

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Time Flies

Four years ago, this 1st Tuesday of November, 2020, I spent the day flying solo to a few of the remaining airports that I needed to complete my Wisconsin Airport Passport. It was a beautiful fall day that added to my enjoyment of overflying the topography of the western part of the state, extending upstream from La Crosse, in and over the mighty Mississippi River Valley. **This year's** 1st Tuesday will be IFR, as per the forecasted weather, so I will be grounded from flying, but hoping to recreate in another activity.

Learning From Others Is Easier Than Self

While I was in North Dakota last week, I stopped at an airport for some newsletter inspiration after hearing of a non-flying airplane incident. Having unsuccessfully searched the airport for evidence of the accident, I spotted someone parking at the FBO in Washburn, ND(5C8), who appeared to be a good

source of local knowledge. Bingo! The fella was the local pilot for the North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. A picture being worth a thousand words, upon my asking the officer about the rumored incident, he grabbed his phone and began scrolling through his photo library, while acknowledging that the rumor was indeed fact, and that the plane was recently removed from the airport. The photo showed a Cessna 150 lying upside down on the concrete tarmac, with extensive structural damage to the both wings, landing gear, empennage, tail, and rudder. The prop also appeared to be damaged. Attached to each wing strut in the foreground of the picture were straps, too small to be lifting straps, so I curiously asked if the plane was tied down at the airport when it was damaged. Yes, was the answer leading to my second question, as to whether the tie downs were ratchet straps? That answer was also yes. The officer explained the incident and its

outcome to me while shaking his head in disbelief that someone would do that, **knowing that the "winds in North Dakota are considered calm, if they are under 20 kts"**! In another life, I used ropes and knots in my line of work, but I had seldom seen or tied the combination of tautline and half hitches used to tie down planes. They **aren't the most straightforward** combination of knots for infrequent users. Ratchet straps are more user friendly, but they are not appropriate for all applications. A rough rule of thumb when using ropes is, breaking strain equals 3 X the safe working load. Certain knots can reduce the safe workload by as much as 50%. I have seen some 4-paks of ratchet straps (Wal-Mart) that have a safe workload of 175 pounds, probably rated on a dead load, not a bouncing and straining 800lb fueled up Rams S6 in a 50-60 mph squall. You get what you pay for. It might end up looking

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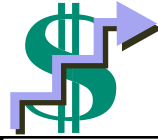
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NCWLF Treasurer Report November 2024
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,387.17	Balance Forward	\$ 9,185.96
Checking Deposits		10/31/24 Interest	.08
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 9,186.04
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,387.17	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 10,573.21

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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

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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.

Send dues to: NCWLF N3175 Norwegian Rd Merrill, WI 54452

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like the Washburn Cessna 150.

In closing...

I will test a ratchet strap for the next newsletter to see if I eat crow. At least it would taste better than a pair of my "Red Wing" boots. May we

enjoy our pleasures of flight for a few more days, until the winds of November begin to blow in earnest.

October Meeting Minutes

The Chapter 75 EAA meeting was held at Norrie Brook. Thank you to Paul and Sue Buss for hosting this month's meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Krueger. Self-introductions were made by the 25 people who were present. There were 6 planes that landed at Norrie Brook on this beautiful fall day.

The secretary's report was read by Lyle Banser, who was filling in for Colleen Hansen. Joe Malsack motioned to accept the September minutes, seconded by Bill McGuire, all ayes; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Larry Wenning. Heinz Roth motioned to accept the Treasurer's report: seconded by Bill McGuire: all ayes: motion carried.

Old Business: Steve reported on a Cross Country Planning

Seminar and presentation given by Jurg Grossenbacher on September 30th at the main terminal in Merrill, in which he talked about the majority of accidents happening on takeoff and landing operations. Great information was shared, 35 people were in attendance.

New Business: Steve is going to hold a meeting to share pro tips for pilots, starting November 13 at 1900 hours at the Merrill terminal.

Bill Heil shared an example of calendars that his family uses. Karen Krueger explained that the price of a calendar goes up if you personalize it with meeting dates, special dates, etc. Discussion followed on how to proceed with the order of the next calendar. Motion was made by Don Shire to move forward with the calendar at Office Max with the current format a seconded by Heinz Roth. Karen

mentioned that any pictures to be considered for the calendar need to be to her by November 1. Sue Buss added that everyone should take lots and lots and lots of pictures of different events and projects, so we have them for **each year's calendar**.

Steve shared that Bill McGuire has completed his plans-built Raven, which is similar to a Kit Fox or Avid. Bill explained how the process went. He started by ordering the plans in 2010. The inspection was just recently done after waiting for the FAA Designated Aircraft Representative (DAR) for more than a year. He is restricted to taxiing until the paperwork is returned to him with the airworthiness certificate.

Flying Report: Joe Malsack reported that he took a trip to Colorado Springs that took him 5.8 hours. His first stop

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Next NCWLF Meeting November 16

Our next Chapter 75 meeting will be Saturday November 16th 10:30 AM at the Marshfield Municipal Airport hosted by Dave and Nancy Meyer.

Hope to see you there!

FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinars

FAA Safety Team Webinars. These interesting and informative webinars include a variety of important safety topics designed to reduce risk and increase the level of safety in aviation operations.

This recurring event every 2nd Wednesday of the month thru March is hosted at the Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM. Fresh popcorn for all that attend. Contact Steve Krueger for more information.

Hope to see you there!



Calendar of Events

Nov 13 FFAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

November 16 Chapter Meeting Marshfield Airport

December 11 FFAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

December 14 Chapter Meeting

January 8 FFAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

Feb 12 FFAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

March 12 FFAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

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was in Easterville, IA, then Broken Bow, NE where no fuel was available. He then diverted to another airport to get fuel and then on to Colorado Springs. He spent a few days with family, then started for home at 11:00 am with a headwind and made it back to Merrill at 6:55 pm.

Dan Shire explained how he received training with Steve Krueger by using Flight Following with three different controlling agencies on a training mission to Prairie du Chien.

Paul Buss reported on a fall color trip to northern Wisconsin. If you want to see them you better hurry because they are falling quick!!

Sue Buss mentioned that Jim Shnowske was the first plane to land at Norrie Brook.

\$100 Drawing: Sue Buss drew numbers with 7 numbers being drawn: James Gresens, Morgan Borchardt, Mike and Maureen Gill, Tom and Sue Brown, Allen Mader, Brian Krueger and Mike Drover before the lucky winner Number 8 was drawn for (drum roll

please) Patricia Heil!! Congratulations and Thanks Bob!!

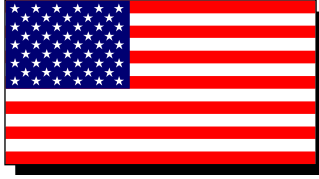
Next month's meeting is November 16th at 10:30 at the Marshfield Airport. It will be hosted by Dave and Nancy Meyer.

Meeting adjourned - motion made by Heinz Roth and seconded by Steve Krueger - all ayes: motion carried.

Semi-respectfully submitted with a few jokes by

Lyle Banser

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