohr

## REGION 5 COMING EVENTS

I am planning a regional fly-in at Lake Lawn Lodge at Delavan, Wisconsin for Sunday, September 7, 1980. Lake Lawn has a 4,500 ft. paved runway. I would like to invite all Ercoupes to come early. The schedule will be as follows:

Hangar flying in the morning until the other coupers arrive. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. (from the menu), short meeting, slides of 1980 National Fly-In, Fly-Out at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Region 5 Director  
Jim Fohr

## TO ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

I would like to encourage you to contact all your wing leaders and area members to attend the National Ercoupe Fly-In in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The club is giving a plaque for the Regional Director with the best attendance at the National from his area. I am also offering a case of Aero Shell oil to the Regional Director with most persons from his area in attendance.

Sincerely,  
Jim Fohr, President

## AREA NEWS REGION NO. 1

Dear Northwest Coupers,

Spring is here! I can tell because the sun is shining and the plane is sitting out there looking hopeful. Roy is now puttering with the new radio and it will soon be annual time.

We did get to fly to Albany in March for our Coupe lunch, although the floorboard under the seat was out and I nearly froze my underpinnings, and we had the parking lot decorated with ten twin-tailers. As we arrived Art Leppin was parking, Pauls were taxiing, and Hal Looper followed us in. Just as we were settling at our table Damewoods, Gibsons, Jack Martin, and Roscoes arrived. Dick Roscoe says there is now a flight simulator at Independence Airport and Mary obliged us all by flashing the strobe on her airplane pendant -- wheee! Tom Newton brought his scrapbook and some Ercoupe article copies to pass around. Leonard Ferguson, whom we haven't seen in ages, brought along a friend and has just recently got his Coupe flying again -- hope they'll be able to get with us more often now. And we had two arrivals

by car -- Steve Crosley, and also Ira Dare who says he had engine trouble on his home flight last time but is nearly airworthy again.

In the general chatter and discussion there were a few questions which remained unsolved such as, is there a graceful and stunningly clever way of removing the nose tank?

A few other items of interest: the last time we were at the Hutchison Airport at Molalla the 80 octane gas was \$1.21. Also, Bobbie Paul had researched the Ercoupe Checks and they should by now be available on the west coast made by Delux Checks -- cut number PT-SP752. Also, we sent for one of Lou Buffardi's Ercoupe books and have had fun flipping back and forth through it -- surely does show a lot of hard work and research.

We're picking up some new Coupers in the area. We've talked with Mary Ellen Levelett for several months and she is now completing her flying lessons in the Coupe she bought from Roy Perryman. Easter day we met Byron and Lael Bousha who are seriously looking and hope to buy a Coupe quite soon. And Karin Duval gave us the name of Don Monroe who recently bought N99049. Hope to see all these people at our monthly gatherings as soon as they're able.

Last month we decided to try meeting at 1:00 p.m. so the church goers will have more time to get preflighted and fly over. So, we'll hope to see you all at Sweptwing at Albany on Sunday, April 20 at 1:00 for lunch. By the way, Stan Turel got some film of St. Helens spouting which he'll bring to a fly in when he gets a chance.

Roy & Eileen Wright

## AREA 3

Area 3 has had much going on since the last news report. It seems like years ago, but we did have a great Christmas get together with forty-two persons attending. We had some food, exchange of gifts, and a good time by all.

We did have a spell of bad weather and naturally this came at a time we were planning a fly-in picnic and meeting. We finally made it on a Saturday afternoon flying to Tonapah (50 miles west of Phoenix) to a private strip owned by our members, Jim Thomas and Allan Gerstavon. A beautiful day for six planes and a couple of cars to make the trip. Enclosed are a couple of pictures of the early arrivals and a general view of the meeting with some deep thought going on.





Of course, our big thing is our upcoming Southwest Regional Fly-In with the Phoenix chapter being the host group. Much work has already been put in and much more to come. As always, we expect a good turn out with much fun for all.

We are now in the process of getting a local newsletter going, hope to have more on this at a later date.

Weather is great, flying even better, gas high, but still can get it, so we are doing our thing as long as we can.

