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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

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This Month in Aviation History



April 20, 1916 – On this date, the all-American air squadron, Escadrille Américaine, was formed in France. Initially comprised of 7 volunteers under the command of French Captain Georges Thenault, the squadron eventually saw 31 more Americans join its ranks. The Escadrille flew its first mission on May 13, 1916. The first victory was scored five days later by Kiffin Rockwell, when he shot down a German reconnaissance aircraft.

“The highest art form of all is a human being in control of himself and his airplane in flight, urging the spirit of a machine to match his own.”

— Richard Bach, 'A Gift of Wings,' 1974.

Residents Introduced to Sport Aviation

Saturday, April 28 – The residents of one of the Denver area’s most popular housing communities, *Anthem Colorado* got to experience firsthand the thrill of sport aviation when they attended the *Anthem Colorado Sport Aviation Day*, hosted by Skyraider Aviation. The crowd, numbering about 25, was treated to a powered parachute demonstration flown by Ted Wilson and his wife Jennifer. Then after a brief presentation on the Sport Pilot/Light Sport Aircraft program, many of the attendees took to the skies. Steve Moore of [Moore Airtime](#) gave rides in his two-seat trike, while

Dennis Moss and Bob Stark provided flights in the Evekotor SportStar.



Steve Moore returns from a flight with a delighted Jamie Waines

The excitement was palpable, as those returning from their flights

recounted the experience, while those waiting to fly stood by in eager anticipation. By the end of the day about half the attendees had slipped the surly bonds of Earth, while others vowed to return when their schedules would allow for a more lengthy aviation experience.

In the end, the objectives of the day were met: A good time was had by all; a multitude of people were introduced to the joy of sport flying; and the relationship between the airport and the community was strengthened. Not a bad way to spend a picture-perfect Colorado Saturday!

Wild Fire Season is Here!

Now that winter is over, and warm weather is here, the threat of wild fire is on the rise. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) is asking pilots to fly clear of wild fires “for your safety and the safety of our aerial firefighters.” NIFC offers the following advice:

- Stay at least 5 NM from any smoke
- Report suspicious smoke to the nearest

Flight Service Station

- Check NOTAM’s prior to every flight (1-800-WX-BRIEF)

NIFC warns that even a seemingly small plume of smoke could already have elicited the response of firefighting aircraft. So, to avoid midair collisions, and possible violations, do not approach a fire to investigate.

Radio Tip

Help reduce frequency clutter by shortening your transmissions. One way to do this is by abbreviating your call sign to the last three characters. In your initial call, you may be “Evekotor Six-One-Six-Echo-Victor”, but in subsequent calls you can be “Evekotor Six-Echo-Victor.”