

Flying Adventure! Navy fly-buddy Paco visited Truckee yesterday, we went for a very amazing ride. Here we are...



Closeup...



Strapping-in under the watchful eye of our line-girl Kate...



Below... First radio call summons the tow-plane...



...and see the puffy clouds? We knew this would be a great day :-)

My glider is the **Blanik L-13AC**, built in 1998 (last year of manufacture) and is identical to those used by the USAF Academy for training the cadets in aerobatic flight <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VM2LOFZXLI> exciting!



I asked Paco later about visibility from the back EXCELLENT he said...



Group shot! Kate has already solo'd, working on her Private Pilot rating...



Soar Truckee pilot (callsign **Hula Boy**) ably tows us aloft ("Pickle" tow plane)...



"Lift" took us to 13,000 ft! Below is Squaw Valley ski area (green spot)...



Note (above) wingtip-wheel in the pic. Below: Northstar ski area...



Lake Tahoe north-shore...



Below, we are at 12,700' altitude, speed of 58 knots ("nautical miles/hr")...



Below pic with photographer Cathy ("Mrs Paco") after the 1hr20min flight...



Horrid traffic at construction on I-80 (adds 2hrs to Reno trip ugh)...



I ran very-low on gas while waiting, yikes what if someone runs out of gas?

Re-fueling, I grabbed a Jack-in-the-Box cheapie \$1 burger...



...better than McDonalds \$1 burger!

Paco & Cathy might be back at Truckee today (Tues). We'll maybe sightsee.

Busy summer ahead: Two teenagers coming out from OH for dirt-bikes and gliders, next week a **ski trip** to Mammoth. Late-summer my CT fly-buddies coming out to Truckee in their motorglider, and I'm going to make every effort to co-pilot it home to CT.

WooHoo!

Thanks for reading along!

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