



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



**"It's the little details that are vital.
Little things make big things happen."
- John Wooden**

Orange County - California

March 2024 Stats

Flights: 10
Miles Flown: 3,418
Hours Flown: 22.92
Airports Visited: 5

Welcome to the 9th Edition of the Newsletter!

After a slow February, we made up for it in March. I got in a post maintenance flight and an IFR currency flight before we launched into a series of long cross country flights.

We visited family in Utah multiple times and got in our last ski trip of the season. On the flight home from that I broke 1,000 hours!

We had a blast at a concert in St George performed with Marie Osmond. My son had a trumpet solo in The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy and got a shout out from her at the end of the song!

I also have book reviews on two excellent aviation autobiographies if you are looking for your next good read/listen.

Post Annual Flight and Night Currency

Annual was completed and I needed to get in a flight before going up and logging some approaches the next day.



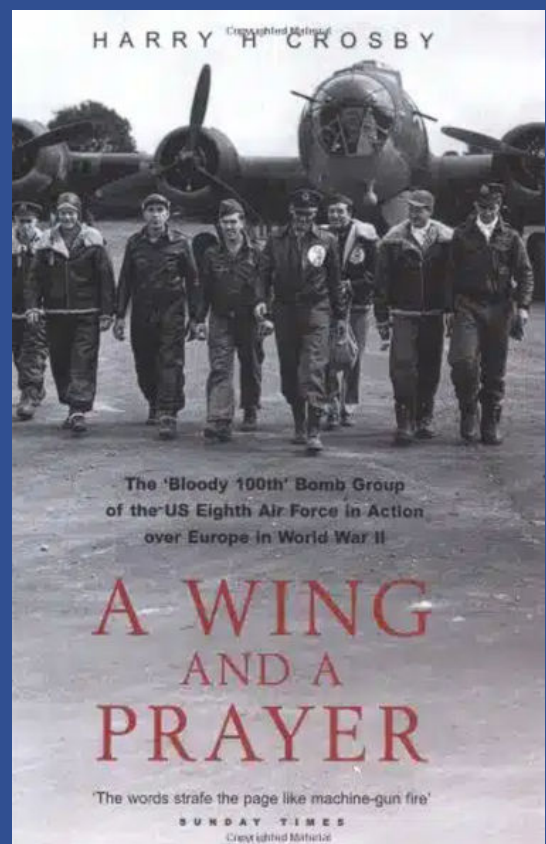
Time to Shoot Some Approaches



It's not a book about flying, and I was hesitant to read it given the subject matter. But, Daniel James Brown who also wrote "The Boys in the Boat" and "Under a Flaming Sky" is an excellent author, so I gave it a chance. I'm glad I did.

Book Review: A Wing and a Prayer

A Wing and a Prayer: The "Bloody 100th" Bomb Group of the US Eighth Air Force in Action over Europe in World War II by Harry H. Crosby is an excellent, well written account of the air war over Europe and life on the ground for US Airmen.



A Quick Trip to Utah for Family

Only in the Mooney Time Machine. In about 36 hours I got to meet up with my wife in Utah, see our newest grandson, celebrate an engagement, a birthday, and be back home.



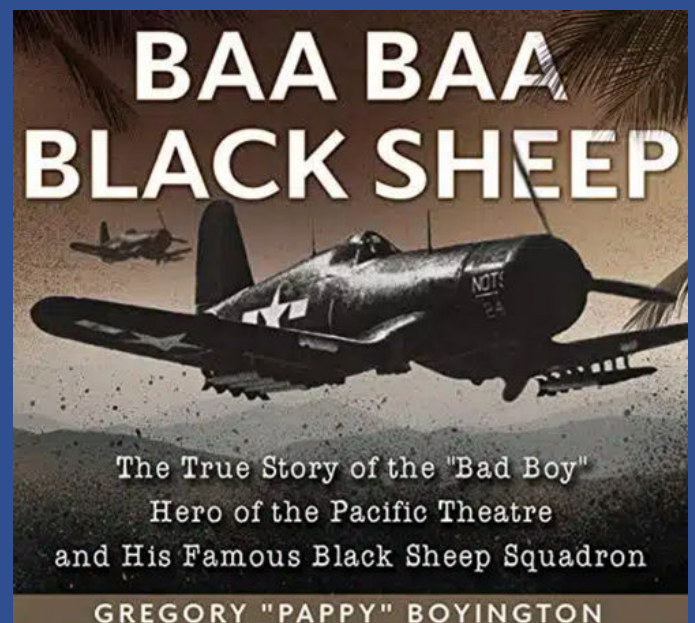
So I walked Home from the Airport

A diversion to Durango (KDRO) for weather. Borrowing a crew car, and then sneaking out ahead of a snow storm. After almost 700 miles of flying, I was walking home.



Book Review: Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa Black Sheep: The True Story of the "Bad Boy" Hero of the Pacific Theatre and His Famous Black Sheep Squadron by Gregory "Pappy" Boyington is a candid look into his life and career in and out of the military.



I Just Needed 3:51 to get to 1,000

When I passed my PPL check ride, 1,000 hours seemed like an eternity away. But, like anything else that seems overwhelming, just take it one step at a time.



Some Lady Named Marie Osmond and 60+ mph Headwinds

When my son said he had a trumpet solo with "Some lady named Marie Osmond" I knew we had to go see the performance. Luckily we were in a Mooney on the flight back flying into 60+ mph winds.



Kathy's Corner

Lucky Charms for Dinner

Richard had walked the two miles from the Pagosa airport to our house. The original plan was Rosie's Pizza for dinner, but after being on hold with them for far too long we gave up. Instead we busted into the cereal and went to bed early. It wasn't Lucky Charms, it was Marshmallow Mateys, but you get the idea.

[Read the rest of her story here....](#)

