



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter

“Right is still right, even if  
you stand by yourself.”

Judge Clarence Thomas

Beaver Dam Mountains west of St George, UT

## December 2025 Stats

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Flights: 10

Miles Flown: 3,626

Hours Flown: 22.20

Airports Visited: 6

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January 2026 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to rxxxxxs@gmail.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, nxxxxxxxxx6@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

After some short flights in November we went out with a bang in December. We went to St. George, UT, Pagosa Springs, CO, Provo, UT, and I made a solo trip to Porterville to meet some new friends. The weekly details are on page 2 along with the feature article. The 2025 recap is on page 3, and Kathy's Corner is on page 4. If you don't subscribe yet it's free to sign up, I never send spam or sell your information, and you just might get a t-shirt or Yeti rambler.

The weekly flying streak continues! We just landed this afternoon after flying to see the green hills this past Saturday Week 71 is in the books. 😊

- Week 64 (November 30-December 6) Skipping Vegas traffic is so fun we went to St. George, UT for the second weekend in a row. Just kidding, that's not why we went, it was to see my youngest son's Orchestra Concert. It's one of my favorites every year. They had amazing guest performers and as always there was a sing-along section singing Christmas carols.
- Week 65 (December 7-13) Two flights this week. We flew back from St. George on Sunday and then flew to our place in Pagosa Springs, CO with a fuel stop in Williams, AZ for the first ski trip of the season. The flying was great, the skiing was marginal. No crowds as usual but also not much snow this winter. We spent one of the days driving the Million Dollar Highway to Ouray, CO. You can read about it in [this month's featured article](#).
- Week 66 (December 14-20) Another double flight week. On Sunday we came back from CO and had to pickup and IFR clearance back into Fullerton when the weather didn't match the forecast, details are also in [the featured article](#). On Saturday I flew up to Porterville, CA to meet some new friends.
- Week 67 (December 21-27) After a quiet Christmas at home we flew up to Provo, UT to have Christmas with family. It took some creativity to get out of the LA Basin. Freezing levels were low and so were the clouds, but I filed IFR to French Valley (F70) to get us on the other side of the foothills into clear skies where we were able to proceed east to the Palm Springs area before turning north. That flight is the subject of the featured article in next month's newsletter.
- Week 68 (December 28-January 3) On Sunday we flew back from UT and then on New Year's Day I went up with a friend to shoot some instrument approaches for currency.



# Featured Article

## Always Expect the Unexpected

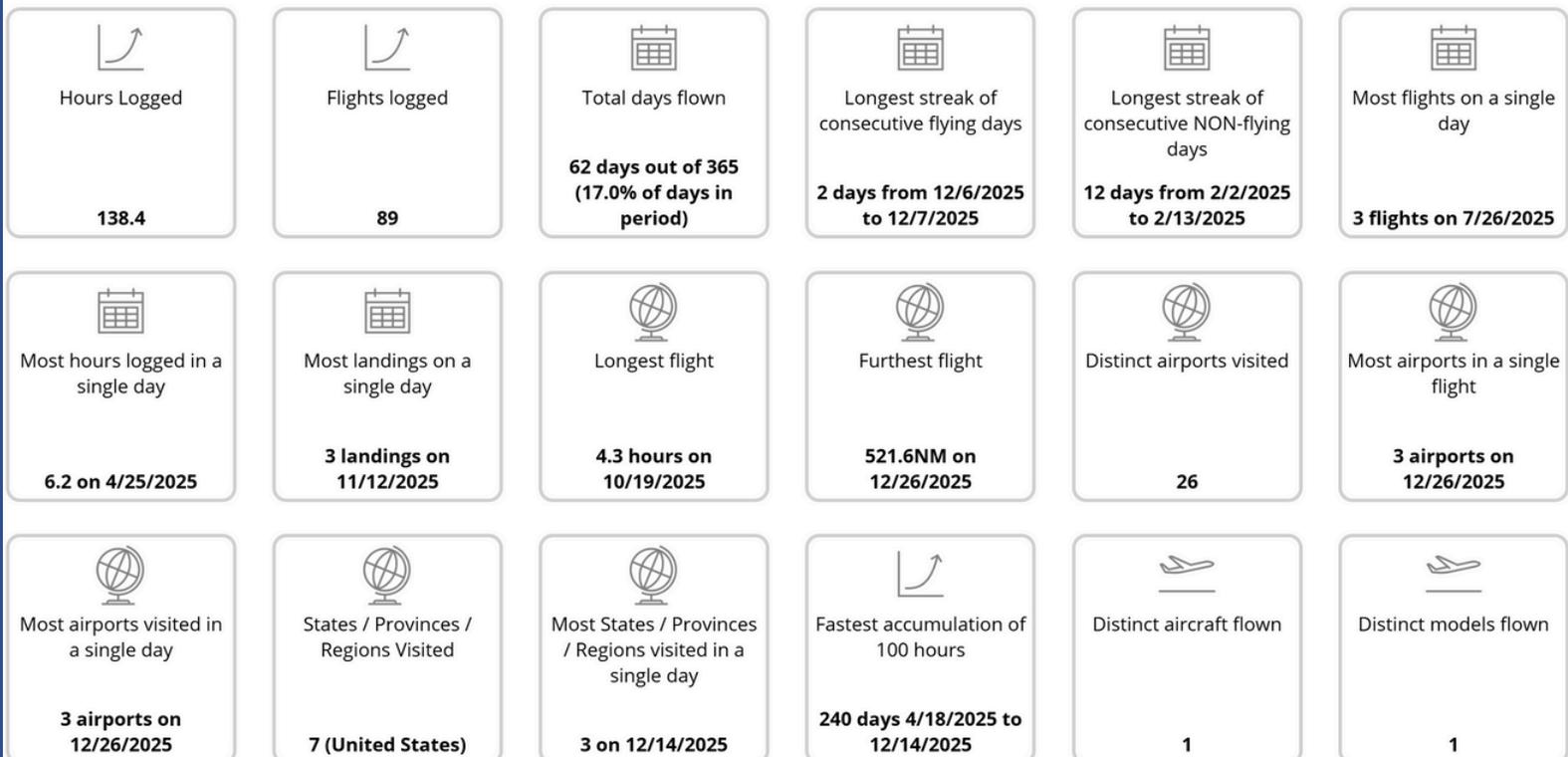
No, I didn't come up with that line on my own. We've been listening to Tom Selleck's autobiography cleverly titled "You Never Know." It's great, and he's the one that reads it, which makes it is fun to hear his voice telling his stories. Several times he says, "Always expect the unexpected," and I thought, "That can apply to flying as well."

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## 2025 Year in Review

Flying stats for 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025



# Kathy's Corner

## Princess Status Unlocked

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I literally show up, climb in, and buckle up! So grateful for my diligent aviator, always prepared and dialed in. It takes a ton of effort to become a pilot, then real commitment to stay proficient. Logbooks, maintenance files, night currency, IFR practicing, weather briefings, oil changes, enduring meows from the kids on Guard frequency, reading forums, chatting with ATC, and runs to Aircraft Spruce.

Not to mention: jacket puller-over, potty break stopper, windshield cleaner, cooler packer, audiobook downloader, tablet charger, checklist runner, truck parker, pillow packer, suitcase hauler, door opener, window tint warmer, HVAC controller, time traveler, speed demon, seat belt tightener, tie-down expert, and always with a stash of Built Bar puffs on tap—while staying awake the whole flight, folks! Somehow he makes it look easy.

I feel grateful for all he does and think I should pitch in more, but then he kindly reminds me it's okay, "Cause you're a princess."

