

Thursday, December 2, 2010

341<sup>st</sup> Cobra flight, 351<sup>st</sup> PIC, 3 landings  
Warmup flight

342<sup>nd</sup> Cobra flight, 352<sup>nd</sup> PIC, 1 landing  
Steve's flight

343<sup>rd</sup> Cobra flight, 353<sup>rd</sup> PIC, 1 landing  
Jane's flight

Belen Takeoff: 3:55pm Belen Landing: 4:05pm

Belen Takeoff: 4:17pm Belen Landing: 4:50pm

Belen Takeoff: 4:58pm Belen Landing: 5:31pm

Today's Airtime 1.4

Total PIC Time: 903.1 Total Logged Time: 924.3

I have been grounded for the last few weeks with a medical problem. I am feeling much better now, just in time for a visit with my old college friend Steve and his wife Jane. They made a special trip to Albuquerque to get some trike training with Frank. They are moving to the island of Kauai and have bought a nice Air Creations 912 Tanarg to fly there. Before shipping out, they are getting some lessons in the states so they will be further along with their training in Kauai.

I have been helping them out and today we drove out to the hangar to show them my trike. I'll take it up for a test ride by myself, and if I am feeling good I'll take both of them up for a ride.

The weather was perfect and I made three landings. I felt really good, like I hadn't had any break in fly flying at all. I headed back to the hangar and loaded up Steve for a flight.





We took off and headed over to the Rio Grande Valley. The air was perfectly smooth.

I made some low passes over the fields.



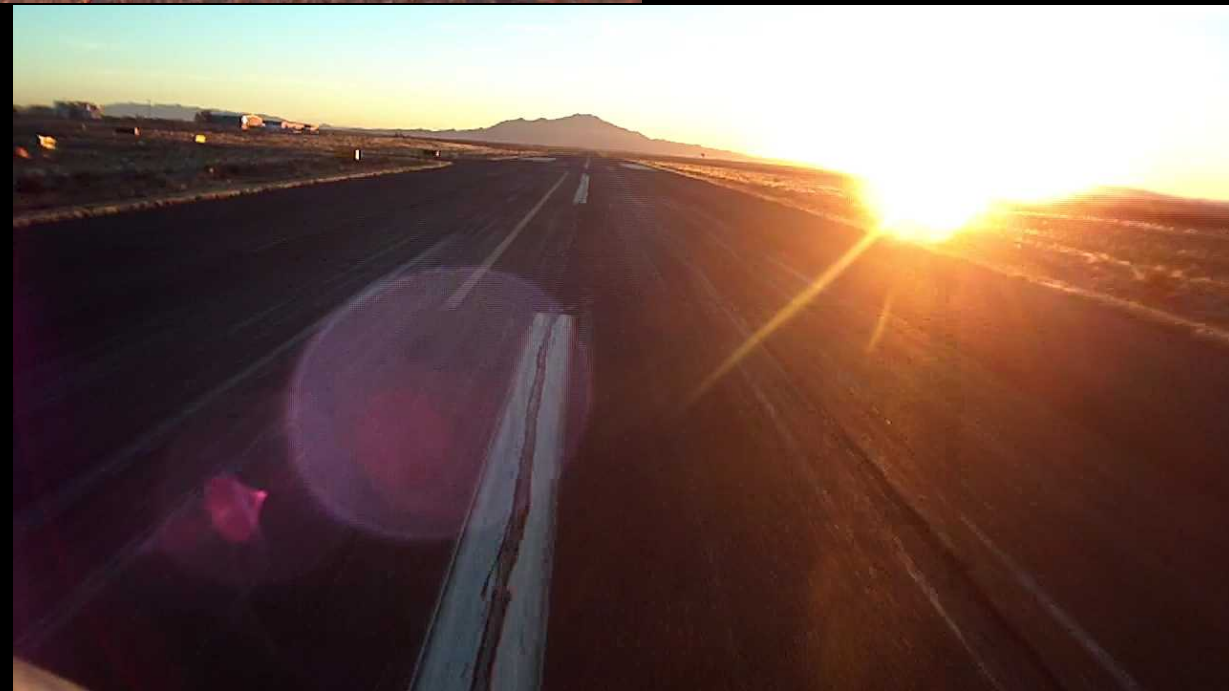


We left the valley and headed over to the Rock Gardens.



We flew along the edge of the escarpment back north to the airport.

We landed a little before sunset. Steve popped out and I quickly loaded Jane in the back seat.



We took off a right at sunset.



Lower right: I let Jane steer the trike a little using the rear flying wires.





We followed the Rio Puerco  
a few miles to the north.



We didn't stray too far.  
It was getting dark. I  
returned to Belen and  
landed right at the end of  
civil twilight.

Here are my GPS tracklogs. It was good get back in the air, and fun to share trike flying with Steve and Jane.

