

Skyraider Sentinel

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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

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This Month in Aviation History



1956 Cessna 180

February 6th, 1956... On this date, TWA Captain William Judd flew his 1956 Cessna 180 "Star of the Red Sea" (type shown above) non-stop from New York to Paris – a distance of more than 3600 miles. In spite of icing conditions and IFR weather encountered over the North Atlantic, Capt. Judd completed the flight in just 24 hours and 14 minutes at an average speed of 156 mph.

Capt. Judd had originally planned his flight to be non-stop from New York to Cairo, Egypt but because of the icing conditions, he discontinued the flight at Paris. The next day Capt. Judd completed his trip to Cairo in 15 hours.

"The most beautiful dream that has haunted the heart of man since Icarus is today reality."

— Louis Bleriot

Skyraider Pilot's Lounge Open for Business

This month Skyraider Aviation has doubled its office space with the addition of the *Skyraider Pilot's Lounge*. The new space provides a comfortable and fashionable environment for flight planning, pre and post flight briefings, and just hanging out with fellow Skyraiders. While the new lounge looks like it was ripped from the pages of a style magazine, that was not always the case. In fact, as the photo to the right reveals, the space once looked more like a downtown Baghdad apartment than a pilot lounge. Thanks to the hard work of several club members, the *Skyraider Pilot's Lounge* is open for business!



Pilot's Lounge Before



Pilot's Lounge After

SportStar Returns

On Saturday, February 9th, after a nearly 3-month hiatus, our Evektor SportStar was brought back into service. After extensive test flights, Skyraider's Chief Instructor, Dennis Moss braved moderate turbulence to bring 617EV back to Erie. It wasn't long before the flight schedule began to fill up with SportStar reservations.

Upcoming Events

- March 15th - Club Safety Meeting & Burger Burn; Noon – 3PM; Skyraider Hangar
- April 5th – Snow Buster Fly-In; Erie Municipal Airport; More Info at: <http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.asp?id=578>

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