



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



"Everyone is trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of little things."

- Frank A Clark

Backside of Catalina Island

January 2025 Stats

Flights: 6
Miles Flown: 241
Hours Flown: 1.93
Airports Visited: 3

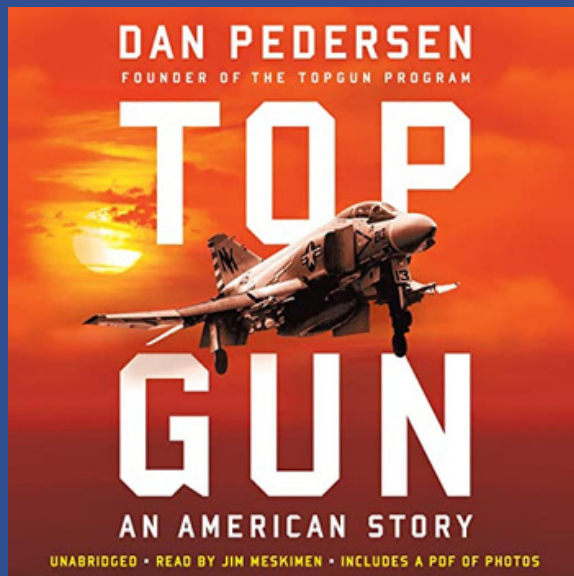
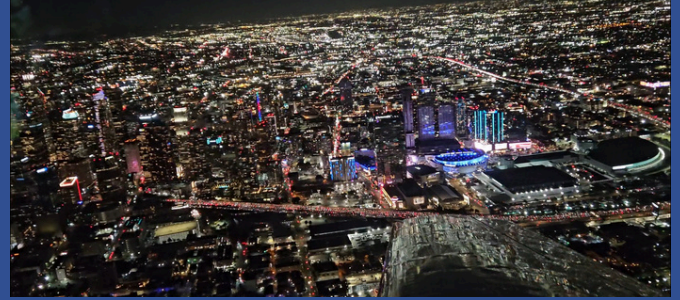
Welcome to the February 2025 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to cxxxxxxxk@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, Mxxxxo@GMail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

After a very busy December of flying, January was a bit slower up in the sky. I kept up with the weekly flights but never left the LA Basin. We went to Catalina for lunch and Brackett a couple weeks later for brunch where we watched the helicopters coming and going as they fought the Eaton fire. I went for a city light tour of Los Angeles one week after work and a different week squeezed in a trip around the pattern after work to keep my 52 week goal alive.

You Can Resume Normal Speed

After an evening tour of the LA City lights I found myself 11 miles from the airport, and 2 miles behind a slow Cessna. I had 40 knots on him and Tower kindly slotted me in 1st. [Read more...](#)



Top Gun: An American Story

Dan Pedersen's autobiography is a great read covering his entire career in naval aviation, including his role as the founder of the Navy Fighter Weapons School, know more commonly as "Top Gun." [Read more...](#)

Class G at Catalina

IDucking under the clouds through the isthmus at Two Harbors before climbing back up to pattern altitude for lunch at Catalina. [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

The Hues of Sunset

Last night as we flew to Arizona we finished listening to Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien. The closing was a beautiful letter from a mother, Louise Thaden, to her daughter. Richard's mother passed away in December and returning to visit without her here echoes this beautiful poem in real time. She is here, in every corner, if I just close my eyes.

I have never been far away, will you remember that always?
Wherever I am, I will be with you.

In the rustling of the trees and the lazy drift of the clouds across the sky.
I will be in the whispers on the wind, in the great blue horizon and in the
falling rain.

The hues of sunset will be a part of me, and the smell of flowers in the air.
Contrails cut across God's Heavens will be the paths along which I walk,
The drifting snowflakes my caress, the morning sun my confidence.
Close your eyes, you will find me, you will feel my presence in the air.

Louise Thaden, American Aviator
Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien

