SHORT WING PIPER NEWS

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Plane of the Month

The Grand Champion at the national convention in Denver this summer was this perky white and red Colt owned by Scott J. Brunner of Shelbyville, Indiana. The Colt, 5351A, was totally rebuilt by Scott, who said the plane was completely stripped down, corrosion treated, primed and everything was replaced -- every screw, bolt, control cable and everything else. Scott also installed a skylight and the Williams toe brakes assembly. Starting on page 89 is a complete story on all that went into making 51Z one of the best looking airplanes at the convention.

Cover Plane



*ere's another view of our cover plane, the grand champion from this summer's mention, on the 2000 foot grass strip on Scott and Jaye Brunner's farm.

The rebuilding of 51Zulu ... in a bit more than 6 weeks

Editor's Note: Scott Brunwww. owner of a 1962 Piper Colt, the Grand Champion winand also Champion Original the National Convention last My in Denver.

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m August of 1992 as an affordto become more active in flying again. I had flown with my dad as a kid. First in a J- in the field behind our house.

3 Cub; then he had an Aeronca Chief, and finally he purchased a 150 h.p. Tri-Pacer, N2800P. The fabric was rotten, but he had 2800P recovered at a vocational school in Indianapolis and then painted at the paint shop at our local airport.

We farm the ground north and east of the Shelbyville air-I purchased my Colt, N5351Z, port, and even though we live just a mile and a half away, Dad wanted his own grass strip, which in the late 1960s he put

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He kept the Tri-Pacer tied down in the backyard. I have a lot of great memories of flying in and out of that strip and of 2800P. Dad played a dirty trick on me, though. He SOLD that plane just before I turned 15, just when I was about ready to start flying lessons.

Dad did, however, find someone to teach me. Dad wanted me to learn to fly in a taildragger and had a friend named Bob Willis teach me in his Taylorcraft, using the 700-foot strip (including the front yard and side yard) behind his house. Bob soloed me in six and a half hours shortly after my 16th birthday. I finished up my license while attending Purdue a couple of years later and flew regularly in a club there that had a Cherokee 140, a Cessna 150, and an Aire-Coupe on a grass strip north of Lafayette.

After graduation and returning home to farm, however, I found funds for flying very tight. I couldn't buy a plane and renting was expensive. For the next 15 years or so I always stayed current, keeping my medical and my BFR up and renting for two or three hours each year. This brings me back to the purchase of my Colt.

I had been thinking about building a KitFox, when Vic Nasby stopped by and said he had a Colt for sale. It needed to be recovered, but he thought since I was thinking of building and covering a plane anyway that this might be an easier way for me to go.

After considering the time and money to be spent and the fact that the Colt would give me a certified airplane when finished,

I decided to make the purchase. That evening, Vic helped me lift the wings over the north gate of the airport and I taxied the Colt down the mile and a half of country roads to my farm shop. I got some concerned reaction and fly-bys from the other aircraft in the pattern that evening. They thought that poor student was really lost!

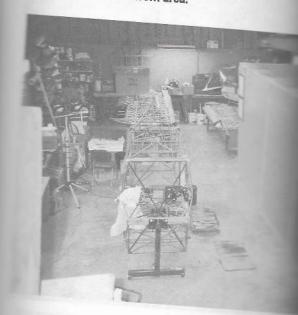
Since I farm only crops and no livestock, I have some slow time in January and February. I figured I could dedicate six weeks and \$2,300 for paint and fabric and by March of 1993 I would be flying. I visited a couple of restoration projects an hour or so away to try to learn something about recovering. They were very helpful, but when I told them of my six-week plan they really laughed; I couldn't figure out way. I spent a lot of time that fall reading and re-reading the Stits manual. Then I would watch the videotape and then read the manual again.

During December, I disassembled the Colt, photographing every step of the way. I even videotaped and narrated some of the routing of the wiring and cables and tubing. I purchased hundreds of ziplock baggies with colored panels for writing descriptions of parts. Whenever Dan Catherman (my IA) would stop by to help a little he would tear into something and paraand bolts and washers and fasteners would fly all over and go into the same box unlabeled and I would be in a panic. I would surely never figure out how to it back together.

