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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- Tom James
- Doug McConnell
- Ryan Wagner

This Month in Aviation History



Aeronca Chief

April 26th, 1949... On this date Dick Reider and Bill Barris set an aircraft endurance record. They flew continuously in their Aeronca Chief light aircraft for 1,008 hours, one minute (That's over six weeks!). They received food and fuel handed up from a speeding vehicle four times a day.

If any club members would like to try to break that record, I'll be happy to block out some time in the schedule. Let's see... that's 1,008 hours, times \$85/hour...

"The fascination of flight can't be expressed with words. But it really lies beyond the capabilities of human endeavor. Once you've experienced it, you'll never be able to forget it."

— Friedrich Oblessor, 127 victories WWII.

New Sport Pilot

Skyraider Aviation is pleased to announce the latest addition to the licensed pilot community. **Mike Flannery** passed his sport pilot checkride on Monday, April 28th.

It was looking a bit iffy for a while, as the examiner cancelled the flight on the morning of the exam. Both Mike and his examiner have very busy schedules, and if it hadn't happened

on the 28th, it would have been months before Mike got another shot at it. Fortunately with some last minute schedule juggling, and the gracious agreement of another club member to give up his scheduled time slot, Mike was able to get the checkride accomplished.

Congratulations Mike! And thanks to Joe McGowen for giving up his time slot.

Sport Pilot Fly-Out

On Wednesday morning, April 23rd six members of the Skyraider Aviation flying club gathered for an historic aviation event... Skyraider Aviation's first fly-out! The plan was to fly three light sport aircraft nearly 300 miles to Hays, Kansas to tour the Rans Aircraft Company. As dawn broke, and the FSS weather briefer droned on and on about IFR conditions and severe thunderstorms, we started to develop an alternate plan.

Instead of a 600 mile round trip to Hays to see an airplane factory, we settled on a 60 mile round trip to Greeley for breakfast. While not quite the adventure we had planned, it turned out to be a great little flight. And while we did not get to see an airplane factory, we did stop in at Beegles Aircraft to see their aircraft salvage and repair operation. All in all... not a bad way to spend a morning!

Upcoming Events

- May 17th – Erie Town Fair/Airport Open House; Erie Municipal Airport
- May 17th – Vintage Aero Flying Museum Fly-In; Platte Valley Airport
- June 7th – Rocky Mountain Metro Airport Open House; Metro (formerly Jeffco) Airport
- July 28th – August 3rd – EAA Airventure; Oshkosh, WI
- September 19th – 21st – Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In/Air Show; Front Range Airport