

on the flightline

What's New In Recreational Aviation

Liberty Clarifies FAA Statement

Liberty Aerospace is setting the record straight after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mistakenly named the Liberty XL2 as having undergone a special certification review in 2008. The Liberty XL2 has never been the subject of a review by the FAA. A press release regarding the Eclipse 500 jet issued by the FAA on August 20, 2008, listed various other aircraft that have. Liberty has been in contact with the FAA's Small Airplane Directorate, receiving acknowledgment that the statement was made in error.

With more than 130 aircraft in service, Liberty has never received a customer service difficulty report nor has the FAA issued an airworthiness directive against the XL2. In a company statement, Liberty said the XL2 is certificated to the strictest FAA Part 23 standards and is the safest aircraft in production today. For more information, visit www.LibertyAerospace.com.



Eclipse Reorganization Advances New Strategy

Eclipse Aviation has established a new divisional structure in support of the company's operational excellence strategy. Peg Billson, previously the company's chief operating officer, has been appointed president and general manager of the Eclipse Manufacturing Division. Mike McConnell, previously vice president of sales and marketing, will serve as president and gen-

eral manager of the Eclipse Customer Division. Mark Borseth, Eclipse's chief financial officer, will lead the new Process Improvement Teams to ensure the success of both divisions. The new divisional structure consists of two individual operating units, the manufacturing division and customer division.

For more information visit www.EclipseAviation.com.



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Ready for a Helicopter?

Sporty's new DVD, *So You Want to Fly Helicopters*, can help you master the aerodynamic concepts of helicopter flight. It covers specific information needed to pass the helicopter portion of the FAA private pilot exam, and also helps prepare you for flight lessons. Learn about preflights, basics of flight, hovering, taxiing, takeoffs and landings, maneuvers, and more. For more information, visit www.Sportys.com or call 800-776-7897.



Trick Air Receives STC for Skis

Trick Air LLC received supplemental type certificates (STCs) for its fiberglass composite aircraft skis. The company reports that the skis attach or detach in less than half an hour. The company's first STC was for its 3000 Series skis for multiple models of Maules. The most recent STC includes the Cessna 120, 140, and 140A. It also covers some models of Piper and American Champion Aircraft. Detailed information can be found at www.TrickAir.com.



Roar 'n' Soar with Fantasy of Flight

The second annual Roar 'n' Soar, a celebration of the world's finest classic land, sea, and air racing machines ever built, will be held November 8-9 in Polk City, Florida. The event is the brainchild of Fantasy of Flight creator and founder Kermit Weeks. For a limited time, advanced ticket purchasers receive a free children's admission with each paid adult admission, and tickets include entry to the Fantasy of Flight attraction. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 863-984-3500 or visit www.FantasyOfFlight.com.

Nashua Flight Simulator Recurrency Training Gains Approval

Nashua Flight Simulator has recently been approved by many aviation insurance underwriters to conduct recurrent training for single- and twin-engine piston aircraft including high-performance models such as the Beechcraft Baron 55/58, Piper Seneca, and the Beech King Air 90, 100, and 200. Each airframe recurrent training program involves 10 hours of ground training in air traffic control and emergencies, aircraft systems and weather, Federal Aviation Regulations, and the Aeronautical Information Manual. Nashua's recurrent training programs use aircraft systems manuals and pilot operating handbooks. Pilots are advised to contact their insurance underwriter or agent to determine the specific requirements surrounding coverage and recurrent training qualifications.

For more information contact Steve Cunningham at 603-880-0044 or visit www.NashuaFlightSimulator.com.

Dimmers for Light Aircraft

Britta Products LLC now offers two new experimental aircraft panel and utility light dimmers for use with instrument panel or interior utility lighting on light aircraft. The dimmers include a single channel model, the 12V-Dimmer01 and a two-channel model, the 12V-Dimmer02. Both use pulse wave modulation electronic design for precise control of LED lighting such as LED instrument panel lighting, baggage, utility, map, or post lights. The self-contained products are designed for easy installation and feature integrated on/off switches on each rheostat. Rated at 18 watts per dimmer channel, the dimmers retail for \$29.95 to \$45.95 and are available at www.PilotLights.net or from major distributors.



