* 1. I earned my private pilot license a year ago - an achievement that would be otherwise impossible without the generous help from my great friend and teacher, Jeb E. Bishop.
  2. You really should see some of the aerial photos I took. They are quite stunning.
  3. My retirement plan would likely involve building my own aircraft.
  4. I would like to fly coast to coast across the U.S. in a single-engine aircraft one day.
  5. I purchased a engineering plan for an one seat aircraft from a old French desigener, and everything was done via physical mail.
  6. Whenever I see a new product on the market, I often evaluate the possibility of replicating the design (for non-commercial purposes) using available resources.
  7. I've built two large-format 3D printers out of parts printed by another 3D printer and one CNC machine capable of cutting thick aluminum sheets.
  8. One of my many hobbies is PCB design and prototyping.
  9. My current project involves a remote off-grid weather station with an advanced wind calculation algorithm (per FAA requirement) and a portable all-in-one flight instrument for paragliding activities.
  10. Coming from a non-engineering background, I learned most of my electronic engineering skills using resources mostly in Spanish.
  11. I’ve saved a lot of time by combining language learning and skill acquisition together.
  12. My best friend was always amazed at my culinary skill.
  13. One of my favorite thing to do during my stay in the U,S, was visting small stores owned by Hispanic minority and having conversations with the owners.
  14. During the pandemic, I was stuck for five months in a small town in Yucatan, Mexico while attending online classes from my university.
  15. One of my greatest achievements would be passing an online literature class intended for native Spanish speakers from UNAM.
  16. Before that, I have never learned any Spanish within a class setting.
  17. My first writing assignment in Spanish involves a five-page literature analysis on *Tres Tristes Tigres* by Cuban writer Guillermo Cabrera Infante. Prior to that, I've never written anything in Spanish.
  18. My favorite Spanish podcast is *La Verdadera Historia de México*. I've spent at least hundreds of hours listening to this long-lasting podcast program.
  19. I have an extensive collection of history books and anthropology magazines in English and Spanish. Whenever I return from a foreign country, my suitcase is often filled with books.
  20. Despite having three semesters of French classes during my undergraduate, I'm still terrible at it.
  21. My first "high altitude" mountaineering experience happened at Iztaccihuatl, a volcanic mountain in Mexico. I've only made it to an altitude of 14,000 feet. However, I am determined to return to the same mountain and reach the peak one day.
  22. I find mountaineering an enjoyable and rewarding experience except for the descending part.
  23. In order to address that logistic issue, I’m learning to fly a paraglider. No more knee pain from walking downhill!
  24. A paraglider also serves as an ideal test bed for developing simple flight instructment – such as a wireless airspeed probe that I’m about to work on.