Jack Harkness  
Regional Director No. 3

### AREA 3 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FLY-IN

The Third Annual Southwest Regional Fly-In is now history. For the first time we were really affected by weather. Beautiful sunshiny days with 75 mile visibility but with winds at a steady 25 mph gusting to 35 + mph and coming from all directions. Skip, and his able navigator, arrived on Friday afternoon from the Los Angeles area and they took a good bouncing all the way.

A couple of other early arrivals punched through from the coast on Friday. Saturday brought a bright clear day with strong winds from daybreak on. A couple of our local coupes made it in and then some of the California coupes started coming in with tales of a rough ride but terrific ground speeds. Each registrant received their gift package and started visiting and tale swapping events. The wind settled down in the early afternoon so the spot landing contest was held. Joe Brooks from Torrance, Calif. came out the close winner. Bud Warner, our local talented artist, did his thing with a clever drawing of Joe making his landing for the winning trophy. Our other afternoon events had to be scrubbed, so we took an early leave to get ready for the awards banquet.

Our guest speaker was the head man for our local F.A.A. giving us the update on the proposed T.C.A. for this area. A good discussion followed from all guests. There were forty-two persons in attendance who enjoyed a very good meal of Barb-que ribs with all the trimmings. The number of planes was small, but the quality was extremely good so the judges had quite a time of it. Ron Smith and Bill Renfro from the local E.A.A. were our judges and here are the results:

Most Modified Coupe, Joe Brooks, Torrance, Calif.; Most Original 415 Ercoupe, Ron Kibler, Phoenix, Az.; T.L.C. Award, Jim Duval, Phoenix, Az.; Best Interior, Joe Puskas, Tucson, Az.; Best Paint or Finish, Jack Owens, Calif.; Best Forney, Gary Dallugge, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Best 415 Ercoupe, Red Ward, Goodyear, Az.; Best Alon, Larry Kruljac, Riverside, Calif.; Best In Show, Red Ward, Goodyear, Az.; Longest Distance, Dot Tomlinson Memorial Award, Bill Jacobi, Palmdale, Calif.

With the presenting of the awards, this ended one fine year and started the thinking for the next.

Many THANKS to all who participated and to the local members who put in the long hours that made it work. Thanks Ed Brown, president, and your crews. I also want to Thank the folks that drove all night from L.A. to be with us and the couple that came in commercial airline. How can we ever THANK YOU for your interest and participation. The A.O.P.A. article was certainly right when they said that "perhaps the best thing about Ercoupe ownership is the camaraderie that comes from being a part of this enthusiastic group." All we can say to that is AMEN.



Picture enclosed is Best in Show getting its final touch-up from a proud owner, Red Ward.

Jack L. Harkness  
Regional Director No. 3

### REGION NO. 7

Dear Skip,

First of all I need a prop. for the convertible (Cont. 85 hp), as the project is not licensed for Glider Towing.

I got the time flown off, and got license on the project last week. Am in process of painting and upholstering it now. I made patterns for the upholstery and sent to Airtex. They did a good job.

Glen Beicker, Region 7 Director, was here last weekend for a visit. We had to haul him over the mountain through the fog in Cliff's Ercoford.

We are trying to get Region 7 members together June 1st at Thacker's International at Oil City, La., EAA fly in, to make plans for the Ohio trip. Some of the group plan to come here (Belleville), stay overnight, then go on the next day. Anyone from anywhere is welcome here. We plan to leave here July 3, Thursday, EARLY.

We are sending a small check for the Fred Weick Fund in memory of Shannon Carney, Mountain View, Ark.

Sorry we missed you when you were here. Too bad as you were looking at our house.

Arkansas members, please send me your address so we can include you in local activities.

Leonard Page  
Belleville, Ark. 72824, (501) 495-2647

### REGION NO. 8

Dear Indiana Couper:

Well, we are now down to a few days before the Indiana Chapter Fly-In and just a few short months away from the big one at Bowling Green. With a little luck maybe we will miss those May showers the weekend of May 3rd & 4th.

The Good News...

As I have stated in earlier Chapter Letters, the purpose of the Chapter Fly-In is to motivate my fellow Indiana Coupers to attend the National Fly-In and to enjoy the company of those who are interested in the same type aircraft as I. SO! There will be NO registration fee, NO competition of judging of coupes, and the BEER and SOFT DRINKS will be FREE after the flying. I certainly do not want anyone staying home because he or she feels that their coupe is not pretty enough to come to a fly-in.

