



## Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



**"A goal without a plan is just a wish."**

**- Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

Ships in the fog off the Orange County Coast

## April 2025 Stats

Flights: 8  
Miles Flown: 2,799  
Hours Flown: 17.05  
Airports Visited: 5

Welcome to the May 2025 edition of the Newsletter!

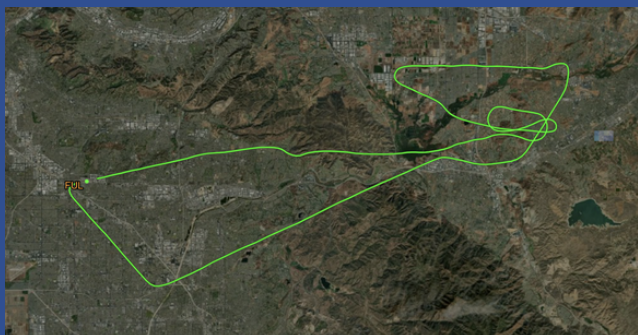
Congratulations to [dxxxxxxm@raxxxxoc.net](mailto:dxxxxxxm@raxxxxoc.net) who won the Yeti rambler this month. Check your email and let me know which you want and I'll get it shipped out. Also, [JM@Jxxxxxxxy.com](mailto:JM@Jxxxxxxxy.com) check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

April was a great month for flying. I got in an IFR currency flight shooting some approaches and had a gorgeous flight off the coast watching the fog float past the massive ships. We went to St George for my son's Junior Year Recital and performance in the Pit Orchestra for Man of La Mancha. The month was capped off with an almost 2,000 mile round trip to Vancouver, WA. I checked another state off the list! (The tale of those flights will be in the June [Mooney Flyer Magazine](#) and here in the June Newsletter.)

## The Perfect Plan, Maybe

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An anniversary ski trip top our place in Colorado, Kathy starting the trip in UT and ending it in ID with me starting and ending in CA, what could go wrong? [Read more...](#)



## That's Why We Set Goals

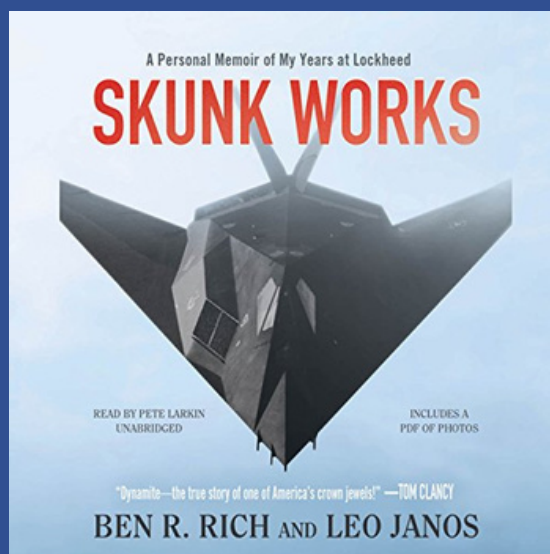
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We set goals, not because we will always reach them, but because they give us something to strive for... [Read more...](#)

## Skunk Works

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Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years of Lockheed By Ben R. Rich and Leo Janos is the story of the legendary Lockheed Skunk Works. [Read more...](#)



## Winds, Ice, and Oh My!

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The winds were strong, there was ice in the clouds, and the "Oh My!" was actually "Oh @\*!#" No, it wasn't bad or dangerous, just something my wife wasn't expecting at the 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, and halfway through May still perfect through 35 weeks! (Teaser, week 33-34 were beautiful flights from Fullerton to Vancouver, WA. They are currently being edited and will publish in the next week so if you don't follow my Instagram yet what are you waiting for?)

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

## Right Seat Ready (or not)

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In August of 2020 we attended the West Coast Mooney summit in beautiful Sun River, Oregon. There I attended Jolie Lucas' Right Seat Ready Seminar; it was co-hosted by Jan Maxwell.

Her website description is below <https://www.jolielucas.com/right-seat-ready.html>

*Right Seat Ready!© [RSR] Pilot companion safety seminar helps non-pilots step outside their comfort zone in the airplane, expanding their world of excitement and enjoyment of flying. RSR is a comprehensive hands-on safety course that provides personalized education on aircraft systems, dynamics of flight, emergency procedures, emotional response, and much more. Utilizing Redbird simulators, students learn to safely take control of a single engine airplane. the website reads*

I was still a very nervous flyer and though I had come along way in four years, the class was valuable for me to learn some basics and help me feel like I had a plan. To this day the checklist she gave me is still in the plane (hoping I never need to use it). At the end of the seminar, she asked me if I was confident enough now to consider any additional flight training and I nervously said "NO WAY!" Well, this last Saturday [Richard posted a video of me sleeping in the plane and waking to a fuel tank change](#). Now, 78,000 views later, you all now know I have come along way in nine years since our first discovery flight Memorial day 2016, where I vowed to kiss the ground upon landing.

