

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon



I am on the cusp of feeling that summer is really here. Based on our weather as of late, that fact supports the **feeling, but my pilot's log** book entries refute it. Don't laugh, but my air time in the Rans has increased by 50% over the last 2 months, as of now. Last month I logged 4 tenths of an hour, and this **month you do the math!** I have spent more time looking for food purveyors to supply our airport association with eggs for our June Wild Rose Airport Pancake Fly-in during the avian flu crisis, than time in the Rans. I can smell those KRRL grilled prime rib sandwiches, yet the sun is going down, and I can't find an open hangar door and a mingling crowd of friends. I think it's wakeup time to reevaluate my priorities to give myself more air time.

Where my flying achievements have been lacking, I have been reading more aviation related materials. As mentioned in the May issue of Sport Aviation, the General Aviation organizations have

gotten together, along with the FAA, to increase the initiative for pilots to spend more time immersed in safety education to help facilitate better trends in reducing aviation incidents and fatalities. Pilot errors are still the leading cause of fly accidents which include loss of control in flight, poor decision making, as well as inadequate situational awareness.

The re-education of the flying public is needed to change the lack of attention to safety issues and the implementation of solutions to reduce the factors causing the current downward trend in safety. The resources to do this are out there and readily available. Every pilot association publication has articles addressing the issue, as do their websites. Our own UL Chapter 75 meetings will cover a topic of safety concern, and also sponsor FFAST programs. The EAA website is loaded with information, as is its companion magazine, Sport Aviation.

This is the time of the year when the majority of us recreational pilots come out of hibernation to enjoy our craft of flying our airplanes. We are probably several months from having last flown. Every nuance and facet of flying has **been reset to zero, "0"!** If you think that you, and your plane, are in the same state as when you last logged a flight, you are being COMPLACENT.

Flying an airplane is not riding a bicycle! You owe it to yourself and those that you share **that 'blue yonder' with, to be** vigilant in your craft as an aviator. What you do not only affects yourself. Take advantage of all of the available sources to better your knowledge and skills necessary to make safety a priority in our sport.

Enjoy the coming days of summer that we have been waiting for, while taking the steps needed to be at the top of our game - where we can fully appreciate all the endeavors we took to accomplish our achievements.

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NCWLF Treasurer Report May 2025

Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,182.73	Balance Forward	\$ 8,186.39
Checking Deposits		Interest	.07
4/21/2025 (Less April \$100 Cash)	460.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 8,186.46
4/21/25 May Cash	100.00		
4/21/2025 Change \$5 bills	30.00		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	1,512.73	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 9,699.19

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Application Form for Membership and Subscription

Mail Check Payable To:

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

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Membership Dues Schedule

- \$ 15 May • \$ 12 August • \$ 9 November • \$ 6 February
- \$ 14 June • \$ 11 September • \$ 8 December • \$ 5 March
- \$ 13 July • \$ 10 October • \$ 7 January • \$ 4 April

Payment of dues affords me voting privileges, and a subscription to news updates.

Send dues to: NCWLF N3175 Norwegian Rd Merrill, WI 54452

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Items received by the 5th are considered for that months' publication.

Send comments, questions, suggestions, etc... to tvosswi@gmail.com



April Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2025 meeting of UL Chapter 75 was called to order by President Steve Krueger at the Stevens Point Airport. The meeting was hosted by Evan and Colleen Hansen.

Self introductions done by the 31 members in attendance. 8 planes flew in.

Secretary's report was read aloud. Motion to accept made by Heinz Roth and seconded by Dave Meyer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Larry Wenning. Motion to accept made by Dick Neitzel and seconded by Joe Malsack. Motion carried.

The Chapter 75 Journey Trip will be May 3-11 going to New Orleans. Please see Steve or Karen Krueger. (*ed note: this trip was cancelled*)

Pilot Pals workshop done on April 5th was very well received. Many Kudos to Gary Olsen for setting it up and instructing. It might be held again so watch your newsletter - a great way to spend the day!

The last of the Wednesday Pro Tips for Pilots webinars (with great popcorn) at the Merrill Airport was held on April 9. They might resume in the fall. Stay tuned.

Steve shared a story about Helmut Jungermann who passed away last month. Apparently, a landing light from the Wild Rose airport received a ride with Steve's Mini Max and Helmut discovered it and the radio traffic was pretty crazy. Great story told by our president.

New Business:

Joe Malsack let us know that on August 1st at the Merrill Airport Top Gun Maverick will be shown. Bring your own chairs.