If you have not made reservations at the Holiday Inn, please do so. The number to call is 317-825-7531. Room rates are as follows: 1 person 1 bed, \$24.00; 2 persons 1 bed, \$26.00, 2 beds \$28.00, SP. A \$30.00 and SP B \$28.00. Special A rooms have a parlor and special B rooms have king sized beds.

May will be here before you know it so after reading this letter pick up the phone and make your reservations.

Would any of you good people have a spare set of metal wings or know a kind hearted A&P who has covered Ercoupe wings before? Drop me a line.

Dear Coupers;

Joseph E. Todd  
E.O.C. Indiana Wing Leader

To recap the Indiana Chapter Fly-in held the 3rd & 4th of May, it was FANTASTIC... The weather was just perfect and a total of 31 aircraft attended. Of the 31 aircraft 23 were Coupes, 2 Forneys, 2 Alons, 1 Cadet, and 3 others.

Besides the wonderful fellowship on the field the highlight of the weekend was the Disco party Sat. night at the Holiday-Inn's Nickelodeon Lounge with a light and sound show that were super.

Also decided over the weekend was the Region 8 Fly-in will be held at Connersville, Indiana the 23rd & 24th of August, 1980. Arrangements are being made now with our F.B.O., Caterers, Transportation, and the Holiday-Inn. We are hoping for Pool side rooms on both floors and a pool party, and Disco again in the Nickelodeon Lounge. So plan now for the National Fly-In at Bowling Green, Ohio the 3rd to 6th of July and the Region 8 Fly-In at Connersville, Indiana the 23rd & 24th. Connersville people are famous for great parties and if we can't show you a good time you're too far gone.

We were graced with such guests this weekend as our National President, Jim Fohr, who came down in his Coupe from Wisconsin, our National Secretary, the former Judy LaBash, now Mrs. Jim Marquardt from Toledo, Ohio, the Region 8 Director and Master planner of the Nationals, Carl Hall, from Bowling Green, Ohio, and the man with all the part numbers, Jon Hiles, from Springfield, Ohio.

Those in attendance this weekend were: Richard Land, New Carlisle, Ind., Bill Knisley, New Carlisle, Ind., H. Elbert Blair, Bluffton, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tash, Connersville, Ind., Bob Bouterse, Warsaw, Ind., Howard Hamilton, Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lee, Speedway, Ind., John Matras, Gary, Ind., John Flenner, Gary, Ind., John Chethin, Indianapolis, Ind., Don Dunkerly, Carmel, Ind., Roy Orr, Sr., Indianapolis, Ind., Roy Orr, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind., John Summers, Brazil, Ind., Gloria Hewes, Brazil, Ind., Jon Hiles, Springfield, Ohio, Lum Estes, Highland, Ind., Buzz Kimbell, Catlin, Ill., Eric Podzielinski, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Jim Fohr, Racine, Wisc., Scott Brenton, Racine, Wisc., Frank Wood, Zionsville, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Marshall White, Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Garland Morrison, Marion, Ind., Charles Darnell, LaFayette, Ind., Don Rowe, LaFayette, Ind., Carl Hall, Bowling Green, Ohio, Dale Stover, Bowling Green, Ohio, Bill Williams, Seelyville, Ind., Veron Bothwell, Cloverdale, Ind., Willard Mosley, Speedway, Ind., Alfred VanGilder, Seelyville, Ind., Everett Stedman, Speedway, Ind., Clifton Hoard, Westfield, Ind., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Marquardt, Toledo, Ohio, Bill Wolford, Wabash, Ind., June Bessler, Kokomo, Ind.

Respectfully,  
Joseph E. Todd  
Indiana Wing Leader



# 1980 National Fly In

## 1980 NATIONAL EOC FLY-IN

This will be a great year for our group — we have at this time completed all the plans for this great event. There will be something for everyone. At a later time, I will cover every event on the list, but for now, let's look at the over-all concept.

We expect everyone to arrive July 3, Thursday, anytime in the afternoon. There will be a chicken Bar-B-Q about 7 p.m. Our kick-off event will be Mr. Fred Weick that evening in the Dorm Lounge. This will be a great time to hear of the good ol' days and get further inside information.

