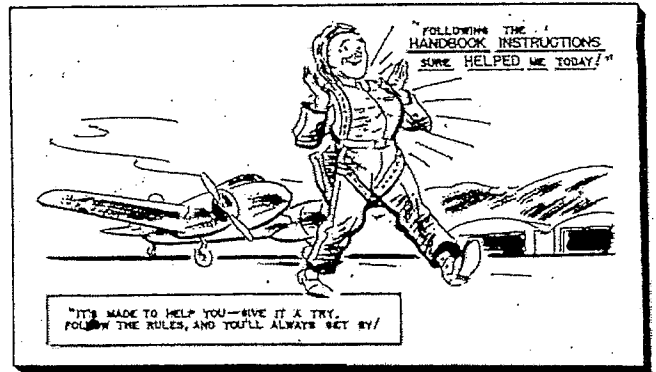




# Bamboo Bomber Club Newsletter

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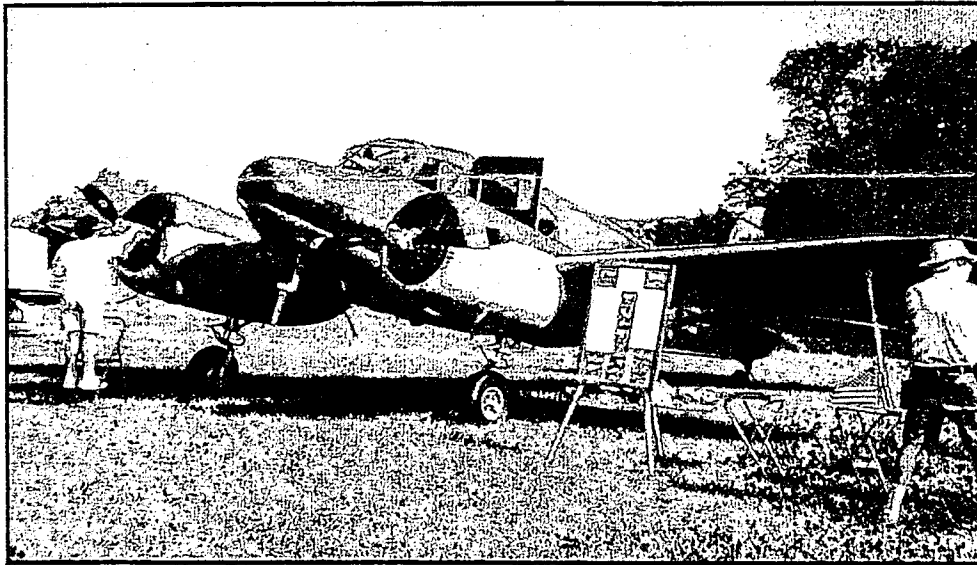
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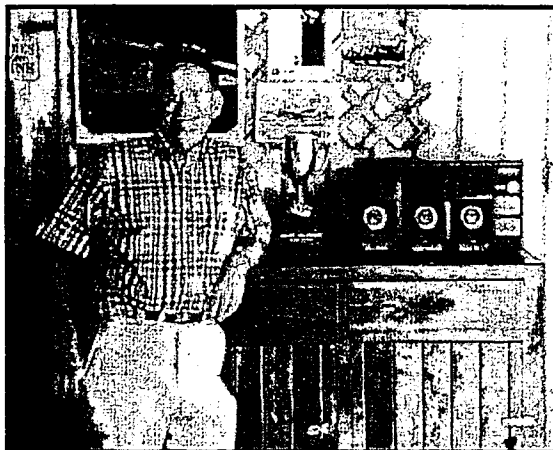
From the WW II Pilot's Handbook T.O. No. 01-125-1, page 32. The upper caption reads "Following the handbook instructions sure helped me today!" The caption continues, "It's made to help you — give it a try. Follow the rules, and you'll always get by!"

## ELMER STEIER WINS GRAND CHAMPION AWARD AT BLAKESBURG

With 235 planes registered at the Antique Airplane Association over Labor Day weekend, 1998, Elmer's T-50 won the Grand Champion Award. He sent the photo of the awards won (three), but didn't say what they were for. Bob Taylor of AAA sent the photo of Elmer's plane (by Bob Wire) and told me it was the Grand Champion.



ABOVE: Elmer Steier's beautifully restored T-50 at the Blakesburg Antique Aircraft Association Fly-in.