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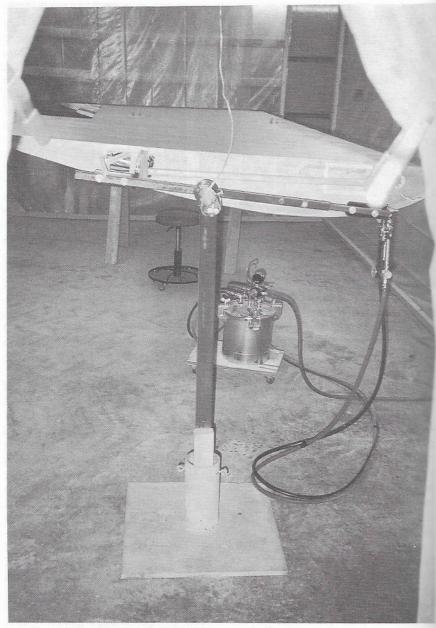


Two views of the paint booth Scott built for the renovation. The view below also shows the rest of the work area.



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about my engine. I didn't like the sound of that. It turned out that my 750 SMOH engine had minor corrosion on the cylinder eme over to the airport for a talk walls from occasional inactivity



In the paint booth with the 2-gallon pressure pot.

during its life. We decided to send the cylinders out to be bored .010 over and to install all new valves, springs, guides, etc. While we were at it we sent the carburetor in for a factory overhaul. We rebuilt the mags and installed a new harness. While the engine



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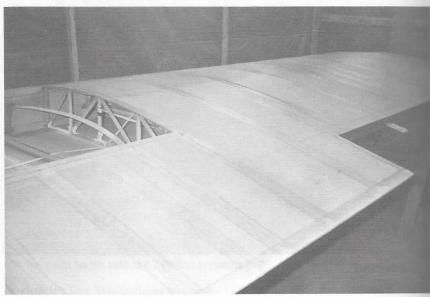


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Here are two steps in the skylight installation.



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issues of the SWPN that I could several modifications to the Col

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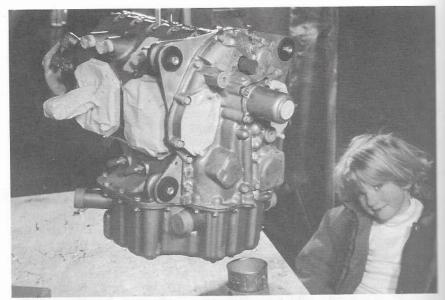
Iowa, once. What a fun airplane.

My goal a couple of years ago was to have 5351Z finished in time to go to Middletown, Ohio, SWPC convention. It is only about 70 miles from home and it's where we fly for breakfast fairly often anyway. Well, that didn't happen either. The weather was even too back to fly the Cub, so I drove over for a day. I saw a beautiful Colt, N5549Z, being judged. I could see the competition would be tough so back home and back to work.

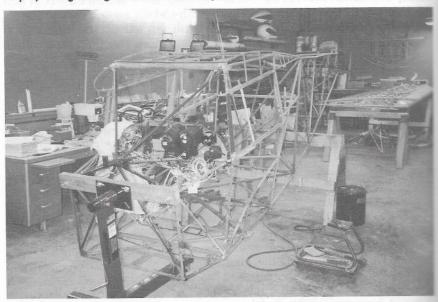
By February of 1999 I was down to taping and painting the wings. I towed the fuselage with my ATV for the mile and a half back to the airport to the radio shop for a new King com radio, transponder, and encoder. I had already installed an intercom and push-to-talk switch on the yokes. Ralph Bissell at the radio shop let me store the Colt there while I finished the wings. That made a lot more room in the shop, plus I didn't have to worry about overspray.

