

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

As March slowly releases the grip of winter with its lengthening days of sunlight, the quiet landscape seems to explode with the sounds of nature. Those being most vocal are the birds; year rounders greeting the returning “snowbirds”, the “snowbirds” themselves, and those migrating through to their summer nesting grounds. The loudest heralders of Spring in our neighborhood are the sandhill cranes and Canada geese. They seem to awaken all facets of nature to the fact that it is time to increase the tempo and reignite life.

The renewing vigor of Spring catches me in its grasp, pulling me out of bed to the enjoyment of witnessing the different talents and antics of the showoffs in nature. I especially enjoy and envy the abilities of large birds as they

display their flying proficiencies and acrobatic maneuvers. How many times have you observed sandhill cranes coming in hot, apply full flaps, and stall out just as it touches down. How about seeing flocks of geese literally stall out as they race each other to a feeding field, or a body of water. I am sure they had an influence on my desire to experience flight, and maybe even becoming an aviator.

Seagulls are another species of birds that are a hoot to watch. I remember going to see the movie “Jonathan Livingston Seagull”, a story written by Richard Bach. All throughout the movie, flocks of seagulls were flying as normal birds, except Jonathan. He was determined to do a controlled dive at terminal velocity, while the rest of the flock was feeding in a



coastal setting. The camera was focused on a single bird out of hundreds, while Jonathan was supplying the narration for the scene. The next thing the viewer sees is a seagull doing a roll, and eventually a loop!! Jonathan even is filmed in an uncontrolled crash into the sea, complete with an underwater sequence of a disheveled seagull sinking towards the bottom, before eventually fighting to the surface. Wow! Jonathan Livingston Seagull was the greatest bird to ever fly. He blew the stalling geese right out of the picture. I wondered how much film they had to shoot before successfully filming those feats in nature.

Last week, while eating breakfast and watching the backyard bird feeder, a local red squirrel had just finished

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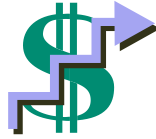
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NCWLF Treasurer Report April 2021
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,062.51	Balance Forward	\$ 16,679.06
Checking Deposits		Interest	.15
3/2/2021 Deposit	130.00		
3/22/2021 Deposit	180.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 16,679.21
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,372.51	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 18,051.72

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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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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 P.O. Box 12 Schofield, WI 54476

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raiding the bird seed, when he decided to climb to the top of an oak tree looking for an avenue to the other side of the creek. The wind was blowing 20-25 mph, with gusts to 35. The little fella hesitated momentarily before launching himself into the abyss. Mr. Squirrel **wouldn't have had a chance** even if he was wearing a blue bodysuit and a red cape! After missing his intended willow branch, his next maneuver looked like a

"sideslip" to avoid a bath in the creek and a rough landing in brush. He was off and running, as if he was just strolling through the woods.

With flying weather nearly upon us, take time to make sure that you knock the dust **off your POH. Don't find yourself** in a predicament like Mr. Squirrel, who must not have remembered his crosswind limitations, nor called for a weather briefing. Those geese and sandhills always seem on top of their

game due to their conditioning and flying proficiencies. Ease into the left seat to regain the flying edge that you honed for yourself last fall. Take advantage of the internet to refresh your aviation knowledge through viewing **webinars and "YouTube" videos**. It takes time and practice to fly like J.L. Seagull. If I had read the movie credits, I would have seen that he **had a "bird trainer"**. So do we - **they're called CFI's**. Have fun flying, while being safe.

Flying 2020



8/27/2020 - Today's flight would take us to Western WI. As we woke this morning there were some low clouds and ground fog. Flyers were Paul Buss, Steve Krueger, Lyle Banser, Brian Krueger, Mike Riley, and myself. Earlier I received a call from Mike that something has come up and he would not be joining us. Brian Krueger also would be delayed until later and would catch up along the route.



***Paul Buss, Dan Marlenga, Lyle Banser,
Brian Krueger, Steve Krueger***

Paul Buss flew to my place and because conditions had improved we departed for Eau Claire. Soon after we

were airborne we heard Lyle and Steve had departed Merrill. Some low ceilings

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Next NCWLF Meeting Canceled

To the great Members of Chapter 75. Unfortunately due to the pandemic and concern for the safety of our membership we have canceled our gathering's until spring of 2021.

We truly miss seeing all of you and hope you understand in these trying times. Your board of directors will evaluate if things turn around. Our membership remains strong and we look forward to a more normal life style. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Steve Krueger and EAA UL
75 Board of Directors

Calendar of Events

April 13 -19 Sun N Fun
Lakeland FL

April 17 Chapter Meeting
Canceled

May 15 Chapter Meeting
TBD

June 1 Tuesday Night Fly
Night TBD

June 15 Tuesday Night Fly
Night TBD

June 19 Chapter Meeting
TBD



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seemed to be to the north, but south was clear. As we monitored Eau Claire tower it was clear that lower clouds and lower visibility were moving in. At 30 miles out the decision was made to divert to Black River Falls airport. Paul and I turned as did Lyle and Steve, we arrived at BRF within minutes of each other and today's stamping trip was on!

Next stop was Necedah airport and with no one around it was just a stamp and go. On to Adams County Legion Field in Friendship WI. I was first in and did a go around to runway 26 - grass, to chase some birds away. We all taxied up and took on fuel. There were some nice local guys there to greet us and shared some stories of the airport and of local flyers. There were also two Ag Sprayer operations busy on the field. We watched them reload and go, then it was our time to turn and burn!

Arrival at Mauston - New Lisbon Union airport was pretty standard, and after collecting our stamp it was off to Boyer Field in Tomah WI. John Glynn from our chapter lives in a house right at this airport. We

took a photo of our group and texted it to him with the caption, "Guess where we are?" Our next stop would be Sparta - Fort McCoy airport. There are two sides to this facility, Fort McCoy base with its own flight ops and the GA ramp on the other side of the field. We got word while on the ground that Brian Krueger was on his way to meet us. After a short wait we heard the hum of his RV-6 and another flyer would join the adventure.

We departed for the La Crosse Regional Airport. We did a long downwind and final for runway 36 in order to follow a commuter landing at La Crosse. We borrowed a car from the nice folks at Colgan Air and headed into town for lunch. They suggested a place on the river, so we sat in a nice air conditioned restaurant to recharge our batteries. We had been tracking some showers that were on our route as we headed north west up the Mississippi. The showers would pass by the time we reached Winona MN. A few of us took on fuel and then off to Red Wing Regional Airport. This is an airport listed as a Minnesota airport, but is located on the WI side of the river. Flying the Mississippi is so neat, seeing back-





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waters, large and small boats and the locks and dams.

Boyceville Municipal was our next stop. We taxied to the hanger to collect another stamp and what a treat to see interior, the home of High Road Aviation. A nice couple

was getting ready to take off in their Piper. They showed us a rebuilt Cub they had in the hanger along with a few other projects. They also have a large trailer used to deliver airplane kits for the Rans Aircraft Co. Stamp- n- go then on to Menominee Regional Airport where we took on fuel

for the long ride home. We all departed to our respective home bases and chatted about our day as the sun was setting at our backs. All arrived safely; I had 7.4 hours on the Hobbs.

Beautiful views along the Mississippi, reasonable weather,

light winds, and good friends to share it with! Wow what a great day of flying. Stay tuned for our next installment of "The greatest flying summer of my life!"

Humbly Submitted,

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**AIRVENTURE
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2021**

July 26 - August 1



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