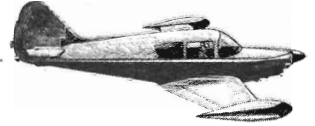


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Dear Mr. Baird:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th, and the copies of your new folder on the Baby-Ace. Hope that business is on the up-hill climb for you. Things are a little slow here. I sold the Super Swift modification end of the business and now only have the replacement items and the floats to worry with.

We have not been able to work too fast on installing the molded floats on the Ace, however; the project is underway and it is hoped that it will not be too long before we have some good pictures for a story in Sport Aviation. This should help boost your Ace business also.

I am going to try and rebuild a couple J3 Cubs into sea planes and see how they will sell, I have three here now to start with. No doubt I will have to tool up to make fiberglass cowlings for the Cub, motor mounts and a few other items, that are getting hard to find and the cost is going up all the time. I note from your plans and folder that the new Baby-Ace uses standard Cub motor mounts, as well as cowlings, and I was wondering if you would be interested in offering these items if I go ahead and make up jiggs, molds, ect. ?.

We have at present molds for wheel fairings used on the early Arenca's, they are just right for the Ace using 700 or 600 tires. I would be pleased to have you list these for the Ace. If you are interested we can work out the costs, ect.

Dont think I will be able to make the Rockford Fly-In, as a matter of fact, I have never been able to yet, but still have hopes that I will make it one of these days.

If by chance, you should know of any young man up your way who is really interested in getting into aircraft designing and building work, one who is willing to do it the hard way ! I would like to have such a fellow with me to learn this business, I can not afford to pay any big salary but can assure him a far better training than any school would give. This is just a thought and I know such fellows are now hard to find, but I do know that somewhere, someplace there are young men who are interested in learning the hard way.

Let me hear from you when ever you can find the time. If you are interested in the motor mounts, cowlings and wheel fairings let me know and we will see what we can work out.

Still hope you can get down this way one of these days. Best regards.

Yours very truly

O.G. Corben



P.S.; I am going ahead & build up the original Ace - so will be needing a few items out of these days;