

North Central Wisconsin North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

JUNE 1998

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

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Editors Notes



We've just turned the calendar page on May and what a month it has been both weather-wise and full of flying related activities. Right after our last newsletter, John Riesinger organized and hosted the EAA Flying Start program at the Merrill Airport. Everyone on John's team should be congratulated on their work in making the presentation such a success. Special recognition must go to John for the hours, travel and phone calls he expended as the programs coordinator and production manager. Great job, John. Thank you!

about thirty Young Eagles and even this old, bald-eagle got some wheel time in Phil Neubauer's Cessna 150. Really enjoyed that Phil, thank you.

The next major happening in May was the practice competition and meeting / pot luck at John Verfuert's strip in Spencer. While scheduled for the usual third Saturday, threatening rain and high winds delayed it until Sunday, May 18th. The food, camaraderie and flying were terrific. Thanks for the hospitality John, your annual event is getting right up there with Pioneer Days and Oshkosh.

Before you receive this newsletter the historic marker commemorating John Schwister's home-built aircraft will be dedicated at Rothschild Park. Look for marker wording elsewhere in this issue and be sure and stop to see it just east of St. Therese church on Kent St., Rothschild. The dedication is on Saturday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. We hope to have a UL Fly-over to salute John and his pioneer spirit.

It should be noted that seventeen planes were on hand at Johns but severe cross winds kept nine of them from participating in the practice competition. In addition to the winners in the various events listed on the next page, two low-time pilots also competed under adverse conditions, Tom Voss and Tony Borchardt. Good show, chaps!

Don't forget the Pioneer Day fly-in and competition on June 13-14. Steve Krueger told me today that accommodations have been arranged in the new Air Academy building. It sounds great, big logs, fireplace and continental breakfast! But doesn't this super group deserve the best?

Last but not least, on May 30th the Wausau Downtown Airport had a fly-in, pancake breakfast which was well attended despite the marginal weather. Five of our chapter aircraft were on display for the attendees and we were there to answer questions and hangar fly with old friends. While the event was unofficially for the dedication of the new hangar, we could only look into it since the floor paint was still curing. Wausau Papers kindly let us use their vacant hangar for the breakfast and the "gathering of eagles". All in all it was a most pleasant day. The pancakes were delicious and plentiful, Syd Cohen signed-up and flew

Mother Goose Marlenga tells me he is already planning a flight group to Marshall Michigan on Labor Day weekend for the ASC Convention. Call Dan if you're interested in joining the group by land, sea or-air. Sounds like a great time and a nice way to end the summer. Doctor Dan is apparently prescribing some KIMO (Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio) therapy after a hectic summer. Guess we'll have to change the words to that old WWI song *How ya gonna keep em down on the farm after they've seen the Promised Land*.

Look for part two of Dan, Gordy and Rich's story of their trip to Florida elsewhere in this issue. If you receive the Experimenter-check the new June issue for a picture of our Florida adventurers on page 31. Who are those guys in the funny hats?

Yours for More Rotaxes and Less Taxes
Bill Markstrum

May Meeting Minutes

May 17, 1998 John V's Flying Acres

- * Called to order by President Steve Krueger
- * Introduction of attendees
- * Secretary and Treasures report presented accepted

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation of the Dead Stick Certificate presented to member Pat Heckert en-route to the NCWLF Feb. meeting on Feb. 21st. Great Job Pat!

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination and election of officers - motion made and accepted to continue with current officers for fiscal year.

Presentation of certificates of accomplishments to Dan Marlenga, Rich Papa, Gordy Radtke, Jack LaSee and Phil Neubauer for their extraordinary trip to Lakeland FL. *(This is an accomplishment of a lifetime, we're all proud of you guys)*

Steve Krueger announced Ken Snyder as the flight coordinator for Pioneer Days being held June 13th (June 14th as rain date). Ken advised that it's wheel up out of Wild Rose to Omro to accommodate meeting the 9:00 - 9:15 window into Pioneer.

Reinhold Hirsch made a suggestion to organize a contact chain for late notice meeting changes to expedite contacting all members and give relief to a few members making all the calls.

