



# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editors Notes

by Bill Markstrum

**G**reetings and Happy New Year to all you flying buddies. As I write this, I don't anticipate any distractions from the locally based ultralights as the present wind-chill temperature is minus twenty degrees. I think most will agree, one red-nosed reindeer is enough. While the flying weather leaves much to be desired we still can dream about the flying adventures yet to come and remember those of the last year.

All in all, the year was a good one for the chapter. There were few incidents involving a member, which speaks well for our safety awareness. Lets keep it that way!

We also saw our skilled "Combat Pilots" keep the Flight Log in our possession. Several plane builders in the chapter either completed their craft or were making steady and uncompromising progress on their projects. Many others were involved in solving mechanical problems or generally improving their existing aircraft. Much cooperation and helpfulness was also evident between members which makes for a strong chapter and what the EAA is all about. A case in point happened between Christmas and New Years when Ron Detert joined Paul Buss in his shop to cover Paul's rebuilt Avid Flyer. It

was helping hands for Paul and a learning experience for Ron who will probably be covering his Mini-Max this next summer. As in all phases of his work on the Mini-Max, Ron is a perfectionist. Paul showed him the fine points of covering with the modern fabrics, glues and techniques, pinking, tapes and heat shrinking. He

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also advised Ron, "Just do it and don't worry about it". Good advice, as we sometimes get too concerned with time consuming details. To quote NASCAR champion Darrell Waltrip, "Don't worry about the mule going blind, just load the wagon and hold the line".

While there were many aircraft completions and acquisitions during the year, we have to give Rich Papa an A for effort on his purchase of a 95% complete (90% to go!) Ragg Biplane. Rich brought the plane back to his hangar on a trailer from Arizona! He's now working to install an engine in the cute, Pitts-like biplane. Rich, I have a leather helmet and white scarf just your size when you're ready.

As always, Tony Borchardt, Steve Norris and many others that contributed time and pictures to our beautiful 2004 calendar should be applauded for their efforts and success. What a great job, you "Professionals".

Also, many thanks to chapter members who helped make the Wausau stop on the National Air Tour the great success that it was. I understand that those pilots rated Wausau one of the most hospitable visits on their schedule. Shows you we haven't forgotten our roots and appreciation of the men, women and airplanes that opened the door to the realm of flight.

Mark Blume receives the Kit Planes magazine regularly and now and then unloads back issues to anyone interested in receiving them. I was the lucky recipient of his last file downsizing and have enjoyed going through them, salvaging tech tips, pictures and articles that end up in my "aviation book of knowledge". One article especially caught my eye. It was Burt Rutans views on homebuilts, builders freedoms and private space travel. As a designer-builder he had his share of frivolous lawsuits that never went to court. However, one chap did insist on a jury trial, and though costly to Burt, the

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## NCWLF Treasurer Report December 2003

<b>Balance Fwd</b>	<b>\$ 1,016.77</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	
<b>Checking Deposits</b>		Postage	22.94
Dues	6.00	Newsletter Paper	10.75
2004 Calendars	<u>255.00</u>	2004 Calendars	698.92
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b><u>\$ 261.00</u></b>	Plaque	7.00
		EAA Insurance	140.00
		EAA Chapter Fee	40.00
		<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$ 975.32</u></b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 358.16</u></b>
		<b>Savings Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 501.20</u></b>

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**Membership Dues Schedule**

- \$ 12 May     \$ 9 August     \$ 6 November     \$ 3 February  
 \$ 11 June     \$ 8 September     \$ 5 December     \$ 2 March  
 \$ 10 July     \$ 7 October     \$ 4 January     \$ 1 April

*Payment of dues affords me voting privileges, and a subscription to news updates.*

*This newsletter is a monthly publication of the North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers and is free to all club members. Items you would like included in the newsletter should be sent to:*

*Thomas L. Voss  
15203 Short Lane Marathon, WI 54448  
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*Items received by the 5th are considered for that months' publication.*

*Change of address and membership inquiries should be directed to:*

*Steve Norris (715) 675-2876*

*Comments, questions, suggestions, etc... can be sent to tvoss@pcpros.net*

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end result was downright refreshing. It seems the plaintiff at the time of the incident, was flying drunk, did prohibited aerobatics and had taken the wing off and didn't put the bolts back on properly. The case went to

the jury at mid-morning, yet they didn't come back in with their verdict until well into the afternoon. They had found out that it was the plaintiff's responsibility to pay for their lunch so they had the bailiff drive them to the most expensive restaur-

ant in town for a leisurely lunch after which they returned a no-fault verdict in Burt's favor. Yes, Virginia, there is a God of justice!

