

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

The 1st week of September found me marred in chores, “honey-dos”, and various obligations while the weather was forecasted to be light winds, mild temperatures, and no precipitation. When Friday rolled around, I again checked the next 7 day extended forecast. The bells started ringing as I spot checked weather forecasts around the entire Lake Michigan shoreline. My workload and the weather were coming together so perfectly, that it was almost like I was being set up! It was time to stir the pot to see who else I could interest in a flying adventure of nearly a thousand miles with only a 4 day notice. Hmmm!

Saturday, Sept. 7th I started my phone solicitations with Paul Buss, Dan Marlenga, Lyle Banser, and fearless leader Steve Krueger. Paul took the bait immediately, like he had been waiting for my call. Dan was out of town on vacation, as was Lyle, but Dan’s return call message said he was a “go” with a Tuesday depar-

ture. Lyle’s Sunday call placed him on a hunting foray to Alaska, while Steve was family camping, and a “no-go”. Tuesday, there would be a flight of three rendezvousing at Door County’s Ephraim Airport to circumnavigate Lake Michigan.

Dan departed his strip to meet Paul in Eland, while I had a departure time of 8:10 from Wild Rose for us to arrive in Ephraim about the same time. By the time I was skirting the eastside of Green Bay’s airspace, I started to pick up Paul and Dan on the “Pork Chop” channel, prior to their heading out across Green Bay, over Chambers Is., to Ephraim. My course was along the Green Bay shoreline at 1,500’ AGL.

Landing in sight of each other a few minutes later, Ephraim Airport completed our 1st leg of the journey. Having previously flown to Mackinac Is. this summer, Dan and Paul would have the lead flying to our next stop at St. Ignace’s Mackinac County Airport, the



northern terminus of the Western Hemisphere’s longest bridge, the Mackinac Bridge.

Our course would follow the Niagara Escarpment over Washington Is., and the Lake Michigan shoreline of the Upper Peninsula. Visibility was hazy, making visual contact between us difficult at times, and an offshore fog bank had our attention for awhile. U.S. Highway 2 led us through a rather barren appearing and unpopulated section of the U.P., to St. Ignace for food and fuel.

From St. Ignace, we decided to fly alongside the 5 mile Mackinac Bridge to the Michigan mainland’s Lake Michigan shoreline, for a stop over at Woolsey Memorial Airport(5D5) on the north end of the Leelanau Peninsula. We used our remaining sunlight to pitch tents, eat a Spartan dinner, then ride courtesy bikes 3 miles into town to find most establishments closed. The 1st sound of mosquitoes

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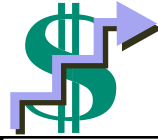
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NCWLF Treasurer Report October 2024
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,387.17	Balance Forward	\$ 9,185.88
Checking Deposits		9/30/24 Interest	.08
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 9,185.96
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,387.17	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 10,573.13

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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

e-mail _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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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.

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easily drove us into our tents for the night. Little did we know that we had a coyote serenade coming.

While breaking camp in the morning, we decided to continue sightseeing along the shoreline and other sites that perked our interests, as well as **"Mogas" stops in Sparta, MI and La Porte, IN.** The further **"down state" we traveled**, the more populated and agricultural the landscape became. The orchards and forests of northern and lake-side Michigan gave way to row crops and urban sprawl.

The Lake Michigan shoreline beauty was losing to larger houses crowding out nature all the way to the water, due to the destruction of native vegetation and soils.

Our La Porte Municipal (PPO) arrival time at 2:00 p.m. pushed us to the decision to head to Wisconsin, skirting Chicago Mode C airspace by slingshotting around Joliet. The brown smudged horizon was blocking the Chicago skyline, and the industrial districts with heavy traffic was daunting. The error that we made in planning our trip was that we should have flown

counterclockwise around the Lake. The moral of the story **should be, "Fly the Worst - First!"**

Passing the state line into Wisconsin was figuratively, a breath of fresh air. Paul and Dan escorted me to Wild Rose, before heading off into the sunset, with all arriving home safely. There will be a next time flying around Michigan, now that the Lake has given up some of her secrets. But her secret of VFR lakeside flying around Chicago, she retains for next time!

