

# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editors Notes by Rich Prange



On a cold December day in 1903, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina the Wright Flyer sputtered to life and made a twelve second flight covering 120 feet. Members of Chapter 75 are in the planning stage of visiting that historic sight – the journey begins.

I'll try to avoid gratuitous comments about Jessica Cox but she must be considered a pioneer of sorts, for challenged aviators. One hundred seventy

one of us local flyers were privileged to see her presentation mid-February in the big hangar at Wausau Municipal. She came to address possibilities and fears that block many opportunities that some of us would not consider. I wonder if she might loan me some that amazing flexibility.

But her accomplishments are not about flexibility, Jessica adapts in preparation to her next goal. "Thinking outside the shoe is how she gets through any given day. Tying that shoe and sliding into a four point harness are

examples of her adaptive thinking. Jessica has declared herself to be an able bodied person and I agree. Putting on a headset, no big deal.

For those who missed her presentation, Jessica flies



an Ercoupe. Having her pilot Syd's flying machine will give his Ercoupe some interesting history. Thank you Keith Kocourek, John Schmiel, Syd Cohen and Chapter 640 for making this event happen.

I may have mentioned S.A.D. last winter. Well here it comes again but, longer daylight hours are happening. All I can say is take your vitamin D and hang in there. Seasonal Affective Disorder doesn't bother most of us snow freaks. Ski flyers, it looks like the Oshkosh ski fly- in happened but under the

radar this winter.

Doncha know but Lena Ingvist (Ole's wife) has a new job. She is now a flight attendant for Lutern Airlines vitch services Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nort Dak-ota unt Sout Dak-ota, sometimes. As part of her preflight announcements she says "All fares are free vil offering and da airplane vill not land until de budget is met. For the remainder of her script, look up Sons of Norway under Norse Humor.

At Heathrow Airport recently, individual later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphic calculator.

Authorities believe he is part of the Al-Gebra movement and is being charged with trafficking weapons of math instruction.

Keep your needle in the green.

Rich

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March



## February 2013 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

President Steve Krueger called the February meeting to order at the Antigo Airport. He thanked JJ Smith and Pete for the donuts, and also Amanda Walker from the Antigo Airport, and Deb and MaDonna for bringing food. Introductions of the 30 people in attendance were made. Steve mentioned a new member joined the Chapter, John Gougar, who is building a Sonex.

The secretary report was accepted. The treasurer's report was given. Bill Markstrum made a motion, seconded by Ron Detert, to approve the report, it was accepted.

Old Business: There will be a planning meeting for the Kitty Hawk trip on March 9, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Merrill FBO. If you are planning to go on this

trip, please attend the meeting. Syd Cohen and Joe Mapes are planning a trip to Sun-N-Fun. If you are interested in that trip, see one of them. Ron Detert announced he will opt out of videoing for the Chapter, saving his legs for his airplane project. The purchase of a video camera was tabled. You should have received your EAA membership cards, or you will shortly. There is still one calendar left, and it was immediately purchased.

New Business: Syd Cohen spoke about the presentation to be given by Jessica Cox on Monday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the big hangar at the Wausau Airport. A motion was made by Carl Greene to donate \$200 to the Safety Seminar, seconded by Bill Kaiser. It passed.

The Chapter year will end in April, so check to see if your dues are paid up.

Project reports: Jim Zeitlow spoke about Jabaru engine. Jim Kleman purchased the RV from Larry Sperberg, is going to finish building it, and hopes to fly it late summer. Larry Wenning is working on fuselage modifications, looking to fly it next summer.

\$100 door prize: names drawn were Curt Greene, Mike Pritchard, Dick Neitzel, Jim Van Wychen, Dan Marlenga, and the winner, Larry Wenning. Remember, you must be present to win.

No meeting next month – see you at the Safety Seminar, March 16th. The next meeting will be at the Stevens Point Airport on April 20th.