Have a happy, healthy and safe 2004!  
Bill Markstrum

## 2004 Ultralight / Light Aviation Safety Seminar



Mark your calendars for the 11th annual safety seminar at the Mead Inn in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, March 6th, sponsored by the Wisconsin Ultralight / Light Aviation Advisory Counsel and the WI DOT Bureau of Aeronautics. Great guest speakers, free handouts, information, door prizes, and a raffle featuring big ticket

items. The full day event is a wealth of great information and safety topics, look for a full page listing in next months issue. For more information contact Steve Krueger 715-536-8828, Jack LaSee 715-223-4540, Dan Marlenga 715-359-7377 <http://www.geocities.com/bkshgee@sbcglobal.net/wulac/wulac.html>

## Sport Pilot Leaves DOT for OMB

December 24, 2003 - Christmas came early to the aviation community when Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta signed off on the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rulemaking package and forwarded it to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) late on Tuesday, December 23.

"This is great news, as it completes an important step to make sport pilot/light-sport aircraft a reality," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "My compliments to FAA and DOT for their hard work in getting this important task accomplished. EAA and the aviation community have been looking

forward to this important announcement as the rule-making package enters its final phase."

OMB now has 90 days in which to review and return the package to the FAA, at which time it would be published in the Federal Register as a final rule.

## Cranes Reach Florida Destination

Sixteen whooping cranes following three ultralight aircraft reached their winter home at Florida's Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge Monday, December 8, at 9:59 a.m., after a 54-day, 1,225-mile migration

from Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in central Wisconsin. The endangered birds left Necedah on October 16, following Operation Migration, Inc., pilots flying Cosmos Trikes. This is the third time whooping cranes

made this unique, assisted migration from Wisconsin to Florida.

[http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/031209\\_cranes.html](http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/031209_cranes.html)

## Next NCWLF Meeting January 24

Our next get together is the annual Chapter 75 Christmas Party on Saturday, January 24 12:00 in Syd Cohen's heated hangar. **(Note: unusual time and date)** Syd's hangar is located at the Wausau downtown airport. Check with gate boss Dan Marlenga for parking and driving directions upon arriving at the airport. Chapter 75 provides the broasted chicken. A dish to pass is appreciated, lunch begins at noon. We will have a gift exchange up to \$10.00. Guys, bring a mans gift, and gals bring a ladies gift. Mark on your gift if it is to a man or woman and who it is from. Door prizes and games - plenty of Christmas spirit for everyone. A special thank you to Syd Cohen for the use of his magnificent facility.

## EAA Chapter 252 Invites You

February 7, 2004 EAA Chapter 252 is hosting "A Special Night Celebrating Flight" at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. This event is open to all friends of aviation.

John Monnett, president of Sonex Ltd., is the emcee. The event includes buffet dinner, door prizes (including a round trip airfare ticket!), silent auction, cash bar and a chance to fly the Wright Flyer simulator you saw in the Kitty Hawk Pavilion at the EAA convention.

So spend an evening with your aviation friends at the EAA AirVenture Museum! The cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to EAA 252 Treasurer, Frank Friedman by January 30.

We hope to see you there!

## NCWLF Calendar of Events

### January 24, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Chapter 75's annual Big Christmas Party, food, fun and that favorite dice game. Syd Cohen's heated hangar, Wausau downtown airport 12 O'clock noon

### February 7, 2004 A Special Night Celebrating Flight

Oshkosh, Wi EAA AirVenture Museum. Buffet dinner, door prizes, silent auction, cash bar, and a chance to fly the Wright Flyer simulator. \$25 per person. Frank Friedman

### February 21, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Antigo, Wi

### March 6, 2004 Light Aviation Seminar

Wisconsin Rapids, Wi

### March 20, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Stevens Point, Wi

### April 6 - 11, 2004 Bensen Days 2004

Wauchula Florida. Hosted by Sunstate Wing & Rotor Club. Lots of Vendors, Lots of Gyros. Fun for the whole family. Camping on airfield with or without power. Showers, porta pottys, food vendor. Come visit with the Family.

