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WHAT'S NEW

New Website

Crisp new look and more content. New sections include: Instructors, Pilot Supplies, Events calendar, Flying Partner Bulletin, and Useful Links for Buying & Selling, FAA, Associations, and Weather. Test your knowledge with Kip's interactive quizzes or try your skill on one of our new games.

Want a flying partner?

Everyone has been on at least one side of the fence. Students long to enjoy a flight without the regimens of a lesson. Certified pilots, eager to share their hobby, find friends and family indifferent. The fact is, many pilots would rather have a co-pilot or passenger than fly solo.

We've created a bulletin board so students and members can find flying partners. Post your name and information on our website bulletin board (under *Flying Club*) at home or the Pilot Center computer. 

Solos & Certificates

1st Solo

Chris Rawson – Jan 25
Mark Finn – Feb 26
James Jessen – Feb 28

Private Certificate

Christine Skinner – Jan 5
Brendan Boykin – Jan 11
Jeff Cremer – Feb 12
Scott Gregory – Feb 18
Jeremy Brown – Mar 4
Dave Erpelding – Mar 5

Instrument Rating

Keith Reagan – Jan 17

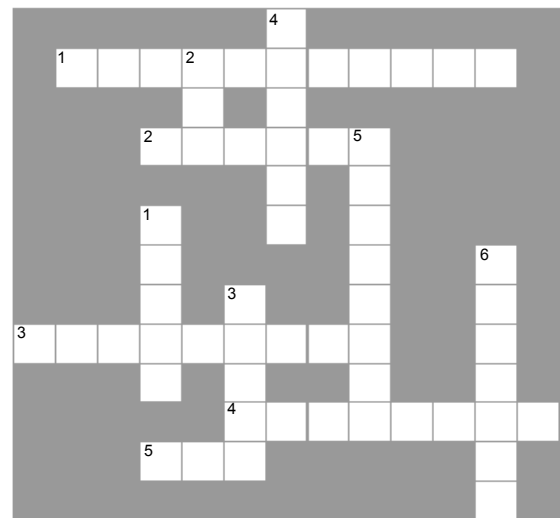
Commercial Rating

John Szostak – Mar 26
George Hart – Mar 27
George Hart (multi-engine) – Apr 12

ET CETERA

The first to submit the correct answers wins a prize! Winner & solution will be in next issue.

Airlines Around the World



across

- based in Houston
- Hogan, Gibson & Kidman share origins with this national airline
- symbol is a flying crane; German airline
- based in Fort Worth; started first frequent-flyer plan
- royal Dutch airline

down

- Greek word for the triangle-shaped letter
- first to provide coast-to-coast service (1930); once owned by Howard Hughes
- nickname for US airline that flew B-314 flying clippers
- slogan is "Fly the friendly skies."
- first to hire female air hostess in Europe; mountainous country; stopped flying March 31 after 71 years
- capital of its Scandinavian homeland is Helsinki; 6th oldest airline in the world

Good sites with more information:

Lindbergh

www.cradleofaviation.org/lindbergh/index.html
www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/lindbergh/

NC-4 In the Naval Air Museum, Pensacola FL

www.naval-air.org/exhibits/nc4.asp
www.aviation-history.com/navy/nc4.html
www.bluejacket.com/nc4.html
libraries.mit.edu/archives/exhibits/nc-4/

Don't forget to check our website for activities, bulletin board & previous newsletters!

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MAY WORLD RECORDS

9th 1926 Admiral Richard Byrd
First flight over North Pole

13th 1940 Igor Sikorsky
First to design, produce & fly a
helicopter in Western Hemisphere

18th 1953 Jacqueline Cochran
First woman to pilot a
supersonic aircraft

19th 1908 Lt. Thomas Selfridge
First Military Officer to
pilot an airplane

20-21st 1932 Amelia Earhart
First woman to solo Atlantic Ocean

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We welcome personal stories, letters,
and flying tips. Please contact with
questions and feedback.

First Non-stop Solo Transatlantic Flight

May 20-21st 1927

One of the most famous flights happened in May, 75 years ago - Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris. Many think it was the first successful flight across the Atlantic, but there were actually 12 previous flights. Lindbergh's was the first non-stop, solo crossing, but the very first transatlantic flight occurred 8 years before. Both were remarkable feats. Here is a brief comparison of the aircraft and the expeditions. See the reverse side for websites.

Ryan NYP "Spirit of St. Louis"

Wing span: 46 ft
Length: 27 ft 8 in
Height: 9 ft 10 in
Weight, empty: 2,150 lb
Weight, gross: 5,135 lb
Max Speed: 120 mph
Range: 4,200 miles
Engine: Wright Whirlwind J-5C, 223 hp
Cost: \$10,500



Path: New York City, US – Paris, France
Distance: 3610 miles
Time: 33 hrs 30 mins

First Transatlantic Flight

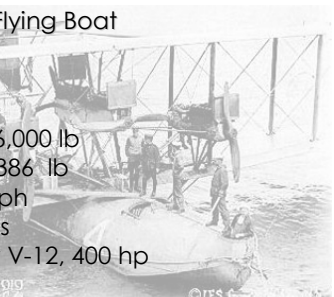
May 16-27th 1919

Three Curtiss seaplanes started from Newfoundland on their one-stop route to Lisbon. 21 Navy destroyers lined their course to the Azore islands off Portugal. The planes drifted off course due to fog. NC-4 reached the Islands on the 17th, but couldn't continue for 10 days because of bad weather. The NC-4 (first flown 4 weeks prior) was the only one to complete the flight.

Crew Lt. Albert Read, Lt. James Breese, Ens. Herbert Rodd, Lt. Elmer Stone, Lt. Walter Hinton, Eng. Eugene Rhoads

Navy-Curtiss NC-4 Flying Boat

Wing span: 126 ft
Length: 68 ft 3 in
Height: 24 ft 4 in
Weight, empty: 16,000 lb
Weight, gross: 27,386 lb
Max Speed: 91 mph
Range: 1,470 miles
Engine: (4) Liberty V-12, 400 hp
Cost: \$100,000



Path: Trepassay Bay, NF - Lisbon, Portugal
Distance: 2150 miles
Time: 26 hrs (actual flight time)