

Air Scoop



VIRGINIA ENGINEERS PLAN JOINT MEETING

The Virginia Engineers Annual Joint Meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15 at the Nansemond Hotel in Norfolk. The two-day program will open at 9 a.m., daylight saving time, on Friday with registration in the lobby of the hotel.

After the regular business session of state sections at 9:30, the remaining part of the day will be devoted to technical sessions. The first day of the meeting will close with a dinner-dance at the hotel.

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m. the group will leave the hotel for a tour of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Facilities now in operation and under construction, followed by luncheon at 1:30 at the Chamberlin Hotel.

Entertainment has also been provided for the lady guests of out of town engineers. The ladies will assemble at the Hotel Nansemond at 10:30 a.m. Friday, leaving at 11 by bus for Bingo and luncheon at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Ladies are invited

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DANCING CLASSES START WEDNESDAY

The first dancing class, sponsored by the Activities Association, will be held Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Activities Building. Although the first class period will be devoted primarily to ballroom dancing, folk dancing will be considered if there is a sufficient demand for it. Latin-American dances will be taught as a part of the regular class program. All persons interested in learning to dance or in improving their dancing ability and form are urged to attend the classes.

There will be a nominal fee of twenty-five cents per person to cover operating expenses.

If you need a ride or have room for passengers please contact John Rocket, 2394; Dave Waddington, 4849; or Edith Reisert, 4484.

HOWARD LILLY DIES IN CRASH



Howard C. Lilly

Howard C. Lilly, 31-year old NACA test pilot, was killed Monday at Muroc Airbase, California, while taking off in the Douglas Sky Streak, a single engine jet which holds the world's speed record.

Born August 27, 1916, in Crow, West Virginia, Lilly attended Concord College and Beckley College in West Virginia. He served as an aviation cadet with the Naval Reserves from 1941 to 1942 and entered on duty at the Langley Laboratory on October 1, 1942. He was assigned to the Flight Research Division where he received test pilot instructions from Mel Gough, Chief of the Flight Research Division. On May 16, 1943 he was transferred to the Cleveland Laboratory and recently he was sent on a tour of duty with the NACA group at Muroc, California.

Howard Lilly's death was the first recorded fatality of an NACA test pilot in the thirty-three year history of the Committee. Several other NACA test pilots have had narrow escapes but this was the first fatal accident.

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COMPLETE PLANS FOR GOLF TOURNEY

Final plans have been completed for the "Air Scoop's" Annual Gol Championship Tournament. The tournament, which will be played at the Hampton Country Club, is open to any male employee of the Laboratory and it will be a flight-match play affair. No handicaps will be given but players will be grouped off with players in their own class. A first place trophy will be awarded to the winner of each flight.

In order to enter, each player must turn in one qualifying round. The qualifying round, along with the entrance fee, must be turned in to the Air Scoop Office, Service Building by noon on Friday, May 28 and the round must have been played between May 8 and 28. No round played prior to May 8 will be accepted. In addition to dating the card, each player must have his card signed by one of the pros at the Country Club BEFORE he plays the round. In other words, each player will select the round that he will use for qualifying

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BINGO PARTY NEXT THURS.

Officials of the Morale Activities Association announced that the grand prize for the Bingo Party next Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Activities Building will be vacuum cleaner. In addition to all the regular attachments, the cleaner also includes a floor polishing device.

Since no one won the jack pot last week, a smokeless table broiler will be added to the list which now includes an Elgin wrist watch, a Never-lift electric iron, and a Pop-up toaster. If no one wins this time another prize will be added for the next party.

Other prizes included on the list are: Gilbert electric hair drier, waffle iron, cocktail shaker, toaster, musical clock radio, and several others.

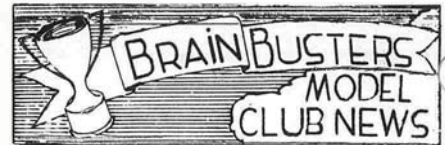
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By Joe Blanco

The Brainbusters turned back the clock and calendar last Tuesday night and reached as far back as 1931. With the aid of over a hundred "Model Airplane News", "Air Trails" and "Flying Aces" magazines, the club compared model designing and building of the last decade with that of our present day.

