

Flying 2020



Today I will be combining a few shorter stamping trips into one article. On July 1st Lyle and I flew to Norrie Brook Airstrip in Eland WI, the beautiful private airstrip and home of Paul and Sue Buss. After a smile and a nod it was off to Shawano Airport for lunch and the famous \$100 hamburger. Paul got his stamp in Shawano as Lyle and I hadn't yet received our Fly Wisconsin Passport Book. Not wanting to just go home, we decided to fly north to Piso Airport in Suring WI. Our plan was to make a loop for more flying so we taxied up to the local gas station for a fill up. The locals didn't think anything of an airplane pulling up to the pumps but we did get some looks from passing motorists.

We departed for Crivitz Municipal Airport for a stamp and go. The pilot check in center, "Small Pilot Shack" was locked. We tried several combinations hoping to strike the correct combo but no luck. After finally reaching the airport manager we were told that no one knows the combination, because the one guy who knew had died. At 3 pm it was time to head home and call it a day. 3.0 hours on the Hobbs.

September 10th I flew to Piso airport for the stamp and visited with the owner of this nice little grass strip. On to Crivitz Airport where the Pilot Shack had been unlocked where the stamp was available. 3.0 on the Hobbs.

September 11th Paul, Lyle, and I flew to Marshfield to get stamped. Next was Neillsville Municipal Airport, the main runway is east/west and the taxiway to the terminal runs

Crivitz. I landed at Little O' Hare with 2.6 on the Hobbs.

Our next short trip was on October 3rd and 4th 2020. Lyle Banser, Paul Buss, and I flew to Pulaske Airport for a stamp and to call Austin Straubel International Airport. I called the Green Bay tower to get permission to land in Class C airspace. We did not have transponders, but permission was granted and Green Bay was our next stamp. Clouds



along the once north/south grass strip. No one around today so off to Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Eau Claire. In route to Eau Claire from Neillsville there is a huge tower standing a little over 2000 ft high. It reminds me of the 2 huge towers west of Madison. We had lunch at the terminal building and then off towards home. Lyle diverted to Wisconsin Rapids for a stamp. He then visited Stevens Point, Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee, and the Wausau Downtown Airport for stamps. Paul flew past my place and continued on to get his stamp at

were on the lower side and we experienced some light spotty showers. After an hour delay waiting for the weather to improve, it was decided to head home. 2.9 hours on the Hobbs.

Sunday October 4th was a clearer day with a little more wind. Lyle could not join us today so Paul and I soldiered on flying to Chilton WI. Dean Heimermann is the owner at Flying Feathers Airport and Countryside Aviation. He showed us his fleet of Ag Cats spray planes. Wow are these

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airplanes big! Dean told us about his airport and Spraying operation, maybe the largest in the Midwest? He and Paul traded stories of flying into the small mountain airstrips out west. Dean just returned from a western flight with his father and 2 of his pilots. They made the trip in Dean's DC-3. We next

flew to Oshkosh to go visit the EAA museum. Off to Fond du Lac to return Brandon's borrowed Kitfox and then a return to Norrie Brook to bring Paul home. Today was 3.6 on the Hobbs.

Humbly Submitted,

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Dan Marlenga at Flying Feathers Airport in Chilton, WI



Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh, WI

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