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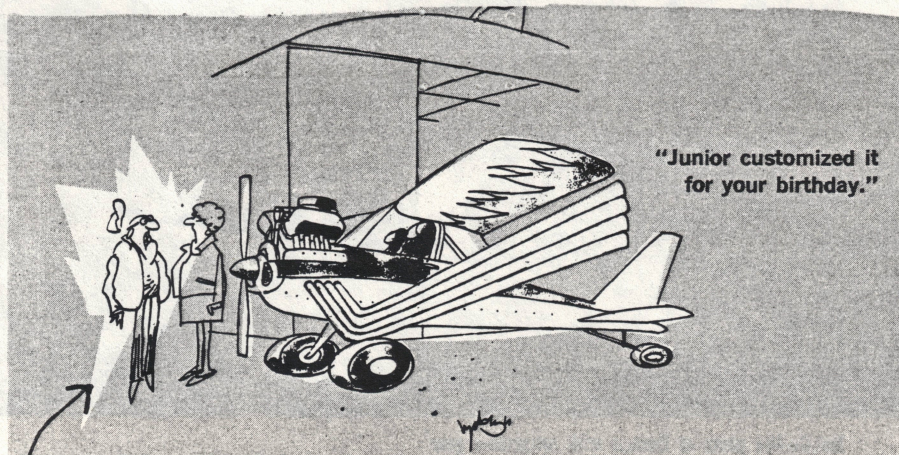
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MAY 1983 NEWSLETTER

MAY MEETING: The May meeting of EAA Chapter 569, Lincoln, Nebraska will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 P.M. at Lincoln Aire. We will have a lot of important information to go over concerning the fly-in at Seward. We will select committees for various activities at this meeting. Our Chapter is responsible for the various contests to be held, i.e. Sponse drop, spot landing, etc. We'll need Judges, starters, coordinators, etc.

PLEASE NOTE! On Sunday, May 1st, at 1:30 P.M. at the SEWARD Airport, we'll have another meeting to set the layout of the airport and tie up loose ends concerning our fly-in. Please try to be there if you can. Some of us are going to eat at Utica and then fly over to Seward so please try to make it.

APRIL MEETING: At our April meeting we were given a talk on insurance by Mr. Phil Pond of Lincoln Aviation Insurance. It was very interesting and informative. If anyone has some information on various companies that insure homebuilts, please let me know and I'll make a list and publish it in a later issue. We were also treated to a birthday cake honoring Rollie Woodruff whose Birthday was the night of the meeting. Thank you Rollie, Mary, and family.



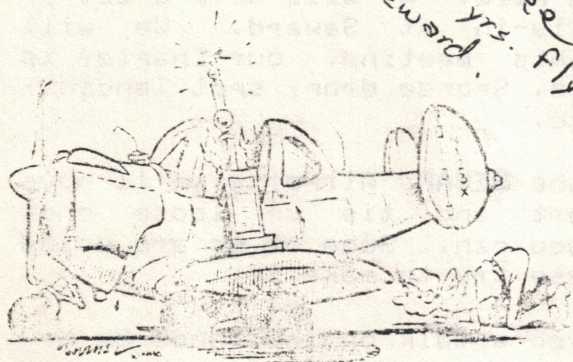
Rollie Woodruff.

Thanks to Barry and Jan Daniels of Omaha, we will continue our series of "Mystery Airport". See page 3 for this months Airport. This months mystery airport is located within 55 miles of Lincoln. Boy hope the runways aint too soft cuz the frost is comming out of the ground. Oh ya, remember this is 1963. We left the managers name in and no, it's not Millard Airport.