Finally, in April I towed 5351Z back home and bolted the wings on. After rigging by the manual, we wiggled the 30-foot plane sideways out the 24-foot door of my shop and we were ready for fuel. After buying into the Cub a few years ago, I had renovated the landing strip on our farm, and I now had a very nice 2,000 foot by 90 foot strip to fly the Colt out of.

After six and half years, the engine fired up instantly. After a couple of short run-ups and leak checks and a safety briefing from my IA, Dan, it was finally time to realize my dream of rebuilding a plane and

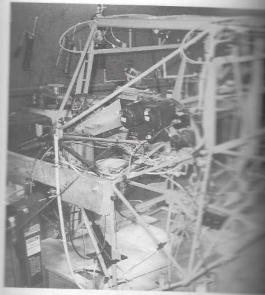


The engine is prepped for painting. Shown is Ali, Scott's daughter and "my little helper," but growing fast. She's now 11 years old and 5'2", Scott says.

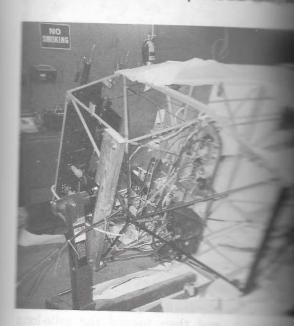


The fuselage above is mounted on an engine stand so it can be rotated while covering and painting work goes on.

flying from my own grass strip. (take off over 400 acres of flat I had hoped for a north wind empty field), but the wind was

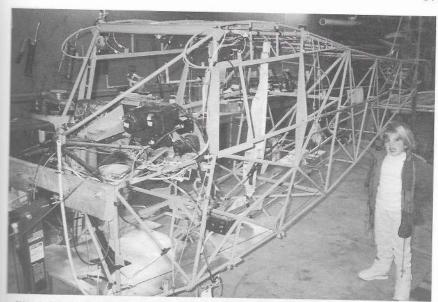


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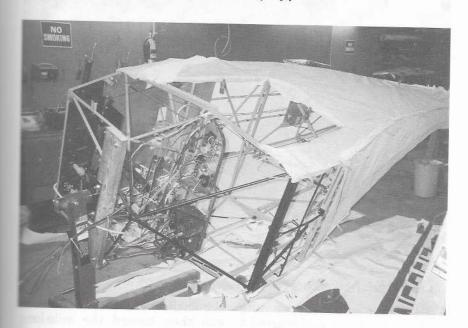


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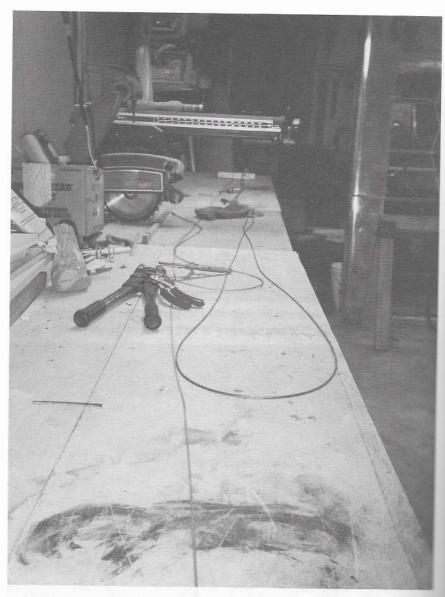


The fuselage is shown above primed with epoxy primer.



Here, the fuselage has been "rolled" on the engine mount during covering.

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Control cable fabrication . . . all new stainless cables.

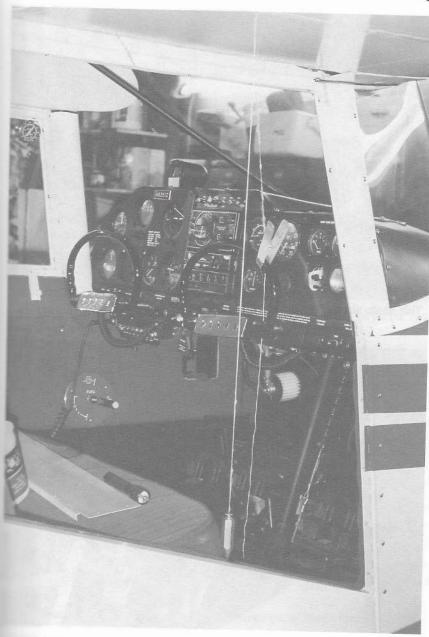
feel the Colt was really wanting to fly, so I rotated and started a shallow climb.

