

# PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

## CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

### NATIONAL DAY

#### Wright Brothers Day

December 17<sup>th</sup> is Wright Brothers Day! This innovative day is to mark the first flight

aeronautics, testing gliders, and making tons of designs for their

WHY WAS THE PLANE SO HAPPY?  
IT FLEW OVER THE RAINBOW!

of the first airplane. The first heavier-than-air mechanical airplane was called the Wright Flyer and was flown for the first time in 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The Wright Brothers were bicycle mechanics in Ohio who studied

invention, even though they lacked any kind of formal education or training. They tried and failed many times until December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1903. With Orville at the controls, they launched their first



#### TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1927, US SUBMARINE S-4 SINKS IN COLLISION.
- IN 1935, THE FIRST FLIGHT OF THE DOUGLAS DC-3 AIRPLANE.
- IN 1957, THE LAST EPISODE OF THE NAT KING COLE SHOW DUE TO LACK OF SPONSORSHIP.
- IN 1964, GOLDFINGER PREMIERS IN LONDON STARRING SEAN CONNERY.
- IN 1965, THE FIRST CONCERT OF THE ASGTRODOME; JUDY GARLAND FEATURING THE SUPREMES.

successful flight and flew for 12 seconds and covered about 120 feet. While the flight was short, it proved that mechanically induced flight was possible. Over time, they changed their designs and the airplane became one of the most important forms of travel across the world.

Before the airplane, the most popular form of travel was train which added a lot of

unnecessary time. The forms of air travel were by balloon or glider which lacked propulsion or direction control for the vessel.

While this was a true innovation to transportation, it was also the beginning of so many more advancements in science. With their invention of air propulsion, this paved ways to not only passenger airplanes and commercial jetliners, but also aerospace

exploration. We can attribute so many things we rely on today to the Wright Brothers and their curiosity.

A great way to observe this day is learning more about the history of flight, one of the best ways is to support any kind of aviation museum. Most host fun special events for this special day and allowing observers to get up close to some of the aircrafts across history!

**For those who are led by the Spirit of  
God are the children of God.**

**-Romans 8:14**

## Interesting Fact

December 17<sup>th</sup> is also Maple Syrup Day! The origins of the production of maple syrup comes from the northeastern part of the United States by Native Americans. While the reason of extracting the syrup from maple trees is not known, maple sap became a key sweet ingredient around households. The arrival of European colonists to the Americas sent the sap across the pond which it became a major popular ingredient as cane sugar was difficult to transport over from the West Indies. Over time, the process of extracting has seen many transformations and now Canada produces most of the world's maple syrup supply. Observe today by using maple syrup in different ways. You can drink it, it's a popular syrup to put in teas and coffees, and you can add it to baked good recipes to add a little maple-y taste!

## Trivia

What other James Bond movie premiered on December 17<sup>th</sup> but in 1971?

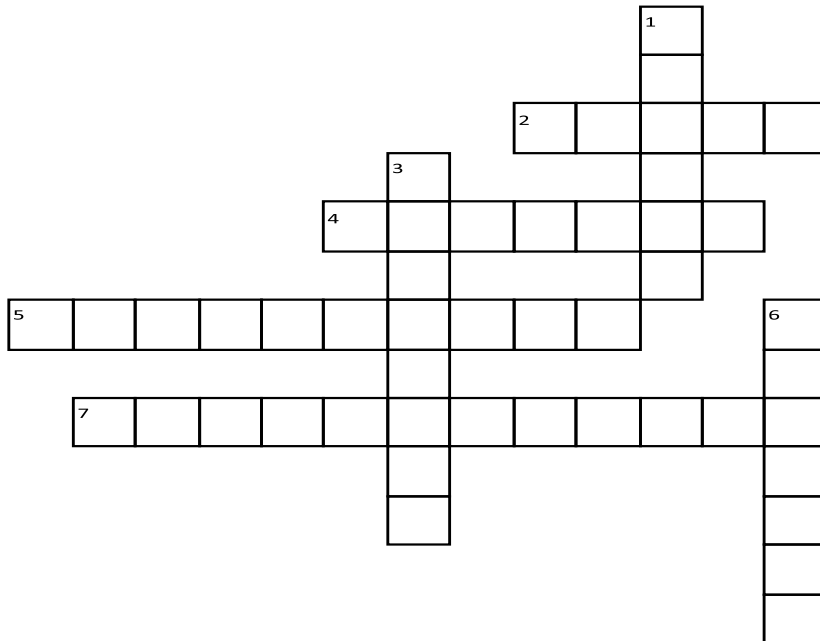
A: Diamonds Are Forever

B: On Her Majesty's Secret Service

C: Live and Let Die

D: The Spy Who Loved Me

# Airplane Crossword



## Down:

1. The kind of aircraft built to carry and drop bombs on targets.
3. The kind of aircraft that is a balloon filled with gas.
6. The kind of plane that sends cargo across the world.

## Across:

2. The kind of jet that is used on international flights and can carry hundreds of passengers.
4. The kind of jet that is used by the military designed for air-to-air combat.
5. The kind of plane used to spray crops with pesticides.
7. The kind of aircraft used to survey or spy.

Answers:

1 Down: Bomber

3 Down: Airship

6 Down: Freight

2 Across: Jumbo

4 Across: Fighter

5 Across: Crop Duster

7 Across: Surveillance