

# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

## North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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### Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

#### Tougher Flying With Canada Wildfires

The last Tuesday in June, Wild Rose hosted the Lakeview Branch (W23) of the "WI Hamburger Social". The initial weather forecast for the day called for warm temps with potential precipitation and gusting winds around 14 mph. As the day progressed, all facets of the weather began trending towards a beautiful night for a hamburger flight. Just as the smell of open flame grilled burgers permeated the air, the slow progression of the sun was taking on an orangish hue as it began its descent towards the horizon. The closer it got to the 17:00 hrs. serving time, the reports from the first arriving planes found visibilities less than 5 miles in some locales. The sounds of arriving airplanes were beginning to be muffled by the increasing volume of hangar banter and the renewal of old friendships, while visibility and air quality diminished. The summer of the Canada wildfires are setting new records for number of fires and square miles burned. For us as aviators, there is a greater need to monitor smoke conditions. Increased visual difficulties make traffic and navigational

landmarks harder to see. With impaired visibility comes a loss of visual and spatial acuities, like speed, color, and depth perception, and orientation. Nothing like looking for approaching aircraft that could appear as shades of gray, against a bluish gray background. More diligence is needed in these conditions.

#### AirVenture 2023

**It's less than three weeks to the opening of this year's AirVenture at Wittman Field in Oshkosh. I really didn't** have any intentions to spend a whole lot of time at the big show, but after my 1st sit down session with the July issue of **Sport Aviation**, I'm a possible candidate for spending the better part of the week at the busiest airport in the World. The reasons for AirVenture to be such a drawing card for aviation enthusiasts are as varied as the people themselves. I guess I can use myself as an example of **what brings me to "Oshkosh"**, which is aviation lingo for the largest gathering of like minded lovers of planes and flying - or **"wannabe" flyers**. It is the holy grail of aviation for **those that don't live within** easy driving distance of Wittman Field. **It's like telling an** out of state NFL football en-



thusiast that you live within the shadow of Lambeau Field! **"I'm headed to Oshkosh"**. Awesome! One of my 1st trips to the EAA convention, as it was called, was to look for an upgrade to my Quicksilver GT500. I flew someone else's GT500 into the ultralight runway about that time, too. My day would start by checking all forums for pertinent information on LSA airplanes and/or kits. If I had open time, I was on the flight-line checking out planes that were of interest, or trying on planes for fit, with the realization that at 58 years old I **wouldn't be able to do the** limbo to get behind the stick for too much longer! I found my best fitting plane in the LSA marketing area. Now I had to sell my partner on the idea. I shared my findings with Mary, then sat together in all planes that fit our criteria. A forum on kit plane builds convinced me that I wanted to fly more than build a plane. Chapter 75 members also influenced my final decision to look for the plane we have been flying for the last 11 years, an 80 hp Rotax powered Rans S-6-S.

Honeymoon Not Over

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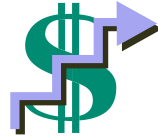
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NCWLF Treasurer Report June 2023  
Submitted by Larry Wenning

| <u>Checking</u>         |                                     | <u>Savings</u>         |              |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Balance Forward         | \$ 1,093.05                         | Balance Forward        | \$ 10,184.68 |
| Checking Deposits       |                                     | 6/30/2023 Interest     | 0.08         |
|                         | 6/3023 150.00                       |                        |              |
| Checking Payments       |                                     | <u>Savings Balance</u> | \$ 10,184.76 |
|                         | 6/30/2023 Cash - June & July 200.00 |                        |              |
|                         | 6/19/23 Dept Financial Inst, 25.00  |                        |              |
| <u>Checking Balance</u> | \$ 1,018.05                         | <u>Total Cash</u>      | \$ 11,202.81 |

**EAA ULTRALIGHT CHAPTER 75**

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers  
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

**Mail Check Payable To:**  
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May we Send you an Electronic Version of the Newsletter? Yes No

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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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The **honeymoon isn't over** yet, but my focus has changed. We have the plane fit to our aviation style, so my AirVenture quests are more about places to go, reuniting **with friends we've met while flying**, purchasing maintenance parts and consum-

ables, movies at the Ford Theater, and trying to be an aviation ambassador to the grandkids. Volunteering has become a part of the whole, too. When do you know that **you're hooked on flying?** When you glance up into the sky looking to find all planes you hear passing somewhere

overhead. When your latest Sport Aviation magazine is unfit for lining a litter box. When your digital elapsed time clock display is set for the AirVenture opener. See you at show center, if my **head isn't looking skyward.**

## June 2023 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

*Chapter 75 Minutes @ Dan and Patty Marlenga's Little Chicago (LORD) Saturday, June 17, 2023*

People in attendance: 31

Planes flying in: 10

Steve Krueger called the Meeting to order. Thanks to Dan and Patty and Russ for hosting. Introductions of attendees. Dan made a correction to last month's minutes. Wausau Air Show admittance was \$5.00 instead of free. Evan Hanson gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report by Dan Marlenga; second by Paul Buss. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Dick Neitzel gave a Tuesday Night Fly-In Report. All Tuesday night dates are filled. Antigo is next week (June 20). Dick Neitzel reported Tuesday evening Fly-In at Eagle River is July 18. Eagle River also has a Father's Day breakfast and lunch later.

