

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon



It was just as advertised in **last month's newsletter**; a renewal of friendships and memories of the past! The 1st Christmas Party of the new year was held by UL Chapter 75, at Glenn and Judy Burt's hangar, January 18th, in Wausau. A good time was had by all, with everyone leaving with a fist full of unwrapped presents, smiles on faces, and so much broasted chicken was consumed that the next day the price of eggs went up \$1.00/doz! Thanks you to our Chapter elves for purchasing and wrapping all the "Ultralight Dice " prizes, and to all for contributing to the delectable luncheon buffet.

Lots of Cobwebs

January 31st, 2025 was a marginally nice day, with temps in **the 30's and 40's, and winds NE at 10-12 mph.** Having to do some things at the Wild Rose Airport, I decided to take some supplies and my flight bag to the hangar, just in case I had enough time to complete my mission and still get the Rans in the air for a

refresher flight. My previous attempt to fly was on a beautiful 50+ degree day following Christmas, only to be able to taxi the runways with a pair of non-functioning headsets. Duh!

After opening the hangar service door without finding anything amiss, I started to pre-heat the plane while doing my plane inspection. A double check of the rudder cables and tailwheel springs adjustments looked good, and the anti-rodent deterrent "Ajax" surrounding the tires was undisturbed. Oil level checked, gascolator sumped, **tires pumped, and a "David White" headset plugged in** and working. Check! Check! Check! Check!

Opening the hangar door and moving the plane out had me feeling confident that all was a go. I had even remembered to check my oil cooler baffle tape, and removed my exhaust pipe and carb filter winter covers, as noted on my seasonally revised checklist. Thinking I would run my pre-

taxi checklist as the engine oil was warming, I threw on the mags, master switch on, checked the throttle position, pulled out the choke, then turned on the ignition switch, only to hear the starter as it rotated the prop without firing the engine. Master switch off. Master switch on. The second attempt to fire up the engine yielded the same results. Master switch off!! Huh! There in my lap was my cockpit checklist and staring **me in the face was "turn fuel switch ON"! So I did, and** shortly after that the Rotax came to life.

The cross wind takeoff went well, but the plane seemed sluggish. All gauges were good, but the initial recognition of the effects of the dense air of winter, along with a 30 mph unanticipated increase in winds just above pattern altitude, was momentarily confusing. After checking out the neighborhood and brushing up on a few maneuvers to knock off a little rust,

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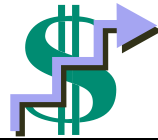
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NCWLF Treasurer Report February 2025
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,088.81	Balance Forward	\$ 8,186.19
Checking Deposits		Interest	.07
	01/03/2025 335.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 8,186.26
	1/3/25 January Cash 100.00		
	1103 Festival Foods - Chicken 105.50		
	1104 Karen Krueger - Party Supplies 250.58		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 967.73	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 9,153.99

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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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Type of plane you fly _____

Membership Dues Schedule

- \$ 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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my 1st landing attempt became a touch n' go, but the 2nd one was acceptable after better airspeed judgment in the dense air. As evidenced by that flight, it will be slow and steady for me this Spring for me to regain my aviation confidence and proficiency.

Aviation Media

The February issue of Sport Aviation has some good reads, that would have been better if I had read and listened to them prior to my last flight that I characterized in the above article. Steve Krog, "The Classic Instructor", discusses takeoffs and landings.

The recorded webinar entitled "All About Spins" presented by Catherine Cavanaugh was really enlightening. Makes you wonder how close to stalling we might have come sometime in our flying careers!

January Meeting Minutes

The January 18 meeting of UL Chapter 75 was called to order by President Steve Krueger. This was following a very nice potluck lunch provided by our members.

Thank you again to Glen and Judy Burt for hosting us in their nice warm hangar.

Self-introduction of members followed. 32 members in attendance. No airplanes were used to attend the meeting.

Secretary's report was read.

The minutes were accepted by Bill Kaiser and seconded by Taylor Kaiser. Motion carried. Thank you again to Dan Marlenga for taking the December minutes.

