

EMPLOYEES TEST THEIR WINGS AND FIND OUT THEY CAN FLY



It was a sunny Saturday morning when instrumentman Leonard Milholland first tried out his new wings after working on them for two years four months and 21 days. The new wings are part of the two-place, high-wing Junior Ace airplane he and his co-pilot wife, LaVerne, recently completed. "It still isn't completely finished," says Leonard, "There are several things I want to do to make it look prettier."

But, it flies great! "It hasn't given me a minute's trouble," he says, "and I've flown it for 19 hours. I haven't been able to find anything that needs adjusting." But, then that's the

Leonard flies his home-built Junior Ace over the La Porte Airport working toward his 50-hour check-out period. So far he has gotten in 19 hours of flying time and it flies great!

kind of instrumentman Leonard is.

The lime green airplane has forest green trim with an avocado nagahyde interior and indoor/outdoor carpeting in, you guessed it, green

Mac pauses a moment to reflect on the reasons he decided to undertake the building of an biplane.

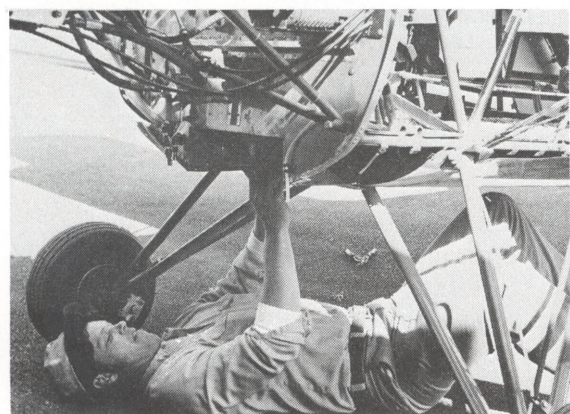
again. Leonard notes that the lime green exterior makes the plane highly visible in



the air. "It can be seen for miles and is more visible than red," states Leonard.

Visibility is important to Leonard who uses the plane's strobe light even during daylight flying. The plane is also equipped with lights for night flying, instrument

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Mac works flat on his back putting on the outer metal pieces so that the picture on page 2 could be taken.

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The Milhollands are looking forward to the time when they can fly their plane on treasure hunting trips and to visit their families.

Mac's plane sits near the hanger where the finishing touches were done.



lights, 100-hp, air-cooled Continental engine, a wooden propeller and the word, "experimental" stenciled on its side. "Experimental" refers to its registration category which indicates it is a home-built or remodeled plane.

Leonard has been making numerous field tests, such as short take-off and landing tests, load tests and maximum load tests. "When it is under maximum load with pilot, passenger, full tank of gas (20 gallons) and 20 pounds of luggage, you can tell it," says Leonard, "It's like dragging a trailer."

There's another employee in the final stages of completing his home-built Steen Skybolt biplane in predominately International Orange with Cub Yellow strips outlined in black. Engineering Office draftsman W. C. "Mac" McKinnis' biplane will be fully aerobatic. It is a two-seater with a 200-hp Lycoming fuel injected engine using 10½ gallons per hour and a 29-gallon capacity fuel tank.

Mac claims that it will go 130 mph and hopes to have it tested out and in the air by the time this article appears

in the SHELLEGRAM. Mac came by Tuesday to say that he had flown it Monday morning and it flies!

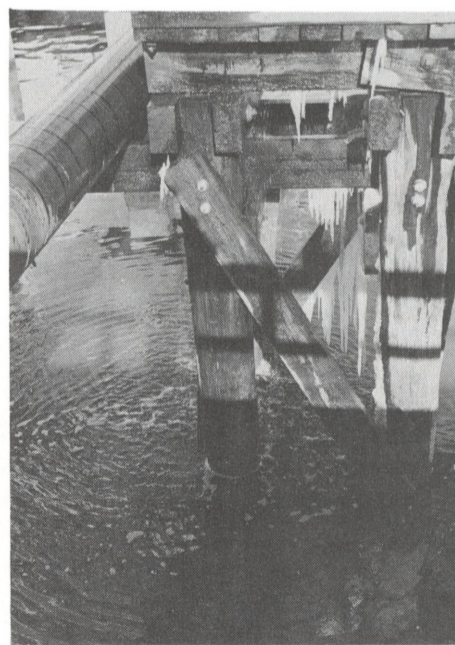
Why do men like Leonard and Mac build a plane? Well, one reason is cost. For example, Mac's biplane would have cost \$26,000 and up to buy a new

one. He had planned to build it for \$6,000 when he started work on October 22, 1973, but inflation pushed costs up in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Still, that's less than half of what a new one would have cost. Another reason was the challenge; they wanted to see if they could do it. And, they did it.

