



EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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WILL U MARRY ME

Perhaps you have seen this message, or a simple business ad, in smoke, as delivered by some rather skillful flying. It's called skywriting, the pilot and aircraft are the pen.

Skywriting is apparently a competitive business and also an expensive service. Written in smoke, "WILL U MARRY ME", has a price tag of about \$2500 depending on the locations of the smoke generating aircraft. The "econo" version, a tow behind banner, tags in at \$550 - \$650. You get to keep the banner.

So you want to get into the skywriting business regardless of the competition? Let us assume your startup will be a small independent operation and already you have an appropriate aircraft. A smoke generating setup can be purchased from Aircraft Spruce at \$1200 along with a special blend of white smoke producing oil, a 55 gallon drum @ \$720. You're good to go.

Penmanship, that's the skilled pilot and aircraft, could be critical. Remember Oshkosh, 2016, the skywriter could not complete the last "A" in "EAA". Was there a refund? It requires 2-3 gallons for each character,

so spelling might also be important. Keep in mind, 30 letters would require 60 gallons of smoke oil. A bigger aircraft might be required? Twenty to thirty characters sometimes stretch out over four to six miles and the bill would be \$6,000 to \$8,000.

The current generation of "serious" skywriting is done digitally. What! This is where serious money also comes into play. Five smoke generating aircraft planes are required, flying parallel, evenly spaced, and all communicating with a computer that signals all five smoke devices to produce digital puffs that create the letters in the message. Simple right? On a perfect day the smoky message might hold up for a minute, two minutes tops.

Crash Site

My newly acquainted first cousin and I hit it off immediately. We met for the first time at a family reunion this week in Southern Illinois. Chuck is a long term pilot and a flight instructor so there was some common ground. He told me this story.

Chuck was given the opportunity to rack up some time in a Decathlon which was set up for smoke writing. His final pass



after experimenting with the airplane's aerobatic capabilities was a steep dive, then pulling out and turning off the smoke.

Upon returning to home base, Mid America Airport near Lawrenceville, IL, Chuck and another pilot were requested to search for and check out a reported aircraft crash. You can see this coming; a state policeman's wife had a glimpse of the Decathlon in a steep diving attitude and smoking badly. She did not see the aircraft recover or fly away at a low altitude.

Back on the ground Chuck connected the dots, figuring out that he was the assumed crash victim and called off the search. Cousin Chuck can now claim to be the only living pilot to be called upon to search for his own crash site.

... --- ... (SOS)

I have a different slant on skywriting, auditory rather than visual. I'll fly to my clients message location, with the doors removed on my Avid, blasting the information with an compressed air horn, in Morse Code. My rates will be scaled back accordingly @ \$45 / hr, plus a fresh air horn and fuel.

Keep your needle in the green

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NCWLF Treasurer Report
November 2016

Checking		Savings	
Balance fwd	<u>\$ 2,147.49</u>	Balance fwd	<u>\$ 41,644.05</u>
Checking Deposits	<u>299.00</u>	Interest	1.06
Checking Payments		Savings Balance	<u>\$ 41,645.11</u>
		Total Cash:	<u>\$ 44,091.60</u>
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 2,446.49</u>		

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:

NCWLF
P.O. Box 12

May we Send you an Electronic Version of the Newsletter? Yes No

e-mail _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

EAA # _____

Type of plane you fly _____

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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October 2016 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of the NCWLF was held at Jim Klemans "Hatley Air" strip. 30 people and 6 airplanes were present. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order with the ringing of the Payzer Bell (Thanks Bob). Self introductions were followed by the reading of the Secretary and Treasurer reports which were accepted as read.

Old Business; Some denim shirts with our club logo are still available for \$15. Selection is getting pretty slim but we can order more if needed.

New Business; Steve reported that the fall colors were in-

credible this year. Gary Brockman, Charles Ercegovac, Bev Cornelius, Russ Post, Merrill McMahan, Guy Stewart, John Szigat, Michael Henning, Roger Hillberg, Chuck Brownlow, Herman Pahls, Larry Gordon, Orlyn Hansen, Brian Krueger, Madonna McMahan, Lorne Thurier, Thomas La-Pointe, Dave Harris, Ken Whyte, Jim Gresens, Darrell Kuhn, Jim Wychen, and the winner is Larry Wenning!

Project Reports; Brett Wilke reports he is working on the fiberglass tips for the tail feathers of his Thatcher and his engine is being built. Doug Shubring had some bad luck while elk hunting and probably won't be able to fly his Mini Max until next spring.

Education Topic; Steve led a discussion of class E, D, and G airspace.

\$100 Drawing; names drawn in order were - Cory Krasselt, Pat Eron, Steve Radant, William

Secretary..Jim Shnowske

The next meeting will be in Abbotsford in Jim Jakels not so little anymore Red Barn on November 12th at 10:30 AM.

Buy Sell Trade

✈️ 1998 Blue and Black Rans S-5 built by Rans as their show bird for EAA in 1998. Rotax 503 UL DCDI. Aircraft has 268 hrs and engine has 178 hrs. Lots of spare parts, 2 new carburetors, new muffler, radio, and test equipment and much more also go with it. Clear coated for UV protection, always hangared, Based in Antigo \$12,000 OBO. Pete Dernbach 715-350-9068

✈️ 1997 Hy-Tex Hurricane Ultra 103 Free air 447 Rotax 240 hr. Powerfin Prop. 2 blade. Engine Information System. BRS Chute. Good Cond. Asking \$3000

OR will sell for \$2000 without engine and prop. Orlyn Hansen 715-683-2710

✈️ 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 bta-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

Next NCWLF Meeting November 12

Our Next Meeting will be Saturday Nov 12, 10:30 AM, upstairs in the Red Barn at Jim and Jenny Jakel's

W800 State Highway 29
Abbotsford, WI 54405

Hope to see you there!

New Chapter 75 Attire

Special thanks to Jim Shnowske for arranging our new denim chapter shirts. They are available as long or short sleeve, pick yours up at the next meeting. \$15.00 each.

Calendar of Events

Nov 12 Chapter Meeting -
Abbotsford

Dec 10 Chapter Meeting

Events are preliminary and are subject to Change. Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact

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