Gordy Radtke advised it's a good time for all pilots and aircraft owners to change the fuel impulse lines as they are highly susceptible for problems and are greatly ignored.

Meeting adjourned and followed by the "Pioneer Days Dry Run Warm Up" with Paul Buss taking the invisible traveling trophy!! Great Job Paul. We had 17 or 18 aircraft fly in for this meeting setting a new club record!

NCWLF Treasures Report

Balance Fwd. - \$440.83

Deposits

- Dues - \$276.00

- Hats - \$10.00

Total - \$286.00

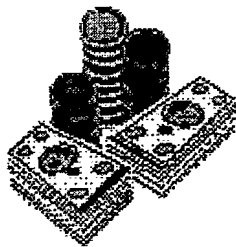
Disbursements

- Postage - \$19.20

- Flying Start Program Supplies - \$51.85

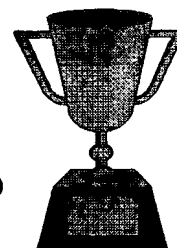
Total - \$71.05

Ending Balance - \$655.78



Competition Winners

Bomb Drop	1st	Paul Buss Avid
	2nd	Helmut J. MXL II
	3rd	Ron Hase MXL II
Torpedo Run	1st	Paul Buss Avid
	2nd	Ken Snyder Sport 1000
	3rd	Ron Hase MXL II
Spot Landing	1st	Ron Hase MXL II
	2nd	Gordy Radtke Chinook
	3rd	Steve Norris GT-500
Competitors	Tony Borchardt	MXL II
	Paul Buss	Avid Flyer
	Ron Hase	MXL II
	Helmut Jungermann	MXL II
	Steve Norris	GT-500
	Gordy Radtke	Chinook Plus
	Ken Snyder	Sport 1000
Tom Voss	MXL II	



Tough cross winds kept others on the ground but all in all 17 planes were on hand for the event. Thanks to John V for hosting this wonderful event!

John Schwister Historical Marker

This Historical Marker was dedicated to John Schwister on Saturday June 6, 1998 at Rothschild Park in recognition of flying Wisconsin's First Home-Built Flying Machine.



WISCONSIN'S FIRST HOME-BUILT FLYING MACHINE

On June 23, 1911, near this location, Wausau native John Schwister became a pioneer of Wisconsin aviation. Research indicates that on this date Schwister flew the state's first home built airplane capable of sustained, powered flight. Constructed of wooden ribs covered with light cotton cloth and powered by an early-model aircraft engine, Schwister's biplane flew for several hundred feet at a maximum altitude of twenty feet. Calling his plane the *Minnesota-Badger*, Schwister began the design and construction of his "flying machine" in St. Paul, Minnesota, but finished it in Rothschild, Wisconsin. Initially, Schwister flight-tested his biplane as a glider, towing it behind an automobile like a kite. He also built his own airplane hanger here. Schwister made many flights in 1911, including a 27-mile flight in which he soared to 2,000 feet, higher than nearby Rib Mountain. In 1912, Schwister was seriously injured in a plane crash, yet he continued to construct and fly his own airplanes making him Wisconsin's first successful "home-builder."

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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PROMISED LAND TO PARADISE CITY

Part II

By Dan Marlenga



(Day 6 April 22nd)

There is so much to see at Sun-N-Fun that we were running all over to get in what we could. I spent a lot of time working on the C gearbox from the GT-500 that had spun a bearing and with help from vendors like South Mississippi and Lockwood the problem was fixed.

Phil checked out the UL area and the Vintage airplanes that interested him. Jack visited with friends in the Powered Parachute area and along with Phil assisted with some repairs on our 3 machines. Gordy and Rich were on a mission to find a new headset for Gordy for the trip home. Rich and Gordy returned with a new David Clark headset and a new electric starter for the Chinook. All repairs and pre-flight was done as we watched the evening ultralight flying session. There were Club members and friends that stopped by to congratulate us on our trip and to wish us well for the return flight.

