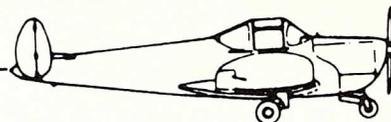


COUPE CAPERS

NEWSLETTER OF ERCOUPE OWNERS CLUB



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Editor: Skip Carden

Dear Skip,

Sorry for the delay in writing, but we had a back up in our photo department.

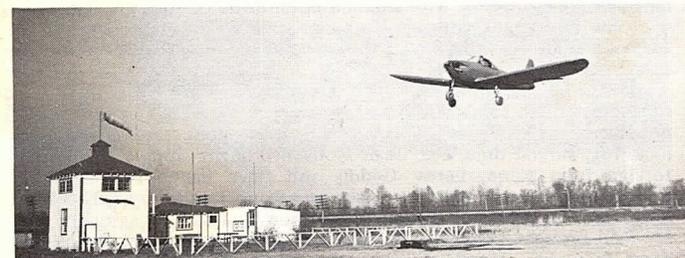
I appreciate the patches, thank you very much.

Can you tell me when and where the national Ercoupe fly-in is.

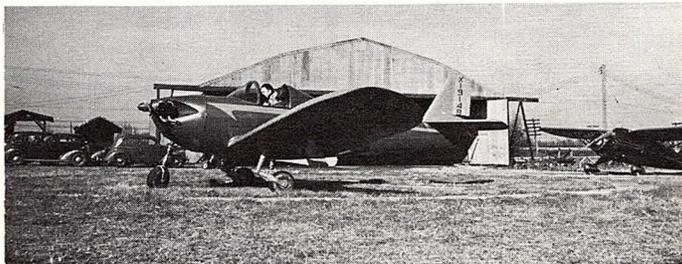
I hope these photographs will be of some help to you and the other ercoupe owners. I numbered them on the back and listed what I thought to be of some interest.

The Ercoupe that we have has been cleaned up and is now on display here at the shop. I am also sending a set of photos to Don Stretch at Artex.

Yours truly
One Happy Ercoupe Owner
Richard Horigan
National Air & Space Museum



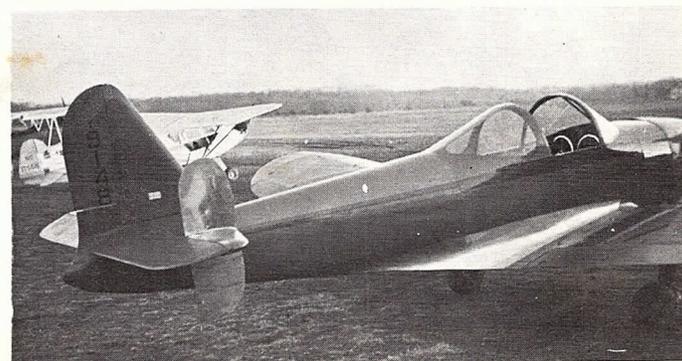
I believe this is College Park Airport. Notice there are no rear or side windows. This plane is the prototype X19148.



The paint scheme I believe is red with silver stripes and wings. Check the landing gear forks with the ones on picture 12 and 13.



This picture shows the new gear fairing, unpainted aluminum with canvas bottom.



Shows the addition of rear windows. Unpainted second tail and large wing fairing. There are tufts on the wing.



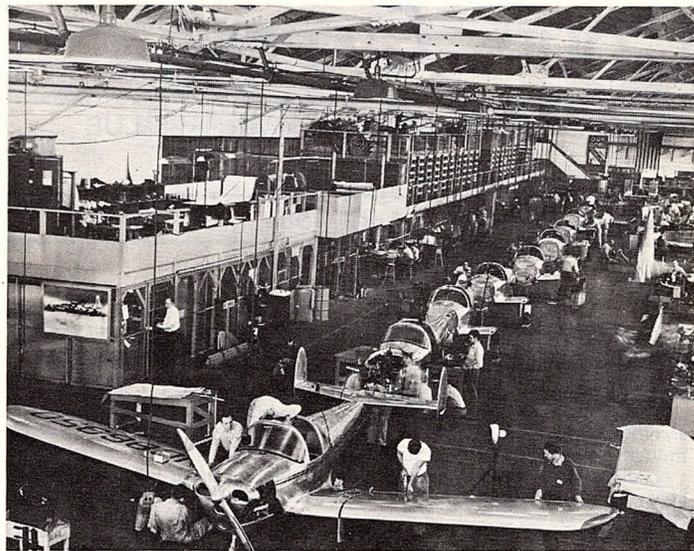
The first of the double tails. Notice the nose gear fairing and side windows. There is a lump in the center leading edge of the horizontal tail. I haven't been able to find out what it is and they went back to the short wing fairing.



The first production NC15692. The gear legs are different from the prototype photo No. 7. External aileron counter weights, polished aluminum finish fuselage, red numbers, silver wing. This picture is a promotion ad.



NC15692 in its final form. A wind generator and trailing antenna under the center section. Antenna top rear cockpit to the tops of the tails. No oil cooler. The prop has a flaired hub with an aluminum ring flaring into the nose bowl. The nose bowl has checks at the cylinder air opening.



The production line, polished fuselage, silver wings, red stripes, tip and numbers, oil cooler and a different air intake.

CAN YOU HELP???

Since going onto our Computer, we have had several newsletters returned to us for one reason or another. If you know any of the following people, please advise them to contact us with their correct address: Douglas & Marie Goss, Des Moines, Iowa; R. J. Brennan, St. Petersburg, FL.; Bob Sims, Alliance, Ohio; Dennis Peterson, Bellevue, WA; Leroy Lipford, Pueblo, Colo.; Ron Fike, Roseburg, OR; J.W. Coleman, Columbia, S.C. Thanks for your assistance.

Skip

ROY WRIGHT NEW REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

Once again, Roy Wright has volunteered to come to the aid of the Club and become the Regional Co-Ordinator. He will be in charge of all Regional Directors and Wing Leaders. Since Roy helped set up this program, he is the logical one to head it up. He is an excellent organizer and a natural leader who I am sure you will enjoy working with. If you have any comments or suggestions then contact Roy at 24490 Skyland Dr., Canby, Oregon 97103 or phone (503) 266-9777. He would like to ask that all regional leaders send in the names and addresses to him so that he can contact them when necessary. It will also allow us to print a new listing in the newsletter.