Treasurer's report was read

by Dan Marlenga. Motion made by Paul Buss to accept

and seconded by Ken Krolow. Motion carried.

2025 Chapter 75 Calendars are still available. Thank you again to Karen Krueger and Brandon Buss for putting it together. Price is \$10.00 each or 2 for \$20.00. A bargain at any price!! Send flying pictures to Karen Krueger throughout the year so they can be put together.

The FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinars continue on the second Wednesday of February and March. February 12 is the next one. The webinars start at 7 pm and are held in the Merrill Airport Terminal Conference Room. The popcorn is great!

Check the EAA Website to see upcoming activities. Ultralight Days and the Winter Flight

Fest. Some of these require pre-registration so check them out!

Chapter Service Awards were given out to the officers and Board of Directors. Brandon Buss received the MVP award for 2024. The help on the calendar was much appreciated.

Reminder to members that the chapter owns a Tool Library. Please see Steve Krueger or Larry Wenning to check out tools. There is a Prop Balancer and Scales for Weight and Balance to name a few. *Our website contains more info on the clubs tools.*

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ul75/tool-chest>

Flying Reports:

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Next NCWLF Meeting February 15

Our Next Chapter 75 meeting will be Saturday February 15th, 10:30 am, at the Antigo Langlade Co Airport hosted by John and Barb Szigat.

Hope to see you there!

2025 Chapter 75 Calendars

The 2025 Chapter calendars are still available for sale.

A big thank you to Karen Krueger, Brandon Buss and to Chapter members who submitted photo's, making this year's calendar possible and better than ever for everyone to enjoy throughout the year. Pick yours up at the February meeting, Calendars are only \$10.00.



FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinars

FAA Safety Team Webinars. These interesting and informative webinars include a variety of important safety topics designed to reduce risk and increase the level of safety in aviation operations.

This recurring event every 2nd Wednesday of the month thru March is hosted at the Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM. Fresh popcorn for all that attend. Contact Steve Krueger for more information.

Hope to see you there!

November Meeting Minutes cont...

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Steve Krueger flew for a while on January 11. He flew around Lake Nokomis and remarked about an ice heap there. Interesting looking from the air.

Joe Mapes has been flying his Ecoupe and plans to fly to Sun & Fun. He thanks Lyman

Hatz for his help in the inspection.

Learn Build Fly continues in the winter months. Check out the progress.

\$100 drawing was won on the second try. It was not won by James Jakel but was won by Lorne Thurier. Thanks Bob!

Next meeting on February 15 at the Antigo Airport at 10:30.

After the meeting we played the crazy dice game (with new dice this year) and exchanged gifts. A fun time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Hansen
Recording Secretary

Calendar of Events

Feb 12 FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7 pm

February 15 Chapter Meeting, Antigo Langlade County Airport 10:30 am

March 12 FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7 pm

March 15 Chapter Meeting

April 19 Chapter Meeting

May 17 Chapter Meeting

June 3 Tuesday Night Fly Night

June 17 Tuesday Night Fly Night

June 21 Chapter Meeting

July 1 Tuesday Night Fly Night

July 15 Tuesday Night Fly Night

No Chapter Meeting in July.

July 21-27 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

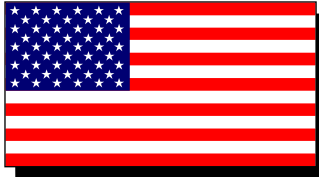
August 5 Tuesday Night Fly Night

August 10 Musky Day Fly-In Boulder Junction

August 16 Chapter Meeting

August 19 Tuesday Night Fly Night

September 20 Chapter Meeting



Other Area EAA Chapters

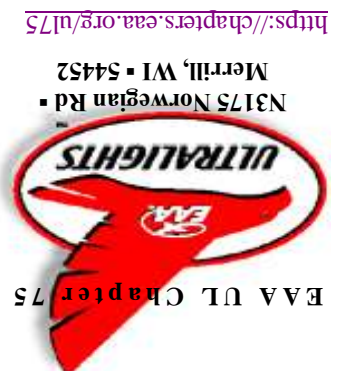
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