

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon



The weather forecast was for partially clear skies, with temperatures in the “no preheat required” zone, and winds in the single digits for a change. It could be my last chance to fly for the next three weeks. **But, that shouldn't be such a big deal because my log book says that I haven't flown in the last eight weeks, due to various reasons. Thank goodness, the dog eating my plane was not one of them!**

Regressing to last month's newsletter about knocking the rust off my decreased flying proficiency and the dust off my checklists, I opted to not schedule a check ride with my instructor because of the impromptu nature of the day. Instead, I meticulously inspected the plane, checklist in hand. All looked good except the cleverly hidden duct tape partially covering my oil cooler, used to increase engine temps in winter. After calling two airports for their AWOS reports to confirm my visual weather observation, I towed the plane out of the hangar to continue proceeding towards becoming airborne. Next checklist.

Having completed my pre takeoff checklist and sitting at the end of the runway with

the cockpit all secured, I made my final instrument and air traffic check before advancing the throttle. At that moment I could feel my facial muscles tighten as I put on my “Cheshire Cat” smile in anticipation of chasing the horizon. **And we're off! Soon, I'm over the trees and with a little rudder/aileron action for the slight crosswind, I am up and away in what I consider “my little piece of heaven”.**

With no pre planned destination in mind after flying the Wolf River to check walleye fishing boat traffic, I decided to head for the Shawano airport while overflying the river. A quick aerial survey of Shawano Lake put me on a left downwind for EZS Runway 12. A single tire yelp on the new asphalt surface kept that flying smile on my face all the way to the terminal.

After checking out the facilities in the new terminal building and signing the airport register, I was greeted by a familiar older face that I had often seen in the old terminal, which had been replaced by a new facility about 5 years ago. After self introductions, my conversation with Clarence Schampers covered his historic connection to the

airport and his background in aviation. Our brief conversation led to a next day phone call with Clarence elaborating on his Shawano aviation connection, with my urging questions. Before long, we were “hanger flying” with the best of them.

Clarence Schampers began taking flying lessons prior to being drafted into the Navy in the 1960's, and was stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes for his two year military obligation, during which time he continued taking flying lessons. After the service, he used his GI Bill benefits to further his aviation training, which included his instrument rating, commercial pilot license, flight instructor license, flight instrument instructor, and multi engine rating. His path led to Shawano as owner and operator of Shawano Flying Service, as well as airport manager, in 1971, until 2021.

This is just an abbreviated bio at best. Clarence is a true ambassador of Shawano, as well as a local aviation historian. My luck seems to never run out when it comes to meeting those individuals that nurture our desires to

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NCWLF Treasurer Report April 2024

Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,192.71	Balance Forward	\$ 9,185.42
Checking Deposits		3/31/24 Interest	.08
	03/14/2024 170.00		
	03/18/2024 275.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 9,185.50
March Cash + \$5s for change	125.00		
April, May Cash + \$5s for change	225.00		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,287.71	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 10,473.21

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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May we Send you an Electronic Version of the Newsletter? Yes No

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Name _____

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Membership Dues Schedule

- \$ 15 May
- \$ 12 August
- \$ 9 November
- \$ 6 February
- \$ 14 June
- \$ 11 September
- \$ 8 December
- \$ 5 March
- \$ 13 July
- \$ 10 October
- \$ 7 January
- \$ 4 April

Payment of dues affords me voting privileges, and a subscription to news updates.

Send dues to: NCWLF N3175 Norwegian Rd Merrill, WI 54452

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

Send comments, questions, suggestions, etc... to tvosswi@gmail.com



March 2024 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The March 16, 2024 Chapter 75 EAA meeting was called to order by President Steve Krueger. It was held at the Taylor County Airport and hosted by Al Mader and his group. Thank you gentlemen, for hosting and thank you for the pizza!

There were 31 people and Miss Maggie in attendance. Mother Nature was not on our side weather-wise.

Secretary's report was read aloud. Motion to accept made by Lyle Banser and seconded by Joe Malsack. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Larry Wenning. Motion to accept made by Joe Malsack and seconded by Lorne Thurier. Motion carried.

There were 35 people at **Jurg's presentation at the Merrill Airport** on February 26th. Very well received and another one will be held there in September.

The Tuesday Night Fly Nights schedule will be posted in the May newsletter. The first one is June 5th in Merrill. These begin around 5 pm.

