



# EAA Ultralight Chapter 75

North Central Wisconsin Lite Flyers

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## Editorial Notes by Rich Prange

### Plus Temps

These thoughts were generated back in January, remember the extreme cold start for 2018? As we headed off to our last chapter meeting Saturday morning, temps will bump up to nearly 40 degrees.

For a normal convection day temperatures drop 3 – 5 degrees (f) per thousand feet (recall that from ground school)? On one of those wicked cold days, after as short test flight in his Lancair, Joe M., at KRRL, experienced 50 degrees at 4,500 feet, quite a temperature inversion! Some of us would like to stay up there until March!

### Battery A.D. (sorta)

Not to be confused with the Nestle product, I had a hot pocket last week while doing some hangar work. Two of my smoke alarms, at home, needed replacement 9 volt batteries. One battery was properly disposed of, the other went into my pocket – along with some U.S. minted coinage.

Yup, you know the rest of the story. The abbreviated version of this unofficial “A.D.” would be, don’t fly or drive

with a 9 volt battery in your pants.

### Drugs and Cowboy Flying

This writer is about to cross a line into a discomfort zone. For background, I cite a Charlie Precourt Commentary in our Sport Aviation Magazine, Jan 2018. Basically the article summarizes Roy Halladay’s extreme error in judgment while flying. Halladay was piloting an Icon A5 resulting in a fatal crash.

Precourt continues by explaining the relationship between speed, altitude, and maneuvering capabilities of any given aircraft at low altitude. In closing, he breaks down visual illusion “when flying relative to the ground.” I suggest reading Charlie Precourt’s article as a good investment for us low fliers.

My opinion about Roy Halladay, the NTSB determined that the retired Phillies pitcher was flying with significant amounts of amphetamines and morphine in his system. Unfortunately many celebrity athletes feel that they have earned a free pass in issues of judgment and appropriate conduct off the field.



From a study “The NTSB concluded that the FAA doesn’t provide pilots with adequate information to make informed decisions about which drugs are safe or unsafe to use while flying.” For Halladay a mix of amphetamines and morphine is a no brainer. His one person fatality could have gone exponential.

### Short Final

Literally, does it mean you are turning off the base leg for a shortened final approach? Does short final mean you are about to touch down? Is that term used as a wakeup call for the ATC guy who forgot to clear you for landing?

I asked my Dell computer to find that information for me and it directed me to an aviation Q&A forum.

I think all the participants on that site were wearing their grumpy pants. I didn’t get a very understandable answer.

### Important History

[Feb 1918: General Order 299](#) specified that all U.S. Army Air Service airplanes would have a new insignia consisting of three concentric circles, red, blue, white outside to inside. Loaded with that fact,

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U.S. Army Air Service national insignia, 1918–1919.

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# NCWLF Treasurer Report February 2018

<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 1,298.93	Balance Forward	\$ 36,658.36
Checking Deposits		Interest	.93
	184.00		
Checking Payments		<u>Savings Balance</u>	\$ 36,659.29
Lees Famous Chicken	142.43		
WULAC	200.00		
Karen Krueger Xmas Party	225.00		
<u>Checking Balance</u>	\$ 915.50	<u>Total Cash</u>	\$ 37,574.79

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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.*

**Send dues to: NCWLF P.O. Box 12 Schofield, WI 54476**

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try to work it into your next conversation. Better yet, just

keep it to yourself and have dinner at your local Applebees and celebrate.

Keep your needle in the green.

## January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the NCWLF was held at Glen and Rick's hangar at the Wausau airport. There were 40 members present with an amazing variety of staples and deserts on the tables. No menu, and the "potluck" never ceases to amaze. The chicken was provided by Chapter 75. President Steve Krueger called the monthly meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with the ringing of the Payzer bell (thanks, Bob). Thanks were given to Rick and Glen for the use of the hangar. Introduction of members and guests, and the reading of the November minutes as we did not have a formal meeting in Dec. at the Merrill Christmas party. Joe Malsack motioned that the minutes be accepted, Harold Schauer 2nd, motion accepted. Larry Wenning read **the treasurer's minutes**, no corrections, Dick Neitzel made the motion to accept, Joe Malsack 2nd, accepted as read. See Larry for your current status and payment of dues.