The next two days will be filled with such events as: Pinch-Hitters course, talks on General Care of the Coupe, Mods & Kits, The Parts Factory, Films, Fireworks Display, a predicted log competition, Flea Market, Aircraft Judging, Do-It-Yourself Information and FSS Weather. All of this, mixed with time to look over all the coupes, beer and bull sessions, trips for the ladies and much more.

- July 3 - 6, 1980.

## 1980 NATIONAL FLY-IN

If you don't like airplanes, what do you do in Bowling Green, Ohio. While the other half if at his hobby, there are some other things to do.

There will be a field trip to the Toledo Museum of Art. This is one of the better exhibits in the US, with a very good collection of Glass. Of course, there is always shopping.

Or, if you like sports—we have a deal for you.

1) Student Recreation Center — two pools, jogging track, handball/racquetball, exercise rooms, table tennis and many more.

2) 15+ tennis courts

3) Golf (18 holes)

4) Ice Skating

Then there is a lot of things to do after the big event. How about a side trip to Dayton and the Air Force Museum or Lake Erie Islands or the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.

You may not have counted, but there are 700 Coupes 500 miles from Bowling Green and about 1200 only 750 miles out. I expect some 200 or 300 to attend our Fly-In.

As you can tell there will be a lot to see and do. It's up to you to be there!!!

This will be a great Fly-In. There will be a lot of information to take home. For example, on Friday, July 4th the 2:00 p.m. forum will be given by John Wright on "General care and operation of the coupe." John is an A&P and has much information to pass on. Here are his notes on himself and what he will be covering.

I have been a member of the Illinois Air National Guard since January 1953 and have been employed full time as an aircraft mechanic since November 1954. I also work part time for Star-chief Aviation at Jacksonville, Illinois. I started flying in 1968 but didn't get my license until 1976, might be a record, I don't know. There were a lot of ups and downs in the process. Anyway, I bought my coupe in January 1974, it was in a bushel basket, with some of the baskets missing. I rebuilt it from scratch and flew it in December 1975. Since then I have been adding modifications here and there and I'm still working on it. Hope to have a new Inst. panel in by the fourth of July which will be the last mod. I think I have flown it a little over 600 hrs. I also have some time in Pipers, Tomahawk Warrior and Archers, Seminoles and Seneca's and a little in 310 Cessnas. At present I'm working on my Inst. rating.

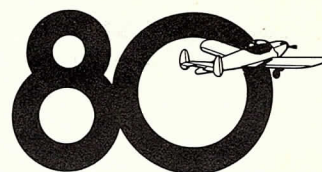
I plan to give a lecture on maintaining the coupe. Some of the things I have learned since I started on mine. Also, shortcuts that I have found, the things to look for etc., also, I would like to touch a bit on safety ground and air as you know General Aviation's Accident rate is on the upswing. After this I plan to open the meeting up for discussion to let others tell about their experiences. Should be able to take care of 1½ hrs. without any problem.

Plan to be involved, attend, enjoy and learn more about your coupe at the 1980 National Fly-In.

We are only months away from a great get together here in Bowling Green. There will be some well informed speakers to expand your concept and enjoyment of that great little Coupe. Just to get you thinking, here is what Jon Hiles has to say of himself and what he will cover with his talk "Do It Yourself."

Carl Hall

*The need for alternate transportation from Chicago to my home town in Ontario, Canada led me to consider buying a light plane and learning to fly back in 1963. Not feeling comfortable in high wing*



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*airplanes, I limited myself to low wing aircraft, while financial and other concerns further limited me to my first Ercoupe. Expert advice to the contrary, I purchased an airplane before I knew how to fly.*

*The first plane was a grand '48 model E Ercoupe with a controllable pitch propeller. It served me well for five years and kindled my interest in "doing it myself."*

*Progressing onward in hardware and experience, I acquired a 1957 Forney F1 which lived with me for some ten years. In between long self-imposed maintenance and modification sabbaticals, 7500C carried me wherever I asked it, from Canada to the Bahamas.*

*Failing in my quest to progress onward to an Alon, I settled instead for a Mooney Cadet which presently occupies my maintenance barn at Springfield, Ohio airport.*

*In between those wonderful hours flying the Coupes and maintaining them, I, armed with a Mechanical Engineering degree, managed to support the whole operation thru almost twenty years in the aerospace industry, mostly in quality control functions. After my work on the B1 bomber evaporated with Jimmy Carter's incredibly stupid decision to cancel that program, I signed on as a Procurement Representative with Douglas Aircraft out of Long Beach, California.*