BRS Chutes on Martin Jetpack

Ballistic Recovery Systems Inc. (BRS) has entered into an agreement with the Martin Aircraft Company (www.MartinJetpack.com) to provide the BRS emergency parachute recovery system for all production model Martin Jetpacks. Unveiled at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008, the Martin Jetpack is being billed as "the world's first practical jetpack." Learn more at www.BRSparachutes.com.

NASA Aeronautics Scholarships Available

NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate will accept scholarship applications from September 5, 2008, through January 16, 2009, for the academic year beginning in fall 2009. NASA expects to award 20 undergraduate and five graduate scholarships to students in aeronautics or related fields. Undergraduate students in their second year of study will receive up to \$15,000 per year for two years and a summer internship with a \$10,000 stipend at a NASA center. Graduate students will receive up to \$35,000 per year for three years and two summer internships at a NASA center with \$10,000 stipends. All applicants must be U.S. citizens. For more details, visit www.NASA.ASEE.org/nasaasp.

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Flight Design Offers Fractional Ownership Option

Flight Design USA has launched its CT Partners program, and the company believes this is a first for light-sport aircraft. CT Partners is an air-share arrangement where 10 people may own the plane with the right to 50 hours of use per year including 10 overnights per person. Each partner contributes about \$15,000 to own the airplane. CT Partners program developer Robert Mann is launching the fractional ownership program at the Danielson Airport (5B3), Connecticut. He said he plans to lease the airplane to New England Flight Services LLC to secure insurance for multiple owners, and the fixed base operator will provide flight instruction in the CTLS. Contact Robert at 860-963-0722 or e-mail RKMann@aol.com for more information.

Xerion's Engine Monitoring Wins FAA Approval

The FAA has granted approval to Xerion Avionix LLC for installation of the AuRACLE CRM series engine management systems into all four-

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Control Vision's Anywhere Map ATC (Anywhere Map Travel Companion) now has several enhancements, including in-flight access to www.100LL.com, an online fuel-price finder. 100LL.com is integrated into the ATC to allow access to its information in-flight, particularly useful when plans or weather (also available on the ATC) change. Learn more at www.AnywhereMap.com.

and six-cylinder Cessna and Piper aircraft, including pressurized models. FAA approval allows the AuRACLE to serve as primary instrumentation, replacing the aircraft's "steam" gauges.

For more information, visit www.XerionAvionix.com or call 800-405-8608.

Repairman Course

Cloud 9 Aerosports Inc. is hosting a Repairman Course for weight-shift control aircraft on the weekend of November 1-2, 2008, in Kersey, Pennsylvania. To register for the course, contact Mike Huffman of Sport Aviation Specialties; call 904-206-0522 or visit www.SportAviationSpecialties.com.

For lodging information and to make reservations for the buffet lunch, call Bob or Lori Keech at 814-885-6125 or 814-512-0025 or send an e-mail to highflight@alltel.net.

Australia, Canada Issue Type Certificate for Top Cub

CubCrafters has received type certification from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in Australia and Transport Canada for its CC18-180 Top Cub. This certification allows new, certificated, ready-to-fly Cubs to be deliv-

ered to customers in Australia for the first time. The CC18-180 was certificated in the United States in December 2004 and has now been approved on floats and wheels in Canada and Australia. To learn more, visit www.CubCrafters.com.

New CEO at Remos

Corvin Huber has accepted the position of chief executive officer at Remos Aircraft. Huber previously served as CEO of Extra Aircraft LLC and was involved in a turn-around program for Dornier-Fairchild. He earned his pilot certificate before his driver's license and went on to become an aerobatic pilot, participating in air shows in Europe.

For more information, visit www.Remos.com.

Piper Piston Deliveries Up

Piper Aircraft announced recently that its piston aircraft deliveries are up 18 percent. The company also announced that overall deliveries for the first half of 2008 are up 13 percent over the same period last year and that its PA-46 luxury aircraft models are registering record deliveries.

Learn more at www.Piper.com.

