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Lite Flyers

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Presidents Corner

The First Annual Statewide Ultralight Fly-In, Lake of the Woods Campground - Wautoma, WI

What a fantastic event! Four ultralights represented Chapter 75. Rich Papa with his MXL Sport, Dan Marlenga and Steve Norris with their GT 500, Steve Krueger piloting a Mini Max (thank you Jay), and Jack Lasee with his beautiful Buckeye Parachute.

The fixed wing fellows left Wausau at noon as our first leg would be to Stevens Point. The flight was quite smooth considering a full ray of sunshine to give us an occasional bump to wake us up and keep us alert. It was nice to see Jim Riesinger able to get some stick time to Point in the GT 500. Hey Jim do you have the bug yet or was it a terminal dosage? At Point we were greeted with mixed fuel via ground support Norris and Company. Thanks Steve.

Onward to Lake of the Woods with Steve and Greg Norris piloting the GT 500, Rich in the MXL Sport, and Steve Krueger in the Mini Max. Oh by the way it helps to have the correct coordinates for your final destination but our dead reckoning skills got us there via a little detour.

The facilities were terrific with a special camping area for all the forty plus ultralights that flew in for the weekend event. It was great to see our family members join in the fun, making it all the more a special weekend event. A wonderful dinner of brats and fine side dishes was a great hit. Thank you Karen and Patty, after all, even we need to get fueled up once in a while.

An evening flying session was a lot of fun, it brought back Oshkosh memories of the ultralight evening fly-bys just a few weeks ago. After sunset the campground management set up a huge bon fire just for the ultralight guests. It was a starlit night with a few pork chops and always a great story or two. Why does it get better with each new event? Meeting new and catching up with old friends always adds the frosting to any cake. Lights out at midnight with a dawn patrol for the morning agenda. When the morning came the ground fog was too heavy for any Dawn Patrol but someone with a bugle made sure that no one overslept and would you believe that there even was a yodeller on the horizon to make everyone feel right at home as if you were at Oshkosh.

Good job Jack Lasee, it was a great hit. Ha. Ha. Even if it was only a tape it was a good stereo system. With the early morning fog not lifting a few of us went for a drive to Wautoma for fuel in the tanks and fuel in our tummiés. A few ultralights headed out for their home voyage but most of our group took advantage of a little mini golf and the heated outdoor swimming pool action. It was refreshing!

Something quite interesting was a twin engine Aero Commander piloted by a fellow named Jim from the Appleton area. Apparently he flies in on most weekends for a quick get away. He also gives weekend rides for local campers. What a sight watching him fly in and out of a grass strip 2200' long with tress on both ends. He does a great job of piloting. I would like to thank Jim for inviting all of the ultralights to his campsite for a send off luncheon on Sunday with fresh roasted corn on the cob and other fine dishes. It just added more family type fellowship to the weekend.

Our flight home on Sunday was completely flawless, we even had a brisk tailwind making it a quick hop to our home ports. I would like to add that Lake of the Woods is a 200 plus campsite campground with a private air strip.

It was a super weekend experience and I am looking forward to next years State Wide Fly-In. Hope to see you there next year.

Steve Krueger

p.s. Bill Markstrum, what would a campfire be without a campfire song. You guessed it! Nothing better than The Ultralight Song. We did our best without our song leader and we even had a few new voices singing along. It was unanimously voted a great hit! Thanks Bill.

Big Timber Birthday Fly-In / Edgar Steam Engine Show

Well Reiny, you've done it again! Our own Reinhold Hirsch celebrated his 75th birthday in a Wings & Things Fly-in / Drive-in Pancake Breakfast on Saturday August 24th near Lake Dubay. This was his second consecutive fly-in birthday celebration. Just goes to show you, you can take the man out of the plane, but you will never take the wings off of Reiny! A wholehearted thanks for your hospitality and

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accommodations. The day presented itself with a contrast of mother nature opening with a sky as peaceful as heaven and changing her mind to winds commanding 20 mph + gusts as NCWLF members rendezvoused to the Edgar Steam Engine Show including Captain Jack Lasee in his powered Six Chuter Parachute, Commander Rich Papa in his MXL Sport, and me, myself and I in the GT-500. Didn't know they made a three seater did ya!!! The Steam Engine Show delivered thoughts of nostalgia as machines of the past came alive and reminded us of the ingenuity of yesteryear. With a welcomed tail wind homeward bound, all arrived safely to their home bases.

Steve Norris

NCWLF Welcomes New Members

Toni Borchardt - Wausau, WI

Harold Benisch - Columbus, WI

Joseph Mapes - Stevens Point, WI

Pat Kenny - Eagle River, WI

Local Ultralight Instruction and Dealership

For those wanna be's looking for official instruction contact Ken Snyder at 715-423-1128. Ken is also a Quicksilver dealer. Ken has an AFI rating with the USUA and does a terrific job of instructing in the Wisconsin Rapids area.

Events Coming Up

- **Dick Lees' Drive-In Fly-In - Saturday, September 21.**
Details and map enclosed.

- **September meeting of the NCWLF - EAA Ultralight Chapter 75.** Saturday September 21 at 1:30 at Dick Lees' Fly-In.

Club Apparel

Contact Steve Krueger to place an order for polo shirts and jackets (a 50% down payment is required when ordering jackets). Caps are available for purchase at each club meeting from Steve Norris.

Caps \$ 10.00

Shirts \$ 23.00 - 24.00

Jackets \$ 50.00 - 60.00

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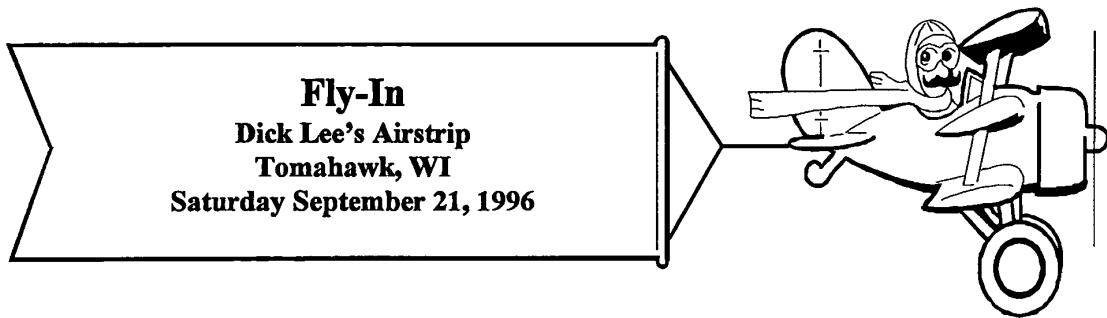
Team Mini Max - Rotax 377 with gear drive. Always hangared and in excellent condition. \$7,500 obo. Contact Jay Couillard (715) 536-4440

Newsletter

The newsletter is a monthly publication of the North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers and is free to all club members. Send any comments, questions, suggestions, or items you would like included in the newsletter to:

Mark Blume
15203 Short Lane
Marathon, WI 54448

Items received by the 5th are considered for that month's publication.



Fly-In / Picnic / September Club Meeting

Come early - Lunch served 11:30 - 4:00. Club meeting at 1:30.

Camping - There is plenty of room available for anyone wanting to camp overnight Friday or Saturday. Contact Dick at 715-453-3135

For anyone interested a group fly-out from the Merrill Airport to Dicks' Strip is being planned. Contact Steve Krueger at 715-536-8828.