TRADE 1977 Honda Civic Wagon - newly rebuilt engine, new clutch, for Ercoupe. Paid \$3900.00 for Car, plus \$600.00 engine O.H. Phone (503) 839-4929, J.D. Cullett, Rt. 1, Box 281, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457.

AREA NEWS

REGION 1

Dear Northwest Coupers,

It's hard to tell what the weather will be like by the time this newsletter goes out - - but we just spent a beautiful weekend putting up screens, wheeling out yard furniture, and waxing the car. Hello Spring! We also took to the air in N5635F to test out an adjustment on the wing leveler and were entertained by a spurt of steam from old St. Helens.

And, we've made the big decision - - we're off to Bowling Green again for the annual EOC July 4 Fly-in. Every year we try to be "sensible" and vary our vacation; and every year we break down and "twin-tail" it back just as fast as we can go. We'll be gone the last week of June and the first week of July and any of you who are interested in having a great old time with a bunch of fantastic Coupe-type people are welcome to go back with us. If you'd rather go on your own schedule that's fine too -- we'll be glad to share our plans and itinerary suggestions with you.

Meanwhile, our monthly lunch gatherings go forward as usual. The sunshine on Feb. 21 brought out a good crop of locals including several new faces. Ira Dare, the Damewoods, and the Loopers all drove due to local fog, annual time, etc. Dean Monson brought along a friend in his foreign type plane; Leroy Geddis and Dave Palmquist filled their Coupes with friends; Dale Lorentson and Roy Rinard shared their Alon; Tom Newton, Malcolm Gibson, and Byron Bousha flew solo; and Bobbie Paul brought Clarence. Obviously, we had a nice lotful of Coupes -- some in various stages of revamping, some already beautified, some

needing a few safety revisions (such as the famous steering ball joint and nose wheel safety wire)--all sincerely welcome and enjoyed. It was a pleasure to have Byron Bousha, Dave Palmquist, and Dale Lorentson and Roy Rinard all join the group. We had met Byron during his search for a Coupe, met Dave at the January chowder feed at the coast, and talked briefly to Dale about the wing leveler--good to see so many new faces.

Those of you who have been part of our group for a few years and remember Stanley May will be pleased to hear that we recently received a letter from Stan. As we had suspected, he had been ill but is now feeling good again and ready to warm up his Coupe. He has sold part interest in his beautiful Alon to Richard Harmon and hopes the two of them can soon join our monthly crowd. So many of you have asked about Stan the last year or so and we are certainly relieved to finally be able to give you a positive report. Can't wait to see him again!

Jim Prosser has sold his Coupe recently but is still very much available for mechanical work.

Al Henderson just called and is putting his Coupe up for sale, asking \$7,000, recent major.

The March gathering will be at Sweptwing at Albany at Noon on Saturday, March 21. You will notice, if you please, that I have washed and waxed our transportation! See you there...

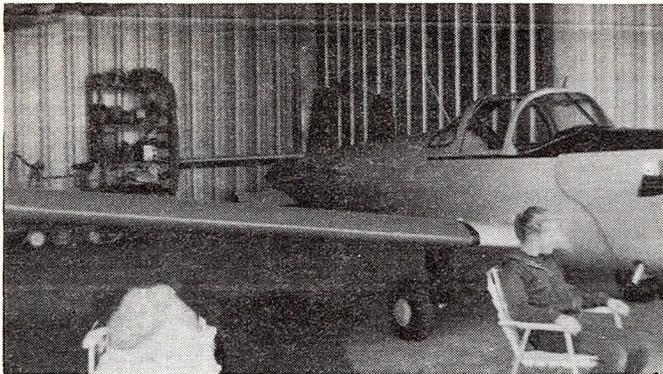
Roy & Eileen Wright

REGION 2

Jim Pryor and Cecil Muchmore hosted a hanger party at Jim's Compton, CA, hanger and twenty-two coupers, plus some of their families, showed up for hamburgers, salad, soda pop and beer, chips and cake on March 15. Jim's coupe with its beautiful new military paint job was on display. Of course, the regional director, Wayne Olson was there, as were Jack Proud, Jack Ramanski, Scott Reaser, Dave Kenney in his National Fly-In champion, Chuck Ferris, Jim Buote, Bob Elliot, Jack Owens, Richard Moore, Bill Jacobi, Irene Tucker, Jim Giblin, John Coe, Freeman Dines, Frank Saletri, Joe Figueras, Chris Munday, Joe Brooks, and the hosts Pryor and Muchmore. This was a first for several coupers.

Frank Saletri is still putting finishing touches on his comprehensive coupe compendium.

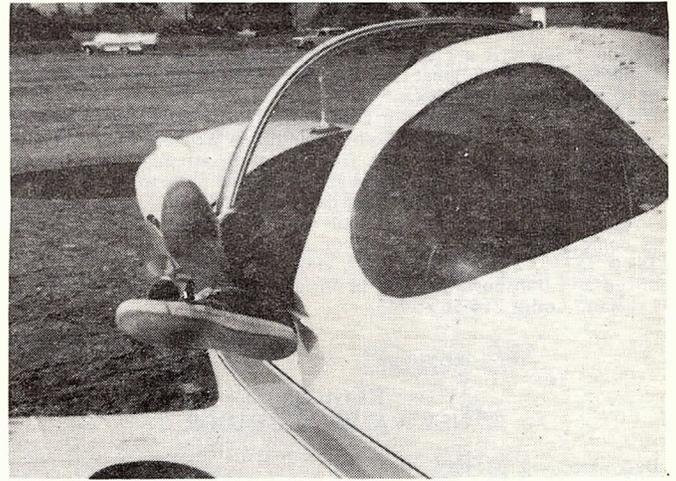
Chuck Ferris has put the Ercoupe Drivers who attend Southern California events into his micro computer, and can print out a list of who attended each fly-in back to August 1978 and what fly-in each participant attended.



