

Flying 2020



September 14th 2020 was our next Stamping adventure. Flyers that day - Paul Buss, Lyle Banser, Larry Gordon (pogo), and Dan Marlenga. We all left home and joined up in Wild Rose for our first stamp and to pick up Larry. We departed Wild Rose a little before 8 am and set a course for Cindy Guntly Memorial Airport. This privately owned but public use airport is located southeast of Milwaukee in Franksville. We climbed to 5500 feet to catch the 15 mph tailwind and in short order we were flying over the Waukesha County Airport. Guntly Memorial is a nice grass strip airport. There were a few planes tied down here that seemed to be long time residents. We chatted with Thomas Guntly for a bit and then we were off to Sylvania. Paul landed first on the grass runway and because of his report of rough conditions, the rest of us landed on asphalt. A little to our surprise, no one was around at Sylvania. Sylvania Airport is very popular for the Skydive Midwest

Skydiving Center. There were several big Piper Caravans parked there that are used by the Skydiving Center.

Next stop was Batten International Airport in Racine WI. This airport has a Customs Area in the terminal building. I suspect that back in the day, this airport must have had International Air traffic? Some local law enforcement

very nice restorations. Alfred W. Lawson was featured here as an airplane manufacturer and aviation pioneer!

Kenosha Regional Airport was our next stop, and after a stamp and go we were off to Camp Lake Airport. Elliott is the new owner of this nice airstrip located in Trevor very near the WI and IL border. Elliott was very excited to see 4 airplanes arrive in a group just to get a stamp. We visited with Elliott and his mother, who were both busy cleaning up the years of accumulation from the former owner. Elliott was very familiar with central and northern WI, his folks have a vacation place in Three Lakes. He makes a living as a Jet mechanic in Waukegan Illinois.



*Dan Marlenga.
Sylvania Airport. Sturtevant Wi.*

groups were practicing driving skills on the ramp and taxiways. We all took on fuel here, then were off to the South East Wisconsin Aviation Museum. Ben, a member of EAA chapter 838 took us into the museum. The Wall of Visitors is one of several very nice displays. This airport has a rich history of hosting some famous flyers. John Moody's Easy Riser was on display along with several

Bigfoot Airfield in Walworth was our next stop. A local pilot was working on his airplane there and we borrowed his truck for a trip into town for lunch. Small airports seem to have some of the nicest people! Returning from lunch we toured another hanger where we saw 2 very nice Gyrocopters. Lake Lawn Airport in Delavan was our next stop. We needed to cross the road and go to the resort office for the

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stamp. Lake Lawn Resort has a very nice setting with a golf course and lake access. Grand Geneva Airport was a nice setting with the airport on top of a ridge surrounded by the golf course. Stamp and go to Burlington Municipal Airport. We next traveled to Fox River Airport in Burlington, the home of American Champion Aircraft Company. Next trip we will make time to do a factory tour!

East Troy Airport was our next fuel stop and then off to Palmyra. We landed on a beautiful grass strip at Palmyra. Stamp and go. Gutzmer's Twin Oaks Airport in Whitewater was our next

stop. We arrived to find several local pilots sitting around a table enjoying a beverage after their day of



flying hang gliders. There was a local plane there that towed the gliders to altitude for the release and return to earth. A nice fire ring with benches and several covered

picnic tables along with several recreational vehicles dotted the airport. Fort Atkinson was our scheduled last stop. No one was around so stamp and head home for Paul and I. Lyle decided to stop for one more stamp at Waupaca. Larry headed for home after Gutzmer's.

7.1 hours on the Hobbs and many great memories of all the airports we visited. We now have over 100 stamps in our Fly Wisconsin Airport Passport book. More adventures to come as we continue with the best flying summer of our lives!

Humbly Submitted,
Dan Marlenga