

April 21, 2020 - Arcadia, FL - " I'd like 50 gallons of Avgas and a Taco, please."

In my last posting I indicated how all of the restaurants in the State of Florida had been ordered closed except for curb-side pick-up or delivery. This included all airport eateries as well, and this made for some flying challenges. I went on to demonstrate how a packed lunch bag could result in a plane side picnic, if one were inventive enough. However flying to a distant location to savor the gastronomical delicacies of an airport restaurant would still be my desired choice.



Upper Photo- en-route to the Arcadia Airport @ 4,500 feet with Lake Placid in the distance

Photo Left - Getting ready to fuel up

Photo Below, Right - At the Taco Truck

Photo Below, Left - Lunch on a Picnic table at the Airport Campground.



In that regard I learned that the Arcadia Airport (X-06) which is located 85 miles due west of my home airfield of Indiantown (X-58) would be featuring a mobile food truck every Tuesday. Coincidentally Tuesdays were the same day in which their already cheap gas would receive an additional 10 cents a gallon discount. This city owned airport was already my go to place whenever I needed gas as they were \$2.25 under the price at my home field. When I fly in for fuel I always bring six 5.5 gallon jugs along, so I am good for 50 gallons or more with each fill up. This is well over a one hundred dollar savings. With tacos going 3 for \$5, I could eat for a year on the savings.



On this trip I also found out that the airport has a tent campground, complete with a modern bath-house and toilets for use by pilots who might wish to "rough it" for a couple of nights. A covered picnic area with covered tables and gas barbeque grills are just adjacent, and this is where I decided to have my taco lunch. While mobile campers are not encouraged, I don't think that I would be taking my Sprinter Class C motor-home there for a get-away anytime soon. It is only about a 2 hour flying round trip over some very scenic countryside and the combination of cheap gas and a Mexican lunch can't be beat.

