

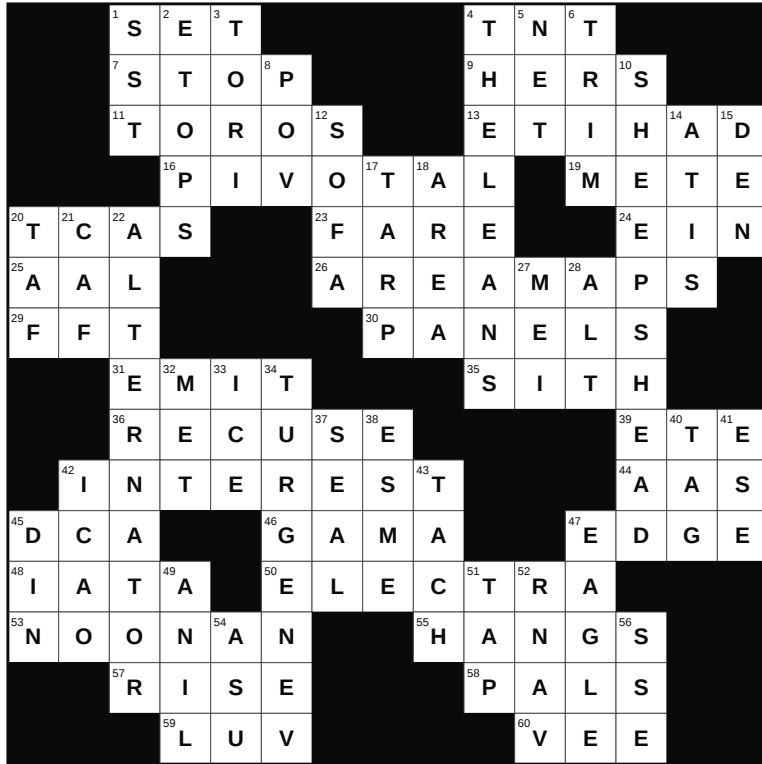


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CROSSWORD · SUDOKU · TRIVIA · ANSWER KEY

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Adjust, as an altimeter
- Explosive prohibited from passenger baggage
- Bring an aircraft to a halt
- Possessive pronoun for her
- Bulls, in Spanish
- Abu Dhabi's flag-carrier airline
- Being of crucial importance
- Move through the atmosphere, in the root of meteorology
- Airborne collision-avoidance system, briefly
- Cost of a ticket
- ICAO designator for Aer Lingus
- Fort Worth-based carrier's ICAO designator
- Charts covering broad regions
- ICAO designator for Frontier Airlines
- Sections of a control board
- Give off, as an emergency beacon does
- Dark-side order in Star Wars
- Disqualify oneself (as a judge) in a particular case
- Flight-plan abbreviation for predicted trip duration
- Curiosity about something
- Airport advisory service, briefly
- Three-letter code for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
- General Aviation Manufacturers Association, briefly
- Word after leading or trailing on a wing
- Organization that issues airline codes
- Lockheed turboprop airliner
- Navigator who vanished with Amelia Earhart
- Is suspended
- Gain altitude
- Close friends
- Southwest Airlines' stock ticker
- Letter V, spelled out

DOWN

- Supersonic transport, briefly
- Rules for long overwater twin-engine operations, briefly
- Actress Spelling of Beverly Hills, 90210
- Vestibular illusion that creates a false bank sensation
- What may secure freight inside an aircraft
- Adjust control pressure for steady flight
- Camera perspective, briefly
- Large food fish of the eastern coast of the United States and Mexico
- Seat found in some airport lounges
- Recorded airport weather and runway broadcast, briefly
- Three-letter code for Denver International Airport
- Weatherproof cover on the ramp, perhaps
- Region controlled by an air traffic centre
- Terminal Aerodrome Forecast
- Canadian Armed Forces, briefly
- Device that converts mechanical energy to electricity
- Multi-engine instructor, briefly
- Altitude, briefly, on a flight display
- Weather, briefly, in aviation compounds
- ICAO designator for Icelandair
- Russian writer of stories and novels and plays (1818-1883)
- Close tightly, as an aircraft door
- Name in a Salinger title 'For ___ -with Love and Squalor'
- Label attached to something
- East-southeast, on a compass
- UN aviation agency, briefly
- Measuring instrument for indicating speed of rotation
- Loud harsh or strident noise
- Apollo 11 lunar module's name
- Blue dye obtained from plants or made synthetically
- Portugal's flag carrier
- Area navigation, briefly
- Sun Devils' school, briefly
- South-southeast, on a compass

SUDOKU

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THIS DAY IN AVIATION

1960

16 August 1960

On 16 August 1960, Captain Joseph William ("Red") Kittinger II stepped from a balloon gondola at 102,800 feet above New Mexico's Tularosa Valley. This daring leap marked his third ascent in Project Excelsior, investigating high-altitude bailouts. Wearing a modified David Clark MC-3A suit and MA-3 helmet, Kittinger breathed a mix of oxygen, nitrogen, and helium. During the ascent, his right glove's pressure seal failed, causing painful swelling, yet he proceeded with the historic jump.

Kittinger free-fell for 4 minutes, 36 seconds in -94 degrees F temperatures, reaching 614 mph while trailing a drogue parachute. His main chute opened at 17,500 feet, and he landed 9 minutes, 9 seconds later. The total descent lasted 13 minutes, 45 seconds. He earned a second Distinguished Flying Cross and the Harmon Trophy. Kittinger later flew 483 combat missions in Vietnam, including with the 555th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, where he was credited with shooting down a MiG 21.

TRIVIA

- Which award did Captain Joseph Kittinger receive for his 1960 Project Excelsior jump?
A. The Medal of Honor
B. The Harmon Trophy
C. The Congressional Gold Medal
D. The Air Force Cross
- Which crossword answer matches this clue: Lockheed turboprop airliner?
A. MEI
B. TRIM
C. ELECTRA
D. TNT
- Which crossword answer matches this clue: Airport advisory service, briefly?
A. AAS
B. ICE
C. FARE
D. SEAL