

## Flying 2020



Our next stamp collecting adventure kicked off on 7/23/20 with a later start than we wanted because of ground fog. By a little after 9am we were off to Reedsburg airport to meet the flyers for this day. Upon arriving at Reedsburg Paul, Lyle, Larry (pogo) and I walked across the street for a bite to eat. When we returned Brandon Buss had arrived to join us today for this version of lets see what the airports in southwest Wisconsin were like.

We departed the Reedsburg airport en route to the 3 castles airpark in Wonewok. This airpark has cabins for rent and they seem to be expanding the grounds to bring in campers with weekend activities planned. After a little visit with the airpark manager it was off to Viroqua Municipal Airport. We landed in Viroqua on a nice wide grass strip and went into the terminal building for the stamp. There were a few locals hanging around and after a brief visit we were off to Boscobel. After landing at Boscobel we gathered our stamp and we headed next to Prairie du Chien. This area of Wisconsin is so beautiful, with the tiered crop land, the bluffs, the Wisconsin River Valley emptying into the Mississippi.

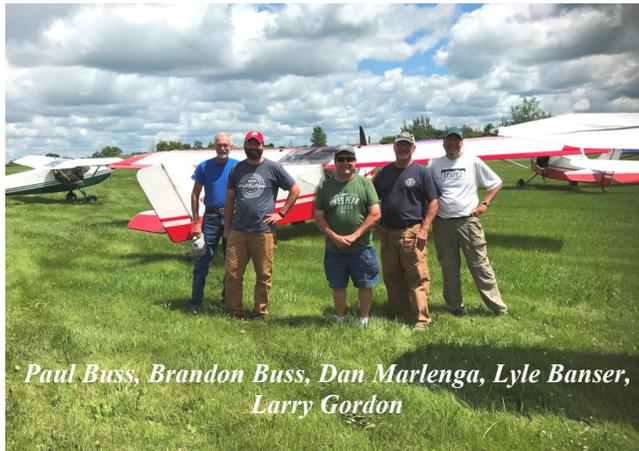
Next stop would be Cassville



*The Mississippi River near Cassville*

airport tucked away in the river bed of the Mississippi. This airport has homes along the side of the runway overlooking the river, very nice setting. We departed next for Lancaster airport which is located 4 miles from the city

the hillside near the college. Iowa Co. airport in Mineral Point was our next stop. Stamp and go next to the Tri Co. Regional airport in Lone Rock Wis. We had been warned that Lone Rock was under water and it sure was!



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in the middle of corn fields. After a stamp and gas we were again en route to Platteville Airport where there was a big Ag spray operation in progress. We watched the spray operation reload, in and out with several Ag Cats and a helicopter, pretty impressive! Brandon Buss attended college here in Platteville and showed us the big M carved in

Some of both runways were flooded and the ramp was partially under water. We taxied through water on the ramp to get our stamp with the use of a pair of boots left near the gas pumps.

A short hop away was our next stop at Richland Center. There were a few local pilots and planes there, but no

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stamp available. We took some pictures for our proof of landing and then off to our last stop of the day. We arrived next in Sauk Prairie Airport in Prairie du Sac, try saying that fast 3 times in a row? We pulled up to the newly installed Swift fuel pumps and topped off for the 110 mile last leg home. A few locals were grilling out by their hanger and came over to us with bottled water. We were very thankful for the fuel and refreshment. Paul, Lyle and myself departed Sauk Prairie first heading north towards home. Larry and Brandon had a shorter trip home going to Wild Rose and Fond Du Lac home bases. Even after a

late start we were able to land at 12 airports today. I had 7.4 hours on the hobbs and got home with a little daylight to spare! Everyone had a wonderful time and a safe day. Can't wait till the next adventure, after a day or so for rest!

Humbly submitted,

Dan Marlenga

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