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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

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This Month in Aviation History



Ford Trimotor

June 11th, 1926...

On this date, the revered Ford Trimotor (aka "Tin Goose") made its maiden flight. The impact of the Trimotor on commercial aviation was immediate. Within just a few months of its introduction,

Transcontinental Air Transport was created to provide a coast-to-coast operation, capitalizing on the Trimotor's ability to provide reliable and for the time, comfortable passenger service. Distinguished by its corrugated aluminum skin, the Ford could carry ten to twelve passengers on fairly comfortable wicker seats at a cruise speed of 110 to 115 miles per hour amidst deafening noise from the engines.

"It is possible to fly without motors, but not without knowledge and skill."

— Wilbur Wright

BDU Open House

As the sun rose on the morning of June 20th, the skies over Boulder rumbled to life with the roar of Skyraider Aviation's three Rotax-powered Light Sport Aircraft. Having departed from Erie Municipal one-by-one, our aircraft touched down in sequence less than 10 minutes later.

Manning our assigned space on the flight line, Skyraider instructors, staff, and pilots were there to address the inquiries of the curious masses. And with a crowd much larger than previous years, we had plenty of inquiries! It was a great show.



Skyraider's fleet on display

Night on the Town

The fun and camaraderie of the Skyraider crew extends beyond the aerodrome. On June 14th about a dozen Skyraiders met up at Comedy Works in Denver's Larimer Square for an evening of merriment. We enjoyed round 1 of the "New Faces Contest", the annual search for Colorado's best undiscovered comedic talent. While the lineup included a few hopefuls who stood absolutely no chance of being America's next great comedian, there were at least a couple truly funny comics. In the end it didn't matter how good or bad the talent was... we still had a great time!

Kelly Airpark Fly-In

I'm not one to pass up the opportunity to fly into a normally off-limits airport, especially if it is in the middle of nowhere. So when Kelly Airpark, a private residential community halfway between Denver and Colorado Springs, opened its doors (and runway) to the public for its annual fly-in, I was there!



Kelly Airpark's 3800' x 36' runway

Located just over 50nm southeast of Erie at an elevation of 7,040 feet, Kelly Airpark was an easy half hour flight in our Gobosh 700. And with the best pancake breakfast I've ever experienced at a fly-in, the residents of Kelly Airpark definitely made it worth the trip. The array of aircraft that flew in for the breakfast also made things interesting.

With the friendliness of our hosts, the splendor of our surroundings, and of course the quality of the pancakes... this will definitely be an annual event for us!