



EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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California

At mach 3, I would have arrived here, Merrill to Santa Cruz, in a bit less than an hour. However at the speed of Dodge, negative mach 2.9, I had plenty of time for some "creative" thinking. Having been out of touch with our Chapter 75 community and not flying for a couple of months I was running on empty. What to write?

Bonneville Salt Flats sparked a rather weak inspiration then flamed out. Driving time was critical so I avoided any stopovers at small municipal airports to snoop. Then on the final leg down to Santa Cruz an unusual structure came in view just south of San Francisco. An air traffic pattern of course indicated something of interest. Up to this point I had only seen one orange Coast Guard helicopter.

Hangar One

At Moffett Field, Hangar One is one of the world's largest free standing structures. Here are the numbers. The building is 308 ft X 1,133 ft covering 8 acres and tall enough to generate its own cloud when closed. The hangar's clam shell doors weighing 200 short tons require 110 kw motors

for the open/close function. Heating bill?

Completed in 1931, Hangar One would be home base for the rigid airship Macon, a flying aircraft carrier.

USS Macon

The flying aircraft carrier concept



USS Macon at Moffett Field
Santa Clara County, near Mountain View and Sunnyvale, California

was a German idea improved upon and completed in the form of the USS Macon. A mechanical arm, referred to as a trapeze, would lower down out of the hangar bay to pick up approaching trapeze-bar equipped aircraft. Five scout planes could be snatched or launched from the Macon. The Macon was powered by 8 twelve cylinder engines.

As an aside, homing pigeons were frequently part of the crew to deliver emergency messages. In WWII military dogs were often given a rank, what about pigeons?

Creative Thought (thinking)



Where am I going with this quaint history lesson? Chapter 75 could do the same thing! Just scale down the hangar and airship to accommodate ultra light and light sport aircraft. Perhaps a Hangar One size facility would be okay too, for foul weather indoor flying.

We certainly have the talent in our chapter. Pooling all of our scrap aluminum, fabric and borrowing the Kaiser guys' equipment (site to be determined), we can do this thing. In the event of a shortfall (\$\$) in

funding a bake sale or two should fill the financial gap.

A flying aircraft carrier in our chapter might also really invigorate ultra light flyers. Deployed from the mother ship, think of the extended flights we could take.

Bye the bye Moffett Field has changed. At the visitors center tourists can see a real moon rock, NASA has a research building and the entire property is under lease to a subsidiary of Google.

Can't wait to get back home. Keep your needle in the green.

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Chapter 75 2016 Calendars

Pick up your 2016 edition at our February meeting. Cost is \$12.

A special thank you to Steve Norris and Karen Krueger for making the calendars possible.



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NCWLF Treasurer Report February 2016

Checking		Savings	
Balance fwd	<u>\$ 2,467.04</u>	Balance fwd	<u>\$ 46,634.50</u>
Checking Deposits		Transfer to Checking	
Transfer		Interest - qrtly	
Deposits	907.00	Savings Balance	<u>\$ 46,634.50</u>
Checking Payments		Total Cash:	<u>\$ 49,643.98</u>

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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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- \$ 12 May • \$ 9 August • \$ 6 November • \$ 3 February
- \$ 11 June • \$ 8 September • \$ 5 December • \$ 2 March

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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January 2016 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

After a great lunch, President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order. He thanked Glenn and Judy Burt for allowing us to have our meeting/Christmas party at their hangar, and presented them with a gift of coffee and a calendar.

Steve told of the passing of Don Mahn. A card was passed around to be signed, along with a box for memorial donation. This will be sent to Mary Mahn. Steve also said that Pat Kenny had major heart surgery. A card was available for signing to be sent to him.

Introductions were made by the approximately 65 people in attendance. The secretary and **treasurer's reports were given**, and after a motion by Sarah Krueger, seconded by Mike Riley, were approved.

Old Business: There are still a number of the 2016 Chapter

calendars left. See Larry if **you'd like to purchase one**. Thanks to Karen for putting together the pictures for the calendar.

New Business: The officers, newsletter editor, and tech counselor were recognized for their service with a pin and certificate. The board members were also thanked for their service. The 23rd annual Safety Seminar will be held March 19 at the EAA Museum in the Founders Wing.

Project reports: Ron Detert reported he is done with his plane, waiting for Steve to test fly in the spring. He thanked all that helped him, and for the aluminum cans. Carl Greene commented that when he joined the club in 1998, Ron was working on his plane. Al Mader reported that he is working on his Sonex project.

Joe Grassl is almost done with test flying his Just Aircraft Escape, after changing to a Rotax engine. Glenn Burt told about the work being done on the DR1 Fokker, hoping to test fly in the spring.

The next meeting will be at the Antigo Airport on February 20 at 10:30 am.

Jordan Sensenig drew the numbers for the \$100 bill. The numbers belonged to the following people: Hugh Sontag, Brandon Buss, David Harris, and the winner, John Heckendorf.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike Riley, seconded by Ron Detert. The fun dice game and gift exchange followed.

Assistant Secretary, Paul Buss

Next NCWLF Meeting February 20

Our next Chapter 75 meeting is at 10:30 AM, Saturday February 20, 2016 at the Antigo/Langlade Co Airport.

Hope to see you there.

Calendar of Events

Feb 20 Chapter Meeting - Antigo/Langlade County Airport.

March 19 Chapter Meeting

April 5-10 Sun N Fun Lakeland FL

April 16 Chapter Meeting

May 21 Chapter Meeting

June 18 Chapter Meeting

July 16 Chapter Meeting

July 25-31 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Aug 14 Musky Day Fly In Boulder Junction

Aug 20 Chapter Meeting

Sept 10 Merrill Airport Day

Sept 17 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.

Buy Sell Trade

✈️ 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 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

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23rd Annual Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar

SATURDAY
MARCH 19TH
2016

EAA AirVenture
Museum
"FOUNDERS WING"

Registration - 8:00am
Seminar 9:00-4:00pm

MC—John Dorcey

Seminar Schedule:

John Dorcey
(Aviation Consultant)
*"The FAA rules and
YOU—What you need to
know"*

Tom Boyer
(CFII / DPE)
*"Weather-Wise—Having
all the information for
your flight"*

**12:00 pm
Lunch Break
(available on site)**

Jimmy Szajkovic
(Aviation Consultant)
*"Loss of Control—
Always flying the
airplane"*

Curt Lewis
(CFI)
*"Power Loss—When
your plane becomes a
glider"*

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