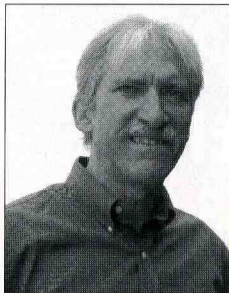


Flying Higher

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Check Out Website Improvements

If you haven't spent much time on YOUR website ... www.piperowner.org ... it's time. Quite frankly, there are only so many articles and member tips we can squeeze in each issue of the magazine. And we also try to provide material of interest to new pilots and veterans, as well as members we know have a wide range of flying interests and goals.

To support the multiple needs of members, we view the website, particularly the "Forums," as an extremely valuable member benefit. In fact, if you find one solid answer on the Forums, you've probably paid for your membership for many years. Our goal is to make the discovery of those "gems" of information as frequent as possible.

Our new website will offer an organizational improvement. We will now group comments by model of airplane. That way you can focus on the airplane that you love and fly. Over time, we will attempt to move some of the current threads into the model-specific categories as appropriate.

We ask you to be patient with the process. It will take some time. But the "big picture" is that your member website will become more valuable in the coming months. Guaranteed.

2006 Convention & Fly-In Slated for Waupaca, WI – July 21-23

If you attended the 2005 Annual Convention & Fly-In the weekend prior to Oshkosh, you found out what an enjoyable, educational, painless event it was. It was painless because you could fly into a very manageable airport instead of the daunting field at Oshkosh. Some members don't fly as much as they'd like, so they stay away from AirVenture for that reason.

To make the experience even more pain-free, you stay in moderately priced and modern hotels only 40 miles from the hubbub of Oshkosh. And you don't need reservations one-and-a-half years in advance. Finally, when you sign on to attend the Annual Convention & Fly-In, we put you on a coach bus and take you back and forth to Oshkosh the first three days of the show. Leave the driving to us!

We've Added the Marion Jayne Air Race

One of the great events of American aviation every year is the Marion Jayne Air Race. Patricia Jayne Keefer, the race's driving force, saw what we were doing with the Annual Convention & Fly-In and decided to make her air race part of it.

Her air racers (you're welcome and encouraged to participate) are projected to depart from Wichita, KS on July 16. They should arrive in Waupaca, WI (PCZ) on July 21, the opening day of the Convention. And we're planning for a 300-mile race in the Waupaca area on Sunday, July 23. Go to www.us-airrace.org for more details.

Bottom line ... we're trying to make this event even better every year. We invite you to join us.

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