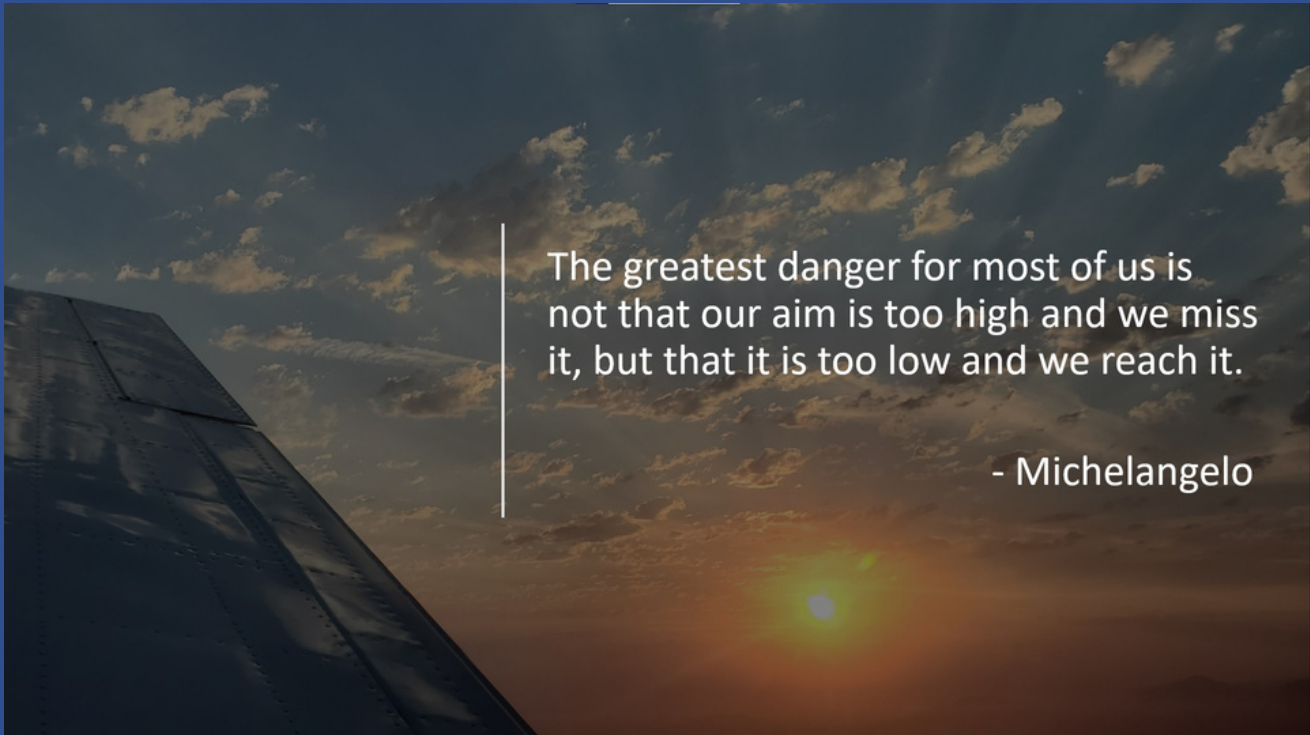




Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

- Michelangelo

California Sunset

December 2023

Stats

Flights: 10
Miles Flown: 2,825
Hours Flown: 18.22
Airports Visited: 8

Welcome to the 6th Edition of the Newsletter!

