

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Makanda



Looking for an interesting destination, once-in-a-life-time event? August 21 will bring a solar eclipse to North America tracking from near Portland, OR, eastward to Charleston, NC. For Central Wisconsin pilots the closest town in the umbra path (shadow of the eclipse) would be Lathrop, KS, 507 miles. Do they have an airport?

For the total eclipse experience, a slightly longer flight, Makanda, IL, is the spot to be. This tiny scenic town in Southern IL is dead center in that 70 mile wide umbra path and will remain darkened longer than any spot in North America. Supposedly one of the few rooms for rent has been booked for \$3,800. Pricy for that neighborhood and what if it is an overcast day? So what? You could get a rain check redeemable in 2024, same place. Yes, another eclipse. What are the odds? Be alert for GPS interference.

Seaplane Base 2017

My intent was to write a day by day journal of the activities and traffic in and out of the seaplane base down at Black Wolf Creek - Oshkosh. Upon my arrival and setting up my truck camper for the week, the preparation routine felt comfortable and normal. After greetings to old friends, the hard work of getting ready began.

Mid-morning Tuesday, the wheels fell off the bus. A strong disagreement about seaplane base policy, between Jack Pelton, EAA CEO, and Chairman Paul Seehafer and Vice Chairman Ann Seehafer came to a head. Without having much detail at this time I write in support of Paul and Ann; they have done an amazing job of coordinating and organizing seaplane base activities and business.

Then came Thursday, a Lake Renegade flown by a Marshal, MN, pilot crashed, resulting in the death of himself and a passenger. I will write openly about what I witnessed.

This crash was totally unnecessary; I will go so far by saying it was not an accident. The pilot(s) were given accurate advisories by the vice-chairman of air operation, and a ride out into the bay to check wind and



wave conditions. The advice escalated into a discussion about authority, at which point Tom Leae of air operations disengaged. After topping off to 70 gallons of fuel the pilot made the decision to take off in two foot choppy waves in a low wing amphibious aircraft.

I am impressed and proud of the professional skill shown by our seaplane base rescue team; I had never seen their practice drill. From the alarm signal to loaded and on the move was less than two minutes, then at the crash site within 5-6 minutes. My job was to drive a pontoon boat to hopefully bring back survivors.

Faulty judgment cost two lives and put our rescue team at risk. One of the seaplane base divers had a bad cut and suffered chemical burns from the aviation fuel in the water. Two news stories indicated the seaplane base assisted with the rescue; they were the rescue!

Here We Go

We have lost 45+ minutes of daylight flying time since June 21 and AirVenture 2017 is in the books for better or worse. Perhaps I should just quit whining about the rapidity of passing time and take an earlier nap. Keep your needle in the green.

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**NCWLF Treasurer Report
August 2017**

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 2,660.94	Balance Forward	\$ 36,652.81
Checking Deposits		Interest	.94
Deposits	0		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 36,653.75
	0		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 2,660.94	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 39,314.69

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:

NCWLF
P.O. Box 12

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

- \$ 12 May
- \$ 9 August
- \$ 6 November
- \$ 3 February
- \$ 11 June
- \$ 8 September
- \$ 5 December
- \$ 2 March
- \$ 10 July
- \$ 7 October
- \$ 4 January
- \$ 1 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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Items received by the 5th are considered for that months' publication.

Send comments, questions, suggestions, etc... to tvosswi@gmail.com

July 2017 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the NCWLF was held in Abbotsford at Jim and Jenny Jakels Red Barn. Nine airplanes and 20 people showed up. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order with the ringing of the Payzer Bell (THANKS BOB!). Self introductions were followed by the reading of the treasurer report which was accepted as read. (no secretary report).

Old Business: Steve gave a report on Pioneer Day at the Oshkosh Museum. The weather was great and our chapter won back the Flight Log! About 20 airplanes showed up. The EAA has posted a nice video on YouTube. ([EAA Ultralight Day 2017](#)).