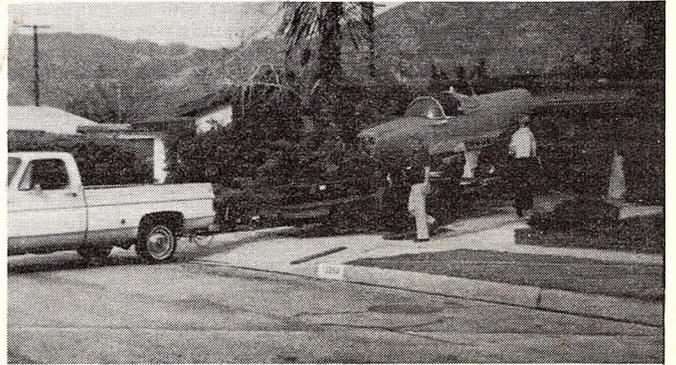
Jim Pryor has had his coupe added to the Ercoupe Airforce by painting it in these Navy colors and scheme.



Jim Pryor and Cecil Muchmore sponsored a coupe barbecue fly-in in their Compton, CA, base. Twenty-two coupers showed up, many with their families. One of the finest southern California flying events.



Saturday morning is maintenance time. Feet protruding from the window of N2634H, could only be those of Scott Reaser who is installing his full complement of instruments in a Dave Kenney panel. Scott has since earned his instrument ticket in his coupe.



An Ercoupe in every garage? Nice.... but half a coupe? Alan Fullerton was putting a new tail cone on his coupe in Chuck Ferris' garage in Sylmar, CA, because the plane was dropped in transit from Hawaii. Alan stopped the project in mid-cleco and sold it to Charles Taylor of Ontario, CA. Here is Taylor trawling both halves away. (While in Ferris' garage the tail cone extended into the laundry room. Ferris mused, "How come they look so small in the air, and so big in the garage?")

REGION 7

Skip:

Since our conversation, the EOC Region 7 fly-in schedule has been through revisions and to date here it is: April 4, EAA-Conroe-Montgomery County-coupes will be represented; April 11-12, Kenedy Fly-In, Coordinator: Bob Lokey, 512-658-3391; May 16-17 Mineola Fly-in (with the warbirds), Coordinator: Eddie Hearn, 204 West Front St., Mineola, Tx. 214-569-2595; June 13-14, Taylor Fly-In, Coordinator: Jana Ross, 8323 Westglen, Houston, Tx. 77063, 713-774-9910 (nite), 713-781-5110 (day); July, Bowling Green; August 1-8, Oshkosh, coupes will be there; August 22-23 Seguin-Becker Ranch, Coordinator: Glen Becker, Rt. 2, Box 326, Seguin, Tx. 78155, 512-379-4709; September 5-6 Port Lavaca-Antique Car Show and Coupe Fly-In, Calhoun County Airport, Coordinator: Preston VanHarlsen, 512-552-2959; September 19-20 Kerrville Fly-In, Coupes will be represented. We'll try to park together; October 10-11, Lake Mathis Fly-In, Coordinators: Charles & Leta Fleece, Box 473, Orange Grove, Tx. 93536, 512-547-6900; November, Open.

I will be sending a direct mail to each region seven names on the Coupe Capers mailing list. It will include info such as program or entertainment, airport diagram and facilities and other pertinent information. These will be posted in the area airports f.b.o's as well.

Looks like end of March I'll be in Washington, D.C. Thanks for the information...I've made arrangements to visit Silver Hill and "Coupe Number One."

See you at Bowling Green and thans for your assistance.

Jana Ross

REGION 7

Region 7 will have a Fly-In here in Mineola, Texas May 16-17. Really think we will have a great time this year. The best thing is that it won't be so HOT. But this is Texas.

We have a group of Delta Air Line pilots that fly Pitts and do precision aerobatics that will be here doing their thing. We have invited a newly organized chapter of the EAA from Tyler to attend. There is a new hanger being built on the field that can be used to "hanger fly ing." We will have good on the field Saturday noon and some sorta eating get-together Saturday night. Nita still undecided about that. If you plan to come please drop me a note or call: 1402 N. Pacific St., Mineola, Texas 75773, 214-569-3153, Eddy Hearn. The motel is most reasonably priced and transportation will be furnished. For motel reservation call Lakeland Lodge 214-569-5445.

REGION 9 NEW VA. WING LEADER

Dear Skip,

This is just to let you know that I have been informed by the Army that I will be transferred from Virginia to New Orleans this summer. This means I will no longer be able to carry on as Virginia Wing Leader of the EOC. However, all is not lost by a long shot. I have found a more than suitable replacement in Mr. Carter Bradley of Roanoke, Virginia. Carter has happily accepted my recommendation that he succeed me and I sincerely hope this will meet with the approval and support of the Virginia Coupers. Carter is enthusiastic and has a fine looking Ercoupe to boot. He will do a super job. I have taken the liberty of dropping Roy Wright a line giving him Carter's address and asking for an official appointment. I would also like to thank you for mentioning my Ercoupe book in the newsletter. I have about 20 left for sale at \$8.00 each.

Best Wishes,
Lou Buffardi

REGION 11

Hello Skip,

Enclosed find my check for dues. Put the rest in the fund.

Being Wing Leader of the 11th Div., I am ashamed I haven't written before, so here are a few things to print. As you know, I have installed 110 horse on my coupe. It is working beautiful cruise about 130 to 135 at 2500, also after talking to you I installed Brittain auto pilot which I am having a little trouble with. It wants to go in circles on Certion V.O.R. Did you have any trouble with yours? I called Leesburg, they tried to help me. Then I sent letter to them attn Cindy and they wouldn't even answer, so it is now out to the factory. Also, I see that someone is asking about Microlon Oil treatment. I can vouch for it. I put it in my new engine and it did exactly what it said it would do. It picked up RPM about 250 and air speed about 8 MPH, but I paid \$163.00 for it. Mine must have been the real thing. Also the old wives tale about auto gas, years ago I used it in my Cessna 150, we all did, and now using a combination of Sunoco reg. & super unleaded with TCP added. Check plugs every 20 hrs. and they're clean and beautiful. If anyone is having a low speed skip with 100LL tell them to use TCP and it will cure it.

