



# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Texting by Rich Prange

The concept of evolution and the argument that it fuels between religious scholars and the scientific community will not be settled in my lifetime. However, while attending AirVenture earlier this week, I did observe a

phenomenon that may support some of Mr. Darwin's thinking. Ok, now work with me on this notion. Texting is a new and almost exotic skill that I will probably never use or master. Even my computer spell check

flinches when I type the word. Thus far I have seen very few adults texting, which leads me to think this realm of communication is exclusive to young people. This brings me to the observation I made at one of the afternoon air shows at Oshkosh.

By any aviation standard the White Knight II is unique and it flies with the grace of a condor. One could not watch, absolutely locked on, as the WK2 made several fly-by passes over runway 36. Almost! As I maneuvered for a good viewing spot I noticed three different sets of young people focused on

their cell phones, not the sky. They were texting.

Perhaps "texters" have much higher acuity than I. Perhaps they had seen WKII test flights at Mojave. Or, perhaps the texters were texting all the other texters at



**The Scaled Composites Model 348 WhiteKnightTwo (WK2) is a jet-powered carrier aircraft which will be used to launch the SpaceShipTwo spacecraft.**

Whitman Field to be alert for the White Knight II. With both thumbs a-blur, heads down, I think they may have missed something very significant at AirVenture "09".

Ok Mr. Darwin, if our children, nieces, nephews, etc. continue exercising their thumb digit for a few more generations, is it possible that their hands will evolve into one prehensile finger for gripping and one very athletic thumb for texting? I hope not; perhaps this is just a short-term anomaly.

Somewhere in the previous paragraphs I expressed an opinion qualifying this



writing to be an editorial. In closing, I agree with all the superlatives that have been and will be used the describe AirVenture "09". What an event!

Ultralight attendance was more than "08", but there seemed to be fewer vendors this year. Many of our Chapter 75 Lite Flyers were there, camped in their usual piece of real-estate and playing peek-a-boo with a whole series of

thunder storms. I had to leave on Tuesday of AirVenture and on my final hike over to the ultra-light area I passed the Krueger complex and heard a wailing, almost piercing distress cry. I had to investigate. I tracked this pathetic call for help to a Tupperware box on a table in front of Steve's camper. This is my story and I'm stick'n to it. I was able to liberate two chocolate chip cookies suffering from extreme claustrophobia. They were so stressed out that there was only one humane thing to do. Thanks Karen.

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**Aviation Quotes**

*If you can't afford to do something right, then be darn sure you can afford to do it wrong.*

*Charlie Nelson*



## Observations from the Right Seat

I'm grateful that Rich Prange has agreed to be Pilot in Command, at least for the time being while my eye problems and some other things get sorted out. I think everyone will agree, you did a super job flying the July Newsletter, Rich. I was especially interested in hearing about your experiences at both Boeing and Lockheed. It seems that between the two of us, we had the west Coast aircraft industry under control. Ten or fifteen years before you made the scene out there, I worked for Convair and later at Ryan in San Diego. Meanwhile, "back at the ranch" as they say in the movies, our Bob Payzer was at General Electric in

Cincinnati, designing the engines that brought us into the jet age. I worked in the industry during that transition to jet power and got to see a lot of B-36's being fitted with the wingtip jet pods, giving rise to the term, "Six turnin' and four burnin'".

I received a note from our old flying friend in Merrill, Ed Mux, informing me he wants to cut back on his ultralight inventory. The note arrived too late for last month's newsletter but I call your attention to his offerings in our Buy, Sell, Trade section.

By the way, I had a lengthy conversation with Syd Cohen after his return from Oshkosh. It seems he was

much involved in the production of a documentary about the young lady who was born without arms and still has adapted to everyday living, driving and flying! I suggest we invite Syd to speak at one of our major meetings so everyone can hear about this remarkable individual.

