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FRONT COVER: As so often happens in the world of aircraft restorations, a number of similar airplanes are finished in the same year. This year, it seems the Aeronca Champ was the winner in that category. Besides the Grand Champion Classic Aeronca Champ restored and flown by Robert Baker, these two fine examples on our cover are being flown by their restorer/owners, Brandon Jewett, of Brighton, Colorado and Nick Howell of Aurora, Colorado. Brandon's 7AC, NC1968E won the Outstanding Aeronca Champ plaque, and Nick's Champ (NC85313) won a Bronze Lindy as the Class I (0-80 hp) champion. There's more on VAA activities during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005 starting on page 14.

BACK COVER: The U.S. Coast Guard has been flying aircraft in support of their sea rescue duties since opening their USCG station Morehead City, North Carolina in 1920. The first of 14 Grumman J2F Ducks were acquired by the Coast Guard in 1934, and served in units based on land, as well as being used for proving air operations aboard Coast Guard cutters. This particular Duck, serial No. 267, was assigned to USCGAS Port Angeles, Washington. Jonathan Frank painted this oil on canvas artwork at his Houston, Texas studio. It is one of the paintings featured in the 2005 EAA Sport Aviation Art Competition show, on display through May 2006 at the EAA AirVenture Museum.

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