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Lite Flyers

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

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Flying With Jack

by Chuck Runnoe

I was going to yell "I changed my mind! Let me off!" in Jack LaSee's ear, but suddenly we were airborne, and it was too late.

Actually I wouldn't have had to shout at all, because the crash helmets in Jack's ultralight plane are equipped with a closed circuit microphone and headphone setup. That allowed us to talk in normal tones of voice, without having to shout over the sound of the wind flowing past our heads, 500 feet above central Wisconsin.

Five hundred feet above solid earth is almost twice as high as the Giant Drop, the gut-wrenching ride at Great America that turned the macho he-man C. Runnoe into a weeping, quivering heap of jelly. But I had asked Jack a couple times if I could go up with him to take some pictures of the bypass.

He had called me twice before, and I wasn't home, so last month, when he called and offered again, I had to go for it.

And far from being the dizzying nauseating trip that I had feared, it was a wonderful experience. There were a few times, like when he made a sharp turn, or swooped down to bounce on the bypass concrete before going up again, that I felt my stomach do a summersault, but mostly it was an exhilarating, thrilling experience.

I almost got used to the fact that we were flying what amounted to a go-kart attached to a parachute. The ultralight is just a tubular frame, totally open to the air, with a 46hp engine on the back. The expert pilot, who has 270 hours in the cockpit, said he can take off in 50 feet without a passenger. It only took us about 100 feet.

The most reassuring fact about the craft is that, even if the engine kills, it will drift down to earth for a safe

landing. Jack tried it once. My main fear was that the parachute and plane would part company, turning a drift into a drop. There was a kind of failsafe, double-hook attachment to the many strings that connect the chute to the craft, and Jack said each string can hold 800 pounds.

Leaving terra firma like we did, even for just a hundred feet, catapults a person into a different world. Everything down below looks like a toy setup, and there is a separate-ness, an integrity, about every object that is lost in the ground-level jumble. The scene spreads out before you, crisp and clean. You can see each individual corn stalk gleaming in the setting sun.

We scared up some deer munching in corn fields, enjoyed the flame of an early red tree in the green of Pat Galvin's woods, waved to folks sitting outside on the farm, zoomed in on some cows at a pasture pond, and tried to climb back up to see the sun after we had already seen it set once. From the vertical vantage point, every woodlot, pasture, driveway, farm lane, trickle of water, rock pile is so clearly defined, almost etched on the green slate of background vegetation.

The elation of being up there, floating, drifting, surveying the little models of life down below, is hard to describe. But I understand how Jack has racked up 270 hours in the air. Soaring like a bird could get to be an addicting experience, and strangely enough, not just an immediate physical rush, but somehow also spiritually uplifting.

Welcome New Members!

Walter Dieter Tomahawk, WI
Chris Kainz Tomahawk, WI
Jack Burkam Merrill, WI
Steven Kuchera - Marshfield, WI



Next Chapter 75 Meeting

Next Chapter 75 meeting 1:30 pm Saturday November 13th at Russ Posts Northern Lite Worlds Lightest Snowshoe factory. The shop is located behind the Rose Garden in the Wausau Business Incubator on Thomas Street in Wausau. Look for a yellow windsock at the entrance. Call Russ 715/848-3375 for details.

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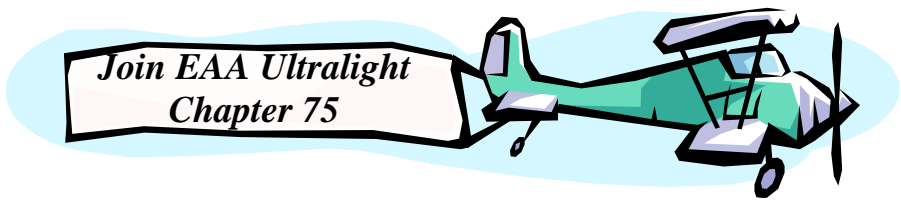
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NCWLF Treasures Report
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Balance Fwd		\$ 680.69
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Dues	\$ 25.00	
Hats	80.00	
Y2K Calendars	15.00	
	Total	\$ 120.00
Disbursements		
Postage	\$ 26.40	
	Total	\$ 26.40
Ending Balance		\$ 774.29



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 Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:
 NCWLF
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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

Porkchop Pub

by *Tony Borchardt*

Hi everyone. I wanted to take up a few lines of space in the newsletter to report the Grand Opening of the PORKCHOP PUB. A few, very few, of our chapter 75 members attended and celebrated this great occasion on Wednesday night November 3, 1999. Right about now you may be asking where is the Porkchop Pub located - well I'll tell you. It is an on-line pub located in a great chat room. Anyone with access to the Internet can come and share a porkchop and some hanger flying. All you need to do is visit www.hearme.com, fill out a form, do a quick install of some software, and you are ready to visit the Porkchop Pub. By the way, the software is free so you spend nothing but time. If you don't have a microphone don't let that deter you, because you can type messages too. The present plan is to meet there on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. Certainly other times are possible.