I will now move back into the passenger section and let Rich fly this mission. Again, many thanks Rich for covering for me. You do an excellent job. Your volunteering is typical of our chapter members, there for each other when needed, with much expertise.

Bill Markstrum

## July 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Jack Lasee airstrip in Abbotsford. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order, introductions followed. The treasures report and the secretaries reports were given and approved.

Old Business; Steve Krueger gave a report on the EAA B-17 display at the Wausau airport. It was a success with thanks to everyone that volunteered. Also thanks to Rich Prange for filling in for Editor Bill Markstrum. It is rumored that Rich will be doing another month for Bill as well.

New Business; Steve Krueger passed around signup sheets for members to staff a Chapter 75 display table in the ultralight area at

EAA this year. The purpose is to promote the lighter side of aviation to the public, Jim Cote again asked people to bring articles for sale to the swap shop in the UL red barn. Steve K offered copies of the OSH arrival and departure NOTAM to anyone flying to Oshkosh this year. Harold Bremmer attended our meeting. Harold has a E-W 2600' grass strip and it was agreed that Harold would host a Tuesday evening fly night for our members on August 11th. Sherico Meadows is the name of his strip and directions should be available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Project reports; Bill Maguire's Koala is ready to fly. Ron Detert is working on the tailwheel for his

MiniMax.

Upcoming events; Shiocton Fly-in July 25-26. Musky Days Fly-in August 9th. Bob Payzer wants everyone to know that a picture of the most beautiful amphibious aircraft in the world will grace the cover of the L.E.A.F. magazine distributed at the Oshkosh air show. (Yes. Bob's Rans is on the cover. The picture was taken by Karen Krueger.) Our hosts were thanked for their hospitality. Pilots signed up for the proficiency competition (torpedo run, message drop, and spot landing) and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the NCWLF is at Jim Shnowskes airstrip. (JAKS Field) on August 15th at 1:30.

## Next NCWLF Meeting Aug 15

Our next meeting is Saturday August 15 1:30 PM at JAKS field.

If you're driving: Exit HWY 51 at the Central Wisconsin Airport. Take HWY 153 EAST past the airport about 3 miles. 1 mile past X turn RIGHT on PEPLIN Rd. Go ¾ mile and turn Left on 16th Rd. JAKS Field is the second place on the RIGHT. Fire Number 2555.

Flying In: GPS Coord N44 46 365 W089 35 274 Located 4 miles South of the Wausau VOR. This is located inside the CWA Class D Airspace. Call the Tower on 119.75 five miles out, give then your location and that your landing at JAKS field. Jims strip is 1800 E/W.

Jim Shnowske 715 693-4254 or Steve Krueger 715 536-8828

Hope to see you there.

## Pig Roast Invitation

We are hosting our 5th Annual Shindig and Pig Roast on August 22 at our home in Merrill. All of my new chapter-mates are welcome to stop in and enjoy. The pig is usually served about 2 pm. Please bring your lawn chair, appetite and willingness to gab to new people.

Driving: HWY 39 North to Merrill, take the third exit for HWY "K" and turn right. Follow K ~3 miles to "C". Right on "C" and follow east for ~2 miles to Norwegian Road on the right. South on Norwegian Road for ~1/2 mile and Right into the driveway, fire # N3175. Then follow your nose to the pig roast.

Flying: We can ferry people from Wayne Podeweltz's air strip to our home which is only ~2 miles. Our airstrip here is currently growing soybeans so is unavailable at present.