LEFT: Elmer back at Whittemore, Iowa, enjoying his awards — the benefit of his great workmanship.

## TWENTY-EIGHT T-50 AIRLINERS IN THE 1950s

According to *Janes All the World Aircraft* 1954-55, ten airline companies were operating twenty-eight Bamboo Bombers! Here's the list, courtesy of Billy Gibson. (See also "The Mailbag," page 6, and "The Western Executive," page 7, for more notes from Billy Gibson.)

<u>Airline</u>	<u>Number</u>
Bristol Bay Airlines Dillingham, AK	2
Byers Airways Inc. Box 1414 Fairbanks, AK	1
Northern Consolidated Airlines Inc. 414 Fourth Ave. Anchorage, AK	13
Leavens Brothers Air Services Ltd. Barker Airport Toronto, ONT.	3
Quebecair, Inc. Rimouski, P.Q.	1
Trans Mar de Cortes S.A. Avenida 16 de Sept. No. 52, La Paz, B.C. Mexico	1
BACA Airlines Memorial Airport PO Box 831 Jefferson City, MO	3

— T-50 AIRLINERS, continued on page 3

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*Did you ever watch someone fly your airplane, and feel bad because he was such a better pilot than you are? George Mock, Chief Pilot for the Indian Hoosier Warbirds, shown coming out of my Bobcat, N88878, c/n 4121, did that to me during a visit last summer. George drove a bus charter to Minneapolis for a girls athletic team, and took time to visit us at Lake Elmo airport. Of course George has many more hours and years flying Bobcats than some of us. He delivered my plane from Indiana in 1990, at which time I didn't even have a multi rating. He also previously flew the Indiana CAF T-50 before it was moved and is a CFI. I'm working to try to come up to his standard! Thanks, George.*

## Treasury Report

Our treasury is still doing fine, so don't send money for a while! Our last newsletter reported a balance of \$825 in the Security Bank of Marine. There's been incidental postage, and the new balance is \$791.38 according to the bank. When this newsletter is mailed, there will be printing and postage costs, but more than enough remains in the treasury for a few more editions.



## UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS FLYING CLASS 41 -G

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Mr. James Anderson  
Box 269 Sunwood  
Marine on St Croix, MN 55047

31 July 1998

Dear Jim:

I was delighted to get the June 1998 copy of the Bamboo Bomber Club Newsletter. I don't mind at all that you published my letters to Paul Meketa. Maybe they will make me some new acquaintances. One heck of a lot of guys flew the Bamboo Bomber.

I am too old now to have much interest in the old planes though I do I am very active with my Flying Class 41.-G. The last flying I did was some hang gliding about 20 years ago when I was 60 years old. I gave it up when the running to launch bothered my ankles and reduced my bike riding which was much more important to me. I have ridden the bike over 200,000 miles since I retired from the Air Force in 1967.

One more story of the AT-17 I have for you. A pilot at Turner Field, (Later Turner Air Force Base), approached his plane from the left side and tossed in his parachute. His throw was far more vigorous than was needed and it literally ended up on the right wing.

I think it astounding that someone would spend \$400,000 to restore an AT-17, but everyone has his priorities.

Sincerely,  
John Vanderpoel

BARKSDALE - BROOKS - CRAIG - KELLY - LUKE - MATHER - MAXWELL - STOCKTON

## FOR SALE AND WANTED

Some of the information following is months old, but worth a check if you're in the market.

### FOR SALE

T-50 Project. Last flown in 1953 and put in a barn. No wing. Fittings, surfaces, props, cowling, etc. No instruments Good paperwork for N61550, c/n 3701. \$9500. Pat Rourke, 393031 2300 Road, Bartlesville, OK 74003. 918 336 7777 eves.

T-50 parts for sale. Ernest Towers, of our membership, PO Box 839, Leona Valley CA 93551, 805 947 0467, has. He is about 60 miles northeast of LA.

Flying wires. At the type club table at Oshkosh, Bill Barnes, an expert on flying wires told us about the complexity of wire manufacture. His company, Flying Wire Co. PO Box 148, Morrison, CO 80465, 303 697 5485, fax 303 697 5485, email flyingwire@juno.com, has all kinds of wires, custom or otherwise. they also test wires.

Horizontal stabilizer for T-50 for sale. Don Browett, 14800 E 34th St., Independence MO 64055, 816 373 1916.

