

Microlite Flyer

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EAA Ultralight Chapter 1

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Here's some photos from the 2009 first fly-in.

The guys, the gals, the food, the airport, and working on airplanes. Although no flying took place, all of the components of a fly-in were there.

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Next Meeting – March 10th at 7:30 at Maxim's Restaurant

April Newsletter Submission Deadline: April 6th

President's Perspective ...

Microlite Flyers Turn 30!

That's right; we are in our 30th year as EAA Ultralight Chapter #1. I myself have only been around for the last 13 years or so. The time sure **FLIES** when you're having this much fun, right!!

I've been working on a 30th anniversary Chapter t-shirt logo and will submit for review when it's complete. There is also a commemorative patch design in the works as well. I'd like to have these printed and ready for our upcoming flying season.

In recognition of this landmark I will be bringing all of our old Chapter photo albums to our meeting and events in the hopes that you will add to them from your own collections. We have not had very good support for Chapter photo albums for quite a few years and I'd like to ask that you dig into your collections and find copies of Chapter event pictures and other memorabilia that you'd be willing to donate. *Please bring me what you have so that we can continue to document our history.*

I've copied a paragraph from the original Chapter History page from Bart's ancient web page that give the year that EAA recruited our founders to start as an **ULTRALIGHT** Chapter.



"1979

By 1979 the ultralight phenomenon is ready to skyrocket. January '79 club membership still stands at 10 members. Finally the club finds a more suitable and stable meeting place at Aero Park in Lannon, Wisconsin. (20 years later you can still catch our monthly membership meetings there.) In the spring of '79 the club published its first newsletter, the "Microlite Flyer".

This represented the only club of its kind and as the word circulated, manufacturers, dealers, hang gliding publications, and even EAA were sending ultralight inquiries to the Microlites. EAA quickly responded by recruiting the young club to become EAA Chapter #665. Throughout the 1979 season the ultralight movement explodes.

By the end of 1979 the Microlite flyers membership swells from the original 10, to over 100. John Moody, of Kansasville, Wisconsin, "the Father of Ultralights", joined the ranks as Microlite Flyer #15. The trend continued with new members based in places like Alaska, and Internationally as far away as Venezuela."



We've come a long way baby!



Flying Related

During these long cold winter months there has not been a lot of Chapter activity to report on. I can only assume that no one has been working on aviation related projects that bear mentioning in these pages?

I, for one, have been at my hanger only a few times since the snow came. During those times I took care of general maintenance such as an oil and filter change, had my prop re-carved to the proper pitch and length and have the big round cowl in the paint shop. I look forward (with some trepidation) to doing some re-painting when Mother Nature finally turns the heat back up a little. I'm going to try to paint a coat of light blue over the gaudy black emblems on the sides of the Nieuport fuselage.

Pat Spanaus has offered the use of his airless paint gun for this purpose (thanks Pat!) and I hope to upgrade my painting skills from grade school to anything acceptable God willing! I'll report the results when I'm finished.

EAA Founders Wing Display

I haven't gotten any response from my plea for old Chapter memorabilia to add to our Chapter's display being sent to the EAA Founders Wing. Let

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this message serve as a reminder that we are trying to put together a historical wall display to be displayed in the Wing. Any old pictures, newsletters etc. you may have and would consider donating are welcome and much appreciated. Please bring what you have to our March 10th meeting. Thank you!

APRIL MEETING

As you've read time and again the last couple months, I'm tired of being cooped up at home all these cold winter days and weeks. So I'm going to thumb my nose at the foul weather and go ahead with a good ol' fashioned Eatin' Meetin' on the first Saturday the 4th of April. Fools Day will be over with and there'll be plenty of time to prepare for the Easter holiday the following Sunday. I'll think up something tasty and filling for the main course, you bring the fixin's.

- Last names starting with A thru M – Please bring salads.
- Last names starting with N thru the rest of the alphabet – Please bring desserts.

“Where???” you might ask “will we be having this meeting?” My answer is the Hartford Municipal Airport Pilot's Lounge. I'd like to meet around 11AM, quickly conduct our business and then get to good stuff. Maybe the Good Lord will smile down upon us and we will have good flying weather for this one? Right... too early to tell. Hope you can make it!

That's a Wrap

That's all for now, hope to see many of you this weekend at the Safety Seminar. If you can't make the trip, please join us this coming Tuesday night at Maxim's.

Thanks,
Steve M.

E d i t o r i a l S u b m i s s i o n

By Corey Cassavant

This month I had the opportunity to speak at an aviation explorer's meeting. I had not heard of these groups before, but they are pretty neat. It is a group of mostly high-school aged kids and more experienced aviation mentors that get together periodically to learn more about airplanes and aviation in general. This particular group met at the EAA Chapter 838 hangar at Racine's Batten airport. More about that later.

