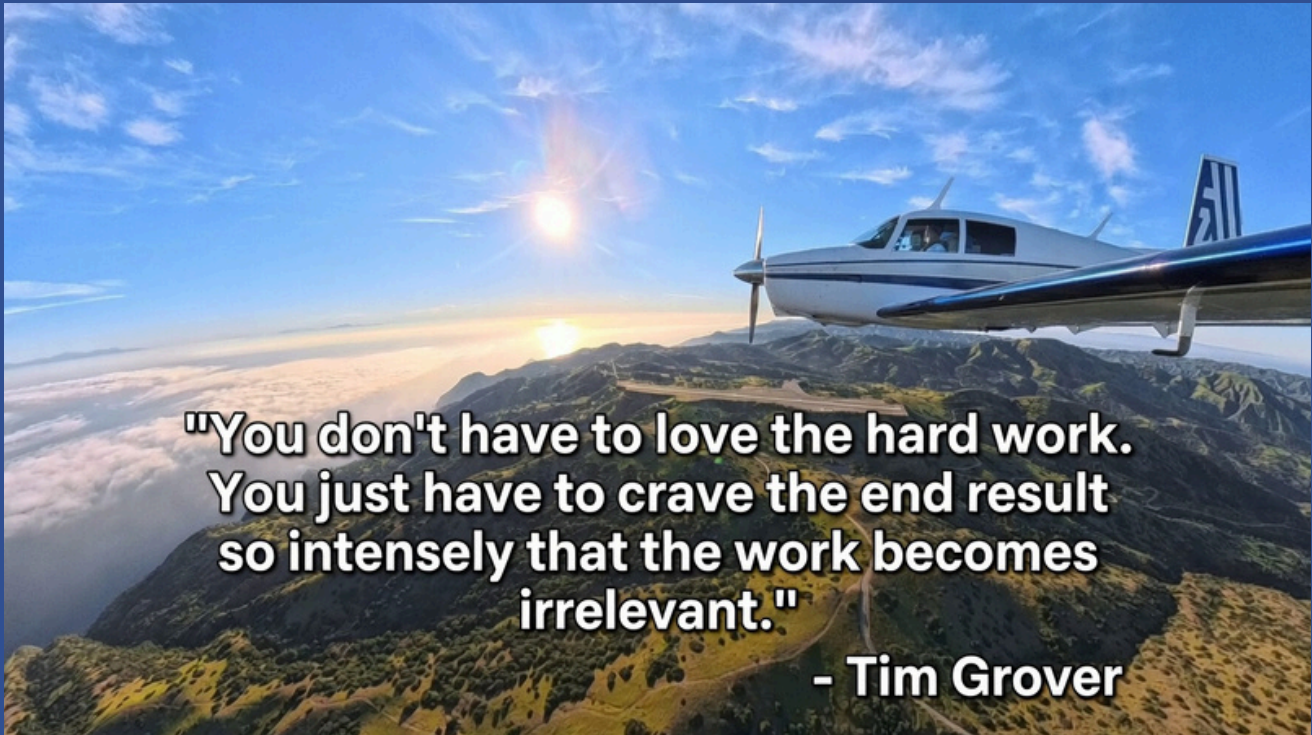




Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



**"You don't have to love the hard work.
You just have to crave the end result
so intensely that the work becomes
irrelevant."**

- Tim Grover

Catalina Airport, CA

March 2026 Stats

Flights: 6
Miles Flown: 254
Hours Flown: 1.75
Airports Visited: 2

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of the Newsletter!

