

FLYERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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HOST BRUCE JAMES AND HIS DUKE

Our 1992 fly-in at Corpus Christi was very much enjoyed by all attending. Bruce James and his associate, Elaine Motl, provided a most interesting program which included a dinner cruise of Corpus Christi bay and a tour of Naval Air Station. Each person had the opportunity to fly a Navy King Air or T-34 simulator. It was a once in a lifetime chance to roll and loop a T-34. Many thanks to our sponsors - Phillips Petroleum, Murmer Aircraft Refinishers, Delange Aviation Boundary Layer Research, Hedrick Beechcraft.



THE SYMPOSIUM

(L.R.) Al Lewis, VP Ralph Cohen, President Bill Passey, Boundary Layer Research Bob Desroche, Flight Review Tom Clements.

Bill Passey, Ralph Cohen, Marge Gorman were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Marge reported over \$5,000 in the bank with no need to request any more dues.

Saturday morning was devoted to discussing operation and maintenance of the Duke. Bob Desroche gave a most interesting talk on vortex generators (100 installed). (Have yet to talk with anyone who has them that does not think they are a great addition.) Al Lewis and Ralph Cohen were busy fielding questions on maintenance. Tom Clements spoke on flying the airplane.



MAX AND RALPH COHEN, OWNERS OF P-412. BOTH ARE DENTISTS AND BOTH ARE A+P'S.

During the symposium, Bob Desroche related some of the unexpected results of their testing. The most important was "if you take off with cowl flaps open and lose the left engine, the airplane will not climb". Try this procedure after cleared for take-off.

- 1) Stop in position on runway
- 2) Slowly advance throttles to 30" for 5 seconds
- 3) Boost pumps on one at a time
- 4) Close cowl flaps
- 5) Brake release and up to take-off power

NOTE: Always use full power 41.5", 2900 RPM for take-off (non intercooled) as a mixture enrichment occurs to help cool the engine.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF MEMBER, JAMES HUBER AND HIS FAMILY IN THEIR DUKE LAST NOVEMBER.

COLD WEATHER OPERATION

Cold weather brings many unique problems to aviation, some obvious and some not so obvious. Most Dukes are certified for flight into known icing conditions, but certain limitations must be observed. Beech's flight manual points out that a minimum indicated airspeed of 140 knots must be maintained, and all anti-ice and deice equipment must be in working order. The following systems may be checked prior to entering icing conditions.

The windshield heat system consists of the heated windshield (left or left and right), the inverter, a thermostat, possibly an ammeter, and a switch. The simplest check is to turn on the windshield heat switch in flight and to feel the windshield to determine that it is in fact heating. Some airplanes may use the windshield heat inverter as a standby avionics inverter. If yours is so equipped, be certain to observe the limitations on use. Also remember that ground operation should be kept to a minimum.

The propeller heat system consists of electric boots on each propeller blade, a brush block assembly to conduct electrical energy to the boots, a timer, and an ammeter. Each boot contains two heated segments, one inboard and one outboard. The timer divides the propeller heat into four cycles of approximately thirty seconds each. Each cycle should result in a fifteen amp draw, 5 amps per segment. An indication of less than fifteen amps on one or more cycles would indicate one or more segments not heating.

The pitot and fuel vent tubes are heated electrically and can be tested by simply feeling them on the ground to confirm proper operation. Similarly, you may insure that the de-ice light is operating normally.

Wing and empennage deice boot condition should be checked on every pre-flight inspection, but especially when you suspect you may encounter icing. Small tears and holes may be repaired by patching. More severe cuts and general deterioration will necessitate replacement of the affected boot. When activated, either in flight or on the ground, pneumatic pressure should increase from 8 to 10 psi to approximately 18 psi. simultaneous with inflation of all boots.

Especially critical on the Duke is proper preheating and warm up of the engines. Lycoming recommends preheating anytime the temperature is at or below 20 degrees F. How and how much you preheat is left to you, but heated dipsticks are not recommended. After starting, allow sufficient time for the engine temperatures to reach the green arc prior to the application of full power.

Ralph Cohen

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CHANGES

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Schuler's P-234

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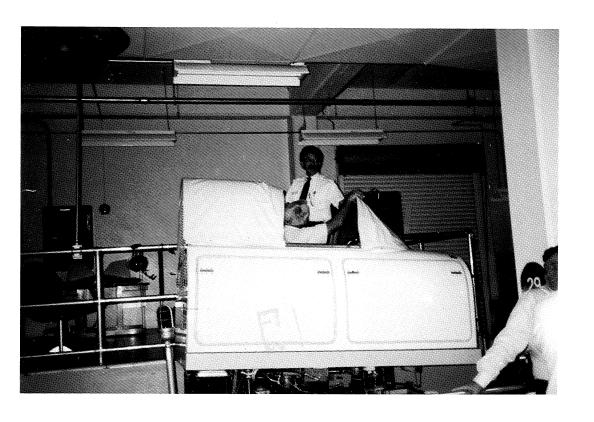
Frankenberg's

P-473

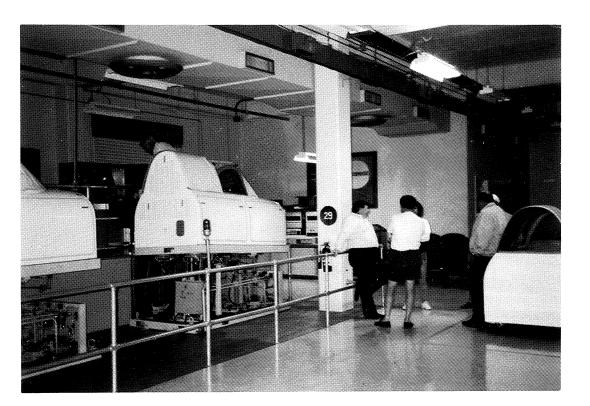
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