One of the staff had heard about ultralights from a talk I gave at a local elementary school. They invited me down to talk about ultralights and our club. When I came into the meeting room, they were playing a game of aircraft identification. A picture of an airplane was flashed on the projector and the first one to correctly call out the make and model got points. We had a pretty informal chat about ultralights, how they fly, how they are built, etc. The kids asked lots of good questions and seemed to enjoy learning about a different facet of flying.

If you have never been to EAA chapter 838's hangar, it's worth a visit. Their meeting space is has a seating lobby, a kitchen, and a large meeting room. They have a mini aviation museum in the hangar. They also have a yoke and panel X-plane simulator that they rent out to their members to raise money for the chapter. I plan to visit for one of their pancake breakfasts this year to meet some more of the chapter members. Let me know if you want to go!

M e m b e r s h i p C h a i r m a n Tom Corso

Thank You to all members who have supported The Microlite Flyers by renewing their membership for 2009. Our friends and fellow “former” members who have not renewed for 2009 will not be receiving this newsletter. Please encourage anyone you know who may have forgotten to renew to do so as soon as possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all members that you can save the club quite a bit of money if you are able to receive your newsletter by email. You also receive it earlier and in living color. Please let me know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email. - Thank You

16th Annual Ultralight and Light Aviation Safety Seminar 2009

Saturday, March 7th

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Mead & Conference Center
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.



Registration at 8:00 a.m.

Morning Refreshments and Lunch Available.

Morning Sessions include:

Flying Weather

John Dorcey – Aviation Consultant

WSI The New Weather info System / Wings program

Jeff Taylor – Wisconsin DOT Bureau of Aviation

Stalls/ Spins , Always Flying The Airplane

Brian Krueger – CFII - Commercial Pilot

(Luncheon Break – Buffet line available on site)

Afternoon Sessions Include:

Proper Care/ Feeding Rotax 2/4 Stroke Engines

Brian Meyerhofer – Leading Edge Airfoils

Takeoffs and Landings you can Walk Away from

Keith Myers – CFI DPE

Door Prize Drawings at “ALL BREAKS” and
our Big Ticket Raffle at the close of our Seminar.

Big Ticket Raffle Items :

(2) Sets of 2 Passes to AirVenture 2008 -
Courtesy of EAA

Comtronics Headset - Courtesy of Comtronics

Windsocks – Courtesy of Bruce Hawk

Winter Snow Skis – Courtesy of Specialty
Welding –Greg Klemp
Neshkoro WI

Engine Cover – Courtesy of Sue Brown

Shell Aviation Motor Oil – Courtesy of Shell

Amsoil – Courtesy of Amsoil

I-COM Radio –Courtesy of I-COM

GPS – Lowrance

Sylvania Soaring Adventures

Warp Drive propeller –Courtesy of Warpdrive

EIS System – Courtesy of Grand Rapids
Technology

Seminar Lodging

- Hotel Mead 451 E. Grand Avenue (800) 843-6323
- (Confirm by Feb 13 to get Special Safety Seminar rate)
- Quality Inn 3120 8th Street South (715) 423-5506
- Super 8 Motel 3410 8th Street South (800) 800-8000
- AmericInn Motel & Suites 3010 8th Street South (800) 634-3444

Chapter Events

WULAC SAFETY SEMINAR

MARCH 7TH
HOTEL MEAD & CONFERENCE CENTER
CONTACT: STEVE MAGDIC
262-370-3182

AIRVENTURE WORK DAY

JULY 18TH
CONTACT: STEVE MAGDIC
262-370-3182

SUN N' FUN

APRIL 21ST – 26TH

AIRVENTURE

JULY 27TH – AUGUST 2ND

FRANK LUKE FLY-IN

MAY 30TH

MATHAIRE FLY-IN

SEPTEMBER 5TH – 7TH
MATHAIRE AIRPORT

FT. ATKINSON BREAKFAST FLY-IN

JUNE 6TH
FT. ATKINSON AIRPORT
CONTACT: JAMES HOEPPNER
262-790-1902

GOLNER PROP ROAST

SEPTEMBER 19TH

LONGEST DAYS FLY-IN

JUNE 20TH

CHILI-DUMP FLY-IN

NOVEMBER 7TH
MCDERMOTT AIRPORT

Microlite Flyers - Treasurer's Report

February 2009

Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
	Operating Fund - Checking Account			
1/13/09	Beginning Balance			\$1200.28
1/13/09	CK 1101 – Newsletter Expense	\$ 38.21		
1/13/09	CK 1102 – EAA Air Academy – Doug Griswald	\$100.00		
1/13/09	CK 1103 – 1st Fly-In	\$174.85		
1/14/09	Deposit – Calendars & Dues		\$110.00	
1/17/09	CK 1104 – HAWS – Donation – Tom Marley	\$50.00		
1/20/09	Deposit – Dues		\$ 120.00	
1/21/09	CK 1105 – EAA Air Academy – Andrew	\$150.00		
2/11/09	Deposit – Dues & Raffle		\$153.00	
2/11/09	Deposit – Dues		\$120.00	
2/20/09	Deposit – Dues		\$60.00	
2/20/09	CK 1106 – WULAC Donation	\$100.00		
01/13/09	Ending Balance - Total Operating Fund			\$1150.22
	Education Fund - Savings Account			
12/31/08	Ending Balance			\$ 1,427.99
	Education Fund - CD - Matures 09/11/2009			
12/31/08	Ending Balance			\$ 5,046.72
	Education Fund Total			\$ 6,474.71