Tuesday Fly Night

On July 11th, fly nights started out in Ladysmith, hosted by Jim Cote. Five aircraft flew in, and several local pilots also were in attendance. Main topic of conversation was the diameter of the black cow straws! It was decided they were a half inch. I brought mine home and put a caliper on it. Actual size, 0.479! Then again I was chewing on mine! The next fly night scheduled for Abbotsford, and hosted by Jack LaSee, was unfortunately cancelled, due to the impending threat of storm activity. I'm certain Jack's run-

New Business: AirVenture is only a couple of weeks away. Steve handed out some Notam booklets he has for flying into Oshkosh. Volunteers are needed at the Merrill airport on the Saturday before Oshkosh as the AirVenture Cup race is having the finish line at Merrill after which the pilots can land at Wausau Downtown for refreshments. Steve recognized Mike Riley for completing his Rans S-20 Raven and having flown 50 hours in it already. Musky Day Flyin is August 13th. New style hats for the PICs. On a sad note, Wayne Podeweltz passed after a bout with cancer. Our chapter sent a flower arrangement. Blue skies Wayne.

way was watered well that evening. It was not rescheduled, due to Air Venture the following week. Thank you Jim and Jack. Sorry Jack, we'll be there next year. Always a fun stop in Abbotsford.

August line up is as follows. August 1st takes us to Scherrico Meadows, hosted by Harold Schauer. Check your sectional charts, Harold's 2,600 ft strip is located just NW of CWA. in Mosinee. Coordinates are: N 44 50.853 W 89 47.821

August 15th we will descend into the Merrill airport to

Tuesday fly night is to Ladysmith on the 11th of July and the next is in Abbotsford on the 18th. Burger nights are going strong across the state.

100\$ drawing; names drawn in order were...**Jack Burkam, Mike Pritchard, Corey Krusselt, Scott Walby, Howard Conforti, and the winner is Mike Riley!**

A big THANK YOU was expressed to Jack and Dolly LaSee, and to Jim and Jenny Jakel for hosting our meeting.

The next NCWLF meeting will be at the Wild Rose Airport on August 19th at 10:30 AM.

Secretary Jim Shnowske

August 1 Scherrico Meadows - Mosinee

August 15 Merrill Municipal Airport - Merrill

gather at our host, Steve Krueger's hangar. Punch RRL into your GPS, and we'll see you there.

As always, fly safe. Any questions, feel free to contact me. Dick Neitzel 715-891-7213. Please leave me a message, I'll get back to you ASAP.

Next NCWLF Meeting August 19

Our next chapter meeting will be Saturday August 19th 10:30 AM at the Wild Rose Airport.

Hope to see you there!

Buy Sell Trade

✈ Don Mahn's 75% Completed Pietenpol. Freshly Rebuilt Corvair engine, Engine is Hung, Paint Fabric, Airframe Complete. \$6,500.00 Contact Mary Mahn 920-460-6848

✈ 1990 Rans S12S 711.6TT Rotax 100HP 743 TT, Conditional Inspection March 2017, Microair 760. Complete rebuild gear box by LEAF March 2017. Wing tip strobes, Nav lights, Intercom, Cabin Heat, New ELT batteries, Extra main wheels with wheel pants. A fun flyer. Great visibility. Asking \$27,000 Ken Whyte 715-891-3912

✈ 2 - 582 rotax engines with c gearboxes 3 to 1 ratio. One gearbox has the clutch in it and the other does not but I have the clutch that could be installed in that one. Both gearboxes and engines. Mike Pritchard. \$3000.00. Mike.Pritchard@reinhardtco.com

✈ ZENITH 601XLB CONVENTIONAL GEAR \$24,900. Wing mods done. Beautiful Mars red paint. Jabiru 3300 (120hp) - cruises at 120mph!, TTAE ~ 125hrs. Good STOL performance. Always hangered. All maintenance up to date - fresh (9/16) annual. All

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Buy Sell Trade

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gauges work, carb. and cabin heat, engine oil heater, strobes, landing and nav lights. New Odyssey battery. Electric flaps and trim, ACK ELT. No damage history. Canopy cover. All plans, construction pics and maintenance logs. Located near Wau-paca, Wi. Carl Eichenauer 920-731-5037 OR 920-809-6211. Make Offer!