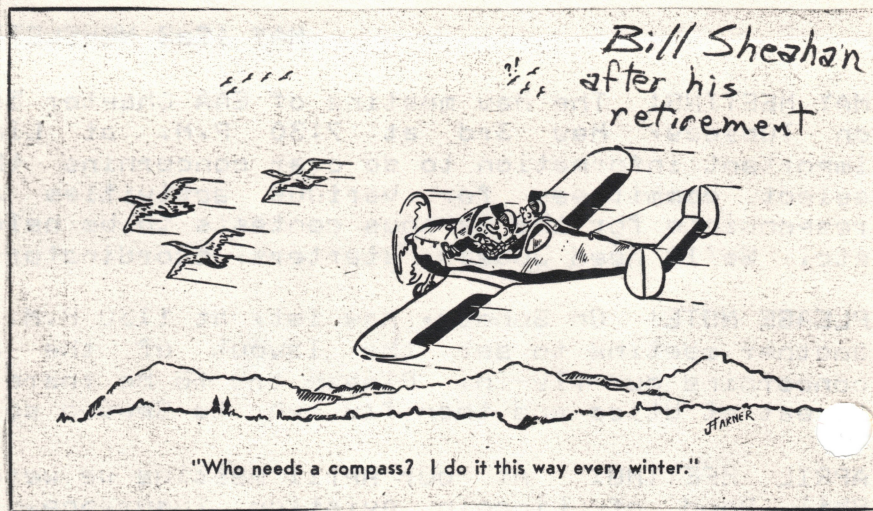
I don't know why, but the weather here lately just plain stinks. I imagine by the time this newsletter gets published, we'll either be up to our ears in snow, up to our butts in rain and mud, or blown away by a tornado. Because of this weather, many of us are grounded unless you're IFR rated. The only thing left to do is drive. And when I think of driving I think of Ercoupes. Since this weather causes us a great deal of depression, I've decided to try to lighten things up by knocking Ercoupes a little.

Coupe Quotes

Lowell
Saterlee
at last yrs. fly in
in Seward.

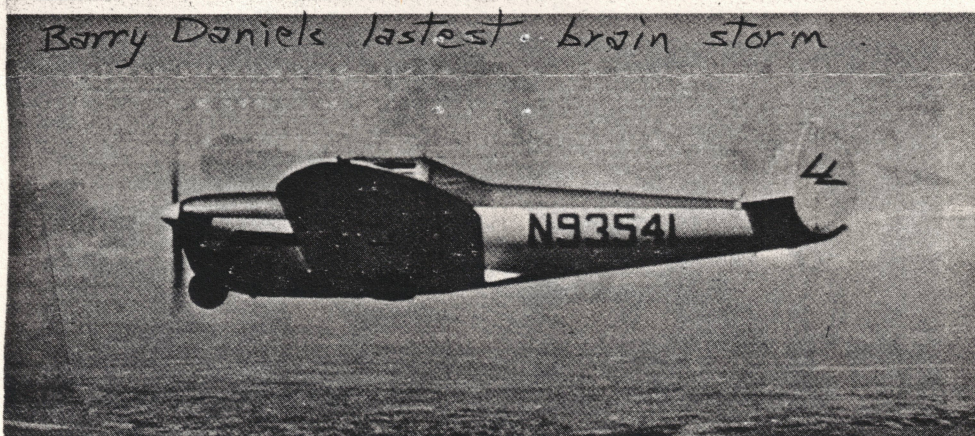


"THE WINNER! ... SPOT LANDING CONTEST..."



Bill Sheahan
after his
retirement

"Who needs a compass? I do it this way every winter."



