

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editors Notes by Rich Prange

A word borrowed from the Filipinos in WWII to describe "places distantly distant from the comforts and temptations of civilized life." Bundok, now Anglicized as boondocks, is my zip code for the next two days. I found this little informational tidbit in *One Last Look*, a book about the Eight Air Force Heavy Bomber bases in England. The little Missouri town of Perry was high comfort compared to my location this evening. Small town historical society buildings are not one of my typical tourist stops but there seemed to be some magnetism drawing me in. My wife and I were greeted by Ron Leake, the local historian, and after just a few minutes of chit chat, he said, "You look like a pilot".

A pilot look? I don't think so. I was not wearing any fly-guy attire! I was a bit freaked out when Mr. Leake said he had an album I might be interested in seeing. Interested indeed! These first generation photos were produced by a local WWI Army Air Corps mechanic, Okle Rouse. Somewhere in his youth, Rouse became a self taught photographer and darkroom technician. The Army Air Corp trained him as an

ignition mechanic and he also learned to fly.

Rouse's album contained an amazing collection of historic aviation photos of pilots and their aircraft, with whom he had personal contact. He knew Charles Lindbergh and had worked on a couple of his



*Okle Rouse dressed for work
The aircraft is a German DFW*

airplanes. Other notables that Rouse met and photographed included Lady Mary Heath and her Gypsy Moth, Anthony Fokker, and aircraft such as the Pitcairn Mailwing 1515, Stinson Detrioter, the Breguet flown by Costes and Lebrin in 1927.

This photo album turned into a "holy cow" event and I had to go back to the town of Perry for a second look. To my surprise my host, Ron Leake, said he had notified the Air



and Space Museum of this find and they indicated no interest?

It was turnaround time in Northern Arkansas. From North Central Wisconsin diesel fuel got cheaper and cheaper. My linear thinking caused me to wonder, might I reach a point, heading south, where oil companies would pay me to burn off their product. Would avgas follow that same trend?

Back in Wisconsin the seaplane base on Lake Winnebago has been retired for the season. The chores for closure have now become very routine. Getting peppered by an errant shotgun blast was the only bit of excitement for this cleanup session. The targeted duck got away unscathed.

Halloween 2013 is now history and try as I may, I could not find any aviator witch humor. However, if you are visiting Swaziland you will find a civil aviation law forbidding witches to hover above 150 metres. Not funny but it is on the books.

I leave you with this thought. No one ever collided with the sky. Keep your needle in the green.

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October 2013 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of the NCWLF was held at Jim Klemans hanger at his Hatley Air strip. About 45 people were present with 2 airplanes flying in. President Steve Krueger called the meeting to order with the ringing of the Payzer Bell. Self introductions were followed by the reading of the Secretary and Treasure reports which were accepted as read.

Old Business; Mike Riley gave a brief rundown of the Challenger Aircraft Fly-in in Illinois. 52 Challenger airplanes were at the fly-in with 5 or 6 coming from Canada. Mike flew down with Don Zank.

Larry and Mary Gordans planned trip to Washington Island was weathered out. The

Saturday morning breakfast at Rick Coes hanger is suspended probably until in the spring.

New Business; A sign-up sheet was passed around for ordering our Chapter 75 calendars. Price will probably be around \$10 each. Hats at next years Musky Days Fly-in will be the camouflage style. Steve told about the Friday lunch at the Iola airport where Paul Johns, a local icon was honored on his 100th birthday. Paul Johns flew PanAm Clippers across the Pacific ocean when the only navigation aid was using a sextant through a plexiglass dome on top of the fuselage.

Project reports; Jim Kleman gave a short report on the trip he and Steve made to the Vans

RV factory in Oregon. Jim has purchased a plane from the first batch of RV-12s built by the factory.

\$100 Door Prize; Names drawn in order were; John Heckendorf, Allan Summers, Bill Brockman, Joe Grassl, and Richard Von Loh was the winner!

A big thank you was given to our hosts Jim and Lenore Kleman for hosting the meeting and feeding us afterwards.

The next meeting of the NCWLF will be at Jim Jakels Red Barn in Abbotsford November 16th at 10:30 AM. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary
Jim Shnowske

Buy Trade Sell

✈ Challenger I Built in 1995 TT 349.1 503 w/3 Blade Prop Engine Over Hauled @306 hrs 12 gal Tank New Lynx Head Set IC A22 Radio. Fun plane to fly. Asking \$10,000 Keith Marshall 715-773-0017

✈ Chinook Plus 2 582 w E box,3 blade warp, BRS chute, strobes, Icom radio, tundra tires w hyd brakes, Lowrance GPS, intercom, wheel skis avail. Selling due to health, a great deal, 7,000 OBO. Gordy 715-571-6826

✈ 2005 Allegro 2000 with a Rotax 100 hp 912ULS Jim Jaggar 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

✈ 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 b r a k e s . 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

Our next meeting is Saturday Nov 16, 10:30 AM at Jim Jakel's Red Barn at Abbotsford. Jim and Jenny Jakel's place is on the far west side of Abbotsford on the north side of Business 29. Hope to see you there.



Chapter 75 2014 Calendars

We are offering our chapter calendars again this year, you may sign up for your very own at the next meeting or contact

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NCWLF 2013 Calendar of Events

Nov 16 Chapter meeting
Abbotsford

Dec 12 Chapter meeting Merrill
Airport

*Calendar of Events
is updated monthly.
Contact Tom Voss
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to list events*

in subsequent newsletters

*Events are preliminary and are
subject to Change.*



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