Both men started their building projects in their garages and moved to the La Porte Airport when they reached the final stages of completion. As a matter of fact, Leonard says, "The biggest deal has been in no longer having it around the house." No more wings in the family room or fuselage in the garage.

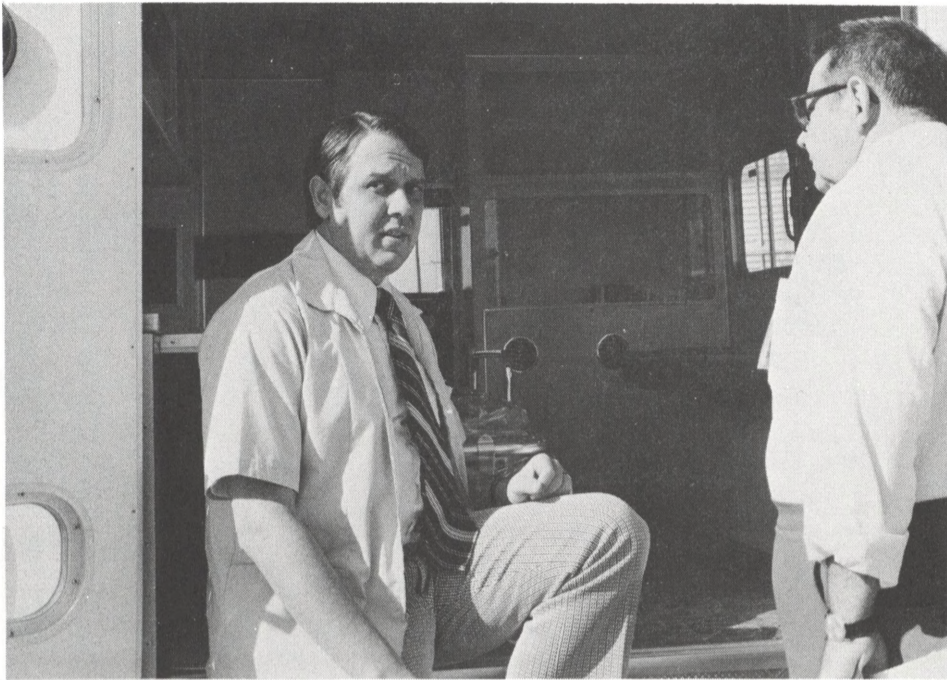
Wings were made for flying and that's where you'll catch your glimpse of Mac and Leonard on those sunny days - flying high in the sky with the aid of their wings.

FREEZE HITS DP MANUFACTURING COMPLEX



Billy P. Payne, 1st stage crystalizer operator on the Paraxylene Unit in Aromatics-East, points to just a few of the many icicles formed in his area when the temperature dropped to the low 20's last week. Down at the docks George Cosentini reported on the icicles found hanging just above the ship channel. The chilly weather sent many employees hunting for warm coats and an additional sweater or two.

DOCTOR MILLER SHOWS OFF NEW AMBULANCE



Dr. David E. Miller shows off his brand new ambulance to senior employee relations assistant Don Jennings. The new van-type ambulance has room for carrying up to six patients along with the nurse and two attendants.

Dr. Miller is very pleased with the spaciousness and sufficient storage areas for the equipment and supplies needed for emergencies. He is quick to point out the built-in oxygen outlets and that there is sufficient height to allow CPR should the situation require it.

The ambulance will soon be ready for service, but first it needs to have the necessary equipment added, be inspected and registered with the State of Texas before it can be used.

BILL GABIG TO REPLACE LUCKENBILL

W. A. "Bill" Gabig, former Chemical Plant manager, was recently named to replace D. B. Luckenbill, manager Construction Relations and Engineering Standards and chairman of the Engineering Council.

Bill was employed by Shell Chemical Company at the Houston Plant in 1947 and subsequently undertook a series of assignments in

Head Office, Norco Plant and the Houston Plant. In 1972 he was named manager Plans and Budgets, Products Economics.