2023 Stats - 101 Flights, 160 hours flown, 42 airports visited, 18,751 miles flown.

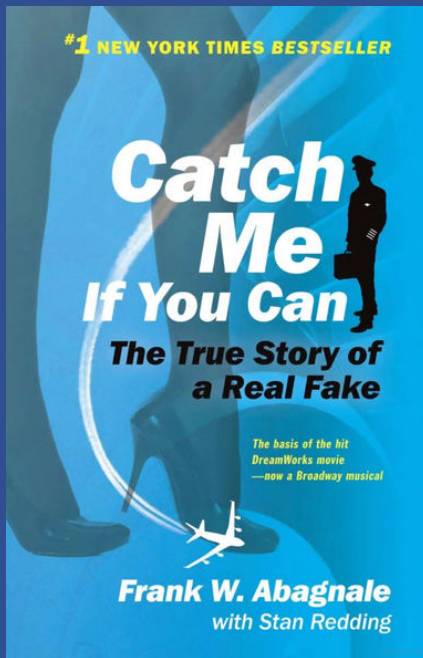
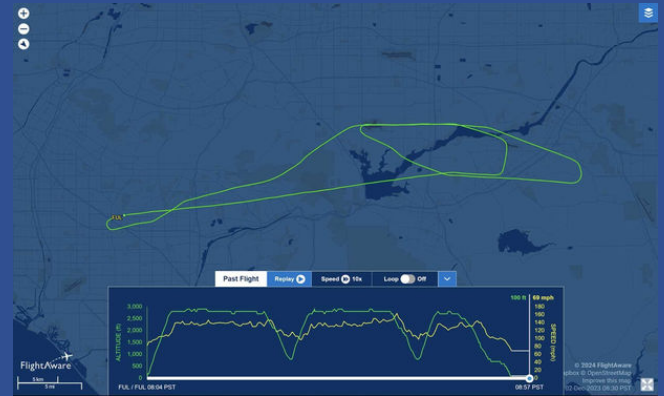
December was a great month of flying. We made it to CO for some skiing but had to turn away from our destination 5 miles out as visibility dropped.

We saw incredible views on our trip back while picking up my youngest from college for Christmas Break.

I shot some approaches at the beginning of the month to keep IFR current which came in handy when I had to request a pop-up IFR clearance on a night flight later in the month. We finished off the month (and year) with a flight to Utah for my Nephew's funeral. The most exceptional boy you ever met.

IFR Currency Flight

The end of November was on the horizon and I needed two more approaches to stay IFR current.

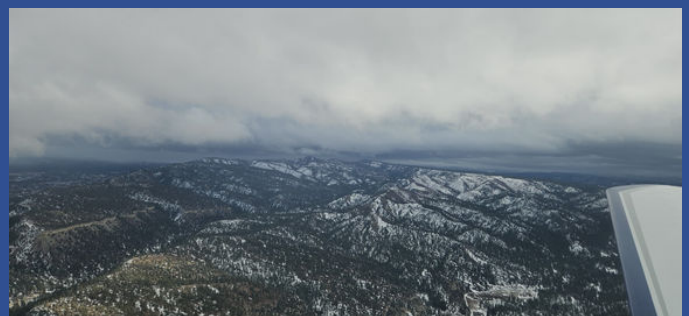


Book Review: Catch Me If You Can: The True Story of a Real Fake by Stan Redding.

Catch Me If You Can, written by Stan Redding who had interviewed Frank Abagnale Jr, is the true (maybe) story of one of the greatest conmen in history. Then again, maybe it is a con in itself.

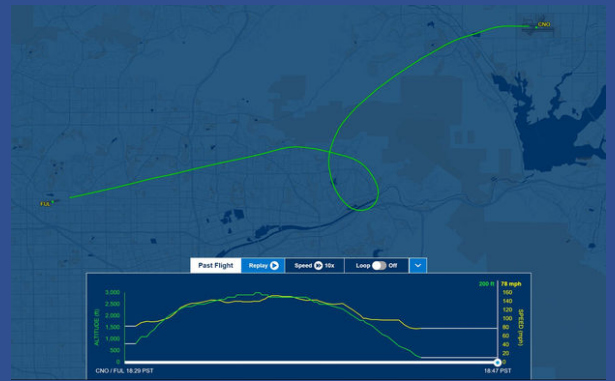
Live to Fly Another Day

We were so close. We had flown over 650 miles from our departure airport with one fuel stop and we were only five miles from our destination. All we had to do was turn onto final. Instead, we turned around and headed for an alternate.



A Little Night Flying and Pop-up IFR

“SoCal Approach, Mooney 1015E, we’re at 3,000’ over LEYMI requesting a pop-up IFR to Fullerton.”



Some Creative Weight and Balance Calculations

We landed, taxied up to the FBO and shut down. My wife climbed out and I looked across the ramp to see my son walking toward us with a big smile, his backpack, and... a rolling carry-on.

One Last Flight for 2023

My sister’s family decided that while the medical world might call Trisomy 18 “Incompatible with Life,” that Aaron’s life proved it should be called “Compatible with Joy.”



Kathy's Corner

Stay Tuned for Next Month

Kathy is on a post Christmas Sabbatical visiting Grandkids.