Then I checked the airspeed; it was indicating 45 mph! With power lines and not much runway ahead, I decided to continue was running and working fine so I decided it was a problem in the indicator somewhere

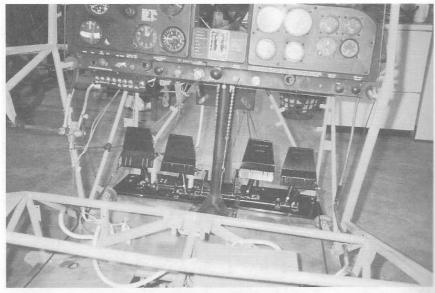
the shallow climb over the lines and then toward the mile-long paved runway a mile and a haraway at the airport. Everything



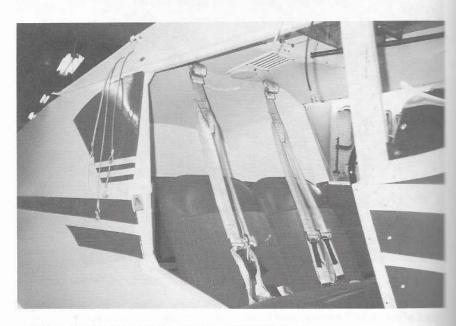
Leveling with the plumb bob for rigging.



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This photo shows the Williams Aircraft toe brake installation.



Here is a view of the shoulder harness from Wag Aero.

continued climbing and circled how things were going. I said the airport for a while. Dan "Fine, just no airspeed." "Well finally called on the radio to see you're flying by the seat of your



On the way to the radio shop for a new come away down a county road.



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After 35 minutes of circling. I made a slow descent and made a somewhat fast but very smooth anding. I then put 5351Z in a sangar and didn't see her for



On the way to the radio shop for a new com and transponder. The airport is 1 mile away down a county road.



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a somewhat fast but very smooth and got the rings seated well. I landing. I then put 5351Z in a now have 60 hours on the engine hangar and didn't see her for and have just now changed the



A last minute look at the engine and a tank of gas in preparation for the first flight.

oil for the third time. In that 60 hours I have only added a quart and a half of oil. I took one turn on the left rear strut and it flies great now.

In July, my wife Jaye flew with me to Denver for the

convention. We had a great time camping under the wing and getting to meet so many of you. Thanks for your wonderful hospitality. Hope to see you at Lakeland in 2000.

PIPER COLT N5351Z PA22-108 S/N 9072

Revised:

RECOVER AND PAINT

Entire aircraft recovered and painted with Stits process and materials
Recovered per Stits STC using Procedure Manual No. 1, Revision No. 17, January 1997
All metal completely stripped, cleaned and treated before priming
All steel surfaces cleaned with Stits C-2200 METL-SOL before priming
All aluminum surfaces cleaned and etched with Stits ALUMA-DYNE E-2310 phosphoric acid etch
All aluminum surfaces corrosion protected with Stits ALUMA-DYNE E-2300 chromic acid conversion coating
Stits epoxy primer EP 420 green zinc chromate primer used on all metal



First run-up for first flight!.

