

Air Scoop



NEWSPAPER GROUP WILL INSPECT LAB

Delegates to the summer convention of the Virginia Press Association to be held this month at the Chamberlin Hotel will make an inspection tour of the Laboratory on Friday, July 15, as one of the features of the journalist group's convention agenda.

It is planned tentatively for the group to see exhibits and view demonstrations at the 4 by 4-Foot Tunnel, Full Scale Tunnel, Free Flight Tunnel, Spin Tunnel, and one shop in the West Area.

The group will be greeted by Dr. H. J. E. Reid, Director, who is expected to discuss some of the history and accomplishments of the Laboratory in its three decades of service to the aircraft industry.

Following the inspection tour at the Laboratory, the newspaper group will witness an air show to be presented by the Langley Air Force Base.

The Virginia press delegation will be composed of publishers, editors, business managers, and news writers representing daily and weekly newspapers in the State.

BOYLE SELECTED TO REPRESENT U.S.

Joe Boyle, East Model Shop, has been selected a member of the six man team which will represent the United States in the Wakefield Model Contest which will be held in England on July 31. Joe was the winner of the rubber-powered elimination meet which was held at the Maritta Air Force Base in Georgia with a total of 8 minutes, 51 seconds for three flights. Approximately 30 model makers competed in the event.

Five Wakefield elimination meets were held last week with the

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William E. "Scotty" Wallace

WALLACE RETIRES FROM LABORATORY

William E. "Scotty" Wallace, West Machine Shop, will retire from the Laboratory on Monday, July 18 after almost 26 years of service with the Committee.

Born February 20, 1881 in Norfolk, England, "Scotty" completed his five years apprentice ship in October 1900 as a fitter with Clarkson & Beckett in Glasgow. He served as a journeyman fitter with the company until January 8, 1901 and worked a year and a half in the Machine Shop of Kelvin & James White, Ltd.

Before joining the Committee's staff, he served a year and a half with the Canadian General Electric Company and fifteen years with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He entered on duty at the Laboratory as a machinist on October 11, 1923 and is a Metal Model Maker Group Leader at the West Machine Shop.

REMIND EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN DECALS

Employees are reminded that new NACA automobile decalcomanias may be obtained from the Laboratory's Equipment Control Office located on the second floor of the Warehouse Building.

Most of the new decals were distributed to employees in their respective sections during a recent canvass of the Laboratory. Those who were on leave during the canvass or were missed for other reasons, are urged to apply for a decal, if required, as soon as possible in order that the change over from metal tags may be effected.

The new decals are being issued upon certification by the employee concerned that the Air Force requirements for operation of vehicles on the Base have been complied with regarding insurance, State driver's permit, State inspection sticker, and that the employee agrees to abide by the requirements as long as the decal remains in his possession.

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FINAL REPORT ON BOND DRIVE

A final report on the 1949 Spring Savings Bond Drive which ended June 30 shows that the Laboratory made a rather good showing with a number of employees increasing their allotments and still more taking out new allotments. Figures show that 81 employees increased their allotments and 103 took out new allotments, making a total of \$751.51 in increased allotments and \$1,423.26 in new allotments.

The drive, which started in May, was called the "Opportunity Drive" and was advocated with a symbol of the covered wagon of the 1849 Gold Rush.

Although the drive has ended, employees may still make a change in their allotments if they wish by properly executing a Bond Authorization Card and sending it to the Payroll Office. Employees are reminded that the automatic savings plan is still the best and most popular way of acquiring savings.

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BRAINBUSTER NEWS

By Jesse Shepherd

The date of the Peninsula Plymouth Dealers contest has been set for Sunday, July 17 and will be held on the Langley Air Force Base with the co-sponsorship of the Brainbusters Model Club and the Consolidates Gas Bug Model Club. The Langley Air Force Base officials are cooperating with the model clubs to make the contest a big success.

The events to be held will include Classes A, B, and combined C-D Gas powered free flight and combined rubber powered free flight. The free flight events will be held in three different age brackets - junior, senior, and open.

The U-control events will be speed classes A, B, C, and D in the junior and senior age brackets. Stunt, jet speed and scale events will be open to all age groups.

Last week a group of Brainbusters entered the Capital City Model Air Show at Andrews Field, Maryland, and Reid Hull, East Engineering was the only club member to place. Hull won third place in Class B free flight and fifth in Class A free flight.

Two non-club members from NACA placed in the contest with "Woody" Blanchard, Pilotless Aircraft, winning second place in Class B free flight and Ben Cleveland, West Machine Shop, taking second in Class C-D free flight and third in Class A U-control speed.

