

# Skyraider Sentinel

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## Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- David Gonyea
- Chuck Grow
- Mark Manes
- John Masslich
- Roger Newman
- Don Shipman
- Jason Snyder

## This Month in Aviation History



March 12, 2007 – On this date Doug Collman of Centennial Colorado made aviation history by becoming the first Sport Pilot Student to solo at Skyraider Aviation. After three months of training, constantly delayed by bad weather of all variety, the morning of March 12<sup>th</sup> broke clear and calm. Doug seized upon the opportunity to flawlessly conduct three solo take-offs and landings. Reports indicate the “shit-eating grin” he wore upon completing this momentous feat, remained emblazoned upon his face for the remainder of the day.

“I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things . . .”

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

## First Solo!

This month two of our club members reached that great milestone of aviation... the first solo. **Doug Collman** (instructed by Dennis Moss) was the first, soloing on March 12<sup>th</sup>. **Jordan Fuerst** (instructed by Bob Stark) followed the very next day.

After completing their achievement, both students were subjected to that timeless aviation tradition... the cutting of the shirrtail. Those trophies are now proudly displayed on the wall of Skyraider Aviation’s office. Congratulations Doug and Jordan!



Bob Stark cuts the shirrtail of his student, Jordan Fuerst

We hope to be adding more shirrtails to the wall this coming month.

## Skyraider Fleet to Double in Size

It’s official! Skyraider Aviation has submitted a purchase order for a second SportStar! N617EV is already moving along the production line in the Czech Republic, and should be ready for pickup in Kerrville, TX on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The new aircraft will be similarly equipped to our existing SportStar making it easy for students and pilots to



New colors of Skyraider Aviation

### N617EV

- 50 lb greater useful load
- New paint scheme
- Garmin radio & transponder
- Center-mounted compass

transition between the two. The main differences are highlighted in the box above.

Demand for sport pilot training is predicted to increase over the coming months in response to several important public events and corporate announcements. With the addition of our second LSA, Skyraider Aviation will be poised to meet this demand.