

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Rich Prange

Swan Song

This is my 150 day notice of retirement. Editorial #100 will roll off the presses on February 2021. The lease on my third floor office at the Irma YMCA Building will still be available through March; it is a pleasant location and a short drive from Rock Falls. Be mindful that the lease of "the company car" (1974 AMC Gremlin) expires on January 2021.

My secretary (she makes great coffee), the research staff, and the technical people have all agreed to stay on through a transition period for the new replacement personnel, as needed. My five month count-down commences with this October editorial.

*#@^!~ Confusion

It goes without saying that 2020 has redefined chaos. Weather norms are off the charts, political issues are in a world of hurt, trout fishing has been ugly and there seems to be no hiding place from Covid-19.

Have I mentioned that being an old geezer is not for sissies? Sport Aviation Vol. 69 Sept 2020

Occasionally our EAA magazine contains an article that sucks me right in and I have to slow down and read for content, start to finish. This Sept issue had three such articles.

In no particular ranking order, starting with Steve Krog's essay "Every Airport Has a Per-

sonality". Steve writes about Hartford Municipal (KHXF). Home base for Chapter 75 pilots is spread out across Central Wisconsin and beyond and on the personality column this writer feels that we can give



our collective airports a self applied pat on the back.

"Fun Flyers" by Budd Davidson asks most of the right questions for new pilots considering a first time flying machine purchase. Perhaps required reading?

Partner the previous article with Mr. Davidson's "Guide to Buying", then keep your copy of the September, 2020 edition on the top of your magazine stack. Again, suggestions and information that many of us shave tail pilots should have known or should have asked from the beginning.

Cost \$\$/Paint Job

The last of my research staff just said goodbye; she unexpectedly decided to complete her PHD in plasma physics at MIT. I didn't see that coming. This means I'm on my own with this next topic. What is



the cost of a paint job for a light sport aircraft?

My best info was based on a one coat application for a BOAC 747, which is also a 100 year anniversary paint job for the Brits. Here are the specifics of dealing with an aircraft of that size and structure. As we all know aluminum requires some special prep if you don't want the paint to blow off on the first flight. Time required to paint one big bird; 312 man hours with a good paint crew.

The obvious question, how much paint? When sprayed through an HPLP paint gun it would take 161 gallons for a proper coat. By the by, that same naked Boeing would weigh in at plus 925 lbs – wet.

This is not a one man paint job; with a full paint crew, labor comes to approximately \$175,000 per 747 and a total fly-away cost of \$200,000. So, how do we scale this info down to our Cubs, our Champs, our RVs, our KitFoxes etc? Do the math using a factor of .37, or better yet call the very helpful people at Aircraft Spruce.

Didn't Know This

On commercial flights, the copilot is encouraged to eat a different meal from the guy in the left seat, in the event of food contamination.

Keep your needle in the green.

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NCWLF Treasurer Report September 2020
Submitted by Larry Wenning

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,035.78	Balance Forward	\$ 20,678.07
Checking Deposits		Interest	.17
	284.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 20,678.24
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 1,319.78	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 21,998.02

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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.

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

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



Flying 2020

On 7-13-20 Paul Buss, Lyle Banser, Larry Gordon and myself met at the Oconto airport for the second installment of our wonderful summer of flying. The goal was a trip to Washington Island and beyond. After leaving Oconto we climbed to about 5500 feet to cross the bay of Green Bay. Crossing over Chambers Island we safely made it to the Door Co peninsula and on to a safe landing on Washington Island. We took the Lions Club courtesy van into town where we had an outdoor breakfast. Now after procuring the airport stamp we were off to Ephraim airport where we visited with several local pilots. To our surprise a well known airplane builder and float plane expert Ken Smith was at his hanger where we spent some time with this interesting fellow.

Cherryland Airport in Sturgeon Bay was our next stop and after a stamp and a picture we were off again. Flying along the coast of Lake Michigan was beautiful to our next port



of Manitowoc. We picked up some gas here and off to Sheboygan for a little lunch. After lunch 3pm we headed to fly over Kohlers famous Whistling Straits Golf Course. Next was a fly over of Road America in Elkhart Lake. Now starting back towards home we stopped at New Holstein,

Shiocton, and Clintonville. Each of these airports are unique in the layout and facilities. We visited with locals at each one and learned some history of each airport.

Our last two stops for the day was Dillenburg near Shawano and the Shawano municipal airport. From Shawano we all packed it up and headed for home. This day had 11 stops for the passport book and some very nice people met. Some very nice scenery and views of Lake Michigan were had. Our adventures continued after that, so stay tuned for the next newsletter and part 3 of the best flying summer of our life!

Humbly Submitted,
Dan Marlenga

Next NCWLF Meeting October 17th

Our next meeting will be Saturday October 17th 10:30 am at Paul and Sue Buss's Norrie Brook Airport

Meeting will be held outside

No pot luck lunch to be provided.

Please bring a lawn chair if you want, practice social distancing, be smart and safe.

If the weather does not cooperate the meeting will be canceled.

