

More S-LSA Certified Aircraft

Jabiru USA announced that its latest light-sport aircraft, the J230-SP, has earned special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA) approval and is available immediately. The J230-SP differs from its cousin, Jabiru USA's J250-SP, in wing design. The J230-SP employs a 105-square-foot wing with winglets at the outboard edge of the wingtips. Base price is \$104,900, which includes three hours' transition time. To learn more, visit www.USJabiru.com.

Sport Aircraft Works offers the WT9, a factory-built S-LSA. The WT9 is a fixed-gear composite aircraft, derived from the retractable-gear Dynamic WT9. The WT9 fits the LSA specs through a number of engineering changes, including a fixed-pitch prop, fixed landing gear, and a top speed of 120 knots. The company says to expect a price around \$105,000, less shipping and radios. Learn more at www.SportAircraftWorks.com.

The Apollo Fox from Apollo Aircraft is a newly approved S-LSA that reportedly differentiates itself with features like a BRS 1350 parachute, folding wings, and the opportunity for night visual flight rules flights in properly equipped models for private pilots. Learn more at www.Apollo-Fox.com.



Sport Aircraft Works WT9



Jabiru J230-SP



Apollo Fox



SixChuter Legend Tandem

The Six Chuter Legend Tandem was approved as an S-LSA on January 26. Just two weeks before that, the Legend SP 103 earned approval. In October 2007, the XT, Six Chuter's side-by-side dual control (SSDC) trainer became the company's first aircraft to complete the S-LSA certification process. The Six Chuter

fleet consists of essentially one airframe, the Legend, that comes in one of three configurations, including a single seat, the standard tandem seating arrangement (pilot up front, passenger in the back), and the side-by-side seating arrangement of the XT SSDC. Full details are available at www.SixChuter.com.

SkyCatcher Updates

Cessna Aircraft Company is gearing up for the first flight of its Model 162 SkyCatcher prototype in coming months. Cessna's engineering team in Wichita, Kansas, is building three airframes: prototype, first production, and a test article for ASTM International testing and compliance work. The aluminum aircraft will meet ASTM standards for light-sport aircraft. Meanwhile, the proof-of-concept aircraft continues to fly as weather permits.

Cessna also announced the locations of its United States SkyCatcher reassembly facilities. Following production in China, SkyCatchers will be test flown, disassembled, and shipped to three Cessna authorized service stations



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in the United States: Eagle Aviation in West Columbia, South Carolina; Yiingling Aviation in Wichita, Kansas; and Southwest Platinum Aviation in North Las Vegas, Nevada. The facilities will reassemble the aircraft and conduct ac-

ceptance test flights prior to delivery to Cessna Sales Team Authorized Representatives, who will in turn distribute the aircraft to retail customers.

For more information, visit www.CessnaSkyCatcher.com.

Boeing CEO Gets a New LSA

Scott Carson, president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, recently took delivery of a CubCrafters Sport Cub S2. Scott flew to CubCrafters headquarters in Yakima, Washington, where he picked up the keys to his new light-sport aircraft, which features a personalized paint scheme honoring his alma mater, Washington State University. CubCrafters and Boeing share the distinction of being the only two aircraft companies in the state to have earned “production certificate” manufacturing approval by the FAA.

For details www.CubCrafters.com.



Todd Christiansen congratulates Scott Carson, right.

AirFleet Capital Joins LAMA

AirFleet Capital joined the Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association (LAMA). The company provides financing of S-LSA for private and commercial-use. The LAMA membership represents their goal to solidify its dedication to the S-LSA market. AirFleet Capital also announced a recent expansion with the opening of a regional sales office in Atlanta, Georgia.

For more information, call 800-390-4324 or visit www.AirFleetCapital.com.

