



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



Success depends on previous preparation, and
without such preparation there is sure to be failure.
- Confucius

Los Angeles at Sunset - California

October 2023 Stats

Flights: 8
Miles Flown: 1,680
Hours Flown: 10.3
Airports Visited: 5

Welcome to the 4th Edition of the
Newsletter!

October was great! We took some people on
their first ever flights in a small plane which
is always a treat.

I went to the West Coast Mooney Club fly-in
campout at Kern Valley on the shore of Lake

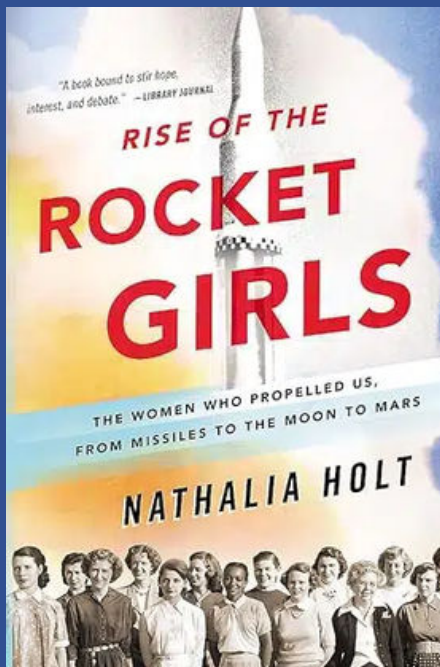
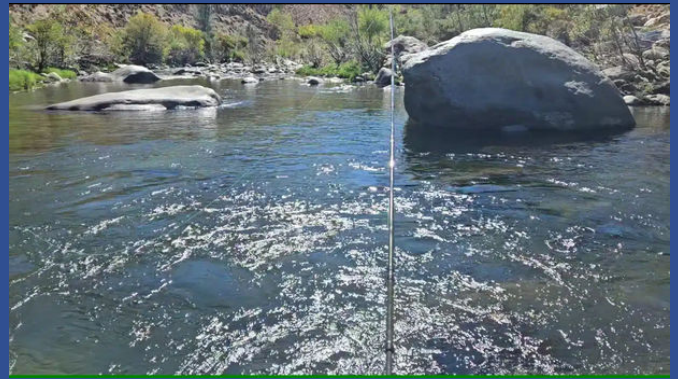
Isabella and did a little fly fishing. I didn't catch any fish, but it was a great time
and the weather was beautiful.

Also, with the holidays coming up what better time to read about losing a few
pounds?

Finally, we had tailwinds both going to and coming home from Utah. I know that's
hard to believe, but it's true! That story will be in the December Newsletter.

WCMC Kern Valley Campout

I have been to the Kern Valley Airport on the shore of Lake Isabella a handful of times and wanted to camp there from the first time I saw the campground.



Book Review: Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt

The true story about the women of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory who helped launch the first satellites and later rockets that explored the outer reaches of our solar system and beyond..

Two First Flights

One of the joys of flying is sharing that with others. Sharing it with someone who has never been in a small plane is extra special. That is assuming they enjoy it and don't get sick, and so far, my track record on both those accounts is perfect. This month I was able to take two people up in a small plane for the first time.



Reduce YOUR useless load

We probably all know someone who has spent great amounts of money in efforts to increase the useful load of their plane. Maybe that someone is you. That isn't what this article is about. This is about reducing your personal useless load. I would wager a bet that many of us are walking around with an extra 10, 30, maybe even 50 or 60 extra pounds of useless load.



Kathy's Corner

Let it Go

After 7 years of owning a plane it's rather hilarious to picture us making plans for Thanksgiving this year. It is "dependent on the weather." We often never know when we're going to get there, because we don't know what the weather is going to be.

One of the things I have learned is "get there itis" needs to be avoided at all costs when traveling in the Mooney. Lately even travelling on the airlines isn't a "sure thing" with all the commercial airline-delays/cancelations/reroutes we've encountered,

If we absolutely positively have to be somewhere, we will just drive a car.

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