

We then flew over the Fjords, keeping below the clouds, dodging the snow-capped mountains. Flying at 110 knots (about 200 kph) at 2000 ft. the view was awesome, like a picture postcard. The colour of the water was dark and light blue because of plankton.



Oppdal Club Entrance

Two hours from Oppdal we landed for refreshments and petrol at Bronnoysund, a very picturesque town. After takeoff our oil pressure gauge started acting up. We informed the ATC who allowed us to land at Bodo, a civil cum military airport where we could carry out some repairs.

### June 22nd

Our next stop was Honningsvag-Valannear Nordkapp (or North Cape). But about 50 Nm short of Nordkapp we faced thick clouds that we couldn't get around. The essence of flying Microlights is to be able to judge weather and turbulence by the cloud formations and topography. So we doubled back, diverting to Lakselv, Banak.

After a two-hour break for lunch, the sky cleared enough for us to make a dash for it. We left Lakselv at 16:20 Zulu. An hour later we were flying over Nordkapp. Wow, we had done it!! We did a circuit over the Nordkapp peninsula, the northern tip of Europe in the Arctic Circle,

took some pictures and headed back to land at Honningsvag-Valen.

### June 23rd

We took off from Honningsvag Valan at 8:35 Zulu, did a farewell circuit over Nordkapp and decided to head home. After flying south for about two hours we needed a comfort stop. The Sky Demon app showed a landing strip at Pokka in the wilderness of Finland. There was a reindeer standing on the side of the runway relieving himself. An hour later we arrived at Rovaniemi, Santa Claus town in Lapland. A very picturesque airport with reindeer murals on the skyline and a Totem pole with distances marked from the Arctic Circle. We checked into a hotel appropriately called Santa Claus. The town seemed deserted.



Nord Kapp

### June 24th

The weather next morning was very bleak. Around noon, the clouds lifted allowing us to start flying but it was difficult due to rain and low cloud cover. We skirted around the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia. After flying about 2.5 hours we arrived at Lulea, a lovely old town with monuments. Since we had time, we went to the movies and saw 'Jurassic World' screened in English with Norwegian subtitles.