

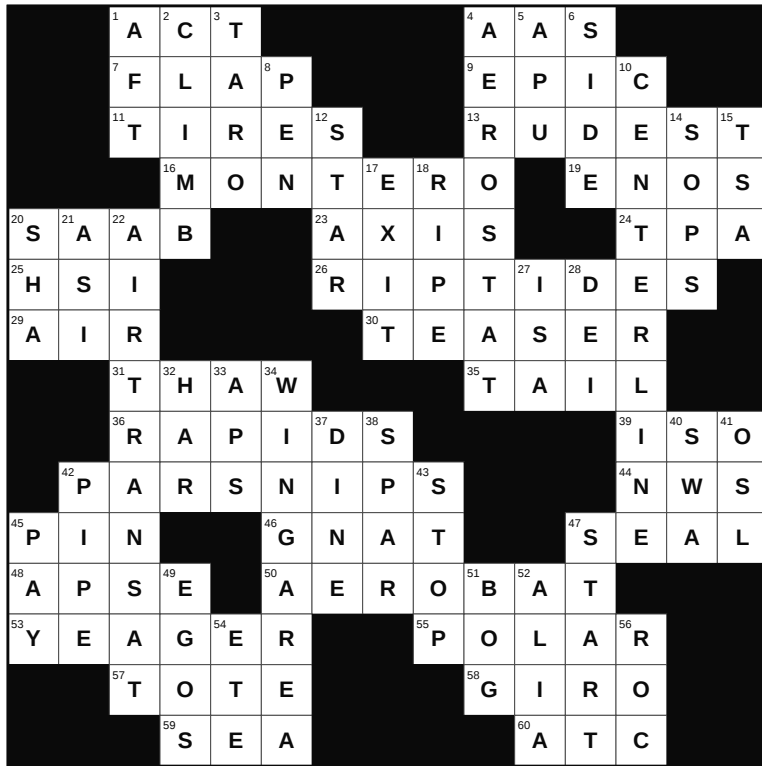


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CROSSWORD · SUDOKU · TRIVIA · ANSWER KEY

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. U.S. law that helped establish federal regulation of civil aviation
4. Airport advisory service, briefly
7. Movable wing surface
9. Aircraft manufacturer behind the E1000 GX
11. Rubber components between landing-gear wheels and the runway
13. Socially incorrect in behavior
16. Lil Nas X's given first name
19. Biblical grandson of Adam
20. Swedish maker of the J 35 fighter
23. The line around which a plane rotates
24. Three-letter code for Tampa International Airport
25. Horizontal Situation Indicator
26. Coastal hazards relevant to low-level maritime flying
29. What fills the sky and allows planes to fly
30. Someone given to teasing
31. Process whereby heat changes something from a solid to a liquid
35. Rear part of an aircraft that provides stability
36. Part of a river where the current is very fast
39. Prefix associated with lines of equal weather value
42. Whitish edible root; eaten cooked
44. U.S. National Weather Service, briefly
45. Small fastener in an aircraft linkage
46. Folland jet trainer flown by the Red Arrows
47. Leak-preventing ring or gasket
48. Domed or vaulted recess or projection on a building
50. Pilot who performs loops and rolls
53. Surname of the man who broke the sound barrier
55. Relating to the poles
57. Capacious bag or basket
58. Ending of the aircraft name autogiro
59. Three-letter code for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
60. Air traffic control, briefly

DOWN

1. Direction towards the rear of an aircraft
2. What a plane does when it ascends
3. Starchy root used in poi
4. Lighter-than-air craft such as a balloon or airship
5. Auxiliary power unit
6. Word after air in a sideslip
8. Write an entry in a technical log
10. Runway marking pilots align with on takeoff
12. Arrival procedure ending near an instrument approach, briefly
14. Piece of solid food for dipping in a liquid
15. U.S. airport screening agency, briefly
17. Leave the runway after landing
18. Fully developed or matured and ready to be eaten or used
20. ____ Na Na
21. Airspeed indicator, briefly
22. Canadian leisure airline based near Montreal
27. International Standard Atmosphere, briefly
28. Opus ____
32. Half of a sarcastic laugh
33. Advanced Placement courses, briefly
34. Total planform surface of an aircraft's wing
37. Eat during a lounge visit or flight
38. Main spanwise structural beam in a wing
40. ICAO designator for Southwest Airlines
41. Three-letter code for Oslo Airport
42. Tube carrying fluid in an aircraft system
43. Bring an aircraft to a halt
45. Give money, usually in exchange for goods or services
47. Beginning of an engine's operating cycle
49. Inflated feeling of pride in your superiority to others
51. Three-letter code for Bogota El Dorado International Airport
52. Actress Shawkat of Arrested Development
54. Estimated time en route, briefly
56. Rate of climb, briefly

SUDOKU

1	6	5	7	9	8	2	3	4
4	2	3	5	1	6	8	7	9
9	8	7	3	4	2	6	5	1
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THIS DAY IN AVIATION

1935

15 August 1935

On 15 August 1935, pioneering aviator Wiley Post and humorist Will Rogers perished in a crash near Point Barrow, Alaska. Post, a solo around-the-world flyer and pressure suit developer, was scouting a U.S.-to-Russia air mail route with his famous friend. Their aircraft, a hybrid Lockheed built from a Model 9E Orion fuselage and a Model 7 Explorer wing, bore the restricted registration NR12283. Lockheed engineers had refused the dangerous modifications, but Pacific Airmotive in Burbank completed the work.

After landing on Walakpa Bay in dense fog, the pair taxied and took off north. At 50 feet, the Pratt & Whitney Wasp S3H1 engine stopped. The plane pitched down, rolled right, and crashed upside down after its wing struck mud. Local resident Clair Okpheap ran for help. A rescue party arrived 16 hours later to recover the bodies. Post's wristwatch had stopped at 8:18 p.m. No official explanation for the engine failure was ever established.

TRIVIA

1. What modification did Wiley Post request for his hybrid Lockheed aircraft that Lockheed engineers considered dangerous?

- Installing a larger Pratt & Whitney Wasp S3H1 engine
- Replacing the retractable landing gear with pontoons
- Combining the fuselage of a Model 9E Orion with a Model 7...
- Adding a three-bladed Hamilton Standard variable-pitch propeller

2. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Bring an aircraft to a halt?

- ROC
- STOP
- SEAL
- AIRTRANSAT

3. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Direction towards the rear of an aircraft?

- TPA
- AFT
- AAS
- HSI