We look forward to seeing our new flying friends

Larry & Julie Wenning 715-218-8002

## New EAA UL Chapter 75 Members



# Welcome!

- Harold Schauer - Edgar, WI
- Dana Podeweltz - Merrill, WI
- Robert Caughron - Savage, MN
- Melissa Schnitzler - Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Dan Felix - Cudahy, WI
- Robert Donovan - Marshal, WI



## NCWLF 2009 Calendar of Events



### August

**8 Musky Day Land & Sea Fly In** Boulder Junction Airport (KBDJ)  
R.J. Payzer 715-385-2979 [rjpayzer@centurytel.net](mailto:rjpayzer@centurytel.net)

[www.payzersplace.com](http://www.payzersplace.com)

**8 Fly-In** Rice Lake Regional (RPD) Jerry Stites 715-458-4400  
[rpo@ricelakeairport.com](mailto:rpo@ricelakeairport.com)

**15 Chapter Meeting** JAKS Field Mosinee Jim Shnowske 715 693-4254 or Steve Krueger 715 536-8828

**22 5th Annual Shindig and Pig Roast** Larry and Julie Wenning  
Merrill

**28 - 30 CMN Balloon Rally** Alexander Field South Wood County  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI (ISW) 715-424-3737

### September

**4 - 5 Price County Airport Fly In** Phillips, WI Registration Friday  
Sept 4th at 3:00. Hobo Dinner Saturday night. Sponsored by Jim and  
Jeanie Heizler and Harbor View Pub and Eatery.

**12 Merrill Airport Day**

**19 Chapter 75 Fall Fly In** With EAA 640 Flying 'O' Ringle

**26 Cranberry Colorama** Manitowish Waters Airport (D25) 888-626-9877  
[www.Manitowishwaters.org](http://www.Manitowishwaters.org)

### October

**10 Chapter Meeting** Location TBD

### November

**14 Chapter Meeting** Location TBD

### December

**12 Christmas Potluck** With EAA 640 Merrill Airport noon

*Updated monthly. Contact  
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## Tuesday Night Is Fly Night

Tuesday night fly night is in full force for 2009! We fly on the **2nd** and **4th** Tuesdays of the summer month's. Arriving 6-6:30. Call Tuesday night coordinator Steve Krueger 715-536-8828 with questions or if you would like to host one of the fly nights at your home strip.

### August 11

Shirco meadows on HWY B Located aprox 8 miles s/w of Wausau. It is 2600 ft long and is on the GRB Sectional. GPS N 44 50 W89 48. Harold 443-3309.

**August 25** Wayne Dana Podeweltz's 10 miles N/W Merrill 1/2 mile East of Hwy 17 and Hwy C GPS N45 14 144 W89 34 140

## Best Champ in the Classic Category

Our Champ won the best Champ in the Classic Category at EAA this year. Steve accepted the plaque for our Aeronca '46 Champ.

All congrats go to Dave Meyer, the previous owner, who did all the restoration work 3 years ago. We had many many people stop by

and check the champ out and visit with us. What an adventure that was.