September Meeting Minutes

The Chapter 75 EAA Meeting was held on September 21, **2024 at Little O'Hare (LORD)** hosted by Dan and Patty Marlenga.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Krueger. Self-introductions were made by the 31 people in attendance. There were **8 airplanes including our host's plane.** Great day to fly but we kept our eyes peeled for weather during our meeting.

Secretary's report was read aloud and accepted by Paul Buss. It was seconded by Dave Meyer. Motion carried. Thank you again to Dan Marlenga for doing the minutes for the August meeting.

Treasurer's report was read by Larry Wenning. Motion to accept made by Dick Neitzel. It was seconded by Dan Marlenga. Motion carried. Please check with Larry on your renewal status.

Old Business:

Thank you to Dick Neitzel for being the Tuesday Night Fly Night coordinator. They will start up again the first Tuesday in June 2025. Some dates are taken and some dates are available. Please contact Dick at (715) 891-7213 if you are interested in hosting.

New Business:

Cross Country Planning seminar put on by Jurg Grossenbacher in Monday September 30th 6:00 at the Main Termi-

Next NCWLF Meeting October 19

Our next meeting will be at Paul and Sue Buss's "Norrie Brook Airport" "W100" near Eland, Saturday, Oct 19th, 10:30 AM.

Directions from Wausau:

Take Highway 29 east to Falstad Road, which is about 3 1/2 miles past exit 185 at Hatley. Turn left on Falstad Road and go to the stop sign and take a left on County Road D. Go one mile and turn right on County Road OO. Go about 1 1/4 miles to Paul and Sue's Norrie Brook Airport which is on the north side of the road.

For pilots flying in, please use 122.900 for Norrie Brook Traffic

Contact Paul Buss at 920-238-2519 if any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

October 19 Chapter Meeting
Norrie Brook W100 Paul and Sue Buss

November 16 Chapter Meeting

December 14 Chapter Meeting

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nal Building at the Merrill Airport.

Ontonagon County Airport Fly In on September 28, 2024. This is their fourth Fall Color Fly In. Information in the September newsletter.

Flying Reports:

Dan Marlenga, Larry Gordon and Paul Buss circled Lake Michigan and had tailwinds with them the whole way.

The map that Dan had set up also helped in telling the story of Dan Marlenga, Paul Buss and Steve Krueger in their Thursday flight that started with breakfast in Three Lakes. More flying in the north woods KI Sawyer museum, Door County and the need for lunch and ice cream. Steve knew there was a courtesy car available at the Door County **airport but it wasn't readily in sight**. Thinking outside the

box, Steve looked all over their FBO to find a phone number for a car. They got to eat lunch, left a gift certificate for the owner of the vehicle and flew to Antigo and then to their homes. Watching the weather all day because what was supposed to be a cloudless day changed throughout the day.

Always be watching.

\$100 giveaway would have been won by George Kramer

but he was not in attendance. The winner was Greg Stevenson. Thanks Bob!

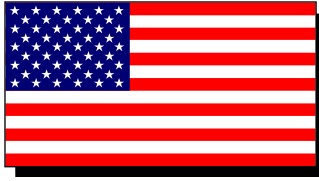
Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is October 19, 2024 at Norrie Brook hosted by Paul and Sue Buss. Time will be 10:30. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Hansen
Recording Secretary



35 pilots enjoyed an evening of continued education at the Merrill Municipal Airport on Monday evening Sept 30th. The safety seminar was conducted by Jurg Grossenbacher from the Milwaukee Flight Standards District Office.



Other Area EAA Chapters

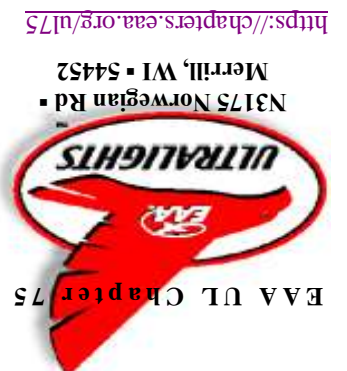
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