

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

The month of June starts the **Chapter's summer format with the beginning of "Fly Nights" on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights, 5:00 p.m. until the "street lights come on". Tuesday June 11th (originally scheduled for June 4 - postponed to June 11 due to weather), the Merrill grill meisters will be starting off the season at KRRL, followed by John Szigat hosting the Chapter on June 18th, at Langlade Co. Airport. Special thanks to Dick Neitzel, our "Fly Night" coordinator, and all of this year's hosts, as well as those working behind the scenes. Now it's up to us Chapter members to show our appreciation by joining in the comradery in hopefully the warm and beautiful Wisconsin evenings, making it all but a dream come true from potentially the "best seat in the house" - your cockpit!**

Hey, how about that wind we had for our May Chapter meeting in Merrill last month! Having taken off from Wild Rose(W23) with the Waupaca AWOS reporting 160@04, I

envisioned a leisurely flight to Merrill for the monthly meeting, with thermals developing as the day progressed. Climbing to my cruising altitude of 2,000 ft. was brief before climbing to 3,500 ft. looking **for my thermal "sweet spot"**. Once there, I noticed more rudder pressure was needed to maintain my course with less thermals. But, I had picked up almost 25 kts. of airspeed on the tail!

Changing radio frequencies to **monitor local traffic didn't** reveal anything out of the ordinary, but the AWOS out of downtown Wausau airport was reporting 170@7G11. Then I heard traffic on 122.8 **saying, "I guess I can write that down as two landings"**, from AC landing in Merrill. Now I was perking up to the fact that more attention was needed than visual scanning and radio traffic checks.

With more planes landing at KRRL shifting to Rway 07/25 and a variable wind direction on AWOS, I followed suit, which led me into burbling



winds at the end of Rway 07, and an increase in throttle to offset the braking effect of the increasing wind gusts. **How I didn't collect a double** on that landing, or necessitate a BVD change, is still baffling.

After a renewal of friendships from over the winter, and an informative meeting, along with an all-American hot dog lunch, it was time to slip out **of the tie downs and head'er** home. Watching V.P. Dan's takeoff for LORD gave me an idea of how my flight was going to go - rock and roll! As I broke contact with the asphalt of Rway 34, I heard a familiar voice ask if I was rocking my wings to say goodbye! As I reached for an overhead cockpit frame member to help anchor my butt to the sheepskin, I answered **"soytainly", before starting to** repay the piper for my expedited flight to the meeting.

Slow and steady was the theme for the flight home to W23. Kinda like survival mode

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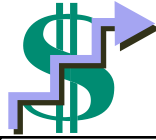
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NCWLF Treasurer Report June 2024

Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,187.17	Balance Forward	\$ 9,185.58
Checking Deposits		5/31/24 Interest	.08
	05/01/24 190.00		
	05/28/24 140.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 9,185.66
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,517.17	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 10,702.83

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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- \$ 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.

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- staying in the air without causing damage to self and plane. I found myself equating **the plane's rivets to my abdominal muscles**, so throttling back was the procedure of the day, for then. My landing option was 1695' Rway 18 with its approach over mature pines to the runway cut out of the woods. The Wau-

paca AWOS was reporting 165@14G19. After flying the last hour into the wind, turning downwind and crosswind to final was another treat! A go-around, like testing the waters, is always an option, **but one I really didn't want**, so when I had the runway made but high, I dove down for the runway cones, and found the wind funneling

straight down the mowed turf channel through the woods. The headwind was enough to arrest my speed for what felt like the great landing that all landings are!

Enjoy the summer and cherish our longer daylight hours. The best to us all in our endeavors.

May 2024 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The Chapter 75 Meeting was held May 18, 2024 at the Merrill Airport. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order. Self introductions were made by the 31 people in attendance. There were 7 planes flown in on this warm and sunny, but breezy day.

Since today was Armed Forces Day, Steve asked the veterans to stand, and thanked them for their service. They were given a round of applause.

The secretary's report was read aloud by Sue Buss. A motion to accept it was made by Joe Malsack and seconded by Bill Kaiser. Motion carried. Larry Wenning gave the **treasurer's report**. **Dan Marlenga** made a motion to accept it, seconded by Steve Radant. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No need for elections since it was decided to keep the same slate of officers. Check with Larry Wenning after the meeting to see if you are up to date with your dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tuesday Fly Night will start next month, and all dates are filled. June 11 will be at Merrill Airport (*originally scheduled for June 4 - postponed to June 11 due to weather*) and June 18 at Antigo Airport. Check your email on the day of the fly night to see if it is weathered out. If the weather is not good, the fly night will be postponed until the next Tuesday. If that one gets weathered out, we move on to the next Fly Night. Thanks to Dick Neitzel for coordinating the Tuesday Fly Night.

