

# Inland Empire, CA, USA

## November 2023

With the COVID pandemic and its negative side effects on travel (high rates, limited availability of rental cars, etc.) finally behind us, I was able to resume my travel habits and make another spotting trip to the southwestern part of the United States in November. This year I opted to focus on the Inland Empire region in Southern California to enjoy blue skies, mild temperatures, palm trees and interesting aircraft. While I visited some airports here in 2014, 2015 and 2017, there were still a lot of new airports and spotting places for me to be discovered. Contrary to the western part of the greater Los Angeles area where gridlocks are in abundance, the road traffic in the Inland Empire was busy but still doable at most times. I visited several airports on multiple days; the logs are consolidated below into one list per airport. Moreover, all aircraft that I logged on my previous trips are not included, unless noted at a different airport.

### 2 November 2023 Salt Lake City KSLC

N233JS	CRJ 200ER	United Express
N556UW	Airbus A321-200	American Airlines
N629JB	Airbus A320-200	JetBlue
N68843	Boeing 737-900ER	United Airlines
N76519	Boeing 737-800	United Airlines
N8544Z + N8575Z	Boeing 737-800	Southwest Airlines
N8617E	Boeing 737-800	Southwest Airlines
N8722L	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Southwest Airlines
N89315	Embraer 175LR	United Express
N896NN	Boeing 737-800	American Airlines

Plus:

\*[Delta Air Lines/Connection](#): A220-100/A220-300/A319/A320/A321/A330-900/B737-800/B737-900/B757-200/CRJ 200/CRJ 900/Emb175.

The trip started on 2 November with a flight from Amsterdam via Salt Lake City to Ontario. After picking up my rental car at Avis (Chevy Malibu) I bought some necessities (ladder, SIM-card for tablet, food & beverages) and checked in at my hotel in Norco, which would be my homebase for the next couple of weeks.

### 3+6+9+11+14+20 November 2023 March ARB KRIV

A39-004	KC-30A	Australian AF
130602 + 130611	CC-130J Hercules	Canadian AF
05-5141	C-17A	USAF
16-46013	KC-46A	USAF
57-1453	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
57-1459	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
58-0052	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
62-3568	KC-135R Stratotanker	USAF
88-0428	F-16CM	USAF
89-2064	F-16CM	USAF
94-0068	C-17A	USAF
169455/54	CMV-22B Osprey	US Navy
N103KA	Beech 360C	US CBP
N1040D	Cessna 208B EX	
N481MC	Boeing 747-400	Atlas Air
N5147A	Boeing 737-800BCF	Amazon Prime Air (Atlas Air)
N5227A	Boeing 737-800BCF	Amazon Prime Air (Atlas Air)
N5237A	Boeing 737-800BCF	Amazon Prime Air (Atlas Air)
N571MA/ 61-0325	KC-135R Stratotanker	Metrea
N583FE	MD-11F	FedEx

N640GT	Boeing 767-300ER	Atlas Air
N707GF	Boeing 707-300C	Omega Air
N762CX	Boeing 767-200BDSF	ATI Air Transport International
N80MA	Piper PA.31T	
N819AX	Boeing 777-200ER	Omni Air International
N974VV	DC-10-40	Omega Air

As March is the main military airbase in the greater Los Angeles area, I spent quite a few hours here. Although traffic at this reserve base is slow with usually no more than approx. 10 movements per day, the quality of the traffic made it worthwhile at times. Besides the based C-17's and KC-135's and the occasional military visitor, there are military fighters and air tankers from civilian contractors Omega Air and Metrea deployed on a semi-permanent basis. Other traffic consists of military charter flights by a variety of airlines and some cargo flights for Amazon which operate each morning.

As I already visited the March Field Air Museum in 2015, I did not to re-visit that but stayed at some other spots around the base. While keeping a low-profile I did not encounter any issues with security or law enforcement.

Spot 3 of the Scramble Airfield Guide is great in the (early) morning for photographing aircraft taxiing to runway 32 for departure. You can park your car at the side of the road in the wasteland. With some effort you should be able to walk up to the fence; a ladder will be helpful to get a clear view. Although you will need just 100-150mm for larger aircraft, heathaze can be a problem even at this relatively small distance. Moreover, please keep in mind that any departing C-17's will likely not pass here as they tend to take the intersection (taxiway Bravo) for runway 32 departures.

Spot 4 is the place to be from mid-afternoon till sunset for arrivals and departures on runway 32. No issues with parking your car on the side of the road and you can climb on some truck tires to look over the fence, so a ladder is not even required.

Just north of Spot 4 there is a new spotting place at the end of Western Way. At this spot you can photograph the C-17's departing from the intersection at taxiway Bravo as well as aircraft rolling out after landing on runway 14. A small ladder may be helpful. A 70-200mm lens will be suitable for the larger aircraft; 300+ mm are required for smaller aircraft.

Finally, I checked out a spotting place just north of the museum before the freeway overpass for traffic on runway 14, but I found out that there were construction works going on and extra fences being put up, so this spot has become useless.

