

News Letter & OVERSTOCKS



From the NEWSROOM Dr. Pete

ADVENTURES IN MOBILE WASHING

Being a contract cleaner enables you to get out into the public. It also lets you have an occasional adventure. Anyone with an interesting adventure is encouraged to submit it for possible publication to pete@envirospec.com

As a primer, I went back into the archives for a few adventures I had in the past.

DE-ICING THE DAM

The strangest job I ever did was de-icing flood gates on a dam that controlled the water flow on the Kennebec River in Augusta Maine. Actually, I got to do it several springs. These gates averaged about 12 foot square. Over the winter, the upriver side would freeze, several feet back from the gate and all the way to the bottom. In the spring, as rains and snow

melt filled the river, the gates needed to be opened to release water so the city wouldn't have flooding damage. So I would get hooked up in a safety harness, go over the safety railing, and get lowered to where I was able to use a set up with a very long black iron pipe to melt the ice from the facings of the gates. Now imagine this, the water is roaring over the spillways, surface ice that is breaking upriver is rolling over the spillways with the water. Some of these chunks of ice are big, like 30 feet across! And all this is crashing underneath me! Spectacular! I should have paid them. After melting for awhile, they would be able to get the gears turning and open the gates. The dam was removed a few years ago so fish could swim further upstream. I will never get to see that sight again, but I'll always remember the view.

I had the opportunity to wash a small airplane that is used on our local lake system. The pilot is a local hero that

THE PLANE RIDE

flew bombing runs over Germany in World War Two. He is a legend in our hometown because he once flew a bomber very low down the Main Street, creating quite a stir among the locals. I had to travel about 30 miles to a dry dock where the plane was removed from the water. I had a helper that day and we scrubbed the plane from top to bottom. The pilot then asked me if I would like to fly home. I turned the truck over to my helper and climbed aboard. My helper started off to meet me at the local lake where we would fly in. I enjoyed the lift off and the flight. We flew over several areas and I was able see many familiar sights from a much different vantage point than I was used too. As we approached the lake we came through town low, much like the legendary bomber run of old. The wind had come up and the lake had white-capped rolling waves as we dropped in for our landing. As we came lower my heart was pounding, and my pilot could tell I was a bit uncomfortable. I am pretty sure the last minute aerial up and downs and side to sides were orchestrated for my benefit. Then we slammed into the waves, blasting through several before slowing and finally bobbing our way towards the dock. I thanked my customer for a once in a lifetime adventure and disembarked. My legs were hardly shaking at all. The wash truck arrived about ten minutes later and we proceeded to our next job. Where else can you have this much fun and get paid too?

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