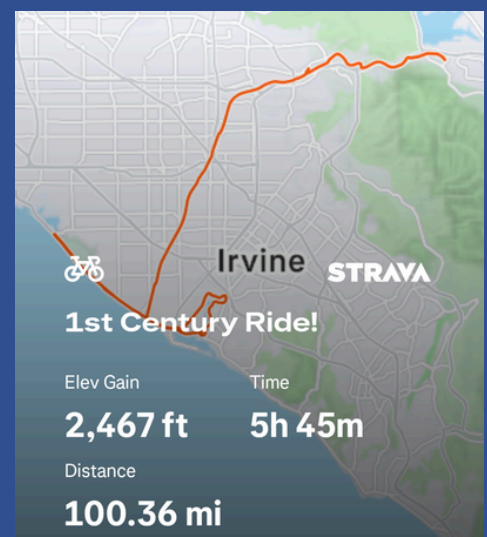
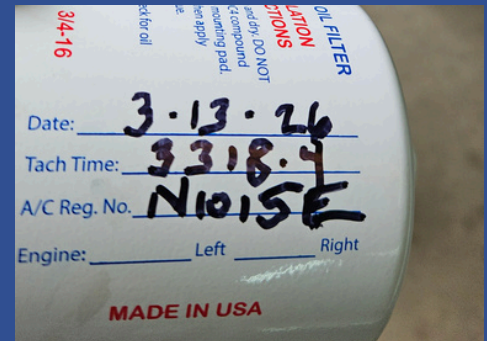
Congratulations to kxxxxxxxxxh@gmail.com who won the Yeti rambler this month. Check your email, let me know which you want and I'll get it shipped out. Also, txxxxxs@yahoo.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

March was a "light month" of flying. Although that often ends up being the case during the month that annual inspection is due, that wasn't the driver this month. I was able to get annual done in a week, but life has just been busy and there weren't any big trips on the calendar.

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.

It took renting a plane and flying when we were in St Thomas but 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!" Week 80 is in the books.

- Week 77 (March 1-7) Nothing very exciting, It was a busy week, but I stopped by the airport on Saturday evening to take it around the patch once just to keep the streak alive.
- Week 78 (March 8-14) Going into annual, and not knowing how long it would take I stopped by after work on Monday and took it around the pattern to get a flight in and also warm up the oil to drain it. I spent the rest of the week after work taking off all the inspection panels and working through the annual checklist. My AP/IA met me at the hangar Friday morning to complete the inspection and then it was the rest of the day putting everything back together. I think I was there 13 hours but when I left it was all buttoned up.
- Week 79 (March 15-21) Friday evening I went for a short post maintenance check flight and everything was great. I always want the first post maintenance flight to be without any passengers... Saturday I took my nephew and brother in law out to Catalina and let my nephew fly us most of the way. The island was beautiful, the hills still green from the spring rains. We got to meet up with a bunch of other pilots off Instagram that were doing a CA tour.
- Week 80 (March 22-28) Another busy week, but I found time for a little post work therapy burning AvGas and boring holes in the sky. When I checked back in with Tower she said, "That was a short flight, everything ok?" I responded, "Yep, just getting a little flight in, have to keep the streak alive!" :) In unrelated non-aviation news I completed my first century bike ride on the 28th! I took just under 6 hours



Featured Article

Greatest Burger Run Ever

There have been a lot of burger runs over the years, but I don't think any can top flying down to Gillespie Field in San Diego to surprise a new/old friend for his birthday and take him on a Mooney flight! What's a new/old friend? They're someone you have known via email and text for a long time but just met in person for the first time.

If that gets your interest up then head over to my blog to read "the rest of the story." Trust me, it's worth it!

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Instagram Flight Highlights



Kathy's Corner

Feed Bag Evolution

My brother Dave told me once, “You know that horses eat in layers?” No, I did not. But I am here to tell you, so do pilots.

As we approach our 10th Anniversary of joining the General Aviation community on this coming Memorial Day weekend, we’ll be sitting on the flight deck of the Midway watching Top Gun to celebrate.

For now, I’m sitting on my commercial flight to SLC on a very budget airline that only offers water. What to my glee do I realize? I brought my own snacks! A handy bag of mini saltines—a snack that has been vetted and approved by the back seat feed bag in our Mooney.

The Feed Bag—it is quite the proving grounds.

Oh, what is “The Feed Bag” you ask? It is the affectionate name for whatever bag carries the snacks for in flight food service.

Is it messy? Scratch that.

Is it salty? Approved for departure.

Every existing item has a story. We started with Cheezits, in a tall Tupperware container with a red lid. They would get us easily through the first leg of our flight to Delta, Utah for refueling, with no need for the travel John. But they were greasy, and after a few years we upgraded to Wheat Thins. Fancy, right? Now the mini Saltines have been promoted in, and they’ve even earned a permanent spot in our pantry at home.

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