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## August 2017

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Tuesday - Saturday, August 1 - August 5: 55th Annual PRA Rotorcraft Convention Fly-in, PRA Mentone Airport (C92) CTAF 122.9. ZIP code 46539. 12296 W 600 S, Mentone, Indiana. Phone: 574-353-7227. See <http://www.airnav.com/airport/C92> for airport info. Convention Website: [PRA Convention](#) For driving directions click on [Mentone Airport](#).

Sunday, August 6: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Anderson Regional Airport, Anderson, South Carolina (KAND). CTAF: 123.6; UNICOM: 122.95. ZIPcode 29626. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KAND> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Anderson Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

Saturday, August 12: *EAA 172 Cold Cuts Fly-in* 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). We will enjoy a fine meal of cold cuts as well as side dishes and many delicious varieties of desserts. The meal is at 11:30 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA). Runway 01/19: 2500' x 150' sod -- good --; GPS: 33° 18.08' N / 82° 10.46' W; Elevation 434' , 4511 Boulineau Rd., Blythe, Georgia, 30805. UNICOM 122.7 mhz. For more information contact EAA 172 president Al Nodorft, (706) 955-1049 eMail: [Nodorft@Hotmail.com](mailto:Nodorft@Hotmail.com) or e-mail [EAA172@jcmservices.net](mailto:EAA172@jcmservices.net). Click [HERE](#) for directions (both land and air). Click [HERE](#) for the Mapquest directions. Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/61GA> for airport info. For the meeting agenda click [HERE](#).

Sunday, August 20: *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB* Berkeley County Airport, Moncks Corner, South Carolina (KMKS - formerly 50J). CTAF/UNICOM: 123.05. ZIPcode 29461. **A home cooked southern breakfast, great fellowship and flying!** Arrival: 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast: Between 9:00 & 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Departure: 11:30 AM. Contact: Wendy Griffin 803-446-0214 e-mail [info@flyscbc.com](mailto:info@flyscbc.com). Click <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KMKS> for airport info. For driving directions click on [Berkeley County Airport](#). [SCBC Website](#). [SCBC on Facebook](#).

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*Saturday, September 16: EAA 172 Wrens Fall Fly-in. At the beautiful Wrens Memorial Airport (65J) CTAF 122.7.* Though the main activities are on Saturday, you may come earlier in the week if you wish. On Saturday there will be food vendors on the field. Packing-up day on Sunday. Pattern for the asphalt, main, runway, is left-hand pattern for runway 29 and right-hand for runway 11 at 1450' MSL (1000 ft AGL) unless flying an ultralight or rotorcraft which should use 950' MSL (500' AGL). The parallel grass strip will have a right-hand pattern. CTAF/UNICOM 122.7 mhz. Runway lights on from dusk to dawn. Field elevation 450 feet.

GPS: N33° 13.36' W82° 23.02'.

Click [Wrens Memorial \(65J\)](#) for airport info.

For an aerial photo of the Wrens Airport click on [Wrens Airport](#).

For driving directions click on [Wrens Memorial](#).

Comfortable pilot lounge with refrigerator, microwave, couches, two restrooms, and hot shower. Motorhomes welcome. Five restaurants and a motel adjacent to the airport at the end of runway 29. Click [Local Businesses](#) for their locations and phone numbers.

## *NAME THAT PLANE*

# Republic RC-3 Seabee

The Republic RC-3 Seabee is an all-metal amphibious sports aircraft designed by Percival Spencer and manufactured by the Republic Aircraft Corporation. In March 1946, the first production Seabee was completed. The Republic Seabee amphibian was one of the most unusual airplanes to appear on the post-World War II general aviation scene. It was designed as an affordable all-purpose sport aircraft for transportation as well as a broad spectrum of recreational purposes. The projected civilian price was \$3,500, and by the end of 1944, Republic already had received 1,972 civilian orders. The sea/land capability not only provided a broader selection of travel options but also remote access to fishing, hunting and many sporting activities. Operationally, the Seabee was an extremely rugged and versatile aircraft that could take harsh treatment, but it required high maintenance. It had excellent cabin accessibility and a cavernous interior with exceptional visibility. The water handling was outstanding but it was considered less comfortable in land operations. Its in-flight performance was adequate, cruising at 105 mph, but with somewhat heavy flight controls. However, returning pilots weren't as interested in aircraft ownership as manufacturers had imagined. In October 1947, Republic discontinued production of the Seabee. A total of 1,060 Seabees had been built. From the late 1940s and into the 1950s, the Seabee was a popular bush plane and air ambulance in Canada, Norway, Sweden, and the United States. Military operators included the Army Air Forces, France, Paraguay, the South Vietnamese Air Force, and Israel. They were well-suited for operation in countries with long coastlines, many islands, many lakes and large areas of wilderness. By the time production ended, 108 Seabees had been exported to several countries and dealerships were established in Brazil, Cuba, Panama, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Fiji, New Caledonia, South Africa, England, Norway and Sweden. A few Seabees are still operating commercially as bush planes and air taxis. The Seabee is popular with air charter companies and small feeder airlines, and is operated by private individuals and companies.

(Data and information from EAA e-Hotline 04/14/16→[Seabee Restoration](#), National Air and Space Museum→[Republic RC-3 Seabee](#), Pacific Aviation Museum→[Republic RC-3 Seabee \(Amphibious Sport\)](#), Airliners.net→[Republic RC3 Seabee](#), wikipedia→[Republic RC-3 Seabee](#), republicseabee.com→[BUY-SELL-TRADE A SEABEE!](#))

## Republic RC-3 Seabee

### General characteristics

Crew: 1 pilot, 3 passengers

Length: 27 ft. 10.5 in.

Wingspan: 37 ft. 8 in.

Height: 10 ft. 1 in.

Wing area: 196 ft<sup>2</sup>

Empty weight: 2,190 lb.

Loaded weight: 2,810 lb.

Maximum takeoff weight: 3,150 lb.

Powerplant: Franklin 6A8-215-B8F or 6A8-215-B9F 6-cylinder horizontally opposed engine, 215 hp at 2,500 rpm



Republic RC-3 Seabee  
instrument panel

### Performance

Max cruising speed: 105 mph.

Maximum speed: 148 mph

Rate of climb: 700 ft/min

Range: 520 miles

Service ceiling: 12,000 ft.

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**The deadline date is July 29 for any articles for the August issue of the *Pea Patch Post*.**

**Thursday, July 27: EAA 172 monthly "get-together" – Social Meeting 6:30 PM. This month's location is **T-Bonz Steakhouse**, 601 North Belair Office Square, Suite 30, Evans, Georgia 30809. Phone number: 706-737-8325.**

### *SOUTH CAROLINA BREAKFAST CLUB*

**Sunday, July 9: Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, South Carolina (SC00)**

**Sunday, July 23: Cheraw Municipal / Lynch Bellinger Field Airport, Cheraw, South Carolina (KCQW)**

**Sunday, August 6: Anderson Regional Airport, Anderson, South Carolina (KAND)**

**Sunday, August 20: Berkeley County Airport, Moncks Corner, South Carolina (KMKS)**

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