North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers



Editors Notes by Bill Markstrum

Like many of you who had the opportunity to spend even a few hours at Airventure 2002, the sights and sounds of the 50th anniversary of EAA are only now fading from your eyes and ears. You may go to watch the aerobatic pilots doing unbelievable things in heir aircraft, stand in silent awe at the sailplane ballet, or cover your ears as our military might thunders by. Or you may, as I do, sense these activities as background music while you pursue the many learning opportunities presented at Oshkosh.

Ron Detert and I were able to spend three full days there in a beautiful park-like setting of a friend's residence right under the ultralight flight path. The old ground-support van again served as our bed and breakfast accommodation. this year sporting a queen-size bed and TV. During the course of the day we would attend seminars of specific interest, check what's new in the UL area and generally have a wonderful time. We've learned the routine over the years on how to get the most bang for our buck when we report to the ticket window at the Red Barn. We are greeted by the smiling face of our chapter 75 "First Lady", Karen Krueger. Besides buying our daily wristbands we also renew our annual membership in EAA. This way we end up with several freebees: the Airventure program book, the info guide book listing all venders and seminars and a good quality tee shirt emblazoned with a large Ultralight emblem. All this plus Karen's warm smile!

I came away from Oshkosh with knowledge gained on the construction of UL aircraft and engines and especially on metal forming during an excellent class sponsored by the Antique Air-

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craft group. But more than this I came away with a very poignant memory shared by many of our chapter mebers. It was a beautiful Friday morning and many of us gathered near Frank Beagle's elevated stand to watch the airborne parade of ultralights and trikes take off and land as Frank described each plane, pilot and builder or manufacturer.

As always, Steve Krueger was doing his volunteer thing along the UL runway fence when he noticed a young boy sitting in a wheelchair, his mother near him. He seemed very interested in

the planes and their comings and goings. Always eager to introduce anyone, especially a youngster to the joys of light plane flying, Steve asked the boy's mother whether "Joey" would enjoy a ride in John Glynn's Trike. "That would be wonderful!" she tearfully replied. Soon, Joey was strapped in and airborne, waving at his mom as he and John passed overhead. But wait, the rest of the story will choke you up as much as it did all of us there that morning. Joey was born in Rumania with severally deformed legs. His parents abandoned him to an orphanage where this lovely young lady from North Carolina, Christal Lambert, found him and adopted him as a single parent. This otherwise handsome and extremely intelligent boy of nine is now fitted with prosthesis and walks around very well on his, as I called them, Ultralight legs. Frank Beagle interviewed the lad both down on the field and up on his "control tower" which Joev climbed unaided and with ease. His English is perfect and his enthusiasm for life is evident. We're glad to have you in such good hands and safe in our great country, Joey.

Of course the tables were turned and it was Joey's turn

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A man who drives when he is drunk should haul his coffin in his trunk

...Burma Shave





NCWLF Treasurer Report July 2002

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(Continued from page 1) to wave at his mother from the ground as she experienced a trike flight with John Glynn. While all of this activity was recorded on Ron Detert's trusty camcorder, none of us there present that morning will forget that moving experience. Thank you Steve Krueger for sensing that opportunity and John Glynn for letting Joey spread his young wings. Most of all, thank you Miss Lambert for opening the world to this beautiful young person. The whole process of adoption plus the medical expenses must have been very costly but we could already see the payback Joey (make that "JOY") is giving you. The world needs more

people like you. Come visit us again soon!

Now, back at the home front. we have more happy news to report. Erling Uttech's Skyraider is finished and Paul Buss test flew it and reported that it flew perfectly. Another perfect flying plane was reported by test pilot Steve Krueger when he made the first flight in Jerry Smith's CGS Hawk recently in Antigo. J.J. took some dual time with Steve and then flew his plane for the very first time. Steve, observing that flight, reported that J.J., after circling the field a couple times, greased it in to a perfect landing, taxied up and asked if someone would kindly remove the cover from the pitot tube!

Now there's a natural pilot! Despite having no airspeed indicator, he had the ear and feel to land his new creation smoothly. Do you suppose it was J.J.'s musicians ear that helped him keep the right pitch? Anyway, congratulations Erling and Jerry on the successful completion of your projects. Jerry, does this mean the female half of the "denim duo". Kim. will now have to drive alone to each fly-in while you fly? Better build a plane for her too.

For those hesitating to buy or build their own wings I can only offer this thought attributed to Les Brown: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars"



Dean Turner after being defeated by Steve Krueger in the torpedo run at the Jakel/LaSee Fly-In

NCWLF Meeting August 17, 2002

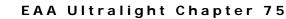
Our next meeting will be at the Lake of the Woods Campground on Saturday, August 17 at 8:30PM. For driving and more information see 8th annual Wisconsin UL fly in flyer.