Leading Edge Air Foils is now called Advanced Powerplant Solutions and has moved to Lake Lawn Airport, C59 at Delavan, WI. Brett Lawton is excited about the new company. Wag-Aero parts distribution division has been acquired by Aircraft Spruce and is located in Illinois.

Steve Krueger told a story of when he was at his daughter **Sarah's house in Illinois**. He heard a whooshing noise, which turned out to be a Cherokee Six that lost power and made an off airport landing in a muddy field about a **half mile from Sarah's house**. It was pulled out of the field with a skid steer and then pulled down the road with a pickup truck. The pilot was from Texarkana.

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Next NCWLF Meeting June 15

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday June 15th, 10:30 am at the Tomahawk Regional Airport, Hosted by Eric and Jade Lear.

Hope to see you there!

Also Just an FYI There will be no July meeting.

Calendar of Events

June 11 Tuesday Night Fly Night Merrill Airport (*originally scheduled for June 4 - postponed to June 11 due to weather*)

June 15 Chapter Meeting Tomahawk Airport

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



Fly Nights 2024

Fly Nights run from around 5 pm - 8 pm. Upcoming Events:

- ✈ June 11 Merrill group at RRL (originally scheduled for June 4 - postponed to June 11 due to weather)
- ✈ 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

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Steve then talked about Emergency Approach and Landing Procedures - time to be a glider pilot, at moderate cruising altitude. The 8 steps are:

1. Pitch for the best glide speed.
2. Pick a spot to land (commit to it unless there is a closer, better spot)
3. Turn to the spot.
4. Try to restart the engine (only if there is time). (Memorize your restart checklist)
5. Call for help (transponder 7700 and announce "Mayday" or emergency frequency 121.5).
6. Aim for your key position.
7. Fly a normal pattern (a little tighter pattern).

8. Prepare for landing (turn off fuel supply, electrical master switch, and magnetos, open doors before landing).

Discussion on options of where to land and things to do for off airport landings followed.

FLYING REPORTS:

Dan Marlenga and Paul Buss flew to Central County Airport at Iola for lunch Friday, and also two weeks ago.

Steve and Karen Krueger flew the Champ to CWA Tuesday evening.

BUILDING REPORTS:

Bill Maguire is ready to do the weight & balance on his plane.

OTHER ITEMS:

Joe Malsack talked about a fly-in/drive-in movie that will take place at the Merrill Air-

port. The date is yet to be determined. It will be an airplane movie.

Karen Krueger mentioned the passing of Bud Anderson on May 17th. He was 102 years old, and the last American triple ace fighter pilot of World War II.

Dale Bogard was the winner of the \$100 drawing with the first chip drawn.

The next meeting will be June 15th at 10:30 at the Tomahawk Airport, hosted by Eric & Jade Lear.

The Haymeadow Airport will be celebrating its anniversary (50th?) the weekend of August 16-18.

Dick Neitzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Heinz Roth.

Lunch was provided by the Merrill group.

Sue Buss



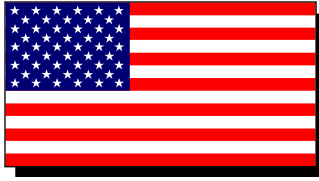
Lithium Battery Pack Destroys Shop and Hangar

Hello Chapter 75. A word from the wise. In case you **haven't seen or heard of this** before, here it is. This goes to my entire Chapter 75 members who charge their batteries for their power tools. This was caused when the new lithium battery for my drill exploded. Once that happens there is no putting it out. I lost my Kitfox 4, four pow-

ered parachutes, new Kabota tractor, new John Deere tractor and all my tools, 5 Miller welders. MiG welder, a spool gun, a Tig welder, a 120-volt Mig welder, an inverter welder and acetylene cutting torch with all the attachments. When the fire investigators were here, I asked exactly how are these batteries supposed to be charged

safely? His answer was, I have no idea. All he does is investigate lithium battery fires which happen every day. My son and I are now building a safe way to charge these batteries.

Thank you
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