

EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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Editorial Notes by Larry Gordon

This last week I knocked a little dust out of my Hobbs meter by running numbers in the 1st two right hand cylinders of the meter. Two more similar flights and I will have added a little over an hour to my logged hours! It was a beautiful morning to go flying, but my priorities came first and the impending weather was to hold off until later in the day. Hopefully, I can accomplish my flight goal of becoming smarter today than I was yesterday, with some self-education in the basics of flying.

Surprising myself, I arrived at W23 and immediately started my pre-flight inspection. With seemingly time to spare, I pulled the upper cowling out of curiosity. Finding all in order, and knowing that I haven't been harboring any free-loading wildlife under the hood, I was soon pushing the Rans out of the hanger. The roar of the engine after the ignition sequence is always a welcomed sound! While warming up the engine prior to taxiing to Runway 27, I was

rehearsing my flight plans to familiarize myself with the sights, sounds, and most of all, the feel OF flying; not FOR flying. In my quest to increase my flying proficiency, I have been participating in EAA webinars, reading pertinent articles in Sport Aviation, and re-reading a classic, Stick and Rudder by Wolfgang Langewiesche. No gawking time today. Taxi to Runway 27; engine run-up; pre-takeoff checklist completion; traffic check; radio announcing flight intentions while positioning on runway; throttle to the **stops; and "Tally-ho"!**

With the power response of the engine and the lifting of the tail as the plane surges down the runway, the feeling I get is absolutely exhilarating! My autonomic response to the anticipated crosswind and quick instrument check brings me back to the cockpit of the Rans! The now visible horizon necessitates a call to the Wautoma AWOS, which confirms that the site picture of decreasing visibility was **"light rain", along with a**



dropping temperature. "Ah Tutter! Time for this one to come home!"

While determining how much time I actually had before the need to initiate my plan of action, a fellow Wild Rose pilot made a radio traffic call announcing his location and **being "inbound for landing"**. Radioing back to him with my location with same intention to land, he deferred to me as his being #2 to land. We both were on the ground, with my plane in the hangar before the rain started sounding on the roof. It was a shortened retraining flight, but satisfying to have taken. I think Steve Krog and Wolfgang Langewiesche would have approved of my flying.

In the last few newsletter articles I've written, you might have seen similar references to my lost flying proficiency, or an elaboration to a **basic principle of aviation. It's not like I have been having a recurring dream, but if the statistics are saying to you, "it**

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NCWLF Treasurer Report March 2025

Submitted by Larry Wenning

Checking		Savings	
Balance Forward	\$ 967.73	Balance Forward	\$ 8,186.26
Checking Deposits		Interest	.06
	02/03/2025 260.00		
Checking Payments		Savings Balance	\$ 8,186.32
	2/3/25 February Cash 100.00		
Checking Balance	1,127.73	Total Cash	\$ 9,314.05

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North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers
Application Form for Membership and Subscription

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May we Send you an Electronic Version of the Newsletter? Yes No

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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 N3175 Norwegian Rd Merrill, WI 54452

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can happen to anybody", and you recognize that you have possibly put yourself in a simi-

lar position, then take the time to smarten up. As I have said numerous times that it has become one of my man-

tras, "it's cheaper to learn from someone else's mistakes, than your own"!

February Meeting Minutes

The February 15 meeting of UL Chapter 75 was called to order by President Steve Krueger at the Antigo Airport. Thank you to John and Barb Szigat for hosting and providing entertainment with Molly there too.

Self-introduction of members followed. There were 17 members present and 1 recovering dog. No airplanes flew in and it was nice to see the snow plow clearing runways because spring may come after all.

Secretary's report was read. The minutes were accepted by Joe Malsack and seconded by Paul Buss. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Larry Wenning. Motion to accept made by Dan Marlenga and seconded by Heinz Roth.

There are still 10 calendars **left. The price hasn't gone up** so get your calendars now!!

The last of the Chapter Service Awards given to Larry Wenning and Lyle Banser.

Reminder to check out the [EAA website for forums and webinars](#). These can be done at any time-even in your jam-mies.

Reminder for one more FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar on April 9th at the Merrill Airport Terminal Conference Room at 7 pm.

Paul Buss gave a great presentation on Cross Country Trip planning. He detailed how important it is to have a plan. Research ahead of time and prepare your airplane.

Just a few things to remember to bring would be good tie downs, a tool kit - share with others in your group who is taking which tools so they are not duplicated. Radio in good working order. Navigation device that you are familiar with. First Aid kit, in

flight snacks. Don't push yourself, plan for delays.

Don't forget to play the What If Game - breakdown, medical issue, emergency contact?? Make sure to call home so members of your family can cheer you on too. Great presentation, Paul!!

Flying reports:

Heinz Roth went up for a half hour flight. He has flown at least once a month since he has owned his aircraft.

Building reports:

John Szigat says to slow down **and don't get too excited** if things are going too well.

