

April 11, 2008

Fellow Hartzell propeller owners,

Below is an e-mail and letter containing some important information about our Hartzell propeller AD's. I am sure to eliminate or extend an AD is a monumental task considering we are dealing with the FAA. I think we owe it to ourselves to pursue this AD extension as the integrity of the Hartzell propellers has rarely been an issue, provided it is well maintained. Follow the instructions below and who knows we may just convince the FAA that our propellers need not be subjected to such indiscriminate scrutiny. If you have any questions...

You can e-mail Henry Ruzakowski at n2345@mac.com or

Brian VanWagnen at vanw@modempool.com for any additional information.

Thank you for your help and support.

Steve Mestler

For the IRSOC (International Republic Seabee Owners Club)

E-mail form Henry Ruzakowski dated April 9, 2008:

"Steve,

Here is a 2 page letter from my friend Brian Van Wagnen, he is putting together a Summary of Compliance for the Hartzell Props that have the 500 hour/60 month AD (#97-18-2). He is collecting data, through filling out this form, to show the FAA that there has not been any concerns from blade/clamp/hub failures and that we are petitioning to remove the AD all together, this is the best case scenario. If you could, get this info out to ALL the Seabee owners. If you could post this letter of Brian's on the website and make it downloadable, all anyone has to do is to fill in the blanks and provide copies of needed documentation. We want the good, bad and the ugly, if there are any.

Let it be known that we can probably get a substantial extension, but we need to have the documentation and it has to be corroborated by copies of yellow tags, or compliance records from the Prop Shop.

If there are any questions any Seabee owner can give me a call at my shop at 828-659-8601 or they can call Brian, his number is on the cover letter.

THIS IS ALL IN OUR BEST INTEREST, WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO DO THIS IN. Have each owner email me that they have sent in this info to Brian, so I can keep track of the Seabee guys who are helping, put in the subject: Hartzell Prop AD extension.

Let me ask you this, would you take an hour out of your day to get this info copied and filled out to get another 5 year extension on the AD? LET'S MOVE ON THIS ASAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Henry Ruzakowski (e-mail: n2345@mac.com)

Letter from Brian Van Wagnen dated April 7, 2008:

Brian VanWagnen

4253 Saunt Road

Jackson, MI 49201

April 7, 2008

“Dear Hartzell Propeller Owner:

I am compiling data on the results of inspections on Hartzell X, V series propellers, in order to petition the FAA to provide relief on the repetitive inspection requirements. I have met with the FAA and was told that if I could provide data that shows that these propellers were holding up well during the repetitive inspections, they would increase the interval between repetitive inspections.

Please fill out the form I have provided, and mail a paper copy of it, along with copies of yellow tags & invoices you may have to the address above. I will be collecting the data and sending it to the FAA in written form.

You may contact me with any questions at (517)764-4193, or e-mail at vanw@modempool.com.

Thank you for your efforts,

Brian VanWagnen”

(Ed note: The form letter (2 pages) Brian needs is below. Please print it, fill it out and send it to Brian at the address given. Thanks. Steve for the IRSOC)

AD 97-18-02

Summary of Compliance

Prop Model _____ N# _____
Hub SN _____ Location (State) _____
Aircraft Type _____ Hangared (yes/no) _____
Approximate hours flown per year _____

INITIAL INSPECTION FOR 97-18-02

Please enter data. If not known (NK) or if not applicable (NA)

Date of Initial Inspection _____ Prop Total Time _____
Date of Last Overhaul _____ Prop SMOH _____
Was This an Overhaul (yes/no) _____ Prop converted to mV this inspection _____

Please indicate any blades, clamps or hub that were replaced from a failed inspection on the following chart using "N" for none; "R" for corrosion; "D" for failed dimensional inspection; "C" for cracked

Replaced Blades _____ Replaced Clamps _____ Replaced Hub _____

SECOND INSPECTION FOR 97-18-02

Date of Inspection _____ Prop Total Time _____
Date of Last Overhaul _____ Prop SMOH _____
Was This an Overhaul (yes/no) _____ Prop converted to mV this inspection _____

Hangared since last inspection (yes/no) _____

Please indicate any blades, clamps or hub that were replaced from a failed inspection on the following chart using "N" for none; "R" for corrosion; "D" for failed dimensional inspection; "C" for cracked

Replaced Blades _____ Replaced Clamps _____ Replaced Hub _____

