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FLYING LEGIONAIRES EXTENDED WELCOME

Our good friend Jess Bullard, State Adjutant for the American Legion has contributed the following article which should be of interest to all of you Legionaires who plan to fly to the annual National Convention in Miami.

"Airport Service at Miami for Legionaires who fly private planes to the National Convention in Miami, October 15-18th, have been extended the full facilities of the Tamiami Airport free of charge. Operated by the Dade County Port authorities, the Tamiami Field is only 20 minutes from down town Miami and has three asphalt surface runways up to 3500 feet in length. In extending a welcome to convention-bound Legionaires, Charles F. Smith, Manager, of the Tamiami Airport, announced there would be no landing fee and no Tie-down fee from October 8 to 28th."

ICING SEASON APPEARING

A note of warning to all pilots...The coming of fall should be a warning to all pilots in regards to carburetor ice. In the past few days several pilots have noted the formation of carburetor ice. Be safe----Be sure that your carburetor heater is working. If you note a drop in RPM, put that heater on immediately.

THIS AND THAT

Our good friend Jim Darby, Manager Camden Airport, has resigned his position and accepted the position of Parachute Supervisor at the Southern Airways School in Bainbridge, Georgia.....Bruce Campbell, Laurens, who is pilot for the National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars home on a few days vacation. Bruce has really covered these United States since Feb. He operates out of Kansas City, Mo. and flies a Navion. We are always glad to see you in South Carolina.....M. B. "Dusty" Huggins, Timmonsville, getting big write-up in Sunday's (Sept. 16) State. Everyone should get a copy of this and read it. Very interesting.....Luther Johnson, Greenwood, flying his two Widgets in several races. His ships won first and second place in a recent race. We assume that there were more than two ships in the race. (We're just kidding, Luther).....Forrest Longeway, CAA, buying a farm outside Columbia. If you don't want to talk about cows and farms, stay away from Longeway.

I.D. CARD DEADLINE EXTENDED

The September 1st deadline for Identification Cards has been extended until October 1st. The CAA office in Columbia has no further information as to the possibility of the deadline being extended again. So we again suggest that if you do not have your I.D. card now, be sure and get it before October 1st.

CIVIL AIR REGULATION

A new Civil Air Regulation (effective August 1) requires a student pilot to fly within a local flying area until he has 15 hours flight time, to take three hours cross-country instruction and to have his Student Pilot Certificate endorsed by a Flight Instructor.

DELAY SEEN IN SWITCH TO OMNI RANGES

Mr. C. Horne, CAA Administrator, recently announced that the overall plan for decommissioning the low frequency ranges has been set aside for a period of at least a year and that only those stations not essential for any users would be decommissioned during the fiscal year 1952. However, Mr. Horne strongly advised that VHF equipment be obtained by all aircraft owners as soon as possible as the plan for decommissioning low frequency ranges has not been discarded but only deferred.

AT LAST

Recently the Civil Aeronautics Board authorized a Los Angeles air carrier to operate helicopter passenger service to points in that area within a fifty-mile radius.

The Civil Aeronautics Board believes that the authorization of helicopter passenger service and the extension of the helicopter mail service for a full five-year period will give the Board an opportunity to review results in terms of its cost to the government.

This type of air service should go a long way toward rectifying one of the common complaints in air travel, namely, that it takes too long to drive from the city to the airport. Unquestionably, there will be many uses for similar service in the metropolitan areas of Chicago and Detroit, where the airports lie many miles from the business district. Looking into the future we can see a distinct possibility that helicopters may serve many of the heavily populated industrial areas of our state, such as the Fox River Valley cities and the Lake Michigan Shore cities, Kenosha to Sturgeon Bay. At any rate, we believe that the CAB decision is a step toward greater utilization of the universal transportation medium... AIR.

GREAT ODDS

When 40 passengers each buy \$25,000 in insurance policies for \$1.25 and then board an airliner, the insurance company is betting one million dollars to the passengers' fifty that air travel is safe. Last year the scheduled air lines carried 17,300,000 revenue passengers with an unequalled fatality rate of 1.1 deaths per 100 million passenger miles flown. These are far better odds than automobile travel affords.

EVEN THE RAILROADS BECOMING AIR CONSCIOUS

An article by Charles J. Miller, ass't roadmaster of the Western Pacific Railroad, in the July 9 Railway Age advocates the use of private aircraft by railroads in the conduct of numerous activities. The article says the private plane now "can fairly be considered a reliable, usable machine" and deserves consideration "as another tool for use by railroad management in meeting different railroad operating and maintenance problems such as delivery of messages or parcels, delivery of repair parts, last-minute payroll matters, flood or fire control, routine patrol of lines in difficult terrain, emergency travel, educating of equipment supervisors by more frequent visits to roadway equipment, and more frequent attendance at conferences -- "It is in the category of 'unpredicted' uses that an airplane may pay for itself many times over within a few hours."

BREAKFAST CLUB NOTICE

The next meeting of the Breakfast Club will be held in Laurens, S. C., ~~October 30~~ September 30.

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