Many of the magazines held memories that were brought back to some of the members. Old pictures, planes, articles, past National Championship meets, records, and other forgotten events were discussed.

When new club business was brought up, the "Flapping Wing" contest took the spotlight. It was decided that the contest that was in the making for the "Flapper" be cancelled due to conflicting plans. However, a club project was proposed to design and built one gas powered "Flapper" for experimental purposes. This new project will have to await approval from William Stout, sponsor of the "Flapper" contest.

Finally, it was resolved that this year's Brainbusters Model Meet be an invitational meet instead of an open meet. Club members will meet at the home of Joe Dodson Saturday at 1 p.m. to discuss this future plan.

ANNOUNCE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The monthly Master Point Bridge tournament was held last Tuesday night at the Activities Building. Arthur Samet, Fiscal Division, and Bruce Amole, Employee Services, were North-South winners with 148 points and 62%. Second place was won by Dr. Arthur Salasky and Mrs. Pearl McCorquodale with 133½ points and 55.7%. The East-West top honors went to Captain and Mrs. Payne with 117 points and 54.2%.

The Master Point tournaments are held every month on the first Tuesday night. All persons interested in bridge are invited.

WANTED: Ride from Briarfield Manor to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Miss Goergen, 4547.

WANTED: Passengers from Stuart Gardens to E.A. or W.A. on 7:30 shift. Schmidt, 4503.

DRIVE SAFELY:

The Laboratory has been informed by the office of the Langley Field provost marshal that three children have been injured, one seriously, by vehicles being driven on the base during the past month.

The frequency of these accidents involving children serves to emphasize the need for motorists to exercise extreme caution in driving, especially in view of the fact that the actions of children at play are so often unpredictable.

Although it is important that safe driving be practiced throughout the entire Laboratory, it is especially imperative to be careful in the East Area because of the large number of children residing there. Moreover, the danger is heightened by narrow streets and congestion resulting from parked vehicles and heavy peak hour traffic.

LIFE AT LABORATORY

Wedding bells.

rang last Saturday at the Post chapel when Regina Dickinson, Induction Aerodynamics, and Captain Will Francis Maguire, of Langley Field and Wilksboro, Pennsylvania, took their final vows.

Induction Aero.

had another wedding in their midst. This time it was Opal Whitaker and she was married April 24 to Charles Feller of Instrument Research. Ted Smith, also of IRD, served as usher.

Last week we went.

to great length to comment on Aircraft Loads' birth record. Last week the record stood at nine births in the Division since January 1, this week it has been raised to ten - six boys and four girls. The new father is Tom Connaughton, Impact Basin, and the new arrival was a six pound, four ounce son, Stephen Anthony, born Saturday, May 1.

Word has just.

reached the Laboratory that Joseph Soloman, formerly of Electrical Service became the proud father of a daughter on April 8.

The stork paid.

a visit to the Reproduction Section this week. The new arrival was a 6½ pound girl, born Monday, May 3 and the new father is Kenwood Stark.

LITTLE THEATRE MEETS MONDAY

A meeting of all members of the Hampton Little Theatre will be held Tuesday, May 10, at 8 p.m. at the Syms-Eaton Community Center for the purpose of electing three new board members. The three board members whose term of office expires this season are Stella Colonna, Tom Hulcher, and Tiny Hutton. All members are urged to attend the meeting.

WANTED: Ride from Wythe to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Kenyon, W. Eng.

FOR SALE: 1935 Master Chevrolet coach. Hankinson, W. Eng. or Hampton 3-2943.

Coming Events

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

May 7 - Bowling League Juke Box Dance

Flight Research Card Party

May 11 - Bridge Club

May 12 - Dancing class

May 13 - Bingo Party

May 14 - Instrument Service Party

May 15 - W. Engineering Party

FOR RENT: Single or double bedroom. Mrs. M. L. Boswick, 308 Newport News Ave.

