

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

Editors Notes



Its a rainy May morning here at the edge of the Wausau airport. All the aircraft are safe in their hangars and I don't expect to hear any engines above the patter of rain today. On days such as this we see only high-tech corporate jets and turbo props and there have been more and more of them lately. This bodes well for the Wausau Flying Service fuel truck and the local economy in general. With fuel prices climbing faster than most of our ultra-lights, aren't we glad our tanks are only the five to ten gallon size.

Despite the gloomy weather, Ron Detert and I got our rays of sunshine early this morning. We were invited to share a table at the Leadership Prayer Breakfast at the Rose Garden in Wausau, an annual function observing the National Day of Prayer.

We thoroughly enjoyed the guest speaker, Mr. Russell O'Quinn. He is an experimental test pilot, aircraft designer and president of Aerospace Design and Development Company. Imagine still being able to wring out a high performance jet with all it's G forces at age seventy-two! There's hope

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and inspiration for all of us long-in-the-tooth pilots. It was an outstanding presentation and I have a tape copy of it if anyone wants to borrow it.

Speaking of prayers, I got a recent call from chapter member Gordon Krunnfusz saying he wanted to place an add to sell his Kolb Firestar II. After three ULs and many hours in the air he is forced to give up flying due to a

serious heart condition. You'll find the details of his Kolb in the buy/sell column. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Gordon.

I was unable to attend the April meeting at Dean Turners place on Lake Nokomis but our faithful Videographer, Ron Detert, taped the event and loaned me the tape. The meeting was held in Dean's lumber storage shed/hangar beside his runway. Nominations were accepted for chapter officers and they are as follows: President, Steve Krueger, Vice President, Tony Borchardt, Secretary, Dodie Neubauer, and Treasurer, Steve Norris. Voting will take place at the next meeting so do your best to be there to support this

wonderful slate of officers. It will be a voice vote since Dean forgot to bring back any *punch card ballots* from Florida. President Krueger reminded everyone that
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Perspective

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

Club Officer Nominations

The Ballot for Mays Election is as follows:

President

Steve Krueger, Unopposed

Vice President

Tony Borchardt
Dean Turner

Secretary

Dodie Neubauer, Unopposed

Treasure

Steve Norris, Unopposed

Board Members

Dan Marlenga, Unopposed
Russ Post, Unopposed



Thanks to all. Active member participation makes your club great!



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NCWLF Treasurer Report April 2001



Balance Fwd		\$ 591.57
Deposits		
Dues	\$ 192.00	
	Total	\$ 192.00
Disbursements		
	Total	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance		\$ 783.57

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Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:
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Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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Type of Ultralight you fly _____

Membership Dues Schedule

- \$ 12 May \$ 9 August \$ 6 November \$ 3 February
- \$ 11 June \$ 8 September \$ 5 December \$ 2 March
- \$ 10 July \$ 7 October \$ 4 January \$ 1 April

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

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April was membership renewal time. Send your twelve dollars to Steve Norris or bring it to the next meeting. Which reminds me, I must send in my own dues. I sure wouldn't want to lose this high-paying position!

Before adjourning to the comfort and good food at Dean's house, Dean gave a day by day report of his flight to Florida and Sun 'n Fun in his SeaRey. It sounded like quite an adventure and Rotax education, Dean. As always there seemed to be plenty of delicious food provided by Dean and his lady followed by the usual ritual of feeding the Moray eels. So far, all fingers are still accounted for. Dean also provided a travelogue on his Florida adventure by piping in his digital camera to the big-screen TV.

I'm sorry I missed it but enjoyed the rerun in my easy chair. Thanks Ron, good job.

This next testimonial probably wouldn't be of interest to those far-flung members of this chapter, but for those in and around Wausau it should be of some use. I own a band saw with a non-standard length blade. In searching for a replacement blade I was directed to the Miller Supply Company at 303 Ross avenue in Schofield. From the street side it doesn't look very imposing but once inside the huge Quonset style building it's a mechanics dream. Any kind of tool imaginable is available with the courteous and knowledgeable sales people to go with it. Yes, they custom-made three saw blades for me at Menards-like prices. Its a half block off of Grand Ave. just south of the Eau

Claire bridge.