Stits Aerothane two-part polyurethane used as final of Base color 120 Daytona White, trim color All fabric is Stits Poly-Fiber P-110 polyester, with each All fabric attached using envelope method and Stits F All fabric received the following coats:

1 coat Poly-Brush applied with brush Stitching, reinforcing patches, and finish 2 coats Poly-Brush sprayed on 2 cross coats Poly-Spray sprayed on Wet sanding, 320 followed by 400 grit 1 additional cross coat Poly-Spray Final color coat Aerothane (3 light cross of

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Stits Aerothane two-part polyurethane used as final color coat on all parts
Base color 120 Daytona White, trim color 191 Pontiac Red
All fabric is Stits Poly-Fiber P-110 polyester, with either P-110 or P-106 finishing tapes used throughout
All fabric attached using envelope method and Stits Poly-Tak fabric cement
All fabric received the following coats:

1 coat Poly-Brush applied with brush
Stitching, reinforcing patches, and finishing tapes completed
2 coats Poly-Brush sprayed on
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Wet sanding, 320 followed by 400 grit
1 additional cross coat Poly-Spray
Final color coat Aerothane (3 light cross coats 15 minutes apart)

WINGS

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Installed new wingtip bows, epoxy vamished (Alexander Aeroplane)
New inter-rib bracing tape (1/2" Stits) installed
Stits polyester flannel installed on leading edges of wings
New lower right hand strut fairing - Univair U12969-001
Installed new wing brace channel U12252-03 in right wing - Univair
Remove, bead blast, epoxy prime, and reinstall aileron hinge brackets on wings
New landing light lens cover installed LP Aero # 041 clear, OEM # 12532-00
New felt installed on fuel tank mounting straps
Both wings recovered and painted with aerothane per Stit's STC
New lift strut fork bolts installed - Univair U 13241-000

FUSELAGE

Stripped, inspected, and epoxy primed (Stits) all tubing and sheet metal
All sheet metal painted with Stit's aerothane
Cleaned and etched galvanized firewall, epoxy primed w/ Stit's, painted w/ silver metallic Imron
Replaced cowl chafe seal
Installed soundproofing mat (meets FAR 25.853b, from Wick's) surrounding cockpit, (replaced old fiberglass)
New twist-lock hardware on cowl latches
New windshield, clear, LP Aero (ordered thru Alexander Aeroplane) #463 clear

New safety walk on step

Installed doubler under skin where venturi mounts on boot cowl

Repaired and reinforced with doubler sheet metal fairings around gear legs under fuselage

Fabricated mount (for strobe power supply and ELT) from aluminum and mounted

with cushion clamps aft of baggage compartment (same location ELT was before)

Replaced plywood mount for rotating beacon on belly of fuselage with new epoxy varnished plywood mount and replaced rotating beacon with Whelen strobe per STC

New Piper louver installed (bottom cowling at rear) Univair U14303-000

Top front of fuselage reworked, sky-light installed per Steve's Aircraft STC

Channels around door opening inspected for corrosion, none found, corrosion proofed w/ zinc chromate

Tubing repaired and replaced on bottom of door frame, door frame corrosion proofed w/ zinc chromate

Installed new side and door windows - 1/8" plexiglass

New stainless steel wires installed in cowling hinges

Fuselage recovered and painted with aerothane per Stit's STC

COCKPIT

Installed nyla-flow tubing to extend static line to other instruments and left port for installation of encoder for transponder

New headliner installed, Airtex - Natural 1612

New fuel drain placard

New prefabricated interior panels installed, Airtex PMA# 9640

New firewall pad installed (cockpit side), Alexander Aeroplane

Rechromed Piper emblem on control yokes

Control yokes stripped, epoxy primed, painted w/ black Imron

Air filter and hoses installed to vacuum instruments 157-1

New defroster ducts installed Univair 85052-016

Installed shoulder harness/lap belt kits per Wag-Aero STC

CONTROLS

All new control cables fabricated and installed, 1/8 7x19 Stainless Steel

Replaced one tailbrace wire with new wire - Univair U41031-002

New nipples U41051-000 and nuts on tailbrace wires, Univair

Replaced tubing on outboard trailing edge of ailerons - 5/16" x 035 4130

Installed new packings (seals) at firewall around steering rods, Univair 189-410

Installed new hinge pins and washers for rudder, elevators, and ailerons; bushings were ok, Univair

