

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

Summer has quickly gone from marginal flying weather with lingering social restraints due to the pandemic, to our having flying event options to choose from on a daily basis. The opportunities are out there, and the aviation crowd seems to be trying to make up for lost time when their planes were hangared for extended periods last year.

The Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Socials are always a good way to meet other pilots from neighboring airports, or non pilots looking to "live the dream". Those individuals who have not been associated with the flying community, always seem amazed at how friendly and congenial aviation minded people are towards total strangers. Try explaining the concept of a "courtesy car" to someone unassociated with airports! Then ask yourself, have you ever heard of someone being offered the use of a car at Walmart, just for asking, and for whatever reason? Sounds like a dangerous and unhealthy situation at best!

Wild Rose (W23) held their Hamburger Social on June 22nd, resulting in 22 planes and 50 plus people partaking in the event. Chapter 75 members represented 7 of those 22 planes. The day started with wind and gusts until an hour before the social,



when the wind sock, for the most part, went limp.

As the crowd completed eating, or were still savoring their fresh strawberry sundaes, small groups gathered to hangar fly, walk the flight line, or visit a hangar to inspect a plane build. I was schmoozing with the crowd when I introduced myself to a couple of fellows that had flown in for the evening from Juneau/Dodge County Airport (UNU).



Upon hearing where they were from, I began telling them about a flying adventure to Dodge County last September.

***Read Dan's, "The Greatest Flying Summer of My Life" installment in this issue.**

The two of them had looks of disbelief on their faces as I completed the story. They thought that the story was just a hangar rumor circulating around UNU. Just then Dan flew overhead in the Chapter 75 formation heading north, which was the perfect opportunity for me to point out the "Juneau Legend", and also embellish the story, but only slightly!

The point of the last couple of paragraphs, if you didn't know there was a point, is that Dan Marlenga might not have been the "Juneau Legend" without the friendly airport personnel and their courtesy car. The mystery of how all those cornstalks got under the vehicle persists to this day, and is thought to be the work of the Horicon Marsh Maiden still searching for her missing pilot fiancée, who disappeared one foggy September night.

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July 26 - August 1





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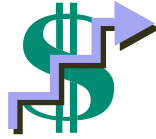
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NCWLF Treasurer Report July 2021
Submitted by Larry Wenning

| <u>Checking</u> | | <u>Savings</u> | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Balance Forward | \$ 1,678.52 | Balance Forward | \$ 16,679.49 |
| Checking Deposits | | Interest 6/30/21 | .13 |
| | 6/9/2021 330.00 | | |
| Checking Payments | | <u>Savings Balance</u> | \$ 16,679.62 |
| | Wi Dept Fin Inst 10.00 | | |
| | EO Johnson - Copy Machine Service 168.80 | | |
| | Tom Voss - Stamps 55.00 | | |
| <u>Checking Balance</u> | \$ 1,774.72 | <u>Total Cash</u> | \$ 18,454.34 |

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:
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P.O. Box 12 Schofield, WI 54476

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

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Type of plane you fly _____

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.

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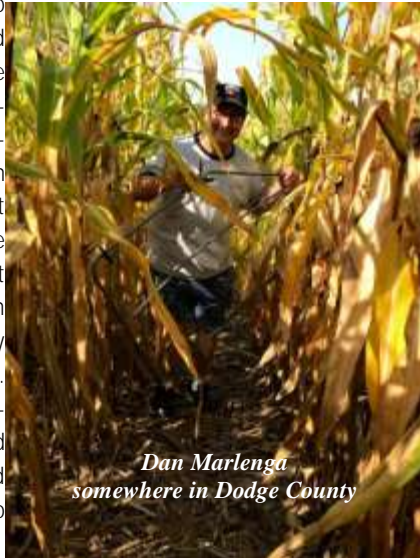
Flying 2020



On the morning of Sept 23rd, the next big adventure was underway. Paul's Avid Flyer was down with mechanical issues so I stopped at Norrie Brook to pick him up. We flew to Fond du Lac County Airport where Paul would fly his son Brandon's Kitfox for today's stamping trip. We met Larry Gordon at Fond du Lac and headed out for the day. At about 9 am we departed for our first stop at Jana Airport in Edgerton WI. En route to Jana I noticed that my pilot side door was vibrating. Upon closer inspection, I discovered that the top forward hinge pin had pulled out allowing the door to bounce.

I reached up to put the pin back into the hinge, but couldn't get it to line up, the door had dropped down slightly out of place. Now flying at 3000 feet and 90 mph, I reached down with my right hand to lift on the door while I guided the pin back in place with my left hand. In an instant the door was gone!! The door caught the windstream and it was ripped right off the airplane. Stunned for a couple of seconds, I called out to Paul and Larry about my situation. I turned my plane around to see if I could spot the door. Paul and

I were pretty close so he also turned and was able to spot my all plastic door. Paul could see it flipping over in the sunlight as it descended to the ground. He watched as the door landed in a corn field somewhere southwest of the Dodge County Airport in Juneau. We decided to land at Juneau and try to find the lost door. Paul had taken mental notes and also marked the site on his GPS.