Dual oil pressure gauge for the T-50 for sale. Robert Peterson, PO Box 102, Hudson WY 82515, 307 332 4259.

A while ago, Novaro Nichols wrote that he's looking for a center flap hinge, part no. 55300-1 on page 24 and 25 of the parts book. He is at Old South Aeroplane Works, Tara Airbase 227 Riverdale Rd., Mocksville TN 27028, 704 284 2161.

Beautifully restored Crane (See July 1996 BBC Newsletter for photo). On a trip to Victoria, BC, Canada, I visited Joe

Howse and saw his plane at the British Columbia Aviation Museum. Over coffee he told me it was still for sale- a real beauty for someone! Joe is at 4832 Waters Rd. RR3, Duncan BC, Canada, V9L2X1, 250 748 22 03, or 604 656 7600.

Engine mount bushings. Dick Hill says that Jim Kramer is doing a double engine change and ordered new engine mount bushings and Dick added to the order, 25 minimum, from Aviall. Dick's plane will be down for a while to re-do the mounts and bushings.

T-50 parts. As mentioned in another article, Art Banko sent along another source of parts- George Buchanan, PO Box 12656, Reno, NV 89510. 702 825 9215. Call him with your needs.

T-50 ailerons and flaps for sale. Gary Vanfarow, Battle Creek, MI, 616 875 8670.

Jacobs engine overhaul and parts. Steve Curry. Vintage Aero Parts, Rt. 2, Box 3038, Guthrie, OK 73044. 405 433 2263

T-50 N45P on Edó 6470 floats, 300 Lycomings both 560 SMOH, 3 blade props, radio vintage, extended cabin 6 seats, large cargo and airstair door. Razorback fabric. \$178K. Peter Annis, 87 Cedar Lane, Halifax, MA 02338. 781 293 2181. email secret@pres.net.

Autolite SH-15R spark plugs for 80 octane engines. Continental & Lycoming AC SR-88 equivalent - new in sleeves. \$10 plus shipping. Billy Gibson 732-938-3582.

### WANTED

Doug Taylor, 11490 Yo-Pitts Rd., New Middletown, OH 44442, called to say he would like to buy a flying T-50.

## BILL STOOKEY REPORT

Congratulations to Bill Stookey on winning the Judge's Choice Warbird Award Oshkosh 98 for his Bobcat, N6HS, c/n 3696. Bill reports that he had a problem leaving Missoula, Montana, on the way home, with a stuck fuel selector valve. An engine quit at 300 feet on take-off. The field elevation is 3200 ft., and Bill and his son John elected to land straight ahead in a meadow among the urban development. There was minor damage to a landing gear, plus some fabric. His plane is awaiting some new needle bearings for the landing gear scissors.

## T-50 FEATURED IN CESSNA OWNER

A beautiful photo of Larry Kelley's Bobcat graces the cover of the August 1998 *Cessna Owner* magazine. By writer Jim Maciejewski, another photo of Pitt Pittenger's Bobcat is shown on the first page of the story. The Cessna Owners Organization can be reached at 715 445 5000, email [cessna@aircraftownergroup.com](mailto:cessna@aircraftownergroup.com); web page [www.aircraftownergroup.com](http://www.aircraftownergroup.com).

## WW II G. I. POEM

Ed Lawson, World War II vet, retired from the phone company and is on a second career at our family manufacturing business. He saved the "ditto" (blue ink) copy of the following poem. Perhaps you had to be there to really appreciate the words.

### "SO YOU'RE SICK OF IT"

So you're sick of the way the country is run  
And you're sick of the way rationing is done,  
And you're sick of standing around in line  
You're sick, you say—well, that's just fine.

Yes, I'm sick of the sun and the heat  
And I'm sick of the feel of my aching feet;  
And I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies  
And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise;  
And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek,  
And I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak  
And I'm sick of the sound of the bomber's dive,  
And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive;  
And I'm sick of the roar and noise and din,  
And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin,  
And I'm sick of slaughter—I'm sick to my soul.  
I'm sick of playing a killer's role,  
And I'm sick of blood and death and smell  
And I'm even sick of myself as well.

But I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule  
And conquered lands where the wild beasts drool.  
And I'm cured damn quick when I think of the day  
When all this hell will be out of the way,  
When none of this mess will have been in vain  
And the lights of the world will blaze again;  
And things will be as they were before,  
And kids will laugh in the streets once more,  
And the Axis flag will be dipped end furled  
And God looks down on a peaceful world.

