

## Flying 2020



We are really getting on a roll here with our summer stamp collecting. Adventure number 5 happened on July 31st, 2020 with the starting airport being the Merrill Municipal Airport. Meet up time is 8 am in order to give Larry Gordon a chance to arrive from his home base of Wild Rose. Larry arrived shortly after 8 and with a call from Paul Buss it was decided he would meet us at the Tomahawk airport. Lyle Banser, Larry Gordon and myself departed for Tomahawk and upon landing were greeted by Paul and Brandon Buss who had flown up from Fond du Lac to join today's trip. Stamp and go at Tomahawk, then off to the Rhinelander Oneida Co. Airport. While at Rhinelander we discussed today's route and after a cookie and stamp it was off to Noble F. Lee Memorial Field in Minocqua. Lakeland airport is another name used to describe this nice port just north of Minocqua. Off next to Manitowish Waters Airport where upon landing on the grass runway we were greeted by hundreds of grasshoppers. This airport has a really nice terminal

building and the area is quite a tourist attraction with the Manitowish chain of lakes. There was even a bi-plane selling rides.

From Manitowish Waters we called Joey Salaja in Boulder Junction so he would meet us there with the stamp. Arriving at Payzer Field in Boulder Junction is near and dear to us flyers from Chapter 75 as we have been here many times for the annual Musky Day Fly-in in August. Robert Payzer was very involved with aviation his whole life, working for GE in Cincinnati Ohio. He owned a summer place on Boulder Lake and was Vice President of Chapter 75 before his passing.

Our next stop would be Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, where we topped off with gas. A short walk into town for a sandwich, then a stamp and off to our next port of Eagle River Union Airport. While at Eagle River we looked at a very big hanger door that had failed. It broke under the stress of just being too massive. While on the ground we recognized an airplane call sign of an arriving plane to Eagle River. The plane was that of Dick Neitzel and after he landed we all taxied over to his hanger for a visit. Dick is the chapters Tuesday night fly-in coordinator and a very good airplane builder.

Our next airport on the list will be Three Lakes Municipal Airport. This very nice grass

strip is a popular destination for some of our Chapter members to come here for breakfast. We visited with still another chapter member, Tom Heiting who was working on his Zenith. After a stamp, it was off to Crandon-Steve Conway Municipal Airport. There was no one around but the pilot lounge was open and we got our stamp. With Crandon in the book, we were off to our last stop of the day in Antigo Langlade Co. Airport. The FBO was closed already but the stamp was available in the open vestibule. After a reflection of the great day we had, everyone departed for their home base. My next door neighbor Russ Post joined me today and had a real nice time. Russ is also a Chapter 75 member and he fly's a Quicksilver GT 400 from our jointly owned Little O' Hare airfield in Little Chicago WI. On August 5th I went solo for stamps to Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, Mosinee Central Wisconsin Airport, and Wausau Downtown. Stay tuned for part 6 of the best flying summer of my life!

Humbly submitted,  
Dan Marlena

See next page for pictures from this flight.

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*Russ Post & Paul Buss @ Rhineland  
Oneida County Airport*



*Manitowish Waters Airport*



*Brandon Buss @ Payzer Field Boulder Junc-*

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