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Editors Notes

Less than a week has gone by since we returned from Oshkosh but the sights and sounds of that wonderful pilgrimage are still fresh and I am sure will remain so for many months. This year my wife and I were fortunate enough to spend four and a half days parked in Ollies Campground thanks to John Reisinger's arranging reserved camping spots with his friend Ollie. Thanks John! The location was ideal since it adjoins the ultralight area and is just a fence away from the airshow and all activities with the "heavy iron" as well.

As always, there was much to experience and learn all over the field, especially so in the ultralight area. Morning and evening UL flights were as much fun as the airshow itself. Not to be outdone by the noise of the big airshow, the jet-powered Mitchel Wing frequently flew but only for fifteen minutes on one tank of fuel. It was facetiously announced they were working on an air to air re-fueling method! Also, congratulations to Sid Cohen for Best Ercoupe among twenty or more at Oshkosh

My wife and I were particularly impressed with the camaraderie and helpfulness of everyone, even in the campground. And then there were the after-hours social activities! More than a dozen of our chapter members gathered in the area of Steve Krueger's "Headquarters Tent"; complete with NCWLF sign and flag, on Saturday for fellowship, snacks, and beverages. Yours truly brought his old squeeze box and after several songs, introduced the "Ultralight Song" I wrote for our chapter. This seemed to be a hit and we practiced the words until our camping neighbors said, "Enough Already!".

It was decided that those members still in Oshkosh on Sunday night would all attend the UL pig roast at the nature center and we would present our song to the UL world. The food and brew were excellent and when the band took a break the "Ultralugs" did their song to much applause from the over four hundred present. We may be the new kids on the block but we made them aware of Chapter 75! Mary Jones the editor of the Experimenter will publish the song in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

It was pointed out several times during UL activities at Oshkosh that it was only twenty years ago since John Moody showed up with his foot launched, powered "Easy Riser." What a long way the Ultralight movement has come since then. Let's keep nurturing the movement in our ranks and encourage the government to do the same by keeping our safety record above reproach.

Bill Markstrum

Presidents Corner

Oshkosh! Oshkosh! Oshkosh!

It was a great event but what makes it so special? Is it the people, friends, or the planes, or just the cold shower facilities. I would have to say all of the above and more. For those who made it to Oshkosh, especially the first time visitors, you could see the anxiety in their eyes. By the way the anxiety never goes away it just increases every time you attend. It was the jet age that took the show this year from the F-14 Tomcat doing a fly-by at 600 mph to a Mitchel Wing ultralight with a jet engine flying at 55 mph and don't forget Sean Tucker flying his Pitts Special to the extreme. It's always an amazing act. My favorite time of the day is the evenings after the ultralights shut down for the day, enjoying the stories and fun of sitting around the camp headquarters with our own fellow club members with a few pork chops or other favorite refreshment. My hat goes off to Bill Markstrum for coming up with an ultralight song to the tune of Edelweiss. Dan Marlenga, Rich Papa, Ed Mux, Jerry Seehafer, and Bill sang our ultralight song in front of four hundred plus people at the ultralight party Sunday night. Contact Dan Marlenga and the Ultralugs for more detail. Great Job Guys! The weather was terrific and the camaraderie was even better. Hope to see you all there next year. Take Care and Happy Flying!

Steve Krueger

Gumps Flying Circus

The morning of July 14, 1996, started off with 1300 - 1700 ft. overcast and westerly winds about 10 knots. This day was also the date for the 2nd annual Gump's ultralight competition in Royalton. Since last year when our little club

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entered four competitors, a return engagement was a necessity. The plan was wheels up at 8:00 a.m. so off to the airport for the preflight. By 7:45 only 3 people were ready to go. Paul Jaeger and I were to go in the GT-500 and Steve Norris was riding his motorcycle.

