

# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editorial Notes by Rich Prange

### Engine Music

During a mid-morning lull at the SBA – AirVenture 2019, the sound of various engine configurations became the subject for light debate. Arguments were friendly, no fights broke out.

The arrival of a museum grade Norseman triggered the conversation as it throttled down and

glided into Dock #5. This aircraft always draws a lot of attention. My dock partner commented, “I love the sound of that round engine.” The Pratt Whitney R1340 does emit a unique sound.

At that point engine noise opinions hit the fan. At the boat house where dock workers congregate, the discussion continued and I was able to insert my favorite sound, the Packard Merlin, the Rolls – Royce Merlin and the Allison V-12. Descriptive adjectives became rather romantic including: pleasant rumble, powerful growl, and aggressive roar. “Mr. Peepers” joined in the discourse trying to explain harmonic resonance and acoustical signature. Our conversation fizzled rapidly.

A dock worker/ commercial pilot, just coming on shift, thought the whining of a GE

JT8-D spooling down reminded him of his ex-girlfriend. No one mentioned the engine music of a Rotax 582?

### Comic Books

As a kid born and partly raised just inside the Bible Belt, there



were some types of literature **one did not read. A “dry county” also meant no comic books.** There might have been a few Mickey Mouse type comics at a local grocery store but none of the serious stuff.

Serious stuff? I asked my research assistant, Wada Yamean, to check the archives for old aviation oriented comics. I cannot do justice to the material she found so I must abbreviate and narrow this topic severely to names of comic book aviation heroes.

How about Second Lieutenant **Rocket Kelly (doesn’t that make you smile)?** What were his parents thinking? Smiling Jack had a serious reader following, (but **I’m not sure about the smile part**) -- he looked more like a deer in the headlights. Here are some of my favorite comic book hero names: Tailspin Tommy, Scorchy Smith, Airboy,



Blackhawk, Phantom Eagle, Johnny Hazard, and Dan Dare.

**I’m not sure if Captain was a first name, rank, or both:** Captain Midnight, Captain Wings, Captain Flight, and Captain Aero. Remember Major Major Major from the book Catch – 22?

Almost without exception these aviation comic heroes were drawn as muscular, square jawed, perfect white teeth, brilliant clear blue eyes, and occasionally a scar on his cheek. To treat this comic book theme fairly would require a thorough treatise, perhaps in the next editorial?

This brings me to Aviore, the insert comic book in our EAA monthly magazine. This writer might be getting a bit old, narrow minded, and crotchety but **I don’t get it. He is drawn with an irregular jaw line, wears a yellow distracting scarf (probably a flight line hazard).** Aviore has questionable posture, and he never pilots any practical aircraft. As a final criticism, **I don’t understand his heroic deeds. And what’s with the weird goggles?**

### Joke For Kids

Where does a mountaineer keep his airplane? Answer: In a cliffhanger.

Keep your needle in the green.

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

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 861.34	Balance Forward	\$ 25,672.49
Checking Deposits		Interest	.65
Deposit	132.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 25,673.14
Cash	100.00		
Tom Voss - Newsletter Supplies	41.98		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 851.36	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 26,524.50

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- \$ 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.*

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## August 2019 NCWLF Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of NCWLF, Chapter 75, was held at Tomahawk Airport, with President Steve Krueger calling the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the ringing of the Payzer Bell. (Thanks, Bob.) Self-introductions of 15 members and guests present. Thanks were given to Friends of the Tomahawk Airport and Ray and "Peanut" Marvin for lunch and hosting the meeting. Minutes of the July meeting were read, and a special "thank you" given to Rich Prange who took notes for the absent secretary. Larry Wenning gave the treasurer's report with no activity from the previous month. Current balance is \$26,533.83. Our annual filings for EAA and the state are up to date. Motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary and treasurer's reports as read. Approved.

Please see Larry Wenning for your dues. Memberships run May 1 to April 30 yearly. \$15.