*World War II poem from Ed Lawson  
August 1998*

— T-50 AIRLINERS, continued from page 1

Massachusetts Air Industries Municipal Airport New Bedford, MA	1
Provincetown Boston Airlines Provincetown, MA	1
Veterans Airways Inc. State Airport Westerly, RI	1

Total 28

## WHERE ARE ALL THE BOBCATS?

In late December I made a search of Bobcat registration on the Internet at landings.com. There were 115 aircraft shown. Of these, 44 are accounted for on our membership list. The FAA lists 47 planes as "Sale Reported" or "Registration Pending". The date of registration is shown for all registrations except "not specified" for these categories. There are 24 planes listed to owners who have not responded to our mailings or the mail has been returned by the Post Office for a bad address.

It would be nice to clean up our mailing list by obtaining information about the 24 unknown owners, and to find out what the sale and pending listings mean. My estimate of actual flying Bobcats is about 25, but there have been a few changes of ownership and status.

Please check the following tables and send or call me with corrections and new info. Box 269, Marine on St, Croix, MN 55047, tel 651 433 3024, fax 651 433 5691, email jja@wrmed.com.

**AIRCRAFT LISTED TO MEMBERS:** Chart at top right.

**AIRCRAFT OWNERS NOT FOUND:** Chart at bottom right.

**FAA REGISTRATION PENDING AND SALE REPORTED:** Chart facing page.

landings.com search-December 1998

N No.	c/n	BBC Mail List	FAA Owner
60010	3968	Dick Randall	Air Ads Inc.
64410	6184	Bob Taylor	Airpower Museum Inc.
1238N	1632	Eric Van Hoef-	American Airpower Her Mus
64513	5598	Eric Van Hoef-	American Airpower Her Mus
44795	6516	Eric Van Hoef-	American Airpower Her Mus
62997	5380		Anderson, James J.
1261N	44714		Banko, Arthur
51760	5703		Boyer, Robert J.
578EK	2581		Davis, L.Loyd L. Jr.
58X	5933		Davis, L.Loyd L. Jr.
60453	5199	Elmer Steier	E and B Aviation Inc.
88878	4121	Jim Anderson	Elmo AFB Flying Club Inc
67832	6117		Ferro, Lawrence
99N	5165		Fleeman, Joseph R
51838	6531		Geiger, William G
51639	5043		Heuer, Robert M.
30L	3772		Hill, Jean C
672	5921	George Mock	Hoosier Warbird Club
59188	3084		Huckins, R.
345H	5632		Huf, Thomas
41759	5807		Huf, Thomas
61613	3373		Kraft, Gordon L
42315	5171		Kraft, Gordon L
17AA	3911		Kraft, Gordon L.
69072	3105		Kramer, James
54302	5547		Ladegard, Paul E.
41793	5855	Russ Strine	Mid Atlantic Air Museum
47155	5264	Gene Overturf	Mini Corporation
73580	2060	John Bogacki	Minter Field Air Museum
55142	5941		Morris, Thomas B.
46617	5193		Nichols, Charles F
58147	5932		Nichols, Novarro dba
45P	6294	Peter Annis	North River Aviation Inc.
52703	6579		Onstott, Norman V
30F	6183		Penny, Robert C. III Trustee
78UC	6185		Pittenger, Dwain
58542	4203		Schrock, Clifford B.
65203	3124		Smith, David C
6HS	3696		Stokey, William B.
91088	2688		Sullivan, T M
66671	6487		Sullivan, T, M.
51469	6644	Robert Winkler	Texas Avia+D20tion Hall of Fame
68161	3098		Towers, Ernest A
20772	5574		Towers, Ernest Alfred
52390	4834		Zipp, Eugene C.