### **3+8 November 2023 San Bernardino KSBD**

HP-1937UCG	Boeing 727-200F	UniWorld Air Cargo
N111MT	Gulfstream V	STA Jets
N140DU	Bombardier CS100	Delta Air Lines
N165TS	Boeing 727-200F	
N17085/911	DC-10-30	10 Tanker Air Carrier
N196N/(ZS-SNH)	Airbus A340-600	South African Airways
N212VC	Bell 212	English Air Service
N24HD	Beech B200GT	Tenax Aerospace
N261AM	EC-135P2+	Mercy Air (Air Methods)
N296EA/106	MD-87	Erickson Aero Tanker
N337AZ + N367AZ	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	Amazon Prime Air
N433AZ	Boeing 767-300ERBCF	Amazon Prime Air
N474NA/02	BAe 146-200	Neptune Aviation Services
N515CY	Learjet 55	
N554UA + N557UA	Boeing 757-200	United Airlines
N559UA + N564UA	Boeing 757-200	United Airlines
N603AX/914	DC-10-30ER	10 Tanker Air Carrier
N690HB	Aero Commander 690A	Ponderosa Aviation
N7095B	Sikorsky CH-54A	Siller Helicopters
N881ST	Gulfstream G200	Dodson International Parts
N888LD	Gulfstream G550	STA Jets

N906MM	Gulfstream G450	STA Jets
N918TD	Robinson R66	Tardie Investments
N961V	Gulfstream IV-SP	STA Jets
PR-GIV	Boeing 737-800	GOL
(VH-OEF)	Boeing 747-400ER	Qantas
VH-VLH	Boeing 727-200F	Heavylift Cargo Airlines
ZS-SNE + ZS-SNI	Airbus A340-600	South African Airways

Over the past few years San Bernardino has seen some major developments. It transformed from a sleepy storage field to an active airport with scheduled passenger flights from Breeze Airways and cargo flights from FedEx, UPS and Amazon Prime Air. Photography opportunities from outside the field remain quite limited though. The Air Tanker Base also seemed less welcoming to visitors compared to previous years as the entrance gate was closed on several occasions when I was passing by. Fortunately, a pre-arranged ramp tour by the airport authorities resulted in some nice photos.

### **3+7+14 November 2023 Redlands KREI**

N119WG	Agusta A119	High Performance Helicopters
N120MH	EC-120B	private
N1722G	Cessna 340	private
N222EX	Bell 222	private
N262HQ	Bell 205A1	HeliQwest
N350R	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Airwest Helicopters
N3529W	Piper PA.31-350	Mission Flight
N401JT	Piper PA.42-720	
N456F/"456"	Fouga CM170 Magister	private
N492KF	Robinson R66	
N504EF	MD369E	Airwest Helicopters
N675TH	Kaman K-1200 K-Max	Timberline Helicopters
N7268J	Pilatus PC-12/47E	SoCal Emergency Medicine
N79C	Cessna T337G	private
N836SB/6	AS350B3 Ecureuil	San Bernardino County Sheriff
NX431ZH	Bell UH-1H	private

At a stone's throw from San Bernardino, you can find a small General Aviation airport in Redlands. The ramp is located south of the east-west runway so the sun will be in your back all day. There are several helicopters (temporary) based here; some were located at the ramp on the western end of the field. The good looking black/white PC-12 is also based here. Outside of the "terminal building" there is a nice terrace where you can sit in the shade and photograph all movements with a stunning mountainous background. Ramp access is not a problem either and will be necessary to log all aircraft as some are not visible from the road outside the fence.

### **3+6+11 November 2023 Perris Valley KL65**

N341ML/"30341"	PZL M-28	
N754BD	Short SC-7 Skyvan	Skydive Perris

Not much has changed compared to my visit in 2014. Photography is no problem at all, and the light is good from late morning till sunset.

### **4+7+12+16+20 November 2023 Palm Springs KPSP**

1112	MiG-21F	Czechoslovakia AF
51-9531/	F-84F Thunderstreak	USAF
"26675/FS-675"		
52-4629/FU-629	F-86F Sabre	USAF
55-2888	F-100D Super Sabre	USAF
57-2509	QF-106B Delta Dart	USAF
61-0108/RU	GF-105D Thunderchief	USAF
63-08610	UH-1B	US Army
67-15574	AH-1G Cobra	US Army