With the GPS tracking 176° our first step was Stevens Point where Paul arranged to have fuel ready and we were to pick up Rich Iverson with his Kolb. Rich brought the fuel but the ultralight stayed home. After a short visit with Rich, it was off to Iola for a pancake breakfast. With four grass runways Iola is an ultralights best friend. When our tank was full "of pancakes", and 10:00 a.m. was staring at us, once again the GT sprang to life. From Iola to Royalton was 10 miles and with a high speed fly by to announce our arrival we were safely on the ground by the 10:30 cut off time.

This years' competition was the same as last years with Carrier Landing, Bomb Drop, and Torpedo Bombing contests. Eleven competitors entered, and after our flight and safety briefing we had the national anthem to officially start the competition. The first event was the Carrier Landing with low scores had by all. Event #2 was the Bomb Drop and once again only 1/2 of us even dropped anything in the target area. By event #3 it was 1:30 p.m. and thermals and mechanical winds entered as factors for the Torpedo Run. Scores were high by most competitors in this last event.

Our club was represented by competitors Steve Norris and Dan Marlenga. Our club photos were taken by Paul Jaeger and cheers and encouragement came by way of John Riesinger and Orlyn & Kaye Hansen. We respectfully brought home second place hats in all 3 events to keep our winning ways intact. After refueling the GT Paul and I were off toward home. With a headwind and 46 miles to travel we were en-route for 65 minutes and arrived safely back home by 5:00 p.m.

Even though we had some low overcast early the 40% chance of rain never materialized. The 60% sunshine ended up to mean a great day for all. I truly hope we can get more of our club members to participate in these and other great fly-in events. Happy Flying!

Dan Marlenga

Yukon Trails Ultralight Weekend

I left Wausau at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of July 10. The weather was warm with a south wind and lots of sunshine for the 1 ½ hour flight to Lyndon Station near Wisconsin Dells. In order to get out of the bumps I climbed to 3500 ft MSL for a smooth but slow flight. I stayed and talked with

the other pilots and Orlyn Hansen until about 3:00. The flight home was smooth and fast.

Dan Marlenga

Pilot Profile -- Reinhold Hirsch, Mosinee, WI

The Saturday, July 6 edition of the Marshfield News-Herald featured a large front page photo of Reiny Hirsch and his three planes. The accompanying article will be placed in the club scrapbook for everyone to see. Congratulations' Reiny, thanks to you ultralighting got some very positive press.

Local Ultralight Instruction and Dealership

For those wanna be's looking for official instruction contact Ken Snyder at 715-423-1128. Ken is also a Quicksilver dealer. Ken has an AFI rating with the USUA and does a terrific job of instructing in the Wisconsin Rapids area.

Events Coming Up

- **1st Annual State Ultralight Fly-in - Saturday, August 17 through Sunday, August 18** at the Lake Of The Woods Campground in Wautoma. See enclosed for a map details.
- **NCWLF (EAA Chapter 75) Meeting - Saturday, August 17 10:00 a.m.** at the Wausau Airport Terminal Building. For anyone wanting to make this a weekend event we will be leaving Wausau at 12:00 noon to fly or drive to the Ultralight Statewide Fly-in in Wautoma. Contact Steve Krueger at 715-536-8828 for any final details.
- **Big Timber Fly-In Drive-In - Saturday, August 24 Pancake Breakfast 8-10 a.m.** at Reiny Hirschs' 4108 West Hwy C, Mosinee, WI. Between 10:30 and 11:00 plan a fly-out to the Edgar Steam Show. For those who want to drive take Hwy 51 (or is it I39?) south to Mosinee. Take Hwy 153 west to Hwy S. Go south on Hwy S to Hwy C. Turn west on Hwy C and go ½ mile. Reiny's is on the north side of Hwy C behind the church. Call Reiny at 715-384-5073 for any additional details.
- **Dick Lees' Drive-In Fly-In - Saturday, September 21** Details and map to follow in the September newsletter.

Club Apparel

Contact Steve Krueger to place an order for polo shirts and jackets (a 50% down payment is required when ordering jackets). Caps are available for purchase at each club meeting from Steve Norris.

