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PL-1 Mutual Aid Letter No. 5

Dear PL-1 Builders:

It is about the time of the month to gather up all our letters and suggestion from our group and others. Sometimes we might not have very much to pass on to you gents, but will pass the good word on to you fellows as often as possible and as time permits. We try to publish letters sometimes between the 20th and last of the month, but if we skip a couple of weeks, bear with us. Here are a few suggestions, tips and parts sources we have gathered since last letter. Here goes:

Our Mexican friends from Mexico that we have been corresponding with for sometime, have completed a set of landing gear for sale. The set includes the three shock struts assembled, painted, and ready to install for a price of \$800. We will list his address and you can contact them direct for other information. This is just one item that these men will be making for PL-1 builders. They will appreciate hearing from you I'm sure. The address is as follows:

Mr. Carlos Suarez Lezama
Aeronautica Especialyada, S.A.
Aeropuerto Central
Mexico 9, D.F. Mexico

Correspondence to this address will be much quicker by air mail. We will have literature from these people on the individual parts for these shock and any other parts for the PL-1 in the near future. You are assured that as soon as I receive it, it will be passed on to you builders. These people have Mr. Pazmany's permission and are about to get the ball rolling.

Mr. Dick Poston is still our best bet on hardware. He is also modifying a Culver landing gear for the PL-1. He is almost finished with this and it will be complete with nose wheel for \$500 bucks. His address is: Mr. Dick Poston - 1850 Denver Street - San Diego, California, 92110. Mr. Poston seems real interested in helping us and will send you a hardware list upon request. He can furnish almost any hardware part for the PL-1. He has been able to get most of the rod ends from surplus (new) for \$1.50 each.

Mr. J. A. Thimsen - Route 5, Box 176T, Richmond 31, Virginia is willing to do machine work on PL-1 parts - preferably landing gear, possibly spar caps too.

We have had several requests recently for addresses of people who might be able to machine the tapered spar caps. One source of machining spar caps could be Mr. Merrill Roth - Roth Manufacturing Corp. - 811 Northwest 23rd Avenue, Portland 10, Oregon. Mr. Roth is supposed to have several more items for sale to pass on to us shortly. How about it Merrill.

Mr. Ronald C. Baker is still able to furnish most of our flat (raw) material and possibly some of the bar stock for the Spar Caps if you are brave enough to try them. He is able to furnish most of the heavier material. Contact him directly at this address: Mr. Ronald C. Baker - Route 8 - Maryville, Tennessee. Ron can probably cut your wing rib material to size if you will send him the exact dimensions. I would like to make one suggestion on this. Make your Pattern for rib and take your measurement from pattern as dimension on bill of material is figured pretty close. Another example is the tall cone frames. I don't think it is possible to get the frame from a piece of material 3" wide because of the curvature.

Well gents, that's about all for this time. I hope to have more and better news next time.

If any of you fellows have any problem or suggestions, please let us know so we can pass them on to other builders. This is where we get most of our material for the letter, from you people and we are always trying to make it better. As long as we get a few letters each month, we feel we are doing a little good. Just address the letters to me or Bill and we will take care of the rest.

Sincerely,
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P.S.: Let us know of your progress and if you have or care to make any extra parts such as ribs or longerons or fuselage tail cone frames or any part requiring machining let us know. This is a problem to some of us.