The club emblem decalcomania transfers have been ordered in two sizes, 3 and 6-inches, and will be available soon to club members.

BOYLE SELECTED

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winner of each meet automatically becoming a member of the six man team to represent the U.S. Meets were held in Georgia, Chicago, San Francisco, New York, and Cleveland with the meet having the largest number of contestants picking two representatives to make up the six man team.

Other Laboratory employees who attended the meet were Gail Cheesman, Low Turbulence, Joe Dodson, Caldwell Johnson, Ira Ramsey, and C. T. Brown, West Engineering.

WANTED: Alternate driver for riding combination from Southampton to East Area on 7:30 shift. Campbell 2352.

FOR SALE: 1948 Chevrolet - 4 door fleet master with radio. Rector, Reproduction.

LIFE AT THE LABORATORY

The Bachelor's Club.

lost one of its charter members this week when Ed Howe, Head of Accounting, went and got himself engaged to Margaret Young, Employment Office. The big event will take place Friday, August 5 at the home of the bride. Moving up to take Ed's place in the Bachelor's Club is Dick Whitcomb, 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel. Dick reached the ripe old age of 28 last February.

IRD is still.

playing favorite with the stork. The record set last year by Aircraft Loads with 18 births has been surpassed by Instrument Research in six months. Number 21 arrived last week and it was a six pound, fifteen ounce daughter, Geraldine, to the Danny Nuzzo household. This brings the Division's average to 3.5 babies per month - almost one a week.

Sporting a new.

sparkler on the third finger left hand and making plans to join the ranks of married folks is Edith Turner, Dynamic Tunnels Operations. Edith is engaged to Charles Smith, Free Flight Tunnel, and wedding bells will ring on Saturday, August 6.

Word has just.

reached the Laboratory that Becky, formerly of the Library, and Charlie Forsyth, formerly of Flight Research, became the proud parents of a son on Saturday, June 25.

The Laboratory lost.

another bachelor when Boyer Hall, West Machine Shop, took his final vows with Ella Williams, Newport News, on Saturday, June 25 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Newport News.

We haven't been.

able to figure out whether Dan Cupid is using a stronger dart or whether the heat has affected some employees but we received a couple of shocks this week. Anyway, one of the Laboratory's long standing romances has reached the engagement stage and making plans for a July 30 wedding are Ann Merfeld, 4-Foot Tunnel, and Axel Mattson, Head of 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel. The big event will take place in Yorktown. Not only is the Bachelor's Club losing one of its charter members but it is also losing its advisor. Just who will take Axel's place as advisor to the Laboratory bachelors has not been decided but moving up to fill the vacancy in the club is Al Martina, 19-Foot Pressure Tunnel. Al celebrated his 28th birthday last May.

FOR SALE: Simon's studio couch. Mrs. H. B. Munsen, Jr., 4 North Westover St., Hampton 4504.

WANTED: Passengers from Briarfield to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Vess, Report Typing.

FOR SALE: 1937 Chevrolet. Wagner, Newport News 2-5498.

FOR SALE: Tappan gas range. \$55. Burdette, IRD.

WANTED: Ride or riding combination from Kecoughtan Court to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Bates, 2356.

WANTED: Ride from Shenandoah Road to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Richard Walder, 2216.

WANTED: Gentleman to share driving on trip out West around August 1. Call N.N. 6-1051.

FOR SALE: Cook stove - \$10. Whitcomb, Gas Dynamics.

FOR RENT: Room. Mrs. Messick, 261 Holt St., Hampton 4809.

FOR SALE: 10 piece dining room suit - \$150. 609 Newport News Ave. or Hampton 3-2071.

SOFTBALL NEWS

The biggest upset of the season came last week when Electrical took a 4-0 shutout over previously undefeated Full Scale Tunnel. Up to this time Full Scale had been leading the league with a perfect record of 6 wins and no losses. Electrical's runs came with one in the first one in the third and two in the fourth. Winning pitcher Johnny Knemeyer allowed five hits while losing pitcher Roy Lange allowed only 2 and struck out 5.

Loads chalked up a win last week by defeating Spin Tunnel 12-3. Loads started off with two big innings, getting five runs in each and adding 2 more in the sixth. Beck was star batter for the winners with a home run and a double. Winning pitcher Lindquist allowed 6 hits while Goodwin was tabbed for 11.

Electrical won a close one when they defeated Pilotless Aircraft 2-1. Winning pitcher Johnny Knemeyer gave up 7 hits while losing pitcher DeMoroos allowed only one.