Steve and Karen Krueger



## Buy Trade Sell

- ✈️ Champ, always hangared, engine overhauled by Steve Krueger. Ed Mux 715-536-7404
- ✈️ Adventura taildragger amphibian. Previous owner, Dean Turner. Ed Mux 715-536-7404
- ✈️ One single-place and one two-place, tailless, flying wings. Ed Mux 715-536-7404
- ✈️ Rotax 447 engine for ultralight, TT 3 hrs, 2 to one gear drive, 50/34 Pusher Prop, addtl prop, Tach, EGT, CHT, 2 fuel tanks, service manuals \$1,200 Jim Koss 715-693-3675
- ✈️ 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.
- ✈️ Wanted to Buy - 2 lightweight 6 inch wheels with 1 in ch ID bearings and two 4:00 x 6 2 ply tires for a Minimax. Ron Detert 715-845-1340
- ✈️ Pober Pixie plans and full set of ribs. Meets LSA requirements. \$125 Rich Prange 715-536-1704 bighill@dwave.net
- ✈️ 582 Blue Head and complete engine package fo6r Challenger II. Includes radiator, heater, redrive and 3-blade warp prop. 130 hrs TT on engine, 44 since rebuild. Asking \$6,000 John Szgat 715-216-5279
- ✈️ 1984 Pterodactyl Ascender. Excellent shape. Fabric tests great. Always hangared. Tach, EGT, Radio antenna, Strobe. Extra fuel tank. Never wrecked. Pure Part 103 aircraft. \$3,800 Pat Kenny 715-479-5036. Eagle River
- ✈️ 2007 Sky Ranger, Certified E-LSA, N8089J Rotax 582 Blue head, inverted, w/B gear box, 2.58:1 ratio, 24.4 Hobbs hrs. New GSC 64" 2 blade ground adj. propeller, on order. ICOM A4 radio, head sets, intercom. ptt switch. 2004 NAVMAP color GPS w/2008 updates. Located at Stevens Point (KSTE) hangar 5E, come and take a look. Asking \$27,500.00 OBO Bret Taplin 715-341-4093 btaplin@msworldnet.com Owner is FAA certified S-LSA, E-LSA repairman w/ maintenance rating.
- ✈️ Other items. Ext radio antenna. Stratomaster EMS582 Tach, 2-EGT, 2-CHT, Hobbs, coolant temp, flight timer. Strtomaster ALT-ASI altitude, air speed. C gear box 3.00:1 ratio. RK400 clutch assembly. Tools needed to remove the B gear box, and install the C gear box. 68" IVO 3 blade, quick adj. ultralight 10-28 high pitch prop. Over \$3000.00 invested, make me a reasonable offer. Bret Taplin 715-341-4093 btaplin@msworldnet.com
- ✈️ 447 Free air prov. 8 needs rebuilding \$500. Fiberglass free air scoop for 447. \$25 Rotax single air intake silencer. Brand new \$65 Rotax straight muffler with exhaust manifolds and elbow, ball joint kit all ceramic coated. Like new \$500. 66-30 Tennessee prop. Like new. \$275. Four unifier carb filters 2 1/2 inch. Brand new. \$20 for all. Orlie 715-683-2710.
- ✈️ 2000 Challenger II Two seat, long wing, Rotax 582, 64 HP, dual carb, dual ignition engine w/ electric start. Remote cockpit choke and radiator control, airframe 125 hours, engine 15 hours, always hangared in Wautoma. Many extras. Inspected/ Certified Experimental \$24,000 obo John Reis Hartford, WI 262-673-2636 262-224-2636.
- ✈️ 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
- ✈️ CGS Hawk Arrow II, N46229 HKS 700E, 3 Blade Power Fin Prop, 20Hrs TT, Tricycle Gear, Hangared at Rusk Co. Airport. Earl Cinatl 715-532-7242
- ✈️ Rans S-18 Amphibian. 15 hours. Pneumatic retract system, fiberglass floats, 2 seat tandem. \$15,000.00 without engine. \$30,000.00 with a 912S engine. Wautoma. M a r t i n Goochmac2@aol.com



# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SWEET CORN ROAST



## AT MATHAIRE AIRPORT LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Hosted By:

**HAROLD BENISCH 608-279-6829**

**ALFRED NELSON 920-992-5305**

**ED HABERL 920-723-2740**

**Main Corn Roast**

**Sat. Sept. 5th 3:00pm**

**Leftovers Sunday At Noon**

**Free Camping (No Hookups)**

**Come Friday Evening or Saturday Morning**

**Stay Until Monday If You Like.**

**Traffic advisories 122.9**

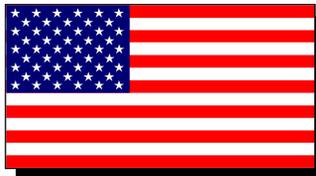
**Left traffic both runways - look for the arrow midfield**

**5 MILES S.W. OF COLUMBUS ON HWY 73**

**N.S.2800 FOOT RUNWAY 1 ½ MILES WEST OF THE**

**BLUE POWER LINE POLES**

**CO-ORDINATES: N43-15.51 W089-03.99**



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