

# Aviation Illustrated

EAA's Boeing Aeronautical Library is home to all manner of aviation magazines, and the covers from the 1920s to 1950s graphically convey the spirit and romance of flying with illustrations, typography, and photography.

Flying in the face of current convention, the April 1929 *Airway Age* used boxed advertisements on its covers, touting companies such as The Curtiss Flying Service and Norma-Hoffmann Precision Bearings.

Herman R. Bollin illustrated the cover of the May 1937 *Popular Aviation* with a painting of three Boeing YP-29s. Collectors now seek the work of this popular aviation illustrator.

The September 1941 *Flying and Popular Aviation* uses a simple wing graphic and strong color in a special issue that shows how America was preparing for the coming conflict.

The November 1950 *Skyways* displays some modern touches with an artfully designed photograph, with the tail covering part of the magazine's logo. Today's magazines use this technique to add visual depth.

Just as advanced technology has made aviation more capable, it has given magazine art directors many more options to create compelling covers. We can truly become re-inspired by looking at these masterpieces from the last century.

—Robin L. Strelow, art director, EAA Sport Aviation



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