*My extensive business travel has given me the unique opportunity of maintaining contact with those wonderful Aircoupers who heard and appreciated my initial message presented at Tahlequah. These exchanges are invaluable to me in furthering my concept of "do it yourself." We have a common problem with the Federal Aggravation Agency when it comes to keeping the high cost of aircraft ownership in line. The very people the FAA require us to patronize are all too often much further down on the learning curve when it comes to specific Ercoupe/Aircoupe knowledge than we are.*

*As I enter my 17th year with Coupes and Coupers, I look forward to the opportunity of sharing my experience with everyone at Bowling Green in July. If I can help just one soul alleviate just one of his maintenance concerns, it will be well worth my efforts.*

Jon Hiles

## 1980 EOC NATIONAL FLY-IN UPDATE

This year there will be something different as a flying event. It will be what we are calling a predicted log event. The tentative plan for this event, chaired by Bob Staight, is for a four-leg flight of about one-hour duration.

There will be a briefing and each couper will plan his trip for time required. Each coupe will then depart at three-minute intervals with an observer on board. The main job of the observer is an extra pair of eyes for safety and to check that each point has been reached. Time will be based on that estimated by the pilot, the nearest to their estimate will be the winner. Any ties will be broken by nearest to estimated fuel usage.

Bob feels that this will be a good event for the hot-shot pilots and a good way to see some of Northwest Ohio. Bob has had some experience with log trips as he has flown his 75 HP 415-C to New Orleans, Maine, South Dakota, Oshkosh (twice) and Tahlequah (twice).

We think this will be fun and help show what the coupe can do.

Have you noted the days are getting longer? Well, here at Wood County Airport, Bowling Green, Ohio, things are looking up, we are planning aircraft parking for 250 coupes, space for all the great meetings and events for July 4,5. Come early, stay late, it's going to be a lots of fun and informative.

Here is one more item from what is planned for you!

Pinch-Hitter's Course Ercoupe

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  - A. Range
  - B. Speed
- II. Attitude Flying
  - A. Aerodynamics
  - B. Useful attitudes in the Ercoupe
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  - A. Characteristics of the compass
  - B. The sectional chart
- IV. Communications Procedures
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  - B. Arrival
- V. Weather Basics
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**THURSDAY**

**3 July** Noon-6 p.m. Arrival and late registration  
(All rooms & banquet tickets  
by pre-registration or during  
this time.)

7 p.m. Cook-out on field (Bar-B-Q  
Chicken) (Cash)

9 p.m. Meet and discuss with designer,  
Mr. Weick, Dorm Lounge,  
(Cash beer bar and snacks)

**FRIDAY**

**4 July** 7:30-10 a.m. Breakfast at dorm (Cash)

9:00 a.m. Biannual Flight Check  
(Dale Samuelson)

10 a.m.-Noon Films at airport

12 Noon Cash lunch on field

1-3 p.m. Pinch/hitter at airport  
(Ms. Elizabeth Sluhan) (fee)

1 p.m. "Univair the Ercoupe Parts  
Factory"

2-3:30 p.m. "General care & operation of  
the coupe" at airport (John  
Wright) (A & P)

4 p.m. "Mods & kits" at airport  
(Bob German)

6-7:30 p.m. Dinner at dorm (Cash)

7 p.m. Meeting of club officers  
(Lounge)

8 p.m. Film at dorm (slide shows, etc.)

9 p.m. Beer and Bull at dorm (Cash  
beer bar and snacks)

After Dark Fireworks in city park

**SATURDAY**

**5 July** 7:30-10 a.m. Breakfast at dorm (Cash)

9:00 a.m. Tour (bus) Toledo Art Museum

9:00 a.m. Predicted log competition  
(Bob Staight)

9:00 a.m. Flea Market at airport

10 a.m. Aircraft judging

12 Noon Cash lunch

1-3 p.m. Pinch/hitter at airport

1 p.m. AIV & Insurance for the coupe

2-4:30 p.m. Jon Hiles at airport "why not do  
it yourself"

5 p.m. Weather outlook FSS on field

6:30 p.m. Happy hour

7:30 p.m. Banquet-Business meeting & awards  
Ham buffet (\$7.00)

**SUNDAY**

**6 July** 7-10 a.m. Breakfast at dorm (cash)

8 a.m. Dayton trip - Air Museum  
(If sufficient interest)

Rooms for the National Fly-In will be available at the following  
rates: Single rooms \$9.25 per night, which includes all linens and maid  
service. Double rooms \$14.50 per night with linens and maid service.