Please contact one of the following Chapter directors if unsure on the day of the meeting.

Steve Krueger 715-204-2928, Dan Marlenga 715-573-6220, Larry Wenning 715-218-8002,

Madonna McMahan 715-359-8616, Paul Buss 920-238-2519, Lyle Banser 715-921-0766 or Joe Mapes 715-570-2320

Directions From Wausau: Take Highway 29 east to Falstad Road, which is about 3 1/2 miles past exit 185 at Hatley. Turn left

September 2020 Chapter 75 Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 19, 2020, NCWLF EAA 75 Meeting at **Hatley, WI, Klemen's Airfield**

President Steve Krueger called the monthly meeting of NCWLF EAA Chapter 75 into order at 10:35 a.m. A beautiful sunny end-of-summer day. Thanks were given to our hosts Jim and Lenore Klemen. Self introduction of the 17 members present was followed by the **reading of the secretary's report** for February at Antigo, and the **reading of the treasurer's report** by Larry Wenning. This month was our first physical chapter meeting since February, 2020, due to restrictions posed by Covid 19. Both re-

ports accepted as read and approved with no exceptions.

Special acknowledgment of new members Dan and Aaron Desnoyer, also newlyweds. Dan is the son of member **George "Toby" Desnoyer and flies a '65 Champ based in Merrill, WI.** Congratulations and Welcome to 75! Larry reported that we now have 111 members on the role.

Old Business:

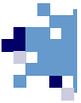
Since there was no safety seminar in March of this year, the \$200 donation from the chapter for seminar expenses will remain in the chapter treasury. And with no summer meetings this year, elections of officers

have been postponed until next year. Current officers will continue to serve. There was a meeting of chapter Directors at the Merrill new terminal on Sept. 10, 2020 to discuss meetings for the remainder of the year, and it was suggested that meetings be held outdoors until the weather does not permit.

New Business:

Six of our members have been **participating in Wisconsin's Passport program**, going to as many WI airports as possible, **and getting their "passports"** verified and signed by the FBO. The stamps are unique to the

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Next NCWLF Meeting October 17th cont.

on Falstad Road and go to the stop sign and take a left on County Road D. Go one mile and turn right on County Road OO. Go about 1 1/4 miles to Paul and Sue's Norrie Brook Airport which is on the north side of the road. Search Norrie Brook Airport for directions

GPS coordinates: 44 52' 25"N 89 13'50"W. Contact Paul Buss @ 920-238-2519 if any questions.

Calendar of Events

- October 17 Chapter Meeting - Paul and Sue Buss's Norrie Brook Airport
- November 14 Chapter Meeting
- December 12 Chapter Meeting

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airports. Dan Marlenga has volunteered to write an article on their adventures. These trips are usually an 8-hour day, leaving early in the morning and coming home at dusk. Brandon Buss led them into Madison in a 172 recently after calling the tower to make arrangements for all. There are about 125 WI airports, and they have ten left. One out of state airport is allowed. Merrill McMahan suggested that the group write a book about their adventures, similar to the two Ohio J-3 Cub pilots who wrote "Lost in Oscar Hotel" about their flying to all the OH fields.

Three Chapter 75 hats remain. Spoken for at the meeting. \$10 each.

Dues: A reminder to check with Larry Wenning on the status of your membership. There was a grace period this year until August 30.

Project Reports:

George Kramer's Pietenpohl, north of Hurley, may be flying next year.

Dave Meyer purchased **Rich Von Loh's homebuilt project** PA-11 and plans to finish it in classic PA-11 colors, yellow with blue trim.

\$100 Drawing: History of Payzer gift. EAA members with current status have their memberships paid each year. Musky Day – the Boulder Junction Airport now has taken over the financial responsibilities for the August fly in. The

chapter also has \$10,000 for aviation classes training (half of tuition will be paid.) Remember, you must be present to win the monthly \$100 drawing. Names drawn: Jim Zietlow, James Heizler, and the winner Evan and Coleen Hansen. Thanks, Bob!

Next Meeting of 75 Chapter: Will be outdoors at Paul and Sue Buss' Norrie Brook Field. (Use Norrie Brook as ID to find it in GPS) Saturday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. In large hangar, if inclement weather. 715-253-2490 if you need to call Paul for directions.

Vote to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Individual treats provided by the Klemens.

MaDonna McMahan, Secretary

Buy Trade Sell

✈ Sonex tail kit. Bought new in 2012, still in original boxes. Includes flush rivet option, simple dimple die, and homebuilt help video. Skins appear to have a little surface corrosion which is reflected in the price. \$700. Paid over \$2000 new. Located Marathon, WI Cory Krasselt 715-218-1511 email:ckrasselt@steelstruc.tinc.com

✈ 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

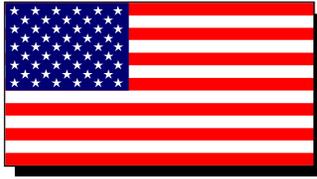
✈ 1990 Kolb Firestar 503 Rotax \$4,500 David Breger 920-410-4671

✈ 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 btaplin@msworldnet.com



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