(67-17174)	UH-1H	US Army
125316	MU-7 DF-9E Panther	US Marine Corps
146048/16	C-1A Trader	US Navy
152675/NL-303	A-7A Corsair	US Navy
154895/YL-75	UH-34D	US Marine Corps
(160898)/	F-14A Tomcat	US Navy
"160390/AJ-107"		
163030/AJ-504	EA-6B Prowler	US Marine Corps
C-FASF + C-FASV	Embraer 545	Airsprint
C-FBRT	Cessna 550B	Dart Services
C-FEAG	Beech 200	Northern Air Charter
C-FFMI	CL-650	Aurora Jet Partners
C-FJAS	Embraer 545	Airsprint
C-FJFW	Falcon 2000EX	Chartright Air
C-FPBX	Learjet 45	Saults & Pollard Real Estate
C-FSEF + C-FSFO	Cessna 525B	Airsprint
C-FSFB	Falcon 900EX	Lonach Global Charter
C-FSRX	Embraer 550	Airsprint
C-FTLH	Falcon 2000LX	Air Partners Corp.
C-FXAJ	Cessna 750	Chartright Air
C-GASK	Embraer 545	Airsprint
C-GBMF	Pilatus PC-12/47E	Private Air
C-GCFL	Cessna 560 Ultra	Hutch Air
C-GKGN	CL-604	VIH Execujet
C-GNAS	Cessna 525B	Airsprint
C-GSWQ	Learjet 45	Sunwest Aviation
C-GXGW	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	Skyservice Business Aviation
N107AV	Cessna 750	Discovery Jets
N10M	Falcon 900EX	Menzies Motorsports
N121JE	Gulfstream IV-SP	Jet Edge
N162WC	Boeing 737-700 BBJ1	Washington Corporations
N1979L	Gulfstream IV-SP	Sun Air Jets
N199DF	Gulfstream G200	Jetstream Aviation
N1SM	Beech B200	Stan McNabb Chevrolet
N202EX	Falcon 2000EX	
N221SF	Boeing Skyfox	
N22GR	Cessna 550B	Paragon Airways
N234MM	Gulfstream I	Walt Disney
N241DG	Piper PA.46-350P	private
N25LZ	Cessna 525A	TWC Aviation
N29QA	Cessna 560XL	Ameristar Screen and Glass
N303QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N31235	PBY-5A Catalina	
N317QS	Cessna 680	Netjets
N329JK	Robinson R44	Paradigm Jet Management
N331QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N369FX	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Flexjet
N376S	Beech B95	private
N405FX	Embraer 545	Flexjet
N447SW	CRJ 200LR	SkyWest Charter
N500H	Gulfstream G500	Hunt Companies
N505FX + N570FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N555DH	Cessna 525	Demeter Harvest Corp.
N579QS	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets
N586FX + N587FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N596FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N5A	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Elite Jets

N60154/ "476423/3X-S"	Douglas DC-3C	Palm Springs Air Museum
N601CN	Learjet 60	ATI Jet
N642QS	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets
N668FX	Gulfstream G650	Flexjet
N67JR	Cessna 525B	
N68NE	Cessna 525C	Jet Out
N7075C/"2X"	TBM-3E Avenger	
N710ET	Falcon 2000	
N710RA	Beech 400XP	Regency Air
N715GB	Gulfstream G450	Solairus Aviation
(N7273C)	PV-2 Harpoon	Palm Springs Air Museum
N736EE	CL-604	Private Jet Center
N799JS	Cessna 525B	Fly Exclusive
N808CF	Gulfstream IV	Hera Flight
N80TE	BD-700-1A10 Global 6500	Cisco Systems
N817SH	Cessna 560 Ultra	Silverhawk Aviation
N887SG	Learjet 45	Aviation Advisor
N894KS	Cessna 680A	KS Air Charter
N900MJ	BAe 125-900XP	Jet Linx Aviation
N905QS	Cessna 680A	Netjets
N909GC	Cessna 560XL	Silverhawk Aviation
N92BS	Gulfstream G400	
N938JS	Cessna 680	Fly Exclusive
N953PC	Cessna 560XLS+	Pacific Coast Jet Charter
N960K	Socata TBM-960	
N966WA	Pilatus PC-12/47E	Western Aircraft
N989KM	Gulfstream G450	Jet Aviation Flight Services
NL44727/ "414292/QP-A"	P-51D Mustang	
(NX163BP)/ "42-68864"	P-63C King Cobra	Palm Springs Air Museum
NX207F/"BP-7"	F7F-3 Tigercat	
NX47RP/ "228473/2Z-P"	P-47D Thunderbolt	Palm Springs Air Museum
NX6633D/"51-4033"	TV-2	Palm Springs Air Museum

Plus:

- \*[Air Canada](#): B737-8;
- \*[Air Canada Rouge](#): A319;
- \*[Alaska Airlines/Horizon/Skywest](#): B737-9/B737-900/Emb175;
- \*[American Airlines/Eagle](#): A319/A320/A321/B737-800/Emb175;
- \*[Avelo Airlines](#): B737-700;
- \*[Delta Air Lines/Connection](#): A220-100/A320/CRJ 900/Emb175;
- \*[Southwest](#): B737-8/B737-800;
- \*[Sun Country Airlines](#): B737-800;
- \*[United Airlines/Express](#): A319/A320/B737-900/CRJ 700/Emb175;
- \*[Westjet](#): B737-8/B737-700/B737-800.

Being one of the warmest and sunniest places in North America, Palm Springs is one of the main hotspots for Canadian "snowbirds". Traffic comprises of a nice mix between narrowbody airliners and business jets.

On the east side of the airport, you will find the Palm Springs Air Museum and the Atlantic Aviation FBO. The main terminal, customs office (where all private aircraft arriving from abroad will go) and the Signature FBO are located on the west side. I found two nice spotting places for photography along the main taxiway. The first spot I tried is located at the south side of the airport along Kirk Douglas Way (park your car along Airport Center Drive). Here you will have a great view of all aircraft arriving and departing on runway 31L and aircraft vacating at the end after landing on runway 13R.