Now the most important thing. I am planning my 3rd Coupe Fly-In for June 20-21. Please have everyone who attended last year contact me. By the way, first year had 12 planes, second year had 42 coupes. Sorry I didn't send you a write up and pictures. Don said he would take care of it. I see we got a few lines in the Caper. Will keep you posed on coming fly-in. I will be sending cards, etc. to everyone. Also, if you have any stuff to give away, send it. Also would like to say hello to new member Ken Juracka from Schenectady, N.Y. Tell him to call me and we will fly sometime. Next, I am thinking of painting my plane again, and would like it if anyone could draw me a color scheme with crayon. I want something really different and flashy. I call my coupe Lil Hustler. If anyone can do that, have them send me a design.

I sent a check for \$15.00 a long time ago to an ad in the caper for a back patch with my plane colors. Also sent them a picture. Can you tell me who it was. I never received it.

So, Remember, Ercoupes are flying while the rest are dying.

Al Wood
Wing Leader

Thanks for all the news, Al. I don't know about the patches that you mention, but I think Rita Wright could help. Also, my auto pilot tracks the DG not the VOR. Also, when are you going to send us a write-up on your engine?

Skip

SUN 'N' FUN 81

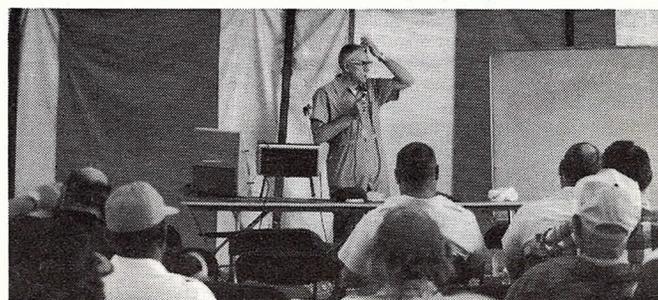
Once again Sun 'N' Fun was plagued by bad weather. With high winds and cool temperatures that kept most everyone bundled up. The ultra lights were kept grounded for most of the week, flying only when there were breaks in the wind. The attendance was good and the quality of show planes was as good or better than usual, although I felt that overall attendance was less than what they have had in past years, probably the economy.

The EOC had a lovely tent and chairs and several tables. This was truly the best way to render the best service to our members. Bill Morrison had a Coffee Pot and cups there for everyone who wanted a Free Cup with us. As usual, Fred Fisher from North Carolina did his usual good job with manning the tent for the first of the week, and we thank Fred for his services. I arrived by Cherocoupe on Wednesday with the Heaths who brought loads of Club items for sale. I also thank Fran and Ken for all the help they rendered during the rest of the week. Larry Blauvelt was in attendance to fill in those often asked questions on Coupes and Coupe maintenance. Jon Hiles, our technical expert, gave the Forum on Saturday which was well attended and brought to the surface many helpful hints and tips. Jon has a wealth of information and always is well received. And last, but not least, we were again happy to see Fred and Dorothy Weick who came over to be with us. It is really nice to have the number one Ercoupe Man in attendance. I also want to thank Joe B. McCawley who was kind enough to put me up on Tuesday nite and also on Monday when the weather got bad.

We had a real good turnout with sixty people registered and over 20 aircraft registered. We had the opportunity to use the new registration cards and they worked real well. This was the first time that the new voting system was used and it was a complete success with some very close votes. I think when everyone gets the habit of voting that the results will be even better. Col. Moore again awarded a Blue Magic Trophy which was again won by Burt Ellegarde from Minnesota. The other winners were as follows: Best Ercoupe N9485K; Best Forney N7530C; Best Alon N6560Q; Best M10 Cadet N9508V; Longest distance flown, Jim Cox Tonna Bat, Mn, 1430 miles; Longest Distance Driven, Weldon Howell, 1500 miles, Ontario, Canada; Oldest Pilot, Allan Goranson; Longest Distance Commercial, Alan Lovell-Spencer, London, England. As you can see, people came from far and near to get to the Sun 'N' Fun fly-in. Skip Harris came over from Texas in his Coupe and Stan Sessler drove in from NY with Burt from Mn., followed by Jim Cox from Mn. and Ken and Fran Heath who drove in from Oklahoma and many, many more who flew and drove in. We enjoyed meeting and being with you for the short time that we had. A very special thanks to John and Sandy Mott who made all the arrangements for the Tent and chairs and tables that we enjoyed so. THANKS FROM EVERYONE!!!



ERCOUPE OWNERS CLUB TENT



Jon Hiles ponders a question

1946 415C N99458 Ser. No. 2081. 2300 TTAE, 35 SMOV, C85-12, 100 oct. valves. Imron paint, ceconite wings. Grimes Strobe, Clev. wheels and brakes, Escort 110 Nav/Com, KT 75 Trans. Post lites, Feb. '81 annual. New upholstery, excellent condition, everything's been done. \$8700.00. Ron Doucette, Canton, Mass. 02021 (617) 528-2920.



Alon 1968 by Alon Div. Mooney Corp., No rudder pedals, Model A2A, SNB 285-N5485F, one of the very last twin tails-Spring steel gear with wheel pants, 840TT A&E 3rd Seat N.D.H. KX145, KX170B X-Ponder, Imron Paint, new David Clark head phones, Intercom, Canopy cover, Tow bar, Recent Alt., Compass Card D.G., Velour Interior, \$12,500 or best offer. Call 815-432-4238 after 6.

1966 Alon. 2050 TT, 876 SMOH. Gyro Panel. Rudders, KX150B, new interior. Excellent condition. \$8,500.00. Bob Worley, 614-272-6422 nites.

1970 Mooney Cadet 920 TTAE KX145. Excellent Condition. \$8500.00. Sidney E. Adams, 216-942-8981 (Ohio).

1946 Ercoupe SR 1193-85 hp Cont. engine, Narco Superhomer. All standard features plus DG, Tand B, 8 day clock, remote electric compass, nav. lights, beacon, inst. light, map light, landing light in nose, bubble windshield, new back glass, excellent upholstery, ceconite on wings, candy-apple blue paint with gold striping, vernier type throttle, double fok, new tires and metal prop. All AD's complied with. Now for the good part! Only 16 hours since complete overhaul, with over \$3,000 spent on this coupe during Sept. 80 annual and more. Haggling price is \$7,000, but if you want to skip the preliminaries, the selling price is \$6,500. Delivery is possible for a reasonable distance, 'cause this coupe will fly anywhere! John E. Braddy, Dyersburg, Tn. 901/285-2239.

