

Two parents, two girls, and a continent

Wisconsin family flies together to all 50 states

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TIM OLSON DIDN'T JUST DAYDREAM about the places he'd fly with his family when he built an RV-10 in their garage at home. He made plans and put them in action in a series of adventures reaching from Alaska to Florida and all the states in between. They even flew together in Hawaii—but they had to rent a GA airplane for that.



THE GIRLS, Danielle—now 13—and Colleen, 15, have grown in the 10 years the Olsons have been flying their airplane, and wife Audrey has become a pilot.

LONGEST TRIP

7,576.5 nm, 56+ hrs



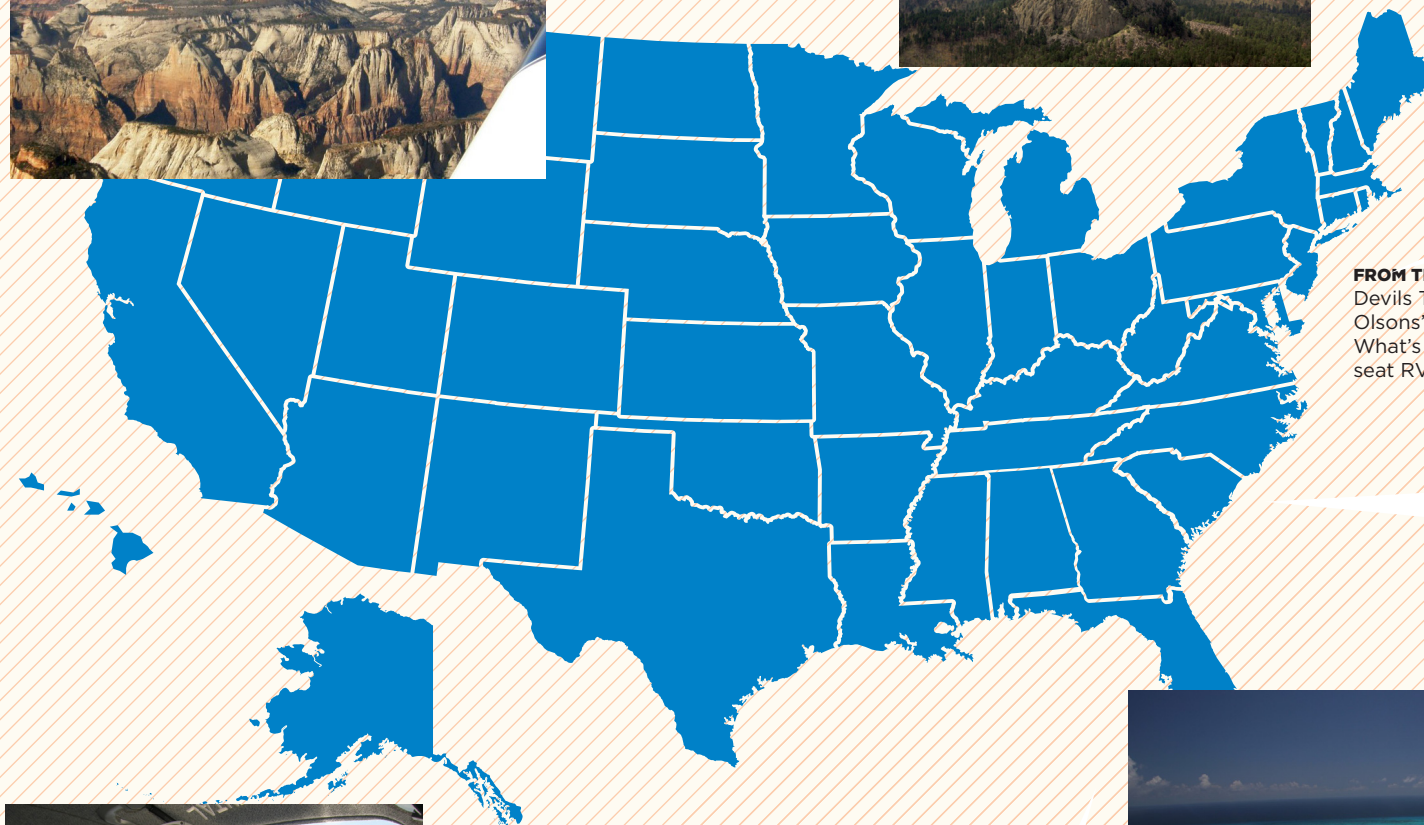
"The airplane now has more than 1,008 hours on it, and we've flown well over 150,000 nautical or 173,000 statute miles."



HIGHEST ALTITUDE

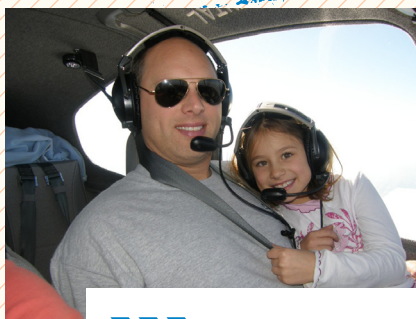
16,500 feet

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS (top left) to the Devils Tower in South Dakota (above), the Olsons' travel has spanned North America. What's next? The family is building a two-seat RV-14 with even more speed and range.



LONGEST LEG

Menomonie Municipal, Wisconsin (LUM)—Mallards Landing, Georgia (GA04): 4/11/2009, 781.7 nm, 10.2 gallons remaining



FASTEST AND SLOWEST GROUNDSPEEDS

235 knots and 110 knots



LONGEST FLIGHT DAY

Return from Bahamas: 5/4/2013
Stella Maris, Bahamas (MYLS)—St. Lucie County International, Florida (FPR)—Leesburg International, Florida (LEE)—Monroe Municipal (EFT)—Menomonie Municipal, Wisconsin (LUM). 1,573.9 nm, 11.5 hours

DATE	STATE	AIRPORT
2/12/2006	WI	LUM
2/25/2006	MN	LVN
4/1/2006	MO	TKX
4/1/2006	FL	LEE
4/9/2006	GA	AMG
4/9/2006	IN	JVY
6/2/2006	SD	SPF
6/5/2006	WY	COD
6/17/2006	IA	BNW
9/2/2006	MT	BZN
9/2/2006	OR	UAO
10/10/2006	CO	STK
10/10/2006	NM	AEG
10/11/2006	NV	VGT
10/15/2006	KS	MPR
6/10/2007	MI	MCD
6/15/2007	NY	BQR
6/17/2007	IL	UGN
10/11/2007	TN	3M7
11/7/2007	NE	VTN
11/7/2007	UT	BTF
10/9/2008	PA	BVI
10/10/2008	CT	SNC
10/10/2008	RI	BID
10/10/2008	MA	MVY
10/11/2008	ME	PWM
10/11/2008	NH	LCI
10/11/2008	VT	4V8
11/23/2008	KY	TWT
8/18/2009	ID	3U2
10/9/2010	AZ	PGA
10/10/2010	CA	MYF
3/31/2011	TX	LBB
6/11/2011	OH	HOC
6/11/2011	SC	FDW
6/13/2011	NC	FFA
6/13/2011	MD	OXB
6/13/2011	DE	GED
6/13/2011	NJ	WWD
6/13/2011	VA	RMN
6/14/2011	WV	W99
8/21/2011	ND	D54
12/27/2011	OK	GMJ
12/27/2011	AR	HOT
12/27/2011	AL	2R5
12/27/2011	MS	5R2
12/27/2011	LA	HDC
4/8/2012	HI	PHNL
6/22/2012	WA	OLM
6/26/2012	AK	PAOR