BOATING COURSE AVAILABLE

If you are interested in how to rig a sail or care for a bass boat, make plans now to attend the United States Power Squadrons' free boating course to begin January 26 at the La Porte Elementary School at 7:30 pm.

The 10-lesson course is an excellent way to learn how to have fun on the water without jeopardizing the lives of your family or friends.

AN ANNUAL TRADITION?

With what has become an annual tradition each January 1 - the Social Security or F.I.C.A. taxable wage base went up again. This means that the taxable earnings and benefit computation base will be \$15,300 for 1976.

The amount of tax payable by a 1976 wage earner who makes as much as \$15,300 rose to \$895.05, an increase of \$70.20. Last year the tax base was \$14,000, requiring a maximum deduction of \$824.85.

Shell is required, of course, to match employee contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Here's the 1976 schedule:

If your total earnings are:	Your 1976 tax will be:
\$ 5,000	\$292.50
7,000	409.50
9,000	526.50
11,000	643.50
13,000	760.50
15,300	895.05

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following is the Provident Fund valuation:

- Equities Fund
- December 31 - \$2.406
- Shell Stock Fund
- December 15-31 - \$47.061

SESSION 66 COMPLETES TRAINING COURSE



Session 66 of the Operator Fundamentals course was recently completed by the following employees:

Kneeling: Joe Romero, Lupe Nunez, Robert Crawford, Jesse Gonzales, Stan Washmon and Tom Garceau.

Standing: Joe James, Jerry Wortham, James Newman, John Broussard, Jr., Freddy Rattler, Carlos Boyd, Earl Johnson, Doug Kiefer, Andrew Sablatura and instructor Pete Fletcher.

INSTRUMENTMEN AND MACHINISTS HOLD SAFETY PARTIES



Betty and Larry Slagle put on their name tags, while retiree Ace Baines (center) greets them. In the background is retiree Frank Brown.

Don and Mable Chrismer share a moment at the instrumentmen's safety party. Elgin Matthews looks about as the ladies chat: Polly Matthews, Robbie Stabs, Lucine Glover and Ladene Wolters.



The Bobby Batts and the Charlie Bergfelds joined the Kuz Cains for dinner. Bobby, Charlie and Kuz are retirees.

Tim and Adelina Fernandez have a before dinner visit with J. F. and Joyce Dickerson. Earl Page hugs wife, Connie, and Otis Holbrook.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1975 CB750 Honda with 2,000 miles, custom seat, perfect condition. \$1,650.
479-6596

1976 Galaxie 17' 1/0 120 hp OMC walkthrough W/S, all ski equipment and coast guard equipment, Magic tilt trailer.
479-6596

Heavy Army surplus coat with hood, interlined, men's small or women's size 12. B/W Philco TV, nice cabinet, swivel base, workable 23". Hollywod bed frame with gold upholstered headboard for full bed.
473-4336

1974 Ford pickup, take up notes at Credit Union.
473-4293 evenings

Brown contemporary furniture. Hanging lamp. \$15. Single chaiselounge. \$35. Miscellaneous pictures. Best offer.
488-7517

Trailer frame and wheel. \$25.
473-2170

4 Michelin steel belted radial tires with inner tubes, size 165-15, perfect condition. New \$200; sell for \$115.
946-5277

1974 Pinto stationwagon Squire, factory air, steel belted tires, 4-on-the-floor, extra clean.
479-1450 or 777-2507

Firestone 500 steel radial E-78-14. \$35.
383-2080

Triple A Quality 12'x60' mobile home with 2 bedrooms, partially furnished, carpeted, usual design, excellent condition.
747-4182 after 6 pm

Tricycle and green riding worm toy. \$5 each or both for \$9.
479-4403 after 5 pm

Beautiful oil painting with light, 52"x28". Cost \$165; sell for \$100.
472-8410

Solid pecan bedroom suite with queen-size bed, double dresser, mirror, 5-drawer chest, includes mattress cover, spread, drapes and velvet valances, perfect condition. Cost \$1,100; sell for \$400.
479-4072

9'x12' cabin tent, large windows with awnings and 4-way ventilation, vinyl coated, waterproof floor, porch awning over front door, very heavy canvas, does not leak. \$100.
334-1215 after 5:30 pm

Coleman 1972 tent trailer, has stove, sink, ice box, excellent condition. \$1,250.
479-6832

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