



EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

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We have made another trip around the sun--Happy New Year Chapter 75 pilots and aviation supporters. I hope all your December holidays were enjoyable. On behalf of Chapter 640, Syd Cohen has invited us to a presentation by a remarkable young pilot, Jessica Cox, at the Wausau Municipal Airport. The time and date is Feb.18 at 7:00 pm. For a sneak preview, look her up on YouTube – pretty amazing. Your cost for admission is a non-perishable food item for the Wausau food pantry.

From my hillside home north of Merrill, I can see Rib Mountain on a clear day. With binoculars I can just barely see skiers on the slopes but that visibility is about to disappear with the first blizzard conditions of 2012-13. At KRRL I noticed that pilot Larry Wenning is ready for the white stuff ; wheel- thru skis are in place. Larry, just remember to make your landings on Rib River not Rib Mountain.

After checking the EAA events schedule, apparently there is no ski-plane fly-in for 2013.

The joint Chapter 75/640 meeting for December is in the books. In view of a negative weather potential, a few pilots saw a window of opportunity and were rewarded enjoyable round trip flights back to their

home air strips. The payoff for all members and guests was some interesting networking and a real feast. Speaking of a payoff...Jim Kleman.

First, let me convey a story (the short version). This is a tale about a rodent, an airplane wing, and some extreme odds. While moving the starboard wing from a second story workshop, my helpers and I noticed a fairly loud rattling as we tipped the wing from horizontal to vertical.

To abbreviate, a mouse had deposited about 1 1/2 cups of choke cherry pits in my Avid Flyer wing spar. Fortunately there was an access plate at the wing tip and the pits were removed using a shop vac.

Any good statistician would now have several questions. Here are my answers: How close was that choke cherry tree? About 80 yards from the stash sight. What is the cheek capacity for a mouse? I don't know. How many trips, braving hawk, owl, and weasel infested territory? I don't know. Did this brave little mouse have a map to get to and from the airplane wing? Doubtful. There are many more insightful questions that could be tested to calculate the odds. End of story. Let us cut to the chase.

Is there is a connection here? Well, sort of. I mentioned a payoff in a previous

paragraph referencing Jim Kleman. The bottom line question is, what are the statistical odds that Jim could win the Chapter 75 drawing three times and what are the odds that a mouse..... Do not lose any sleep over this issue.

Here are a couple Christmas carols you might have missed for the psychologically challenged pilot.

Amnesia-“ I Don't know if I'll Be Home For Christmas”
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder- “Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, etc., etc.”

Manic- “Deck The Halls, and Walls and House and Hangar and Runway and Merrill's Cub and Wind Sock and Fuel Truck and FBO Cat”

Opposition Defiant Disorder -“ I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause So I Burned His Hangar”

This writer will assume that all readers of this page have counted all their socks, have polished their snow shovels and have their rivet boxes in order. We're talking spare time. That being the case, look on page 11 of Dec.2012 Sport Aviation magazine and you will see Rich Prange at the Oshkosh Seaplane base. Squint if needed, Rich is right behind the propeller (yellow Cub). Yes, the guy in the short pants – working!

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Chapter 75 2013 Calendars

The 2013 calendars are ready for pick up. We are holding the calendars for the members who pre-ordered one, and we have extras for anyone who would like to still purchase one, the cost this year is \$10.00 each.

Buy Trade Sell

- ✈ Quicksilver MXL II, 500 hrs tt, 503 DI-DC <75 hrs since rebuild. 3.47 ratio Type C gearbox with 3 blade ground adjustable Warpdrive prop. Gearbox and prop have <25 hours on them. 6 gl main tank, 6 gl reserve, 3 hours in the air without refueling. Numbered and registered as E-LSA, do your own annuals and repairs with the 16 hr class. Ask anyone in chapter 75 about this plane. It also has a Smith pod, radio, intercom, 2 helmets, alt,tiny tach, dual EGT, compass, air speed indicator. Yellow on Black sails in excellent condition, always hangered except for campouts. Asking \$12,000.00, motivated seller. Jim Cote 715-868-6669
- ✈ 2005 Allegro 2000 with a Rotax 100 hp 912ULS Jim Jaggard 715-630-4059 or 715-592-6402
- ✈ To Give Away, Aviation Magazine Collection. Sport Aviation, Flying, Private Pilot and the like, dating back as far as the 70's. All bundled together in very good condition. Lee Wagner 715-536-0063 home 715-966-5221 cell
- ✈ 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 Transceiver, external antenna, push-to-talk, intercom. Airframe Total Time: 3164 hours. Engine: 787 SMOH. STC autogas (SA730GK, SE634GL) Current annual 6/2010 Hangered Stevens Point, WI \$8,000 Charley White 715-344-5646
- ✈ One single-place and one two-place, tailless, flying wings. Ed Mux REDUCED TO SELL 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.
- ✈ 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

Next NCWLF Meeting January 19

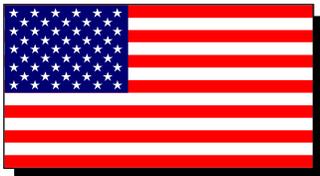
The next Chapter meeting is our annual Christmas Party, Saturday Jan 19, 2013. Food to be served at 12 Noon in Rick Coes hangar at the Wausau downtown airport. You may use Gate #3 (to drop things off) which is right off of Lake View Drive, code for the day is 20135#. However all parking must be done outside the fence behind Ricks hangar use the provided walk thru gate directly back of Ricks hangar. Ricks hangar is located next to the newly built maintenance/ fuel truck storage building.

Here are some Christmas party details: Chapter 75 will provide the broasted chicken, please bring your favorite dish to pass. We are doing a \$10.00 gift exchange again this year, Guys bring a mans gift and the gals bring a ladies gift, label the gift if it is for a man or women and who it is from, door prizes and that fun crazy dice game will follow. Thank You Rick for your great warm facility again this year! Hope to see you there.





NCWLF 2013 Calendar of Events



2013

- Jan 19 Chapter Meeting Rick Coes Hangar Wausau Downtown Airport UL 75's Big Christmas Party
- Feb 16 Chapter Meeting Antigo Airport
- March 16 Safety Seminar AirVenture Museum
- April 9-14 Sun N Fun
- April 20 Chapter Meeting Stevens Point
- April 20 -28 Flight to Kitty Hawk Trip
- May 18 Chapter Meeting Location TBD
- June 15 Chapter Meeting, Overnight Fly-In Little Chicago Russ Julie Post
- July 20 Chapter Meeting Abbotsford
- July 29- Aug 4 EAA AirVenture
- Aug 11 Musky Day Bob Payzer Memorial Fly-In Boulder Jct Airport

Calendar of events are preliminary and could be subject to Change

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