Aircraft Bluebook-Price Digest At-a-Glance has reviewed the current market status of the Aeronca Champ series aircraft. Research for this study was obtained in part from Aircraft Bluebook, Aircraft Bluebook’s Historical Value Reference, the FAA’s registry web site and various trade publications.

**Demand**

According to FAA records, around 2,721 are registered in the United States and several other countries. At the time of the writing of this article, more than 25 various models of the Champ series were for sale in the major aircraft trade publications, representing around 9 percent of the total fleet. The 7AC, while a certified aircraft, does meet the standards set forth to be operated as a LSA by a Sport rated pilot. The 7AC is powered by a Continental C-65-8, 65hp engine.

**Pricing**

Current offerings for the Aeronca Champs range in asking prices from $18,000 to $65,000. As expected, time, equipment and condition not only will impact the asking price, but selling price as well. Wide range in asking price is not unusual, considering some aircraft have been completely refurbished (bringing higher value), while others at the lowest prices likely represent parts planes. Most will not be equipped with next generation avionics, like the new LSA counterparts, without significant modifications. The fall 2009 Aircraft Bluebook lists a 1946 Aeronca 7AC Champ with a reported retail price of $21,000.

**Residual Values**

A 1946 Aeronca 7AC Champ, whose market values have been tracked since the fourth quarter of 1982 was reported new with a standard list price of $2,395 and an average equipped price of $2,395. Aircraft Bluebook-Price Digest’s Historical Value Reference has demonstrated the Aeronca 7AC’s market value performance by quarter in the graph for this 1946 model.

Other historical values can be obtained at Aircraft Bluebook’s website, www.aircraftbluebook.com.

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