on BBC mail list

Address	City	St	Zip
PO Box 145	Standish	ME	04084
Rt 2	Ottumwa	IA	52501
PO Box 62000	Midland	TX	79711
PO Box 62000	Midland	TX	79711
PO Box 62000	Midland	TX	79711
123 N 2nd St.	Stillwater	MN	55082
19111 67th NE	Seattle	WA	98100
62 Airport Rd	Pittstown	NJ	08867
PO Box 527	Brackettville	TX	78832
PO Box 527	Brackettville	TX	78832
104 200th St.	Whittemore	IA	50598
Box 269 Sunwood	Marine on St. C	MN	55047
PO Box 261	Clinton	MO	64735
327 Lone Star Rd	Lawrenceburg	TN	38464
217 Lake Starr Blvd	Lake Wales	FL	33853
411 Lake Ave.	Park Ridge	IL	60068
23903 Graf Rd Box 328	Harvard	IL	60033
1007 Midway Dr	Auburn	IN	46706
4515 Washington Ct.	Wichita	KS	67216
207 Saw Mill Rd.	Weatherly	PA	18255
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HC 1 Box 12	Palatka	FL	32177
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11275 Wingfoot Dr	Boynton Beach	FL	33437
Box 149	McGrath	AK	99627
11 Museum Dr	Reading	PA	19605
905 Lovers Lane	Columbus	NE	68601
Rt 11 Box 626	Bakersfield	CA	93312
775 Fairview Dr. Box 13	Imlay City	MI	48444
13470 Dalewood St.	Baldwin Park	CA	91706
Tara Field Rte 4	Mocksville	NC	27028
87 Cedar Ln.	Halifax	MA	02338
3101 W Wing	Mt. Pleasant	MI	48858
PO Box 27	Versailles	MO	65084
PO Box 1861	Hereford	TX	79045
2182 Hoyt 1	Portland	OR	97210
RR1 Box 115	Brewster	WA	98812
11256 Avondale Loop R	Hayden Lake	ID	83835
PO Box 78302	Shreveport	LA	71137
PO Box 78302	Shreveport	LA	71137
PO Box 3099	Galveston	TX	77552
38878 Sage Tree	Palmdale	CA	93550
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10956 Green St. 182	Columbia	CA	95310

landings.com search- December 1998

N. No	c/n	Owner
51350	6108	Aero Distributors Inc.
30023	4629	Alaska Aviation Htg Mus
65204	4491	Ball, Sam
53664	5873	Bryan, Harlan D
65313	6587	Edwards, Mark L dba
63426	5515	Forsberg, Edwin E
65554	5647	Grieshaber, Mark V
51354	3829	Harmon, William W.
733	4832	Huddle, Robert F.
57781	5394	Jasper, Dennis L
4195	2778	Jeffries, G W
4175	5492	Jeffries, G W
53378	4510	Larson., Rick G.
77H	3884	Martin, Wilbert M.
7912A	2469	Midway Flying Service
5478	6345	Nogard, A J
49360	4149	Nyberg, Carl
67339	3844	Rea, David J.
417T	5957	Smith, David D.
67225	5617	Turk, Frederic L.
5580N	4470	Wardle, James J.
50T	6548	Widmer, Arnold D
56009	5636	Wiemer, Walter T.

unknown aircraft

Address	City	St	Zip
5208 W 56th St	Minneapolis	MN	55436
4721 Aircraft Dr.	Anchorage	AK	99052
RR3 Box 228	Cleburne	TX	76031
36845 208th Ave SE	Auburn	WA	98002
PO Box 586	Nashua	NH	3060
19 Gaucho Dr	Rolling Hills Est.	CA	90274
9737 Grandview Dr	Saint Louis	MO	63132
18 Phinney Way	Exeter	NH	3833
612 North Howard St.	Union City	IN	47390
400 South St.	Zanesville	OH	43701
108 King Arthur	Victoria	TX	77904
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4135 S 216th St.	Kent	WA	98032
44634 Florida Ave.	Hemet	CA	92544
PO Box 93	Mandan	ND	58544
Rd 8	Ballston Spr	NY	12020
Rt 3 Box 51-A	Moscow	ID	83843
17780 Luna Ct.	Riverside	CA	92504
5052 Tahnee Dr	Las Vegas	NV	89122
250 Airport Rd.	King City	CA	93930
Wardle Rd. PO Box 1	Sierra Vista	AZ	85636
719 Dogwood Ave	Oakes	ND	58474
13 Horseshoe Dr.	Poughkeepsie	NY	12603



## THE MAILBAG

It's always great to hear from enthusiastic T-50 fans. For instance, Billy Gibson of Farmingdale, N.J. sent a lot of interesting memorabilia, along with this biographical info:

West Virginia was home for Billy, who went on to the university at Morgantown, studying aero engineering. He was in ROTC, serving in the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. in 1955-56. He stayed on as a civil service employee from 1958-67. Running his own flight school was his next career for many years. He is now an FAA designated examiner. The local FAA recently took away all letters of authorization in his area, renewing only those currently used in the last year where they have flown with the examiner. He still has the Duchess letter.

