

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

The coming of springtime this year seems to have taken so long getting to this point in mid-Wisconsin, that I thought my budding trees and shrubs in the yard were going to wear themselves out before they actually bloomed. That feeling has persisted until last week, when we finally got the moisture needed for Mother Nature to quit kicking the can down the street. Now it looks like we will have flowering lilacs for Mothers Day! Let's hope we can fly planes more regularly than our kites in these prevalent winds of spring.

Reading the last month's chapter newsletter "meeting minutes" and "editorial notes" discussing preflight inspections, I got to thinking of all the things that I have forgotten in my preflights over the years. Some of my oversights have been found prior to takeoffs, and some not until landing after the flight. It definitely pays to constantly be vigilant, looking for something out of place, or that "little chirping birdie" in the back of your mind. I have found fuel caps off, exterior

compartment latches open, passenger door unlatched, passenger seat belt webbing drumming on outside of fuselage, pitot tube cover not removed, wrong frequency **set on the radio, but I haven't yet wished I wasn't flying when I was(!), other than flying in turbulence. NOT YET ANYHOW!**

I once did hear a pilot start a **radio conversation with, "I can't believe this is happening to me!"** It was an eerie several minutes listening in on the conversation, to say the least. The responding party kept repeating the phrase, "Fly the plane", until the pilot sounded somewhat responsive. Several days later I was flying in the same vicinity while on the same frequency, when I called an FBO monitoring the radio to ask about the incident. No further information was known about it. I think I will use that pilot's phrase, "I can't believe this is happening to me", as my preflight inspection mantra from now on. Maybe I will spot my pitot cover out on my left wing less often, as I check my



flight control responses and flaps position.

This month's issue of Sport Aviation only spent 4 days on my bedside table before it **was moved to my "have read desk" for future recycling.** Lots of good articles to peruse. After reading Steve Krog's article on "Attitude Flying", I had a good laugh while remembering one of my 1st flying lessons with Mr. Krueger in his MX2, sometime in February or March of that year. Steve was introducing me to attitude fly, rather than referencing the instruments. After a couple of failed attempts to get his point across to me, I glanced down at the instrument pod and saw a big Sorel boot blotting out a gage or two! Hey buddy, just to let you know, the other week I flew from Wild Rose to Shawano without putting my eyes on my altimeter. I was too busy watching my pitot tube cover!

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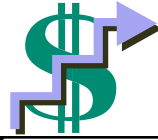
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NCWLF Treasurer Report May 2024
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,287.71	Balance Forward	\$ 9,185.50
Checking Deposits		4/30/24 Interest	.08
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 9,185.58
Tom Voss - Supplies	100.54		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,187.17	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 10,372.75

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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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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Items received by the 5th are considered for that months' publication.

Send comments, questions, suggestions, etc... to tvosswi@gmail.com



April 2024 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The April 20, 2024 Chapter 75 EAA meeting was called to order by Vice President Dan Marlunga. It was held at the Stevens Point Airport and hosted by Evan and Colleen Hansen and were assisted by Gary Olson.

There were 29 people and one airplane-flown in by Dick Neitzel - sometimes called "the toughest man we know."

Secretary's report was read aloud. Motion to accept made by Dick Neitzel and seconded by Joe Grassl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read aloud. Motion to accept made by Ivan Grosman and seconded by Joe Grassl. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Dick Neitzel to keep the current slate of officers as outlined in the newsletter. Motion seconded Mike Riley. Motion carried.

Show and Tell:

Fly Nights 2024

Fly Nights run from around 5 pm - 8 pm.

Upcoming Events:

✈ June 4 Merrill group at RRL

✈ June 18 Hosted by John Szigat at Antigo Langlade Co Airport

Brandon Buss showed us how he is recovering the seats in his 1968 Cessna 172. He can do the repairs and then make a logbook entry.

Paul Buss talked about Adventure Flying. In his plane he has no room for gas cans so he has a container that when it is filled with gas it fits behind his airplane seat. He showed us his helmet that he got at a company called Sky Cowboy. It has attachments for your headset and is very comfortable. Keeping a list of equipment needed for each flight is important. Things like a blanket, emergency pack, equipment to keep yourself dry, rain poncho, knife, First Aid supplies and tools are all very important.

Dan Marlunga talked about having a quick energy snack like granola bars, toilet paper, water, matches, an extra radio and knowing the Emergency Frequency number 121.5.

✈ 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

Joe Grassl talked about having bacon grease in a Ziploc bag to be able to start a fire.

MaDonna McMahan says to carry chocolate and raisins - smart woman.

Evan Hansen talked about the **5 C's of Survival: Cutting Tool, A Container, Cover, Cordage and Combustion Device.**

Flying Reports:

Evan Hansen has a text message group used when we want to fly as a group. Please let him know if you want to be added to the list.

\$100 Drawing was won on the first pull by Joe Grassl. Thanks Bob!

Motion made by Dick Neitzel to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by MaDonna McMahan.

Next meeting will be May 18th at 10:30 at the Merrill Airport.

Colleen Hansen
Recording Secretary

✈ August 20 Hosted by Rob Brown at Adams Co 63C

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

Dick Neitzel

Next NCWLF Meeting May 18

Our Next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, May 18th, 10:30 am, at the Merrill Airport new terminal building.

Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

May 18 Chapter Meeting Merrill Airport

June 4 Tuesday Night Fly Night Merrill Airport

June 15 Chapter Meeting

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

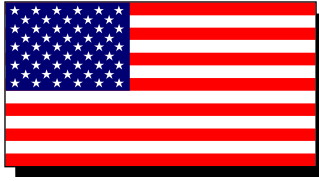
August 20 Tuesday Night Fly Night Adams County Airport

September 21 Chapter Meeting

October 19 Chapter Meeting

November 16 Chapter Meeting

December 14 Chapter Meeting



Other Area EAA Chapters

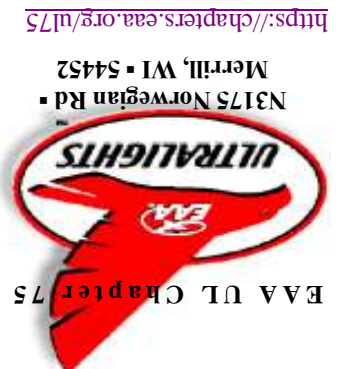
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