WANTED: Ride from Buckroe to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Dot Moore, Payroll.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN SECOND WEEK

This week West Machine led the softball teams by defeating Instrument Research and Full Scale. In the West Machine versus IRD game, West Machine ended up on the winning end of a 3-2 game. The game, which proved to be a pitchers battle between Raoul Bugg and Freddy Eubanks, was close all the way with a scoreless tie at the end of the seventh inning. During the ninth inning both teams scored two runs and West Machine chalked up another in the tenth on a triple by Smith who scored on Bugg's wild pitch. Winning pitcher Eubanks pitched hitless ball up until the eighth inning when Ray Ensley marred his record with a single to center. Eubanks gave up a total of 5 hits, 5 walks, and 10 strike outs against losing pitcher Bugg's 4 hits, 2 walks, and 16 strike outs.

In another game, West Machine took a 6-2 win over Full Scale. West Machine scored in the first inning only to have Full Scale tie it up in the fifth. However, the Shop boys chalked up four in the sixth to the losers' one and added another for good measure in the seventh. Winning pitcher Eubanks gave up 2 hits, walked 4, and struck out 6 while losing pitcher Roy Lange gave up 8 hits, walked 3, and struck out 2. Big guns for the winners were Jack Kinzler with 3 for 3 and Johnny Catlett with 2 for 3.

In a free for all Engineering Services walked away with a 22-2 win over E. Shops. Winning pitcher Williams allowed 2 hits, no runs, struck out 3, and walked 4. In the sixth inning he was relieved by Nick Jervas who gave up 2 runs on 3 hits, no walks, and no strikeouts. Carl Cecil, pitcher for the losers, gave up 12 runs on 8 hits, and 2 walks while allowing one in three innings. Tribble pitched the remaining part of the game and was nicked for 10 runs on 8 hits. Sinclair paced the winners' attack with 3 singles and Tribble was close behind with 2 singles. Williams hit for the circuit in the fourth.

In a closely played game, IRD took a 2-0 win over PARD. IRD's two runs of the day came in the fourth and sixth innings. Winning

9-INCH WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

In the playoffs between 9-Inch Supersonic Tunnel and Structures Research for the first place position in Round II of the Volley Ball League, 9-Inch came out on the winning end. Since Structures won round I, another playoff between the two teams had to be played to determine the league championship. The finals were held last Monday night and 9-Inch was declared the 1948 Volley Ball Champs.

GOLF TOURNEY

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in the tournament before he tees off and not after he has completed the round. The entrance fee for the tournament, which includes the green fees, will be four dollars per person.

The tournament will begin June 6 and run through June 27. In other words, players will be allowed a week in which to complete each round. The first round must be played between June 6 and 13, the second between June 14 and 20, and the third between June 21 and 26. The third round must be completed by Saturday, June 26 because the finals in each flight will be held at 12 o'clock noon on Sunday, June 27.

FOR SALE: 1938 Plymouth sedan with new tires. \$395. Stan Neice, Gas Dynamics or Hampton 8313.

WANTED: Passengers from Newport News to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Hall, Accounting or N.N. 3-1732.

WANTED: Ride from 25th and Parrish to W.A. on 7 shift. Samuel Harrell, 4517.

pitcher Bugg gave up only 2 hits, walked 1 and struck out 16 while losing pitcher Strass gave up 2 hits, walked 1, and struck out 6. Bugg was also big gun for the winners at bat, getting a homer.

Low Turbulence took a close 8-7 win over East Shops. Low Turbulence had a 4-0 lead at the end of the third but Shops narrowed the margin to 5-3 in the sixth and scored 4 more in the seventh to lose by a one run margin. Winning pitcher Dale Burrows gave up 9 hits, struck out 3 and walked 6 while losing pitchers Cecil and Tribble together gave up 11 hits, walked 2 and struck out none. Big guns for the winners were Bobby Nuber with a homer and a triple and Hamilton Smith with a homer and 2 singles. Van was tops for the losers with 3 singles.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM IS PLANNED

An NACA Girls' Softball team is being organized to play in the Hampton League and practices are held every Monday afternoon at 4:45 at the Armstrong School.

