

October 28, 2013: 6,000 hours logged in balloon flight

The odometer in your vehicle constantly reads higher the more you drive. Most of the miles pass without you really paying attention, but on occasion a special number catches your eye. The same is true of logging flight time, and today I hit one of those eye-catching numbers in my logbook; 6,000 hours in balloons! My logbooks are very comprehensive and read like a diary of my life. Looking back at 6,000 hours in the air brings back an amazing amount of memories, but the next entry is always the one I cherish the most! Even after all of these years, I still love flying every day. To me, 6,000 hours of flight time is pretty hard to comprehend. To put it into perspective, imagine taking off today and not landing until July 5, 2014 (250 days from now).



I was flying the Lindstrand 150 (N4777A) with a family of four from Columbia who now live in Miami. They were returning home from California, following one of the son's 3rd kidney transplant. They were passing through Albuquerque and thought they should take a balloon ride. They were an incredible family to share my 6,000th hour with in the air.