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"Successful people are not gifted; they just work hard, then succeed on purpose." - G.K. Neilson

Lake Arrowhead - San Bernardino Mountains

January 2024 Stats

Flights: 4 Miles Flown: 504 Hours Flown: 3.48 Airports Visited: 2 Welcome to the 7th Edition of the Newsletter!

January was a light month for flying, but the quality was great!

We were able to spend a few hours with one of my wife's cousins and her husband in Pismo Beach.

I now know what it looks like when you fly past a flock of 8 seagulls at about 180 mph... It happens so fast you don't have time to react, or get scared until later when you think back on it.

We went on a sunset flight for date night and I got in a hold and an approach to stay IFR current.

Last, but not least is a review of an all time aviation classic, Fate is the Hunter!

Long Lost Relatives and Close Calls

DNA matching is amazing. A few years back it revealed a cousin nobody knew about. We were fortunate to fly to Oceano and spend some time with her and her husband in Pismo Beach. Oh, and luckily missed hitting some seagulls.



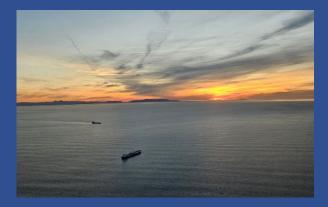


<u>Book Review: Fate is the</u> <u>Hunter: A Pilot's Memoir</u> <u>- By Ernest K. Gann</u>

A masterpiece of writing, taking you not only inside the cockpits of the early days of airlines and transports, but also inside the mind and heart of the author. I think every pilot has either read, or at least heard of this book. And, you don't need to be a pilot to enjoy reading it.

Date Night Sunset Flight

Is there a better way to spend date night than a sunset flight along the California Coast? Maybe, but this date night was perfect!



Kathy's Corner

Always choose the window seat

In our Mooney, every seat is a window seat. But sometimes I have to fly commercial to get that Grandkid fix like last month, and when I do, I always try to get the window seat.

Yes, that means you might get stuck, jammed between someone and the side of the plane. And yes, that means you have to climb over everyone if you need to use the restroom.

But, it also means you get to see views like this!



