

Adventurers! Today we fly in a very little plane and never get higher than **800'** WooHoo! Here's the plane, a "Citabria"...



...another terrific view of the plane...



This is fly/bike buddy Al's acrobatic puddlejumper, which shares hangar space here in Marathon...

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=marathon,+fl&ie=UTF8&ll=25.187544,-81.068115&spn=1.371935,2.406006&t=p&z=9>

...with his (blue jet) Pilatus PC-12...



...and here's a pic of Marathon taken from the Pilatus.....



Off we go in the Citabria...



...but this is not "my view" when we're on the ground taxiing. In that case, here's my view...



But I am a Happy Co-Pilot 😊...



The instrument panel is Pure Simplicity....



The view out the left side...



...and over-the-nose...



Below is a pic of the island home that sits 300 yards away from Al's back dock...



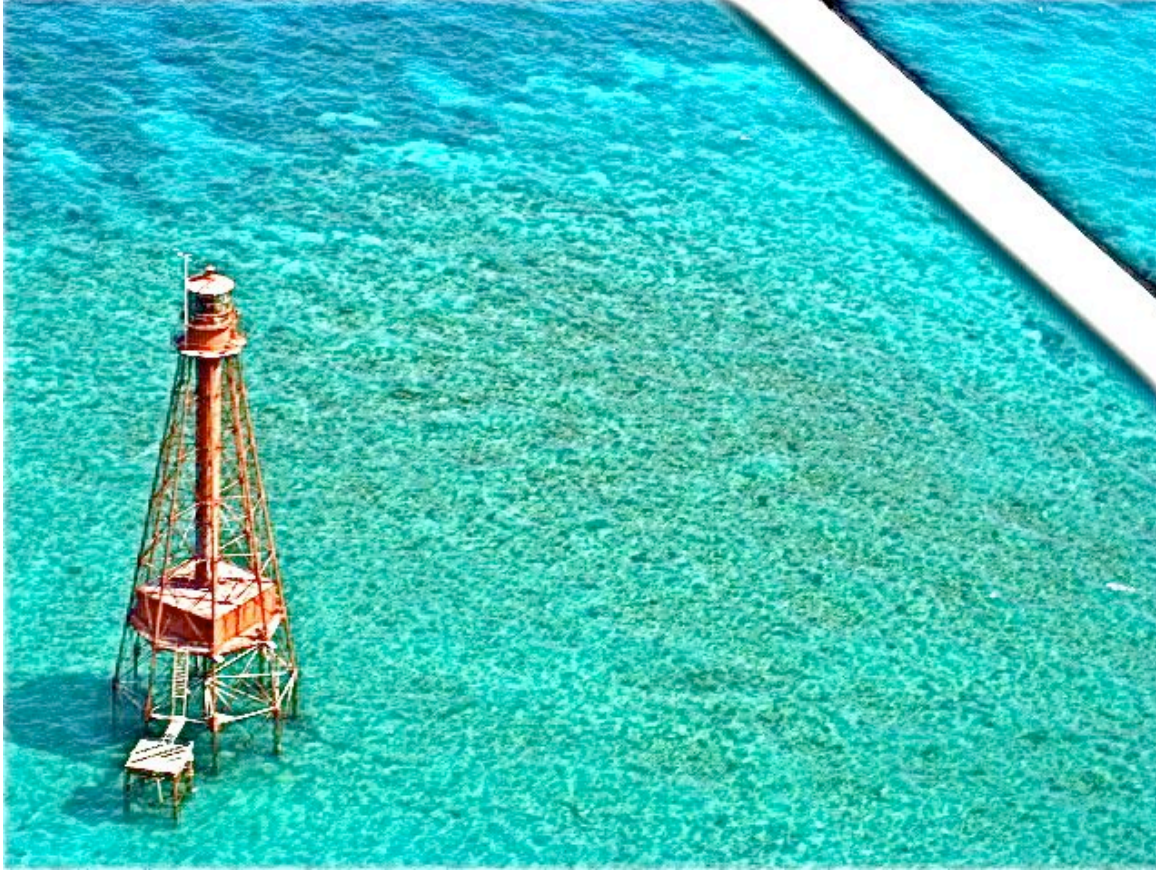
Below an aerial shot of Al's place (3-story next to the blue roof)...



Another, more "wide angle" shot of Al's neighborhood...



Below: A great shot of a lighthouse and the amazing blue water...



...and Al says I "got lucky" because "schooling tarpon" (whatever they are) usually splash-up the water and ruin the shot. Here's Wiki on tarpon...

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarpon>

...and note that tarpon are bigger-than-people and have sharp teeth
OK no-more-swimming for me...



...so I'll just stay on the dock and (above) "make believe" ☺.

Below a shot of **7-Mile-Bridge** (well, "half of 7-Mile-Bridge" anyway)...



Note (below) a remote key, and the little-blue-boat...



Back at the airport, we saw a FedEx "Caravan" freight-hauler...



...and a **homebuilt** turbo-prop (meaning it has a "jet engine") wow...



...nose view...



Back home, Al has decided that Friday is "fish day" and went about installing the radar antenna on his "center console" fish-boat. Al likes "cleaning and cooking/eating fish" as his #1 sporting hobby, "catching fish" just a ho-hum part of the program.

So... Just as I went to co-pilot school to learn about flying the Pilatus, on Friday I go to fish-catcher-school to help Al out...



Oh yeah... Today I learned that bait-shrimp (alive) cost more than eat-shrimp (dead). Maybe to save a few \$\$ we could just eat fish at the best fish-joint in Marathon? Here it is...



And here's my Cobia (fish; perfectly prepared)...



I'm writing this story from Al (and Susan's) kitchen, a truly beautiful place... Home-story later this week...



Thanks for reading along!

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