Depending on the exact angle the sun in your back from mid-morning till late afternoon. A ladder is needed to get a clear view over the fence. There are no facilities and shade here, so bring a hat, sunscreen and lots of water. Much to my regret the fun was over after a couple of hours already when the police stopped and sent me away as I was "too close to the fence". I was allowed to stay on the southwest side of Kirk Douglas Way, which would only be suitable for photographing arriving aircraft late afternoon. So after a nice visit to the museum, I went to the second spot: an empty alley with some parking spots just north of the fire station. Here I was able to stay for the remainder of the day and on consecutive days without issues while keeping a low profile. You can photograph aircraft taxiing back to the ramp/terminal after landing on runway 31L, either at the end of the alley (ladder required) or about half-way through a turnstile gate between the hangars (ladder not required). The light is good from late morning till late afternoon and the mountains provide a nice background. Beware of the heathaze though; also this spot will be much less suitable when runway 13R is in use. On several days I was confronted with a runway change around midday, so make sure to check the TAF or you will risk some disappointment.

#### **4 November 2023 Bermuda Dunes KUDD**

C-FASR	Cessna 525A	Airsprint
N321RX	EC-135P2+	Reach Air Medical Services
N407CW	Beech 400XTi	Flight Options
N423KT	Pilatus PC-12/47E	
N60NF	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Latitude 33 Aviation
N87VS	Cirrus SF50 Vision Jet	private

Unfortunately, the FBO management at this airport has changed their photo policy: photographing aircraft with their registration visible is no longer allowed from their premises. As other photo opportunities are very limited, I did not stay long here.

#### **4 November 2023 Thermal-Jacqueline Cochran KTRM**

130602 + 130611	CC-130J Hercules	Canadian AF
952	C-130H Hercules	Norwegian AF
C-FSDS	Cessna 750	Canadian Utilities
N131CG/131	EC-130Q Hercules	Coulson Aviation
N137CG/137	Boeing 737-300	Coulson Aviation
N140CG/133	C-130H Hercules	Coulson Aviation
N372TB	Socata TBM-850	Soho Aviation
N523CB	Cessna 525B	Click Bond
N550CG	Cessna 550	Coulson Aviation
N588QS	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets
N63RP	BD-700-2A12 Global 7500	Wing Aviation
N641TW	CL-650	Thomas Weisel
N902AM	Falcon 2000	private
N937RA	Beech 400A	Regency Air
N989DM	BD-700-1A11 Global 5000	Silver Air
N998SD	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Riverside County Sheriff

Also at this airport the photo opportunities from the outside are far from ideal; the FBO's are not welcoming planespotters either. So I just wrote down some tailnumbers and moved on. It was interesting to see that Coulson is now based here; the two Canadian C-130's that I saw at March the day before were apparently visiting Thermal for a few days. The Sheriff's heliport is located at the east side of the runway.

#### **5+9 November 2023 Corona KAJO**

N1168U	Sikorsky S-58ET	Aris Helicopters
N11KM	Beech H50	Koshman Steel Service
N1567A	Beech 95-B55	private
N18NP	Piper Aerostar 601P	private
N21TR	Beech 60	

N337WA	Cessna 337G	Wolfe Air
N3827U	Cessna 336	private
N455TW	Piper PA.46-350P	
N4839B	Cessna 310	private
N500TA	Aero Commander 500A	
N61WW	Cessna 340	private
N628F	Aero Commander 680F	private
N898MA	Piper PA.46-310P	private

This quiet General Aviation airport was located just a few minutes from my hotel. The airport has an east-west runway with all ramps located on the south side. Highlight was the red 65-year-old helicopter, which is based here. The helipad is not located at the main ramp but in the field south of the access road across the hangars.

### 5 November 2023 French Valley KF70

145310/AD-180	F-4A Phantom	US Navy
C-GVZQ	DHC-6-400 Twin Otter	Planes & Parts
N2007K	Beech 76	EFI Flight School
N2009E	Beech 76	private
N300DZ	DHC-6-300 Twin Otter	Ikhana
N337AC	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Orbic Air
N3752C	Cessna 414	private
N400RV	Beech C90	
N469LP	Piper PA.34-200T	private
N47RW	Cessna 310	private
N520RP	CL-300	Jet Linx Aviation
N53WT	Cessna 414A	
N54072	Piper PA.23-250	private
N6016U	Beech 76	private
N6049L	Beech 76	California Professional Flyers
N66FM	Piper PA.34-200T	private
N729BM	DHC-6-400HG Twin Otter	Bald Mountain Air Service
N8468C	Aero Commander 680E	private
N868SC	Gulfstream G200	STA Jets
N9604R	Beech G18S	private

Located between San Bernardino and San Diego, south of March and Perris, is the airport of French Valley (near Murrieta/Temecula). The airport welcomes business jets and other general aviation aircraft. The runway is north-south and all facilities are located on the west side. Light will be best in the afternoon, but depending on how the aircraft are parked you may be able to get some good photos from late morning onwards. Airside access is necessary here and was arranged through the local Jet Center FBO which is located south of the airport terminal.

### 5 November 2023 Oceanside

N313RX	EC-135P2+	Reach Air Medical Services
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Via I-15 and HWY 76 I drove to Oceanside. The goal was to visit the local airport and photograph the skydive Cessna 208, however that turned out to be a disappointment. The airport is surrounded by buildings/private premises, very high fences and the parking lot was completely occupied. So I quickly decided to move on to my next goal without being able to log anything at the airport. That next goal was a very good-looking EC-135, which is stationed at the Fire Department along Jones Road (just south of the airport). The helicopter can barely be seen from the road, however the pilot had just finished refueling and was happy to let me into the gate and allowed me to photograph the red/black helicopter.

