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Dear Sonerai Planholder,

Happy Holidays to you from all the Monnetts!!! Surprised to hear from us again so soon? Last year's Feb. Holiday Greetings were just a bit ridiculous. So this year I am trying to do a little better. Hope you had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

I also have some news for you. We now have a list, with prices, of all the engine parts we have for sale. John has most of these in stock now. List is enclosed.

The Cherry Rivets are on order and should be arriving anyday. Those of you waiting for rivets- hang on! They should be here soon. I have enclosed a list of rivets in stock and their prices.

Another new product coming up - caster units for the tailwheels! They are being manufactured right now and I will let you know when we have them and how much they will be.

About the "Lake" - as some of you already know who have called or been notified, we will not be handling the "Lake" at all. We have been waiting since Oshkosh this past summer for a pricing on the aircraft carb. It came through in Nov. - \$159. for the 32mm. John was most upset as that is double the original cost of \$75. He felt he could not justify this to customers and so decided not to handle it. Without distributors and dealers the price could also come down a little so for current information write to: International Engineering/Dist., Inc. 13240 Northrup Way, Unit #23, Bellevue, Wash. 98005. It is available now and is really a good carb. John has no alternative to the "Lake" Injector at the present time. However- to let the cat out of the bag- he has designed one himself and the prototype is ready for a test stand which is being built up now. Of course, it will be this summer before it is ready to market. So If you need a carb, the "Lake" is the best at the moment!

Biggest News of All - the second Sonerai is flying!!!! Builder Bob Hughes of North Aurora, Ill. has his finished and John test flew it on Nov. 10th. Bob has worked on it a little over a year and is one happy man. (His wife, Barb, worked as hard as he did on it and has been assured she can fly it when she gets her license this summer!) He has all the latest components on it and kept accurate records of costs - Total spent \$2350.00. This includes \$100. worth of Imeron Paint - red-orange! John says, "It looks real mean with a 3" longer nose and 1" wider fuse." Congratulations, Bob on a great job!!!! And Barb for such support!!!!

Next biggest news is we are off to the Miami Air Races, Jan. 16-20! Bob is taking his, John both the I & II. So Miami here we come- towing them all. We bought a Dodge Maxi Van (to replace our car!) so we could haul 2 sets of wings inside and tow a plane behind. Gregg will tow the other, and Bob will make the third man in the parade. Of course, this is all providing we can secure enough gas!! I neglected to mention in addition to the planes - the wives are going along for the ride.

John is on vacation now until the 7th. However, as always, it will be devoted to work he loves. The Sonerai I will see a new set of the smaller tail surfaces, the new cowl, new tailwheel, engine tune-up, etc. It has been left as is for 3 yrs. now and John just has to see improvements made on it that have been developed since building it. The Sonerai II will be signed off by the FAA this vacation - completing its 75 hr. test program. The plans for the II go to press Jan. 2nd.

My Big News!!! We are expecting a new baby July 7th. John's only concern is that I have it by Oshkosh.

Here's to '74 and Sonerai's Galore-
(and maybe a girl??)

Betty Monnett