Caps \$ 10.00

Shirts \$ 23.00 - 24.00

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Jackets \$ 50.00 - 60.00

Buy / Trade / Sell

Team Mini Max - Rotax 377 with gear drive.
Always hangared and in excellent condition.
\$7,500 obo. Contact Jay Couillard (715)536-8568

Newsletter

The newsletter is a monthly publication of the North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers and is free to all club members. Send any comments, questions, suggestions, or items you would like included in the newsletter to:

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

The Ultralight Song

by Bill Markstrum

Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"

Ultralight, Ultralight,
I love flying my ultralight.
Low and slow,
The way to go,
So much fun for so little dough.

Low among high when we fly the skies,
Out of the path of the jet-jockey guys.
Ultralight, Ultralight,
May part 103 live forever.

GUMP'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

1st annual Statewide Ultralight Fly-in

August 17th & 18th

Lake of the Woods Campground

Wautoma Wi. - 414-787-3601

(2,200ft and 1,800ft intersecting runways)

Seven Mi. South of the Wautoma airport- (N 43 -56.84) (W 89 -21.00)
 (WAUTOMA AIRPORT is the ALTERNATE - (N 44-02.50) (W 89-18.27)

- *CAMP UNDER YOUR WING/ \$8.00 PER AIRCRAFT!
- *FAMILY CAMPING / \$15 PER FAMILY (including pilot)
- (SPECIAL AREA FOR FLY-IN, sorry, no hook-up's)

*You must call in advance for regular hook-up sites**

* 20 ACRE PRIVATE LAKE -paddle boat & Swim

*Heated Swimming Pool -Sun Tanning!

*Volley Ball / Mini-Golf / Horseshoe's

* Good Gas-- (Bring your oil)

Camp ground has a snackbar / Laundromat / showers

Special Attraction!!! Saturday Nite ----

Sweet Water New Band !!!

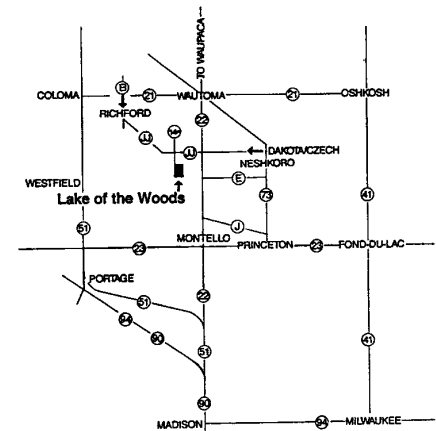
For further information contact the campground / or
 E.A.A. Chapter 41, Tim Hannagan, -414-734-8682
 Ray Lake 414-734-0547

FACILITIES & SERVICES OFFERED

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| Heated Swimming and Wading Pools | Playground, Volleyball |
| Mini-Golf, Movies | Basketball, Horse-shoes |
| Hiking and Bicycle Trails | Daily Refuse Pick-up |
| Picnic tables at each site | Paddle Boats, Splash Boats |
| Firewood | Row Boats, Canoe Rentals |
| L.P. Gas & Gasoline | Canoe trips on Mecan River |
| Storm Shelter | Air-Conditioned Lounge |
| Laundromat, Showers | Ice |
| Dumping Stations | Leashed Pets accepted |
| Snack Bar w/limited menu | Live entertainment on holiday weekends |

SPECIAL EVENTS

Let us host your reunion or outing! Your special needs are what we do best. We can work together to help make your event a special memory. Catering is available.



LOCATION: OFF STATE HWY 22 - 17 miles north of Montello or 10 miles south of Wautoma. Go west on County Hwy JJ one mile, turn south and go one mile; turn left at our sign. (County Hwy JJ is the county line between Marquette and Waushara Counties). Follow LAKE OF THE WOODS signs.

LAKE OF THE WOODS A FAMILY CAMPGROUND

Your Hosts:
The Scimeca Family

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