

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

The following article was written by Moose Lake resident Mike Williams.

In July, I and my son Mikey, friends Ken Partyka, Dan Kedrowski and Vaughn Christison traveled across Northern Canada, crisscrossing Alaska and back covering about 7500 miles on straight floats, a Cessna 185 and 172.

43 landings, 23 fuel stops, every type of flight conditions and hours of mountain flying kept us busy. We fished 9 different rivers and lakes, also we stayed in cabins, trailers, hotels, ARBB'S, resorts, and we tent camped. Numerous natives provided us with lodging, free transportation, and fishing.

In southwest Alaska we dined with Jerry Jacques, a well-known Alaskan author, lodge owner and bush pilot.

Across North America 6 species of fish were caught. Time was spent in the northern Alaska Brooks Range, southwest Alaska in the Lake Illiama area (Alaska's largest lake), northern Yukon, northern Northwest Territories, Great Bear Lake, and Lake Athabasca.

We had numerous encounters with Brown Bears and enjoyed epic site seeing. The people we met along the way were always helpful and somewhat in awe of our travels.

We also had offers to shoot Moose with the natives and have been invited back for ice fishing and the Caribou migration. I have done an Alaska flying trip 5 times and every trip meets all superlatives; this was no exception.

Mike Williams

Jim O. On Monday morning September 8th I left for another Canadian fishing trip at my friend Mike Henry's Fly-In fishing camps. Mikes Air Base is located just north of Emo Ont. Total drive time is one hour and fifteen minutes north of the border from Fort Francis Ont. I arrived at Mike and Kellys Air Base / Canadian home at 6 PM.

Our main purpose for this trip is to close down all six of Mike's Fly-In camps. This includes cleaning all cabins, draining the water, pulling all the boats out of the lake and turning them over and cleaning them. Any repairs that need to be done are also completed. All motors are removed from all boats and flown back to the Air Base for servicing. They get a complete going over, so they are ready for 2026. Mike has a few Canadian friends that do most of the work in the fall and spring to help him out. My job is to take care of anyone if they were to get hurt during the trip. The main job for me is to get some fishing done while I'm there.

The first camp that we visited was Mikes new cabin that is located on Rock Cliff lake. While we were there, we also had to finish building a cook shanty. This is a small building used to cook fish or burgers outside without getting wet. We also wanted to build a small building for the storage of beer, soda, and water. The only problem was we ran out of time. I guess we will have to have someone do it in the spring.

The next camp we went to was Smooth Rock. This camp is located about 15 minutes by air from Rock Cliff. We do about the same thing at each camp except we had no construction projects at any other camp. We spent about one day at each camp to get everything done that was needed. Some of the camps needed a little more work done than others so we did spend two days at some of the camps. Of course, Mike's helpers wanted to do some fishing also so we did take time so they could wet a line.

We had two cabins that we were going to clean but not shut down because there was a group of four coming in for a year end moose hunt. Oliver Lake was the camp that this group was going to stay at. They hunted there last year and had good success. They wanted that cabin again for their hunt. The other cabin that was not going to get shut down was Coles Lake. We also had a Moose tag. This was also going to be our year end fun. I have done the year end moose hunt with Mike three times. And it is a good time. I do more fishing than moose hunting but no matter what I do it is exciting.

I will fill you in on our success after I get back at the end of the month.

Birthday greetings this week go to Tom Koehler on the 26th Ray Whaley and Ruth Briggs both on the 27th. Kayla Fullington, Megan Steinmetz, and Carol Walburg all on the 28th of September. Kathy McCoy 2nd Michelle Koehler on the 3rd, Dan Ogren the 4th, George Duewerth the 5th, Jim Martin 6th Debe Fullington on the 7th. Happy Birthday to all of you.

Anniversaries greetings this week are extended to Chad and Laura Schroeder on the 23rd, Chad and Amanda Iverson on the 1st, Mike Fastner & Megan Babb on the 7th. Happy Anniversary to all of you.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with beautiful weather, wonderful comfortable temperatures, and possibly some moisture in the forecast. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address emta984@gmail.com or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Lake Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org> JO.