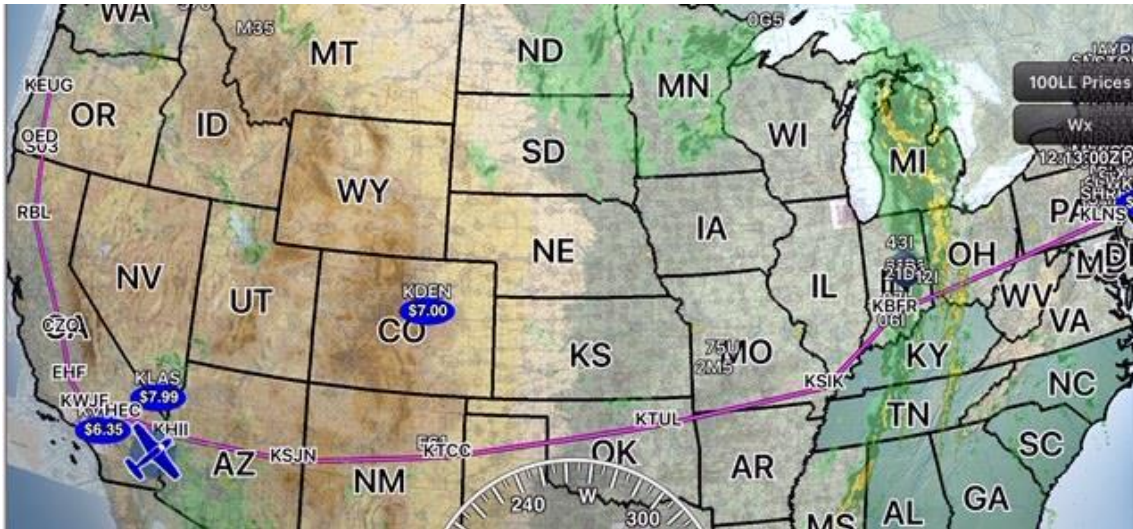


# Cross USA Comanche training/delivery flight

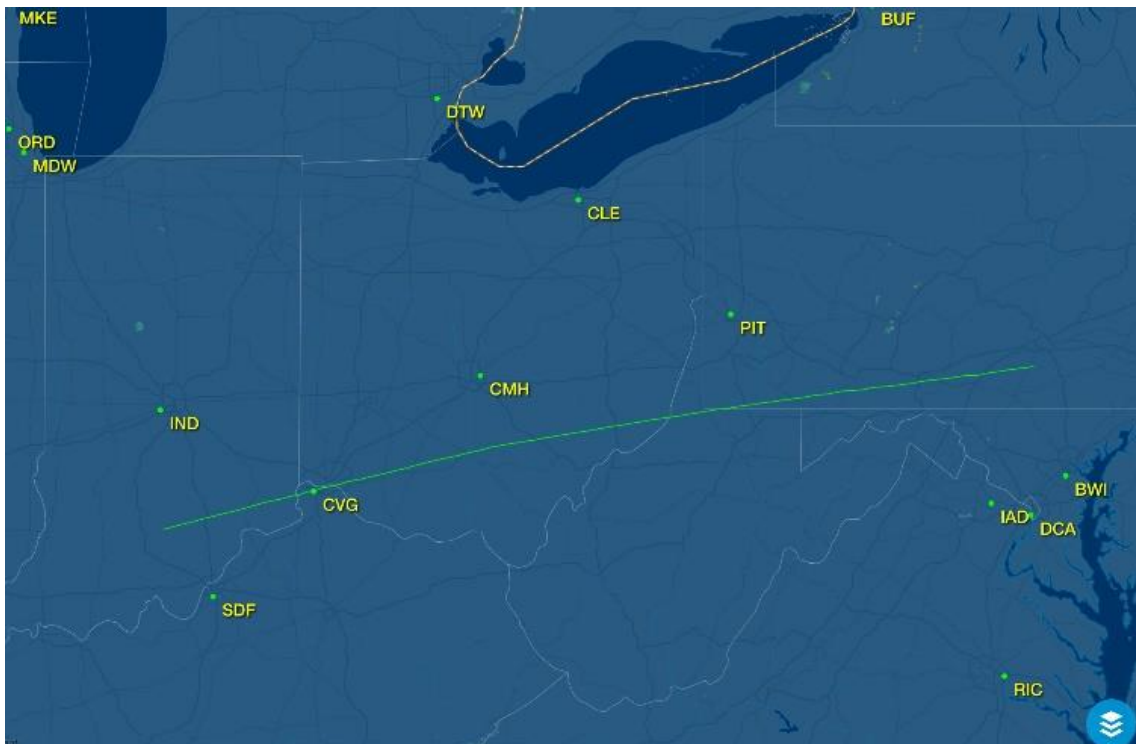
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A pilot from Eugene, Oregon bought a Comanche ('63 PA24-260 N9090P) and needed familiarization training. He also needed to get it from Pennsylvania back home to Oregon. I got hired to do the flight with him. We flew 26.9 hours over 3 1/2 days and covered 2701 nautical miles.

