

New Owners at Fisher Flying Products

Paul Riedlinger, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, recently purchased Fisher Flying Products. He plans to continue supplying kits, support, and customer service to new and existing customers. Full-size plans and replacement parts will continue to be offered, and the new owner plans to restart production on a number of aircraft, including the Dakota Hawk and the R-80 Tiger Moth. For more information visit www.FisherFlying.com, e-mail ffp@fisherflying.com or call 905-532-9900.



Fuel Cell Powers Manned Flight in Germany

The German Aerospace Center introduced the first manned airplane that can take off and fly exclusively with a fuel cell. A manned Antares DLR-H2 motorglider was presented at the Stuttgart Airport on September 30. It is expected to make its maiden flight before the end of the year. The fuel cell, based on a high temperature polymer electrolyte membrane, generates power for the electric engine of the motorglider. The aim of the project is to evaluate the potential of the technology for future applications in commercial aircraft. Before being adapted for aircraft, however, the technology needs further development and testing. For more information and photos, visit www.DLR.de/en, www.BASF-FuelCell.com/en, or www.SerEnergy.dk.

Get Rewards for Flying

Chevron Global Aviation has launched its new FlyBuys rewards program targeting business and general aviation pilots as well as business aviation flight departments. FlyBuys participants—individuals or organizations—will be able to earn points based on purchases of jet fuel and aviation gasoline at participating Chevron and Texaco fixed base operations (FBOs) around the country. Extra points can be earned if the FlyBuys card is used in conjunction with a Chevron Alliance Program card. Once accumulated, FlyBuys points can be redeemed for Chevron or Texaco gift cards or universal gift certificates at www.GiftCertificates.com. Learn more at www.FlyBuysRewardsProgram.com.



Open Hangar Day at Zenith Aircraft

Zenith Aircraft Company held its 17th annual Open Hangar Day recently at its factory at Mexico Memorial Airport in central Missouri, with several dozen Zenith planes flying in. Zenith provided hands-on workshops for builders, pilots, and enthusiasts of Zenith aircraft kit planes and light-sport aircraft. Workshops included seminars from Jabiru on engine installation and operation, detailed presentations on aircraft inspection, as well as a hands-on workshop on scratch-building an aircraft. For more information, visit www.ZenithAir.com.

New LSA Marketing Company

J. Phil McCoy has founded Light Sport America to market and distribute light-sport aircraft throughout the United States. Light Sport America is an operating division of McCoy Marketing Services Corp. that will secure United States distribution rights to a line of light-sport aircraft and enlist dealers in specific geographical territories. In territories where there are no dealers, Light Sport America will sell direct or through the nearest dealer. For more information, contact J. Phil McCoy at 941-629-6326 or e-mail mccoyphil@aol.com.

BOOKS

Journeys to the Sky *A Hunger for the Sky* features



the personal stories of nine women who are irresistibly drawn to the sky. Authored by Sparky Barnes Sargent, each chapter is devoted to one woman, including a professional skywriter, a DC-3 captain, an owner of an aerobatic school, and

more. Learn who these women were as young girls, follow them into adulthood, share their attraction to aviation, and discover the skyways they have chosen. The 232-page paperback book includes nearly 200 black and white photographs.

To order, visit <http://Home.Windstream.net/av8terz/book.html> or write to DGA Enterprises Inc., P.O. Box 649, Washington, OK 73093-0649.

The FAA on WSC The Federal Aviation Administration



has released its 2008 *Weight-Shift Control Aircraft Flying Handbook*. The book introduces the basic pilot knowledge and skills needed to pilot weight-shift control (WSC) aircraft. All levels of WSC pilots, from students to commercial pilots, may find this book as a helpful reference on the maneuvers and procedures for flying WSC aircraft. A PDF version of the book is available at www.FAA.gov/library/manuals/aircraft/media/FAA-H-8083-5.pdf.

Sport Pilot Connections

Bob and Lori Keech of Cloud 9 Aerosports Inc. are sponsoring a website that makes it easier for sport pilots to find other sport pilots to fly with. Created by Adventure Productions, the web page includes a database and Google map application where pilots can post their contact information. Visit www.YouCanBeASportPilot.com for more information.

NEW PRODUCTS

Stay Charged

BatteryMinder's newest aviation-specific units are the first "smart" maintenance chargers to handle major manufacturers' 12- and 24-volt sealed and wet-cell lead-acid aviation batteries. The units are "plug 'n' run," requiring only simple attachment to the battery and a standard 120-volt outlet. They are guaranteed never to over or under charge a general aviation Gill or Concorde battery, no matter how long left connected. Learn more by calling 800-379-5579 ext. 201 or visit www.BatteryMinders.com.

UMA's New 3-in-1 Instrument

UMA Instruments has introduced a new model to its electronics line, the 3-in-1 Electronic. The 3-in-1 combines any three electronic instruments into a 3-1/8-inch case, saving panel space and allowing customization to fit each pilot's needs. Learn more at www.UMAINstruments.com or call 800-842-5578.



Aviation Christmas Cards

Runway 01 has launched a collection of new, limited-edition items to compliment its returning aviation Christmas cards, gifts, and pilot supplies. The company now offers new aviation Christmas card selections and 10 different all-occasion cards for year-round use.

See a special offer for EAA members at <http://Runway01.com/eaaspecialoffer3.html>.

Innovative Dimmer System

Flight Data Systems introduced its LC-50, the company's latest generation panel light dimming system. It features four independent channels and overload and short circuit protection. Rate and offset adjustments for each channel allow exact matching of dimming behavior of each channel. Multiple light groups can then be controlled by a single knob. Learn more at www.FDataSystems.com/dimmer.htm.



World's Smallest Transceiver

One of the world's smallest panel-mounted VHF aircraft radios is now available through Aircraft Spruce. Microair's M760 transceiver will fit any standard 2-1/4-inch diameter instrument hole. The radio features dual monitoring, an internal voice-activated intercom, 99 programmable memory slots, alpha/numeric display, memory sort by name, and 18-ounce weight. Visit www.AircraftSpruce.com or call 877-477-7823.



Micro System Radio Splitter

Lynx Avionics has introduced a new Radio Splitter for use with its Micro System range of headsets. The Radio Splitter works with any Micro System headset and provides connections for an additional radio and music player, telephone, or recording device. The device connects in-line with a Micro System headset and any other items of equipment; it's useful for connecting a second radio. Learn more at www.Lynx-Avionics.com.

Cut Cockpit Clutter

Sporty's new Clearview chart holder keeps charts and flight plan forms accessible and organized in flight. You can even write on them with an erasable marker (included). Just fold your chart and slip it in the chart holder, where Velcro tabs hold it in place. Order at www.Sportys.com or call 800-776-7897.

