

Wright calls a generator, and we discovered that there was no Garlock seal installed at the generator pad. What was installed however was an oil slinger plate which was used on the military versions to keep the generator disconnect lubed. Jerry explained that the military thought it was better to disconnect the generator instead of having to shutdown the engine due to a generator malfunction. He went on to mention that some of the military birds had generator disconnects installed and that the disconnect itself had its own seal. Since this engine was in fact a "take-off" from a military bird at the bone yard in Tucson, it did not have a Garlock seal installed.

"Now what do we do?"

There is no aircraft engine parts supply facility nearby. Oh, wait a minute, yes there is!"

So I wandered over to the original No. 1 engine, removed its Garlock seal, cleaned it up and installed it on the "new" (1976 take-off!) No. 1 engine. Then I tried to put the damn generator back onto its pad! It was so heavy that I had to have Jerry jam his way up into the hell-hole next to me just to lift it in to position. We must have looked like two dairy cows trying to fit through a half-opened barn door at the same time.

We ran the engine and did a leak check and the oil leak problem was solved.

So now I know the difference between a Garlock seal and a slinger-plate; a boat anchor and a Super Connie generator; the later of which there is no difference.



Congratulations to two of the TRCC junior members. Sam Egan and my grandson Dylan Rhodehamel graduated from Fountain of Life Lutheran School 8th grade on May 24th 2010. **CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!!!!** CB

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Always be yourself. Because the people that matter, don't mind. And the one's that mind, don't matter

And finally, don't forget our 4th of July night fly and BBQ on Sunday, July 4th. Please bring a side dish. CB

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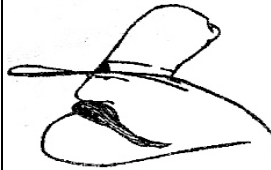
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