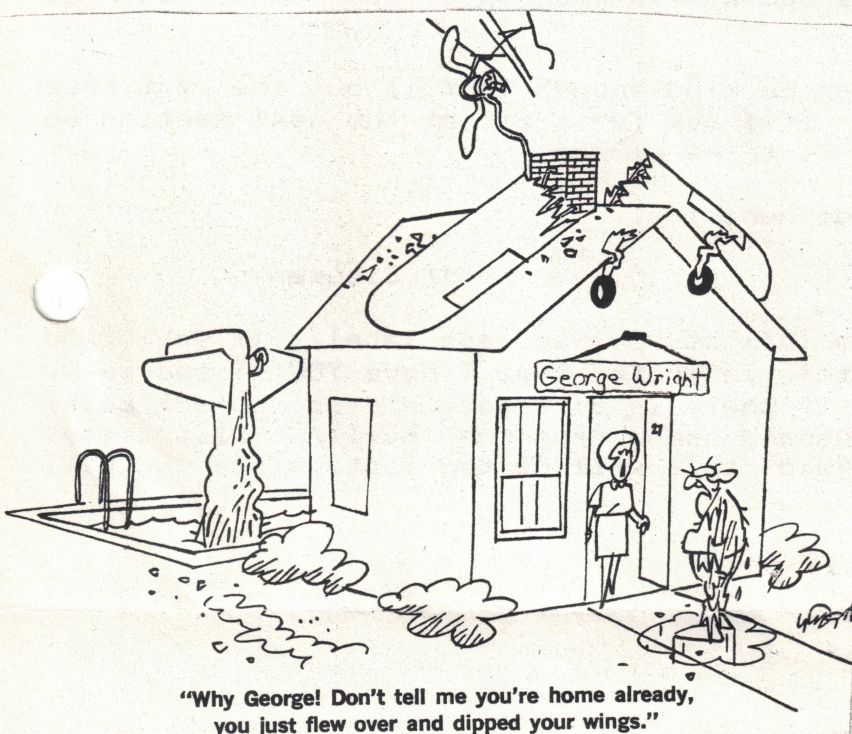
Met-Co-Aire photo of Ercoupe with retractable gear

I must say however, that these little devils are a lot of fun to fly and everyone ought to try an Ercoupe at least once. I've had the privilege to fly

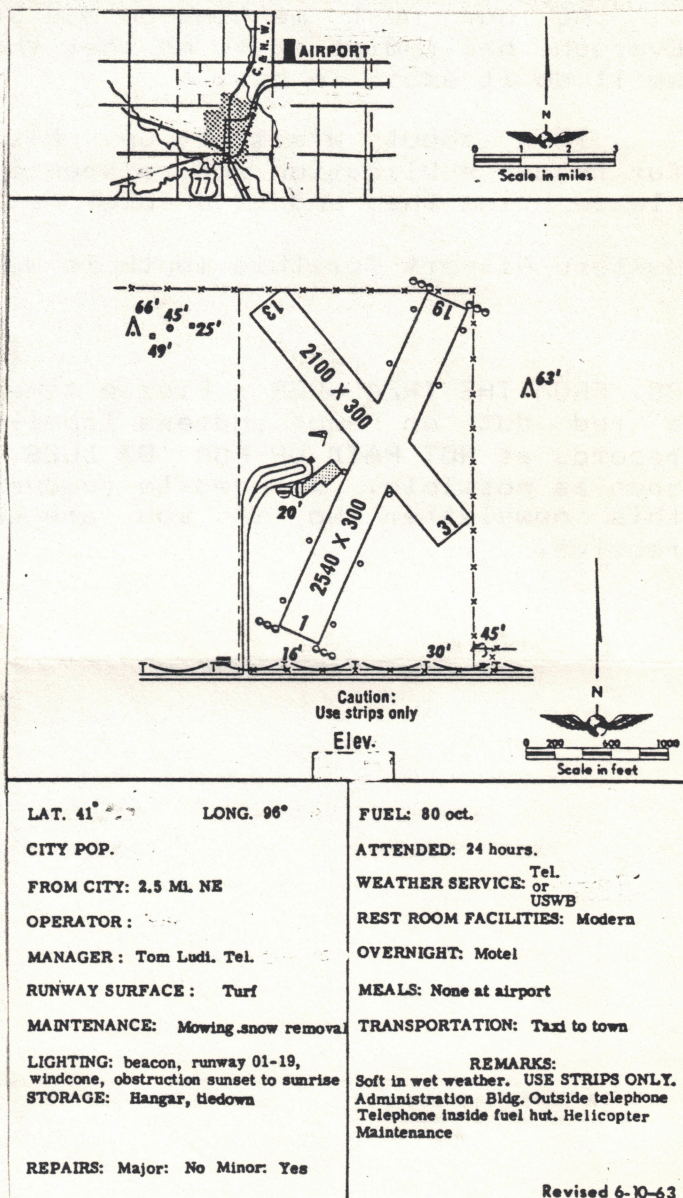
Ercoupe's belonging to Bill Sheahan and Barry Daniels and find them to be kind of neat. As a tail dragger pilot, the biggest problem I had was trying to sit there with my feet not doing anything. At any rate if you have never flown a "Coupe", "Scare Coupe", "Air Scoop", "Err Cup", "Goofy looking fork tailed things" etc. etc., try it, you might like it.

