

Throttle Forward...

A ZLIN AND GIRLS, GIRLS!

The cover story, *A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words*, is about a man who suffers through hot days and photographs beautiful ladies for calendars and websites. I personally think it is about my airplane, a Zlin 526F. I look at the cover and admire the beautiful curves of my plane. Perhaps, you see those beautiful girls first. I would hope you take time to admire my beautiful lady. The photo shoot (August 2007) was fun and after seeing all the tugging, sweating, and drinking of bottle water I realized that it was work for everyone involved.

The photos show two young ladies who are really aspiring models that enjoy their work. I appreciate them letting me use their photos since I let them use my plane. The photo on the right is the Zlin at it's best, inverted. The story on page eighteen gives a look at photographing planes and girls, build a successful aviation website, and make advertising work for you.

CHINA TO BUILD USA PLANES

As if we aren't importing enough items from China, it has been announced that several name brand aircraft will soon be imported new manufactured aircraft to the U. S. from plants in China. Judging from the problem with the twenty-three million recalled toys that China sent to us this year, there could be a problem on the horizon. The companies are saying that they will come to us under the same terms and standards as if they were built in this country. We'll see. To be safe, don't let children lick the planes. Lead paint seems to be popular in China.

It would certainly be nice if China would import items from the U. S. in the same quantity as we get from them.

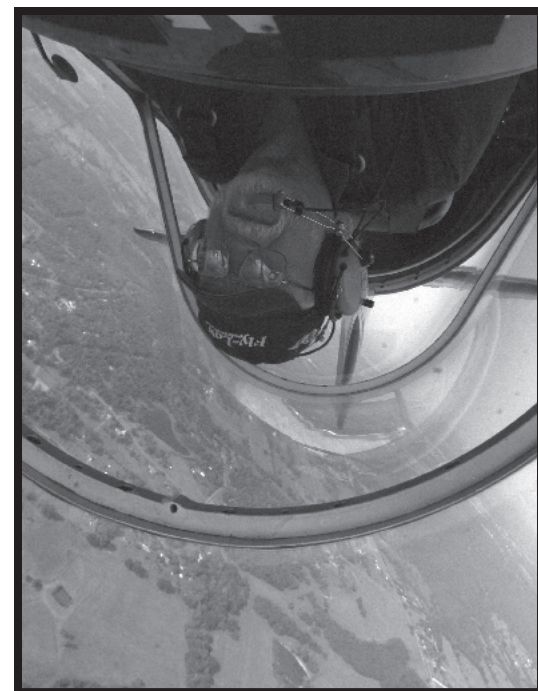
WELCOME TO MY WORLD

This brave new world of 2008 is here and should be filled with good things, low fuel prices, lots of blue sky, and a good medical. Wait, was that a birthday wish before the candles or was it a New Year's Resolution. Whatever, I like them all and look forward to each one of them. So many things are on our front line in aviation: user fees, unpiloted drones, TFRs (lots of them since it is an election year). I hope the next president would be less concerned about the size of his protective veil of sixty miles diameter TFR. With our luck, the next president will want all the aircraft within 3000 miles of him to not fly.

If you haven't contacted your congressman about user fees or the national problem of too few controllers for the number of planes using it, please do so. The near misses in the system recently have a tendency to make one a bit nervous when flying the veil of IFR coverage. We have an interesting story in this issue on page eight which deals with that problem.

RED BARON.... NO MORE!

For some unknown reason, the air show circuit has lost a major player with the decommission of the Red Baron act. Bill McCormack (no relation) pulled the plug on the act in November. What a shame, they had such style and pizzzzzzazzzz...



HAPPY NEW YEAR -TWENTY O-EIGHT

Twenty O-Eight is here. Seems like Y2K was only yesterday. There are good signs on the horizon and with some luck; aviation will continue to bounce back from the summer of high fuel prices. Scrap the ice off the old plane this winter, put your overcoat on and drag the bird out of the hangar for a cool, spirited flight. Always pay attention to the necessary items during winter flights.

All of us at FLY-LOW hope for you and your family a super fantastic Twenty O-Eight.

Throttle Forward and Fly-Low.....