Carl Green passed away, and the chapter sent flowers to his service. Barb Green sent a

nice thank you card to chapter, which Steve read aloud.

Old Business:

Chapter calendars are now available. All that we had ordered were gone, and we ordered 12 more. Now available for \$12 each.

Steve talked with Jim Shnowske last week. He was hoping to make the meeting, but they went to Minneapolis to be with family. He sent in a letter thanking the chapter for all the get-well cards and good wishes.

New Business:

With every chapter organization, it takes a team to make it run smoothly. Steve handed out chapter service awards to Lyle Banser, Paul Buss, Dan Marlenga, Joe Mapes and MaDonna McMahan (acting secretary), Larry Wenning, and Tuesday night flyout coordinator, Dick Neitzel. Thanks to the board of directors and to all of the chapter members for making 75 a success.

Joe Malsack made announcement that Merrill Airport is redoing runway 16/34. They need letters from folks using the airport to extend the run-

**way +400' for a safety margin.** FAA wants to know how many take offs and landings to county operations. The **runways are 2700' now.** See Steve or Joe before the end of January.

Congratulations to Dan Marlenga! His Rans is done and inspected. Dan asked to "spin a tale" about his inspection. "Project took 10+ years to complete. Todd Davis was in charge. The FSDO would not give the inspector \$\$ to stay overnight to complete the job. Dan needed info and a **builder's log, so he had to** quickly gather photos and info. 8:30 a.m. inspector arrived. Walk around. His mother was from Phillips, and **Dan knew his mother's sister and his family. Dan's mother worked with the inspector's** grandmother at the school cafeteria. Talked about his flying experience. He had a copy of the airport off Google. No stone unturned. 12 pages of items to inspect. It took 3 hours with only a few items on a squawk sheet. There was a 3-page list of instructions which Dan had to read out loud. In the end all

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## Next NCWLF Meeting February 17

Our next chapter meeting will be Saturday, February 17, 10:30 am at the Antigo Langlade Co Airport. Hope to see you there.

## 2018 Calendars

Pick up your 2018 edition at our February meeting. Only a few left. Cost is \$12.

## Renewals

Larry Wenning is collecting dues. Our year runs from April, but he will be letting EAA know our member status. Let him know if you want to receive your newsletter by e-mail or paper. Currently there are about 20 members who receive it by paper.



### Calendar of Events

- Feb 10 EAA Skiplane Fly-In 2018  
February 10, 2018 - 10a.m.-1:30p.m. | Free Admission | Pioneer Airport Oshkosh, WI
- Feb 17 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM Antigo WI
- March 17 [Light Plane Safety Seminar](#) EAA AirVenture Museum Oshkosh WI
- April 4-9 Sun N Fun Lakeland FL
- April 21 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- May 19 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- June 16 Chapter Meeting
- July 14 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- July 23 -29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
- August 12 Musky Day Fly In Boulder Junction
- August 18 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- September 8 Merrill Airport Day
- September 15 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- October 20 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- November 10 Chapter Meeting 10:30 AM
- December 8 Chapter Meeting 12 noon

Events are preliminary and are subject to Change. Calendar of Events is updated monthly. Contact Tom Voss to list events in subsequent newsletters.  
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### January Meeting Minutes cont...