Here is the actual route we flew:

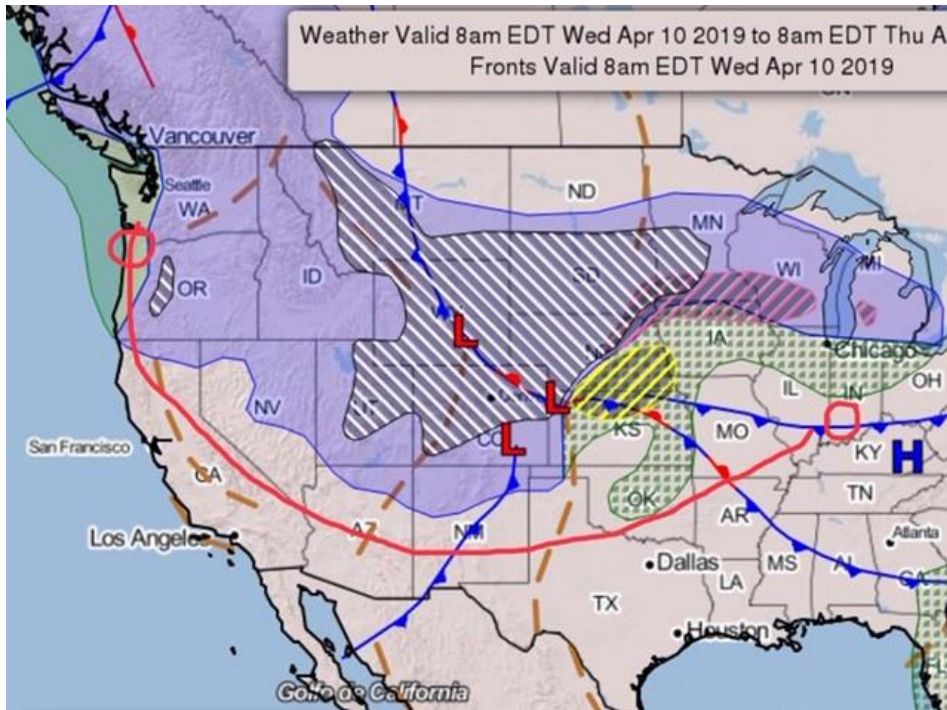


First day's flight track, 4 hours:



I initially planned to take a direct route across Minnesota and Montana, but a big weather system covered the entire west, which made the direct route impossible!

This is the route we came up with in Indiana on the morning of the second day:



Lunch at a famous restaurant in Sikeston, Missouri:



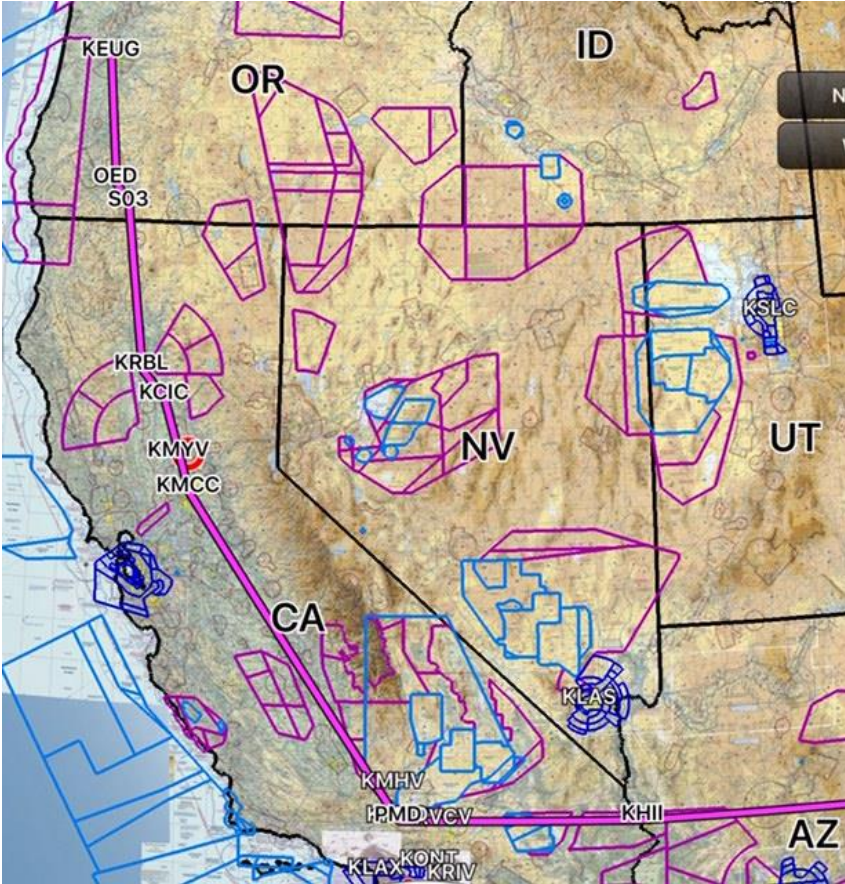
Fuel stop in Tucumcari, NM:



Some interesting terrain in Arizona:



After overnighing in Lake Havasu City, on the AZ-CA border, we flew this route on the final day.



The impressive Sierra Nevada mountains along the CA-NV border



Here is mount Shasta in Northern California as we went by at 11,000 feet:



And here is Owen and his 260 at his home airport in Eugene, Oregon!

