

Saturday August 21, 2010

327th Cobra flight, 337th PIC, 3 landings

Cruise up and down the Rio Grande

I took my oil sump to a weld shop last week and got a guy to patch it up. I permanently attached a piece of gasket material over the trouble some bolt that was rubbing against the oil sump, then reinstalled the sump and filled it up with oil.

Now time for a test flight. I headed over to the Rio Grande and turned upstream towards Albuquerque.

Belen Takeoff: 9:55am Belen Landing 11:31am

Trip Airtime 1.6hrs

Total PIC Time: 862.3 Total Logged Time: 883.5



The water level was very low with huge stretches of dry sand. I dropped down low and cruise up the river.



The winds were very calm and the air very smooth. I zoomed in on my GPS, so I could see all the wires that I have marked as waypoints with a skull and cross bones. No powerlines to the north, except for next to the bridges.



I flew under the outer ABQ Class C ring, almost to where I-40 crosses the river. I turned around and flew over some farms for a while. I saw the tractor in the photo to the left mowing some hay. A dog walked along next to the tractor.



I followed the Rio Grande some more, then headed back to Belen.



The repaired oil sump is working great. Good thing, cause next week I am going on a 3 day trip to Santa Teresa, NM then over to Carlsbad and Roswell for Lonny's fly-in. Then back home on Sunday.

Below is my GPS tracklog.

