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Skyraider Aviation Welcomes New Club Members!

- Ray Adams
- Gary Motley

This Month in Aviation History



Lockheed-Martin WC-130J

September 14th, 1944...

On this date, the 1st successful flight into the eye of a hurricane was made by a three-man crew flying a Douglas A-20 Havoc. They demonstrated that valuable scientific information can be obtained in this manner.

The practice of flying aircraft into the eye of hurricanes to collect weather data continues to this day. Now the job falls to the Air Force Reserve's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. Known as the Hurricane Hunters, this one-of-a-kind organization operates ten Lockheed-Martin WC-130J aircraft from Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. While flying into the heart of a hurricane can be dangerous, the men and women of the 53rd WRS pride themselves in having flown over 100,000 hours without a mishap.

"Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying. What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond description."

— Barry M. Goldwater, US Senator

Gone but not Forgotten

On September 15th, 2007, Skyraider Aviation lost two club members in a tragic airplane accident at the Erie Municipal Airport. The student pilot, **Emmet Murphy** had been flying with Certified Flight Instructor, **Matty Crine** for about an hour and a half before returning to the airport for a touch-and-go. It was shortly after departure that the

airplane crashed in a field a few hundred yards from the end of the runway. The NTSB is investigating the cause of the accident, but it will likely be several months before they release their final report.

Everyone at Skyraider Aviation is deeply saddened by the loss of two of our own. Our thoughts are with the families of Emmet and Matty.

Colorado's Newest Sport Pilots

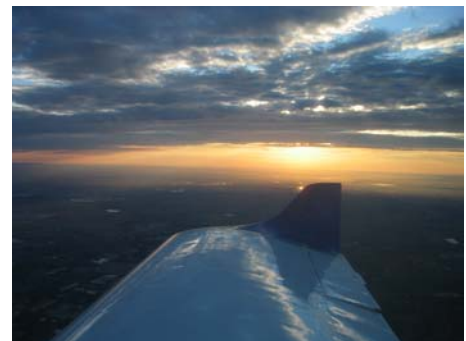
Two members of the Skyraider ranks earned their Sport Pilot Certificates this month. **Jordan Fuerst** passed his check ride on September 14th, while **Andrew Roybal** completed his on September 27th. Both these guys are due some special accolades. Jordan was Skyraider Aviation's first Sport Pilot, while Andrew distinguished himself by earning his certificate after only 20 hours of training (the FAA minimum). They have both earned a special place in the aviation history books. Congratulations Jordan and Andrew! And happy flying!

September Solos

Congratulations to the following students on their first solo flights.

- Mark Manes
- Don Shipman

Destination: Steamboat



When most people think Light Sport Aircraft, they think of an airplane suitable for basic flight training or local sight seeing. They don't think about another great use for an LSA – the weekend getaway. With its comfortable cockpit, outstanding performance, and ample payload the Gobosh G700 proved itself quite capable of carrying a couple Skyriders into the Colorado Rockies for a fantastic weekend at Steamboat Springs! Departing shortly after sunrise on September 1st, we arrived at Steamboat's 6,878' MSL airport about an hour and a half later (beats the heck out of the 4 hour drive). After displaying the G700 at the airport's *Wild West Air Fest*, we enjoyed some of the many attractions of Steamboat... including some fine dining and the hot springs that gave Steamboat its name. It was a great flight and a perfect weekend!