



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



“If you only wished to be happy, this could be easily accomplished; but we wish to be happier than other people, and this is always difficult, for we believe others to be happier than they are.”

- Montesquieu

Newport Harbor - Newport Beach, CA

July 2025 Stats

Flights: 6
Miles Flown: 1,697
Hours Flown: 10.58
Airports Visited: 6

Welcome to the August 2025 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to wxxxxxxc@wxxxxxe.com who won the Yeti rambler this month. Check your email, let me know which you want and I'll get it shipped out. Also, bxxxxxxx2@ixxxxd.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

In July I shook off the “local flights only monkey” and made a solo flight to Bear Lake in ID to meet the rest of the family for the 4th of July. It was a beautiful flight and I was able to take my youngest son with me on the return trip, dropping him back off at college in St. George.

The 52 Week streak is still perfect. As I am writing there are only 3 weeks left! We haven't decided on what to do for Week 52, but I have some ideas. If you have a suggestion feel free to shoot me an email!

- Week 42 (June 29-July 5) I broke out of Southern California to join the family at Bear Lake on the UT/ID border. I stopped at Delta (DTA) for fuel and to swap batteries on the camera under the wing. I didn't want to miss the views of the blue waters of Bear Lake. I also wanted extra fuel in the event I needed to divert or delay for thunderstorms. Turned out that the delay getting fuel timed my arrival at Bear Lake just after a storm blew through.



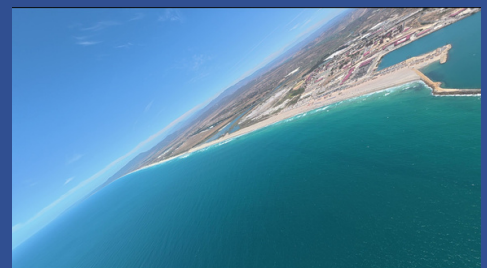
- Week 43 (July 6-12) After a few days of camping with family it was time to return to the real world. I took my youngest son with me to drop him back at college in St. George, UT where I had the FBO top off the tanks before finishing up the flight to Fullerton. It was "mostly" smooth with a few bumps over the San Bernardino Mountains.



- Week 44 (July 13-19) No real mission for the week so I hopped over to Chino (CNO) where I did all my primary training for a touch and go, just for old times sake. From May 28 to October 15th in 2016 I landed Cherokees at Chino a total of 143 times over the course of 29 flights. (44 full stop day, 10 full stop night, and 89 touch and go's.)



- Week 45 (July 20-26) Last month I had posted about flying to no place in particular to just get a flight in for the week. A friend mentioned his goal to land at all public use airports in Southern California and I thought "That sounds like a great challenge!" So, with no place in particular to fly this week I went and checked two more off the list, Fallbrook (L18) and Oceanside (OKB). Fallbrook is now the shortest runway I've landed on at 2,150'.
- Week 46 took place in August... Stay tuned next month.



It was those last few miles

July 4th festivities have been over a year in the making. Though they've evolved, the foundation of getting kids and grandkids together was always there. The final plan was camping at Bear Lake on the Utah/Idaho border, time at the beach, and catching some fireworks. [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 with one week left in August I have 3 weeks to go! 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

Staycation: A Week of California Adventures

It's not very often you get to be a tourist where you live. At the beginning of August I had family coming in from out of state for a sister's weekend. On Friday we did a bonfire in Balboa and the Ferry ride at sunset. Saturday was a beach day in Newport with Valentino's pizza on the beach. Sunday we toured Sherman Gardens, drove PCH, and took the Trolley in San Clemente. Monday we had a Tea Party in San Juan Capistrano, toured another garden, the Newport Back Bay and ate Gelato on Balboa Island. But wait, there's more! California Adventure was the stop on Tuesday, and finally on Wednesday night we went to the Angels game and watched them complete the season sweep of the Dodgers. It was like the old days with a packed stadium.

So amazing to see California through new eyes full of wonder. Keep that wonder 💙

