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San Gorgonio and the Banning Pass

March 2025 Stats

Flights: 11 Miles Flown: 2,069 Hours Flown: 13.92 Airports Visited: 6 Welcome to the April2025 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to jxxxl@ruxxxxxxke.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, texxxxxxxxx68@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

I made a couple local flights along the coast and also checked off some new airports in March. I joined a fly-in group out of Redlands for breakfast at the Rosamond Sky Park for one flight. Mid-month I got the annual inspection completed and signed off, then went for a short post-maintenance check flight before taking up passengers. Kathy and I also flew to Fox Field via an empty California Poppy Preserve and ran into Mike Jesch. The last week of March we had planned to fly to our place in Pagosa Springs to celebrate our 15th Anniversary and do some skiing. The day before I felt terrible and wasn't sure the flight would happen, but after 9 ½ hours of sleep I was feeling much better and told Kathy I was on my way to St George to pick her up.

A departure into IMC out of Fullerton provided some beautiful views and after lunch in St George we flew to Pagosa Springs. We had a great time and even visited the old ghost town of Pagosa Junction. The route home took us through Mesa, AZ where we went to church with Dad and had a great visit. Kathy took a commercial flight from there to Idaho and I flew back home solo. The story of those flights and video will be on my site next month, it's worth the wait.

<u>You Never Know Who</u> <u>You'll Meet</u>

I love General Aviation! The places you get to visit and people you run into are some of the best perks. <u>Read more...</u>





Vulcan 607

Vulcan 607 by Rowland White is a riveting account of that nearly 8,000 mile round trip mission. White tells the history of the plan, the conflict, the planning and execution of the mission to bomb to Falkland Islands. <u>Read more..</u>

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, and halfway through April still perfect through 31 weeks! (Teaser, week 31 was a beautiful flight off the coast. It is currently being edited and will publish in the next week so if you don't follow my Instagram yet what are you waiting for?)

I'm still looking for that elusive 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.





<u>Kathy's Corner</u>

<u>Think Bigger</u>

To celebrate our 15th Wedding Anniversary, I have some stats to share from my last month of travels:

Flights: 11 Miles traveled: 10,137 Shuttles, Ubers, Drives: 13 Hours Flown: 23 Airports Visited: 11 KFUL - Mooney KWJF - Mooney KSNA - Commercial KOGD - Commercial KSGU - Mooney KPSO - Mooney KIWA -Mooney/Commercial KIDA - Commercial KPVU - Commercial KLAX - Commercial KBOS - Commercial

So grateful for the miles and smiles. My best advice after 15 years of marriage is to think bigger. Our blessings have been more than we could have ever imagined!