The first night there was plenty of elbow room at the bar. The proprietor was Mark Blume. I was the first visitor and was soon followed by Steve Krueger and Michael Leamy. As with any new Pub we set as few guide lines as possible. One was to leave the Pub open to the public. We thought it would be a gesture of good will to the neighborhood and bring in new guests to share our sport with. Well, we soon found that with an open door policy we get undesirables that visit. The particular person I refer to had only one thing in mind - starting a fight. Well, being the gentlemen that we are, we tolerated it for a while until this visitor became so insulting that it was time to deal with him. Mark, being the proprietor, was about to protect our interests by giving the guy the bums rush out the door, when it became apparent that we needed a long term solution to the problem. Through coded messages to each other we decided to leave the room. We met next door in another place, very similar to the one we just left, and promptly locked the door behind us. As a result the Pub will be restricted to persons with a key (password) to get in. This seemed to work out

very well and a great time was had by all. Near the end of the night Deb stopped by, and looking fine I might add, for a few minutes to say hi. The night ended well as no one had to drive home.

Porkchop Pub Instructions

1. Point your browser to <http://www.hearme.com>



2. The first time you visit you will need to download and install some software. Click on



- You will have to complete a short signup form, download the HearMe.com software, and install the software on your pc.
3. Once you have the software installed click on General Topics.
 4. From General Topics click on General Chat - you will be asked to logon using the Member Name you chose when you signed up.
 5. Once you are logged in you will see a list of Chat Rooms to chose from. Among the rooms listed will be Porkchop Pub (assuming someone has already created the room).
 6. Click on Porkchop Pub. If you are prompted for a password enter "fly". Once you're in you will see those connected and hear the chat. If you don't have a microphone there is an area at the bottom of the window where you can type your commentary.
 7. Have Fun!

Friendship

by Michael & Deb

The leaves have all fallen - and the cold is coming quick. Another season of flying is coming to an end. Deb and I wish to take a little time to thank all in the club for the year of fun, friendship, laughs, and views from the air. It has truly been a pleasure to meet and spend time with all.

Deb and I agree that it's difficult to choose which event we enjoyed the most. From hot summer days in Wausau on Rich's awesome ski boat (by the way - Deb has vowed vengeance next year on Gordy for the EXTREME soaking he gave her on the jet-ski), to the early spring contest and party at Pioneer Days (many thanks to Helmut for keeping the mosquitoes off us), to the songs and bonfire at Mark's place (also the unveiling of Porkchop #1's popcorn machine), to the great polish Luau at Dicks (Don't worry Steve - I'm not filing charges for attempted pumpkin-homicide), to the great show and weather at Tomahawk fly-in (We still are trying to sort out why we bought all that junk at the swap-meet), to the glorious day in Steve Norris' life at Merrill days when he bought the infamous "red-plane" (not to mention the fiasco we had trying to run ground-crew for Porkchop #1's

flight to bring her home).

It has all been a blast! A great big thank you from all of us to those that hosted the fly-ins. Your generosity and hospitality are appreciated and admired. We look forward to next season and hope that we can offer to all of you the same welcome friendship that you have passed on to us.

By the way - fair warning to all - I just bought a Quicksilver - and I'm not afraid to use it (might be a good idea to stay clear of the runways for a while - never know how I'll bring 'er in).

Happy Flying

Dear Chapter 75

You may not remember me but I was at Mark and Tom's fly-in in September. I was with my dad - Jerry Smith. I want to thank everyone for treating me as an equal. Thanks Steve Krueger for giving me an introductory flight in the ultralight even though I am disabled. I have never been able to go places like that without having rude things done or being stared at because my foot is turned in and I can't walk. I do have a wheelchair but I like to use my crutches so I can use my right leg for as long as I can. So again THANK YOU very much for the great time. I have never been able to join a club but this one I am joining. I was treated just like everyone else that was there.

Cindi Vaughan



Yes, but do you really NEED a windshield on a powered parachute?

NCWLF Calendar of Events

NOV 13, 1999 NCWLF Monthly Meeting

1:30 pm Saturday November 13 at Russ Posts Northern Lite Snowshoe Factory in Wausau. See map below

DEC 11, 1999 Joint Christmas Party

Chapters 243 and 640 Christmas party. Merrill.

JAN 15, 2000 Club Christmas Party

At AUW

FEB 19, 2000 NCWLF Monthly Meeting

MAR 18, 2000 NCWLF Monthly Meeting

Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact Mark Blume mblume@pcpros.net to list events in subsequent newsletters.



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