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50th Anniversary Beechcraft Baron to Debut at 2010 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced that the 50th anniversary Beechcraft Baron G58 will make its public debut at the 36th annual Sun 'n Fun Fly-in & Expo April 13-18 in Lakeland, Fla. The limited edition Baron that incorporates high performance Hartzell Scimitar propellers, elegant interior design features and amenities, and a choice of four distinctive external paint schemes will be one of the highlights of the HBC aircraft display at space MD8-A at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport.

“We are excited to unveil the 50th anniversary Baron at this year’s Sun ‘n Fun,” said Keith Nadolski, president, Beechcraft Americas. “With its loyal and enthusiastic customer base, the Baron continues to be the dominant twin engine piston aircraft of our entire industry and provides performance capabilities and versatility that are the best in its class.”

The 50th anniversary Baron is a limited edition version of the current G58 model, which was announced in 2005. Recognized as the twin-engine piston aircraft that pilots aspire to own, the Baron G58 offers unmatched performance and range/payload capabilities in its segment. It also features a premium cabin that provides the best ride of any twin-engine aircraft, including flexible seating that allows for seating of two, four or six people, with the option to reconfigure and remove seats to accommodate mission needs and large baggage items. Its flight deck includes fully integrated Garmin G1000® avionics with a GFC 700 flight control system and new GWX 68 color weather radar.

The golden anniversary aircraft incorporates a specially-engraved, 14-carat-gold Baron and 50-year emblem into the power quadrant and pilot/co-pilot control wheels, matching wheat leather seats and removable headrest covers with an embossed Beechcraft shield, and leather-wrapped yokes in an exclusive wheat finish. The aircraft also sports a heritage Beechcraft shield sculpted into the velvet cut Baron Brown carpet in the club seating area. Rosen sun visors, a Lightspeed Zulu headset and standard air-conditioning round out the internal enhancements.

Externally, the Hartzell blended airfoil Scimitar propellers equipped with unfeathering accumulators will provide a performance boost, while a choice of four color palettes and a specially-designed paint scheme give the anniversary aircraft a unique look. The limited edition Baron is identified by an exclusive number sequence (1/12) and proudly displays the heritage Beechcraft shield on the tail. Each aircraft features distinctive 50th anniversary commemorative graphics on the nacelles and fuselage, with upper leading-edge wing surfaces finished with select anniversary paint.

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