### 6 November 2023 Hemet-Ryan KHMT

160792/AF-02	F-5E Tiger	US Navy
N107WS	Beech G50	private

N10908/"CD-00"	Harvard Mk.4	Carlsbad Raceway
N231GB	Douglas DC-3C	private
N29KJ	L-29 Delfin	private
N3100G/"7523"	T-6G	private
N429DF/310	OV-10A Bronco	CDF Cal Fire
N476PA	Beech 3NM	private
N486DF/301	Sikorsky S-70i	CDF Cal Fire
N5BA	Beech G18S	Carlsbad Raceway
N643SC	Piper PA.31P	Airlines of America
N81AM	Bell 429	Air Methods
N992SD	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Riverside County Sheriff

Hemet is another airport that I visited on a previous trip, but some new based helicopters made me go there again on this Monday morning. Airside access at the main ramp was arranged through the FBO; the crew at the Cal Fire base was also happy to make some time for me once flight preparations of one of the Turbo Firecats were completed.

### 7 November 2023 Hesperia KL26

N160AM	Bell 407	Mercy Air/Air Methods
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With low clouds and drizzle in most of the region this morning, I drove northbound on the I-15 to escape the bad weather. First stop was the small airport of Hesperia where just one helicopter was noted.

### 7 November 2023 Victorville KVCV

167838	MH-60S	US Navy
B-20DR + B-223Y	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Air China
B-222U	Boeing 737-300	Victory Aviation
B-224C	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Donghai Airlines
B-224K/N5573B	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Kunming Airlines
B-224Z	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Air China
B-18709	Boeing 747-400F	China Airlines Cargo
EC-NMD + EC-NPR	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	Air Europa
G-TUOD	Boeing 737-8 MAX	TUI Airways
JA706J	Boeing 777-200ER	JAL Japan Airlines
JA926A	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	ANA All Nippon Airways
N142EM	A-4K Skyhawk	Draken International
N17326	Boeing 737-8 MAX	United Airlines
N2003T	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	Etihad Airways
N35953	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	United Airlines
N361VA + N846VA	Airbus A320-200	Alaska Airlines
N36RX	EC-135P2+	Reach Air Medical Services
N397UP	Boeing 767-300ER	UPS
N5573B	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Smartwings
N562NC	Boeing 767-300ER	Azur Air
N849VA + N853VA	Airbus A320-200	Alaska Airlines
N958AT	Boeing 717-200	Delta Air Lines
OE-IUK	Boeing 777-300ER	Altavair
VQ-BXE	Boeing 777-300ER	Garuda Indonesia

Driving around the main ramp at Victorville resulted in logging some interesting aircraft, but due to bad timing I was not able to take any good pictures while some aircraft were being moved around. Photography remains a challenge here, especially without airside access. As I did not have an SUV, I refrained from driving on the unpaved roads surrounding the north and west side of the airport.

### 8 November 2023 Los Angeles KLAX

A7-ANG	Airbus A350-1000	Qatar Airways
B-16728	Boeing 777-300ER	Eva Air
C-FSNU	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Air Canada



D-ABYC	Boeing 747-8	Lufthansa
D-AIMK	Airbus A380-800	Lufthansa
G-VPOP	Airbus A350-1000	Virgin Atlantic
G-YMMN	Boeing 777-200ER	British Airways
HL7621	Airbus A380-800	Korean Air
HL8361	Airbus A350-900	Asiana Airlines
JA813A	Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner	ANA All Nippon Airways
N107DN	Airbus A321-200	Delta Air Lines
N148SY	Embraer 175LR	United Express
N157QS	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	Netjets
N192SY	Embraer 175LR	Alaska Skywest
N204WN	Boeing 737-700	Southwest Airlines
N264SY + N287SY	Embraer 175LL	Delta Connection
N287AK	Boeing 737-900ER	Alaska Airlines
N328NB + N371NB	Airbus A319-100	Delta Air Lines
N3742C	Boeing 737-800	Delta Air Lines
N380HA	Airbus A330-200	Hawaiian Airlines
N394DL	Boeing 767-300ER	Delta Air Lines
N410SY	Embraer 175LR	Alaska Skywest
N501SY + N510SY	Embraer 175LR	American Eagle
N519SY + N520SY	Embraer 175LR	American Eagle
N533DT	Airbus A321-200N	Delta Air Lines
N569AS	Boeing 737-800	Alaska Airlines
N61881 + N66897	Boeing 737-900ER	United Airlines
N7733B + N7864B	Boeing 737-700	Southwest Airlines
N7877H + N943WN	Boeing 737-700	Southwest Airlines
N8892S + N8900L	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Southwest Airlines

I spent a beautiful afternoon at LAX. Due to construction works of runway 24R, the other northern runway (24L) was now in use for both landings and take-offs. The top level of Joe's Airport Parking Garage at 6151 W Century Blvd provided great views of the city and the landing traffic. With runway 24R in use the traffic is a little distant from this location (causing haze) but with 24L in use, I just needed around 100-300mm for most of the landing aircraft. Unfortunately, most of the landing traffic was assigned to the southern runway (25L), however photo opportunities (e.g. at the Proud Bird restaurant) are a little worse here. So due to the less-than-ideal spotting situation and the horrible road traffic in the afternoon/evening (the drive of less than 100 km back to my hotel in Norco took me 3 hours), I did not return to LAX for a second time.

