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“The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.” - Edward Gibbon

Arnold Palmer (yes, THAT Arnold Palmer) set an National Aeronautic Association record in 1976 by circling the globe in a Learjet 36 in 57 hrs, 25 mins, and 42 sec, averaging 400.23 mph. <http://www.aviationweek.com/Blogs.aspx?plckBlogId=Blog:2f16318d-d960-4e49-bc9f-86f1805f2c7f&plckPostId=Blog%3A2f16318d-d960-4e49-bc9f-86f1805f2c7fPost%3Ac9609a24-1f55-4909-bd88-81c392664e2a>

- The earliest known tax was implemented in Mesopotamia over 4500 years ago, where people paid in the form of livestock.
- The U.S. tax code contains 7,000,000,000 words.
- The Bible has well under a million.
- The Gettysburg Address has 269 words.
- The “easiest” tax form (1040EZ) has 33 pages of instruction.
- If you need to pay a babysitter while you are working without pay to a charitable organization, you can probably deduct the cost of the sitter.
- The IRS employs 114,000 people; that’s twice as many as the CIA and five times more than the FBI.
- 60% of taxpayers must hire a professional to get through their own return.