Billy acquired a T-28 about five years ago. One of his finds is a nameplate from a derelict at the Asbury, N.J. airport (N69123 c/n 1672). He has been a regular at Oshkosh, but had to miss last year.

One of Billy's most memorable trips was a flight with two friends in a Bonanza to the Arctic Circle, via Great Falls, MT. They returned by way of Greenway, AK, Anchorage and then down the Alcan, back to Montana and then home. His current flying includes giving check rides for both private and commercial ratings.

Billy has several hundred Autolite SH-15R spark plugs, new in plastic tubes, for many Continental and Lycoming low compression 80 octane engines, for sale at \$10

each plus shipping.

Following are some of the items he sent:

1. CESSNA T50 Licensing letters. I think he got them from a fellow named Chris Christopher who may have been from Texas???
2. PARKS AIR COLLEGE PILOT'S CHECK LIST FOR CESSNA UC-78 (T-50). As you would expect from such a prestigious school, it is an excellent four page list. If anyone would like a copy, I can either mail or email it on request.
3. A list of airlines operating T-50's from Jane's All World Aircraft, 1954-55 (shown in story starting on page 1).
4. Copies of *Rapidair Inc.*, Springfield, MO., sales literature for T-50 air ambulance service and conversion kits from 1954-55.
5. Copies of *Western Aero*, Torrance, CA, conversion of the T-50 to "The Western Executive Six Passenger Luxury Liner". Billy saw this plane at Torrance some time before 1960. (Story on page 7.)
6. Copy of T-50 identification page from 1943 War Department Manual FM30-30, Navy Buair 3.

I also acquired several clean original copies of 1940's Jacobs Overhaul Manual, Inspection and Parts Price list, and Parts Catalog from him. Thanks for the correspondence, Billy.

## ART BANKO'S PLANE DOWN FOR REPAIRS

Art Banko wrote from Seattle to that his plane should be removed from the flying status list for a while.

## RENO, NEVADA PARTS SOURCE

At Art Banko's suggestion, I contacted George Buchanan, PO Box 12656, tel 702 825 9215, for info on T-50 parts availability. George operates an export business for DC-3 and other old airplane parts. At one time they serviced T-50's for Northern Consolidated Airlines, which he says was absorbed by Wien. He also operated several R-680 equipped T-50's for charter and commercial service. The T-50 parts supply has been shrinking, but includes items such as prop hub parts, flap motors, prop governors, landing gear jack screws, and intake heat boxes. He will fax a list on request.

## JON LARSON SENDS NEWSLETTER

Long time T-50 guru Jon Larson sent a one page newsletter in September to Elmer Steier and others, which Elmer forwarded to me. Jon reminds us that the 50th Anniversary of the T-50 was celebrated at Oshkosh ten years ago. He says, "THIS 98 NEWSLETTER STARTS THE COUNTDOWN TO THE 60TH HERE IN AUBURN, WA." It's nice to hear from him again.

## BARGAIN MUSEUM GUIDE

There are seventeen T-50's in museums according to *GUIDE TO OVER 900 MUSEUMS-USA & CANADA*, 18th Edition, by Michael A. Blaugher. (This is an excellent museum guide and a real bargain, with over 7000 aircraft listed. It can be purchased from Michael A. Blaugher, 124 E. Foster, Ft. Wayne IN 46806, 218-744 1020, for \$7 plus \$1.50 S&H.) Not included are a second one at the CAF and another at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Any others?

T-50	AB-C	Calgary	Aerospace Museum of Canada	
T-50	AB-C	Wetaskiwin	Reynolds Museum	
T-50	AK	Anchorage	Alask Aviation Heritage Museum	
T-50	BC-C	Sidney	British Columbia Air Museum	
T-50	CA	Bakersfield	Minter Field Air Museum	
T-50	CA	Chino	Yank's Air Museum	5193 N 46617
T-50	FL	Pensacola	US Naval Air Museum	5515 N63426
T-50	IL	Harvard	Blackstone Aeroplane	
T-50	KS	Liberal	Mid America Air Museum	
T-50	MB-C	Winnipeg	Western Canada Air Museum	
T-50	OH	Newbury	Walter A Soplata Aviation Collection	NC60145
T-50	OK	Fredi	AAM	
T-50	ON-C	Mt. Hope	Canadian War Heritage Museum	
T-50	ON-C	Ottawa	National Aviation Museum	
T-50	SK-C	Moose Jaw	Western Development Museum	
T-50	TX	Galveston	Lone Star Flight Museum	6644 N51469
T-50	TX	Midland	Confederate Air Force-HQ	N1239N

## BOBCATS ON FAA REGISTRY

A search on the Internet at [www.landings.com](http://www.landings.com) of the FAA registry showed 113 Bobcat's still listed. We know that around twenty are in museums, and there are about twenty in flying condition. Where are all the rest? The records are divided by region and the results showed the following: (the largest group in Southwest are due to many "sale reported" with the FAA Oklahoma City address.)