(Day 7 April 23rd)

With the weather checked at Flight Service and the UL briefing at 6:30 am we were ready for the first leg of the return to our wonderful Wisconsin. Liftoff was at 7:14 and as Paradise City faded out of sight we all talked of the short but special time we had there. Our first leg was to Ocala and for the first time on this trip we encountered headwinds. The winds were out of the north at about 20 and it seemed that we were standing still. Ocala was 80 miles from Lakeland and it took us about 2 hours to get there. Rich was burning the most gas and he didn't have enough fuel to make Ocala so he set down in a big field and I flew back to bring him gas. Back at Ocala Rich changed jets to try to reduce fuel burn and we were off to Lake City Fla. On this leg of the trip the headwinds persisted and the thermals kicked in, what a bumpy ride! As soon as Rich landed he was checking things out for he had developed some engine problems on this last leg. He and Gordy tried different things to no avail. At about 3:00 p.m. the difficult decision was made to pack up the Sport for a ride home on the truck. Our friends Paul and Sue Buss had made the offer that if we had problems they would be available to haul a plane home for us. Jack and Phil were called to help and in short order the plane was packed and rolling north. Gordy and I said our farewell to Rich and continued toward home. We made it to Perry-Houston Ga. and tied down for the night. A call to the motorhome told of our location and the happy crew met us about 10:00 p.m.

(Day 8 April 24th)

We woke early to get a jump on the day but during our preflight it was discovered that the oil tank bracket on the GT was broke. To the rescue were my mechanics Jack and Phil who did a temporary repair and we were off again. For the whole day Gordy and I flew with little or no wind to speak of so our ground speed remained about 70 mph. We called the motorhome at each stop and was pleased to know they were also making good time. The most beautiful part of the trip was midday as we flew through the Smokie Mountains of Tenn. If you remember that on the way down we had overcast conditions, but today it was bright sunshine and calm winds. The mountains were spectacular and the valleys green with life. The lure of the green valleys was too much to resist, so down we went to get a real bird's eye view of the Tenn. backcountry. We pushed on through the day and when we set down we were back in familiar surroundings as we landed back at our friends, Lloyd and Nancy Brewer. We made 550 miles today and loved every minute except after landing I bent the nosewheel of the GT so we had more repairs to make. After supper Lloyd and Gordy helped to heat and straighten the fork and by this time the ground crew was there to help with the re-assembly. A successful day was had by all.

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(Day 9 April 25th)

The wake up call was for 5:30 am and we knew we had a storm coming in from last night's weather report. After a wonderful breakfast it was out to the planes for preflight and departure. We lifted off about 6:40 and headed for Danville Ill. At Danville the weather radar showed the rain to be about 20 miles away so we gassed up and headed north. We had smooth air and about 25 mph on the tail so we really made good time to Dekalb Ill. We then called the motorhome to report of our progress and they had been driving in rain for a couple of hours now. We departed Dekalb with a lead on the ground crew of a couple of hours and northbound to Wisconsin was our chant. The trip was going surprisingly well when the wheels fell off, so to speak. Just north of Janesville WI. Gordy encountered a failing engine and made a precautionary landing in a field. He suspected that he had lead fouling from 100 avgas and changed the plugs. I circled Gordy and shortly after takeoff he encountered the same problem again but this time was able to land at a private strip 2 miles away. After some trouble shooting it was determined that the CDI box had failed. Gordy borrowed a CDI from the GT and the problem was solved. We were ready to depart for Portage when the GT wouldn't start. After some fiddling with the float levels in the carbs and a couple of other adjustments we were on the way. I was now flying for the first time with only 1 ignition, but Gordy and Rich had always had only 1 so I decided to make the best of it and not worry. Portage airport greeted us with another 20 mph crosswind landing that once again tested our skills. After landing the springs from the steerable nosewheel of the GT had let loose so another half hour fix had to be done. We called the motorhome to find out that with our minor breakdowns they had made up all the lost time and we were together again. As we left Portage the wind was quite strong from the east, but it was smooth at altitude and a tailwind besides. Next stop was AUW the Wausau Downtown Airport where we call home. As we approached the Airport we could see a large crowd gathered to welcome us back. After a fly-by and wave Gordy and I setup for landing. It was a great feeling to be back home to the cheers of good friends and family. Bill Markstrum had the checkered flag to wave us in and unofficially Gordy crossed the finish line first. The stories were told to eager listeners and the memories we have will last a lifetime!