## P51 DRIVER, I'M NOT !

It all started in 1941 when I was a young boy of 5 years of age. The Japs bombed Pearl Harbor and there was a lot of excitement at the resort that my father had started. Dad was 42 and wanted to go back in the army. (He was wounded in WW1) I heard a lot of talk at home where we lived in the tavern living quarters. My mother sure didn't want dad to leave us and go back in the army as there were six of us. My older brother Ned who was 13 years

older than me joined up right away but they wouldn't take dad because of the big family. Mom was glad that he didn't go. I grew up in that tavern. Ned was my hero and when he came home in his AAF for the first time he looked great in his uniform.

He joined up to be a pilot but found out he was color blind so that ended his dream of being a pilot. He was sent to India and was a crew chief on C46s that were flying {the

Hump} to take supplies to China. He came home for his first leave two weeks before the war ended.

All this time I would think about air planes and it helped that Ned sent money home to buy Christmas gifts for the rest of the family. I got a wooden model of a B17. The next year I got a real pilots helmet. Man I was in heaven. The war

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## Next NCWLF Meeting

No meeting in March, Hope to see you at the Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar, EAA AirVenture Museum, Founders Wing, Saturday March 16, 8 AM - 4 PM Oshkosh

## NCWLF 2013 Calendar of

**March 16** Safety Seminar  
AirVenture Museum

**April 9-14** Sun N Fun

**April 20** Chapter Meeting  
Stevens Point

**April 20 -28** Flight to Kitty  
Hawk Trip

**May 18** Chapter Meeting  
Location TBD

**June 15** Chapter Meeting,  
Overnight Fly-In, Little  
Chicago, Russ / Julie Post

**July 20** Chapter Meeting  
Abbotsford

**July 29** Aug 4 EAA  
AirVenture

**Aug 11** Musky Day Bob  
Payzer Memorial Fly-  
In Boulder Jct Airport

**Aug 17** Chapter Meeting Wild  
Rose

**Sept 21** Chapter meeting  
Location TBD

**Oct 19** Chapter meeting  
Location TBD

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NCWLF 2013  
Calendar of  
Events  
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Nov 16 Chapter meeting  
Abbotsford

Dec 12 Chapter meeting  
Merrill Airport

*Events are preliminary and are  
subject to Change*

*Updated monthly  
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P51 DRIVER, I'M NOT cont...

ended and I still loved air planes.

In 1947 I saw a red and black small aircraft land in the field across the highway from the resort where I lived. I don't know who the pilot was but he made my day. Soon the city of Phillips bought the property and made it an airport. My dad was a big promoter of the airport because it brought in business to the resort. I spent as much time as I could as a airport kid and got to fuel and get free rides from some of the WW2 pilots who had a flying club there. I washed a lot of windshields during those years. I also met a kid who was my age by the name of Jack Baster and we went to high school together. We were in the Civil Air Patrol. He graduated with me and left for the Air Force the next day. He was killed in an auto accident in 1959. I still miss him. I was in the National Guard for three years. I managed to solo a J-3 when I was 14 years old

but that kinda ended my flying when I found out about girls. Working to support a large family put a real big kink in my flying career.

When my kids were out of school I thought I would try to fly again. My sons told me about powered parachutes so I thought I would try that. I talked to a guy named Jack Lasee in Abbotsford and he helped me get started. I had taken flying lessons in 1982 and it wasn't very hard to transition to PPCs.

Now comes the P51 part... My buddy Walt and I go to fly-ins and we decided to go to Merrill Wis. to a fly-in last fall just to see airplanes. We looked at all the aircraft and old steam and gas engines. I saw one of those flight simulators (kinda like those Link trainers from WW2). Now this thing is computer controlled and you can get in it and (Fly) different aircraft from a Cub to a F18. P51 was on the list. I told my friend Walt he didn't have a hair on his

behind if he didn't go with me in this thing. So we get in and told the operator we wanted to fly in a P51. Now there is no stick in this thing and all you can do is hang on. I was a little suspicious when the guy strapped is in with shoulder harnesses. They closed the door and the video screen lit up and off we go--- just like the real thing- almost. They told us about a panic button you could hit and stop this thing. Well there we were, everyway but level. And it was fast too. I lasted as long as I could and hit the button and the thing stopped. We crawled out of this machine from hell. I was really ready to sit down and rest. Walt told me "didn't you see the sign that said people with heart trouble should not go in this thing?" I said no. I recovered after a half hour and we went home. We were both 74 and 3 weeks later I had my 8th stent put in my heart.