### **9+11+16+17 November 2023 Riverside Municipal KRAL**

N120JD	Piper PA.31-350	
N12ED	Cessna 414	Nextgen Aircraft Sales
N144PD	Robinson R44	California Aviation Services
N286BW	Piper PA.34-200T	California Falcon Aviation
N3273D	Cessna 337G	Monitor Ventures Group
N411MB	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Helistream
N452QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N45366/ "268830/CU-R"	Douglas DC-3C	Commemorative Air Force - SoCal
N658GR	Cessna 525C	Gless Ranch
N6716Z	Beech 76	Nextgen Flight Academy
N721RR	Beech B200	Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort
N77NW	Beech 58TC	RAS Jetport
N827DC	Gulfstream G650ER	
N890GR	Cessna 310H	Fly Compton Aero Club
N8ZK	Robinson R22	California Aviation Services
N900V	Beech 95-B55	
N911RP	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Riverside Police

The municipal airport of Riverside is located north of HWY 91. Most facilities are located south of the main runway (09-27), except for the Riverside Police hangar which is located on the north side near runway 16. The main terminal has a balcony on the second floor (accessible via stairs near the terrace outside the building), which offers great views on most of the landing and departing traffic. Some aircraft landing on runway 27 may not pass by when they vacate the runway early. Light is good for most of the day, from mid-morning till late afternoon.

### 9 November 2023 Riverside/Rubidoux-Flabob KRIR

44-76588	Douglas TC-47B	USAF
N103NA	Douglas C-47B	Flabob Express
N26MA	Douglas DC-3	
N62CC/ "330647/X5-J"	Douglas DC-3C	private
N80152	Beech D18S	private
N984SC	Cessna 310	private

Not far away from Riverside Municipal is the historic Flabob Airport. There is not much going on here, but it is a must-see if you are into Dakotas (who isn't...). Airside access was not a problem here.

### 9 November 2023 Chino KCNO

(3617)	C-130K-30 Hercules	Mexican AF
161344/603	E-2C Hawkeye	US Navy
N110SN	Gulfstream IV	SBE Entertainment Group
N118JK	Gulfstream III	
N11PE	Cessna P337H	
N134N	IAI 1121B Jet Commander	
(N13SA)	Gulfstream IV	
N160DQ + N166DP	UH-60A Blackhawk	Skycore Aviation
N175BG	Gulfstream III	
N196AJ	Boeing 727-200F	US Marshals Service
N2038W	Beech B80	private
N30MP	Boeing 727-21	MP Biomedicals
N30WR	Gulfstream III	
N310JS	Cessna 310B	
N370RS	Gulfstream IV-SP	
N37U	Cessna 414A	
N391JM	Cessna 560 Ultra	
(N39401)/"139401"	Douglas B-26C Invader	
N411MB	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Helistream
N42CU/47	CH-47D Chinook	Coulson-Unical
N430PT	IAI 1124 Westwind	Golden State Construction
N457J	BAe 125-800A	
N483RA	Gulfstream IV	Threshold Aviation Group
N484QJ	Piper PA.34-200T	
N521JK	BAe 125-800	
N551NH	Cessna 551	
N602AJ	CL-600S	
N628CM	CL-601	Universal Solutions
N7025N/"141262"	HU-16C Albatross	
N713GA	GA-7 Cougar	Mustang Sally Aviation
N727AH	Boeing 727-21	
N7390D	Beech 60	private
N805WD	BAe 125-731	private
N908DG	CL-601-3A	
N926HL	Cessna 560XL	
N983CH	Pilatus PC-12/47	

N990SH	Beech C-12C	
N993SA	CL-601-3A	Worldwide Jet Charter
XB-CDF	Beech C90B	

After an unsuccessful visit to the nearby Cal Fire Prado Helitack base, I spent the afternoon at Chino Airport. Photo opportunities from outside the fence are limited and you will face backlight most of the day, so airside access is needed here. Unfortunately, it is not as easy as it used to be as new gates have been put up. Lucky for me the new airport manager was not busy this afternoon and he was happy to give me an extensive ramp tour. We also visited the Threshold Aviation premises on the south side of the airport. On the western part of their ramp I noticed a C-130 which was completely wrapped. Apparently it was seized due to unpaid bills. Based on internet research it is likely FAM 3617.

### 10 November 2023 Imperial KIPL

N416TW	Pilatus PC-12/45	Southern Airways Express
N790FE	Cessna 208B	FedEx Feeder

With clouds approaching from the west, I drove this morning all the way to Imperial County to enjoy some more hours of sunshine. Not much flying was expected at El Centro due to Veteran's Day, so I visited some smaller General Aviation airports in the area, which I also visited in 2018. First stop was Imperial Airport. Not much was going on here; despite that my timings could not have been worse as I just missed two CH-53's coming in for a quick fuelstop and a second FedEx Caravan departing. A very frustrating morning indeed...

### 10 November 2023 Brawley KBWC

N612RX + N854MB	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Reach Air Medical Services
N6251G	Bell OH-58A	
N6675Y	Beech 58P	Osterkamp Farms

A quick visit to nearby Brawley to catch the new HEMS helicopters at the west side of the airport. Other than that, the airport is not worth spending time.