Solo Flight

Congratulations to our new member, Joe Simon from Land O' Lakes, Joe soloed at Merrill on Friday, August 2, 2002. Joe and his father Jim will be building an aerolight 103. *NICE JOB JOE!!*

Let's Go Flying

Our chapter is organizing flights on Tuesday nights this year. Places to visit, cookouts, suggestions, etc... can be directed to Steve Krueger 715-536-8828 or Dan Marlenga 715-359-7377. Wednesday nights will be used as rain dates.





Chapter Fund Raiser

Our Chapter was approached by the Chippewa Valley Airshow Committee help at the ticket stands for there Blue Angel Airshow on August 24-25. Our receive Chapter will \$50.00 per person 9AM till 2PM ticket booth shift. They are looking for 16 people to cover eight ticket booths (2 per booth) Individual volunteers will receive FREE passes to Airshow and lunch. This would be a great guick fundraiser for our Chapter to help with operating costs. New much needed copier machine for chapter newsletter. RSVP to Steve Krueger by August 12, (715)-536-8828 Check out the Airshow on the Web



Ultralight Planes are Saving Cranes



Whooping cranes once thrived in a range spanning from Canada to Mexico and from Utah to the Atlantic Coast. Unfortunately, overhunting and habitat destruction decreased the wild population of this species to only 15-20 birds in the 1940's. Recovery and protective efforts instituted since then have saved the birds from extinction, but their existence remains tenuous. Only about 200 whoopers exist in the wild today, in a single flock that migrates between protective refuges in Canada and Texas each year.

By being concentrated in a single area, the current whooping crane population is vulnerable to extinction by disease, bad weather, predators, or human impacts. To ensure the continued existence of this species, several groups are working together in an effort to reintroduce a second migratory flock of whoopers into Wisconsin. This innovative project involves using ultralight planes to lead the endangered birds to their wintering site in Florida. This project is based on the fact that juvenile birds follow their parents or the first thing they see upon hatching, through a phenomenon known as imprinting. The birds will hopefully become imprinted upon ul-

Whooping Crane Recovery Program

tralight planes, without losing their fear of humans, so their survival instinct remains intact.

The first group of migratory whoopers was primed for migration in a complex process initiated in the early 2001. Chicks were trained to recognize the ultralight even before they hatched, as ecordings of ultralight sounds were played in the incubator. After hatching, young cranes were reared with hand puppets and costumed handlers. Flight training occurred daily, as young cranes first followed the ultralight on foot down a grassy strip. Once they developed flight feathers, they followed the aircraft for short periods as it encircled their pen.

Last fall this first group of whooping cranes began the longest ultralight-led migration ever, for 1,250 miles to Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Area in Florida. Under optimal conditions, when the weather was good and a tailwind was present, it was possible to cover up to 80 miles a day. However, poor weather and headwinds prevented flight for almost half the time that it took to complete the migration. Luckily, persistence paid off and the whoopers arrived at their destination 48 days after leaving Wisconsin. They spent the next few months in sunny Florida on their wintering grounds.

So far, our project has yielded encouraging results,

as five whoopers successfully completed their migration back -unaided- to their summer home in Wisconsin. Now the cycle is repeating itself as 17 new whoopers are being primed by biologists for their first successful fall migration. The Natural **Resources** Foundation (NRF) is a local nonprofit organization committed to ensuring the continued success of this historic project for the next four years, as biologists guide new young whoopers on their southern migration each autumn. Eventually, older cranes will take over the leadership role - just as nature has done for eons. Until then, the future of this most endangered bird remains precarious.

NRF invites you to support the use of ultralights to save endangered birds by joining our Crane Club! Donations to the club go directly towards the purchase of veterinary supplies, video and monitoring equipment, and other items necessary for the annual Florida migration. For more information about our crane club, please visit our website at www.nrfwis. org or call us at 866-264-4096.

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My First Hawk Flight

On the evening of August 2nd, a brand new CGS Hawk graced the skies of north central Wisconsin. I can hardly believe that Hawk was mine (with me as pilot). My dream has come true and every minute of hectic buildtime was worth it. She's a forgiving, "thrill to fly" type of Ultralight. The transition from Quicksilver MXII Trainer to Hawk was very comfortable.

My hat is off to Steve Krueger for his excellent instructing in "Seat of the pants flying". I say this because, in my excitement, I forgot to remove the Pitotcover before takeoff. I was airborne in an enclosed cabin, for the first time, with no airspeed indicator. Amazingly, it didn't seem scary but required a mental resolve to stay calm and "fly the airplane". It seemed natural to "feel the airplane", check the Tach and make a "hot" final approach. Fortunately, Antigo has very long runways. I aborted my first landing attempt because it didn't feel right, went around the patch again....and wouldn't you know, made a "Greaser" landing.

I am grateful to so many people for helping make my "flying dream" come true. It would take pages to list them all. For now, I want to thank Mark Blume for introducing me to the thrill of Ultralight Flight with his stories of flying experiences as we worked together repairing telephone cables. Steve Krueger for his introductory flight and subsequent "funstyle" of professional flight instruction....also for "Test Piloting" my Hawk. Steve Wild for his professional "Rotax Engine" assistance and "Engine break-in" leadership. Lou Landucci for his excellent "aircraft inspection"....and my Hawk got to be his first Ultralight inspected.

