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INTO THE SKY

Into The Sky Monthly Newsletter



Fall Foliage - Banff National Park, Alberta Canada

September 2026 Stats

Flights: 4
Miles Flown: 160
Hours Flown: 1.15
Airports Visited: 1

Welcome to the October 2026 edition of the Newsletter!

Congratulations to rxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxt@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, jxxxxxxxxs@nyxinc.com check your email, I'd love to send you a t-shirt.

Seems like feast or famine on the flying schedule. July was light, August busy, and September light again. Not a single cross country flight with all flights originating and ending at Fullerton. But just wait for October's update coming in November. It was an Epic Trip of a Lifetime.

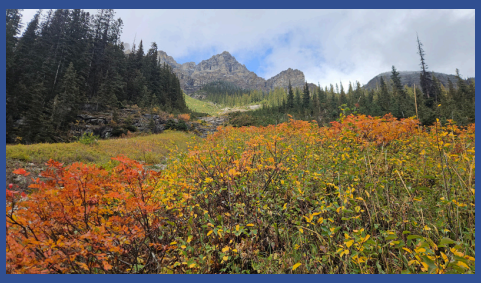
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Just passed 111 weeks of flying at least once a week after going up to shoot some approaches after work. 😊 Not a lot of pics when you just fly the pattern so here's a few from our time in Banff to fill in the gaps.

- Week 103 (August 30-September 5) Not a lot of time, in fact just enough to take a trip around the pattern. It has been hot (for Southern California) with temps in the upper 90's and into the 100's. All I could convince myself to do this week was sweat it out around the pattern to keep the streak going.
- Week 104 (September 6-12) We took a beautiful flight down the Orange County Coastline. The goal was to try to see the group paddling out at Salt Creek to honor the brother of Kathy's friend who had passed away. We must have missed them on the timing but it was a great day to fly.
- Week 105 (September 13-19) This all seems really boring, but with triple digits I took the same route as week 103 and hopped around the pattern once.
- Week 106 (September 20-26) Tired of flying the pattern I decided it had been too long since I practiced some of the basic manuevers. I asked the tower for a deaprture to the northeast and went over to the practice area and drew some circles in the sky working on steep turns. They were rusty but semi-acceptable.
- Week 107 (September 27-October3) I needed to change the oil before our upcoming trip to Maine, and the oil always drains faster if you fly the plane first. I had some time to spare on Satruday so instead of just a lap around the pattern I headed east and then south over Irvine Lake before returning to the airport.













Featured Article

104 Weeks - Every Week



My apologies ahead of time if this one just feels like the ramblings of an old man…

“What should I write about this month?” I asked my wife. I was trying to come up with a topic that people might find interesting and struggling.

Her immediate reply was, “You have to write about your 104 weeks of flying.”

Maybe that should have been obvious to me, but for some reason it hadn’t dawned on me, even though that milestone was just a few weeks prior. Some of you might remember my article a year ago when I wrote about 52 consecutive weeks of flying. At the time I figured I would keep the streak alive for a bit, but didn’t realize it was going to stretch past two years. Yet here we are…

Read more the whole story here

Kathy's Corner

The Back Side of Water

Earlier this month I went with our daughter Teanna and her friend Katie to Disneyland. You guessed it, when it's High School graduations in June or, apparently, a Monday in October, California likes to pull out the sizzling 105 degrees! We were prepared and drank lots of water and navigated throughout the day. The nice part is that NO LOCALS with annual passports were to be seen. Only the committed out-of-town traveler would brave this torture! We wrapped up our last rides and decided to head over to Frontierland for a pickle on the way out and saw that we could walk onto rides over there—it was a ghost town.

You know the joke, when you ride the Jungle Cruise at Disneyland, you eventually get to see the 8th Wonder of the World—The Back Side of Water! Just a few weeks later we actually drove to Niagara Falls, the true 8th Wonder of the World! It is so incredible! I often joke that real life is cooler than Disneyland and way more affordable! We drove out in the morning to the Canadian side, so majestic and still so many lush gardens and flowers. We returned to the USA, greeted by a very stern Border Patrol officer who grilled us on our itinerary of two hours. We toured the beautiful National Park after that; the highlight was the views at Bridal Veil Falls, the fall leaves and the incredible show nature put on. Later in the afternoon the skies cleared up and we were able to fly over the falls and see them from the air. Real life adventures are always more amazing, sorry Walt.

FYI, two weeks later my cousin Susan went on Thursday and Friday last week and of course it rained and Frontierland flooded! California, always the jokester.

