



# General Aviation

NEWS & UPDATES

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## Celebrate National Aviation Week | August 19-25

Each August, National Aviation Week is celebrated to pay tribute to the miracle of flight. This year the event is scheduled the week of August 19 through 25, with air shows and exhibits planned that highlight the history and future of flight.

A couple of events planned in Utah include the following:

**National Aviation Day Bingo Night.** The Ninety-Nines of Utah, an international organization of women pilots, is hosting a fundraiser (ages 21+) at Scion Cider Bar on Monday, August 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Bingo cards will be provided for an optional donation. Donations will fund scholarships and training for aspiring female pilots. Learn more [here](#).

**Annual Bryce Canyon Fly-In and Car Show.** On August 24, enjoy visiting the historic Bryce Canyon Airport while viewing unique cars and warbird airplanes. Planes that pre-register will receive a fuel discount. For more information click [here](#).

Take a moment to reflect on past achievements and dream about the future of aviation whether it's the development of next-gen aircraft, breakthroughs in space exploration or innovations in sustainable aviation.

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## Five Fun Facts About Aviation

1. **The black box is actually orange.** Aviation black boxes, which record flight data and cockpit conversations, are painted bright orange to make them easier to find after an accident. They're incredibly durable and designed to withstand extreme conditions.
2. **The fastest commercial airplane is the Concorde.** A supersonic passenger airliner, the Concorde could fly at speeds of up to 1,354 miles per hour (2,180 kilometers per hour), which is over twice the speed of sound. When in operation, the airplane cut the flight time between New York and London to about 3.5 hours!
3. **The weight of a Boeing 747 engine is roughly the same as an elephant.** The engine weighs almost 9,500 pounds.
4. **The world's busiest airport is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) in Atlanta, Georgia.** In terms of passenger numbers, ATL has consistently ranked as the

busiest with more than 100 million passengers a year!

5. **The Wright Brothers' first flight only lasted 12 seconds.** On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made their historic first flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The flight lasted only 12 seconds and covered 120 feet but it was the beginning of the era of powered flight.

Learn more fun facts about aviation [here](#).



*Biplanes (pictured above) played an important role in aviation history. The Wright brothers used a biplane design to build the Wright Flyer.*



*National Aviation Day is August 19. NASA is encouraging everyone to tag any social media posts with #nationalavaiationday*

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## SVRA Flight Schools | Celebrate with a Lesson

Celebrate National Aviation Week by taking an introductory flight at one of South Valley Regional Airport's four outstanding flight schools:

- Aerotech Aviation delivers a solid foundation in aviation through its high-quality training programs and hands-on approach.
- Randon Aviation provides a personalized and affordable introduction, ensuring students receive tailored attention during their flight.
- Upper Limit Aviation offers a modern, immersive experience with its advanced facilities and expert instructors, giving students a taste of what it's like to be a pilot.
- Utah Helicopter offers a unique opportunity to experience rotary-wing aviation with specialized instruction.

Each school welcomes students and provides an unforgettable flight experience to commemorate National Aviation Week.

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## Upcoming Events & News

### August 19

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## September 21

**Girls in Aviation Day.** GIAD aims to spark an interest in aviation and STEM for girls ages 8-17. The event is open to the public and participants of all ages and genders are welcome. There is no cost to attend. GIAD will take place in the SkyWest Airlines Hangar at SLC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information will be available in the September newsletter.

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