### April 13 - 19, 2004 Sun N Fun

Lakeland Florida The City of Lakeland and the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport have hosted the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In for over 30 years. This annual Spring Celebration of Flight brings together those from all over the world, and from all segments of the aviation community to enjoy the best fly-in experience ever.

### April 17, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Tomahawk, Wi

### May 15, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location TBD

### May 10 - 12, 2004 Wisconsin Aviation Conference

La Crosse, Wi Municipal LSE Pete Drahn 715-358-2802 [daredem@nnex.net](mailto:daredem@nnex.net)

### June 19, 2004 Ultralight Day

Oshkosh, Wi Pioneer Airport

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### July 17, 2004 Jakel LaSee Fly In & Chapter 75 Meeting

Abbotsford, Wi

### August 8, 2004 Musky Day Fly In

Boulder Junction, Wi

### August 20 - 22, 2004 WI State UL Fly In

Wautoma, Wi Lake of the Woods

### August 21, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location TBD

### September 18 - 19, 2004 9th Annual Blume-Voss Fly In

Little Chicago, Wi Sponsored by EAA Chapter 243 & EAA UL Chapter 75

### September 18 - 19, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Little Chicago, Wi Blume-Voss Fly In Joint meeting with EAA Chapter 243

### October 16, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location TBD

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## NCWLF Calendar of Events cont...

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### November 20, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location TBD

### December 11, 2004 Chapter 75 Meeting

Location TBD

### December 13 - 20, 2004 Centennial of Flight

Oshkosh, Wi A Week of Activities Surrounding the Centennial of Flight 902-426-6108

### December 17, 2004 Centennial of Flight Banquet

Check these websites for other events  
[www.dot.state.wi.us/dtid/boa](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/dtid/boa)  
[www.brainerd.net/~szygy/wisconsin2.htm](http://www.brainerd.net/~szygy/wisconsin2.htm)  
*Calendar of Events is updated monthly.*

Contact Tom Voss [tvoss@pcpros.net](mailto:tvoss@pcpros.net) to list events in subsequent newsletters



**Have a Happy  
2004**

## Buy | Trade | Sell

✎ I have the muffler and various mounting brackets for a Quicksilver. Everything is painted and looks very good. New muffler is over \$350, make an offer. Ron 715-665-2431 [rpurvis@purvisgrp.com](mailto:rpurvis@purvisgrp.com)

✎ StarLite Tail Dragger Selling due to 2 place upgrade Single seat rocket N112SL 120mph cruise 45mph stall Built 1986 featured in Sport Aviation Mag of that year. Rotax 447 dual carb, appx. 30 hours, aux.power outlet, electric fuel pump, inline pulse pump Condition inspection complete 9/9/03 \$8500 Firm Call or E-Mail for more info and pics.Steve Magdic 262-820-9938 [steve.magdic@lpsg.com](mailto:steve.magdic@lpsg.com)

✎ Wanted: Aircraft recov-

ering supplies. Poly-tak, Poly-Brush, Fabric, 107wt, Acid wash, or aluminum cleaner, tapes, Bias and straight. 1" and 2" I could use what ever you have left. I need about 47 yards of fabric for a Bi-Wing. Call me with quantity and price. Pat Kenny Eagle River, WI 715-479-5036 [stinkstix@nnex.net](mailto:stinkstix@nnex.net)

✎ Looking for a long ratio C or E box for Rotax 503 DCDI 2.88 or 3:1 Richard Penney 715 235



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✎ 2001 Aventura HP503 Factory Built, < 50 hours, several extras! Rotax 503 dual CDI with duel Bing Carb upgrade. Electric flaps, electric starter, Ivo prop. BRS-750 soft-pack (\$1,835 value) Airspeed, Alt, RPM, CHT, duel EGT, VSI. Wing tip strobes bilge pump and extra Aux switches. Included not yet installed Auxiliary electric fuel pump, fuel gage, oil injection kit with mounting hardware. Not included but negotiable Comtronics Aero Pro-500 Helmet/Headset (\$500 retail), custom push to talk in joystick, Icom A-22 adaptor, Ram radio/GPS mount, secondary 12 Volt independent accessory power supply, always hangered \$17,900 Steve Norris 715-675-2876 715-551-8606 ste-

ve4022@charter.net

✎ Wanted: Used handheld or base aircraft radio. What I would really like is the older handheld STS radio, but it wouldn't have to be. Jeremy Viegut 715-613-6548 after 3:30 pm [sir\\_jeremy@yahoo.com](mailto:sir_jeremy@yahoo.com)