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### COMING EVENTS

Annual Midwestern Memorial Day Fly-In, May 24-25. Bill Berning of Shenandoah Iowa always hosts this well planned event. This year Bill has asked Ned Powers of the FAA to return as a speaker and also a friend of Ned's who was an Engineer with ERCO. This promises to be a real good event for the midwestern Coupers. Bill asks that anyone who plans to attend drop him a card so he can make plans accordingly. There is absolutely no obligation and he realizes that bad weather can change plans, so help Bill and drop him a card, or phone him for more details. Bill Berning, 523 W. Sheridan Ave., Shenandoah, Iowa 51601 712-246-1623 Trophies and awards to be presented.

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### National EOC Fly-In July 3-6 1980

On July 6, 1980, we are having an air show. The field will close at 1:30 P.M. Dickson has a 4,000 ft. hard surface runway. We would like to invite your members to attend.

If your group would be interested in setting up an area of display, please feel free to do so. For more information contact Mel or Maxine Romine, Rt. 4, Box 371, Dickson, Tn. 37055. Phone 1-615-446-3120.

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### AUGUST 17-30 WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS Oshkosh, Wisconsin

For further information contact: Mel R. Jones, Director of Public Relations, EAA, P.O. Box 229, Hales Corners, Wisc. 53130

### FROM THE MAIL BOX cont.

real classics out of the Smithsonian Museum here in the Capital. Lou's book ERCOUPE: The Flying Tiger is bursting at the seams with photos out of the Smithsonian; and also many, many taken by me and Lou over the past four years at Fly-Ins in California. Also, some great pics taken of Ercoupes at dozens of airports across the nation when we used to stop for coffee and lunch!

In last month's Coupe Capers we were thrilled to see our names and the book being plugged! Thanks, Skip - you do us all (Ercoupers) a fine service each month.

When the weather is friendlier here on the East Coast I'll make a note to ask Lou if we could go up to Silver Spring, Maryland to see how we can help Bob Huyck with his Ercoupe lying helpless in his front yard!

Keep those newsletters coming!

Pat Buffardi

Dear Skip,

After a 4 year membership in your fine club, I want to drop a line and thank all the people involved and the fine membership for the help and hints. Every issue is read from cover to cover to be sure.

The March issue of A.O.P.A. has a fine article on Ercoupes and also in the back find an article on Rolls Royce Continental Aircraft Engines, which are now available through Wag-Aero, Lyons, Wisc.

I purchased my second Ercoupe No. 94341 last July, 1979, and I want to pass on some advice to future buyers. Before purchasing any airplane, have your own or a disinterested A&E check it out.

I have had a real nightmare with the one I just purchased as Roy Wright will certainly agree. Do not believe anything the seller tells you or the mechanic that worked on the plane.

Supposedly the aircraft had flown six hours after Annual and repair work. No. 1 cyl. had been rerung with the taper & ring lands worn well beyond factory ma/service limits.

This was a real patch up job - resulting in three forced landings before it was torn down for overhaul. This kind of work by a Certified A&E, is very discouraging to say the least.

The engine was supposed to have 700 hrs. after major. The condition after teardown was more like 2000 hrs.

The log books for the airplane are in good order, but the engine logs are a bag of worms.

Roy Wright has been a great help to me and I know to many other Northwest Coupers. Thanks again for a fine newsletter.

Al Henderson

P.S. The Ercoupe is flying great now. Anyone who has a used radio for sale please contact me. Escort 110 - Genave 200B?? Please find enclosed a little something for the Fred Weick Fund.

Al Henderson  
Rt 2, Box 151F, Aurora, Ore. 97002

*Al, did you report this to the FAA? I am sure they would like to know about this, and may take action against the mechanic.*

Skip



## REGION 11 COUPE SCOOP

No! Region 11 is not dead. I have been rather busy in the last few months, so now I hope to bring you up to date.

First of all, I have contacted Al Woods from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He advised he was having a fly-in again this year, hopefully with a better turnout than last year. I asked if he would like to make it a Regional fly-in rather than a State fly-in. He said he would be more than happy to do this and knowing Al from what he did last year, it should be a top notch fly-in.

