MN Lite Flyers News

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Club meets the second Sunday each month, 2pm at the Waseca Municipal Airport.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:Feb 9Lite Flyers meeting, Waseca Airport, MN 2-4pmMarch 15WI Light Aviation Safety Seminar, Oshkosh, WI

January meeting notes:

We had 6 members, and 1 visitor in attendance for our January meeting. We all introduced ourselves to Larry (sorry, but I didn't get his last name) He is the self proclaimed "airport bum" at the Waseca airport. He found out about our meetings from the club flyer that I posted on the airport bulletin board. He's been a pilot for many years and lives in Waseca. He is hoping for a club type situation with a Light Sport aircraft he can fly. He'd prefer not to own his own aircraft.

Ray Siefert reported that he's back to working on his Zenair 601. With his farming, and road maintenance jobs over summer, winter time is the only time he's able to work on the plane. He said it's been about a year since he's done anything with it. He reported that the biggest problem is remembering exactly where he left off last time, so nothing gets missed, or assembled in the wrong order. He does make notes in the builders manual, and marks off each step, but it still takes a while to get the flow going again. He's currently working on the flap linkage, and fuel system plumbing.

Dennis brought along one of his original main gear legs from his Kolb, and also the start of one of his new legs. The new legs will be made from 1" diameter fiberglass rod. He's having stainless steel fittings machined to attach the legs to the fuselage, and also for the axles to attach. He's behind in his plans, as the machine shop he's using had one of their machined break down, and the shop is waiting for the parts to arrive.

Tim Bjork brought a selection of aviation books that were given to him by an acquaintance, who's husband had passed away. He wanted to give them away to anyone who could use them, to promote the sport. Dennis Thate took them, to be placed in the Fairmont airport lounge.

Tim also reported that his Vagabond is home, in his hangar for the winter. He pulled it out one day to start it and warm it up before putting it away again. He said it was really difficult to start in the cold weather. We ended the meeting with the viewing of the 20/20 episode from 1984, that is blamed for the rapid decline of ultralight aviation in the mid 80's. We also watched a video from 1981 of a Kasperwing being flown inside the King Dome.

WI Safety Seminar:

Saturday, March 15 is the annual WI Ultralight and Sport Aviation Safety Seminar, held at the EAA museum's Founder's Wing in Oshkosh, WI. It is a free, 1 day event, from 8am till 4pm. Lots of door prizes given out. Seminar topics include: Spring tune up on Rotax 2 cycle and 4 cycle engines, "Weather" to fly, Getting Proper Information for Your Flight, Light Plane Accidents, And The Rest of The Story, and Situational Awareness, and You. There are several nearby hotels with special rates for the event. Since the seminar has been moved to Oshkosh, it's too far for most of us to drive there and back in 1 day. For more information, go to : http://av8safe.org/event.html