West Sheetmetal took a close 4-1 win over 8-Foot High Speed Tunnel. Justice knocked a homer in the first with two men on base to score three for the winners. 8-Foot managed to hold them scoreless until the seventh when they added another run. Winning pitcher Cunningham gave up 5 hits while losing pitcher Milillo was tabbed for 9.

Full Scale lost another last week when they forfeited to West Machine Shop at the end of three innings. When the forfeit came West Machine was leading 13-1 but the game goes down on record as a 7-0 victory for West Machine.

9-Inch came through with three runs in the second inning to take a 4-2 win over Low Turbulence. Winning pitcher Falk allowed 7 hits while losing pitcher Newman gave up 5.

7 X 10 came out on the winning end of a close 7-6 game with Flight Research. Flight scored four runs in the fourth to tie things up but 7 X 10 came back with one in the fifth to win. Winning pitcher Andrews allowed 8 hits while losing pitcher Householder gave up 6.

19-Foot barely came out on the winning end of a 7-6 game with 8-Foot. The winners were leading 7-3 at the beginning of the seventh but 8-Foot put on a power drive to score 3 more but they fell one run short of tying the game. Winning pitcher Salmi gave up 12 hits while Pendley allowed 8. Davis and Hadaway were star batters for the winners with a home run each.

OBTAIN DECALS

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It has been noted that a number of drivers who have applied their decals to automobiles have failed to remove their metal tag. It is requested that these employees remove their tags immediately in order to avoid the confusion resulting from the use of two different identifying numbers.

All NACA automobile identification tags which are replaced by NACA decals must be returned to the Equipment Control Office by August 1 or a satisfactory explanation of failure to do so given the Property Supervisor. Employees failing to comply with this requirement may be charged 50 cents to compensate the U.S. Government for the loss of the tag.

WANTED: Passengers from 1600 25th St. to E. A. on 7:30 shift. Whitcomb, 2377.

WANTED: Passengers from Copeland Park to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Broughton, 4437.

FOR RENT: 7 rooms in new home. Also board if desired. Mrs. Davis, 1259 Langley Field Rd.

FOR SALE: Four room trailer home on attractive site - \$1800. Souers, West Engineering.

East Compressibility has withdrawn from the softball league and wins have been added to the records of PARD, Flight Research, PRD, and Full Scale Tunnel.

STANDINGS DIVISION I

Team	W	L	Avg.
West Machine	8	1	.889
Full Scale	7	2	.778
Electrical	7	2	.778
PRD	5	3	.625
Apprentice	3	3	.500
Const. Eng.	3	4	.429
PARD	3	4	.429
7 X 10	3	4	.429
West Model	3	5	.375
Flight	3	7	.300
16-Foot	2	5	.286
E. Compress.	1	8	.111

DIVISION II

Structures	8	1	.889
19-Foot	7	1	.875
W. Sheetmetal	6	1	.857
E. Model	5	1	.833
IRD	6	2	.750
Loads	5	5	.500
Inst. Serv.	3	4	.429
Low Turbulence	2	5	.286
9-Inch	2	5	.286
Spin Tunnel	2	6	.250
8-Foot	2	7	.222
IAL	1	6	.143
Tank	1	6	.143

GAS BUGS PLACE IN NATIONAL MEET

The latest activity of the Consolidated Gas Bugs Model Club was competing in the National Capitol Model Air Show at Washington, D. C. At last years meet, the club walked away with a number of prizes but this year the control line boys had to be satisfied with two first places and one second.

Billy Cannon won first in Class B, Junior with 117 miles per hour and second in Class C with 100 miles per hour. Cannon's first may be a possible National Junior record if approved by the AMA.

Charles Eichelberger, Dynamic Model Shop, turned in a 109 miles per hour in Class A Senior to chalk up another first place for the club. Bob Schade, Earl Popp, and Sterling Smith, all LAL employees, had tough luck with their big D jobs and failed to place. The club is now preparing for a meet in Norfolk on Saturday, July 16.

MUSIC CLUB PLANS VARIED PROGRAM

Laboratory employees who are looking for a way to spend a cool and relaxing evening are invited to come out to the Activities Building at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13. At this time music lovers will have an opportunity to enjoy the cool breezes from the terrace and at the same time listen to the program which will be presented by the Langley Music Club.

The following program will be presented: "Overture to the Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart; "40th Symphony" by Mozart; Shostakovich's "Fifth Symphony" and Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances".

WANTED: Ride from Pasture Point in Hampton to East Area on 7 shift. Soule, Gas Dynamics, or call Hampton 3-3402.

