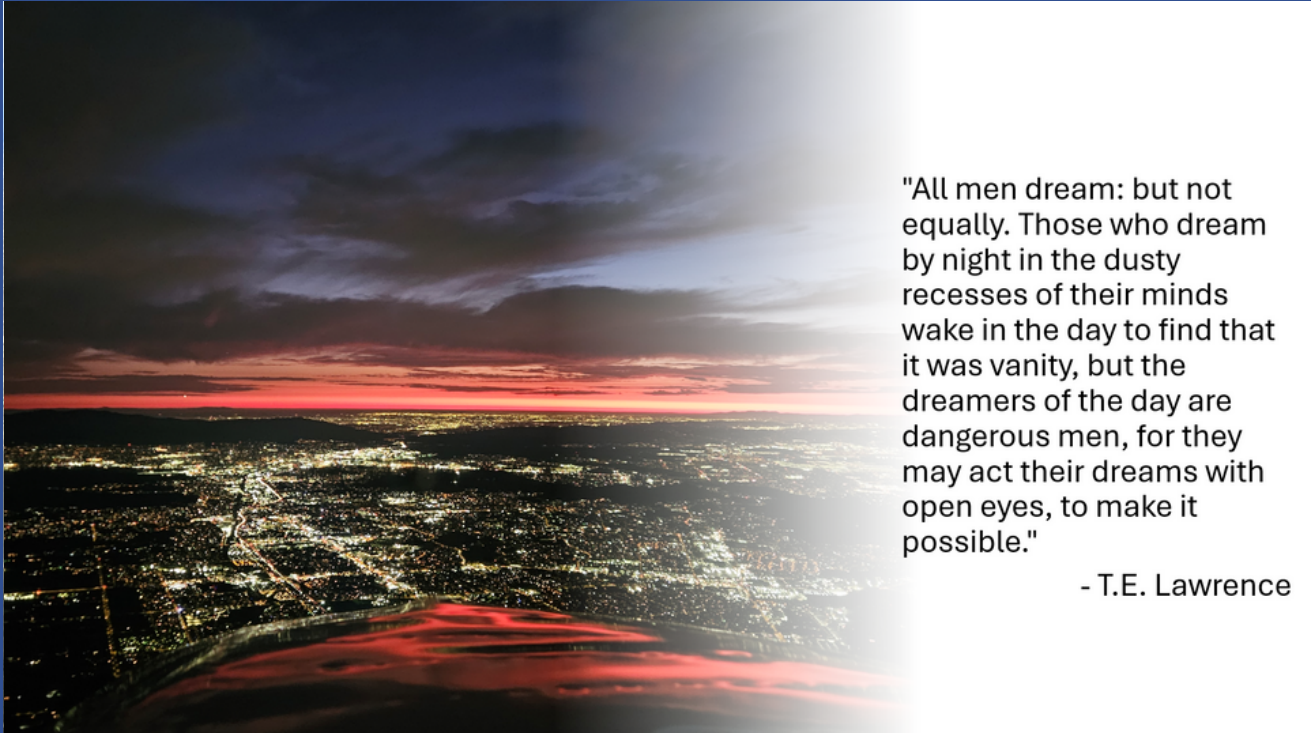




Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



"All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible."

- T.E. Lawrence

Inland Empire and Orange County at Sunset

September 2025 Stats

Flights: 9
Miles Flown: 2,962
Hours Flown: 18.85
Airports Visited: 7

Welcome to the October 2025 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to sxxxxt@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxs.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, sxxxxxxx1@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

September saw the completion of my goal to fly at least once a week for 52 Weeks. We made a stop in Phoenix and had a delay for a massive thunderstorm and haboob. We went to Utah and back. I got in a flight review, and made a bucket list flight to Half Moon Bay and the San Francisco Bay. Details on the next page and the feature article link on page 3.

The 52 Week streak is done! Reels are posted through Week 52. Thank you to everyone who followed along. I've been asked what's next, and I don't know. I'm going to keep the weekly flights going as long as I can until life gets in the way. I'm currently at 59 Weeks of consecutive flights.

- Week 51 (August 31 - September 6) I kept a close eye on the weather and everything appeared that we could stop in Phoenix on the way home from CO to visit Dad. I thought I gave a good buffer, planning to be off the ground an hour before any storms were forecast, but they showed up early. We got dinner out of the deal and had a nice flight home. It's the topic of this month's feature article. I capped off the week flying solo to UT to meet up with Kathy for a niece's wedding.
- Week 52 (September 7-13) Two flights to cap off the 52 Week Challenge. First we flew back to CA stopping in St. George after some decent bumps on descent to have lunch with our son. Then on the 13th we made a bucket list flight landing in Half Moon Bay for lunch before flying the San Francisco Bay.
- Week 53 (September 14-20) Every 2 years you need a flight review, they want to make sure you still know how to fly a plane. After an hour of ground school we went up for some air work and landings. The landings weren't the best, but they were passable.
- Week 54 (September 21-27) We were leaving mid-week for a work trip to Whistler, BC (terrible I know) but I didn't want to break the streak. I went down and made three trips around the pattern just to remind myself that I actually know how to land a plane well after my performance during the flight review.
- Week 55 (September 28-October 4) This week's flight was in October but I'll toss it in this month. Family was visiting from AZ so I took my brother-in-law and nephew for a flight. We spent about an hour touring Downtown LA, flying over LAX, and then along the Orange County Beaches before they closed the airspace for the Pacific Air show, and my nephew flew almost the whole flight except take off and landing.



Featured Article

A Weekend in the Mountains and an Early Storm

Over Labor Day Weekend we flew to our place in Pagosa Springs for a short vacation. It was wonderful, we had deer wander through the backyard and saw a small brown bear across the street. On the way home we stopped in Phoenix to see dad, and then were delayed by a thunderstorm that showed up about two hours early. It's not a good sign when the FBO calls you... [Read more...](#)



[Click here to follow along with my 52 week flying challenge on my Instagram.](#)

IT'S DONE!!!! The goal was to fly at least once a week for 52 weeks. Weeks were measured from Sunday to Saturday. I have always tried to fly about once a week, but this made me look at my calendar a little closer. It was a lot of fun and we had some amazing experiences along the way.

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

God Winks

For Richard's Birthday once I gave him a book called "God Wink's: Precious Stories of God's Divine Hand in our Lives."

Time turns the page and you have a parent gone to heaven too soon. I crossed that bridge in 2006, my mother passed away at 59 from breast cancer. Now I am turning 57 and I understand a little more all that she had to say good-bye to. I can share with you a true testimony that she is still interested in my life and ever so often she gives me a clear "hello" from heaven. Often I call these mom moments God Winks as well.

The most common theme is surprise, it catches me off guard and takes my breath away. During my niece Savannah's wedding weekend we were talking about it and she asked, "How does it feel?" The best I can say is that suddenly, I feel that she sees me and I am in the warm embrace of her love.

Richard's mom passed away in December, and she really went big for his Birthday God Wink this year. As we concluded Richard's 52nd Birthday challenge of 52 consecutive weeks of flying, the candle on that cake was a fly by from two F-15's, Richard's favorite plane.

We were flying to Half Moon Bay for lunch and could hear Air Traffic Control talking to a flight of two F-15's. Richard said we probably wouldn't see them because they could be 100 miles away. Just then I saw them in front of us flying past from left to right, but that's not where it ended. They climbed up, made a turn, and as ATC called us out to them they continued their turn flying right at us passing above us by 2,000'. It was incredible and I was completely awestruck. What a heavenly Happy Birthday God Wink from his Mom.