The \$100 drawing was a **marathon. Barb Szigat's wrist** wore out dipping into the chip bag. It was not won by Jim Jakel, Bill Maguire, Jim Heizler, MaDonna McMahan, Liam McCullough, Carl Greene, Jade Lear, Hugh Hanig, James Van Wychen,

Next NCWLF Meeting March 15

Our next Chapter 75 Meeting will be Saturday, March 15, 10:30 am at the Taylor Co Airport Hosted by Al Mader and the crew from the Medford Taylor Co Airport.

Hope to see you there!

2025 Chapter 75 Calendars

The 2025 Chapter calendars are still available for sale.

A big thank you to Karen Krueger, Brandon Buss and to Chapter members who submitted photo's, making this year's calendar possible and better than ever for everyone to enjoy throughout the year. Pick yours up at the March meeting. Calendars are only \$10.00.

Pilot Pals Workshop

I'm offering a flying companion workshop on April 5th in Stevens Point. See the attached flyer for details.

Gary G. Olsen

FAA Certified Flight Instructor

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[Visit my website at GO Flying Point](#)

[Visit Rod Machado's Aviation Learning Center](#)

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FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinars

FAA Safety Team Webinars. These interesting and informative webinars include a variety of important safety topics designed to reduce risk and increase the level of safety in aviation operations.

This recurring event every 2nd Wednesday of the month thru March is hosted at the Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM. Fresh popcorn for all that attend. Contact Steve Krueger for more information.

Hope to see you there!

Trip Planning Resources

[Garmin maps](#)

[Sectional charts](#)

[Foreflight](#)

[RAF pilots guide](#)

[Google Earth](#)

[Road maps](#)

States pilot association, Maps

Local maps

[Fun places to fly your airplane](#)

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Aircraft type clubs

Person tracking applications

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Dody Neubauer, Norbert Brost, Mike Pritchard, Zach Kayhart, Dave Meyer, Charles Ercegovac, Jim Cote, Glenn Burt, Barb Quinn, Cory Kras-selt, Gary Olsen.

The drawing was finally won by Joe Malsack. Thanks Bob!!

Next meeting is March 15th at the Taylor County Airport at 10:30 am.

Please note that the April meeting will be a week ear-

lier. You will be reminded again in the next newsletter.

Motion made by Larry Wenning to adjourn and seconded by Joe Malsack.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Hansen
Recording Secretary

Calendar of Events

Cancelled March 12 FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7PM

March 15 Chapter Meeting Taylor County Airport 10:30 am

April 5 Pilot Pals Workshop Stevens Point Airport 9:00 am \$25 includes morning refreshments, a catered lunch and the Flying Companion manual. Email to register: garygeneolsen@gmail.com

April 9 FAAST Pro Tips for Pilots Webinar, Merrill Airport Terminal Conference room 7 pm

April 12 Chapter Meeting Stevens Point Airport

May 17 Chapter Meeting

June 3 Tuesday Night Fly Night

June 17 Tuesday Night Fly Night

June 21 Chapter Meeting

July 1 Tuesday Night Fly Night

July 15 Tuesday Night Fly Night

No Chapter Meeting in July.

July 21-27 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

August 5 Tuesday Night Fly Night

August 10 Musky Day Fly-In Boulder Junction

August 16 Chapter Meeting

August 19 Tuesday Night Fly Night

September 20 Chapter Meeting

October 18 Chapter Meeting

Saturday April 5, 2025

KSTE Terminal Building

\$25 includes morning refreshments, a catered lunch and the *Flying Companion* manual.

Hosted by:

Gary Olsen, Certified Flight Instructor

9:00 Check in with coffee and pastries.

9:30 Introductions and overview

Find adventure just one mile from home
... straight up.



Pilot Pals -

a workshop for those who fly along.

10:00 Wings and Things

11:00 Airports and In-Between

12:00 Lunch

1:00 How to help

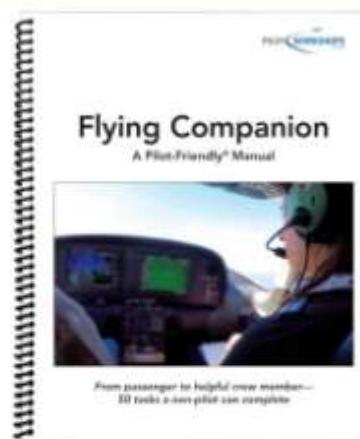
2:00 Safety and emergencies

3:00 Discussion and wrap-up

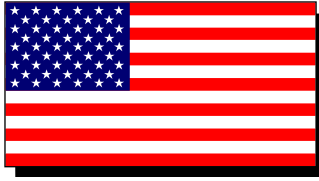
3:30 End

Email to register:
garygeneolsen@gmail.com

Pilots, this workshop is not for you. I'm speaking to family members, friends, coworkers, or anyone who regularly joins you in the cockpit. Consider spending a Saturday with other companions of flyers to learn how you can be more comfortable, informed, engaged, and safe when you fly along. The *Flying Companion* manual from Pilot Workshops.com is included with the class. -Gary Olsen




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