Right wing, factory metal, good condition. \$500 with Aileron, \$425 without. H. Coval Conant, Cushman Corner, Weld, Me. 04285 (207) 585-2365.

1946 Ercoupe 415C Serial 1861, low time since MOH, good condition, unlicensed but ferryable, located in Northern, N.J. \$3500. Stan Wedington, 289 Crestview Place, Teaneck, NJ 07666 (201) 836-5364.

Parting out 1948 415E Ercoupe. Left wing, split elevator, main gear, etc. Many subassemblies and parts available. M. Marsh, P.O. Box 108, Washington, Indiana 47501 (812) 254-7400 days (812) 254-6434 nites.

1 set metal wings, left needs root rib, both need some skin, \$350.00. 1 set rag wings, left needs all nose ribs installed and leading edge skin. Nose ribs included in sale, \$200.00. 1 left rag wing heavy damage, but many good ribs, etc., included as necessary in sale of either of above. 1 left tip beam & tip skin, new, reasonable offer. \$500.00 all and "U" haul. Also other small parts, inquire PH. 405-237-4863 after 6:00 P.M. or anytime weekends.

1966 Aircoupe Alon A-122 Only 1126 TT AF & E. Good condition. Orig. Uph. Full Panel w/Gyro, Directional & Magnetic Compasses. E.G.T., Artificial Horizon, 2 Min turn coord., 8 day clock, MK-12A Nav-Com. Strobe light, Rotating Beacon. New nose tire. Very good main tires. Very good engine. Gene Dagel, 512-379-3481, evenings 379-6868.



SPECIAL OFFER to Club Members - ELT's EBC-102A - \$179.50. Gill Batteries for C150 (PS 6-9) \$55.25. Complete hardware line. Write for other parts in stock. Cashier's Check or M.O. Kight's Air Parts, 4530 S. Country Club, Tucson, AZ 85714.

WANTED

Nose tank support straps, parts for No. 34450 nose wheel assembly fork, inner cylinder and axle shaft, left exhaust stack and misc. fuel lines, firewall forward, for 1946 415C Ercoupe. Wm. J. Price, Hwy. 638, Rt. 1, Onaway, MI 49765 (517) 733-8989.

74" x 48" Wood prop, used, for Cont. 85 - flange mount. Harvey Hickman, Jr., 8 Thompson Road, Healdton, OK 73438, 405-229-1546, after 4 P.M.

A 6 Hole Panel overlay for a 1947 415D Ercoupe Serial No. 4538. John J. Spencer, Rt. 1, Box 516, Dickson, TN 37055 or call collect after 5:00 CST 615-446-8433.



Clearing Off The Editor's Desk

VOLT-I-CATOR

One of our new advertisers, the folks who make the Volt-I-Cator, were kind enough to send me one of their units for me to try. This is really a nice item because it can be moved from plane to car to boat or anywhere there is a cigarette lighter that it can be plugged into. I know that most Coupes do not have a lighter socket, but you might want to add one so that you can use this device.

I have a car which I keep at the Airport on the coast. The last time I used it I felt that the battery was going dead as it was already over warranty. I plugged the Volt-I-Cator in and ran a check on the battery condition. The battery checked OK and so did the regulator and alternator. As far as I am concerned, it paid for itself in this one use. It would have cost more than the cost of the Volt-I-Cator to have a garage check these items. I am really impressed with the Volt-I-Cator and would recommend one to anyone because of its diagnostic capabilities. I was also impressed with the ability to use it in any place you need, to Plane-Car-Boat-Truck- Motorcycle-Snowmobile-Riding Lawn Mower and just anywhere there is a lighter plug and you want to know what is going on in the electrical system. I rate this as a superior product at a reasonable cost and one that you shouldn't be without.

Skip

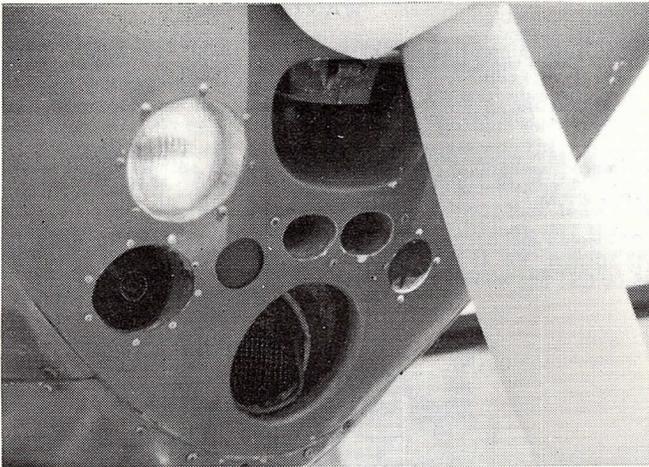
SEAT BELT DEAL

While at Sun 'N' Fun, I was fortunate to meet up with Walt Riviere who had a real deal on seat belts. He has access to quite a few metal to metal airline belts. These are all current manufacture and are airline quality items. We have worked up an arrangement to buy a quantity of these and will make them available to members at a very low cost. Walt has a set in his Coupe and they are a perfect fit. The ends have a snap fastener which simply snaps on the existing center bolt, and the other end can be snapped in the existing triangle fitting or the bolt can be removed and it can be attached to the bolt. Now that is the good news. Now the bad news. All the belts are BLUE. All only one length with adjustable length at the buckle. But the real good news is the price. CLUB MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE THESE BELTS FOR \$6.00 A SET POSTPAID (\$12.00 a pair). THIS OFFER IS ONLY GOOD TO MEMBERS AND I ASK THAT YOU ONLY PURCHASE WHAT YOU NEED SO THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND. IF YOU WANT TO ORDER, SEND ME A POST CARD WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND HOW MANY YOU WANT. SEND NO MONEY UNTIL WE HAVE THE BELTS. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHERE AND WHEN TO SEND THE MONEY.

