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SCOTT CARSON AND HIS TURBINE DUKE P-574

UPDATE: THE NEXT FLY-IN IS OCTOBER 5-7, 2007
CHINO, CA

HOSTED BY: LLOYD & LAURA COPENBARGER
MARK & DEBBIE SEADER
AL & DEBBIE UHALT

As Earle Olson relates in his comments, it was best to cancel Shreveport; but Lloyd Copenbarger, Mark Seader and the Uhalts filled the void in record time for a great fly-in.

SEND IN THE INCLUDED REGISTRATION FORMS NOW

PRESIDENT
Earle Olson
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VICE PRESIDENT
Ralph Cohen
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Jim Gorman
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SPARE PARTS FOR YOUR DUKE

(2) Generators
(2) Starters
(2) Flap Motors

(1) Tach Generator
(2) Magnetos
(2) Landing Gear Motors

Above are located at Aircraft Systems, 5187 Falcon Road, Rockford, IL 61109. They will ship item to you by UPS or Federal Express. You return your part (same day) to them. They will overhaul, charging you for work done, and then item becomes Association emergency part. Phone 815-399-0225.

Cowl Flap Actuator
Electric Boost Pump
Exhaust Transition Pipe
Lycoming Exhaust Pipe #77429
Prop Brush 3E1206-2
Recognition Bulbs DN25-5

A/C Door Actuator
Overhauled Turbo
Oil Cooler (new)
Engine Cylinder Assembly
Prop Spinner (Less Back Plate)

Above - contact Earle Olson @ P. O. Box 1043, Medina, OH 44258
Phone 330-723-3210 (O) 330-723-9977 (FAX)

Windshields - Contact Gary Bongard @ 952-944-2628

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sterano Scossa P-532 D1NA7
Gordola, Switzerland

Joe Evertt P-270 N270AJ
Rockingham, NC

Clive Roberson P-575 N1820M
Palm Beach, FL

Kingsley Hill P-170 N7667D
Gladstone, NJ

Gregory Branche P-441 N22AJ
San Jose, CA

David Hughes P-524 N77DS
Paducah, KY

Jerry Williams P-404 N4219S
Las Vegas, NM

Scott Shanks P-495 N20CG
Edmonds, WA

Philip Smith P-39 N47079D
Signal Mt, TN

Tony Dohrmann P-321 N139
Las Cruces, NM

Karl Seuring P-265 N420AS
Kirtland, WA

Michael Zukowski P-419 N840JB
Salisbury, NC

Richard Walen P-437 N711CE
Toledo, OH

Roy Clennan P-385 N1828L
Colorado Springs, CO

Frank Walton P-517 N517DE
Carrrollton, TX

John Simmons
Sellersburg, IN

Jim Callaway
Dallas, TX

Randall Holmes
Chappaqua, NY



Comments from our President:

“Bimbo”

6 August 2007

I don’t believe one of our members would for a minute be quiet if someone referred to our beautiful birds in this way. Pete Bedall (AOPA magazine writer) described our Dukes that way in the August issue.

Bob Stan and Jim Gorman expressed their anger regarding the article, as well as, your president and hopefully a lot of you.

Mr. Bedell in his e-mail to me said “I apologize if the term “bimbo” offended you as the owner of a Duke. Perhaps that term may have been a little blunt.” He went on to point out that with a weight ratio of 8.9 pounds per horsepower we are more powerful than any of our competitors.

Jim Gorman sent him a comparison done by Business and Commercial Aviation, May, 1994. It shows the Duke has a higher useful load with full fuel than a Cessna 340, 414, 421 or a Piper Mojave. It cruises faster than all but the Cessna 421, which they claim does 218 knots compared to the Duke at 212 knots, at gross weight and 65% power. Jim says he has never met a 421 pilot who claims more than 210 knots.

Deluge AOPA with complaints. I asked if we couldn’t tell our story from the owner’s viewpoint and point out how we very effectively resolved most issues relative to our Dukes. Pete Bedell says, “I have never owned a Duke but would certainly like to.”

