



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



"If you don't know where you're going you might end up somewhere else."

- Yogi Berra

Grand Canyon - Zuni Point Corridor

December 2024 Stats

Flights: 10
Miles Flown: 3,119
Hours Flown: 20.33
Airports Visited: 5

2024 Flight Totals

Flights: 85
Miles Flown: 19,703
Hours Flown: 128.46
Airports Visited: 25

Welcome to the January edition of the Newsletter!

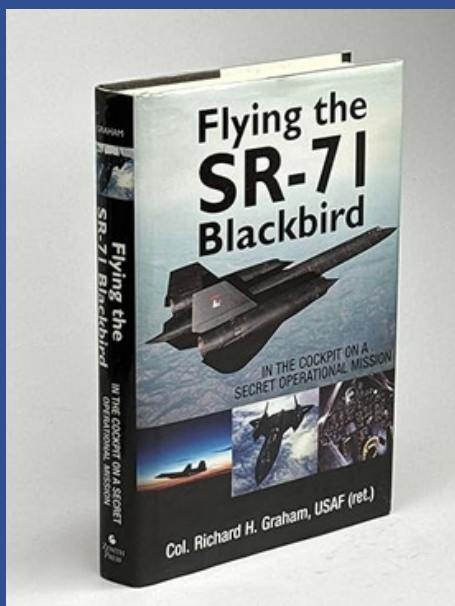
Congratulations to coxxxxxbh@gmail.com who won the Yeti rambler this month. Check your email and let me know which you want and I'll get it shipped out. Also, nxxxxr@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

There was a lot of flying in December. We went to St. George again for another concert and Arizona to visit Dad after mom passed. I went up with a friend to shoot some instrument approaches for currency and then we were back to Arizona for mom's funeral services.

From Arizona we took in views of the Grand Canyon on our way to Utah to see grandkids just before Christmas and had a great time. There was a storm coming into the Southwest on Christmas Eve so we moved things up by a day and flew back to California on December 23rd, but we weren't quite done with 2024 flights yet. To finish things off, I took a couple friends flying to get lunch in Hemet and let them fly most of the way there and back. For her it was her first time behind the controls of a plane and she did great!

Idaho or Bust

Back in April 2023 my oldest son was graduating from BYU Idaho and we were going to get there one way or another. This is that story. [Read more...](#)



Flying the SR-71 Blackbird

This isn't your typical book of stories and tales. It is a granular look at every aspect of flying the Blackbird. If you ever wondered what those pilots went through, check it out. [Read more...](#)

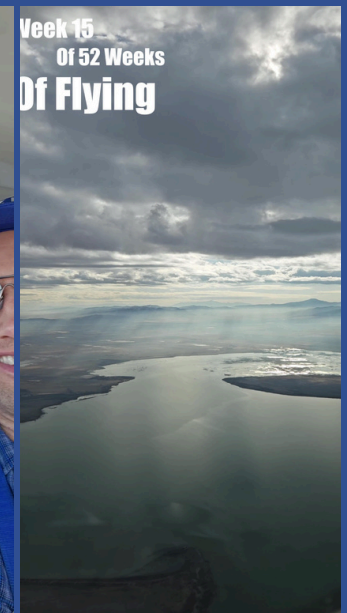
Mooney Time Machine

If you've been following along you know we often call our Mooney a Time Machine. It earned that nickname in 2024, saving us over 11 days of travel time. [Read more...](#)



[Click here to follow along with my 52 week flying challenge on my Instagram.](#)

The goal is to fly at least once a week for 52 weeks. Weeks are measured from Sunday to Saturday. I have always tried to fly about once a week, but this is making me look at my calendar a little closer. It has been a lot of fun so far, but I will admit that making all the reels has cut into my writing time. So, while I try to figure out a balance between producing reels and writing articles, check out the flight recaps below. Clicking on a link will take you to the reel and for 90 seconds of your time you get the best parts of the flight.



Kathy's Corner

Döstädning

November 16th, we came back from a flight and I had my inspiration before me for Richard's gift for Christmas. A Hangar makeover! Christmas morning, one of his gifts was 16 ink blue bins hiding in the garage under a tablecloth. As we put away Christmas and returned it to the Hangar the objective was to thin things out. It took some extra time because I kept asking myself "Would our kids toss this?" I came across an article yesterday on thespruce.com that explains it all;

"While "döstädning" or Swedish death cleaning may sound a little morbid, it's a thoughtful, practical approach to decluttering."

It makes decluttering sound fancy!
[Swedish Death Cleaning Checklist](#)

And as part of the hangar makeover I restocked his fridge. :)