*Dan Marlenga
somewhere in Dodge County*

We were able to borrow the airport courtesy car for our quest to find the missing door. Paul guided us in the general direction of the corn field. Luckily we picked the correct road and Paul recognized the farm where the door had landed. We pulled in to the farm and asked permission to go looking in the corn field. The location of the drop was about a half mile off the road, so we drove back to the field to begin our search. Armed with Paul's details, we walked to the south end of the corn field. Paul, Larry

and myself lined up about 3 rows apart from the edge of the field and started down the rows of corn. Within a couple minutes Paul spotted the missing door. We collected the undamaged door, complete with hinge pins still in the door frame. We returned to the airport and I reinstalled the door. This little side trip took only about 90 minutes and we were again ready to resume our trip. Larry Gordon coined this 90 minute pause as, "an experience of unexpected happenings, with unlikely endings"!

Larry side tracked to other airports that he needed for his stamp collection, while Paul and I flew to Jana airport. Two weeks later I flew this same route with Lyle and Mary Banser, so I will combine information on both trips. Jana was a stamp -n- go with no one around, so off to the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport in Janesville. The terminal building is really nice so on this stop we had breakfast at the restaurant. We left Janesville and headed south to Beloit Airport where the sign informed us we had just arrived at the friendliest airport in Wisconsin. We got our passport stamp without seeing anyone, so we could not gauge the claim of friendliest airport?

Broadhead airport was our next stop, where we had made arrangements to tour the Kelch Aviation Museum. This museum has some very old airplanes from Kelch's private collection.

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Next NCWLF Meeting July 10th

Our next Chapter 75 meeting is Saturday July 10th 10:30 AM at Jim Jakels Airstrip Abbotsford WI. The airstrip is located on the city's far west side.

Hope to see you there!

Tuesday Fly Nights

July 6 Paul Buss will host us in Eland at Norrie Brook. Set W100 in your GPS.

July 20 Dan Marlenga will host us at Little O'Hare South of Little Chicago.

August 3 Harold Schauer will host us in Mosinee at Scherrico Meadows Northwest of CWA. WS16 on your GPS.

We fly the first and third Tuesday of June, July and August. If weather is a factor on fly night, we will plan on meeting the next Tuesday. If weather is again a factor, that event is canceled.

I still have one opening, the 3rd Tuesday in August. If anyone would like to host on 8/17, or have any questions about the schedule, please let me know. I can be reached via text message @ 715 891 7213, or email @ flyguy963@gmx.com.

Dick Neitzel



Calendar of Events

- July 6 Tuesday Fly Night
Norrie Brook Field Eland
Paul Buss
- July 10 Chapter Meeting
10:30 am Jim Jakels Airstrip
Abbotsford
- July 20 Tuesday Fly Night
Little O'Hare Little Chicago
Dan Marlenga
- July 26-Aug 1 EAA AirVen-
ture Oshkosh
- Aug 3 Tuesday Fly Night
Scherrico Meadows Mosinee
- August 8 Musky Day Fly
In Boulder Junction KBDJ
- August 17 Tuesday Fly
Night TBD
- August 21 Chapter Meeting
TBD
- September 18 Chapter
Meeting TBD
- October 16 Chapter Meet-
ing TBD
- November 13 Chapter
Meeting TBD
- December 11 Chapter
Meeting TBD

Flying 2020 cont...

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They also have engine dis-plays, several other donated planes, and aviation books. We took on fuel and de- parted for Monroe Municipal airport. After a stamp from Monroe it was off to Albany. The stamp at Albany was very deteriorated from sun exposure but it still counts.

On both trips we were able to talk to some of the local pilots that call this airport home. On our September trip, Paul and I flew to Portage where we visited with the air- port manager and stopped by a local watering hole for some supper before flying for home. 6.4 hours on the Hobbs today



with the memories of the miss- ing door fresh on our minds.

On the second trip I flew home from Albany while Lyle and Mary continued to Flying Feath-

ers airport in Chilton WI. Just like Paul and I, they were able to get a tour of Dean's Ag Spraying operation. Lyle and Mary also stopped for a stamp at Clintonville. On their way home to Merrill, they did a fly-by at Norrie Brook Airstrip and a wave to Paul and Sue. While on my way home from Albany I hit some headwinds and re- corded 6.7 hours on the Hobbs. We all have only a few stamps left to complete the passport book!

Humbly Submitted,
Dan Marlenga

June 2021 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

Saturday June 19, 2021, NCWLF **EAA 75 Meeting at Marlenga's 'Lil O'Hare Airport, WI**

President Steve Krueger called the monthly meeting of NCWLF EAA Chapter 75 into order at 10:45 a.m. with the ringing of the Payzer bell. A beautiful, sunny day with 14 airplanes flying in.