The Shreveport Fly-In was cancelled to allow Glen and Ellen Adams to concentrate their time and talent on the large business expansion that they have committed to. We visited with them in Shreveport and realized that it was not fair for them to have to take time to do the Fly-In.

Fortunately, as you can see from the enclosed Fly-In information, Lloyd Copenbarger and Mark Seader came forward and volunteered to host it in Chino, CA. Al and Debbie Uhalt, who have hosted their own Duke Fly-In in Colorado Springs, stepped up to the plate to help, along with, Mr. “how can I help you” Dane Skag. With this team you will be treated to an outstanding Fly-In.

Please join us and show your appreciation to those who volunteered to keep a great tradition alive!

Earle



Air Conditioner Belts

Richard Pennington reports there are two Gates belts which will fit: XL9380 (1/2 X 38 3/8) or XL 7440 (13/32 X 44 5/8)

Maintenance

Fred Tecce recommends Star Aero Group LLC, 60 Easterwood Road, Millville Municipal Airport, Millville, NJ 08332, 856-293-9000. Bob Pinto at Star maintains a number of Dukes and has anualed Fred’s for a number of years.





OUR DFA FLY-IN CONVENTIONS

Please give this serious thought...

All of us need all of us to give serious consideration to hosting our annual DFA Fly-In one year. Our members love to go to new places and do new things and visit with one another, ruminating over our beautiful flyin' machine. And, to have a really fine Convention, our Association and members need to plan farther out than we have been doing to get things in gear and committed sooner than we have in the past. We need firm commitments at least two years ahead of the current year and would certainly go even for three years out if anyone has a mind to "step up to the plate" that far ahead of time.

Will everyone seriously consider hosting our annual Fly-In next year **and** the year after next and, if you are so moved, be prepared to state that intention at the Business Meeting Saturday morning of the convention? If more than one volunteers for any one year, your Association officers will decide among them. The same request stands from year to year, however, after this year, we'll need only one commitment each year for two years hence.

Make no mistake, hosting a fly-in **does** require some work, but, beginning two years ahead certainly dilutes the effort over a longer time and makes the job easier; we get the word out sooner and members can plan the time required better. Also, with that lead time, hotel rates are often lower and we "get in line" earlier for good speakers and events. Checklists and guidance from prior hosts are certainly available. And, we're always looking for new places to go and new things to do and see.

Please do this for our Association. We all benefit and it really puts you "center-stage" for thanks and accolades from all of us.

Comments by Al Uhalt



Bob Hoffman reports that he will be attending the Chino Fly-in and can be scheduled for recurrency training. He can be reached at 859-653-2149 or BE60pilot@aol.com.





NEWS

FAA To Send Ads, SAIBs by Email Only

All Airworthiness Directives (Ads) and Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIBs) will be sent *only* by email beginning as early as next month. You must register an email address with the FAA to get these vital safety advisories.

In a recent email exchange with the FAA that a member forwarded to ABS, September 2007 is named the “target date” for discontinuing mailing of ADs and SAIBs to airplane owners and persons who service aircraft.

To register for ADs and SAIBs go to <http://rgl.faa.gov>. This is the FAA’s Regulatory and Guidance Library website. Follow the links to subscribe, or go directly to http://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USFAARGL. You’ll need to sign up for the specific model airplane, engine and propeller ADs/SAIBs separately. Because of the large number of aircraft and component types, signing up is somewhat cumbersome, especially if you own or service multiple airplane types.

In the email exchange forwarded to ABS and FAA official confirmed ADs for appliances normally installed on selected airframes or engines will be sent to those who register for the airframe or engine (example: magneto ADs will be sent to those who register engines on which those magnetos are commonly installed). *There is apparently no provision for receiving ADs for aftermarket airframe or engine modifications or component substitutions* – we’ll update ABS NEWS if we get clarification but for now contact the STC holder or accessory source to determine their means to disseminate ADs and SAIBs affecting their products after September 2007.

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