



## ---FUN DESTINATIONS---

NRI Flying Club Inc.

KEKA – Murray Field, Eureka CA  
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Needing an IFR flight somewhere outside of the usual run of local airports John Pericich and I found this airport up on the North coast. Past Shelter Cove (0Q5) but short of Arcata (KACV) Murray Field struck me as a bit quirky perhaps, out of the way definitely and hopefully with a short ride to town and breakfast. Gladly it provided all of the above including an LNAV + V approach onto plenty of runway, good food just a short Uber ride away and friendly people at the local airport office.





KACV is the weather reporting station, along with KFOT (Rohnerville) and the reported weather from KACV was below minimums for the approach we wanted to fly, a VOR-A with a DME arc (yahoo!) so we opted for the RNAV (GPS) Rwy 12 with a procedure turn out over the water.





Conditions were IFR at altitude due totally to smoke and the field was MVFR once we got below the smoke layer. John as always greased the landing and we filled up at a local breakfast spot (Chalet House of omelets <http://thechaleteureka.com/>).

My turn for the return flight. Seattle Center was answering us on the ground so we got our clearance pretty quickly and were on our way.





I've always loved departing coastal airports as the weather is cool and performance pretty peppy and of course with just 3 onboard in 61X we headed for FOT VOR and our cruise altitude of 7000' without effort. With now plenty of time to sit back and relax we returned to KCCR pretty smoothly and were cleared direct not far into the flight. For those not having flown up into Humboldt County, Murray Field is just one of many airports that offer different conditions and a look into a rather unusual part of Northern California.



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