Self-introductions of the 26 members present were made. Steve Krueger pointed out that Steve Norris, founding member was again in attendance. Also, the youngest potential J-3 Cub pilot, Dane Krueger made his **first appearance in a "yellow airplane."** (See attached photo.)

New Business:

Reading of last month's meeting minutes with no additions or changes by secretary MaDonna McMahan. Motion by Dick Neitzel, and 2nd by Paul Buss to accept as read. Approved by voice vote.

Larry Wenning's treasurer's report was given by Lyle Banser in **Larry Wenning's absence.** Motion by Dan Marlenga and 2nd by Joe Malsack to accept with no changes or additions. Approved by voice vote.

Dick Neitzel reported that Tues- day night fly outs are going strong. Last Tuesday was at CWA Airport with Bill McGuire as host. Seven airplanes flew in with several drive-ins. Flyers departed as one flight with as-

sistance from the Control tower. Third Tuesday in August is still available. Dick will announce. Wild Rose is the site for this **coming Tuesday's "burger night."** **Wed. burger night will be** at the Merrill Municipal Airport at the FBO starting at 5:00 p.m. Sunday 6/20 will be the Lions pancake breakfast at Waupaca beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Service Award was given to Joe Mapes for his service as a 2020 board member. (He was absent **at the last meeting's presenta- tion.**) Thanks, Joe.

Nominations from last month's meeting for Officers:

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May 2021 NCWLF Meeting Minutes cont...

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President: Steve Krueger
 Vice President: Dan Marlenga
 Treasurer: Larry Wenning
 Secretary: Colleen Hansen
 Board Members: Paul Buss, Joe Mapes, Lyle Banser

Nominations were accepted as listed, and new officers were unanimously voted in by members present. Election for officers closed.

Projects and Reports:

Not a project, but Colleen and Evan Hanson purchased a 1946 Champ, and learned to fly at Merrill. It is hangered at Neillsville.

John Szigat has expanded his shop for his Hawk project. He built a jig for the spars and purchased Douglas fir to complete them, as spruce is not available or difficult to find.

Brett Wilke is painting his Thatcher CX-4 project at Wild Rose.

Last Sunday Karen and Steve Krueger flew the RV-6 to Lacrosse for the Blue Angel air show. All that flew in were welcomed in a special tent near show center. Quite a show with F-35 Raptor and F-16 Viper. **“Really loud.” Pilots and show were awesome.**

From Syd Cohen: The Ercoupe Convention will be at the Wausau Downtown Airport on Wed,

Thurs, and Friday before EAA, which starts Monday, July 26. He is looking for volunteers to serve as drivers for the transportation vans. They will be flying into AirVenture on Sunday, July 25. Please contact Syd if you can



Dane Krueger in a “yellow airplane.”

help.

Joe Mapes reported that he and Syd Cohen recently flew to Mountain View, AR for a regional Ercoupe convention. He also reported that Syd found a mouse nest of paper towels in the wing of his Ercoupe during his recent annual. Nothing but shredded paper, but be aware that this is something to check for carefully.

Merrill Airport Days are gone. Not enough volunteers or workers available.

MaDonna McMahan read an article from the Mosinee Link, the high school newsletter detailing their new aviation program in partnership with Central WI Aviation. Students have a path to becoming a pilot through their Aviation Ground School class. The first student to take advantage of this was MHS junior Hannah Shnowske. So far she has five hours with her instructor on her way to pursuing a commercial license.

2021 NOTAM for OSH-KOSH is available on line. Changes include transitions added to Fisk Arrival, Numerous editorial changes, FAH VOR decommissioned, IKK VOR decommissioned, RWY 18L/36R now 60' wide.

\$100 Drawing: Names drawn: Greg Stevenson, Darell Kuhn, Jeff Stone, **Bill/Patty Kaiser, Tom O’Neill,** and the winner was Joe Mal-sack. Congrats, Joe, and thanks, Bob.

Thanks given to Dan and Pattie Marlenga for hosting this **month’s meeting. A beautiful location.**

Dues are due. Check with Larry. \$15.00.

Next Meeting of 75 Chapter: At Jakes Field, Jack and Dolly, hosts. Saturday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn, carried.

EAA AirVenture 2021

It is the Greatest Show on Earth! This years dates are Monday, July 22nd thru Sunday, July 28th. Chapter 75 will be camping again at De Relleumtdats Camp-ground. There is always room for parking for a day, and tent camping. See map on the last page of this newsletter for details and additional directions. Hope to see you there!

<http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure>

Young People Will Receive Free AirVenture Admission.

With support from The Boeing Company, youth ages 18 and under will be admitted free to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021 as a way to introduce more youth to the possibilities in the world of flight.



MUSKY DAY
Land & Sea Fly-In
Boulder Jct, WI,
Sunday Aug 8,2021
A Tribute to Bob Payzer

****Famous 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***

****Exclusive Taste of Musky***

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****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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