This next item is a bit out of place but I don't want to rewrite the newsletter. Back to the Seward meeting on May 1st. Those of you attending will be given good jobs such as judging the spot landings and sponge drops. We also are very open and interested in your ideas pertaining to the safe operation of the fly-in and any other activities. Those of you who do not attend and show no interest will be given the task of cleaning out the port-a-potties with a spoon. Not really, if you can attend, we'll sure appreciate it.

Since we dreamt this fly-in up almost a year ago, there have been a handful of people who have spent an awful lot of time and their own money setting things rolling. Now that we're approaching the June 11th and 12th date, it's going to take **EVERYONE** to really make this thing a success. I've received many positive comments from members of other chapters complimenting Chapter 569, that's us, on how good our members are at setting involved and helping out at whatever project we undertake. I feel the same way and hope you all will help out in anyway you can concerning the Seward fly-in. Thank you all very much in advance!



Mystery Airport -
(Answer on next page)



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Two pilots going after 8 deep-frozen planes

DETROIT (UPI) — Two Republic Airline captains plan to lead an expedition to Greenland to dig up six P-38 fighters and two B-17 bombers that were abandoned during World War II.

The planes, including a half-dozen unique J models of the P-38, were abandoned July 15, 1942, and have been buried under the snow, leading **Russell Rajani** and **Roy Degan** to believe they might be able to fly out one of the B-17s.

Rajani, 40, flies a DC-9 out of Detroit, and Dean, 50, is based in Memphis, Tenn. They will go to Greenland about June 1, bankrolled by **Reynolds Tobacco Co.** as part of its Winston Adventure Series.

Degan said the 15-man expedition will cost more than \$100,000.

The real search is for a P-38 J model in good shape.

There isn't another known in the world.

"There are still some of the later models of the P-38 around," Rajani told the **Detroit Free Press** in an interview published Monday, "but the J is special. It was the first twin-engine U.S. fighter plane, the first fighter to cross the Atlantic, the first to shoot down a German aircraft after World War II was declared."

The planes were en route from Maine to Europe when they were forced to crash-land. The crews lived in one of the bombers for three days until they were rescued by a dogsled team sent by a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

Rajani read about the planes five years ago and convinced Degan that they should go find them. Their first trip, using information provided by four fighter pilots and two crew members of the B-17s, was made in 1981. Last year Degan went back with sophisticated radar equipment.

When I first saw the title of the above article, I thought it was a local story considering the weather we've had lately.

At our next meeting on May 3rd, we'll pick a date for a pot luck picnic. Everyone has indicated to me that they had a very enjoyable time last year so we'll do it again in May.

This about wraps it up. Please be kind enough to fill out the last page for future publication and reference. I'll ask for these at the next meeting so please bring them and if unable, mail it to me please.

Mystery Airport for this month is Wahoo Municipal.

Jeff Clausen

PS. FROM THE TREASURER - Please take a look at your address label. If you find a red dot on your address label, this indicates that I have YOU listed in my records as NOT PAID UP FOR '83 DUES. If there is an error, please contact me as soon as possible. We need to remove unpaid names from the mailing list after this newsletter so if you are unpaid, this will be the last notice you will receive.

Name

Address

Phone

Type of airplane(s) currently owned -

Type of airplane(s) previously owned -

Type of airplane(s) you've built and/or are currently building -

Type of airplane you're interested in building, restoring, or buying -