I suppose suggesting the Miller Co. falls in the category of problem solving. Bob Payzer has his own personal problem solver in the person of Cal Lukasavitz. Bob has encountered numerous glitches in his SeaRey since it wasn't constructed under Bob's watchful, engineering eye. However, when Bob encounters one of those annoying problems, Cal steps in with his trained eye and ever present ruler and solves the problem, either on-site or back in his shop "up north". Bob, you're lucky to have such a genius at your side. May we suggest that your engineering problems are all solved at "Cal Tech"?

Have a safe and wonderful flying season,

Bill Markstrum

3 Kitfoxes from Wisconsin

...ceiling 100 overcast, visibility 1/4 mile...NOT the most promising weather to start our trip to Sun-n-Fun.

It was 6:30 AM as I sat in the FBO at CWA and called Bill Reed at Stevens Point. "Bill, the weather is really low here, I'll be there when I can".

"No rush" Bill replied, "It's not good here either".

By 9:30 the weather had improved to 500' and 2 miles. I called the tower for a special VFR clearance to leave CWA but was told "It will be about 45 minutes

before we can get you out". In that time the weather improved to 700' and 2 miles and I departed for Stevens Point, the first leg of our 2800 mile trip. I followed the highway south until I saw the Sentry building and knew which way the airport was from there.(Yes I know the airport is only about a mile away but I couldn't quite see it). As I was rolling out after landing, I heard Dave Levoy, the third member of our Kitfox Flight, call his base to final to land behind me. I had not talked to Dave yet that morning but

knew (because I checked the weather only about a hundred times) that he was probably sitting on the ground at the Marshfield FBO, doing the same thing I was. Waiting for the weather to improve. Now here we were, both arriving at our planned departure airport within five minutes of each other. Neat!

After some discussion and another check of the weather, we decided to follow Highway 51 (or Interstate 39) as we headed south.

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Next NCWLF Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2001, at John Verfuert's Air Strip Spencer, WI. Meeting will begin at **10:00 AM** (note unusual time). Rain date is Sunday, May 20. Camping space available for Friday & Saturday nights with a roaring campfire at dusk. After the meeting we'll have a Bratwurst cook out, please bring your favorite brand of wurst. Following lunch we will do our annual fun fly competition consisting of Torpedo Runs, Bomb Drop, and Spot Landing. Volunteers are needed to judge all events. See map for directions. GPS coordinates: N 44.43.328 W 90.17.787. Call John 715-387-3856 for details. Hope to see you there!

Duane Cole

In one of Duane Cole's books he tells about the time he was up in a J-3 and discovered a rattler in the area of the front seat. Seems he had the snake pinned between the seat and the fully back stick. Said he just held it there until he gained enough altitude and it started to get cold. The snake got sluggish, so he grabbed it and threw it overboard!



Dues, Dues, Dues

All club memberships expired April 30, 2001. Dues for the next fiscal year are \$12.00. Your membership is expired if your mailing label shows 4/30/2001. This is your last newsletter if you do not renew now. Renew at the next club meeting or send a check to:

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The ceiling was only 300' but in our Kitfoxes we flew right over the middle of the road, and as we only fly at about 85 mph, we could see any towers that were along the way, and easily avoid them. Down and around the east side of the Madison airspace we headed for the Poplar Grove Airport. We made it a point to fuel there as Dave was born "In the house behind that tree over there".

Next stop, Sky King airport in Terra Haute, Indiana. Then on to Huntingburg Indiana, where we pitched our tents and listened to the wind blow all night.

Nice airport in Huntingburg, and friendly people. They offered us one of their courtesy cars to run into town and have supper, find a hotel, or whatever. When we returned after supper I told the line boy, (Carl) "I put the keys back on your counter". His reply was "Aw.. we just usually leave them in the cars, this is Indiana you know". Now this car was not some junker. It was a 1998 model. And he also left the pilots lounge open for us so we could use the facilities. Like I said, nice airport.

The next day brought us a beautiful morning with a 20 mph wind right across the only runway, which made for some interesting takeoffs. But takeoff we did and found we had 40 mph of headwind and we got beat up fairly bad at 3500'. Next fuel stop was Bowling Green Kentucky,

where I talked to another pilot that had landed for fuel also. He told us that it was smooth at 5500'. He was flying an Extra 300 acrobatic type airplane. I walked over and patted the wing and told him "I have one of these, only it's wingspan is only 75 inches" (my R/C model). Come to find out, he is a captain for Northwest, and used to fly for Mid-state airlines out of CWA. Small world.

