

BOOKS

Historic Adventures in Flight Testing

A new book that features the “aerocatures” of aviation artist Hank Caruso is a historic, educational review of the unique flight-test aircraft and flight-test techniques of the past 60 years. Each aircraft is accompanied by historical descriptions and photos, along with information about the test pilots, crew, and engineers who put the aircraft through its paces. Sales of this soft-bound, 128-page, 8.5- by 11-inch book will directly benefit the educational goals of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots Foundation. Order from www.SETP.org.



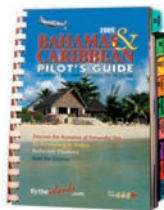
Flight Technology, Yesterday and Today



Smithsonian Books offers *The Airplane: How Ideas Gave Us Wings*, by Jay Spenser, which covers early breakthroughs, trailblazing feats, and modern technological triumphs. You'll also learn of the courageous individuals who dedicated their lives to creating or improving the components that have made flying an everyday reality, such as Otto Lilienthal, the first to make glider flights; Igor Sikorsky, who flew the first multi-engine airplane; and Jimmy Doolittle, who flew the first “blind flights.” The book provides the inside story of how people invented and refined the airplane. The 320-page book includes black and white photos and illustrations throughout. Order through your favorite local or online bookseller.

Caribbean Getaway

Written primarily for pilots, the 450-page spiral-bound 2009 *Bahamas & Caribbean Pilot's Guide* provides helpful information for non-aviators, too. This book helps you plan where to go and where to stay. Within each section you'll find travel information on the islands and the country, accommodation and car rental listings, pilot info, maps, and airport information. Included are frequencies, runway details, hours, fuel availability, GPS designators, as well as longitudes and latitudes—a necessity to find some of the small airports that won't be in GPS databases. The general information section covers customs, flight plans, forms, procedures, and required equipment in great detail. Order at www.FlyTheIslands.com.



NEW PRODUCTS

Intelligent Power Stabilizer

TCW Technologies LLC. introduced the Intelligent Power Stabilizer (IPS) system at EAA Oshkosh 2008. The IPS is an electronic power converter for critical electrical equipment found in general aviation aircraft. IPS provides aircraft bus voltage surge and sag protection for the connected electrical equipment and allows electronic equipment such as engine monitors, EFIS, and GPS to be operational before and during engine starting, without the need for auxiliary batteries. Learn more at www.TCWTech.com.

New Company Thinks 'Pink'



Sue Hughes has started Powder Puff Pilot, offering pilot gear for feminine fliers via wholesale and retail channels. Hughes' aim is to attract women and girls to aviation, help women pilots identify themselves with pride, and honor courageous women pioneers. Initial offerings include pink logbooks, a 2009 aviatrix-inspired calendar, clothing, and more.

For more information, visit www.PowderPuffPilot.com or call 877-843-1007.

New Panel Builder Website From Aircraft Spruce

Aircraft Spruce & Specialty's Panel Builder website can help you plan your panel without having to search the Internet and keep track of all your findings. Using drop-down menus, a large inventory of avionics and instruments are searchable by category, and you can then save your findings. The website displays every piece of equipment you will need for your panel, enabling you to get quotes quickly and simplify the ordering process. Visit www.AircraftSpruce.com/panellntro.html to learn more.



Bright New Lights From Kuntzleman

Kuntzleman Electronics has introduced an LSA and experimental aircraft line of lights. Made in the United States, the LTR (Landing-Taxi-Recognition) consists of nine bright LEDs, focused through special lenses. The result is a white beam of light that has been measured at two and a half times the brightness of a 55 watt halogen lamp while drawing one-third the current. The LTR's dimensions are 3 inches by 1 inch deep, and it weighs less than 6 ounces. Visit www.Kestrob.com to learn more.

HMEC 250 Headset From Sennheiser

The new HMEC 250 headset from Sennheiser features NoiseGard noise cancellation technology, protection against the damaging effects of volume peaks, and a new mode that allows pilots to communicate with others without removing the headset. The foldable HMEC 250 weighs just 10 ounces. Learn more at www.SennheiserUSA.com/aviation.



Labor-saving Options for Sonex Motorglider

Sonex Aircraft LLC now offers a complete airframe kit option, including pre-assembled main wing spars for the Xenos motorglider, making the motorglider easier to build. Additionally, a kit of machined angle components common among Xenos, Sonex, and/or Waix airframes has been compiled for Xenos builders. While retaining full compliance with the FAA's experimental amateur-built “major portion” regulations, these pre-manufactured optional kit components may reduce Xenos build time by as much as 100 hours. Learn more at www.SonexAircraft.com.