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was OK. Then there were 4-1/2 hrs. up and down the runway. He finally got certified with airman and repair certificates. Dan said that he could have finished the project 5 years ago and been flying. This past year our chapter has met with a lot of diverse events. We lost 4 members last year. He wanted to challenge members to have a bucket list and pick the biggest thing on that list. Do not wait. Please do not wait. Everything past is in the rear view mirror. He had photos, but needed to organize them, plus the inspector wanted to see the builder in the photo with the project. Get someone to take your **picture!" (Thanks, Dan.)**

Fly in Events:  
**EAA's ski fly in (invitation only)** is Sat. Feb. 10

### EAA Skiplane Fly-In 2018

February 10, 2018 - 10a.m.-1:30p.m. | Free Admission | Pioneer Airport  
**One of the area's most colorful events of the season returns for its 26th year. The annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In, will be held on Saturday, February 10, at the EAA Aviation Museum's Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh. Guests are welcome to enjoy the sights and sounds of Pioneer Airport**

A reminder of the Light Plane Safety Seminar at the EAA AirVenture Museum on St. **Pat's Day, Mar. 17, 2018.** Registration is at 8:00 a.m. This will be our 25th year! Dan Marlenga made a motion that the chapter give \$200 to the seminar as we have done in the past. Bill Kaiser 2nd. Motion passed. One of the guest speakers will be Dan Johnson, on your future aircraft purchase.  
Jan. 30, 2018 is a Wings evening seminar at Wausau Downtown on winter flying. Check with Larry for your dues.  
Project Reports:  
Joe Mapes announced that he retired Jan.2. As a retirement gift, they gave him a ride on the B-17 come Spring. Congratulations to Joe – longtime coming!

Jim Zietlow reported that his bucket list had included a trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He recently took his daughter with him flying through Canada, crossing the border at Sault Ste. Marie. Two weeks flying in an Avid Flyer. Would **recommend it. He's thinking** of going to Alaska.

\$100 Drawing:  
Names drawn were Bill Reed and Steve Krueger. Steve was the winner.  
Next Meeting:  
Next Meeting is at the Antigo, Langlade Co Airport Sat. Feb. 17 10:30 AM.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. to get ready for fun and games. Sign up for the door prizes.  
Acting Secretary: MaDonna McMahan

while enjoying a warm bowl of soup or chili and a sweet treat. This special, free-of-charge, winter event celebrates the unique flight segment of skiplane flying as well as the anniversary of the first-ever meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26, 1953. Signs will direct visitors to the Pioneer Airport area upon arrival to the museum. Shut-

tle services will also operate from Basler Flight Service for those flying in and landing at Wittman Regional Airport.  
Would you like to land your skiplane at Pioneer Airport for the event? Pilots must obtain permission and air operations instructions by contacting **EAA's Miranda LaBrec at 920-4 2 6 - 6 5 9 7** or at [mlabrec@eaa.org](mailto:mlabrec@eaa.org).

# Buy Sell Trade

- ✈️ 1947 7AC Champ. Motivated seller. The plane was listed on Barnstormers website at \$17,500. It is located in Chipewewa Falls. Contact Mike Riley.
- ✈️ Don Mahn's 75% Completed Pietenpol. Freshly Rebuilt Corvair engine, Engine is Hung, Paint Fabric, Airframe Complete. \$6,500.00 Contact Mary Mahn 920-460-6848
- ✈️ 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
- ✈️ 2 – 582 rotax engines with c gearboxes 3 to 1 ratio. One gearbox has the clutch in it and the other does not but I have the clutch that could be installed in that one. Both gearboxes and engines. Mike Pritchard. \$3000.00. Mike.Pritchard@reinhardtco.com
- ✈️ 1998 Blue and Black Rans S-5 built by Rans as their show bird for EAA in 1998. Rotax 503 UL DCDI. Aircraft has 268 hrs and engine has 178 hrs. Lots of spare parts, 2 new carburetors, new muffler, radio, and test equipment and much more also go with it. Clear coated for UV protection, always hangared, Based in Antigo \$12,000 OBO. Pete Dernbach 715-350-9068
- ✈️ 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 Hangared Stevens Point, WI \$8,000 Charley White 715 344-5646

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