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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- Chade Abplanalp
- Brian Banks
- Paul Beale
- Earl Bouchey
- Mary Ann Brown
- Ron Calhoun
- Joe Peterson
- Paul Sargeant
- Minpo Shiue

This Month in Aviation History



Wright Flyer III

May 14th, 1908... On this date Charles "Charley" W. Furnas became the world's first airplane passenger. Furnas worked as a mechanic in the Wright Brothers Airplane Company. He was flown by Wilbur Wright for a distance of 1,968 feet in 29 seconds in the Wright Flyer III at Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Later the same day he was flown by Orville Wright for 2 and one-eighth miles in 4 minutes 2 seconds. He is one of the few people to fly with both Wright brothers. Their sister, Katharine, was another.

"Unlike the boundaries of the sea by the shorelines, the "ocean of air" laps at the border of every state, city, town and home throughout the world."

— Welch Pogue

New Sport Pilot

The week beginning April 27th and ending May 3rd was big! As highlighted in last month's newsletter, Mike Flannery earned his Sport Pilot certificate on Monday April 28th. Four days later, on Friday May 2nd we added another Sport Pilot to the ranks... **Doug Hindman**.

Congratulation, Doug on a job well done!

Special Guest Speaker Informs and Entertains



Nick Carter

On Friday May 23rd, Skyraider Aviation welcomed 9 News meteorologist and seasoned pilot/CFI, Nick Carter to our monthly club meeting. Nick gave a very relevant presentation on springtime weather along the Front Range and its effects on small aircraft. It was so relevant in fact, that the very next day we experienced some of the weather Nick spoke of just the night before.

While there are surely many people who could have presented the same information, few could have done it with the fun and friendly style of Nick Carter. Nick surely made this month's meeting one of our best!

Upcoming Events

- June 7th – Rocky Mountain Metro Airport Open House; Metro (formerly Jeffco) Airport
- July 28th – August 3rd – EAA AirVenture; Oshkosh, WI

Cancelled: This year's Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, which had been scheduled for July, and then September, has been officially cancelled. Event organizers cited "several local and national factors delaying the planning process", as the cause of the cancellation. They have vowed however, to bring the show back in 2009.



SportStar SL at Erie

On Tuesday, May 27th Barry Pruitt of Evektor Aircraft swung by Erie in a brand new SportStar SL. Barry was en route from California to Florida, and took advantage of his proximity to stop by and fly with a number of our instructors and staff. The SL has several improvements over the original SportStar, including a sleeker look, better nose wheel steering, and better brakes.