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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- Eric Cline
- Pat Crotty
- Ken Kudrna
- Bruce Lonacker
- Adrian Stack

This Month in Aviation History



Bell X-1

October 14th, 1947... On this date, Captain Charles "Chuck" Yeager became the 1st person to fly faster than the speed of sound. Yeager broke the sound barrier in a Bell X-1, nicknamed Glamorous Glennis after his wife. He was able to reach 670-mph or Mach 1.015 over Muroc Dry Lake, California.

Yeager almost had to cancel his flight. Two days prior he broke a couple ribs in a horseback riding accident. He was in such pain on the day of the flight, he couldn't close the airplane hatch on his own. Fellow project pilot, Jack Ridley rigged a device (really just a broom handle) that would give Yeager the leverage he needed to seal the hatch.

"The highest art form of all is a human being in control of himself and his airplane in flight, urging the spirit of a machine to match his own."

— Richard Bach, "A Gift of Wings" 1974

Colorado Corn Fields – Simply **Amaizeing**

Over the course of this month, Skyraider Aviation students, pilots, and instructors took to the skies in search of the greatest corn mazes Colorado had to offer. With one of the best located just a few miles to the North of the airfield, it was easy for everyone to enjoy this rite of autumn. Erie's own *Anderson Farms* created a maze this year with a pirate design. This elaborate maze featured a ship and a pirate (complete with parrot and peg-leg), prompting us to ask how much the Anderson's charge for their corn... perhaps a buccaneer. (Sorry... that joke was a little... *corny*.)

The most eye-catching maze, however, required a slightly longer journey – a



Fritzler Corn Maze – LaSalle, CO

whopping 20 miles. The Fritzler Maze, located in LaSalle, CO (a few miles southwest of Greeley) offered a tribute to legendary Country-Western singer and bareback rodeo cowboy Chris Ledoux. The complexity and detail of this labyrinth made the Fritzler's the most photogenic of Colorado corn mazes.

On October 26th, **Jon Pickett** snapped the photo above while riding as a passenger in the Gobosh G700... winning Skyraider Aviation's great corn maze photo contest. Congrats Jon!

617EV Arrives in Country

On October 29th our new Evektor SportStar, N617EV finally arrived in Kerrville, Texas. We plan on having her in Colorado on the 5th of November.

The picture to the right is a taste of things to come. (Don't worry... we'll make sure she has wings before we fly her back.)

