

Flying to work

Here are some Silicon Valley workers who commute to the office in two- or four-seater single-engine propeller planes they own or rent.



Bruce Whetstone, 52

Occupation: Program manager at Intuit

Commute: Weekly from Jacksonville, Ore., to Mountain View

Door-to-door travel time:

5 hrs. on commercial airlines vs. 4 hrs. in his plane



David Vinas, 35

Occupation: Software consultant at Cisco Systems

Commute: Weekly from Ashland, Ore., to San Jose

Door-to-door travel time:

6 hrs. by car vs. less than 3 hrs. in his plane



David Millett, 49

Occupation: Operations manager at a computer company

Commute: Two to three times a week from Oakland to Mountain View

Door-to-door travel time: 1 hr., 30 min. by car vs. 1 hr., 10 min. in his plane



Gary Guthrie, 46

Occupation: Chief engineer of technology at General Dynamics AIS

Commute: Daily from Martinez to Mountain View

Door-to-door travel time: 1 hr., 30 min. by car vs. 1 hr., 18 min. in his plane



Leonard Iventosch, 49

Occupation: Sales executive at Network Appliance

Commute: Weekly from Colfax to Sunnyvale

Door-to-door travel time:

3 hrs., 30 min. by car vs. 1 hr., 40 min. in his plane



Don Wexler, 57

Occupation: Senior engineer at Apple Computer

Commute: Weekly from Zephyr Cove, Nev., to Cupertino

Door-to-door travel time: 4 hrs. by car vs. 2 hrs. in his plane

Source: Mercury News research

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