

TEAL

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Amphibians

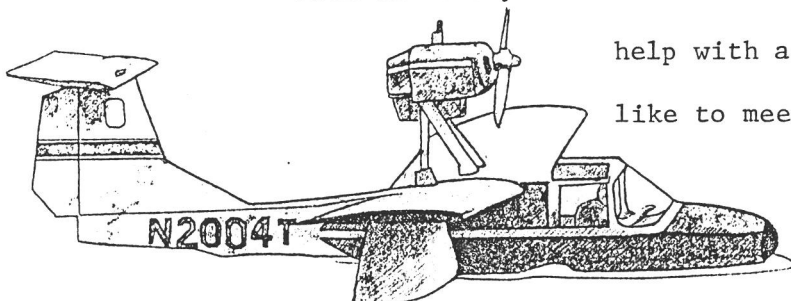
With the blessing of designer David B. Thurston, I am directing this communication to the owners of Teal amphibian aircraft. My main purpose is to locate the present whereabouts and status of each of the 38 Teals that were built and find out who the present owners are. My Name is Gary Larson and I own Teal #10, N2010T which is based in Plainville, Conn. I happen to enjoy my "puddle jumper" and am interested in prolonging the existence of the small number of Teals that were built. The Teal is kind of an endangered species.

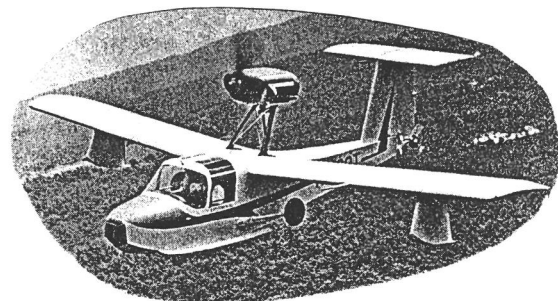
I realize that a few of the 38 Teals have been destroyed or lost in various accidents around the world, and I know the whereabouts of many other Teals; but there are several Teals that I know nothing about at all. That's where you come in. I am asking for your help to send me any information, photos and stories about your Teal. If it has been sold to someone else, please let me know who the new owner is and send me his address.

I would like to establish an informal association of Teal owners and accumulate a file on all available Teal data. Teal amphibians and their owners are unique and special. Being able to know where each and every one of us is located can be helpful if we need

help with a problem, need a part or would just like to meet and visit one another in our travels.

I expect this association to be very informal and only as a





source of reference for Teal information. If I get enough photos, data, stories, etc, I may sporatically send out an informal newsletter of current news. Since Dave Thurston lives close to me here in Connecticut, Maybe I can draw upon his expertice and experiences for tips and technical advice on the Teal. In any case, this association could be benefical to all of us.

Send me your photos, tips, experiences, whatever. Tell me all about your Teal. If you've sold it, let me know to whom. Every little bit is important. Also, let me know what you think about this whole idea.

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If anyone is in need of a part for his/her Teal, Boyd Smith is the person to see. He has a complete inventory of new, surplus and used parts for all models. Boyd owns Teal #38. He can be contacted at the address below.

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In the last issue of SPA Water Flying, my letter concerning forming a Teal association appeared. So far, only Gordon Cheney of Newton Junction, N.H. responded. Gordon is the proud owner of Teal #5. Dave Thurston sent me a list of Teal owners as he knows them to be. And Boyd Smith and I have been in contact since I needed a new prop control cable. Previously, I've heard from owners in Australia, Norway and Canada. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU.



Cheney wins flying awards

NEWTON — Gordon Cheney, a life-long resident of Newton, recently won two awards for his flying skills at the International Seaplane Pilot Association Fly-In at Greenville, Maine. The competition, which draws entrants from all over the world, is the seaplane equivalent of the famous Oshkosh, Wisconsin land plane event. This is only the third time Cheney has competed, and he walked away with a second place trophy for bomb dropping and a first place for spot landing.

The bomb dropping event requires that the pilot drop two one quart plastic milk bottles from a certain altitude and hit a floating target on the lake. The spot landing contest is a test of the pilot's landing skills. He or she must land the plane between two styrofoam floats without going past them.

Cheney became interested in flying when he served on an aviation support crew on an aircraft carrier during his tour with the Navy. He started taking lessons from the late Howard Dutton in 1968 and purchased his Teal in 1970. He loves to take his seaplane up to the northern lakes for camping trips and does so as often as possible.

