

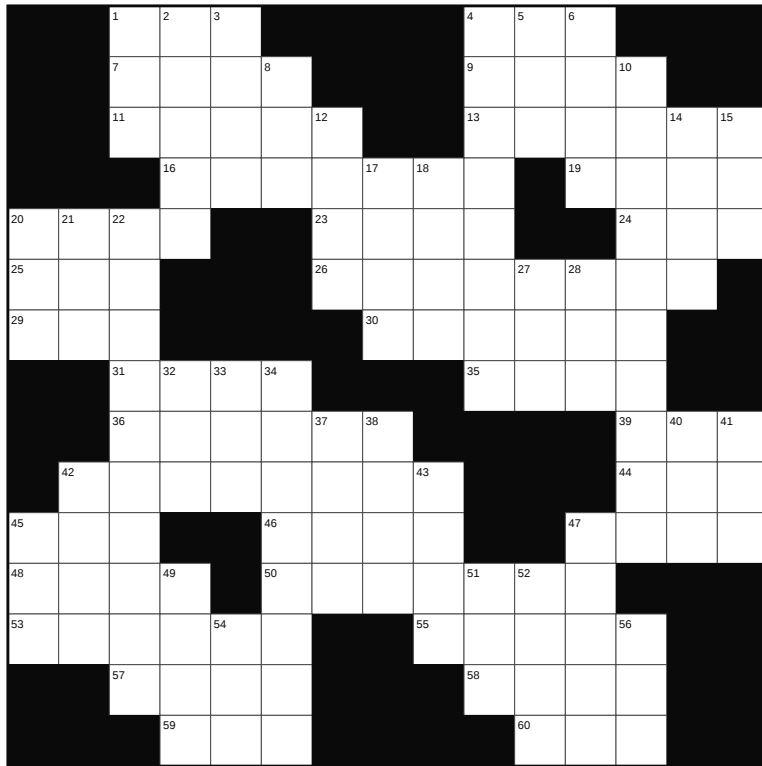


THE DAILY BRIEFING

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Airspeed indicator, briefly
4. ICAO designator for Air France
7. Overzealous fan
9. U.S. college athletics organization, briefly
11. A major airline based in Chile
13. Steering to keep a navigation needle pointed at the station
16. Northern Spanish region bordering the Basque Country
19. Rotating thrust producer, informally
20. Unintended slide
23. Finish a game with an equal number of points, goals, etc.
24. American airport-security agency, briefly
25. Three-letter code for Lima Jorge Chavez International Airport
26. Care for the hair: the activity of washing or cutting or curling or arranging
29. Protective cover on a fuel or oil opening
30. Country singer Lauren ____
31. ____-Seltzer
35. The temporary provision of money (usually at interest)
36. An acknowledgment of appreciation
39. Three-letter code for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
42. Aircraft that flies passengers
44. Three-letter code for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
45. Adam's wife in Judeo-Christian mythology: the first woman and mother of the human race
46. An utterance expressing pain or disapproval
47. Proofreader's instruction meaning 'let it stand'
48. Air movement affecting runway choice
50. US city with an airport code ATL
53. A person with a prejudiced belief that one race is superior to others
55. The word class that serves as the predicate of a sentence
57. The Evil Queen's daughter in Disney's Descendants
58. Part of a wheel that grips the runway
59. Departure or arrival point of a route
60. Three-letter code for Perth Airport

DOWN

1. Above sea level, briefly
2. Airport parking position for an aircraft
3. Organization that issues airline codes
4. Downward angle of a wing from root to tip
5. Three-letter code for Rome Fiumicino Airport
6. Aviation term for the area where planes are parked
8. Abbreviation for navigation, essential for pilots.
10. Canadian leisure airline based near Montreal
12. A science dealing with the logic of quantity and shape and arrangement
14. The front of the plane
15. A measure of a student's academic achievement at a college or university
17. U.S. recording group behind gold and platinum certifications
18. Runway End Identifier Lights, briefly
20. Three-letter code for Salt Lake City International Airport
21. South Korean automaker
22. A lack of patience; irritation with anything that causes delay
27. North American industrial union federation
28. ICAO designator for All Nippon Airways
32. Three-letter code for London Heathrow Airport
33. ICAO designator for Korean Air
34. Having life or vigor or spirit
37. Speed unit equal to one nautical mile per hour
38. Part that prevents an aircraft-fluid leak
40. Flight-plan abbreviation for predicted trip duration
41. Altitude, briefly, on a flight display
42. Flight-related combining form
43. Area navigation, briefly
45. Three-letter code for Newark Liberty International Airport
47. North American F-86 fighter
49. Steep nose-down flight path
51. Cargo-restraint webbing
52. A journey or voyage
54. Three-letter code for Singapore Changi Airport
56. To be, in Spanish

SUDOKU

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THIS DAY IN AVIATION

1944

Grumman XF8F-1 Bearcat First Flight

On 21 August 1944, the first Grumman XF8F-1 Bearcat prototype, Bu. No. 90460, took to the skies at Bethpage, New York. Chief Engineer and test pilot Robert Leicester Hall piloted the lightweight interceptor, designed for smaller U.S. Navy carriers. Powered by a Pratt & Whitney R-2800-22 Double Wasp radial engine, the Bearcat was 20% lighter than its Hellcat predecessor, boasting a top speed 50 mph faster and a superior climb rate.

To manage weight without sacrificing carrier strength, the Bearcat carried only four .50-caliber machine guns and reduced fuel. Its sharply tapered wings featured a 5 degrees 5' sweep. The prototype crashed during gunnery tests in March 1945, but Grumman produced 1,265 Bearcats between 1945 and 1949. Future astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, later praised the aircraft as their favorite naval fighter.

TRIVIA

1. Who piloted the first flight of the Grumman XF8F-1 Bearcat prototype on 21 August 1944?

- A. Neil Armstrong
- B. Robert Leicester Hall
- C. Bicknell Hall
- D. Eugenie Therese Zeller

2. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Airport parking position for an aircraft?

- A. FCO
- B. STAND
- C. DIVE
- D. TRIP

3. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Cargo-restraint webbing?

- A. STET
- B. LHR
- C. NET
- D. ALT