

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

Dateline: Monday, October 4th KMRJ Iowa County Airport, Mineral Point, WI

The Pitch: Scud running has stopped for now in Mineral Point, giving me a moment or two to ponder the happenings from the last 8 Days of our destination flying to the “ArkanSTOL Ozark Backwoods Challenge” flying event. The idea for this aviation adventure was spawned by Christina Basken’s article in the January 2021 issue of Sport Aviation, that covered the first organized competition of the Arkansas challenge at Byrd’s Adventure Center, located along 1800 ft of the Mulberry River in North-west Arkansas.

The Bait: The co-conspirators in the adventure include UL 75 members Lyle Banser, Paul Buss, Steve Krueger, Dan Marlenga, and yours truly, Larry Gordon. The idea of flying to ArkanSTOL was slowly nurtured by Christina’s EAA article and several YouTube videos. The rabbit hole draw was too great when the ArkanSTOL organization was soliciting for volunteers to participate in the four-day event as ground crew members. The “Hey Guys” sales pitch factors included daily 4 hour work shifts of choice, food and beverages while working,

pre competition catered meal, and the biggy, the best seats in the house! The allure of the adventure itself was too great to not send in our volunteer applications. Bingo! The volunteer coordinator gave us the green light to come join the 2nd annual ArkanSTOL.

The Journey: The flight south would be a journey of 757 mile, with 5 guys in 4 planes, tents and sleeping bags included. Monday, September 27th found us rendezvousing in Sauk Prairie(91C) for a splash of Swift 94, then off for Marion, IA and Mexico, MO, with an over-nighter in Clinton MO at the Banser cabin, on the Truman Reservoir.

Before getting underway the next morning and returning the “courtesy car”, Lyle decided to unknowingly feed some of the local wildlife at the Banser cabin - **chiggers!** With “Itchy Brother” in tow, we were soon overflying the Truman Reservoir, then heading south for a side trip to a Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) /Nature Conservancy airstrip, called **Trigger Gap. The 3,000”** ridge-line airstrip is complete with post and beam shelter and fireplace, wood, solar bath-room, tables, and chairs. Surrounded by Ozark mountains



and sited atop the ridge, it is free to use by the flying public!

The Destination: Departing Trigger Gap, we headed to Huntsville(H34), the highest airport in AR, for a fuel stop and to review the ArkanSTOL air traffic procedures. Departing H34, we were overflying the heart of the tree covered Ozarks, keeping watch for our topographical checkpoints **leading us to Byrds’ Adventure Center**, its River Runway, and our home for the next 5 days. Back on the ground and tied down in the volunteer parking area, it was time to reconnoiter our surroundings, given the fact that we had the rest of the day off until our morning briefing.

Our morning briefing gave us a chance to meet our supervisors and fellow volunteers, as well as becoming orientated to the events of the day. The pilot contestants were practicing on the course, at which time the runways were closed to other air traffic, giving us a light workload until the spectator crowd showed up. We took the opportunity to watch practice runs on the 4 utilized runways making up the course. The high pilot skill levels needed to compete were evident in the fact

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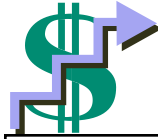
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NCWLF Treasurer Report October 2021
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<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,809.72	Balance Forward	\$ 16,679.91
Checking Deposits		Interest 9/30/21	.13
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 16,680.04
Pagels - Chicken	88.05		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,721.67	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 18,401.71

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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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- \$ 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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that during Wednesday's practice, the third pilot of the week stalled his plane during a slow high banked turn on the most difficult portion of the course. The severity of the accident was enough to change the race format, which increased pilot safety margins.

The Takeaways: The pilot skills needed to compete in the ArkanSTOL were greater than the modifications to their planes. It is an "on the edge" event. The hospitality extended to us by the event staff, as well as that of the venue staff, was outstanding. Saturday's post event party was a celebration of new friendships made and renewed, with hopes of getting together again in the future. The adventure of flying to a place that embraces aviation in an arena of natural beauty is inspiring enough to be repeated.

Journey's End: The adventure couldn't end in Mineral Point with a lightening horizon on the course towards home. The quiet contemplation in the planes, once the limiting weather conditions were left behind us, was evident by the silent "pork chop" frequency. Our passing over the Baraboo Hills brought life back to the radio as the comparison of the Hills was made to those of the Ozarks. I am sure that we will carry reminders of this adventure with us forever.



Trigger Gap is located 3.2 nm south of Carroll County Airport (4M1) in Arkansas.



Chapter 75 Members attended the Arkanstol event near Fayetteville, AR. Larry Gordon, Paul Buss, Dan Marlenga, Lyle Banzer and Steve Krueger. The national event was held Tuesday, September 28th - Sunday, Oct 3rd.

Next NCWLF Meeting
October 16

Our Next meeting is at Paul and Sue Buss's Norrie Brook Airport near Eland, Saturday, Oct 16th, 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. Search Norrie Brook Airport W100,GPS 44 52' 25"N89 13'50"W. Contact Paul Buss @ 920-238-2519 if any questions

Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

- October 16 Chapter Meeting. Norrie Brook Airport. Eland. Paul and Sue Buss
- November 13 Chapter Meeting TBD
- December 11 Chapter Meeting TBD



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We now have a page on Facebook.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/534961210915945/>

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September 2021 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2021 brought 13 planes and 41 people to the Chapter 75 EAA meeting at **Little O'Hare hosted by Dan and Patty Marlenga.**

Meeting called to order by Steve Krueger. Self-introductions followed.

Secretary's report-motion was made by Paul Buss to change the minutes to reflect-we are having a STOL demonstration. With that change the **secretary's report was accepted by Taylor Kaiser**-seconded by Paul Buss. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report-motion made by Taylor Kaiser and seconded by Lyle Baner. Motion carried.

Thank you goes to Dan Marlenga for writing about the Fly Wisconsin Passport program for the newsletter. The program started in September 2017. In that time, less than 20 people have gotten all the stamps in their book and four of those folks are from Chapter 75-Congratulations to Dan



Marlenga, Lyle Baner, Larry Gordon and Paul Buss.

Chapter 75 has their own Facebook page. Thank you to Tony Borchardt for setting it up. Meeting announcements and other information will be in one place.

There is a fall trip going to the Arkansas Backwoods Challenge September 28-October 3 for the ArkanSTOL. Dan Marlenga showed on a white board how the STOL demonstrations would be done. After the meeting some members showed us.

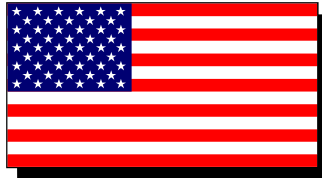
Flying Report-Brian Krueger purchased a Christian Eagle

recently near Youngstown, Ohio. Rich McCullough went with him to do the pre-buy inspection and Steve Krueger went with for the purchase. They met up with some people from the aviation community in the process. Very excited pilot there.

The \$100 drawing was won by Gary Schulz on the first pull.

Next meeting will be Saturday October 16th at Norris Brook hosted by Paul and Sue Buss. See you there!

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