✎ Challenger completed in 1997, Single Seat, 230 hrs AF&E, 503 Rotax with Carbon Fibre Warp-Drive Prop, Nickel-edge Dual CID Ignition, Icom A2Z Nav/com, Strobes, Garmin Handheld GPS Mounted, Cabin Heat off Exhaust, Plexiglas Doors, Skis, Extra prop and other stuff. Asking \$14,000.00 Ed Johnson 715-287-3263.

✎ Rotec Rally 2B 447 CDI B.R.S. 500# soft-

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## December Flying On Lake Nokomis



### Dec 2003 NCWLF Minutes

Our December 13th meeting was held at noon at the Merrill Airport. This was a joint Christmas meeting with EAA Chapters 243 and 640. There was no formal meeting, although several announcements were made for upcoming events. Jack Burkam gave the prayer before the meal. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the food. The next meeting will be in January at Syd Cohen's hangar at the Wausau Downtown airport.

Dody Neubauer  
Secretary

## Buy | Trade | Sell cont...

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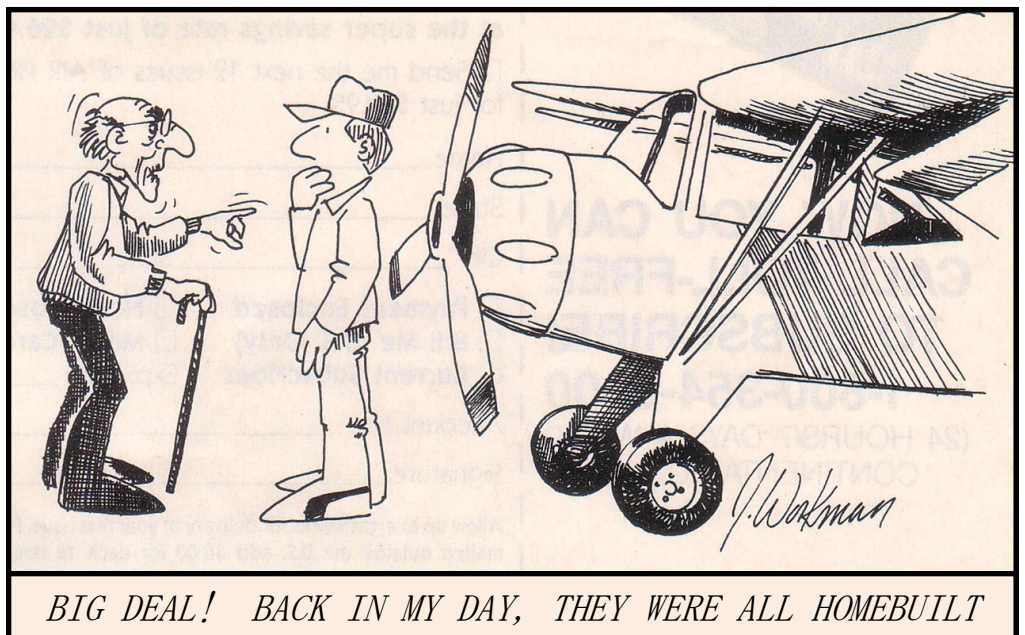
- pack 4 blade Ultra Prop ICOM A3 radio and headset. \$ 1750.00 Paul Zarnke 715-848-1816
- ✈ Kitfox Lite. Low time 2si engine, BRS chute, trailer and transport package available. Pictures at <http://www.geocities.com/Pipeline/Reef/9058> Asking \$14,000. Tim Duquaine DePere, WI [tduquaine@new.it.com](mailto:tduquaine@new.it.com)
- ✈ Looking to trade a 26 ft GMC motorhome for a Cherokee 180, 160, 140 or a Cessna 172. Something to train in and build hours. Does anyone have a Falcon XP for sale or trade, flying or a project? I also have a nice 18 ft sailboat I could trade for a Falcon XP. Ron 573-348-4654
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- ✈ Titan 1 with custom paint - 582 Rotax with 0 rebuild time on engine. Fully updated by Gordy Radtke. Jump seat option / BRS-5 chute. Full instrumentation with EIS. \$ 18,500 Tim Hanagan 92 0/734-8682

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### Your Event

Why not have your event featured in the newsletter and on the website? Send your pictures, articles, notes, etc... Email to [tvoss@pcpros.net](mailto:tvoss@pcpros.net) or mail to Tom Voss - 15203 Short Lane, Marathon, WI 54448

Now is also a great time to send items for 2004 calendar of events. It is never too early but if you wait too long it could be too late.