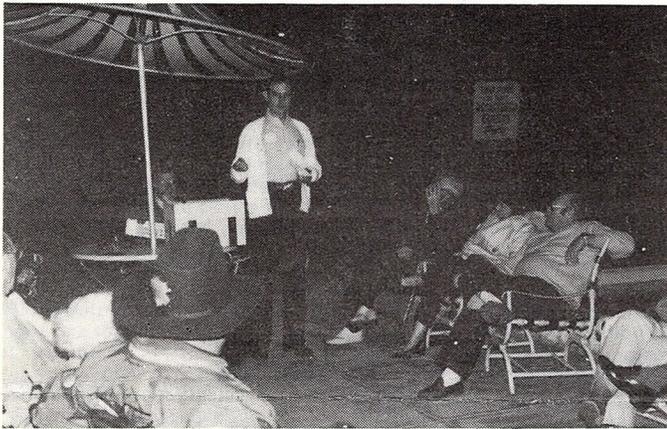
MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Bill Morrison sent in a copy of the SKY-WORD Magazine for February, 1981. In this issue there is a very well written article on ERCOUPES written by our own Jane Best. It covers the Ercoupe in a very well and easy to understand manner, touching on many of the highlights of the airplane. Congratulations to Jane on this fine article. Get a copy and read it. They are free and available in Florida. Better yet, come to Sun 'N' Fun and get one!

Skip



Much modified exhaust system and nose bowl



Joe B. McCawley addresses poolside gathering

Dear Skip,

Not long ago, my partner in Ercoupe N93575 made a Saturday trip to Austin, TX, and when he returned, he told me a tale that I had to pass on to all Coupe Pilots.

He claims it is MOSTLY True – Maybe all true. Hope you enjoy it.
Hal Parker
12122 Palmtown, Houston, TX 77034

THE GEORGETOWN NEAR-MASSACREE

For the love of flying, I departed LaPorte for Austin in 'ole 575, intending to refuel and turn around at Tim's Airpark. As luck would have it, Tim's had depleted their 80 and 100LL, and advised I try Georgetown up the road about 15 miles. Grumbling about the general AVGAS situation, I headed north with a brisk tailwind.

I was at Georgetown before you could say "Ercoupe Owner's Club," and except for a "trace" of oil blow-by on my belly, I taxied proudly up to the pumps for fuel. Standing there watching the attendant put 80 octane in the wing tanks and generally just admiring the pleasantness of the airport, I noticed a group of about 5 impatiently intent, although perhaps good natured, men approaching from the background.

The attendant noticed my gaze and advised: "Get ready! One of 'em owns an Ercoupe."

New to the business of ownership, I hurriedly put on my Ercoupe Owner's cap and, with a proud smile, prepared for my "introduction" to another owner.

They blew right past me – went right to the opened canopy and 5 pairs of eyes focused simultaneously on the floorboards!

"It's OK," the apparent Charge d'Affairs announced, "No 18 lbs of unnecessary dead weight down there!"

Two others shouted: "Fabric wings, but they'll do!"

My pride began giving way to suspicious concern. As one of the 5 circled the Coupe, stopping here and there to say "Look at this tail-feather!" (the aerial) and "Don't those ailerons look beautiful!" Another scrutinized the engine area, finally looking up to exclaim "Real clean under the hood!"

My suspicious concern grew to a mounting alarm.

The leader leaned over and said, "I've worked up a mod that'll eliminate that 'oil-on-the-belly.'" I'll have the details to Skip in about a month or so. I took a....." (His explanation fell on deaf ears for as he spoke, I noticed that each of the others had produced screw drivers, pliers, wrenches, etc., and, stationed as they were around the airplane, appeared to have every intention of dismantling the 'Coupe while I stood there in amazed horror!)

My mounting alarm mushroomed into all-out panic!

At that moment, the anonymous attendant tugged at my sleeve, poked a receipt in my shirt pocket, gave me a wink of sympathetic understanding, turned and shouted: "Look at that *damned* Ercoupe flying smokestack formation on that beefed up ole Stearman!"

Tools, unused, clattered to the tarmac as everyone frantically searched the sky for that battle-of-all-battles!

I seized the opportune distraction, hopped in the 'Coupe, screeched "Clear!" and for once 'ole 575 kicked right over. Winking back at that attendant, I gave it the throttle, spun that "Coupe around, scattering mechanics and villains alike, and roared down the taxiway making another uneventful departure.

Now fair is fair, and if the truth be known, Ben Barnes and Sid Sutton are great guys; but the next time I plan a trip to Georgetown, I think I'll leave the Ercoupe home and drive.

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.

FOR SALE

1970 Mooney Cadet, N9524V, 1154 TT frame and eng., one KX170, Motorola ADF, Elt, ETG, full panel, paint-fair, nice plane. C90. \$9,500.00. Paul Lewis, PO Box 728, Merritt Island, FL 32952. Phone: Office (305) 452-4566, Home (305) 636-0746.

1946 Ercoupe, N94175, 85 hp, all metal fuselage, ceconite wings, Forney wheels, rudder kit, Windows, brakes, tires, instruments all good. Nova Star - wings off. TTAF&E 1559, all books and manuals. Engine lost hp and engine needs overhaul. \$2500.00. Giles Bennett 713-763-5808/762-6744.

1946 415C, Serial No. 977, 800 TT, 400 SMOH, 10 STO (chrome), new Imron paint, new interior, Genave 200, Kenny wheel pants. \$6500.00. Jim Langley, 913-682-2952.

1946 415C, 75 HP, app. 600 since MOH. Good compression, August annual. All new glass. B.W. tinted, large rear windows tinted. New battery, good rubber, Airtex interior. New paint: fuselage, blue, wings and tail yellow. No radios. I have flown this bird 47 hrs. since Oct. Come and get it for \$3800. Call Jerry Sexton, Greenville, S.C. 803-277-7258 after 6:00 P.M.

1946 Ercoupe 415C, 85 hp Cont. metalized wings, bubble windshield, new engine cowl, new nose bowl, TTA-1995, TSMOH-763, 71 hours STO, fresh annual. \$4500.00. Gregg Dickerson after 4 PM 616-887-8394.