### 10 November 2023 Borrego Valley KL08

N708PC	Aero Commander 695	
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In the afternoon I took a scenic route back to my hotel in Norco and stopped at the desolated airport of Borrego Valley. Nobody was around due to Veteran's Day, but the Aero Commander was parked in a suitable position for a photo from outside the fence with a nice desert background. You will have the sun in your back most of the day here.

### 12 November 2023 Lake Elsinore-Skylark Field CA89

N208UU + N208ZZ	Cessna 208B	Skydive Elsinore
N58LA	Short SC-7 Skyvan	Skydive Elsinore
N926MA	DHC-6-200 Twin Otter	Skydive Elsinore
N9641F	Cessna 208	Skydive Elsinore

Close to Perris there is another skydive organization: Skydive Elsinore. The airport with an unpaved runway is located between the I-15 freeway and the lake. Especially in the morning you will have a fantastic scenery in the background with aircraft landing on a dirt strip. Aircraft are usually taking off toward the northwest and landing from the northwest to minimize taxi times. It may be helpful to obtain photo permission in advance as there are military operations being conducted here as well. Make sure to protect your camera as it gets very dusty here.

### 2+13+14+21 November 2023 Ontario KONT

N105SY	Embraer 175LR	United Express
N135UP	Airbus A300F4-600R	UPS
N152FJ	Falcon 50	Victory Outreach
N158AN	Airbus A321-200	American Airlines
N254UP	MD-11F	UPS

N261WN	Boeing 737-700	Southwest
N273AK	Boeing 737-900ER	Alaska Airlines
N296SY + N297SY	Embraer 175LR	Delta Connection
N307UP + N308UP	Boeing 767-300FER	UPS
N308DN	Airbus A321-200	Delta Air Lines
N309AS	Boeing 737-900	Alaska Airlines
N316CM	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	Amerijet International
N344FR + N387FR	Airbus A320-200N	Frontier Airlines
N351UP	Boeing 767-300FER	UPS
N359NB	Airbus A319-100	Delta Air Lines
N471UP	Boeing 757-200PF	UPS
N500LR	CL-601-3A	Worldwide Jet Charter
N550GP	Gulfstream G550	Threshold Aviation Group
N558FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N605KL	CL-605	
N624QX	Embraer 175LR	Alaska Horizon
N661AT	Sikorsky S-76B	
N690AC	Cessna 525C	Tasca Ford
(N7264U)	Boeing 727-200	
N726QS	CL-350	Netjets
N800PF	Cessna 525	Air 7
N811TJ	Boeing 737-300SF	iAero Airways (Swift Air)
N863JS	Cessna 560XLS	FlyExclusive
N886DL	BAe 125-800XP	Trinity Jet Management
XA-DLN	BAe 125-800	
XA-UPL	Convair 580	Personas y Paquetes Por Aire / Air Tribe

After LAX, Ontario is the largest cargo airport in Southern California with FedEx and UPS using it as a hub. Cargo traffic is busiest on weekdays except Mondays. Runway 26L/R is in use most of the time. Near the intersection of S Haven Avenue and E La Salle Street you can photograph the landing aircraft. Light will be best from late morning till late afternoon. However due to recent reports of other spotters being sent away here by the police, I did not stay here for long. Instead, I chose a spot along taxiway Sierra at E Lowell Street (accessible via Tower Drive, not via S Archibald Street). Although I had seen many nice photos from this place on the internet, it proved to be challenging to get similar results. During the first week the marine layer in the mornings and ongoing construction works prevented me from going there. In the second week those issues were no longer a factor so I could finally try out this spot. Light is good from around 7.30 in the morning (during wintertime) for aircraft taxiing from left to right (i.e. aircraft taxiing to the UPS ramp after landing or aircraft taxiing out for departure from the other southern ramps). You will need approx. 50-100mm for larger freighters and 200mm for business jets. Later during the day you can also photograph aircraft on the runway with more mm's, but heathaze could become a problem. The same goes for all aircraft taxiing on the north side of the airport (FedEx and passenger aircraft). The fence along the taxiway is higher than at most other airports with tight barbed wire on top and I had great difficulty getting a clear view with my three-step ladder. While I was able to take at least some pictures, including of the rare Mexican Convair, the fun was over much sooner than I hoped as airport security told me to stay away from the fence after just a couple of hours. Keeping a low profile did not help me this time. After that I had a quick look at the Guardian Jet Center on the southwest side, but the fence here is high as well and loitering is not allowed.

### 13 November 2023 Upland-Cable KCCB

N3812X	Cessna 310K	private
N60NT	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Ontario Police
N755GA	GA-7 Cougar	private
N939C	Piper PA.46-500TP	

Apart from many light aircraft, not much was going on at this airport. The private owners of the airport do host airshows/fly-ins from time to time, so that might be worth a visit. In the northeast corner there is a small parking lot from where you have a good overview at the airport. Near the "terminal building" the ramp area is very open with no fences. The police helicopter is stationed in the southwest corner. Due to the height difference between the public road and this part of the ramp it may be difficult to see and photograph it. As it was not parked in a favorable position anyway, I did not bother knocking on the door and asking to take a picture on the ramp.

