



EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Two Trips to Oshkosh in March

There is an old phrase about March weather involving a lamb and a lion which never made since to me, way too technical. For me and my youngest grandson, March opened with a well executed program at the EAA museum/conference center – Family Flight fest.

Armed with our EAA admission stickers and the activity schedule, our first stop was a movie then a simulated flight on the Wright Flying for grandson Quinn. I did not realize the “on screen” community of Kitty Hawk was so populated. Quinn’s first take-off in his simulated flying machine was very solid; however, his landing was eventful!

Quinn elected to land the Wright Flyer near the Kitty Hawk “industrial park”. A warehouse size building (not a hangar) was a bit too close to his chosen landing sight. Somehow he brought this famous aircraft to a stop--undamaged.

My grandson’s adventure at Kitty Hawk was virtual flight, for those Chapter 75 pilots flying the real deal to Kitty Hawk on April 20th,

good luck and fare weather. We look forward to a detailed summary in the May news letter.

After canceling his flight plan, Quinn and I headed to the Warbirds hanger. The air was full of little hand launched microfilm and tissue covered gliders. As we stood fascinated by these tiny aircraft, there were a few incursions, but nothing to warrant an FAA investigation.

A bi-winged glider, slightly larger than others, caught our attention. As it gracefully descended from hangar- ceiling altitude to what would be considered “final approach”, there was Lyman Hatz to collect his little aircraft. Lyman gave us a tour of the gliders he brought, including a tutorial on rubber band powered miniatures. He pointed out a couple examples of world class craftsmanship capable of one hour flight. Wow!

Harold Schauer was another familiar face in the Warbirds hanger. Harold, were you there to set up competition between your homing pigeons and those tiny gliders? Not fair!

I mentioned a second trip to Oshkosh, which didn’t

happen. To practice my own safety program I had to forgo the safety seminar at EAA headquarters because of snow covered, slimy road conditions. March weather always makes this writer think an eleven month calendar might be appropriate in Wisconsin.

In spite of the driving conditions, Chapter President Steve Krueger indicated the conference was well attended – 170 people. All four topics covered in the am and pm sessions sounded very appropriate as many of us inter the 2013 flying prizes, Taylor Kaiser extracted a new Icom handheld radio. Congrats.

Jim Cote’s new mantra is “Fly safe, fly cheap”. Jim is on a budget prepping a CGS Hawk for flight. His email from two weeks back indicated he found a way to save a few bucks on grips – ask him at the next chapter meeting.

My attempt to save \$\$ last week needed more homework. The battery pack for my hand-held Icom faded, so off to the local battery store it went

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for a rebuild. I asked for, and got, new Ni-Cad cells for a nice savings. However, that savings turned into bad economy. With a bit more research, the battery pack could have been reworked with Ni-MH cells for just a few more dollars. Ni-MH batteries have twice the operating power, no memory effect issues, they are more environmentally friendly, and will recharge on the

original wall charger. I should have talked with Mr. Cote. Speaking of batteries, look up the Swiss built/designed Solar Impulse. This sun powered aircraft, now located at Moffett Airfield in San Francisco, is scheduled to cross the U.S. in May. Unfortunately, Central Wisconsin is not on part of the flight plan. Here are some numbers to digest starting with a \$120,000,000 price tag. A

200 ft. wing span, four 10 hp electric motors supported by lithium batteries, 11,628 photo voltaic cells of the sunny side of the wing, and an average speed of 28-32 mph – this is not your grandfather's puddle jumper.

March is making an ugly exit! Keep you needle in the green.

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 (S A 7 3 0 G K, SE634GL) Current annual 6/2010 Hangered Stevens Point, WI \$8,000 Charley White 715-344-5646

✈ Aero Vee VW engine that appears to be 1700 CC. Needs some TLC to make it a i r w o r t h y . Spring landing gear with wheels, tires and cable brakes. 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 btaplin@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

Next NCWLF Meeting

Our next Chapter 75 meeting is Saturday, April 20th 1:30 PM at the Stevens Point Airport. Hope to see you there!

NCWLF 2013 Calendar of

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

Nov 16 Chapter meeting Abbotsford

Dec 12 Chapter meeting Merrill Airport

Events are preliminary and are subject to Change

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15203 Short Lane Dr
Marathon, WI 54448*

20th Annual Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar



*Founding fathers of the WULAC safety seminar also.
Chuck Stevenson, Frank Beagle, Ray Lake, Harold Bennish.*



*Big raffle prize
Icom radio winner
Taylor Kaiser*

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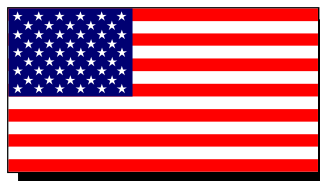
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