### Old Business:

There will be no rescheduled date for the Ultra Lights at Pioneer Airport at Oshkosh, which was canceled due to threatening weather. It would be too difficult to find another date at this point in the yearly schedule.

### Fly In Reports:

EAA AirVenture, according to Jack Pelton, was a success in spite of the Friday and Saturday record rains that disrupted

events and parking/camping on the field. Volunteers and staff reported that there were 10,000 aircraft at all neighboring fields with 16,807 operations at Whitman. This was around 127 per hour. In addition there were 12,000+ campers and a record 642,000 attendees. AirVenture represents a \$170 million impact for five counties in Wisconsin.

Notable: This was the 35th year of Kit Fox worldwide as well as the 35th year for the Mini Max and 40th for the Lazaire. A shout out to Larry Wenning for coordinating publicity for the Kit Fox.

75 member Jim Shnowske was honored on Sunday at the EAA memorial wall, as well as Wayne Podeweltz from EAA Chapter 640.

Steve Krueger related an EAA story about Dave Damitz, one of his recent students. Dave wanted to fly his Quick Silver to Oshkosh, but he is able to carry only five gallons of gas on board. He pre staged his fuel stops going to Oshkosh and coming home. The Quick Silver has a top speed of 45 MPH. Steve said he saw him at Oshkosh, and Dave was like a kid in a candy store. He was so excited to be able to do it and be there.

Boulder Junction Musky Days fly in – a success with 58 planes counted on the field. Some weather in between affected some flyers' ability to attend.

### New Business:

The last Tuesday night flyout will be Aug. 20 at Little Chicago Field. Use the E/W longer air strip. Last Tuesday's fly out was at Harold's Field of Dreams, featuring a 25 piece orchestra with antique instruments. Thank you, Dick Neitzel for scheduling the Tues. events. MERRILL AIRPORT DAYS: Sat., September 7th

### Projects and Flying Reports:

Steve and Karen flew to Ephraim, Door County Sunday. Bicycles, courtesy car. Chambers Island has a nice runway on the way. Lyle Banser had a great adventure with his grandson on Washington Island, especially since cell phones did not have service there. No distractions except the scenery and family bonding.

Ray Marvin reported that the Tomahawk newspaper did a nice story on the young pilots who soloed at the airport, including his granddaughter and two others her age. Congratulations to these young students!

\$100 Drawing: Names drawn: Jerry Fisher, John Szigat, Brett Wilke, and the winner was Ray Marvin! (Thanks, Bob.) Meeting adjourned at 11:30 for an excellent lunch.

Next Meeting of 75 Chapter: Saturday, September 21st, at Jim Kleman's Hatley Field.

MaDonna McMahan, Secretary

## Next NCWLF Meeting September 21

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, Sept 21st, 10:30 am at Jim and Lenore Kleman's Air Strip, N3889 Highway 29 Hatley WI. Jim's Ph # 715-581-1946

### Hope to see you there

## Calendar of Events

September 7	Merrill Airport Day
September 21	Chapter Meeting Hatley
October 19	Chapter Meeting
November 16	Chapter Meeting
December 14	Chapter Meeting



