

Sunday, June 27, 2010
318th Cobra flight, 328th PIC, 1 landing
Nyssa's Birthday

It has been raining this week, but the forecast for was for calm winds all day. Today is my daughter Nyssa's birthday, so I asked her if she wanted to go for a trike flight. She surprised me by saying yes. It's the middle of summer, so she won't have to worry about getting cold today.

It had rained the night before and there were residual showers and virga in the sky. I headed where conditions looked the best first, towards the Rio Grande Valley.

Belen Takeoff: 7:35am Belen Landing: 9:45am
Today's Airtime 2.2hrs
Total PIC Time: 842.5 Total Logged Time: 863.7



We flew south towards the Golden Gate Bridge (no picture) but the virga looked a little stronger further south. I turned away and crossed back to the Puerco Basin. Ladron Peak looked nice, so I asked Nyssa if she wanted to take a closer look at it, maybe go over the top.

"NO GOING OVER THE TOP!" was Nyssa's response. At this point she revealed while she enjoyed flying low over the desert, she was uncomfortable when we were up high, like 2000 ft AGL.





The twin summits of Ladron Peak.



When we turned away from the mountain, Nyssa said, "We're too high." I gently lowered the trike and soon we were back at 500AGL. She was comfortable again.

We flew over the pools and entered the Valley of the Horses where we saw two small herds galloping across the plains.



I headed north and entered the Caldron. I did my diving pass over the "Jaws of Death." She liked that.

Then we headed up the Rio San Jose. The virga become more prevalent up north. It could be rough air there, so we retreated and headed back to Belen.



That was Nyssa's longest flight.

Here is my GPS tracklog.