New Business:

Interesting spring for flying - there was an impromptu Friday Fish Fry on March 15 at Hay Meadow. The Hansens and Roths made the trek to the airstrip made by John

Hatz near Gleason and had lunch.

Steve talked about how important it is to be vigilant with the sun angle and not always relying on electronic devices to see what is outside of the plane.

We discussed an article on the Golden Rules of Aviation:

1. For the Pilot in Command: Get a good and timely evaluation with a good instructor who knows your airplane. At that time you should review emergency procedures.

2. For the Airplane: When did it fly last? Each flight needs a good preflight inspection. Washing the plane is an awesome preflight inspection.

3. Be Vigilant-do a double look.

4. Never operate with a known malfunction, better to wish you were flying than to be flying in the plane and wish you were on the ground.

5. Do a pre-flight weather review. Establish minimums - visibility, winds, etc.

6. Navigation Planning - Establish a safe altitude for flight. Have current charts for your route. Know the airspace and frequencies needed.

7. Address your takeoff and landing limits. Never quit flying until the chocks are under the plane.

8. Wind limits. Be ready for the unexpected.

9. Physical condition of the pilot needs to be considered each flight.

10. Hand propping starting procedures. Always brief your passenger.

New Business:

Election of Officers at the April meeting.

Four Tombstone pizzas were given away to Joe Malsack, Joe Urban, Larry Wenning and Bill Heil.

\$100 drawing was won on the second drawing-not won by Dale Bogard but won by Brent Moodie. Thanks Bob!

Motion made by Steve Krueger to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be April 20th at 10:30 at the Stevens Point Airport hosted by Evan and Colleen Hansen.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Hansen

Recording Secretary

Next NCWLF Meeting April 20

Our Next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, April 20th, 10:30 am, at the Stevens Point Airport. Hosted By Evan and Colleen Hansen.

Hope to see you there!

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become bigger aviation enthusiasts, or well wishers that point us in the direction to new horizons. We have all met like individuals who add color to our **life's palette**. **May we all take** the time to explore those that are willing to share themselves with us. Thank you, Clarence Schampers.



Chapter 75 Membership Dues



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Calendar of Events

- April 9- 14 Sun N Fun / Aerospace Expo Lakeland FL
- April 20 Chapter Meeting Stevens Point Airport
- May 18 Chapter Meeting
- June 4 Tuesday Night Fly Night Merrill Airport
- June 15 Chapter Meeting
- June 18 Tuesday Night Fly Night Antigo Langlade Co Airport
- July 2 Tuesday Night Fly Night Norrie Brook Eland
- July 16 Tuesday Night Fly Night Stevens Point Airport
- July 22-28 AirVenture Oshkosh
- August 6 Tuesday Night Fly Night Scherrico Meadows
- August 11 Boulder Jct Musky Day Fly In
- August 17 Chapter Meeting
- August 20 Tuesday Night Fly Night Adams County Airport
- September 21 Chapter Meeting
- October 19 Chapter Meeting
- November 16 Chapter Meeting
- December 14 Chapter Meeting

Fly Nights 2024

Fly Nights run from around 5 pm - 8 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- ✈ June 4 Merrill group at RRL
- ✈ June 18 Hosted by John Szigat at Antigo Langlade Co Airport
- ✈ July 2 Hosted by Paul Buss Norrie Brook WI00
- ✈ July 16 Hosted by Evan & Colleen Hansen At STE
- ✈ August 6 Hosted by Harold S at Scherrico Meadows WS16

✈ August 20 Hosted by Rob Brown at Adams Co 63C

Should there be inclement weather to make flight unsafe, that event will be postponed until the following Tuesday at the same location. Should weather be a factor on that Tuesday, the event is cancelled.

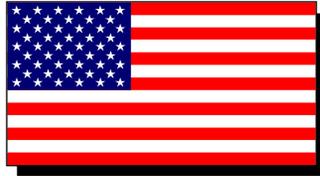
If an event is postponed or cancelled, three members of the fly night team will make phone calls to the members that actively participate in the fly nights. Tom Voss will also be alerted and he will mass email all members of Chapter

75. I'd like to remind everyone to please verify and update as needed your contact information - phone, email address, home address, etc. Email changes to Larry Wenning

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Enjoy flying this summer. Hope to see you on fly night.

Dick Neitzel



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