Region                      No. registered

### Registered as T-50 Models

<u>New England</u> MA, ME, NH	4
<u>East</u> DE, PA, NJ, MD	7
<u>South</u> FL, KY, NC, TN	8
<u>Great Lakes</u> IL, ND, MN, OH, IN	10
<u>Central</u> MO, NE, KS, IA,	7
<u>Western Mountain</u> WA, ID, OR	8
<u>Southwest</u> TX, OK, LA	45
<u>Western Pacific</u> CA, NV, AZ	15
<u>Alaska</u> AK	4
<b>Total T-50 models</b>	<b>106</b>

### Registered as UC-78 Models

<u>All regions</u> IL, OK, MI, LA	5
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### Registered as UC-78B Models

<u>All regions</u> MO	1
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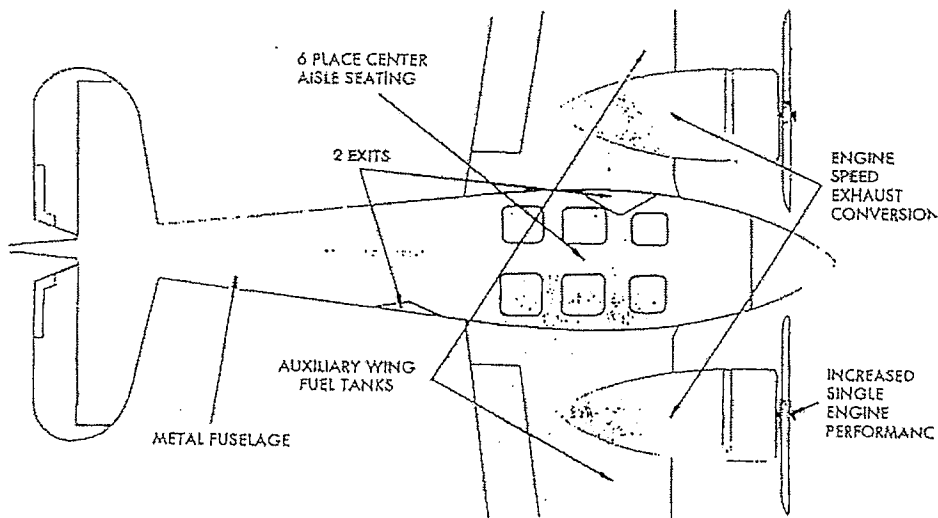
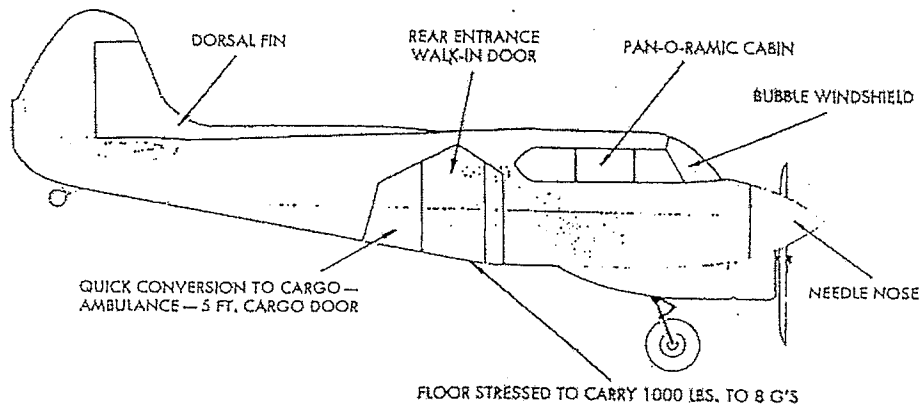
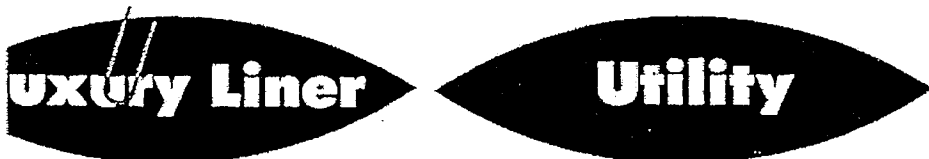
### Registered as JRC Model