King Private and Instrument Courses Now Online

Pilots can now study King Private and Instrument Knowledge Test courses online. "A great benefit of King's online courses is that changes made to the course will show up automatically when you return to your course," said John King. "The FAA changes questions several times a year, and we respond by incorporating that new information into our courses. Now students will have these changes right away." Eventually every course King Schools offers will be available online. Visit www.KingSchoolsOnline.com to learn more.



New GA Website Launch

A new general aviation (GA) website launched recently, with a mission to expand the size and scope of GA worldwide through greater understanding of the technical, philosophical, and historical aspects of aviation. The website will feature information from a number of sources, manufacturers, magazines, clubs, and organizations, and it includes links to government databases such as the National Transportation Safety Board, the latest airworthiness directives, and the FAA's N-number data file. Visit the site at www.121five.com.

Lindbergh-Lycoming Aviation Grant Accepting Applications

The Lindbergh Foundation is now accepting applications for its \$10,580 Lindbergh-Lycoming Aviation Grant. This program is open to anyone conducting an aviation/aerospace research project that will improve the quality of life by balancing technological advancements with the preservation of our environment. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2008. For details on the Lindbergh Grants program, visit www.LindberghFoundation.org and click on the Grants link, or call 763-576-1596.

Betsch Receives LAMA Award

Matthias Betsch recently received the 2008 Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association (LAMA) President's Award, the first time in 17 years a European has won the award. His company, Flight Design, produces the CT line of special light-sport aircraft in Ger-

Fly History LLC Offers Warbird Training and Flying Club

Fly History LLC announced its new membership program that "makes it possible for everyday pilots to train in, qualify, and have solo access to a variety of historic military trainer aircraft in a club-like setting." Aircraft include the T-6 Texan, T-34 Mentor, and Stearman PT-17. Membership costs include an initiation fee, as well as fixed monthly and hourly usage fees, which cover costs of maintaining, insuring, and operating the aircraft. Fly History plans to open locations throughout the country.

For more information visit www.FlyHistory.com.

many. LAMA created the award in 1991 to recognize outstanding leaders in the light aircraft community. For more information, visit www.FlightDesign.com.

New Aviat Dealers

Red Cloud Aviation in Longmont, Colorado, and Northwest Husky are the newest dealers for Aviat Aircraft. Red Cloud's Michael Cerretani and Andreas Schultz have established a dealership at Vance Brand Airport (LMO). Learn more at www.RedCloudAviation.com. Northwest Husky will focus on sales and service of the Husky A1-C throughout Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Alaska, and Florida. Facilities have already been established at the Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport (DIJ) and will soon be set up in Florida and Alaska. For more information, visit www.NorthwestHusky.com or call 208-354-3100.

TeamKitfox.com Launched

TeamKitfox.com is a new online community for builders, pilots, own-

ers, and anyone interested in Kitfox series aircraft. Created and managed by two-time Van's RV builder Randy Lervold, TeamKitfox.com was developed after he started his third aircraft construction project, a Kitfox Super Sport. "In researching the Kitfox I quickly realized there wasn't yet a robust central online community as there was for other aircraft types," Lervold said. "As an RV builder I'd learned how valuable this can be and so decided to launch TeamKitfox.com." Visit www.TeamKitfox.com to learn more.

First Evolution Kit Delivered

Lancair International has reached a significant milestone by delivering the first Evolution kit to Andy Cruce of Miramar, Florida. Andy participated in Lancair's two-week builder assist program in the company's new 6,000-square-foot Redmond, Oregon, build/shop facility. He and his wife, Nancy, looked at the Evolution when it was introduced at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007. Learn more at www.Lancair.com.

New Vortex Generator STC for Dakotas

Micro AeroDynamics added the Piper PA-28 tapered wing series aircraft to the growing list of general aviation models that can be upgraded with Micro vortex generators. Flight testing for the new installation showed a 9 percent reduction in stall speed, a much higher roll rate, improved aileron control in stall, and improved controllability in slow-speed operations. The kit includes nearly 200 vortex generators that are mounted across the full span of the wings, the vertical stabilizer, and the underside of the horizontal stabilizer.

For more information, visit www.MicroAero.com or call 800-677-2370; overseas call 360-293-8082.