✈️ 1998 Blue and Black Rans S-5 built by Rans as their show bird for EAA in 1998. Rotax 503 UL DCDI. Aircraft has 268 hrs and engine has 178 hrs. Lots of spare parts, 2 new carburetors, new muffler, radio, and test equipment and much more also go with it. Clear coated for UV protection, always hangered, Based in Antigo \$ 1 2 , 0 0 0 O B O . Pete Dernbach 715-350-9068

✈️ 1990 Kolb Firestar 503 Rotax \$4,500 David Breger 920-410-4671

✈️ 1947 Luscombe 8A Half interest Qualifies Light Sport S/N 5689, N2962K Continental 65hp (A-65-8) Aluminum/blue, Cleveland brakes, New tail wheel, Skis, **Sporty's A300 Trans, ext ant**, push-to-talk, intercom. Airframe TT 3164 hours. 787 SMOH. STC autogas (SA730GK, SE634GL) Current annual 6/2010 Hangered Stevens Point, WI \$8,000 Charley White 715 344-5646

✈️ Aero Vee VW engine that appears to be 1700 CC. Needs some TLC to make it airworthy. Spring landing gear with wheels, tires and cable brakes. Tinted canopy 6' x 2' approx 18" high. Ron Lorch 715-891-7234.

EAA AirVenture 2017



The Navy Blue Angels in a six ship formation paint the sky



Larry Wenning getting some stick time at EAA's fun fly Zone 2017

MUSKY DAY
Land & Sea Fly-In
Boulder Jct, WI,
Sunday Aug 13, 2017

A Tribute to Bob Payzer

- *Famous Darko Chicken for Pilots & Crew @ noon***
- *One of a kind Complementary Authentic Cap to PIC***
- *Sea Plane Dock / Beaching***
- *Free Transportation to Downtown Activities 9-3***



****Exclusive Taste of Musky***

****Antique Car Show***
****Crafts of all Types***

****Fly-In Starts at 9:00 am***

****Boulder Junction Payzer Field KBDJ***

****Camp under your Wing Saturday Night***

****CTAF 122.9 No Facilities / Fuel on Request***

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Merrill Municipal Airport
Airport Day



Saturday, September 9, 2017
10th Annual Flea Market 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Crafts, Baked Goods, Antiques,
Collectibles and more

Free Breakfast or Lunch to PIC of Visiting Aircraft

Pastries Breakfast by Trinity Youth

Lunch by the Lions

Dream Flight

Amish Bakery Booth

Visit NorthCentral Technical College
See the NTC Public Safety Center of Excellence
Attend their Open House and see Emergency
Demonstrations

Free Transportation between Airport to NTC

For more details

Call Rich McCullough at 715-536-2024

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Merrill Chamber of Commerce

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Calendar of Events

August 1 Tuesday Fly Night, August 19 Chapter Meeting December 9 Chapter Meeting
Scherrico Meadows, Mosinee. Wild Rose Airport

August 13 Musky Day Fly In September 9 Merrill Airport
Boulder Junction Day

August 15 Tuesday Fly Night, September 16 Chapter Meeting

Merrill Municipal Airport, October 21 Chapter Meeting

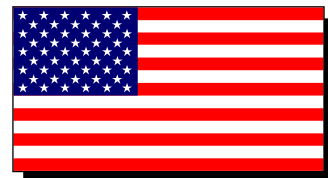
Merrill.

November 18 Chapter Meeting

Events are preliminary and are subject to Change. Calendar of Events is updated monthly.

Contact Tom Voss to list events in subsequent newsletters.

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