call sign "old guy"  
George Martin



*Jessica Cox taking President Steve for a flight in Syd Cohens Ercoupe. She was born without arms due to a rare birth defect. Jessica is a sport pilot and was in Wausau last month speaking to many high schools and speaking at the Wausau downtown Airport. It was an absolute honor flying with Jessica and she did a outstanding job of flying, doing everything with her feet. The Ercoupe works well for Jessica as there are no rudder pedals in the Ercoupe. Jessica and her husband live in Arizona, traveling world wide as an international motivational speaker. Thank you Syd for the great opportunity!!*

*To learn more about who Jessica is, check out her blog:*

<http://jessica-cox.blogspot.com/>



## 20th Annual Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar

Saturday, March 16th 2013

EAA AirVenture Museum

“Founders Wing”

3000 Poberezny Rd - Oshkosh, WI 54902

Registration - 8:00 AM

Seminar - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - MC John Dorcey

### Speakers and Topics

- Jeff Taylor WI DOT BOA
- “Radio Etiquette in Towered and Non Towered Environments”
- Brett Lawton A&P Tech
- Leading Edge Airfoils
- “Tuning Your 2 & 4 Stroke Engines”
- Wanda Zuege CFI II
- “X/C Planning & The Airspace Along Your Route”
- Tom Boyer CFI II FAA DPE
- “Fly the Plane and Handle Those Distractions”

### Lodging

Americinn Motel

1495 W South Park Ave Oshkosh, WI 54902  
920-232-0300

Mention "Safety Seminar" when making reservations for Discount Rate of \$59.90  
Discount Rate reservations must be placed Prior to March 2, 2013

Super 8 Motel (.25 miles away)

1581 W South Park Ave Oshkosh, WI 54902  
920-426-2885

Mention Safety Seminar Prior to March 2, 2013 for Special rate of \$49-\$59

Fairfield Inn (.73 Miles away) 920-233-8504  
Hilton Garden Inn (.8 Miles away) 920-966-1300

## Buy Trade Sell

✈ 2005 Allegro 2000 with a Rotax 100 hp 912ULS Jim Jaggard 715-630-4059 or 715-592-6402

✈ To Give Away, Aviation Magazine Collection. Sport Aviation, Flying, Private Pilot and the like, dating back as far as the 70's. All bundled together in very good condition. Lee Wagner 715-536-0063 home 715-966-5221 cell

✈ 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 Transceiver, external antenna, push-to-talk, intercom. Airframe Total Time: 3164 hours. Engine: 787 SMOH. STC autogas (SA730GK, SE634GL) Current annual 6/2010 Hangered Stevens Point, WI \$8,000 Charley White 715 344-5646

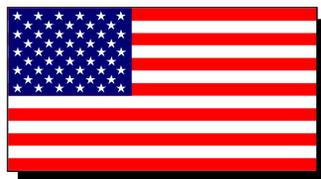
✈ Rotax 447 engine for ultralight, TT 3 hrs, 2 to one gear drive, 50/34 Pusher Prop, addtl prop, Tach, EGT, CHT, 2 fuel tanks, service manuals \$1,200 Jim Koss 715-693-3675

✈ 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 b r a k e s . Tinted canopy 6 ' x 2 ' approx 18 " high. Ron

Lorch 715-891-7234.

✈ Type 8, B gear box, 2.58:1 ratio with 16.2 hours of run time. Bret Taplin 715-341-4093 b t a - plin@msworldnet.com

✈ Rotax 582 “bluehead” Ebox, Radiator, Oil Inj, Throttle & Choke Cables, Engine Mount Plate, Assembled, New, 0 hours. Michael Cole 715-423-0348 or 715-423-1128



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