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1946 415C 85 hp, 15 hrs. SMOH, Extensive March '81 annual. Bubble w/shield, tinted canopy, large baggage area, metalized wings, new main tires, new battery. E.L.T., new canopy cover, Alpha 200B radio. Many extras, a fine ship. \$7,000 or will deal. Al Henderson, 12587 Cedar Brook Rd., N.E., Aurora, OR 97002 (503) 678-5608 after 5:00 P.M.

1946 Ercoupe 415C Ser. No. 1288, N93965, Ceconite wings, new paint, new battery, Feb. 15, '81 annual. New brakes, new tires, strobe, Escort 110, climb prop, 85 hp, Orig. Asking \$5,800.00. Failed medical, will take first reasonable cash offer. 714-585-3587 (no collect calls). Tied down Fox Field, Lancaster, CA. 1530 TT since major.

1946 Ercoupe 415C, 85 hp, Cont., metalized wings, bubble windshield, new engine cowl, new nose bowl, TTA-1995, TSMOH-763, 71 hours STO, fresh annual. \$4,500.00. Gregg Dickerson after 4 PM 616-887-8394.



PICTURE PUZZLE

Which of these houses on the Hesperia Airport belongs to Ercoupe Owner Club Regional Director Wayne Olson? Hint: It is not the one with the Bonanza in the yard.

Nearly a dozen coupes and dozens of coupers surround Wayne's house on a Southern California September fly-in and barbecue.

The fly-in was reported in a recent Coupe Capers. The photo was taken by Rick Moore, N94373, with pilot Chris Monday, N99745, flying his wife's CESSNA.



GREAT EOC TALENT HUNT

With so many enthusiastic Coupe owners joining our ranks every month, we'd like to involve more of you in our local organizations. Many of the Regional Directors and State Wing Leaders are the same people who were appointed when the program was originated several years ago. Needless to say, they have made great strides toward organizing area group activities. It seems only fair that these folks have a chance to relax a while and watch some others dig in and add to what they've started.

Therefore, we're inviting all of you who are interested in enjoying a deeper involvement to volunteer your services as State Wing Leader or Regional Director. Please don't hesitate, thinking that you'll be offending those currently filling the spots. Most were drafted originally and have done more than their fair share; several have hinted they would like a rest, or would enjoy serving in a different capacity.

So, now's the time! Contact Roy Wright, 24490 S. Skylane Dr., Canby, Ore. 97013 (503-266-9777). We'll be announcing new appointments starting in January.

Roy Wright
Region Coordinator

HINTS 'N' TIPS

This spring I noticed that the fuselage tank gauge indicated a slight loss of fuel between flights over a period of a week or two. My mechanic blamed the fuel pump, which he replaced. It was only a week or two later that an AD came out advising that the fuel pumps on these engines should be replaced! I should, however, add that this pump had more than a thousand hours on it. The mechanic said that the several Globe Swift owners on the field (Pitt Meadows, Near Vancouver, B.C.) replace their pumps every 250 to 300 hours. Incidentally, the slow leakage has stopped.

Hugh N. Matheson
428 Northcliffe Crescent,
Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1A1, Canada

SAFETY NOTE: For those of you who still have the ball joint on your steering control mechanism. . . Please, for your own peace of mind and your own safety, not counting the cost of taking out all the dings you will get if that ball snaps off, Contact Trimcraft Aero II for the approved conversion or Bob German at Skyport, and make this change as soon as possible. If not now, use it for a winter project. After all, not only do I not want to see or hear of any of you getting into a problem for a relatively cheap change, but I do not want to be put in the position of having to mark a "30" after your name. It has taken too long for me to get to know you and I do not want to make it a short acquaintance.

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

Bob Dermody
2215 Kearney Ave., Racine, WI 53403

Sometime ago one of our members inquired about Automotive Fuel pumps like Ercoupe Continental type. I regret not commenting at the time. I was just too busy to write. Yes, the '34 Ford Flathead 8, Fuel pump is the same as Continental C-85 (etc.) EXCEPT the cam following lever arm. Everything else is interchangeable. I got one from J.C. Whitney a few years ago for a stand-by for parts. Remember this is not "certified for aircraft."

I'd like also to pass on a comment from my I.A. Re: Our Stromberg Carbs (he just rebuilt mine). They are simple, uncomplicated and reliable. But, the Jets must be the right size, clean and the float the right weight and the setting critical. Voila! Trouble-free operations.

Best regards & KCF.

John E. Cadman
30 Valley Falls Rd., Vernon, CT 06066

P.S. Thanks for the seatbelts. My wife ran them up with the laundry - beautiful!

HELP NEEDED

Skip:

I would like to get a radio model of the Ercoupe, to build this winter. There was one at Ohio in 80. I would like the address of the place that makes the kit. Maybe someone in the Club would know it. Thank you.

Eugene Oleson
6 Sinclair St., Janesville, WI 53545

Dear Skip,

Just happened to find my copies of the FAA Spec's A-718 & A787 that the Oklahoma FAA branch was so accommodating to furnish free on request back in '66 when I found tired old N94087.

Also received then, the current AD - so I had copies made that are more legible and durable. I hope they will provide our French Couper with the info he needs, legible and durable. I hope they will provide our French Couper with the info he needs without too much difficulty, considering the interpretation and cross ref. to model and serial numbers. I'll be glad to help if he has questions.

I would like some advice and help on installations of engines of increased H.P. for the Coupe. In this mountain and hot area, the distances call for the cruise prop, the heat & altitude calls for more H.P. I've read the letters in Coupe Capers and have inquired of those whose address was given but received no answer.

I have a spare C-85-12F (low time) about ready to install in place of my high time C-85-2 which should be some improvement. I would like to have enough H.P. to get across the divide to the midwest by the northern route. Any help on modifications, approved or not, will surely be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ed Werner
125 LaCanada Wy, Scotts Valley, CA 95060

Dear Sir:

First I need to let you know that after three years membership in the EOC I have finally bought an Ercoupe. I'm the proud new owner of Ercoupe 415C, N99791, Serial No. 2414.

It is in need of metal to metal seatbelts AND shoulder harness. Do you have any information on the approved original installation that was offered by the factory so that I won't need an STC? Please!

