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REMINDER

In the last issue of the NEWS LETTER we extended a special invitation to the readers to join with us at the annual regional N.A.T.A. meeting to be held at the Ocean Forest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, August 26 and 27. We again extend this invitation to you. It is our sincere belief that you will thoroughly enjoy yourself at this gathering. The only requisite is that you send in your name (plus \$2 per person registration fee) and we will make the reservations for you. In the event that your plans are indefinite, you can always come down the 26th. and get your rooms on arrival provided that there are some left. The purpose of making your reservations early is that the best rooms are being reserved on a "first come, first served" basis. Hope to see you there.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Piper Aircraft Corporation, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, has standardized on the 135-hp. Lycoming engine for all its airplanes, including the Pacer, Tri-Pacer, Super Cub and PA-18-A agricultural type. The airplanes previously were powered with 125-hp. engines.

A recent survey revealed that there are nearly 89,000 aircraft registered with the CAA. 54,039 are active and 34,506 are inactive. Of this number approximately 2,700 are twin engine, 540 four engine, 12 tri-motored and more than 50,000 are one-engined types.

The bomb load of a single navy attack bomber flying from carriers off Korea is greater than the empty weight of any U. S. carrier-based plane at the beginning of World War II.

GI BILL COVERS FLIGHT TRAINING

Korean War veterans who want to learn how to fly can get three-fourths of their flight training costs paid by the federal government, under the new GI Bill.

The new law applies to all veterans who have served after the fighting began in Korea in June, 1950; their service need not necessarily have been in Korea.

The Veterans Administration will make monthly payments directly to the trainees and not to the school. The allowance for flight training also will go to the veteran himself, but he must turn the money over to the flight school, along with some money of his own, to cover the cost of the course.

If a veteran takes flight training along with some other course under the new GI Bill, he will get both the flight allowance plus whatever other allowance he may be entitled to - depending upon the course.

Normally, a post-Korean veteran will get one and a half days of GI training for each day of service after Korea, up to a maximum of 36 months. But flight trainees will use up their entitlement at the rate of one day for each \$1.25 paid them by the V. A. They do not have to prove that the training will not be used for recreational purposes, unlike the proviso in the old GI Bill.

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RESTRICTED AREA REMINDER

We want to caution all pilots again about the restricted area of the Savannah River Bomb Project. According to Forrest Longeway, CAA Flight Safety Agent, Columbia the reported violations have decreased considerably, but there are still quite a few reports coming in. Flying over this area subjects the pilot to a fine and the possibility of his license being revoked. So, be sure to stay far enough away from this area so there will be no question of a violation. New charts have this area plainly marked.

THIS AND THAT

Paul Carriker, CAA Maintenance Supervisor, advises that a new regulation is forthcoming regarding reporting aircraft accidents. This new regulation provides that only accidents exceeding \$100 damage will be required to be reported to CAA. . . . Johnny Hawkins, Hawthorne Flying Service, Charleston, is now approved for Air Taxi Service. Speaking of Hawthorne, Vernon "Strick" Strickland has taken over operation of Hawthorne in Columbia. . . . The flight strip at Isle of Palms is in excellent condition and we urge the pilots to make use of it. This is the closest strip to the beach anywhere on the coast being only 1/4 mile distant. In addition to the convenient location of the strip, Raymond Doughty of Columbia, who lives there in the summer, has a 122.8 receiver and will furnish transportation (free) to anyone desiring to get around on the island. We think this is a mighty fine gesture for Raymond to volunteer his services to aid aviation. So, plan a flight down to the beach and spend the day. Give Raymond a call on 122.8 about 15 miles out and he will be down to meet you about the time that you land. . . . The BREAKFAST CLUB met Sunday, August 10, at Bennettsville, with Buster Rowe as host. The next meeting of the Breakfast Club will be held in Columbia, Sunday, August 24. In addition to the regular meeting a new idea is to be tried at this meeting. Invitations have been extended by one of the churches here in Columbia for the Breakfast Club to come to church in a representative group - so, at this meeting those who desire to go to church will be given the opportunity.

VERY HIGH FREQUENCY RANGES

Forty-five thousand miles of V.H.F. airways in the domestic United States have been added to the existing 65,000 miles of low frequency airways. Charles F. Horne, Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, U. S. Department of Commerce, announced that the new airways will eventually largely replace the existing airway network. In most cases the new airways are superimposed upon, or follow rather closely, the existing routes.

Pilots will fly the new airways by using omni ranges, modern very high frequency radio ranges which offer many advantages over the older four-course ranges. The omni ranges are located approximately 100 miles apart along the new airways. The new airways will be referred to as "Victor" airways and will be numbered like highway routes. Odd numbered Victor airways will run North and South, while even numbers will designate East-West routes.

JOHNSON FLYING SERVICE CLOSES

Luther Johnson who has operated a flying service in Greenwood, South Carolina, for many years has closed his operation there and is now devoting all of his facilities to his new operation at Municipal Airport, Greenville. We do not know whether there will be any type service or aviation facilities remaining open in Greenwood, but the NEWS LETTER will keep you informed.

HUMOR

Small town: Where you know whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

Men who know women like a book are always wanting to turn over a new leaf.

WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET US AT MYRTIE BEACH AUG. 26 & 27.

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