Pictured at Fairfax Airport at Kansas City, Kan., where Cessna Aircraft's new Model 411 made a brief stop for the presentation of FAA's type certificate, are: left to right, Max E. Bleck, chief engineer of Cessna's Military Aircraft Division; Frank Martin, Cessna vice president—commercial aircraft marketing; George W. Ireland, chief of FAA's Central Region Flight Standards Division; Walter J. O'Toole, assistant chief of the FAA's engineering and manufacturing branch; John M. Beardslee, regional director of the Central Region; Delbert L. Roskam, Cessna's president, and Robert L. Lair, vice president and general manager of Cessna's Military Division

Cessna Announces New Model 411 And Improved 1965 Skyknight

Cessna Aircraft Company has announced FAA certification of its new executive twin-engine Model 411 aircraft along with a new and improved version of its twin-engine *Skyknight*.

Del Roskam, new president of Cessna, said that certification of the 411 climaxes one of the most extensive development programs ever conducted by Cessna on a new model. The first production 411 is scheduled to roll off the assembly line this month.

Roskam revealed that the price of the new flagship of the Cessna line has been set at $108,950, less than had been expected. Cessna previously announced that the 411 would sell at a guaranteed price not to exceed $120,000.

Discussing the market for the 411, Richard N. Robinson, domestic sales manager, said the 411, with 340 h.p. turbocharged engines providing speeds up to 265 m.p.h., can be equipped to fulfill many different types of transportation needs. It is available as a corporate airplane, and also it is expected to fit the needs of owner pilots who fly their own aircraft and require specific seating arrangements. The 411 will have more than 50 cabin options available with flexible seating arrangements accommodating up to eight persons.

Additional features of the 411 include wing lockers for external luggage storage, oversized passenger seats and a pilot work area. The 411's instrument panel is designed to accommodate installation of dual electronics and all-weather radar.

In addition to the announcement of Cessna's 411, a list of improvements for its 1965 twin-engine turbocharged *Skyknight* also were announced by the Wichita, Kan., firm.

The *Skyknight* is reported to have a larger cabin, more baggage space, easier access to the aircraft's systems for servicing, and new interior and exterior styling.

The plane's cabin length has been increased from 132 to 147 inches, which provides a 15-inch shelf in the rear of the cabin for storing miscellaneous articles. Wing lockers, which were first introduced on the 1964 *Skyknight*, have been increased 10 inches, making a total of 14.9 cubic feet of storage space available.

All electrical wiring has been located

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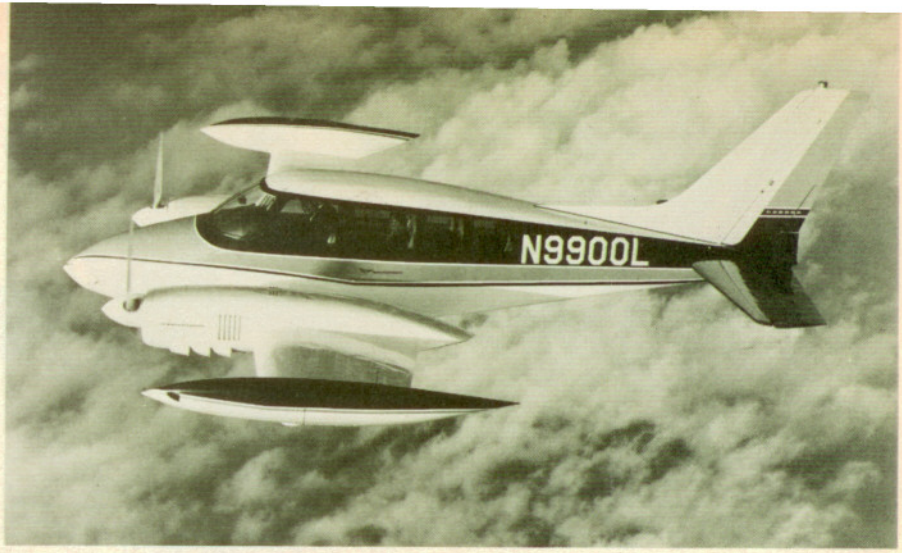
in a wire channel halfway up the left cabin wall for easier access. The channel, made of vinyl and aluminum, is divided into three sections for easy removal.

A choice of ten interior designs are offered in the *Skyknight*, which include three fabric-vinyl, three all-vinyl, and four leather combinations. Additional interior features include all reclining seats and an improved seat locking mechanism on the two front seats.

With its twin turbocharged engines, the new *Skyknight* has a cruising range of 869 miles with 75% power at 19,500 feet altitude. It has a rate of climb of 1,820 f.p.m., and a single-engine service ceiling of 16,000 feet. The *Skyknight* carries six persons, full fuel and oil load plus 231 pounds of baggage. The 1965 model is priced at $79,000 at the Cessna factory. ●



An added feature of Cessna's 1965 Skyknight includes a redesigned oxygen system which provides an overhead oxygen console for each individual passenger seat