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INTRODUCTION / DISCLAIMER:

This is the first formal issue of this Newsletter which is designed to provide an independent communications link between builders and others interested in the Wheeler Express kit airplane and company representatives who are or may become available for comment or advice. There is no plan on the part of the editor to expand the function of the newsletter to the extent that it will replace any future Factory produced newsletter, or in any way become involved in political or economic issues related to activities which have taken place at or around WTI prior to July 1, 1992. If readers have any questions regarding the bankruptcy proceedings, the current status of the economic structure of the company, or the future of the Wheeler Express in terms of builder support or continuing production of kits or parts that are not answered in THE EXPRESS LINK, the reader is encouraged to communicate directly with Mr. Ralph Kenner at: South 1303 Sheridan, Spokane, WA. 99202 Tel: (509) 838-6807.

The editor intends to make every effort to solicit the latest information available and pass all such information along to the readers so that they may be able to make the most informed decisions possible regarding technical completion of their already obtained EXPRESS components, or the purchase of additional kits or parts, whether available from the factory, from commercial sources, or from other builders.

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Subscribers are encouraged to submit any information they think may be helpful to other builders in terms of making the EXPRESS construction easier, safer, or more customized. The editor cannot guarantee publication of any such material. but every effort will be made to be fair and informative. It is my hope that, as the title implies, this builder supported newsletter will indeed be the link that will keep current builders and people just starting work on their EXPRESS connected to the Company and other builders, so that anyone who is truly interested in completing an EXPRESS will be able

For reference, B and B Enterprises, which coordinates this newsletter, has completed fabrication of most of kits 1,2,3,4,(except windows), has assembled the lower quads separate from the fuselage and has installed the quad assembly on the fuselage in preparation for the installation of the upper quads.

INFORMATION BASE

The following is a listing of people who have generously indicated their willingness to provide (A)dvice, (T)emplates, (D)ocumentation, (V)ideo tapes, sources, (F)abrication facilities, (B)uilder I.D's, and other information that may be available to them. Please remember that this service is voluntary, and that you should be prepared to pay for some communication costs, duplication costs, and materials furnished. All advice, documentation, and information furnished is only meant to describe what each person has learned or experienced in the construction of their EXPRESS and is for you to judge as to the appropriateness of its use in the construction of your EXPRESS. As much of the information is fragmented, and each builder has completed construction in a somewhat different sequence, you may need to discuss your problem/question with more than one source. Feel free to inquire after other references from whomever you choose to communicate with.

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...... Additional references will be added in the future as permitted by individuals and space.

N-310EX TO OSHKOSH !!!

..... LATE WORD is that Larry Olsen and Lonnie Pollard will fly the EXPRESS demonstrator to Ohskosh for the BIG EVENT. They will join WARNER and be prepared to talk to current builders and potential customers regarding the current status of the EXPRESS and the future, in terms of restarting production.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT(S)

..... Larry Olsen is moving ahead to develop a "Firewall - Forward" package for builders interested in installing the IO-540 engine in their airplanes. Larry indicates that the package may include a three blade Hartzell, "Q" tip prop, engineered and balanced for the EXPRESS application, modified cowling with complete induction system, stainless steel exhaust with heat muff, and other "goodies".

If you're interested, contact Larry directly using the information on page 1.

..... There is some concern circulating about the stiffness of the later production main landing gear legs. The problem seems to have two dimensions. 1) Main gear legs as furnished are not always evenly matched in stiffness and 2) Main gear legs are not stiff enough to properly support a loaded airframe. Stay tuned for further developments. Meanwhile, if you are inclined to work on the main gear leg installation, you will do well to contact builders who have experience with loading later production legs. Better to make mods before final installation if you can.

..... The empennage can successfully be constructed as a unit off the fuselage, and bonded to the lower fuselage (with the upper pinned in place). There are some definite construction advantages with few apparent disadvantages. If you would like to discuss the process, call Bill or John at B and B Enterprises as noted on page 1.

NOR CAL EXPRESS BUILDERS MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the NOR CAL BUILDERS has been scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 1992 at the B and B Enterprises hangar at LVK.

Don't forget the hangar number is 340, located on the South side of the airport, and the telephone number at the hangar is (510)455-1036. Call if you need more detailed information. The meeting will begin at 12:00, but feel free to come early and massage your adrenal glands by seeing what perserverence can do for you.

THE LATEST!

As you have learned from the letter from Ralph Kenner the EXPRESS is alive, and promises to become the fine kit airplane that we all expected from the beginning. I have had several conversations with Mr. Kenner and I am convincd that he has the builders interests at heart. I feel certain that he is attempting to carefully structure the future of the EXPRESS to make sure that past mistakes and disappointments will not be repeated. At this point a little patience will likely be rewarded with support for current builders in terms of supplying backordered parts, and additional documentation.

STRINGS TOO SHORT TO SAVE

Jerry Sjostrand has been tentatively planning the second Oakhurst EXPRESS construction seminar and bean dip contest for sometime in September or October. Perhaps we can come to some consensus on the date at the August meeting. ** Ed Bernard has completed painting of all parts for his EXPRESS except the fuselage (and may have finished that by the time you read this). For those of you who have not yet gotten your hands on a copy of Ed's documentation and video tapes on the construction of the empennage, elevators, rudder, flaps and ailerons - and have not yet started construction of these components, I recommend that you contact Ed, and help yourself to a world of good information. ** The Lenn brothers (Wayne and "Booty") of Culpepper Va, are quite far along with construction and relate that another builder close to them has already taxied his EXPRESS. ** A builder we have been in contact with in the St Louis area, ordered and received all five kits in May. It's true that "timing is everything"!

** This is just a sample of what we think the EXPRESS LINK should be. If you agreee and want to continue to be on the mailing list, please see below.

If you have not already done so, but wish to remain on the EXPRESS LINK mailing, list please furnish the following information and send a check for \$36.00 made out to B and B Enterprises, for a one year subscription to: B and B Enterprises, 4863 Primrose Lane, Livermore, Ca 94550.	
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