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Dear Mr. Carden:

Thanks for sending me the Coupe Capers and stickers.

Also I am especially pleased that you are interested in my Siamese (Twin) Ercoupe NX93384 Aircraft. This was a great aircraft as demonstrated by over 1250 hours of flying in a four year time span. I would like for the complete story of the TWIN ERCOUPE to be recorded. I will only attempt to relate here some of the highlights, however, the entire accomplishments of this plane in my behalf were almost human and would have to be related week by week for the entire period I owned it. The worse mistake I ever made was the day I decided to sell.

The story of the Twin Ercoupe began in the winter of 1946-47. It was conceived and built in Athens, Ga. License was issued by the FAA in April 1947. At that time I was in the Air Show Business full time - known as the "Thrasher Bros." This Siamese Ercoupe was built to add another different act to our program - and it did it so well.

The left wing was removed from one aircraft and the right wing from the other and the two aircraft were bolted together by 1/4" high strength steel plates, one in the front and one in the rear of the front main spar fittings. The horizontal stabilizer had to be shortened on both aircraft, and there was no way to physically join the two elevators. They were coordinated and controlled by cables through the center of each fuselage.