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## National Air Tour Stop - Wausau Downtown Airport 9/10/2003



Wausau has a great history of involvement with the National Air Tour which visited the city from 1928-1930. Here are a few fun facts about the tour and Wausau:

- Local newspapers reported in 1928 that practically every citizen from the city came out to Alexander Airport to witness the Tour's arrival. John P. Wood, a native of the city, was on that Tour and in the lead.
- The 128th Infantry Band played as John P. Wood guided the way into Wausau from St. Paul. When all the pilots had landed, they were treated to a luncheon, along with 480 people at the airport hangar. Hotel Wausau catered the luncheon affair.
- John P. Wood won the Tour that year in a Waco Ten biplane named the "Waco of Wausau." His ship was sponsored by Baby Ruth candy and carried the name of the famous sweet on the side of the aircraft. Just before arrival, Wood and his passenger would drop Baby Ruth candy bars attached to miniature parachutes for the crowd below to enjoy.
- Upon arrival, Wood received a very warm welcome and said, "I am highly pleased over this grand reception for myself and the other pilots in the Tour. Wausau surely has the right kind of spirit and is the best town I have ever been in. Coming home has never meant more to me in my life that it does right now."
- In August 1929, just one month before the National Air Tour, John P. Wood died in an air race in California. The pilots on the '29 Tour prepared to present a bronze tablet in memory of John P. Wood to Alexander Airport. They had planned to present it upon arrival, however a weather delay at the Tour stop forced organizers to postpone the presentation for two weeks.
- In 1930, the Tour made its first overnight stop in Wausau. They were hosted by Hotel Wausau and Frank Hawks was the spotlight of that year's news reports.





## A SPECIAL NIGHT CELEBRATING FLIGHT!

EAA Museum, Oshkosh, WI  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Hosted by EAA 252/Steve Wittman Chapter  
Master of Ceremonies: John Monnett

**Cocktails at 6:00 pm**  
**Dinner at 7:00 pm**

Come & join us for a memorable evening with Aviators,  
Airplanes, Food & Fun!

- Win Door Prizes, including a Round Trip Airfare Ticket!
- Participate in the "Silent Auction" of Aviation items!
- Enjoy a presentation by Museum Director, Adam Smith!
- Fly the Wright Flyer Simulator!

Invited guests and aviation legends include:

Paul & Audrey Poberezny  
Gene & Dorothy Chase  
Norm & Loretta Petersen  
Bill Brennand  
Munsil Williams

**\$25.00 per person**

Please reserve your tickets no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>  
Payment in advance or at the door.

RSVP to: Frank Friedman, Secretary, Chapter 252  
Phone (920) 237-3536 1239 Lake Breeze Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904  
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*Open to all EAA members, aviation enthusiasts, and friends.  
Help make our annual event a night to remember!*



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# 2004 Spring Pilot Education Programs

Date	City	Location
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Janesville	Helicopter Specialists Next to Blackhawk Tech
Wednesday, Jan. 28	Watertown	Wisconsin Aviation
Tuesday, Feb. 24	Sheboygan	Western Shore Aviation
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Green Bay	CAVU Aviation
Tuesday, March 23	La Crosse	Colgan Air Services
Wednesday, March 24	Eau Claire	Heartland Aviation

All programs run from 7:00 PM to 9:45 PM

**How To Make Successful Takeoff's and Landing's**  
Jimmy Szajkovichs, FAA/Milwaukee FSDO

**Aging Aircraft, Corrosion & Airworthiness Issues**  
Ray Peterson, FAA/Milwaukee FSDO

**Situational Awareness – Do You Always Have It?**  
Jeff Taylor, WisDOT, Bureau of Aeronautics

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