ByDanJohnson.com Offers Free Directory

At the LSA-only trade show in Sebring, Florida, ByDanJohnson.com announced a new resource, the FIRM List ByDanJohnson. FIRM List stands for Flight Instruction, Rental, and Maintenance of Light-Sport Aircraft. The directory identifies verified businesses across the United States that provide these services. Links to the FIRM List can be found at www.ByDanJohnson.com.

American Legend Cub Adds Options

American Legend Aircraft Company now offers an expanded array of optional equipment for its Legend Cub. Some options are designed to enhance the “joy of ownership,” such as skis, autopilot, and an artificial horizon. New safety options are available, too, including a dual wing-mounted pulse landing light system and an airbag seat belt system.

For more information, visit www.Legend.aero.

Rotax Gearbox Service Bulletin

The following mandatory service bulletin affecting specific engines, gearboxes, and gear set serial number ranges has been released by Rotax: SB-912-056/SB-914-038—SB-912-056 UL/SB-914-038 UL, Replacement of the Propeller Gearbox for Some Rotax Engine Type 912/914 (Series). Only the following engines may be affected: 912S, 912ULS, 912ULSFR, 914F, and 914UL.

A revised service bulletin has been released by Rotax: SB-2ST-000/SB-912-000/SB-914-000 R7, Publication Index for Rotax Aircraft Engines - Revision 7. Within this document, double vertical bars on the left-hand page margin indicate changes and additions introduced in this revision.

More information is available at www.Rotax-Owner.com.

Smithsonian Exhibit at Chino

“At the Controls: The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Looks at Cockpits” will be on exhibit at Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino (California) Airport, March 5 through April 26. The exhibition was developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum. In its only Southern California appearance, the exhibition offers a unique perspective of large format color photographs of cockpits from some of the world’s most impressive air- and spacecraft, including the Wright brothers’ 1903 *Flyer* to the Boeing B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay*, the Mercury *Friendship 7* and the space shuttle *Columbia*.

Contact Karen Hinton at 909-597-4754 for more information.



Cessna Appoints First CPC in India

Cessna Aircraft Company has appointed its first Cessna Pilot Center (CPC) in India: Touchwood Entertainment Ltd. Aviation Academy Raipur. CPCs are independently owned and the only flight schools to use Cessna's integrated computer-based instruction. All CPCs operate new Cessna 172 aircraft under factory warranty. Touchwood Entertainment Ltd. operates on a 5-acre complex in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India. The 10-year-old company started aviation-related activities in 2004 by offering ground handling services for airlines and private air operators. It began offering flight training in 2007.

WAI 2008 Pioneer Hall of Famers

Women in Aviation International will welcome five new inductees into its Pioneer Hall of Fame during the closing banquet at the 19th annual Women in Aviation International Conference in San Diego, California. The 2008 Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees are Nancy Harkness, Nicole Malachowski, Geraldine ("Jerrie") Mock, Margaret Ringenberg (EAA 592591), and the Women's Section of the Air Transport Auxiliary of World War II. The conference will be held March 13-15, 2008.

For more information, call 937-839-4647 or visit www.WAI.org.

AERO Friedrichshafen Goes Annual

Beginning next year, in 2009, AERO Friedrichshafen, the European trade exhibition for general aviation, will be held annually. Additionally, the International Market for Aircraft Sales will take place in conjunction with AERO, which was originally planned for April 18-19, 2008, in Friedrichshafen. AERO Friedrichshafen will be held April 2-5, 2009.

For more information, visit www.Aero-Friedrichshafen.com.

Sun 'n Fun 2008 'Splash-In'

Sun 'n Fun is moving the "Splash-In" portion of its annual fly-in from Lake Parker in Lakeland, Florida, to nearby Lake Agnes in Polk City, adjacent to the aviation attraction Fantasy of Flight. The Splash-In is a two-day event designed especially for amphibians and seaplanes.

