



Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



“Time is the only currency you spend without knowing your balance. Use it wisely.”

Tetons seen from Grand Targhee

January 2026 Stats

Flights: 7
Miles Flown: 1,520
Hours Flown: 9.75
Airports Visited: 5

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to rxxxxxxx2@yahoo.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, mxxxxxxxr@gmail.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

January started out with a bunch of local flying. I shot a couple approaches to stay IFR current along with some local flightseeing trips and a visit to Flabob to check out the restaurant with its new owners. But, after that we finished it off flying to CO and then from there to Idaho looking for some good skiing. 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! I keep getting asked how long I will keep it going, and my response is "Until something gets in the way!" After a flight to Woodlake, CA this past Saturday Week 75 is in the books. 😊

- Week 69 (January 4-10) One of Kathy's daughters was in town with her family but I still needed to get in a flight for the week, so why not "get two birds with one stone?" They were heading down to Newport Beach (it's not cold here in January for Utah folks) and I went to the airport. I took a short flight along the coast past where they were setup and then went down to join them after the flight. The weather at the beach was perfect, and we even found starfish! I've never seen starfish before here in CA.



- Week 70 (January 11-17) We love Flabob (KRIR) and when we found out the people who own the restaurant at the Riverside Airport bought the one at Flabob we had to go check it out. The winds were wild, We were landing on 6 (rare) with a 29 mph direct crosswind at pattern altitude. Turning final they were 18 mph but once we got below the level of the hangars the wind cut out and I planted it on the runway, maybe could have caught the #3 wire.



- Week 71 (January 18-24) Nowhere to go, nothing to do, but wanted to get in a flight. The hills are all green from early winter rains and there hasn't been a heat wave to scorch them so we went for a short flight over Chino Hills State Park and the Cleveland National Forest. It was beautiful!



- Week 72 (January 25-31) Ski trip #2 of the season and the winds were favorable for a non-stop flight to Pagosa Springs on Wednesday. We made the 672 mile flight in 3:53 and enjoyed a pretty good day skiing at Wolf Creek, but they still don't have much snow. So, instead of our usual 3 day visit to Colorado we loaded up our gear (minus skis) and on Friday flew non-stop to Idaho Falls to visit our son and daughter-in-law and get in a day of skiing on Saturday at Grand Targhee. It was a perfect day of skiing. Two flights, two resorts, memories for a lifetime courtesy of our Mooney.



Featured Article

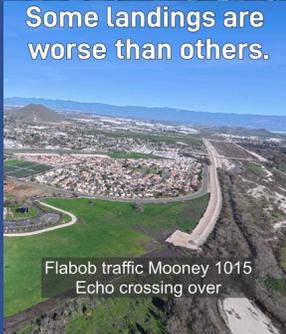
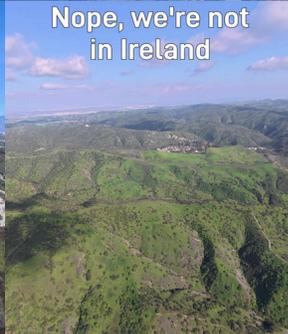
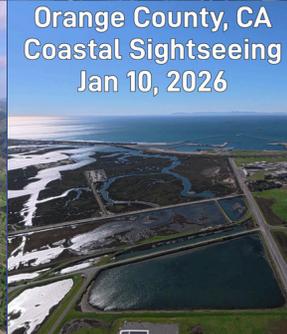
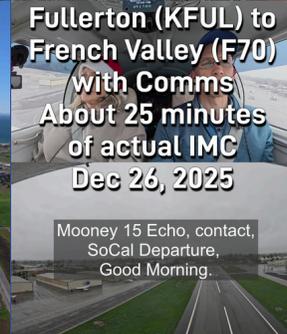
More Than One Way OUT of Dodge

The day after Christmas we were trying to get to Utah but the weather wasn't exactly cooperating. It was IFR conditions in the LA Basin and the altitudes to get to UT would have put us in icing conditions. But, I found another way, filing to French Valley with routing keeping us below the freezing level and where we could continue to flight VFR. You can read the whole saga, including a 35 mph crosswind on final at Provo in this month's featured article.



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Instagram Flight Highlights

 <p>Some landings are worse than others.</p>  <p>Flabob traffic Mooney 1015 Echo crossing over</p>	 <p>Nope, we're not in Ireland</p> 	 <p>Orange County, CA Coastal Sightseeing Jan 10, 2026</p> 	 <p>IFR Fullerton (KFUL) to French Valley (F70) with Comms About 25 minutes of actual IMC Dec 26, 2025</p>  <p>Mooney 15 Echo, contact, SoCal Departure, Good Morning.</p>	 <p>Pagosa Springs, CO (KPSO) to Idaho Falls, ID (KIDA) 574 Miles 3:51 Flight Time Jan 30, 2025</p> 
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Kathy's Corner

Kathy's Travel Tips

Always order the avocado toast—every order is a unique and different experience.

Wear an electric necklace fan. Well, that's for me; for you it could be something different. Tweak and customize until you're comfortable. For example, when we go skiing, I have hand warmers in every pocket of my pants and jacket.

Pack this hat. Find something that you will actually wear and use—you'll last longer throughout your adventures.

Travel in this comfy set. My friend Janet taught me to try on every single thing before you pack, down to the jewelry and shoes. There is no space for creativity or hope that it works inside a suitcase. Your vacation really feels like a vacation when everything is clean, comfortable, and goes together.

Use this backpack. We should own stock in a backpack company with all the versions for all the things. I don't take a computer—I'm done believing my own lies that I will use it. I bring my tablet so I can watch Edge of Tomorrow for the 27th time. It perfectly drowns out the chatterboxes and crying babies on your flight.

Get one of these hand scales. It will save you the time of weighing yourself, then weighing yourself with your suitcase... 😊

I book my car rentals here with Kamala. Always check if the FBO can get you to the commercial airport in time for your flight. **Take this pillow** for the flight. **Use mineral sunscreen**—apply and reapply; it's always worth it.

Mostly, remember a memory is a picture taken with the heart. We spent the entire day driving around Maui, but my heart leapt when we found Charles Lindbergh's grave. Real life makes the best vacation moments, not the manufactured ones. We named our dog Lindy after that beautiful moment. Happy travels!