The tentative date for fly-in is June 21 and 22nd. This is the first week of summer so we know the weather should be fantastic. We are hoping to make this a warm up fly-in for the National, which will be held July 4th weekend. We have more Coupes than any Regions in the Country, so there should be no reason why we cannot have the largest Coupe fly-in. Everyone in Region 11 will be receiving a follow up newsletter with particulars for the fly-in.

If anyone in Region 11 would like to take it on their own and make a poster advising of Ercoupe fly-in and tack it up at their local airport, it would be most helpful, as there are many Coupe owners that are not members of the National Ercoupe Club and are not always aware when fly-ins for Ercoupes are held throughout the year.

Anyone interested in coming to fly-in should phone Al Woods - (518) 584-9555 or myself (215) 295-4115, so that plans can be made for refreshments and accommodations for anyone staying over.

I am in the process of re-doing the wings on my Coupe, using Ceco-nite 102. I am working with my Al in devising a new method of securing fabric to the ribs without showing screw heads. Hopefully, I will have my coupe at the fly-in in Saratoga Springs, showing this new process application, which should interest the rag wing boys.

Don Stretch

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that W. E. Commings, Inc., has sold its Ercoupe business to Univair, Inc. as of this date.

We express our gratitude to our many past customers and to your club organization which supported us over the years.

Our business was operated solely by myself (Bill Commings) and my wife, Ruth. We are retiring in favor of other activities that we have looked forward to for some time.

Regards,  
W. E. Commings

## FROM THE MAIL BOX

There is a man  
Who loves to fly  
Like all the birds  
Up in the sky

But fly he can't  
For you should see  
The plane he has  
Sitting under a tree

It has no wings  
The tail is gone  
But he is always  
Singing this song

Fly I will, Fly I must  
Come Spring or Fall  
I'll fix this plane  
And show you all

And when I fly  
All you will see  
Is the cloud of dust  
That's behind me

I'll fly so high  
Up in the sky  
You cannot see  
Me wave goodbye

Jean Hill  
March 12, 1980

## Glow Little Glow Worm

Dear Skip,

I just finished repainting my entire house to glow in the dark. My neighbor plans to make his car next to be painted to glow. We plan to put a forged 3 Mile Island Sticker upon the bumper so as to never have to worry about theft or vandalism at night.

Please publish on your calendar of events a fly-in at Milford Airpark, in Milford, De. Its code is N98. It is located at 38 degrees 55' north latitude and 75 degrees 26' east longitude. It has grass runways 8-26 and 13-31, each 2450' in length. Only 8-26 is lit at night. Telephone number is 302-422-4916 and you can have Dover approach con-

trol help you to find this difficult to see airport on 125.9 or 128.0 Mhz. They will also arrange to have runway lights turned on if you need them.

Digressing to the fly-in: on June 6 and 7 the Milford Chamber of Commerce will be serving free chicken dinners to those who fly antique and classic aircraft thereto. We plan to have a flour bombing contest and similar events. There is a comfortable motel and a proven-der within walking distance of the airport. Also, at night, it will be possible to bicycle or drive 6 miles west to see my house glow in the dark. I hope you will be there.

Your friend,  
Barney Vincelette

Hi Skip:

Ref. Mitch Mayborn's info on fuel tank foam, it was called "SAFOM." Experience over the next 2 or 3 years in aircraft and race ars showed that it was slowly degraded by the fuel, a less than perfect solution, since it left you with diminished capacities for baffling and explosion suppression — in fact, a totally empty tank, if allowed to continue its slow disintegration. The rate of degradation was slow enough that it didn't interfere with engine operation, but it wouldn't stay in the tank.

Enclosed is a copy of p. 9 of Sport Aviation, 3-80, showing a new type of fuel-tank foam, and the address to contact for information on same.

I do like Amon Proctor's idea on the glasses; cost has prevented me from purchasing them too — even when they were eleven dollars plus four — but I do think they are a good buy.

I also believe Al Hiti has a good idea on the reproduction of old Coupe ads and brochures. I thought about suggesting that once, but then considered probably nobody has anything earlier than Alon literature, and an incomplete set is not really for serious collection (although it's better than nothing).

