

## One of Four Surefire U2 Ultra LED Flashlights



Want to win a \$279 flashlight? We're giving away four of them on our flyingmag.com sweepstakes. Just go to the site to enter. No purchase is necessary, and the complete rules can be found on the website.

Did we say \$279 for a flashlight? Yup. SureFire flashlights aren't cheap, but pilots who own them love them because they're incredibly bright, they're beautifully engineered and they're built to last. I've had a SureFire in my bag for years. I'm not sure I'd go night flying without one.

Like many things in aviation, the secret to the SureFire's success is power, in this case supplied by a pair of lithium batteries. And that power means remarkable brightness. So forget about carrying a big D-cell flashlight with you to do the preflight. One little SureFire light will do the job a lot better.

One of the coolest SureFires is the compact, bright and versatile U2 Ultra selectable-output LED flashlight. A mere 6.1 inches in length and 5.7 ounces, the U2 Ultra still manages to put out 100 lumens at maximum output, which is great for inspecting the outside of the airplane on a dark ramp.

But you can also turn down the brightness to a soft glow, ideal for viewing charts in the cockpit at night. There are, in fact, a total of six different brightness settings. The U2 Ultra goes through batteries fast at its brightest setting, but at its lowest, the batteries will last for up to 40 hours.

You can sign up to win one of four SureFire U2 Ultra LED flashlights on flyingmag.com. The contest runs from June 19th through July 19th. And, remember, you can enter as often as once a day. Good luck!

### REFURBISHED AIRCRAFT

## Close to Brand-New Navajo Panthers

Mike Jones Aircraft Sales specializes in refurbished "Lock & Key" Navajo Panthers that it claims are "as close to brand-new as you'll ever find in a Navajo." The "Lock & Key" refers to all a buyer has to do is "unlock the door and fly home!" Among other improvements, the upgraded Panthers feature factory fresh 350-hp engines (in place of the original 325-hp engines), new four-blade Q-tip props, Garmin 430 and 530 GPS/coms, Avidyne's EX500 moving map with XM Weather, fresh annual by Colemill, winglets and much more. Recent offerings included a 1980 Navajo C/R Panther priced at \$975,000 and a 1984 Navajo Chieftain Panther for \$1.1 million. For more information, call 615/896-5678.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Vref Tracks the Skyhawk and Skylane

Both the Cessna 172 Skyhawk and 182 Skylane turned 50 this year, and the airplanes have held remarkably steady values in the used market. Vref, a leading aircraft value reference, compared the average selling prices of a Skyhawk and Skylane built in 1980 to its Light Single Index, which includes the Grumman Tiger, Beech Sundowner, Cessna fixed-gear Cardinal, and Piper Warrior and Archer. The Skylane is the star of this group, but the Skyhawk nudges up very close to the Light Single Index, many of which cost considerably more to purchase than the Skyhawk when new. For Vref subscription information, call 800/773-8733, or visit vrefpub.com.