Next fueling spot was Swanee Tenn. where we purchased the cheapest fuel of our trip. 2.00/gal. We knew we were getting farther south when the girl that ran the airport told us "Alabama is right over them tharr trees". But hey...she can talk anyway she wants if she sells 100LL for 2.00/gal.

We stopped at Swanee because we were starting to get into the Smokey Mts. and we didn't want to have to let down into the turbulence to fuel in the middle of them. Even so, it was quite a ride down final as that airport sits down in a valley.

On to "La Grange" Georgia (I like that name) and fuel again.

Our last leg of day 2 took us to Adel Georgia. (Pronounced AYE-del if your a local). We finally got past the headwinds and had a smooth ride and good groundspeed for this leg. Nobody around to greet us, as we landed just as it was getting dark, but a truckstop with showers was just a short

walk away. This was the first time I had paid \$5.00 for a shower but it would have been cheap at twice the price. We pitched our tents and crawled in for the night. Bill and Dave set up their tents about 20 feet away from the FBO building and during the night a black pick-up truck drove between their tents and the building, gunned it's motor, drove out on one of the runways, and fired a gun. I didn't hear a thing as I slept with ear-plugs.

We departed Adel into ground fog that was about 100 thick, but was it ever smooth. We had talked to someone who had driven up from Valdosta and he told us it was clear that direction and that was just the direction that we were headed. Day 3 took us into Florida with a fuel stop at Ocala (2.80/gal.) and then onto the Lakeland arrival pattern. It was beautiful flying weather. Smooth and clear until about 25 miles from Lakeland, but by then we weren't concerned about a few bumps, we were more concerned about following the arrival procedure and seeing other airplanes. Not to worry. We flew the procedure behind a Cessna, (the only other plane I saw), and even got a "Nice job, looking good" from the controllers at the lake. We followed the ground strobes towards the field, turned and entered a left downwind for runway 09 and I was wondering how far I should fly

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before turning base when the next controller called "Red and white high wing, turn your base NOW". ..O.K.! I rolled into my base leg abeam the numbers and just continued the turn right around onto final and thirty seconds later three Kitfoxes from Wisconsin were on the ground at Lakeland FL.

After a three mile taxi (to a spot about 100 yards from where we touched down) the planes were tied down, and Bill Reed let Dave Levoy and myself use his cell phone to call home and let our loved ones know we had made it. Dave later confessed that tears of happiness were running down his cheeks as he talked to his

wife.

We unloaded, and got a shuttle ride over to the camping area, and set up camp. WE WERE HERE! And ready to experience SUN-N-FUN !

Jim Shnowske

Next Month

...The Rest Of The Story

NCWLF Calendar of Events

May 19, 2001 Chapter 75 Meeting

John Verfuert's Airstrip, Spencer, WI Meeting at 10:00 am. See article and map for details. John Verfuert 715/387-3856

May 20, 2001 2nd Annual Hangar Fly-In Picnic

WoodTick Strip Gregs Hangar - about 5 miles east of the Wautoma Airport. If you can't find it, land at the airport and call. someone will be able to guide you over. Greg & Gloria Klemp 920/293-8089

May 20, 2001 EAA Chapter 509 Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally

Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, Eau Claire, WI 7:00 am to noon. Doug Apland 715/834-1131 or 715/723-5919

May 25-28, 2001 Midwest Regional Fly-in

Mentone, IN Joe Mahr Greater Midwest Rotorcraft Club 630/325-0505 <http://pra18.8m.com>

May 25-26, 2001 Jack and Dolly Fly the Bluffs

Mississippi River at Buffalo WI Land on the river or at Haeuser Field. See article for details Jack and Dolly LaSee 715/223-4540 or 715/223-6324

May 27, 2001 EAA Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Portage Municipal Airport, Portage, WI 7:00 am to noon. Tim Hoversten 608/742-7338 www.air-portage.com

June 16, 2001 EAA Pioneer Day & Chapter 75 Meeting

Oshkosh, WI June 17 rain date

June 3, 2001 Idlewild Airport Annual Spring Fly-In

Wild Rose Idlewild Airport, Wild Rose, WI 8:00 am to ?. 920/622-4020

June 3, 2001 Reedsburg Rotary Club Fly-In Breakfast

Reedsburg Municipal Airport, Reedsburg, WI 7:00 am to noon. Donald Hull 608/524-6888 donhull@mwt.net

