



# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editors Notes by Rich Prange

Betty Ann  
By Wisconsin standards it was a sweltering spring morning as I departed Vicksburg, crossing over into Louisiana. The Mississippi River was shrouded in fog and mist into the first few miles of un-worked cotton fields to the west. My destination - Tallulah.

She was waiting there in Tallulah. Having seen her once before I had to fight the urge to go pedal-to-the-metal. Couldn't spoil the morning with a traffic citation. She is a beauty and I couldn't lose a minute to exercise my admiration.

She was smooth where she was supposed to be smooth, all the right curves, eye candy from every angle, and a nice tail. If I got there early it would be just she and me. Intimacy was going to cost me \$3200, but that was for a whole hour.

Whoa, light sport flyboy! What are we talking about? Getting a little steamy, children and old geezers could be reading this news letter. Okay, let me reel this in a bit. My tryst, y rendezvous, (accompanied by my wife) was with Betty Ann, a P-51C.

Betty Ann is based at the Southern Heritage Airport near Tallulah, LA. Two war birds, a B-17, a B-24, and Betty Ann were the center piece for a local air show,

including walk throughs and rides. Yes, the price tag for an hour of copilot stick time was \$3200. I didn't have quite enough pocket money on board but a close up look at this rare aircraft seemed to satisfied the itch.

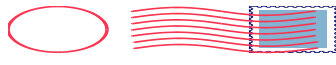
This Merlin/Rolls Royce powered dual control P-51C is the



only one in existence. Some aircraft buffs can be lulled to sleep by the sound of a round engine but I think those old Packard built Merlin V-12s play a nice tune also.

Stable mates for Betty Ann included two P-51Ds (bubble top canopy), a T-6, a Beech P-18, a WACO Classic, and a Husky (on floats) - all in museum grade quality. One of the flying mustangs also had a four wheeled partner (built by FoMoCo) with matching (sort of) paint job. With a comfy lounge in back, that hangar was a serious man cave. Heading home - road trip over.

Oshkosh Safety Seminar  
The safety seminar presenters hit another home run. Thank you. Once again we



enjoyed a seamless delivery of useful information and a chance to win some aviator goodies. Having progressed past the choke factor when I hit the PTT button, this writer found the segment on radio communication to be a real confidence builder.

Good to know that your transmissions don't have to be highly scripted or formal. Who you are, where are you and what is your intent gets the job done. Keep it simple and to the point, there is even a little room for short comments or an info exchange. When air space allows, and you need to check out an unfamiliar airport, a good place to do that is right over the top. Who you are, where you are, then executing your stated intent.

Nag Nag Nag  
Surly there has to be some interesting aviator/builder events from last year, last month, last winter - share them with your fellow chapter members!

ADS-B  
Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast. A cooperative surveillance technology in which an aircraft determines its position via satellite navigation and periodically broadcasts it, enabling it to be tracked. Every ultralight needs this!  
Keep your needle in the green.

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Checking		Savings	
Balance fwd	<u>\$ 2,771.61</u>	Balance fwd	<u>\$ 49,115.48</u>
Checking Deposits		Transfer to Checking	
Transfer		Interest	
Deposits	170.00	Savings Balance	<u>\$ 49,115.48</u>
Checking Payments			
Checks	49.15	Total Cash:	<u>\$ 51,807.94</u>
Cash	200.00		
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 2,692.46</u>		

**EAA ULTRALIGHT CHAPTER 75**  
North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers  
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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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.*

**Send dues to: NCWLF P.O. Box 12 Schofield, WI 54476**

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## March 2015 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The March meeting of the NCWLF was held at the new terminal building at the Merrill Airport. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order with the ringing of the Payzer Bell (Thanks Bob!). 32 people and one airplane were present. Steve started out with an explanation of why the new terminal building was built where it was instead of near the old FBO building and hangars. Self introductions were followed by the reading of the secretary and treasurer reports which were accepted as read.

**Old Business :** There were 168 people at the Wisconsin Ultralight Safety Seminar. There are still a few 2015 club calendars left for \$11.00/each. It is that time of year to renew your chapter membership. Dues are still \$12.00/year. Contact Larry Wenning to renew.

**New Business:** There was some discussion about Pioneer Days for Ultralights and Light Sport aircraft which is

planned for the Saturday of Fathers Day weekend. The EAA bunkroom is available as well as camping for those wishing to overnight in Oshkosh. Proficiency events will take place on Saturday. Sunday morning usually finds Chapter 75 members stopping at the Waupaca Airport for their pancake breakfast on our way home.

**Project Reports:** Jack LaSee reported he had done a bit of flying along the border while down in Arizona. Larry Wenning's "**Mangy Fox**" has begun to get fabric applied. Hope is to have it completed by summer's end. Larry reported Crystal Finishing did a super job of powder coating the steel tube fuse. John Szigat has been working on the 50 ribs for his Dakota Hawk. He will be picking up his Warp Drive prop at AirVenture this summer. Ron Detert has gotten a muffler for his Mini-Max and is real close to his first engine start.

Merrill McMahan told a story about a gentleman from

Tampa Florida who had seen a magazine article about the McMahans Stearman. He contacted Merrill and told him he had seen "their" airplane at an airshow when he was a youngster and it inspired him to get involved in aviation. He will be meeting the McMahans at AirVenture this summer.