Steve reported on Wausau Air Show this evening. The fly show starts at 5:00 pm and features the Aero Shell Flying Team from Alabama and several others, including Skip Stewart, stunt pilot. Music at 7:00 pm.; and fireworks at 9:00 pm.

New Business: Steve reported on the new position of Flight Adviser for our Chapter. The Flight Adviser function is to help pilots gain knowledge of different plane models and equipment they may be transitioning to or have just purchased. If the plane is not something Steve has experience with, he will help find someone with the experience necessary.

Steve reported on an accident in Tomahawk involving Jade Lear and her power parachute. She was injured quite seriously but is recovering. It was suggested that we send a short video to Jade from the group, which we did, wishing

her to 'get well soon.' Jade's address was also provided to anyone who would like to send her a get well or encouragement card. She would love phone calls also.

Jade Lear 333 Pine Ridge Blvd. Room 120 - 04 Wausau, WI 54402 715-574-9813

Also, a trip was made to Larson Airstrip by Steve and Karen Krueger, Paul Buss and Lyle and Mary Banser, to watch a towable glider demonstration which was designed by Lee Fisher. The plane is controlled by the towing vehicle. The glider is designed to allow new pilots or non-pilots (and sometimes pigs) the opportunity to experience flight with very little training. After the demonstration, an unexpected yet delicious breakfast was provided. Steve, Karen and Paul went on to Manitowoc for a Fly-In, then on to Ephraim Airport in Door County; and Lyle and

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## Next NCWLF Meeting July 8

Our next meeting will be Saturday July 8th at the Tomahawk Airport at 10:30 am.

Hope to see you there!

## EAA AirVenture 2023

It is the greatest show on earth! This years dates are Monday July 24th thru Sunday July 30th. Camping & Parking works good at De Relleumtdats Campground. There is always room for parking for a day, and tent camping in the Campground. See map for details and additional directions, Hope to see you there!

## 2023 Calendar of Events

July 8 Chapter Meeting  
Tomahawk Airport 10:30 am

July 18 Tuesday Fly Night  
Eagle River Union Airport  
FBO

July 24-30 AirVenture Oshkosh

August 1 Tuesday Fly Night  
Sherrico Meadows

August 13 (The 25th) Boulder Jct Musky Day Fly In

August 15 Tuesday Fly Night  
CWA Mosinee

August 19 Chapter Meeting

September 16 Chapter Meeting



### EAA AirVenture Free Youth Admission Supported in Part by The Boeing Company

Young people ages 18 and under will be admitted free to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 as a way to introduce more youths to the possibilities in the world of flight. This effort is designed to encourage more aviation-minded families and their children to attend the event that brings more than 10,000 aircraft from around the world to Oshkosh each year. [Learn More About Free Youth Admission >](#)

### 2023 Calendar of Events cont...

- October 21 Chapter Meeting
- November 11 Chapter Meeting
- December 9 Chapter Meeting

### June 2023 NCWLF Meeting Minutes cont...

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Mary continued on to a family reunion in Iowa via Three Castles (which is for sale) and Viroqua to acquire Fly Wisconsin stamps.

Steve provided a Safety Tip for the Month: Don't rely totally on your plane's technology. Use your eyes also. If you have a GPS, what would you do if it overheated and shut down?

Chuck Ercegovac reported on a trip to Ohio with Rich McCullough. When they reached Stevens Point, the weather started turning bad. They waited there a little while and then went as far as Portage, where the weather got worse, so they stayed the night and came back home the next day. Maybe next year!

Paul Buss talked about a possible trip to Mackinaw Island and beyond.

\$100 Drawing: Sue Buss graciously agreed to draw the numbers. Lorene Thurier was the first number drawn, but she was not present. Lyle Banser was the 2nd number drawn. (Thanks Sue and Bob)

The Chapter meeting was adjourned.

### Fly Nights 2023

Greetings all. June fly nights drew 5 airplanes and several drove into Merrill. Antigo brought it 7 airplanes and some drove in. Good turn out at both events thanks to good weather.

Fly Nights run from around 5 pm - 8 pm.

#### Upcoming Events:

- July 18th is hosted by Dick Neitzel and Dale Bogard at Eagle River Union Airport EGV. We will set up in the FBO.
- August 1st is hosted by Harold Schauer in Edgar

at Scherrico Meadows. (WS16).

- August 15th takes us to CWA hosted by Bill Maguire. That gives us a chance to brush up on phraseology for a tower controlled field.

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 with current email addresses. I'd like to remind everyone to please update phone and email addresses of any changes in your contact information. Email these changes to Larry Wenning theav8rweb@yahoo.com.

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

Dick Neitzel





***MUSKY DAY***  
***Land & Sea Fly-In***  
***Boulder Junction, WI***  
***Sunday Aug 13, 2023***  
***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fly In***  
***A Tribute to Bob Payzer***

***\*Chicken Dinner Pilots & Crew 12 Noon***

***\*One of a kind Complementary Authentic Cap to PIC***

***\*Sea Plane Dock / Beaching***

***\*Free Transportation to Downtown Activities 9-3***

***\*Antique Car Show***

***\*Crafts of all Types***

***\*Fly-In Starts at 9:00am***

***\*Boulder Junction Airport KBDJ***

***\*Camp under your Wing Saturday Night***

***\*CTAF 122.9 No Facilities / Fuel on Request***

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