June 3, 2001 Stevens Point Fly-In

Stevens Point Municipal Airport, Stevens Point, WI 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Roger Grantham 715/345-8989

June 16, 2001 2nd Annual Blue Skies Grand Opening Fly-In/Drive-In/Walk-In

Carter Airport, Pulaski, WI 9:00 am to dusk. Rain date June 17. Steve Scherer 920/438-7742 Ted Batzer 920/822-3644 teko299@aol.com

June 17, 2001 Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Waupaca Municipal Airport, Waupaca, WI Russell Bargo 920/867-3201

June 17, 2001 Lakeland Airport Fun Day

Lakeland Airport, Arbor Vitae, WI 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Larry Hanna 715/356-1094

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Lets Go Flying

Once again our chapter is organizing fly outs in the local area on Tuesday nights. Places to fly to, cookouts, etc... can be directed to Steve Krueger 715-536-8828, or Dan Marlenga 715-359-7377. If it rains we will fly on Wednesday nights



Fly the Bluffs of the Mississippi

Fly the bluffs of the Mississippi River at Buffalo Wi. Land on the river or at Haeuser Field 44 14 14 N 91 51 08 W. Free shuttle service to the river (1/2 mile) for a boat ride to the LaSee house boat. Stay over night – sleeps 10 + floor + roof + tents + campfire + barges + stars etc... Grass strip 2000' 15 /33. Watch for irrigation stuff. Bring lawn chair. Pork Chops and music provided. Bathroom for the ladies. Jack and Dolly LaSee 715/223-4540 or 715/223-6324



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June 22-24, 2001 Stevens Point Fly-In

Stevens Point, WI Airport Scott & Sarah McQueen 715/344-7356 <http://webpages.charter.net/jenny/st/index.html>

June 29-30, 2001 Salute to the Men & Women of the Armed Forces

Shawano Municipal Airport, Shawano, WI Clark Casetta 715/526-6108 qtv@frontiernet.net

July 13-15, 2001 Gumps 2001

Poppy's Flying Acres, Northport, WI Carl Eichenauer 920/731-5037 kiss1945@aol.com

July 14, 2001 Harbor View Fly-In Float-In

Price County Airport, Phillips, WI 8:00 am to ? Nate Nez 715/339-3701 Duane Grube 715/339-2626 pbnate@win.bright.net

July 18-22, 2001 PRA Annual Convention

Mentone, IN Pam or Erica at HQ 219/353-7227 prahq@aol.com

July 21, 2001 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location to be determined

July 21, 2001 3rd Annual SwingDing Fly-In

Wausau Downtown Airport, Wausau, WI Robert Mohr 715/848-6000 flyacub@dwave.net

July 21, 2001 Brennand Old Time Airport Days

79C Breezewood Lane, Neenah, WI Ted Vander Wielen 920/836-3081

July 21-22, 2001 Jakel Barnstormer Fly-In

Abbotsford, WI Contact Jack LaSee 715/223-4540

July 22, 2001 EAA Chapter 992 Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast

Marshfield Municipal Airport, Marshfield, WI 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Jack Bremer 715/3848700 bremers@commplusis.net

July 25-31, 2001 EAA Airventure 2001

Oshkosh, WI 920/426-4800 www.airventure.org

August 5, 2001 Merrill Airport Day Fly-In / Drive-In

Merrill Municipal Airport, Merrill, WI 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Beverly Cornelius 715/536-2842

August 12, 2001 Boulder Junction Musky Day Land & Sea Fly In

Boulder Junction Airport, Boulder Junction, WI 9:00 am to ? Bob Payzer 715/385-2979 rjpayzer@nnex.net

August 17-19, 2001 Wautoma State Fly In & Chapter 75 Meeting

Wautoma, WI Lake Of The Woods Campground with Chapter 75 Meeting on the 18.

