



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter

**"The price of a new,
better self
is the old self."
-Whitney Johnson**



El Capitan - Yosemite Valley, California

May 2025 Stats

Flights: 6
Miles Flown: 1,645
Hours Flown: 10.43
Airports Visited: 4

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to rxxn@bxxxxx.digital 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, xxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

In May we flew back to AZ to visit Dad, finally saw Yosemite (from the air) with our own eyes, and went to Catalina for lunch on a day that the channel was socked in and the airport lived up to its "Airport in the Sky" nickname.

If you've been following the newsletter for some time, or if you're brand new, I'm going to break from format this month. I still have an article on the flight to Vancouver at the end of April, but will also give you a week by week

breakdown of my ongoing quest to fly once a week for 52 weeks.

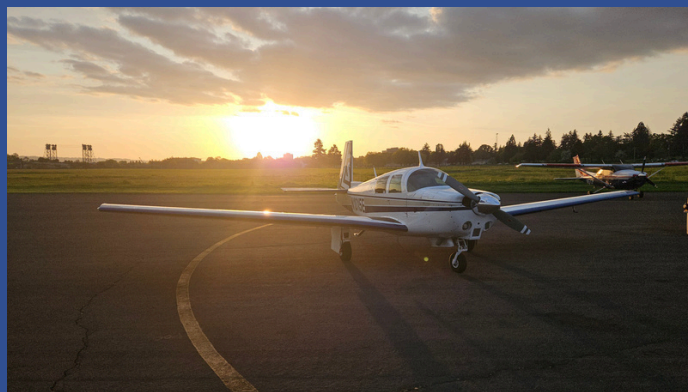
- Week 34 (May 4-10) We flew from Fullerton to Mesa-Gateway, it was a great flight and by chance we were taking off at the right time of day on the right day of the year for our shadow to fly ahead of us on the runway.
- Week 35 (May 11-17) After a great visit we sweated it out on the ground at Mesa-Gateway with the temp just over 100° before climbing to cooler air at 10,500' and heading west back home. I love cruising at 172mph above all the traffic heading back into SoCal on a Sunday evening!
- Week 36 (May 18-24) The difference between faith and knowledge is that faith is a belief in something that is true, while knowledge is gained through experience. I have seen a lot of pictures and video of Yosemite, but despite living around 7 hours away, had never seen it in person. We decided to make a day flight to see it from the air. After stopping in Paso Robles for lunch at Joe's One-Niner Diner we fueled up and flew across the Central Valley. From over 50 miles away we could see Half-Dome. It was amazing from the air, the vast expanse of the park with waterfalls everywhere you looked had me saying "Wow" over and over.
- Week 37 (May 25-31) Catalina is nicknamed the "Airport in the Sky." Sitting atop a mountain 1,602 feet above the Pacific Ocean there are times that it is above the cloud layer and looks like it is floating in the sky. This flight was one of those perfect times. Climbing out of Fullerton we were over a solid undercast with the channel completely socked in. Two-Harbors was hidden beneath the clouds with the ridgeline of the mountains to the north forming a spine above the clouds. We bank to the north to fly the ridgeline before turning back to the south towards the airport, where our downwind and base legs put us back over the clouds before skimming the tops on short final.



Plan A, B, C, and Maybe

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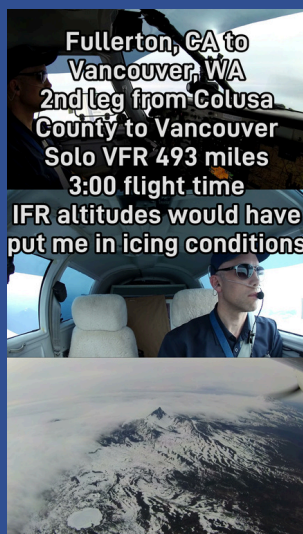
Trying to get to Vancouver, WA was going to take a backup to the backup, and maybe more. [Read more...](#)



[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 June still perfect through 40 weeks! 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

A Memory is a Photo Taken with the Heart

As I was driving to the airport to fly home, I came across a beautiful valley. The green mountains with the last streaks of snow fighting the summer sun, just filled my heart with gratitude for all the memories I had collected from the week. Aviation has many gifts, the greatest of which is time.

- Jason's 8th Grade promotion, opening his box of Crumbl cookies.
- Alia's beautiful dance costume and she's taller than her mom.
- Frankie and friends in the back seat doing the cookie division math.
- Holding Winnie's hand from the back seat and us singing Forrest Franks "Good Day".
- Hazel's face as she's twirling in her fancy birthday party dress, cheers!
- Dance party in Wixom's room.
- Howie's bright smile daring to walk from chair to chair.



I tuck them away in my heart, grateful for my sweet husband's support.