



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter

“The only way to take the sorrow out of death is to take the love out of life.”

-Russel M Nelson



Thanksgiving Family Picture

November 2024 Stats

Flights: 7
Miles Flown: 1,539
Hours Flown: 9.33
Airports Visited: 4

Welcome to the December edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to stxxxxxxxra@gmail.com who won the Yeti rambler this month., Check your email and let me know which you want and I'll get it shipped out.

This isn't the typical newsletter format. There were weekly Instagram Reels of my flights for my 52 Weeks of Flying project, but I didn't get articles written... I'll give you the highlights, the reason my writing didn't get done, and why the Newsletter is 10 days late.

The weekend of November 2nd-3rd we flew up to St. George for our son's Christmas Orchestra concert. The flights were great with tailwinds both ways even though they were less than 24 hours apart. When does that ever happen?

The Utah Tech Orchestra put on a great concert, complete with sing-along carols with the audience. We loved it.

I was based out of Corona (KAJO) for the first couple years of Mooney ownership and on November 16th we made the short flight there for some breakfast. I needed to get a flight in and it checked the box.

Summertime is difficult to keep up with night currency. You need 3 take offs and landings more than 1-hour after sunset every 90 days to be night current, and with the sun setting late during the summer it sometimes lapses. But, on the 22nd after work I took my three laps around the pattern. On the last landing there was a coyote on the runway that headed for the taxiway as I approached.

On Thanksgiving morning we found ourselves sitting around at the airport waiting for the fog to clear. I had filed an IFR plan just in case we needed it to get up through a layer, but when you can't see the other end of the field it's a hard no-go! Forty minutes later the fog was gone, replaced by clear blue skies and we took off for a beautiful VFR flight to AZ.

Mom had called all the family to AZ for Thanksgiving and all but 3 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids were there. It was a very special time. After all of Mom's health issues this year I was afraid it might be her last Thanksgiving. Before leaving to fly back I set up their Christmas Tree and took a picture with mom and dad. It would be the last picture I would take with her.

Just 7 days after taking that picture mom would be back in the hospital with pneumonia. They had her on two IV antibiotics and for the first couple days things were looking good, Then everything went downhill fast and there was nothing more they could do. Mom passed peacefully with my three youngest sisters and my dad by her side.

Time I would have normally spent getting articles finished up and posted, along with getting the newsletter out was otherwise occupied. I am so grateful for the blessing it is to have a Mooney and be able to fly. It helped me see mom more this year than I would have been able to, and even a quick weekend trip after she passed to spend time with Dad.



2024 was a difficult year in many respects, but we have truly been incredibly blessed.

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Or click the individual links to go straight to a specific flight.

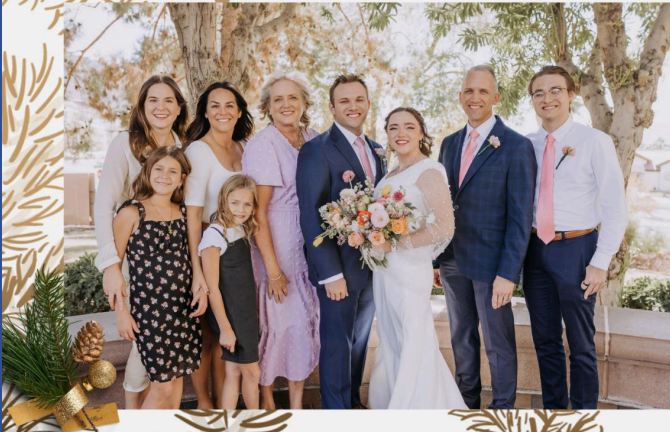


Kathy's Corner

Merry Christmas!!



MERRY
Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Love, The Browns



2024