**\$100 Drawing:** names drawn in order were: Mike Weinfurter, Megan Meier, Brett Wilke, Bob McKissick, Joe Lohmar, David Edming, Eugene Klimenko, Bill Ludwig, Bill Reed, Steve Radant, George Kramer, Pete Dernbach, Cory Krasselt, Dan Sire, Jerry Fisher, Bill & Patty Kaiser, Carl Greene Jr., Syd Cohen, Terry Oestreich, Tom Malato, Scott Walby, Norb Brost, Rich Prange, and the winner finally was John Szigat!

The Next Meeting will be at the Stevens Point airport FBO on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.

Secretary Jim Shnowske

## 2015 Calendar of Events

April 21-26 Sun N Fun Lakeland FL

April 18 Chapter Meeting Stevens Point

May 16 Chapter Meeting

June 20 Chapter Meeting

July 11 Chapter Meeting

July 20 -26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Aug 9 Musky Day Fly In Boulder Junction

Aug 15 Chapter Meeting

Oct 17 Chapter Meeting

Nov 14 Chapter Meeting

Dec 12 Chapter Meeting

Events are preliminary and are subject to Change. Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact Tom Voss to list events in subsequent newsletters.  
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## Next NCWLF Meeting April 18 Stevens Point Airport

Our next meeting will be Saturday April 18, 10:30 AM at the Stevens Point Airport Terminal. Hope to see you there

## Buy Sell Trade

- ✈ Val avionics COM 2000 transceiver (aircraft radio) with wiring harness. Recent updates and installation manual included. \$600 Contact Paul Buss 715-551-3562
- ✈ 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 Trans**, ext ant, push-to-talk, intercom. Airframe TT 3164 hours. 787 SMOH. STC autogas (SA730GK, 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 airworthy. 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  
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Buy Sell Trade cont...

✈️ **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

Chapter 75  
2015 Calendars

Calendars available for pick up at our April meeting. Extra copies are available if you did not pre order. \$11.00 per calendar.

Membership  
Dues

Is your membership expiring? This may be your Last Newsletter. Did you get an email notification? Or, check your mailing label. Send your membership dues today to:  
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**Dierks Bentley to Headline EAA AirVenture's Opening Day**



Dierks Bentley, who has rocketed to the top tier of country music's hitmakers, will get EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015 week off to a great start when he headlines the fly-in's popular opening night concert on Monday, July 20. The concert, presented by Ford Motor Company with additional support from Cirrus Aircraft, is free to all EAA AirVenture attendees that day and will be held on Boeing Plaza following the afternoon air show.

"Dierks Bentley is a superb choice for our opening night concert not only because he is one of music's brightest stars, but also because he is an avid pilot who has been to Oshkosh before enjoying the sights and sounds as an aviation enthusiast," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs. "Dierks brings the

energy and enthusiasm that complements the full week of aviation excitement that will be featured at EAA AirVenture."

Bentley, an ACM top male performer nominee, is seven albums into one of country music's most respected and most unpredictable careers. His latest evolution comes in the form of his critically acclaimed and No. 1 selling album *RISER*, which has already spawned two consecutive No. 1 hits with *I Hold On* and *Drunk On A Plane*. His latest single *Say You Do* is now climbing the Top 10 charts.

Bentley's six previous studio albums have sold more than five million copies, notched 12 chart-topping singles, and earned 12 Grammy nominations. Additionally, Bentley is the most nominated male artist for the upcoming ACM Awards with seven nominations including Single Record of the Year for *Drunk On A Plane*, Vocal Event of the Year for *The South*, Video of the Year for *Drunk On A Plane*, Song of the Year for *I Hold On*, Album of the Year for *RISER*, and Male Vocalist of the Year. He recently announced his 2015 Sounds of Summer Tour kicking off June

5 and running through the summer. For more information and a full list of appearances, visit [www.dierks.com](http://www.dierks.com).

"Ford is proud to be the exclusive automotive partner with EAA for 15 years and pleased to enhance the experience for everyone attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh," said Edsel B. Ford II, member of the Ford Motor Company Board of Directors. "Since 2006 we've helped bring some of the biggest names in music history to the stage at Oshkosh to kick off aviation's annual reunion, and we're eager to have Dierks Bentley join that roster for the opening night concert."

The opening night concert at EAA AirVenture is just one of a variety of family attractions and entertainment that are part of the week-long event. These added activities, ranging from night air shows to entertainment, are nearly all included with EAA AirVenture admission. They are in addition to the hundreds of aviation forums and workshops, special presentations, and aviation exhibits available at Oshkosh.

For more information, including advance purchase for admission, camping, and parking, visit the [AirVenture section of EAA website](#).





## UL Chapter 75 2015 Spring Adventure

Anyone interested in being Hopefully we can return 6 to 7 NASA Space Camp and a mu- trips that show some of the fun part of the Adventure to Pen- days later. The loose plan is to seum) and maybe a stop at we have! And just so every- sacola, FL we will have a get- make it down to Pensacola by Lafayette, Ga. to say high- body knows, the last picture together and planning session the end of day 2, tour the Navy the folks that befriended us on **was staged.....a little.** after the Chapter meeting at Museum on day 3, start home a previous trip to Florida. Other (honest!) Stevens Point. Planned depart- on day 4 with a possible stop at ideas are welcome. Here are some pictures from previous ture date is Saturday, May 16. Moontown, AL (home of the some pictures from previous



*Departure morning on our last spring trip. We are leaving a month later so hopefully we won't need all the cold*



*Our Squadron*



*Our pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was landing at Kitty Hawk NC*



*Made some new friends who liked us and gave us food at a little airport in North Carolina.*



*Sometimes you just have to unwind a bit! Did I mention we have some FUN on these trips!*

## Exupery II ("X")



Note: remember your best French accent

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