Also, is there a good buy on the belts and shoulder harness anywhere that you know of?

I certainly appreciate your help!

Thanks so much,
Kevin D. Ross
PSC Box 2953
Little Rock AFB, AR 72076

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We have just received our ZIPPO lighters with the Ercoupe engraved on the side. They are available from Fran Heath and are \$6.95 postpaid. These are the brushed chrome finish and are made by Zippo, renown for their quality lighters and their lifetime guarantee. Buy one for yourself and one for that special flying buddy.

LATE NEWS!!!

Seat belts have arrived and are ready for shipment. They all appear in good condition with the exception of a little dust and dirt that could be washed off. They all seem to be in good condition and were made in 1979 and are fully accepted and TSOed. Don't wait! If you want any, send for them now, supply is limited. Send check or Money Order or cash to CLUB HEADQUARTERS, P.O. Box 15058, Durham, North Carolina 27704.

COMING EVENTS

4th ANNUAL ARIZONA COUPE FLY-IN April 25, 1981 Deer Valley Municipal Airport

Make reservations a minimum of two weeks in advance please! Send to: Motel 6 2330 W. Bell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85023, to the attention of Barbara Gosen. The rates are as follows: One person---\$12.55; Two persons---, with one or two beds---\$16.75; Up to four persons---\$18.95. Transportation will be arranged from the airport to the Motel by station wagon. Cancellations must be received by 6:00 p.m. of your expected arrival date. Please inform Barbara Gosen you are making reservations to attend the Arizona Coupe Group Fly-In on April 25th. For further information on the Fly-In contact Kent Foster, 602-993-8487.

SPRING, 1981 FLY-IN Burlington, North Carolina May 1-3, 1981

ERCOUPE FLY-IN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 2 and 3, 1981 10:00 A.M. SATURDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON RIVER RANCH ACRES (30 miles east of Lake Wales, FL on Highway 60)

This fly-in is for you if you're an Ercoupe, Forney, Alon or Mooney Cadet owner, former owner, future owner, admirer, enthusiast, or if you just enjoy airplanes and flying.

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River Ranch Acres, located 30 miles east of Lake Wales, on Highway 60, is an uncontrolled airport with unicom on 122.8, long paved runways and a good restaurant. It is lighted at night. (The runway and the restaurant). River Ranch Resort has a good motel (\$32 single, \$38 double), campsites (\$6 tent, \$11.50 motor home), a western saloon (with western band), stables (trail rides), hay ride Friday night, rodeo Saturday night, boats, fishing, skeet shooting, golf course, bicycle rentals, etc!

Come - Look - Talk - Fly - Enjoy a day or a weekend of fun, flying, and fellowship. Fly carefully - bring your tie downs. There will be a surprise prize on Sunday - we're looking forward to seeing you at River Ranch Acres on Saturday, May 2 or Sunday, May 3, or both!

William T. Morrison, Regional Director, Region 10, E.O.C., Brandon, FL. (813) 689-6449. Joe B. McCawley, Official unofficial fly-in organizer, Orlando, FL. (305) 894-0066.

NEWS FLASH!

Fred and Dorothy Weick may well visit us one or both days. We will have an informal Ercoupe forum. COME AND ENJOY A WEEKEND OF FLYING AND FELLOWSHIP!

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The first touristic air rally will be held this year in Quebec on May 16, 17 and 18.

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During the weekend of May 16, 1981, more than one hundred and fifty (150) people will demonstrate the value of general aviation and will visit many areas of Quebec, particularly the Eastern Townships, the Beauce and the Lower St. Lawrence.

Besides flying over the Montreal, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec and la Malbaie regions, the pilots will be the guests of this year's host cities, Rimouski and St. Georges-de-Beauce.

This rally will become an important event in Quebec's tourist calendar.

Air Canada, Transport Canada and the Ministry of Transport of Quebec will be actively involved in the rally. All the media are invited to cover the event and to join the air caravan which leaves St. Hubert May 16, 1981. Accommodations will be made available.

Various aviation, sporting and cultural activities will be prepared by the cities to be visited.

So see you soon for Quebec's first touristic air rally.

For more information, contact us at (514) 521-4587.

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June 27-28 Orange, Mass. 5th Annual Fly-In sponsored by the Athol-Orange Aero Club. Trophies for best homebuilt, antique & classic, oldest pilot and furthest distance flown in from. Food & Fuel. Parking area restricted to pilots & guests. Held in conjunction with the Center Mass. Steam, Gas & Machinery Show. Brochure: P. Dexter, 15 Sunset Drive, Orange, Ma. 01364.

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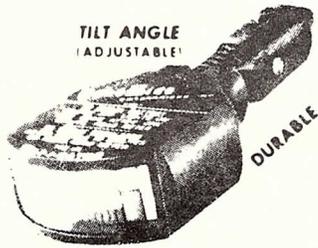
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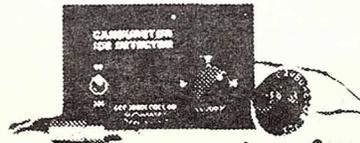
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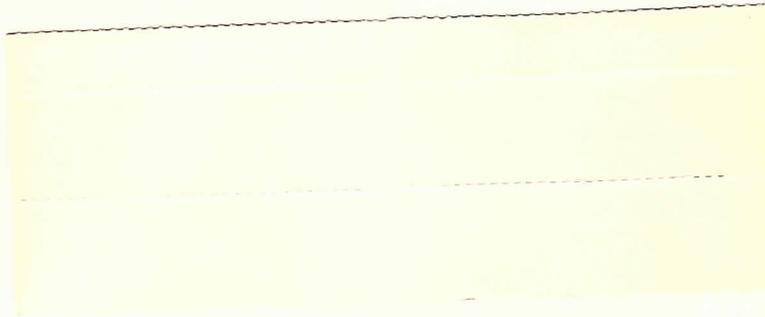
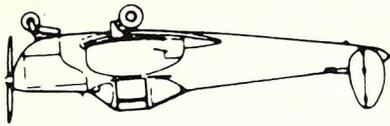
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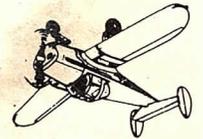


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