FOR SALE: 3 piece apartment size living room suite - \$50. Mrs. A. J. Miller, N. N. 2-6884.

WANTED TO GIVE AWAY: Puppies for pets. Call N.N. 4-4454.

FOR SALE: New 35 mm Kine Exacta. F 3.5 coated Tessar, case, shade. Link, East Model.

FOR SALE: Cocker spaniel puppies. Newport News 2-5632.

FOR SALE: Kitchen exhaust fan. Chambliss, Hampton 32048.

GOLF ASSOCIATION PLANS TOURNEYS

Tournament officials of the NACA Golf Association announce that plans are underway to hold a best ball tournament on July 16, 17, and 23. All players will be placed in flights of eight and then paired off into two-man teams. In each flight the number one man will be paired with number eight, number two with seven, three with six, and four with five. The first round will be played during the week-end of July 16-17 and the finals will be held on July 23. Prizes will be awarded the winners of each flight. Persons wishing to enter the tournament must send their name and the fifty cents entrance fee to Bill Bates, Free Flight Tunnel, Walter Bressette, PARD, or Gordon Griffith, Construction Engineering, by the close of work on Tuesday, July 12.

During the week-end of August 6-7 the Association is planning a Scotch Foursome for men and women. Persons wishing to enter the tournament are asked to call one of the persons listed above by Tuesday, July 12. Women are required to send in an approximate score so that partners can be lined up. The entrance fee will be fifty cents.

Plans are also underway to hold a Flag Tournament for men and women on August 27.

APPRENTICE CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

A special meeting of the NACA Apprentice Club will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:45 p.m. in the Activities Building.

Plans are being made for a Fall Dance and designs for a membership card will be discussed. Club members are reminded that the quarterly dues must be paid by July 15. Any apprentice interested in joining the club is invited to the meeting next Wednesday or he may obtain full particulars from R. L. Gungle, 4568.

FOR SALE: Double size roll-away bed. \$20. Barger, Flight Research.

FOR SALE: 1946 Kenmore washing machine. Adams, Tank #2.

FOR SALE: 1941 Dodge sedan - two door - \$575. Sterrett, IRD.

FOR SALE: 12-foot white cedar outboard motor boat and 7½ hp Firestone outboard motor - \$250. Call Hampton - 8453.



Dr. H. J. E. Reid, (right) Director of the Laboratory, congratulates Frank K. Gough, Jr., West Machine, upon his graduation from the NACA Apprentice School. Others who received certificates are (from left) Jack G. Barbour, East Sheetmetal Shop, William J. Leftwich, Jr., East Sheetmetal Shop, and Arthur Henry, Flight Operations. Another graduate, John M. Moore, was on military leave.
—Photo by Nelson and Myers

LAB GOLFERS ENTER LANGLEY TOURNAMENT

Laboratory golfers who are members of the Langley Air Force Base Golf Association are reminded that all qualifying rounds must be in by tomorrow in order to be eligible to enter the Association's match play golf tournament.

Players will be placed in flights according to their qualifying score and each flight will consist of sixteen players. There will be a sufficient number of flights to take care of all qualifiers and prizes will be awarded the first and second place winners in each flight.

According to tournament officials, the first match will be played at the convenience of the contestants during the week of July 10-16. The quarter finals are scheduled for the week of June 17-23, the semi-finals during June 24-30 and the finals will be held on Sunday, July 31. The entrance fee is one dollar per person.

Laboratory employees who have already qualified include Chris Kraft, Flight Research, Dick Braig, Classification, Billy Bates and Chuck Bennett, Free Flight Tunnel, John Hanks, IAL, Bart Geer, Maintenance Division, and Hal Johnson, Flight Research.

FOR RENT: Large double room. Sayre, 309 Newport News Ave.

Coming Events

Printed below is a calendar of events scheduled to take place at the Activities Building throughout the coming week.

July 8 - NACA Group Party

July 10 - Beginning Sunday, July 25 the Building will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. 'til 6 p.m.

July 12 - Bridge Club

Ping Pong Club

July 13 - Apprentice Club Music Club

July 14 - NACA Group Party

July 15 - Retirement Party for Scotty Wallace

July 16 - Hydrodynamics Division Party

WANTED: Alternate driver for 5 car pool from Sussex Hilton to East Area on 7:30 shift. Leaman, 2336.

A constructive, intelligent aggressive action to correct any shortcomings found will pay big dividends in accident prevention.

The human tendency to err is great enough. Uncorrected physical and procedural faults only multiply this tendency.

Webster defines an accident as "An event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation."