



# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editors Notes by Rich Prange

### Ducks

Any Chapter 75 pilot/hunters close up your hangar and head for a duck blind? In 1940 your season would have been 60 consecutive days, an aggregate of 10 migratory water fowl and two geese. Using time travel back to November 11, your shooting sky would have held many easy targets. The hunting was phenomenal. And the weather front that pushed the ducks south to the Mississippi flyway was also phenomenal - historic. Until that date, the atmospheric pressure drop was the greatest in U.S. weather recording history. Armistice Day, 1940, Monday, was a duck hunter's dream come true, that went sour, very sour. Most of the hunters were dressed for a warm, balmy

day, and because of the great hunting, stayed out too long. The 60 degree weather rapidly decayed to rain, sleet and then snow, lots of horizontal snow. Temps dropped by 50 degrees, driven by gusts to 85 mph. Swells on the Mississippi rose to 15 feet, swamping duck boats and flattening shooting blinds. This recipe for disaster took 50 lives along the Mississippi and another 100 lives on the Great Lakes. To the rescue came Max Conrad, flight instructor based in Winona, MN, and a student pilot, Bob Bean. Conrad was a famous pilot on several levels but to attempt rescue flights in the "Armistice Day Blizzard" was over the top. Conrad and Bean, flying Piper Cubs throughout the day, lo-



cated stranded hunters, dropped supplies, and guided rescue boats. This writer was five months into gestation in 1940 so I didn't hear much about the bravery of Maximilian Conrad and Robert Bean. It is not known how many lives were saved but both men were nominated for the Carnegie Metal of Heroism. Max Conrad also known as the "Flying Grandfather", went on to set many aviation records,-- flying mostly Piper products, ultimately receiving the Harmon International Aviation Trophy. Maybe not a record, Conrad also fathered ten children yielding 33 grandchildren. Any future pilots? Not Ducks Bird strikes, undoubtedly migratory water fowl, have been

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## October 2015 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

Paul Buss, Larry Wenning and Brian Krueger flew their planes to the meeting at Hatley Air. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Krueger. Introductions were made by the 34 people in attendance. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. Old business: Paul Buss reported that he, Joe Mapes, Jim Shnowske, and Dave Meyer flew to the Rusk County Fly In. The morning fog kept them grounded for a while, but after the fog lifted, it was a smooth

flight to Ladysmith. It was also reported that Jim Shnowske flew to Mount Rushmore and Branson. New Business: Steve reported that the Rock and Glow Fun Walk/Run in memory of Jeremy Monnett was held Friday night in Oshkosh. Over \$40,000 was raised and will be used to fund the Jeremy Monnett Playground at the Christine Ann Shelter – an outdoor play area for the children who stay at the shelter.

Central County Airport celebrated the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Paul Johns on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. He has 66 years in aviation. The airport has an honorary name change to Paul Johns Field. Joe Mapes, Jim Shnowske, and Paul Buss flew to Iola for lunch on this day. Lyle Banser told about taking a passenger for a ride, who became sick. A discussion about air sickness and giving rides followed. Merrill McMahan took his fuselage to Crystal Finishing to be powder coated.

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**NCWLF Treasurer Report  
November 2015**

Checking		Savings	
Balance fwd	<u>\$ 1,468.09</u>	Balance fwd	<u>\$ 49,130.90</u>
Checking Deposits		Transfer to Checking	
Transfer		Interest	
Deposits		Savings Balance	<u>\$ 49,130.90</u>
Checking Payments		Total Cash:	<u>\$ 50,048.52</u>
Checks	550.47		
Cash			
Checking Balance	<u>\$ 917.62</u>		

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- \$ 12 May      • \$ 9 August      • \$ 6 November      • \$ 3 February
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a problem causing collisions with aircraft. But imagine a flock of birds estimated to be one mile wide by 300 miles long passing over Wild Rose or Rusk County airport-- and you need to refuel your Rans 7. We are talking passenger pigeons. That flock was documented flying over Southern Ontario in 1866 and it took 14 hours for them to clear the sky. Let me stretch this history tidbit further. In that same time frame,

and into 1900, there were three known flocks of about 2.5 billion (nine zeros) in North America. Fortunately the only manned flights at that time were in hot air balloons. Here and now, 2015, we have to be alert for Sandhill cranes and geese, but history records flocks of passenger pigeon so dense they would block out the sun. These birds weighed in at 6-8 ounces and collectively those ounces would break branches at roosting sights.

So that big Ontario flock decides to spend the night roosting on the new security fence at KRRL. The fence will probably support the load but what about droppings (bird poop)? Rich , airport mgr, would have to call the fire department for some high pressure hose assistance.

### Aviation

Four forces of flight. Money/FAA/Dreams/Reality. Keep your needle in the green.

## October 2015 NCWLF Meeting Minutes cont...

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He said they did a super job at a good price.

Joe Grassl flew over Hatley Air at this time, but did not land. He is enjoying flying his Escapade with the Rotax engine. Mike Riley gave a report on his Rans S20. He is bolting on the landing gear and plans to finish painting in the spring. Larry

Wenning said he is 90% done with 90% to go on Mangy Fox. Doug Schubring has his Mini Max covered and ready for paint. Paul and Joe will be visiting him later today.

Piper Buss drew the one and only number needed for the \$100 today. The winner is Steve Radant.

The next meeting will be **November 14 at Jim Jakel's red barn at 10:30 a.m.**

Steve thanked Jim & Lenore Kleman for having us at their hanger for the meeting and for **the food by Bob's Catering.** The meeting was adjourned.

Paul Buss, Assistant Secretary

## Surprise, Surprise!

Brandon Buss called his Dad the night of October 21 and asked if he wanted to fly to Shawano the next day to meet Brandon and a friend (pilot) from work for lunch. Paul said sure he would (he was on vacation that week).

Paul arrived at the airport and was watching the planes flying in and out, waiting for the Cessna to arrive. At last he saw a Cessna coming in, but it only **had one person in it...couldn't** be Brandon and his friend. As

the plane got closer, Paul saw it WAS Brandon .. ALONE .. flying the plane, with a BIG smile on his face. SURPRISE!!

Brandon started taking flying lessons shortly after Oshkosh this summer. He kept it a secret from Paul, wanting to surprise him with the news of his flying by meeting him at an airport. It finally happened on Thursday, October 22. Unfortunately for Paul, there was no eating lunch, as Brandon was doing his cross country trip that day,

and had to continue on to Mo-sinee before returning to Fond du Lac. Paul came home hungry, but very happy and proud of his son.

Thanks to those who knew about Brandon flying and helped keep it a secret until this day happened. Brandon soloed September 9.

Congratulations, Brandon! We wish you the best as you continue your lessons for your private license.

(See photo on page 4)

## Next NCWLF Meeting November 14

Our next meeting is in Abbotsford, Saturday November 14, 10:30 AM, upstairs in Jim and Jenny Jakels Red Barn. Hope to see you there. Pot luck lunch to follow.

## Chapter 75 2016 Calendars

We are excited to announce that 2016 calendars are in the works.

A sign up will be available at our next meeting.

Cost is expected to be the same (\$11) or similar to last year.

## 2015 Calendar of Events

Nov 14 Chapter Meeting - Abbotsford

Dec 12 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.

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## Buy Sell Trade

*Congratulations Brandon Buss  
Cross-country flight 10-22-2015*



- ✈️ 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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