Control cable pulleys inspected, bushings and washers replaced as needed, Univair

Installed new trailing edge U42933-03 on right aileron - Univair

Installed new trim cable tension spring 81411-02 - Univair

Installed both new elevator bungee cable springs 10940-02 - Univair

Remove, bead blast, epoxy prime, and reinstall aileron hinge brackets on ailerons

Repair previous damage at bottom of rudder frame (not rust) by welding tube and splice on channel

All controls surfaces recovered and painted with aerothane per Stit's STC

FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel guage sending units removed, reinstalled with new gaskets

Fuel outlet screens removed, inspected, reinstalled

New screen installed in front gascolater, Univair 750-272 New gaskets installed in both gascolaters, Univair LAT-07

New o-rings installed in fuel quick-drains

Fuel selector valve seat ground with polishing compound, lubed with fuel lube

installed new detent washer Univair 756-645 and o-ring

All fuel lines removed from fuselage, old tape removed, inspected, re-taped with

new friction tape as original configuration, and reinstalled and pressure tested

New flush-type fuel drains installed in tanks, Univair F391-14

New fuel hoses and S/S clamps at tank outlets

CHASSIS

New special bolt on top of steering hom, Univair 10836-002

New tire - nosewheel

New tubes - all 3 wheels

New shock cords (#1080) on hydrasorbs

New Piper hydrasorb units installed - Univair U487-558

New rubber bumper washers on hydrasorb units - Univair 85012-057

New bushing 86102-027 and eye-bolt 11601-002 installed on shimmy-dampener - Univair

New bearing installed at top of nose strut - New rubber bumper block on nose strut assertive bearings cleaned and repacked installed new trailing edge on right landing linestalled Piper boot (vinyl) at top of nosewhere Both landing gears recovered and painted New nose wheel fairing attach bracket assertions.

BRAKES

Old brake master cyl, parking brake valve, and with master cyl for individual toe New brake linings installed on disk brake called New flex hoses installed at landing gear / fuse New fittings added to brake lines at wheel

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

New fuse block installed inside of master so New copper battery / starter cables installed Remanufactured Prestolite starter installed Battery box modified for direct cable connects. New insulating strips in battery box, University New p-leads installed New generator to voltage regulator wire installed Remains of the starter of the st

POWER PLANT

Entire exhaust system overhauled, Dawley And New tailpipe installed, Univair U11417-04
New tailpipe support installed, Univair 15217-000
Muffler bail installed in tailpipe, Univair U452-000
New muffler clamps, Univair U14235-000
New propeller bolts

Oil pressure line - new restrictor fitting at engin installed through firewall

Top Overhaul of engine by Flight Care, Cylin

Cylinders .010 standard New pistons and rings New valves and springs 3 new primer nozzles

Baffling repaired
New baffle seal installed, Wick's SR3-1/8
New primer line brackets installed, Univair 144
New primer line clamps installed, Univair 18307-22
New primer lines installed

Mags overhauled by Flightcare per work order A
New quick-drain installed in oil pan, AE8066-1
New Slick lead set installed, M2364
Tanis pre-heat system installed, TAS100-01
Carburetor factory rebuilt with new float and one
Carb air box overhauled with new bearing kit

Engine mount bead blasted, inspected, primed we New engine mount rubber bushings installed New flexible fuel hose to carb installed New air filter assembly BA-4108 Rev "D" and false Propeller primed w/ Stit's epoxy, painted w/ Stit's a New generator belt installed New breather tube connect hose installed

PADIOS

All new antennae cables installed New transponder antennae installed and wired New bearing installed at top of nose strut - Univair 452-419

New rubber bumper block on nose strut assembly - Univair 13114-000

Wheel bearings cleaned and repacked

Installed new trailing edge on right landing gear U13123-00 Univair

Installed Piper boot (vinyl) at top of nosewheel strut (to protect bearing), Univair 14087-000

