

# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editorial Notes by Rich Prange

Vintage B-17

October 2, 2019 was a bad day for vintage war bird enthusiasts, but a very tragic day for seven of thirteen passengers onboard "9-0-9". Allow me a transition to an interesting back story about this World War II Bomber.

First, the Boeing B-17G in the recent crash at Windsor Locks, CT, never saw combat. The original 9-0-9 finished the war with 140 missions and was scrapped in 1945. B-17, #44-83575, manufactured



by the Douglas Company, one of the last of 13,000 produced, went into service in 1945 as an air-sea rescue aircraft. Next, in 1952, that airplane was grounded to be used as a test specimen exposed to nuclear explosions--three blasts.

Boeing #44-83575 survived duty as a test platform. With the name of "Ms Yucca" the next phase was a cool-down period of thirteen years in the desert. Finally "Ms Yucca" was returned to service, water bombing for the U.S. Forest Service. Her job for the next twenty years was dropping borate and water.

The name "Ms Yucca" was erased when the Collins Foundation purchased the airframe and restored it to full combat configuration to serve as a fly-

ing museum and to honor the original 9-0-9. The loss of this WWII icon and its passengers is a tragedy on several levels.

Using and flying vintage aircraft to demonstrate living history or as flying museums is not un-

usual. Our EAA owned "Aluminum Overcast" for example, and the donation fees to ride in these piston engine bombers and other WW II aircraft are used to support upkeep and expenses similar to the "9-0-9".

Packaging

In my delivery dog house last week the USPS dropped off an eight inch x eight inch corrugated shipping box; the contents was another corrugated container at about six x six, enclosed in bubble wrap. Not done yet. Where's the beef? The "beef" was a very small control circuit board sealed in an extra thick plastic envelop. Next layer was a Mylar airbag holding the "goods", plus one more heat sealed bag with the



control knobs. I wonder if this electronics company builds and sells kit airplanes.

Hermes

This Greek god is quite often confused with the Roman god Mercury. Hold that thought.

My original intent was to address the article about "Flying Shoes and..." in Sport Aviation, November, 2019, Vol.68, No.11. But my attention got derailed when I had a flashback to my first Mercury dime.

That first dime was not a particularly profound event except for the curious winged hat. The next image of Mercury/Hermes was on the side of a "FTD" flower truck.

This time "Merc" was wearing a slightly different style winged hat but he also sported winged sandals. The rest of his uniform was a leaf!

The winged sandals and the winged hat begs a lot of questions for a ten year old and now for this senior citizen seventy years later. Where does "Merc" hangar this flying equipment? Do the winged hat-n-sandals require special fuel? Would the hat-n-sandals be competitive with current drone technology? at full power, what would be the climb rate?

I'll come back to the flying shoes next month. Keep your needle in the green.

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**NCWLF Treasurer Report Oct 2019**  
Submitted by Larry Wenning

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| <u>Checking</u>         |           | <u>Savings</u>         |              |
| Balance Forward         | \$ 851.36 | Balance Forward        | \$ 25,673.14 |
| Checking Deposits       |           | Interest               | .63          |
| Checking Payments       |           | <u>Savings Balance</u> | \$ 25,673.77 |
| Tom Voss - Stamps       | 55.00     |                        |              |
| <u>Checking Balance</u> | \$ 796.36 | <u>Total Cash</u>      | \$ 26,470.13 |

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Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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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 P.O. Box 12 Schofield, WI 54476**

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

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



## October 2019 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 19, 2019, NCWLF Meeting at Norrie Brook Airport, Eland, WI

President Steve Krueger rang the monthly meeting of NCWLF EAA Chapter 75 into order with the chapter bell (thanks, Bob) at 10:35 a.m. Thanks and recognition given to Paul and Sue Buss for hosting the meeting and for the excellent lunch to follow. There were 30 members and Six airplanes in attendance on a beautiful fall day. Self-introductions of members and guests was followed by the **reading of last month's secretary and treasurer reports** with no additions or corrections. Reports approved.

Old Business:

Steve reported that there was no old business.

New Business:

There was a nice article in last month's **Sport Aviation magazine about Larry Wenning's Kit Fox** with photos by Bud Davison. Oshkosh was the 35th anniversary celebration of the Kit Fox.

Be aware that ADSB Out Mode C privileges change Jan. 1 of 2020. Some discussion followed.

Mike Weinfurter reported on some sources and prices for certificated airplanes and to be aware that older transponders may not be compatible with the new equipment for ADSB.

Flying Reports:

Dan Marlenga reported that last month he discovered metal in his oil. Gear Box trouble. Aluminum shavings indicated in the oil, but no metal in the engine. Those with 912 models, do not run below 2500 RPM. Low RPM loads and unloads the prop, creating problems.

Projects and Flying Reports:

**Paul Buss's Sky Raider now has four hours on it, and temps are stable. "Flies great – like a sports car compared to the Avid."**

Joe Grassl showed some pieces of fuel line that had disintegrated, although they looked perfectly fine. Keep an eye on these as fuel additives affect old fuel lines, especially with the new auto gas. Swift fuel seems to have no impact, is very stable, and many agreed that this is a really good alternative to auto gas.

Joe also gave a report on what to carry in your airplane in case of an emergency. Items could

be collected in a small duffel with strap (easy to grab) or there were other suggestions that you could wear a vest (like a hunting or fishing vest) with supplies in the pockets. It goes with you when you leave the airplane. Think about something easy to grab as you may not be able to stay with the airplane or have time to get it out of the baggage department. Also, be aware that some areas may not have any cell phone coverage, and you cannot depend on that to call for help. Have some sort of signaling device with you. Talk to Joe about what he recommends to carry.

\$100 Drawing: Names drawn: First name drawn was one drawn last month, only that person was not in attendance in September. Madonna McMahan. (Thanks, Bob) What a coincidence! Meeting adjourned at 11:30 for an excellent lunch provided by Paul and Sue Buss and friends.

Next Meeting of 75 Chapter: Saturday, November 16th at **Jakel's Red Barn, Abbotsford, WI**

Madonna McMahan  
Secretary

## Next NCWLF Meeting November 16

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday Nov 16th, Jakel Field, 10:30 am upstairs at Jim Jakels Red Barn, 511 Spruce St, Abbotsford WI 54405

Hope to see you there!

## Calendar of Events

November 16 Chapter Meeting Abbotsford

December 14 Chapter Meeting Merrill

## 2020 Chapter Calendars

We are excited to announce that our very own 2020 Chapter 75 calendars are in the works. Pre orders are much appreciated again. Contact Steve Krueger 715 204 2928 or email [Krueger-fly@aol.com](mailto:Krueger-fly@aol.com) to reserve yours today. Pick up will be available at our December 14th meeting in Merrill.

## Buy Trade Sell

✈️ 1990 Rans S12S 711.6TT Rotax 100HP 743 TT, Conditional Inspection March 2017, Microair 760. Complete rebuild gear box by LEAF March 2017. Wing tip strobes, Nav lights, Intercom, Cabin Heat, New ELT batteries, Extra main wheels with wheel pants. A fun

flyer. Great visibility. Asking \$27,000 Ken Whyte 715-891-3912 Ken-fly140@aol.com

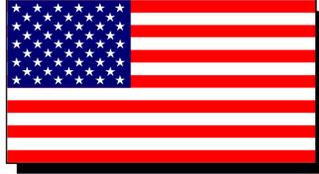
✈️ 1990 Kolb Firestar 503 Rotax \$4,500 David Breger 920-410-4671

✈️ 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.



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