### 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

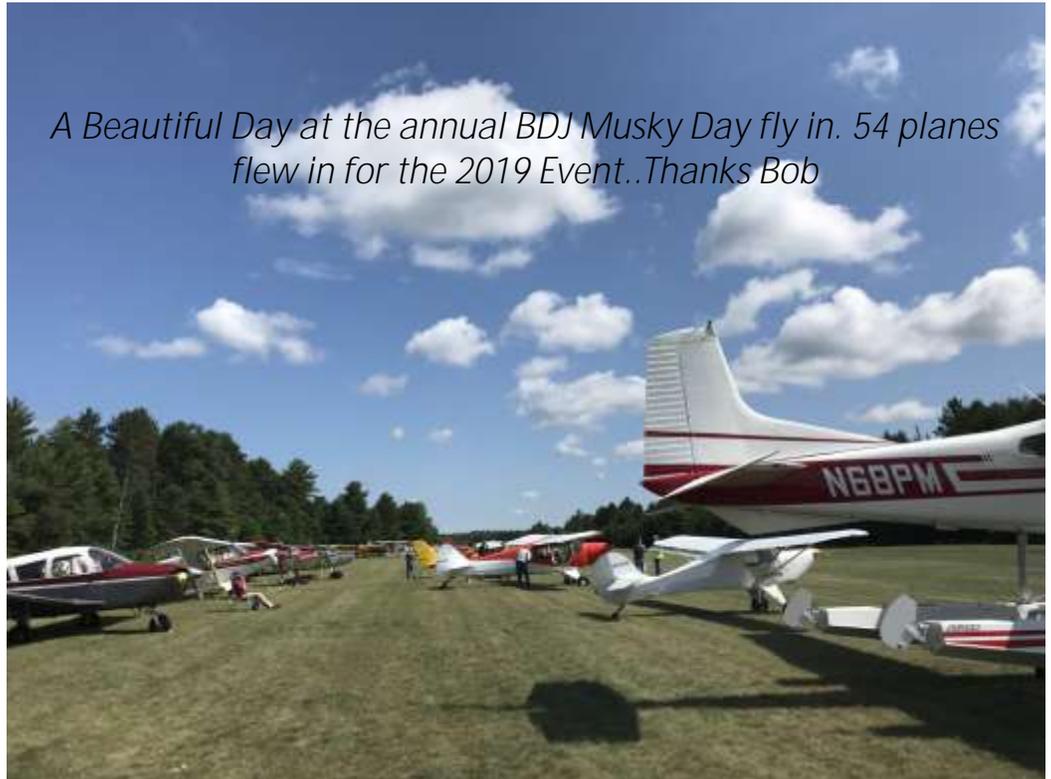
✈️ 1990 Kolb Firestar 503 Rotax \$4,500 David Breger 920-410-4671

✈️ 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.

✈️ Type 8, B gear box, 2.58:1 ratio with 16.2 hours of run time. Bret Taplin 715-341-4093 b t a - plin@msworldnet.com

*A Beautiful Day at the annual BDJ Musky Day fly in. 54 planes flew in for the 2019 Event..Thanks Bob*



### Fly Night 2019 Summary

Greetings all. August destinations were Scherrico Meadows on the 6th. Harold surprised us with a 26 piece band this year! It was a beautiful day to fly and 20 aircraft flew in. On the 20th Dan and Patty Marlenga hosted us in little Chicago. Six aircraft flew in. Unfortunately I had to leave a little earlier than I'd like due to the early fading sun light. Sadly our short summer is coming to a close.

Our get together at little O'Hare signified the end of our 2019 fly nights. I'm not certain, but I believe this is the first year that we had good flying weather for all six of our desti-

nations. A couple of times the weather was looking questionable, but by fly time, the clouds parted and gave us a perfect record. We did need a last minute change in location due to a soggy grass strip. But the rain subsided and the word got out about the change in venue. Also a word thanks to the One who watches over us and got us all safely back home after a fun filled evening.

I'd also like to thank all those that hosted our gatherings. Without their generosity and allowing us to come to their homes or nearby airports, this chapter 75 program wouldn't

exist. I also thank those that took the time out of their busy schedules to fly or drive in. It's not too late to get on the 2020 schedule. If you are so inclined to host one of our Tuesday night gatherings, I have five openings! You may contact me by phone or email. Please leave a message on my cell: 715 891 7213. Or email: [fluguy963@gmail.com](mailto:fluguy963@gmail.com)

Fly safe this fall and enjoy the beautiful color from the air. Hope everyone from chapter 75 has a good winter.

Dick Neitzel



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