September 7-9, 2001 Annual Wisconsin Seaplane Fly-In

Landplane Pilots Invited. Pioneer Lake - 5 miles north of Eagle River, WI Phil Hartman 715/276-4207

September 15-16, 2001 6th Annual Blume-Voss Fall Fly / Camp-Out

Little Chicago, WI Joint Chapter 75 and EAA Chapter 243 Meeting

September 16, 2001 North Central Airman's Annual Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Taylor County Airport, Medford, WI 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Ryan O'Dell Phil Sulka 715/678-2152 fairport@mail.co.taylor.wi.us

October 20, 2001 Dick Lees Polish Luau & Chapter 75 Meeting

Tomahawk, WI

November 10, 2001 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location to be determined

December 8, 2001 Chapter 75 Meeting with EAA 640 & 243

Merrill, WI Merrill Airport

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

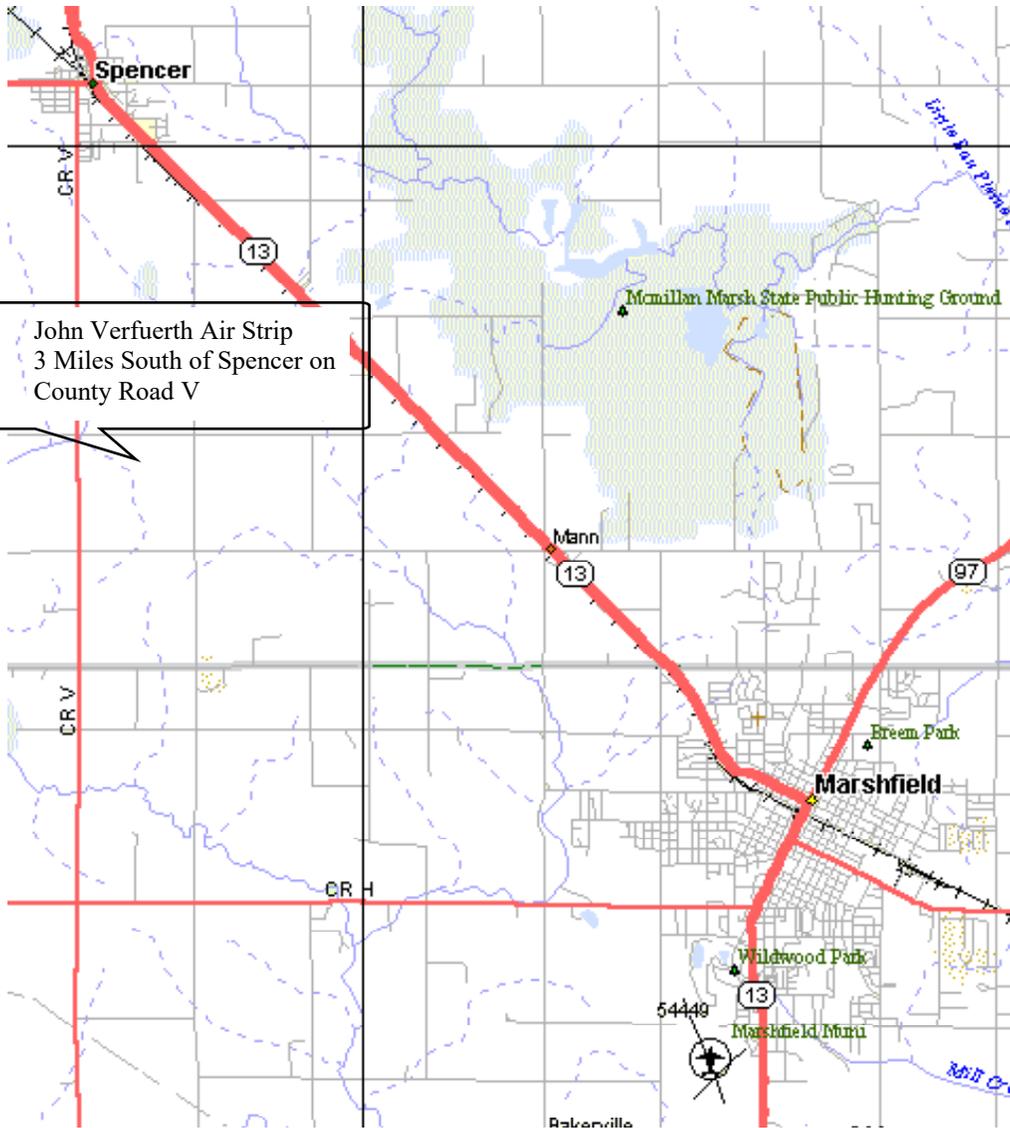
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✈ Warp Drive coupon worth up to \$475 good till end of 2001 for only \$325. Right or left drive, high performance, or standard, nickel leading edge, 2,3, or 4 blade,

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John Verfuersch Fly-In and NCWLF May Meeting



Club Apparel



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