"While the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In itself will proudly remain at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, the 'Splash-

In" portion will be held at Fantasy of Flight," said John Burton, Sun 'n Fun president and fly-in chair. "Fly-in volunteers and Sun 'n Fun staff have been working with Kermit Weeks and his team at Fantasy of Flight for the past several months to make this exciting possibility a reality." The Sun 'n Fun Fly-In will be held April 8-13 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport.

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SparrowHawk III Quick Build

Groen Brothers Aviation Inc. announced that its American Autogyro Division is introducing the latest version of its SparrowHawk series of kit-built gyroplanes, the SparrowHawk III Quick Build. "Compared to our earlier versions, the new SparrowHawk III will significantly reduce the time and effort involved in building this fine aircraft," said David Groen, CEO.

For more information, visit www.AmericanAutoGyro.com.

Find Rental Aircraft Online

A new website helps pilots find aircraft that are available for rent. www.RentPlanes.com offers users the ability to search, free of charge, from a database of more than 700 businesses nationwide. Users can search using criteria such



as airport or make and model or airplane. Matt Walsh, CEO, developed the website in hopes that the services it provides will help grow general aviation and eliminate the frustration of finding aircraft to rent.

Visit www.RentPlanes.com to learn more.

Wings of Hope Opens MAT Center

Wings of Hope recently opened its new headquarters to house the Medical Relief Air Transport (MAT) center. Located in St. Louis, Missouri, the center provides a dignified and comfortable place for patients and families awaiting transport to hospitals all over the country. The center has dedicated patient access, a triage center, and space for the volunteer doctors, nurses, pilots, and EMTs who compose the MAT volunteer staff. Wings of Hope is a nonprofit organization operating 152 bases throughout the world.

Learn more at www.Wings-of-Hope.org.

Embry-Riddle Expands

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University recently opened its newest academic hall that includes a Business and Transportation Research Center. The center includes an Aviation Operations Simulation Lab, located at the University's Daytona Beach campus. The ERAU College of Business offers a bachelor of science in business administration with majors in air transport management.

Visit www.ERAU.edu.



BRS Records Save No. 208

A pilot experiencing a probable control surface failure deployed a BRS whole aircraft parachute and returned safely to earth, becoming the 208th documented life saved by a BRS emergency parachute system. "The aircraft rolled over on its back and headed straight down," said pilot Patrick Dean, who was flying with a passenger in his SlipStream Genesis near Laurel, Maryland. Patrick deployed the BRS parachute just a few hundred feet above the ground and landed in the trees, suffering only minor injuries.

To learn more about BRS, visit www.BRSParachutes.com.

NEW PRODUCTS

Oil Drain Valves for LSA

The Curtis Superior Valve Company has developed two new oil drain valves—and two 90-degree adapters—for Rotax and Jabiru engines used on light-sport aircraft. Oil plug access may be difficult on these engines; the Curtis oil drain valves and adapters can make oil changes easier. A hose can be slipped onto the drain valve and then opened to drain the oil. To find a dealer near you, visit www.CurtisSuperiorValve.com.



New DVD: Introduce a Non-Pilot to Flying

Sporty's new DVD, *Introduce a Non-Pilot to Flying*, explains how flying works, for both visual and instrument flight. It's designed for passengers, using lay terms to explain aviation concepts. Passengers can learn what the pilot is doing and why, how to participate as a crew member, and how to aid in an emergency. Learn more at www.Sportys.com, or call 800-776-7897.



LED Aft Nav Light Now Available

Mid-Sota Aircraft Technologies of St. Cloud, Minnesota, now offers a new aircraft lighting product, the LED-Aft Navigation Light (ANL). The LED-ANL assembly houses two high-power LED emitters and circuitry in an anodized aluminum housing with a factory-replaceable polycarbonate lens. The LED-ANL is a bolt-on replacement for current incandescent white rear navigation lights used on experimental aircraft. The LED-ANL operates on 8-32 volts DC and meets all FAA requirements. The LED-ANL is waterproof, is shock-resistant, and has a life expectancy in excess of 10,000 hours. Available at www.SteinAir.com.