### 13 November 2023 La Verne-Brackett Field KPOC

N100MW	Beech E90	Optimal Aviation Services
N222CS	Socata TBM-850	private
N641EG	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Fontana Police
N711ST	Piper PA.46R-350T	
N89PK	Aero Commander 680F	
N933CH	Bell 205A1	Coastal Helicopters

Not far from Upland is another General Aviation airport: Brackett Field. The airport hosts several fire and law enforcement helicopters as well as some visiting business jets, but due to their parking position most of them remained unidentified. Right of the "terminal building" is a gazebo with good views on the runway and taxiway. The fence is low, so photography is not an issue. Alternatively, you can have lunch at the porch of the restaurant with similar views. The sun will be in your back during most of the day.

### 18 November 2023 Jean KOL7

C-GSMJ	Pilatus PC-12/47E	Private Air
N2310K	Beech C90B	Jim's Supply Co
N523CB	Cessna 525B	Click Bond
N612FA	Gulfstream G200	Xcel Jet Management
N750GJ	PAC 750XL	GoJump
N790CA	Socata TBM-700C2	
N819RL	Piper PA.46-600TP	private
N888PN	Cessna 501	

After some disappointing days and bad weather, I made a two-day trip to Las Vegas to photograph a decent amount of airliners and hopefully some late bizjets for the Formula 1 Grand Prix. First stop was Jean, which was busier than usual due to this event.

### 18+19 November 2023 Las Vegas-Harry Reid KLAS

C-FDIL	BD-700-1A11 Global 5000	Aurora Jet Partners
D-AIKA	Airbus A330-300	Eurowings Discover
G-XWBF	Airbus A350-1000	British Airways
HL8007	Boeing 777-300ER	Korean Air
N247MX	Learjet 45XR	Southwest Aircraft Charter
N254MB	Cessna 680	
N262JX	Embraer 135LR	JSX
N360EL	Beech 360	West Coast Charters
N375HA + N393HA	Airbus A330-200	Hawaiian Airlines
N450EJ	Gulfstream IV-SP	Paradigm Jet Management
N469SS	Falcon 900EX	
N5147A + N5179A	Boeing 737-800BCF	Amazon Prime Air (Atlas Air)
N542FX	CL-300	Flexjet
N584JB	Airbus A320-200	JetBlue
N595FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N650XA	Gulfstream G650ER	Saudi Aramco
N660P	Gulfstream G600	Philips 66
N681QA	Cessna 680	Blattner Company
N706VL	Boeing 737-700	Avelo Airlines
N712AE	Embraer 135LR	Aero

N76PW	Gulfstream G600	Madrone
N783XJ	Cessna 750	XOJet
N790J	Falcon 2000LX	IBM
N817QS	Cessna 700	Netjets
N837VA	Airbus A320-200	Global X
N929QS	Cessna 680A	Netjets
N931JX	Embraer 145LR	JSX
N949SJ	CL-800	Set Jet
N958JX	Embraer 145LR	JSX
N964JT + N969JT	Airbus A321-200	JetBlue
PH-BHP	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	KLM
XA-AMV	Boeing 737-800	AeroMexico
XA-JSO + XA-MKJ	Boeing 737-9 MAX	AeroMexico
XA-VAC	Airbus A320-200	VivaAerobus
XA-VLY + XA-VRB	Airbus A321-200	Volaris
XA-VRD	Airbus A320-200N	Volaris

Plus:

\*[Air Canada](#): A220-300/B787-9;

\*[Alaska Airlines/Horizon/Skywest](#): B737-800/B737-900/Emb175;

\*[Allegiant Air](#): A319/A320;

\*[American Airlines](#): A321/B737-8/B737-800;

\*[Breeze Airways](#): A220-300;

\*[Delta Airlines/Connection](#): A220-100/A319/A321/B737-800/B737-900/B757-200/B757-300/Emb175;

\*[Frontier Airlines](#): A320/A321;

\*[Southwest Airlines](#): B737-8/B737-700/B737-800;

\*[Spirit Airlines](#): A320/A321;

\*[Sun Country](#): B737-800;

\*[United Airlines](#): B737-8/B737-9/B737-900/B757-200/B777-200;

\*[Westjet](#): B737-8/B737-700.

Two reasonable days at Harry Reid (f.k.a. McCarran) resulted in some nice photos, although the results could have been better. On Saturday there were some unexpected clouds blocking the sun at the wrong times and on Sunday there was a strong wind blowing from the northwest, resulting in many interesting aircraft landing on the wrong runway.

The situation along E Sunset Road has changed a bit compared to my last visit in 2019, but there are still good spotting points near the intersections with Bruce Street and Surrey Street. Parking can be done at the former.

## **21 November 2023 Atlanta-Hartsfield Jackson KATL**

F-GSPM	Boeing 777-200ER	Air France
N308DN	Airbus A321-200	Delta Air Lines
N6707A + N697DL	Boeing 757-200	Delta Air Lines
N723TW	Boeing 757-200	Delta Air Lines
N895DN	Boeing 737-900ER	Delta Air Lines
PH-BKI	Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner	KLM
TC-LGI	Airbus A350-900	Turkish Airlines

After a long drive back from Las Vegas to my hotel in Norco (due to a dust storm the I-15 was closed resulting in a major detour and traffic jams) and another day of spotting in Palm Springs and March, I flew back to Amsterdam on 21 November via Atlanta.

Despite the numerous challenges, frustrations and disappointments faced during this trip, as well as high trip costs compared to pre-COVID levels, I did enjoy the generally sunny and mild weather and managed to take some great photos of both new and classic aircraft.