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NORTHWOODS NOTAMS

FROM THE LEFT SEAT

MARCELAINÉ WININGER LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

MEETING SCHEDULE

<i>Houghton, MI</i>	May 19th
<i>Gwinn, MI</i>	June 23rd
<i>Escanaba, MI</i>	July 14th
<i>Newberry, MI</i>	August 18th
<i>Eagle River, WI</i>	September 18th
<i>TBA</i>	October
<i>TBA</i>	November

Reminder: 11:30, May 19 Houghton for our rescheduled "We Love Our 49 ½ s" Luncheon with guest speaker Carol Grafford telling us how a healthy lifestyle will help keep our medical certificates! Chryst Levesque is our 49 ½ chairman and has a special event planned for the occasion!

Welcome to the first issue of the Northwoods Ninety-Nines Chapter Newsletter!

It was about this time last year that the idea of seeing if enough interest existed to charter a Northwoods Chapter. Here we are, twelve months later, with eighteen members on the International record in Oklahoma City.

The "business" of chartering a new Ninety-Nines chapter involved quite a lot of paperwork. Lynn Sykes was a blessing when she stepped forward to handle the membership applications and transfer of memberships. I took care of dealing with OKC and the charter application. Then the presentation of the charter became a project itself.

As with all nonprofit organizations, a paper trail is required in dealing with the money. Thank goodness for Cindy Brew who agreed to set up a checking account for us.

Jeff Dohrenwend began serving as our secretary and meticulously mailed postcards to members and potential members notifying them of our organizational meetings. Sheryl Rains came on the scene thanks to a postcard from Jeff. She agreed to help us start organizing our Chapter history in the form of our first scrapbook.

Rose Dorcey and Darlene Basto are professional communicators. Darlene will keep the Interna-

tional Magazine informed and Rose will send our news to the Section publication.

Lynn Sykes helped us with another milestone by posting a website for us <northwoods99s.org> And with this first issue, she now will be editing our newsletter to help standardize our communication.

Because we are still in the organizational phase, I have had to accept that "we" (and "I") are volunteers with limited disposable time, and we just couldn't meet some of the deadlines set by our North Central Section and International Organization for reports and contests. Priorities had to be set. So, I have had to enjoy what we HAVE accomplished instead of anguishing over what we HAVEN'T gotten done yet.

One of the priorities that had to be done was the writing and adopting of Chapter Bylaws. Because we are a volunteer organization, sometimes it takes a while for other volunteers to get back to me with answers and samples of what our chapter needs to do next. That's what happened with the Bylaws. Eventually I gathered three samples. In November at our Escanaba meeting, our chapter authorized me to write Bylaws, and then we would put them to a vote. Since they have to be approved by International anyway, I asked General Counsel Cecile Hatfield for help at the onset.

Before I can continue with my next projects, Articles of Incorporation and nonprofit status, we need to adopt Bylaws. The Bylaws that Cecile helped me with appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Please send your yes or no vote to Secretary Jeff Dohrenwend by April 13. Jeff can be emailed at rdoh2ren@up.net .

I am thrilled to be meeting so many Northwoods women who fly. God bless you all. -mw-



“ADOPT-AN-AIRPORT

I was very interested in Elaine Morrow's talk last fall about her idea of "Adopt-An-Airport". Eloise Greenlee and I, helped by two friends, have been doing various projects around the Houghton County Airport. Our first project was trimming and tying up for winter a row of bushes in front of the main building. We then made a small garden around the airport memorial. We hope to add more plants in the spring.

At Christmas we helped with the Christmas tree and hung garland along one side of the terminal. We hope to purchase and put up more garland next Christmas. After removing the Christmas decorations, we put up in succession, Valentine, St. Patrick's, and Easter decorations. After Easter will be spring and graduation decorations.

Besides the garden and decorations we are hoping to help renovate the pilots' lounge and to display some of the historic file photos of the airport. The airport staff has helped us a lot and are very appreciative.

We would be interested to hear from others who may be doing similar projects.