Girls interested in playing on the team are asked to contact Irma Twyman, 2231.

JOINT MEETING

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to attend the dinner and dance on Friday night, as well as the tour of the Sanitation District Facilities on Saturday.

Persons planning to attend the meeting should contact W. C. Roberts, Newport News 2-4826, or E. D. Ross, Newport News 2-3237.

Chapters and Clubs represented in the joint meeting will include the following: American Institute of Electrical Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Engineers' Club of Virginia Peninsula, Engineers' Club of Hampton Roads, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Architects, Central Virginia Engineers' Club, and Institute of Radio Engineers.

LAB EMPLOYEES IN "ROBIN HOOD"

The Newport News Operatic Society's production of the light opera, "Robin Hood" by Reginald De Koven, which will be presented May 11 and 12 in the Newport News High School auditorium, will include several Laboratory employees. Two of the principal leads will be taken by Marvin Saunders, Photo Lab, as Sir Guy of Gisborne, the protege of the Sheriff of Nottingham, and Don Hews, Free Flight Tunnel, as the rascally Friar Tuck of Robin Hood's band.

Included in the chorus will be the following employees: Clara Haynes, Low Turbulence; John Hedgepeth, Structures Research; Elden Niemann, Electrical Engineering; Tod Burke and Paul Kloetzer, Spin Tunnel; and Joe Johnson, Free Flight Tunnel.

The story of Robin Hood's adventures in the forests of Sherwood, his encounters with the treacherous Sheriff, and his fight for the hand of his beloved Marian is told to the accompaniment of music. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Operatic Society.

FOR SALE: Chrysler Marine Engine and 36-foot landing barge. Bill Trail, Physical Research.

BOWLING NEWS

TENPIN LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

The scheduled six game playoff between Missilleaneous and Headpins, the winners of Round I and II respectively, took place last week. At the end of the first two games, both teams were tied with a total of 1601 pins each, but Missilleaneous settled down to some hard playing to take the lead and win the series with a total of 4795 pins to Headpins' 4566. Luke Liccini was the high man in the series with a 234 game and a 606 set. League members are reminded of the league party tonight at the Activities Building. Tickets may be purchased from the team captains.

PLAYOFF SCORES

ROUND	MISSILLEANEUS	HEADPINS
1	840	788
2	761	813
3	871	772
4	808	755
5	751	721
6	764	717
Total	4795	4566

DUCKPIN PLAYOFFS

16-Foot still leads in the Duckpin playoffs with 13 wins and 5 losses. G.R.I. is in second place with 9 wins and 6 losses. Last week top bowling honors for the men went to Dave Maloney, 16-Foot, with a 134 game and Harry Davis, 19-Foot, with a 354 set. Taking high scoring laurels for the women were Sally Bourne, Physical Research, with a 111 game and Marge Wilson, Sound Lab, with a 290 set. 19-Foot took high team game and set with 535 and 1520 respectively.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Avg.
16-Foot	13	5	.722
G.R.I.	9	6	.600
FGDA	10	8	.556
Tank	9	9	.500
Mech. Maint.	7	8	.467
PRD	8	10	.444
19-Foot	7	11	.389
Sound Lab	6	12	.333

