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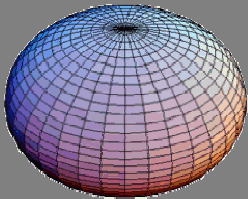
Skyraider Sentinel

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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- Joe Carney
- Skip Collister
- Al Cook
- Ken Kranik
- Joe McGowan
- Jim Simons

This Month in Aviation History



June 26th, 1946 – On this date, the US Army Air Forces and Navy adopted the “knot” and “nautical mile” as standard aeronautical units of speed and distance. A nautical mile is about 6,080 feet, and a knot is the equivalent of one nautical mile per hour. The nautical mile was defined to approximate one minute of latitude. It is only an approximation because rather than being perfectly spherical, the Earth is an oblate ellipsoid (squashed in at the poles). A minute of latitude therefore is slightly longer at the equator than at the poles.

“Man must rise above the Earth—to the top of the atmosphere and beyond—for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.”

— Socrates

You are Judged by the Company You Keep

... and on June 20th, our Evektor SportStar was in great company indeed! The Erie Municipal Airport was graced by a visit from the North American B-25, *Pacific Prowler*. The *Pacific Prowler* is one of only a handful of B-25's that still fly today. The B-25 Mitchell Bomber was made famous by the daring Doolittle Raid on Tokyo which took place four months after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The B-25 went on to become the most versatile medium bomber of World War II, seeing combat in every theater of operation. The *Pacific Prowler* flew over 120 missions during the war.



6EV and the somewhat larger Pacific Prowler

Erie Municipal Airport hosted the *Pacific Prowler* on Thursday June 21st, attracting a crowd estimated in the thousands. A smaller crowd was there on Wednesday evening to welcome the B-25. After the crowd dispersed, fellow club member Jeff Hubbard taxied 6EV into place for a great photo opportunity. Thanks Jeff!

Volunteers Make Air Shows a Success!

The month of June saw two important air shows for Skyraider Aviation. On Saturday June 9th we brought 6EV out to Jeffco for their open house, and then a couple weeks later we were at the 3-day Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In at Front Range. The shows proved to be a great way to introduce the public to the Sport Pilot/Light Sport Aircraft rules.

Thanks to all the club members who helped out: **Mike Broom, Sharon Dorey, Jeff Hubbard, John Masslich, Dennis Moss, John Risi, and Jennifer Webb.**



John Masslich sports his air show attire

We couldn't have pulled this off without you. Many thanks!