Many thanks to all of you Chapter members who shared ideas and advice throughout my 2 1/2 year building process. I look forward to sharing the thrill of Ultralight Flight with all of you.

JJ Smith Antigo, WI

Noise Abatement Area

Dear Pilots Using the Wausau Downtown Airport: There has been a new sign

erected adjacent to Taxiway "C" near its intersection with runway 04/22. quested run-up area is more centrally located on airport property and further away from residential areas and shall therefore reduce noise, especially to the houses in

ATTENTION PILOTS NOISE ABATEMENT AREA DO RUN-UPS AT 04/22 HOLD LINE PLEASE RESPECT OUR AIRPORT NEIGHBORS

We are creating this procedure of our own accord as a preventative measure to educe noise for the airport's adjacent neighbors. There have been no complaints to initiate this procedure. We believe that the new reSchofield.

The words quoted from the Cessna Pilot Operating handbook for many single engine aircraft sum up our thoughts for the new procedure. Increased emphasis on inproving the quality of our environment requires renewed effort on the part of all pilots to minimize the effect of airplane noise on the public. We, as pilots, can demonstrate our concern for environmental improvement, by application of the following suggested procedures, and thereby tend to build public support for aviation," and the airport.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any further questions regarding this or any other airport issue, feel free to contact John P. Chmiel at 715 845-3400 or taildraggerflyer@yahoo.com.

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excellent book, "Wings North" at \$30 each. This is a treasure trove of local aviation history. Call Bill to reserve your copy. 845-8673

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NCWLF Calendar of Events

August 11, 2002 Musky Day Fly-In Boulder Junction, WI August 16-18, 2002 UL State Fly-In Lake of the Woods Wautoma, WI August 17, 2002 Chapter 75 Meeting Lake of the Woods Wautoma, WI August 24-25 Upward Airshow Eau Claire WI. 11:00 AM to 5:30 Full air and Static Venue August 23-25 Rapids Balloon Rally Alexander Field Wisconsin Rapids, WI September 6-8 Annual Seaplane Fly-In Cranberry Lake 2 Miles South of Eagle River Phil Hartman 715-276-4207 September 21-22, 2002 7th Annual Blume-Voss Fly-In & Chapter 75 Meeting Little Chicago, WI October 6 Central Co. Flyers Fall Colors Fly-In Cent. Co. Airport 7:30 AM -11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 11:00 Am -3 PM Famous Chile Dinner October 19, 2002 Chapter 75 Meeting Location TBA November 16, 2002 Chapter 75 Meeting Location TBA December 14, 2002 Chapter 75 Meeting Merrill, WI with EAA 243 & 640 Merrill Airport

Check these websites for other events: www.dot.state.wi.us/dtid/boa www.brainerd.net/~syzygy/wisconsin2.htm

Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact Tom Voss tvoss@pcpros.net to list events in subsequent newsletters



MUSKY DAY LAND & SEA FLY-IN BOULDER JUNCTION, WISCONSIN SUNDAY AUG. 11, 2002

- Famous Darko Chicken For Fly-In Pilots & Crew 1 pm+
- . Sea Plane Dock and Tiedowns
- Free Transportation To Downtown Boulder Junction Activities
- . Fly In Saturday Camp Over
- . 9:00 am Start
- . Young Eagle Flights

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¹ 8thAnnual WI Statewide Ultralight Fly-In /Camp-out August 16,17,18 2002 Lake of the Woods Campground Wautoma, WI

By Car: 10 miles South of Wautoma Hwy. 22. West on JJ 2¼ miles to 14th Ave. South 1 mile to campgrounds. (Watch for signs- Lake of the Woods Campground) 2200' & 1800' intersecting Runways N 43` 58` 17 W 89` 20` 38 Unicom 122.9

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For More Information contact: Lake of the Woods Campground 920-787-3601 Event Chairman: EAA UL Chapter 75 Steve Krueger 715-536-8828 EAA UL Chapter 75 On the Internet: http://www.pcpros.net/~tvoss/



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Rapids Balloon Childrens Rall

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5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Balloom Hight & Glow, Live Mulle, Food, & Befreshments

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

6:00 arm - 2:30 pm Pancake Breakfast, Balloon Flight, Airplane Rides, Skydlwing, Ultralight Planes, Live Music, Food, & Refreshments, Kids Activities

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm Balloon Flight & Glow, Live Music, Food, & Refreshments

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

6:00 am - 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast, Balloon Flight, Airplane Rides, Skydiving, Ultralight Planes, Live Music

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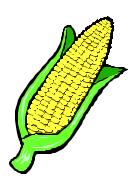
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Free Camping (though no hook-ups) Come Friday Evening or Saturday Morning And stay till Monday if you like



Fly in, drive in, camp in, bike in, walk in Anyway you want to get there, just get there Last year many Ultralights, light planes, and even a few "Spam-cans"



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