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The Top 10 Reasons You Know You're in a Small Airport

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We've all been there. The lonely business trip which takes you to a remote location in which you ask yourself "*I didn't even know they had an airport there*". But these small airports often provide us with a pleasant experience, something to reflect on, and something to chuckle about.

Therefore, as an ode to the small airport traveler, below are the "Top 10 Reasons You Know You're In A Small Airport!"

10. You peer up at the daily departures board, and see three flights for the day: Denver, Denver, and Denver. The agent amuses herself by asking "*So, sir, where will you be flying today?*"
9. Your delay at the security line consists of a TSA agent having to announce "*Ralph—wake up. Someone's coming.*"
8. You accidentally leave your iPhone sitting on the bathroom sink. You return 10 minutes later, AND IT'S STILL THERE.
7. Your food choices consist of a vending machine, and a snack bar with a hand-written sign which reads "*Back around 3:00.*" Being resourceful, you dial 411 asking for the nearest pizza delivery joint, and order a medium pepperoni to be delivered to the terminal. (*I did this in Bemidji, MN, by the way.*)
6. You look outside the window and see only one plane. It's the size of a station wagon. It has propellers. It's yours.
5. A gate change is announced overhead. It's from Gate 1 to Gate 2. You move over one chair.
4. You don't hear a single curse word.
3. The gate agent announces "*Now boarding all zones, all rows.*" You look to the only other person in the gate area and say "*That's us.*"
2. An attendant named Julia checked you in at the ticket counter. The same attendant named Julia loaded your bags onto the plane. The same attendant named Julia now takes your boarding pass at the gate. "*Ok, if Julia is also flying my plane, I've got a problem.*"
1. Your flight arrives at a small airport late into the evening. After retrieving your bags, visiting the restroom, and calling for a hotel shuttle—you only see one person left in the airport...an employee. He waves at you and says "*Lock up when you leave.*"

While larger airports have the luxuries, amenities, and restaurant choices—they also have the litany of hassles. I'll take the refreshing experience of a small airport any day. Even if I do have to lock up when I leave.

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