Both landing gears recovered and painted with aerothane per Stit's STC

New nose wheel fairing attach bracket assembly installed, Univair 15055-000

BRAKES

Old brake master cyl, parking brake valve, and brake handle removed; new nudder pedal assembly with master cyl for individual toe brakes both sides installed per Williams Aircraft STC

New brake linings installed on disk brake calipers at each wheel

New flex hoses installed at landing gear / fuselage pivot

New fittings added to brake lines at wheel to facilitate addition of flex line at calipers

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

New fuse block installed inside of master switch box - Univair 13051-000

New copper battery / starter cables installed per Bogert STC

Remanufactured Prestolite starter installed

Battery box modified for direct cable connection per Bogert STC

New insulating strips in battery box, Univair 14070-000

New p-leads installed

New generator to voltage regulator wire installed

Electric clock wiring changed to direct to hot side of master switch (with fuse holder)

Installed strobe light power unit, belly and wing-tip strobes, and wining per Whelen STC

New battery installed

New clock installed in panel

POWER PLANT

Entire exhaust system overhauled, Dawley Aviation, (old tailpipe red tagged)

New tailpipe installed, Univair U11417-04

New tailpipe support installed, Univair 15217-000

Muffler bail installed in tailpipe, Univair U452-093

New muffler clamps, Univair U14235-000

New propeller bolts

Oil pressure line - new restrictor fitting at engine, new flexible line to firewall, new bulkhead fitting

installed through firewall

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New primer line clamps installed, Univair 18307-000

New primer lines installed

Mags overhauled by Flightcare per work order A1095

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New Slick lead set installed, M2364

Tanis pre-heat system installed, TAS100-01

Carburetor factory rebuilt with new float and one piece venturi

Carb air box overhauled with new bearing kit

Engine mount bead blasted, inspected, primed w/ Stit's epoxy primer, painted w/ black Imron

New engine mount rubber bushings installed

New flexible fuel hose to carb installed

New air filter assembly BA-4108 Rev "D" and filter installed

Propeller primed w/ Stit's epoxy, painted w/ Stit's aerothane epoxy

New generator belt installed

New breather tube connect hose installed

RADIOS

All new antennae cables installed

New transponder antennae installed and wired

Genave radio calibrated, B&B avionics

Installed Sigtronics SPA-400 intercom with left and right front headset connections and push-to-talk switches on control yokes

Installed new cockpit speaker

Installed and flush rivited doublers under skin in wing root fairings where antennaes mount B & B Avionics:

King KY 97A com radio installed King KT 76A transponder w/ encoder installed New breaker installed for radio

Avionics master switch installed and avionics rewired through it New com select switches for microphone and speaker installed

ENTIRE PLANE

Where possible every bolt, nut, screw, clamp, grommet, etc. replaced with new hardware - cadmium plated and stainless steel when possible

STC'S

STC#	STC Holder	Description
SA1008WE	Stits Polyfiber	Recover and repaint entire plane
SA3531NM	Bogert	Copper battery / starter cables
SA4008NM	Bogert	Battery box modification
SA3519NM	Steve's Aircraft	Skylite modification
SA8438SW	Williams Aircraft Co	Toe-brake installation
SA615EA SA800EA	Whelen	Strobe light installation
SA1493GL	Wag-Aero	Shoulder harness installation
	Brackett	Engine air filter installation

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Airspace and You! Part 2

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Part 1, Airspace and You, has an error. The last paragraph of the Class D discussion states that the airspeed limitation is 200 knots at or below 2,000 feet within 4 NM of the primary airport. This should read 2,500 feet above the ground. Now I'm sure us Short Wingers will

not have to worry about this restriction unless Frank comes up with an STC to install a PT-6 in our airplanes. Sorry about the mistake!

We will continue our discussion of the National Airspace System (NAS). We finished last time with Class D. In order to better understand the information we will be discussing you should have a current sectional chart handy.

Class E airspace is defined as controlled airs that, unless designated at a latitude, starts at 14,500 and goes up to but does include 18,000 feet MSL. Most the time Class E starts well beautiful.

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