

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

Ben Franklin's "For the want of a nail,..."

As we close in on the fall equinox, our daylight hours become shorter, on average by 3 minutes per day. This **wouldn't seem like a big deal until you add up a week's worth of lost daylight**, to the tune of 21 minutes. I am quite regularly reminded of the Ben Franklin quoted proverb telling us of the importance to be vigilant towards seemingly small things that can lead to much bigger problems. Aviation is one of those inherent activities that requires constant attention to details, a knowledge of flying, diligence to continuously monitor and be aware of changes in the environment affecting the attitude and physics of the art of flying, and the knowledge to correct that which disrupts the equilibrium of the parts.

At Harold Schauer's Tuesday night fly-out on August 1st at Scherrico Meadows, I overstayed my departure time to assist in locating a lost item of a fellow aviator. It was a nice evening for flying, so I wasn't too concerned over my impending ETA at W23. After all, the sun looked to be going down with clear skies in the west, and the 52 mile flight

into a slight headwind wouldn't be a problem.

With the CWA Class D airspace behind me, I switched to the KSTE frequency for traffic. Evan and Colleen were just announcing their being on final, after which all was quiet on the radio. Waupaca AWOS frequency was punched in for a quick weather check before getting back on 122.8 to put my ears on Wild Rose traffic. I ran the Waupaca AWOS numbers again to verify 5 miles visibility being reported. Temps and **dew point weren't piggy-backed**, so it was looking like Canada wildfire smoke, rather than fog. That fact was confirmed by a bluish shroud enveloping the plane and its surroundings. Just about the same time, the sun was breaching the horizon, along with a bank of clouds.

As I was announcing my position on 122.8 at 10 miles out, I was losing ground details due to the low light level caused by the smoke and clouds, robbing me of my civil twilight. Bink! We have a beacon! Well, that was a thing of **beauty, but it didn't do anything** for my sweaty palms. Announcing my intentions and entering my downwind leg, I keyed the mike to acti-



vate the low intensity runway lights, and hoped that it also notified the resident wildlife of my impending landing and **to "clear the deck"!** Now, landing and instrument lights. Check! Numbers all looking good. Base to final, and all still good. Crossing the threshold. No critters in sight! We have a touchdown!

My delayed departure from Sherrico Meadows initiated the potential problem of flying outside a comfort zone, as did a daily decrease in fall daylight hours. Lower visibility conditions caused by the infiltration of wildfire smoke, along with a western horizon cloud bank all perpetuated the decreasing landing visibility. Things would have deteriorated rapidly if the rotating beacon and runway lights had been inoperable. Lessons learned and retained can increase a life span, as can experience.

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost.

For want of a shoe, the horse was lost.

For want of a horse, the rider was lost.

For want of a rider, the message was lost.

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NCWLF Treasurer Report September 2023
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,018.05	Balance Forward	\$ 10,184.76
Checking Deposits		8/31/2023 Interest	0.09
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 10,184.93
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,018.05	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 11,202.98

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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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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.

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



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For want of a message, the battle was lost.

For want of the battle, the Kingdom was lost.

All for the want of a horse-shoe nail.

Proverb

August 2023 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The August 19, 2023 Chapter 75 EAA meeting was called to order by President Steve Krueger at Jakel's in Abbotsford. Three airplanes and twenty one members in attendance on National Aviation Day. Thank you very much to Jack and Dolly LaSee and Jim and Jenny Jakel for your kind hospitality. Introduction of members followed.

Secretary's report was read aloud. Two corrections to last month's minutes - the Swap Shop at the Red Barn is not a new event and also the correct name of the race before AirVenture is the Air Cup. Motion to accept the corrected minutes made by Paul Buss and seconded by Heinz Roth. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Larry Wenning. Motion to accept made by Bill Maguire and seconded by Dan Marlenga. Motion carried.

Old Business:

AirVenture had a new attendance record. 677,000 attended. Approximately 5,500 volunteers spending 250,000 hours putting it together.

25th Anniversary Fly In-Musky Day at Boulder Junction had 54 planes, 4 of which were seaplanes.

Tuesday Fly Nights are a wrap for 2023. Thank you again to Dick Neitzel for coordinating this.

New Business:

Sport Pilot licensing is being looked at by the FAA. An article in the September 2023 AOPA magazine talks about the Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certificates (MOSIAC).

Flying Reports:

Dan Marlenga and Paul Buss went to the UP of Michigan. They went to 13 airports with grass strips in two days. Sounds like a great trip. Trying new things and being

flexible is important when we fly.

Discussion about Pilot controlled airport transmissions. Please remember to give the direction you are going after **takeoff, don't give too much information early on in your transmissions and announce the airport at the end of your transmission.** Be a courteous pilot.

Next meeting is September 16th at 10:30 at Dan and **Patty Marlenga's airstrip LORD.** Dan said there is tall corn near the airstrip so be watching.

\$100 drawing was won by Ken Krolow on the first pull. Thanks Bob!!

Motion to accept made by Jack LaSee and seconded by Paul Buss. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Hansen

Recording Secretary

Next NCWLF Meeting September 16

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday September 16th, 10:30 AM at Dan and **Patty Marlenga's Little O'Hare Airstrip 138059** Short Lane Drive, Marathon WI.

CTAF will be 122.9 for Little O'Hare.

If you are flying in, watch for tall corn along the airstrip.

Contact Dan Marlenga 715 573 6220.

Hope to see you there!

2023 Calendar of Events

September 16 Chapter Meeting **Little O'Hare Little Chicago** Dan and Patty Marlenga

October 21 Chapter Meeting

November 11 Chapter Meeting

December 9 Chapter Meeting



2023 Fly Night Review

Greetings all.

This years fly nights were blessed with good weather and safe flights. All of the events had good participation.

I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all those who hosted. It takes a lot of effort to gather the necessary supplies, whether it's simple treats or a meal.

I'd also like to thank all who took the time and effort to fly or drive to the events. Summer is rapidly fading. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy several months before our 2024 fly night season.

If anyone is interested in hosting on the first or third Tuesday in June, July or August next year, please let me know.

You can text me at 715-891-7213 or email

flyguy963@gmx.com

Thank you.

Dick Neitzel

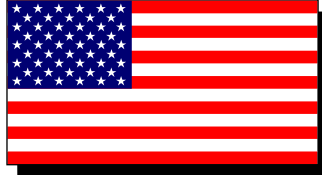
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