<u>All regions</u> CA	1
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**Total all models**                      **113**

## THE "WESTERN EXECUTIVE"

"Custom built to your requirements, as little as twenty days service", the 1950's brochure states. "The concealed, self contained, staircase extends, offering easy access to the spacious cabin....the high bubble windshield gives the crew full visibility control throughout the flight. The Western Executive is superbly engineered, moving with modern executives on the "move". (Specifications show a 205 mph TAS with 330 hp engines and single engine ceiling of 10,000 ft.) (From Billy Gibson.)

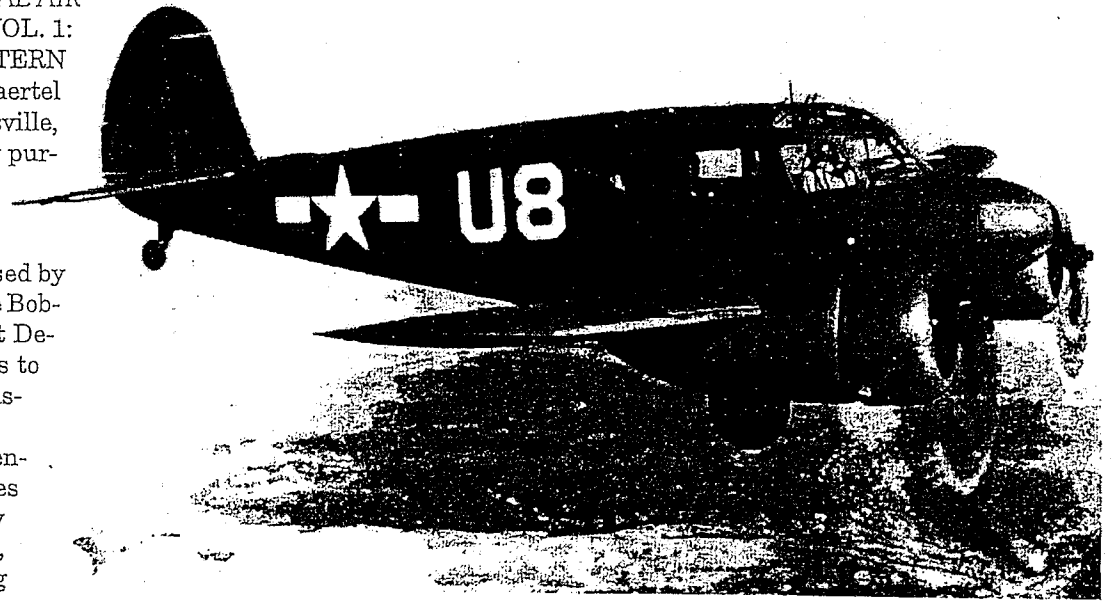


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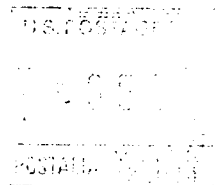
## NAVY JRC BOBCATS

Since I own a Navy N3N-3 and a Bobcat, I've been interested in learning more about the rarely mentioned Navy JRC. The books *UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATIONS OF WORLD WAR II, VOL. 1: EASTERN STATES; VOL. 2: WESTERN STATES.* by M.L. Shettle, JR. (Schaertel Publishing Co., PO Box 66, Bowersville, GA 30516) states that, "The Navy purchased 67 Cessna JRC Bobcats during 1942 and 1943. A military version of Cessna's five seat T-50, the Army's designation UC-78. Used by air stations as light transports, the Bobcat was also employed by Aircraft Delivery Units and Ferry Squadrons to transport pilots to and from ferry assignments." (Vol. 1, p. 81).

The author frequently lists inventories of type and number of planes at various bases, but shows only one JRC based at NAAS Manteo, North Carolina. Besides being home to a Bobcat, they also had an NE4 Cub, A GH Howard, and a J4F Widgeon. And its first Squadron was "The Jolly Rogers." The photo at right shows marking of a JRC.



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