Duane Mizer's "Twin Erco-tang" exists! or used to — see Vol. 3 No. 11, the Thrasher Bros., airshow coupe, Duane.

And don't run Jack Crater's "for sale" ad — that coupe doesn't want to be sold, and besides, nothing else he buys is going to run well on Mobil no-lead.

Enough for now, KCF,  
Elliott Brown

*Scott Paper Company's Foam Division has developed a new explosion suppressant polyurethane foam for use in fuel tanks. This new material called Blue Safety Foam has more resistance to the hydrolytic deterioration of earlier Orange, Yellow and Red Foams. For info, contact: D. C. Oppen, Foam Division, Scott Paper Company, 1500 E. Second St., Chester, PA. 19013, phone 215/876-2551.*

Hi Skip,

On a recent vacation to LaPaz, Baha California Sur, Mexico, I had a great experience. I think you might be interested.

On departing the DC9 Aero Mexico Aircraft I looked over toward the private aircraft ramp and lo and behold — you guessed it — there sat an Ercoupe in all its glory.

Well, it took me a few days to work up my courage to go back out to the airport to find out who owned this little lovely. As I stood admiring this little jewel a young man walked up to me, he couldn't speak English, I couldn't speak Spanish. Eventually he figured it out that I wanted to talk to the owner. He took me in tow over to the Chief Mechanic at the airport, who spoke fair English. He gave me the owner's name and telephone number.

Needless to say, I wasted no time in contacting him. He came right over to the hotel and picked me up, and out to the airport we went. Believe it or not he let me fly around the patch one time. The next day bright and early he came and got me again and allowed me to fly the twin tailed terror of Baja Cal. Sur down to Punta Colorado, back to Rancho Buena Vista, then to Bahia Las Palmas de Cortez, then back to LaPaz. All told, I flew 1.5 hrs. of pure joy.

Anyway, let's get down to business. This is to introduce you to Mr. John Riffe of LaPaz. He is an American, lived in Mexico about 16 years, married to a lovely Mexican National whose name is Gloria. He speaks fluent Spanish. Skip, this guy needs our help with maintenance tips on his bird.

So, let's all of us pitch in and help him out when he writes in for help.

Incidentally, he says there is no problem with flying in Mexico. He can and will give us all the particulars about flying south of the border.

In closing I'd like to add that he is planning on making the Arizona Coupe Groups Fly-In the weekend of April 26-27. Let's all welcome him to the organization.

Bill Jacobi

Dear Skip,

Who said wives don't read newsletters!

Just read the plea from a new member of Ercoupe Owners Club in your Volume 8, Coupe Capers. Carl Tomasello sounds very interested and enthusiastic about his new hobby — collecting photos of any and all Ercoupes. I am sure when Lou returns from Brussels he will get in touch with Carl in N.J. and let him know how to go about getting some





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Any additional nominations will be accepted until July 1st, 1980.  
Elections will be held at Bowling Green, Ohio, at the National meeting.  
Those unable to attend may vote by post card, which must be  
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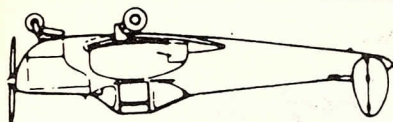
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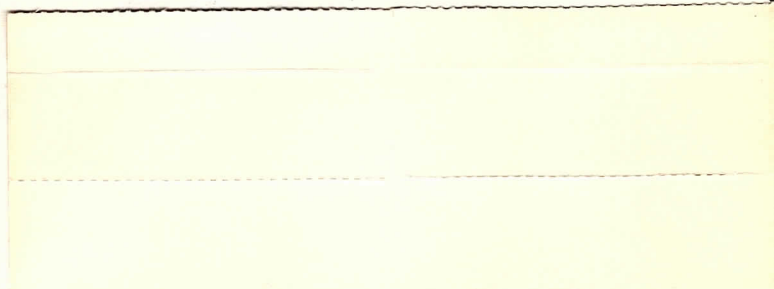
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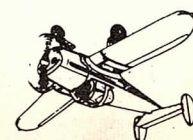
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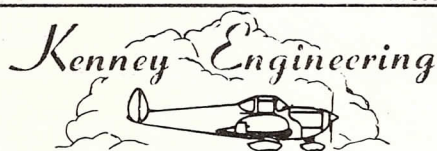
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