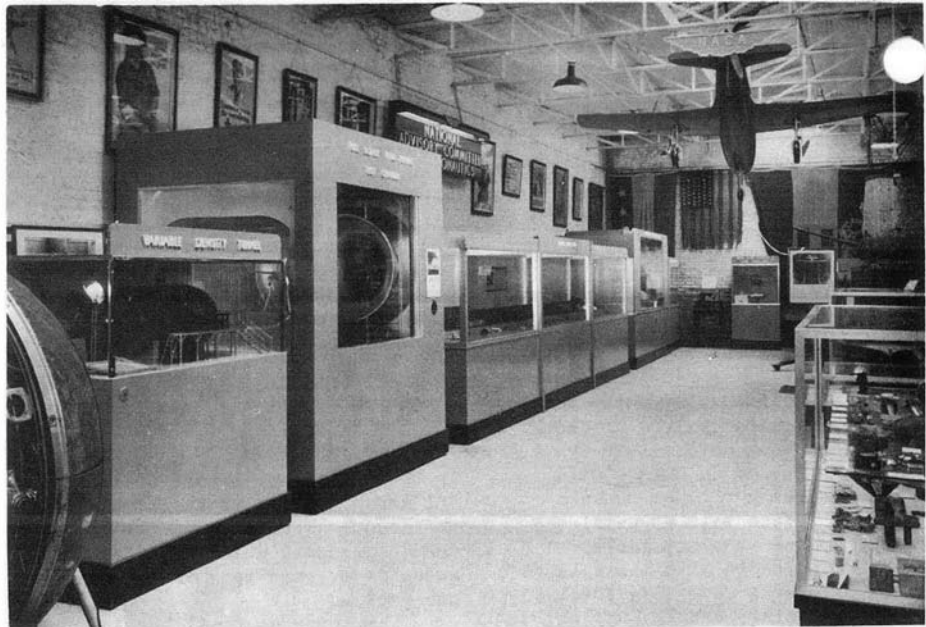
WANTED: Ride from 30th and Wickham to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Elizabeth Pulley, 2313.

WANTED: Young man to share house. Call Hampton 3-2074 after 5 p.m.

WANTED: Passengers from Hilton or Ferguson Park to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Slade, 4565.

WANTED: To join riding combination from Southampton to W.A. on 7:30 shift. Ben Vogel, Supersonic Facilities Unit.

WANTED: Passengers from Marshall courts to E.A. on 7:30 shift. Myrtle Massey, 2303.



Shown above is the NACA Exhibit in the War Memorial Museum at Huntington Park. The museum opened for the season last Sunday.

ANNOUNCE NEW PLAN EXHIBIT BUS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK-END

Two new bus schedules were inaugurated this week by the Citizens Rapid Transit Company as follows:

6:30 a.m. From East Morrison to main guardhouse via West Area.

4:20 p.m. From main guardhouse to East Morrison via West Area.

6:30 a.m. From Buckroe Beach to main guardhouse via military highway.

4:20 p.m. From main guardhouse to Buckroe Beach via military highway.

CONCERT GROUP OPENS DRIVE

The Community Concert Association, a non-profit organization, will begin its eighteenth year May 10 with a membership drive. The purpose of the Association is to bring professional musical artists to the Peninsula audiences. The holder of a membership card is entitled to four concerts a year.

The concerts are held at the Newport News High School and in past years members have heard such notables as Nelson Eddy, John Charles Thomas, Iturbi, Pinza, Martini, Helen Jepson, Rose Bampton and others, as well as symphony orchestras such as the Baltimore Symphony and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

For further information call Hugh Watson, Purchase Office.

WANTED: To rent violin. Sandra Yoakum, 2293.

The NACA will have an exhibit at the Chamberlin Hotel in connection with the State Convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which will be held on May 14, 15, and 16. The exhibit will be located on the lobby floor adjacent to the stairway to the swimming pool.

Included in the display will be a working model of Tank #1, models of a P-80 and P-84, photographs showing the Laboratory research facilities, and a brief history of the NACA. The display is being handled by Elton W. Miller, Executive Assistant to the Director.

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ARMY UNITS CHANGE SHIFT

Langley officials announced that, effective May 5, some army units began stopping work at 3:30 p.m. instead of the 4 p.m. quitting time they observed on May 3 and 4. This was expected to divert about 200 automobiles from the congested 4 p.m. period.

FOR SALE: Arvin radio and RCA phonograph - \$25. Hampton 32686.

WANTED: Passengers from Wythe to W.A. on 7 shift. Staples, West Sheetmetal.

FOR SALE: Army communications receiver BC 348 converted to 110V AC. Bowen, PRD.