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This Month's Cover Girl: A "Love Mooney" ...no less!

You remember The Love Boat.... Well, this month's Cover Girls is being kept by one proud **Ken Jacobson** from Raleigh, NC. This fine Mooney was highly modified by one of our Contributing Editor's mod shops (Coy's Crew) and sports new paint, custom leather interior, and lots of speed mods. Read Ken's account about this particular Mooney helped him find true love. And, we believe him!



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Yoke and William Zwinkels pride and joy is featured this month as flying over Anacapa Island, Cal. This 1966 M20E has only 2,158 total time and boasts '97 paint and '98 interior. They proudly report it took them to Mexico twice, Guatemala several times and then just to make things interesting, to Alaska. Having plane fun is how they put it, and we appreciate their sharing their love of Mooneys with us.

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March's Cover Girl: A Real Go Faster....

The unique highly modified 201 Cover Girl this month is the LoPresti Speed Merchants' demo for their new high tech Mooney cowling. Probably no one person brought more great press to the Mooney product line than one Roy LoPresti when he headed Mooney's design/engineering team back in the late '70' & early '80's. It was this team of reverent *go faster buffs* who brought us the famed 201 and 231 which while largely refinements of previous models, also served to raise the performance banner of all GA aircraft. Well, at age 71 he is at it again!



The new cowling assembly consists of a new carbon cowling shape that is slimmer and trimmer than the stock cowling. The newly designed cowling features highly efficient circular inlets and an improved combustion air induction system that provides an amazing one-inch increase of manifold pressure. The kit also includes a new, much cleaner set of fiberglass overlapping nose gear doors said to be important in providing the published 7MPH boost in performance.

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April's Cover Girl: Lucky Lady

This month's Cover Girl *Lucky Lady* is owned by one proud Mooniac by the name of Mike Smith of Cedarburg, Wis. 55LL has an interesting history in that it was formally owned by BFG Corp. who reportedly used it in the refinement of their Storm Scope program. It now boasts a complete new refurb package which includes all new 1/4" glass, new custom paint, new custom leather interior, some Mod Squad speed mods, and lots of other neat stuff. This particular pet Mooney is currently undergoing one of speed demon Roy LoPresti's new super trick cowls which promises some 6 mph increase in speed! Stay tuned, as we shall review Roy's super slick stuff in future issues.

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May's Cover Girl: "A Hard Act To Follow"

This month's Cover Girl belongs to the actor, **Steven Held** who has this to say:

"Looking through the last issue of MOA PILOT it occurred to me that you need one of the shots of M20K/R N6969R for your cover. Take a look at these taken flying home right after Matthews Aviation finished the paint job. We use ol' 6969R (dinner for four) to get us back and forth from Montana and California. She's been on much of the tarmac between those spots, as well as up and down the west coast, including Mexico. Dad started me flying at 12. Now my wife Ginger just delivered twins, our first children. When people ask if we're having more I say, my plane only has four seats, we can't have more kids. Even before the tanks we added aux fuel, we could make the run in one jump. A Mooney is probably the only single that can make the trip. Between acting, raising horses, scuba and the other fun things in life, is our Mooney. As my letter head says, *It's always a beautiful day above the clouds.*"



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A MOA Cover Girl Encore For August: An Award Winning...Hot Rod !

This is one very good looking, highly modified Mooney which recently left Hot Rod Roy's home plate in Vero Beach, Fla. sporting one of LoPresti's new super slick cowls. N11724 is owned by fellow Mooniac Fred Farina who states that he uses his "faster than normal" M20J to make weekly trips between Harrisburg, Pa., Ocean City NJ, Caldwell NJ., and Quonset State in RI. Fred reports that this crowd stopper recently won 1st Place in the Class150-225 hp. Open at the recent Sun'N Fun Airshow 2001. We wish him well and we bet he will be beaming with pride all along the way.... Congrats, Fred, on one beautiful hot rod Mooney. By the way, anyone recognize this beauty from a previous issue?

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MOA's Cover Girl For September, N201EU: A Very Pretty 201 Indeed!

This is one very good looking Mooney being photographed at sunset over Lake Candlewood, Connecticut. It's owner and keeper is Rich Szentkuti of Ridgefield, Conn who reports he has flown it from Quebec to the Bahamas and Key West for nigh on to 10 years. He is one very proud Mooniac who reports that this 1977 M20J is his all time favorite ride...Even more than his other "Brand B" Baron, which he only uses when more than 4 seats are needed!

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MOA's Apple Pie Cover Girl For October: An All American Memorial

Not many things can be more "All American" than aviation. After all, it started here. In fact, Orville and Wilbur weren't the only American brothers in aviation....We Mooniacs pay homage to Al and Art as well. Our freedom of flight is unique and we should do everything we can to keep our aviation heritage paramount in the minds of our fellow Americans and our leaders in Washington. Wichita, Kansas based commercial aviation photographer Dave Higdon kindly furnishes this unique photo of one of Al's finest....*Lest we forget....*

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How about a little fun Cover Girl contest? Be the first to email us with the owner who owns this month's Cover Girl and his home town, and we will buy a CorrosionX corrosion proofing fogging treatment for your favorite Mooney. Second runner-up will get a free 50 Hour Safety Inspection and oil change. Hint: Ardent MOA readers have seen this dark green beauty before.... Winners will receive a coupon good at at least one MOA Sponsor's organization (maybe more by the time you read this). Details on-line in our Members Only Section. Winners to be posted on-line.

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MOA's December Cover Girl: Over Our Heartland and Mooneys Birthplace....

Professional aviation photographer Dave Higden, of PhotoProse Productions, Wichita, Kan., comes to our rescue again this month with a drop dead gorgeous M20K/Encore taken over the nation's heartland in Feb. '98. This hot M20K served as the factory demonstrator when photographed by Dave near Mooney's original birthplace, Wichita, Kansas. Ardent Mooniacs will recall Wichita, Kansas was The Al And Art Mooneys first choice to locate their fledgling aircraft company back in the '50's. Photo copyright 2001 by Dave Higdon of PhotoProse Productions, email: AIRSCRIBE@kscable.com

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