Submitted by Jeff Dohrenwend



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in hosting a Northwoods Chapter monthly meeting, please contact Marcelaine Lewis at (906) 487- 7180 marcelaine@up.net

Lynn Sykes at (906) 362-5966 cherokee56978@gmail.com

Please invite your friends who are interested in aviation to our meetings.

We would love to share our enthusiasm and love of flying with them.

Who knows...they may just acquire the passion for flight that we all have.

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Lynn. Share your flight experiences!!!



“When once you have tasted flight you will always walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward: for there you have been and there you will always be.”

Leonardo de Vinci

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



women fly

This spot is reserved for YOUR profile. Be the first to submit to Lynn Sykes at cherokee56978@gmail.com so that everyone in the chapter can get to know one another.

OBSERVATION FROM A 49.5

BY BILL LANDRY

An observation from a 49.5

Over many winters, having worked for an FBO or two in Upper Michigan, one thing that has always bothered me is why pilots don't pay more attention to preparing for winter flying.

Many times I have seen planes land, the people get out and have noticed light clothing, sneakers, or in one instance, "flip flops" being worn. Having lost several friends to winter aviation accidents over the years, I have decided to put forth a few suggestions on winter survival.

I snuck a look-see into the back of the aforementioned planes, and did not see any heavy clothing or survival kits. Rags, oil, tow bar, assorted items not aviation oriented were to be seen there.

Air Force survival training taught me to dress for cold. I know it is uncomfortable wearing a heavy coat while flying, but it can be placed in back out of the way prior to starting. After all, your plane has a heater doesn't it, and as the cold engine was properly pre heated, it works great after a couple minutes. Believe it or not, thermal underwear is not as bulky as it used to be and it is comfortable to wear. Also don't forget a good pair of insulated gloves and something to keep your head warm. Shoes should be comfortable, but if you have to wear sneakers or light shoes, put some winter boots in back with heavy socks. A night in the U.P. "Northwoods" is really cold.

Some form of communication device is also good to have. As we all know, ELT's are not the most reliable radios in the world, and as an A&P, I have found they are not always being checked properly during their annual inspection and testing. A modern style cell phone with full battery is a must. They have saved many lives in recent years. A good handheld radio with good batteries will help talk rescuers into your spot.

Survival kits can be anything from simple to complex. I carry a Marine flare pistol water proof container that I have also packed with a magnesium fire starter, water purification tablets, signal mirror, a couple of road flares (in addition to flare gun, a good fire is always nice), two space

blankets, wire saw, a long length of safety wire to set up snares, fishing line with a couple lures, a multi-tool and a large hunting knife strapped to the outside of the case. Most, if not all, can be found at the local Walmart in the camping section or other department stores. There are also several manuals for survival readily available.

Now that you have prepared for a winter escape from the ground, have you filed a flight plan? If you are one of the many free spirits in the aviation community that can't figure out how to do that, at least let someone know where you are going, your route of flight, about how long the flight is expected to take, and if you are planning any out of the way unscheduled sightseeing trips. Let someone know what you might be doing. Believe it or not, there are aviators out there that just jump in and go. Also, I am sure that after the last flight, your fuel tanks were topped off, and during your preflight, you didn't notice any water during sumping, and you let oil and cylinder head temperatures get to at least the bottom of the green arc prior to blasting off into the wild blue yonder.

I once saw a Cessna pilot at one of the other northern airports where I used to work at, try to save some money by doing his own snow removal/deicing using a bucket of hot water. His reasoning.....the water will blow off while taking off. He wound up in the woods off the airport. Deicing and snow removal is a must on ALL aircraft. If you are not at your home airport, and must leave outside, clean it off properly. Even the slightest frost on wings can have an impact on the aerodynamics of the wings. Once again, I lost a friend when he and his student failed to remove frost from the wings. Deicing by an FBO can be a little expensive, but not nearly as much as replacing your pride and joy or a lengthy hospital stay.

Winter flying in Michigan's Upper Peninsula can be enjoyable and safe if you take a little time to prepare.

*Fly Safe
Bill Landry
A&P/IA*



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