The End.

Dues, Dues, Dues

Yearly dues for club membership expired April 30, 1998. Dues for the next year are \$12.00. If you have not already renewed you can mail your check to:

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Schofield, WI 54476

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NCWLF Calendar of Events



JUNE 13 - Pioneer Days Ultralight Fly-In

Saturday June 13 at the Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh. June 14 set as rain date.

JUNE 13 - NCWLF Club Meeting

Saturday June 13 following the days activities at Pioneer Days in Oshkosh.

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4 - EAA Fly-In Oshkosh

46th annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention. Wittman Regional Airport. Contact EAA, PO Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086, 920/426-4800.

The Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact Mark Blume to list events in subsequent newsletters.

Next Chapter 75 Meeting

The next meeting of Chapter 75 will be held Saturday June 14 at the Pioneer Airport Oshkosh after the days activities.

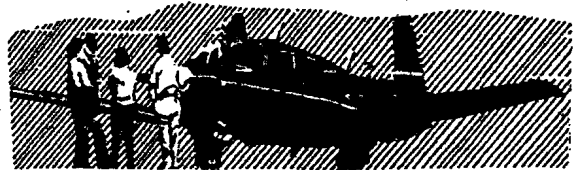
EAA Pioneer Day

EAA Pioneer Ultralight Day will be held at the Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh Saturday June 13th (June 14th rain date). Our plans are as follows:

- 6:00 am Arrive at Stevens Point Airport (fuel stop)
- 6:15 am Depart Stevens Point
- 7:15 am Arrive at Wild Rose (fuel stop). Meet the WI Rapids group.
- 7:30 am Depart Wild Rose
- 8:30 am Arrive Omro (fuel stop). Briefing from Ken Snyder
- 9:00 am Depart Omro
- 9:30 am Arrive Pioneer Airport

Dan Marlenga is the chairman for our competition. We still need some help with the competition event. If you can help, contact Dan Marlenga at 359-7377. Ground support was discussed at the last meeting with Helmut Jungermann and John Riesinger helping out. If you would like to join in flying with us or driving, contact Steve Krueger at 536-8828 for final details.

VIKING FLYING CLUB



Sunday
June 28

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Noon

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- ✈ 1983 Teratorn Tierra I. 447 Rotax tach altimeter. Pilot enclosure. All instruments. Electronic fuel system. Too much to tell here. \$7,500.00 Hilary Omernik (715)-693-3231
- ✈ Wanted - 750# BRS Chute. Tony Borchardt (715) 845-3018
- ✈ Quicksilver MXL I-3 axis. Controls, Steerable Nose wheel, Saddlebags. BRS soft Chute, Brakes, Gauges, 32 hrs on rebuilt engine. \$4,400. 414/563-9654.
- ✈ 582 Rotax DIDC with 2.58 "B" box and electric start. It has 3 hours running and radiator is included for \$4,000. Bob Lapp - Land O Lakes (715) 547-3767
- ✈ Challenger II. 274 Hours. 503 Rotax. Hiper Light N8. 79 Hours. 447 Rotax. Teratorn TA. 64 Hours. 298 Rotax Twin. Contact Reinie Hirsch (715) 384-5073.
- ✈ Kolb MKII 503 single carb 2 seat Ultralight. \$6,500. Dave LeVoy - Stratford (715) 687-4120.
- ✈ 1983 Rotec Rally Sport. 503 engine. Factory pod with instruments. Skis. \$ 2,500. Bob Paustian 715-675-7800.
- ✈ 1987 Para Plane Mod Pm2. Needs engine work. \$1,500.00 Tom Ryan (715) 453-5201. Please call after dark.

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription**

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Type of Ultralight you fly _____

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