Colleen Hansen did a presentation on How to be a Good and Helpful Passenger. We are your Partner in Command. What to help with in the planning, preflight and flight itself. A lot of the information was from Gary Olsen's workshop so thank you again, Gary!

Flying Reports:

Evan Hansen is working with Steve Krueger toward his CFI. Many hours of training in already and more to go. Flying from the back seat of the Champ is quite a challenge.

Dick Neitzel had a 30 mile headwind on his way here-I am sure he had a quicker ride back.

Building Report:

Dave Harm flew to the meeting in his newly painted airplane. It was a five month process and is absolutely beautiful!

Evan and Colleen decided that since it was Trivia weekend in Stevens Point, we played Aviation Trivia. Chocolates were given for the correct answers. There was also a drawing for a Pilot Cup won by Patti Thomsen Kaiser and Left and Right Rudder socks won by Dick Neitzel.

\$100 drawing could have been won by Jim Jakel or Robert Brown. It was won by Dick Neitzel. Thanks Bob!

Next NCWLF Meeting May 17

Our next chapter meeting will be Saturday, May 17th, 10:30 am at the Merrill Municipal Airport Terminal, 1701 Champagne Street.

Hope to see you there!

Chapter 75 Membership Dues



Is your Chapter 75 membership expired? Is this your Last Chapter 75 Newsletter?

Check your mailing label, email, or the member list on the website to find when your Chapter 75 membership expires.

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April Meeting Minutes cont...

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Kaiser and seconded by Larry Wenning. Motion carried.

Next meeting is May 17 at the Merrill Airport New Terminal at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Hansen
Recording Secretary

Fly Nights 2025

Greetings All.

Hope everyone has had a good winter and are enjoying the first of the warmer temperatures.

Our fly night season is about to kick off in June. For our new chapter friends, I'll go over the details of our program. We fly the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of June, July and August.

There's always the chance that weather will not cooperate. On the appointed day,

we will monitor conditions and make a determination if it's safe to fly. Should an event be unsafe to fly, an email will be sent notifying members and we will try the same event again on the following Tuesday. Should weather be an issue on that day, the event is canceled and we move on to the 3rd Tuesday's event. Same procedure applies to the 3rd Tuesday.

Our 2025 schedule is filled and posted on the chapter website. Please know, we are

always open to new destinations.

If you have questions concerning fly nights, or wish to host a future event, feel free to contact me. Text 715 891 7213 or email fly-guy963@gmx.com

Lets all enjoy fly nights and fly safe all summer.

Dick Neitzel
Fly Night Coordinator

Calendar of Events

May 17 Chapter Meeting Merrill Municipal Airport Terminal

May 27 FFAST Heightened Awareness Pilot Controller Seminar, CWA Mosinee Upper-Level Conference Room 6 pm

June 3 Tuesday Fly Night Merrill Group RRL

June 17 **Tuesday Fly Night Dan Marlenga Little O'Hare Little Chicago**

June 21 Chapter Meeting

July 1 Tuesday Fly Night Paul Buss Norrie Brook WI00

July 15 Tuesday Fly Night Evan Hansen Stevens Point STE

No Chapter Meeting in July.

July 21-27 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

August 5 Tuesday Fly Night Harold Schauer Scherrico Meadows WS16

August 10 Musky Day Fly-In Boulder Junction

August 16 Chapter Meeting

August 19 Tuesday Fly Night Joe Urban Clintonville CLI



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Title: Meet Your Local Air Traffic Controller:
Topic: 2025 Heightened Awareness Pilot Controller Seminar

By Jurg Grossenbacher FAAST Program Mgr. MKE FSDO

**CWA, Mosinee, Tuesday May 27th, 6:00 PM, Main Airline Terminal,
Upper-Level Conference Room, Above Baggage Claim**

Jurg Grossenbacher will discuss the increase of Pilot Deviations to 1757 nationwide last year in 2024. Pilot Deviations at the airport are really a big deal such as the potential for a Collision on the runway or a midair.

Pilot Deviations in the air, pilots loss of situational awareness causing them to fly into Class B, C, D or restricted airspace only to find out via FAA Investigation.

We will cover radio phraseology, techniques, copy and readback clearances and instructions. We will talk about miscommunications but most importantly we will answer your questions.

Thanks to Brian Grefe for sponsoring this FAA Safety seminar

Jurg Grossenbacher

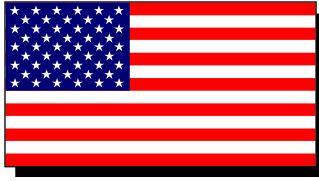
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