

Instrument Conundrum

This month's conundrum centers around this vintage device, donated to the EAA AirVenture Museum by Marvin Easter, EAA 20959. The information marked on the metal rim states:

Climb Bank, Artificial Horizon & Skid Indicator; Mfd. By J.W.C. Schenk; Los Angeles, Calif.; Schenk Pat. Pend.

What type of plane carried the instrument? Where was

it mounted, and did it achieve its design goals? Possibly another clue, the hand-written number 1912 appears on the wooden stand (not shown).

We received a record number of responses, many with personal connections, for May's Model Mystery, the Chance Vought F7U Cutlass. Most members doubted Lockheed conducted wind-tunnel tests (and letters from Lockheed staffers indicated the same), but that didn't mean it wasn't tested elsewhere. Other letters from members suggested it might be a wooden model kit, perhaps one produced by StromBecker in the 1950s. A quick Internet search (www.philsaeronauticalstuff.com/oldmodels/strombecker/strombecker.html) led me to the answer, which showed the original model parts identical to EAA's assembled model. Mystery solved.

See "Members Forum" or visit www.AirVentureMuseum.org/attic for member responses, some with links to additional information.

E-mail your thoughts about this month's mystery to editorial@EAA.org with EAA's Attic in the subject line or write to EAA's Attic at EAA, P.O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

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