Respectfully Submitted: *Tom Corso*

Secretary's Report

Respectfully submitted by Lee Taylor

The February 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. on February 17 at Maxim's Restaurant, Brookfield. 16 current members were in attendance.

Officers Present:

Steve Magdic - President; James Hoepfner - Vice President; and Lee Taylor - Secretary.

Reports:

Secretary: Report approved as published.

Treasurer: Report approved as published.

Committees:

Membership: Last month Tom reported 68 current members with about half renewed for 2009.

Newsletter: Newsletter cut off of March 1st for those not renewed for 2009.

Young Eagles: It was discovered the incorrect 'Scholarship Form' for Douglas to attend the Air Academy had been submitted. The correct form will be completed and submitted.

Director at Large: Nothing new to report.

Web Site: The web site is up to date. Updates were made in early December to the web site; however they were not brought 'online' until very recently.

Safety Operations: Nothing new to report. Joe was not at the meeting.

Old Business:

- Steve provided a chapter update about clothing and hats. He said he could not get the scanned chapter logo from the old printer and has been in touch with a new screen printer for printing chapter hats and shirts. Discussions about shirts with pockets, embroidered jacket patches, 30th Anniversary MLF patches and logos as well as Light Sport/ Experimental patches took place among the members.
- It is still planned for the legal eagle to be displayed in the Wittman FBO at Oshkosh airport.
- The 'Teeny Two' is still in storage in Corey's hanger at Timmerman Airport. The plane will be assembled in spring and sold.
- The MLF Christmas party was informally held at Maxims Restaurant on January 31. A minimum of 30 members was needed to reserve the downstairs room. Only 13 club members signed up. Cocktails and dinner were enjoyed by all in attendance.
- The Official 2009 MLF event calendar was distributed to everyone in the last newsletter and via a separate e-mail.
- 2009 EAA World of Flight calendars were distributed.

New Business:

- On Saturday March 7th the annual Light Sport and Ultralight Safety Seminar will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at the Mead Inn. Last year the chapter donated \$100 to the event. Steve would like a strong member showing this year as well as members to help display the MLF flag, videos of chapter events and distribute information.
- A portion of the EAA museum in Oshkosh is being remodeled into a large meeting area. The area is due to be finished this March. Chapter items will be displayed in a new wing. Contact Steve with any MLF memorabilia that you have and would like added to the EAA Chapter #1 display.
- May 30th is the next scheduled event. Steve would like to have another event before then. Possibly a spaghetti feed, or...?
- Steve will be in touch via e-mail with the board members regarding specific topics for 2009.
- Bob Z. reported he and Steve M. flew up to the Oshkosh Ski Plane Fly-In. Great food including Audrey's birthday cake was served. Twenty Seven planes flew in. Despite cold weather a great time was had by all in attendance.
- James reported on the Brodhead Ski Plane Fly-In. Four planes flew in including a Kitfox from Indiana. One ski plane after an unsuccessful takeoff successfully took off on another runway which had more snow and less water.
- Proposed changes at EAA Oshkosh 09 are having the Light Sport Aircraft dealers set up in the Ultralight display area.
- The March MLF monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday March 10th at Maxims Restaurant, 18025 W. Capital Drive, Brookfield, WI (262) 783-4501. Watch for meeting date and time changes in coming months.

Incidents: None

Raffle: - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next months meeting will be held at Maxims Restaurant, Tuesday March 10th 7:30PM.

WANT ADS

AIRCRAFT

1994 Kolb Firestar II, N4939J
Rotax 447, 140 TT, BRS, Radio,
Always hangared. \$13,500
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(10-08)

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430 Cuyuna, excellent shape, always
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wrecked. Tach, EGT, radio, antenna,
strobe, extra fuel tank, pure part 103
aircraft. \$3500
Pat Kenny (715) 479-5036
(6-08)

Challenger 1 – Rotax 503 w/ 300hrs
Has all options, call for details.
George (608) 839-9417
(3-06)

HANGAR SPACE AVAILABLE

Hangar at McDermott April 1st, \$325
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(4-08)

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Bob Massie (608) 839-9417
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