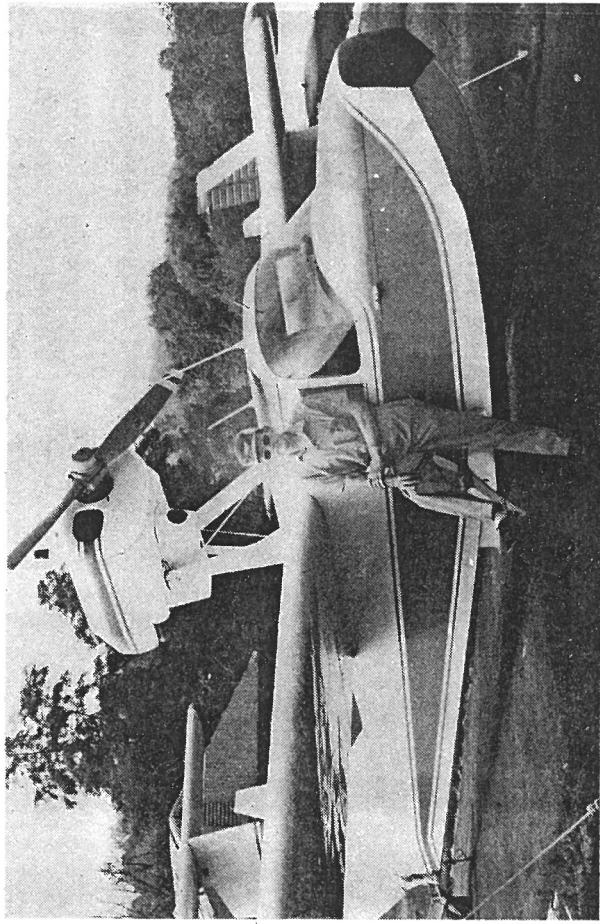
In addition to recreational flying, Cheney is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol in Portsmouth. The CAP is a constitutionally mandated auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and is supported and governed by that branch of the military. The CAP is charged with three duties: search and rescue missions, natural

disaster relief, and civil defense. The Air Force provides training and some equipment and sets the standards for qualification for the various positions in the Civil Air Patrol.

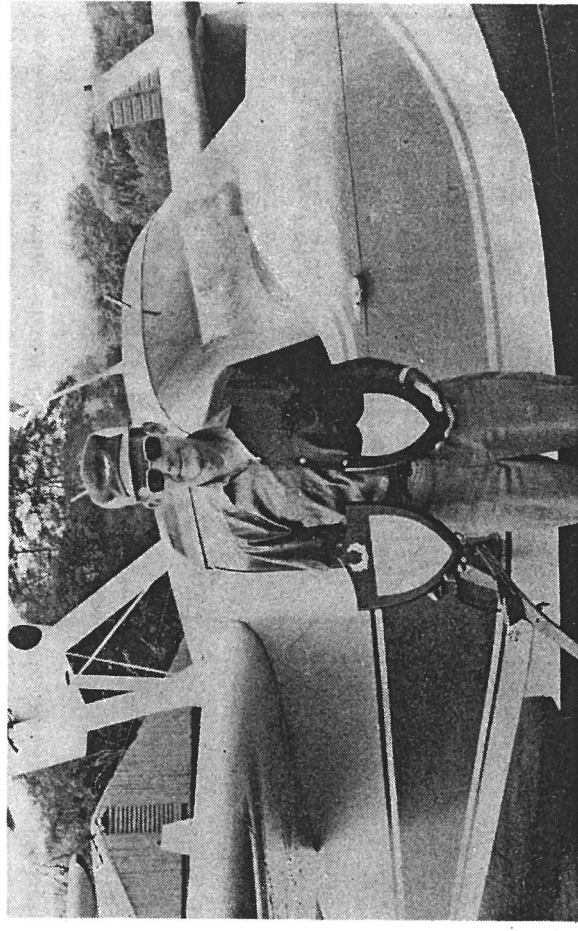
Cheney, a lieutenant and personnel officer for the Seacoast squadron of the New Hampshire Wing, said the group meets once a week at the Army Reserve Center in Portsmouth. They also attend scheduled training sessions in Concord in "flyable weather." The Seacoast squadron is under the command of Major Frank Odell, who accompanied Cheney to the Greenville Fly-In. The unit is a composite squadron consisting of Seniors and Cadets. Cadets are young people from about 14 to 18 years of age and Seniors are the adult members.

Service in the Civil Air Patrol is strictly voluntary, and high standards must be met to qualify for a position as a mission pilot, ground communicator, or observer. Not all members are licensed pilots and there are many tasks that do not require actual flying experience.

Cheney reports that the Civil Air Patrol needs more members and he praised it as one of the "best organized" groups he has ever seen; "It is the best program I have ever been a part of because it is people helping people in the most difficult circumstances." Cheney said he would be happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol and he can be reached by calling 382-4922.



GORDON CHENEY STANDS BESIDE HIS PRIDE AND JOY, A THURSTON TEAL AMPHIBIOUS AIRPLANE. (Peterson)



POSING WITH THE TWO TROPHIES HE WON AT THE GREENFIELD SEAPLANE FLY-IN LAST MONTH, GORDON CHENEY, NEWTON, A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL, TOOK A SECOND PLACE IN BOMB DROPPING AND FIRST IN SPOT LANDING. (Peterson)