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The Chapter 93 monthly meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008, at our Chapter clubroom, Blackhawk Field, Cottage Grove, WI. Be there for the planning of the first annual? Chapter 93 Picnic. Program to be announced.



Skot Weidemann with his Cessna 172K and Luscombe 8A

A Visit with Skot Weidemann

On a recent cold, bright winter morning, I met Skot Weidemann at his Morey Airfield hangar. Parked neatly inside were two beautiful airplanes--a green and white Cessna 172K Skyhawk and a shiny silver and blue Luscombe 8A. When asked why he had 2 planes, Skot replied "...because he is a lucky guy with an obsession to own and fly airplanes and with the moral support of my wife, Casey, I was able to acquire the Skyhawk and recently the Luscombe."

Prior to stepping up to the 172, Skot owned a Cessna 152J for 27 years and logged about 2200 hours. Needing more room and more power lead to the trade up to the Skyhawk which he uses for aerial photography, Young Eagle Flights, trips to Sun 'n' Fun and airport hopping.

The Luscombe is another good story. Back in the 60's Skot owned an 8A with fabric wings so the Luscombe has nostalgic value. But in addition, it is one of only a few Part 23 certified aircraft that meet the requirements for Light Sport Aircraft. That will be handy if he decides to fly under LSA rules. The Luscombe has inherent stability issues in that it is a narrow-gear taildragger that is small and light. In the air, pitch control is touchy and you need to keep 1 hand on the stick at all times. It takes concentration to taxi, take off and land but continuous practice helps make you a better pilot.

Skot has had the 8A for about 2 years and enjoys working on the plane as well as flying it. He has installed a battery, alternator, com radio and transponder pointing out how modifying a factory-built plane can be expensive and time consuming due to government regulations. But all this time and effort are worth it he says because of the enjoyment he gets from both of his planes. I agree, he really is a lucky guy. *Jerry Matzelle*

Young Eagles—First event of the year is fast approaching.....May 17

Saturday 9AM-Noon—(rain date is Sunday)

Additional volunteers are needed for the event.

Even more than volunteers, we need more Young Eagles candidates. Please contact youth groups in your area and tell them of this opportunity to get an airplane ride..

If you can help with the event or if you have names of kids who want to fly, call **Bill Rewey at 608-833-5839 or Patty Plantz at 334-5863**. Here is an updated list including areas of need:

Pilots and Aircraft

- *Bill Rewey—Pietenpol
- *Patty Plantz—Bellanca
- *Larry Landucci—Zenith 801
- *Jeff Plantz—Bellanca
- *Don Ripp—Citabria

Registration (Need 2)

- *Joni Fobes

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Create Event Sandwich Board

- *Jack Jerred

Ground School (Need 2)

- *Dan Payne

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Ground Control and Flightline Safety

- *George Stulgatis
- *Fred Leidel
- *Jerry Matzelle

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Provide Radio

- *Don Ripp

Table to Promote Chapter Membership (Need 2)

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Display Aircraft for veiwng and Questions (Need 2)

- Dave Van Lanen

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Other Concerns and Needs?

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A CHAPTER 93 POT LUCK/PICNIC

The date is set—**Sunday, June 8**—and planning has begun for the first (and we hope annual) Chapter 93 PotLuck/Picnic. The event will start at 2:00PM with the meal beginning at 3:00PM. The Chapter will provide meat and buns. Members are asked to bring a dish or chips to pass. We would like to incorporate airplane rides for members and demonstrations of airplane building techniques.....and prodigious amounts of “hangar flying.” One demo will be a presentation by the Pietenpol Builders Group. Get-Together Pot-Luck Meeting. Rain date is June 22.

Bill Rewey on the acetylene torch and Jerry Matzelle assisting in the welding of the Pietenpol landing gear. >>>>>



PRESIDENTS REPORT/NOTES:

Happy May, Green Lawns & Warm temps. to Chapter 93 Members & Familys!

Important Note: at last Thursdays board meeting it was reported that not one response has been forwarded to Bill Rewey or Patty Plantz with interest in the Young Eagle Program scheduled for May 17th at "Blackhawk" (87Y). Please folks you need to get the word out and invite some kids to attend this event. Have them contact either Bill Rewey at 833-5839 or Patty Plantz at 334-5863 ASAP(read more about this and other board meeting items in the Secretary's report.)

Having attended a EAA Leadership Workshop April 18 through 20th at the EAA grounds I returned home with a "Binder Of Good Ideas" for Chapter activities & events. (I will make this binder available to any chapter member) This I can say, your

board and other members are coming up with excellent ideas at the monthly board meetings. (Remember that board meetings are open to the membership) as well as any idea can be forwarded to a board member. So send us your ideas!

Back to the leadership workshop, I attended this with 28 others from around US and Canada as well as a good showing from EAA staff to include Tom & Paul Poberezny. A statement was made that bringing back the "grass roots aviation" to EAA was important as well as the need for new pilots & membership numbers to grow.
(Check out EAA ehotline-volume 8 Number 24, a salute to the homebuilt aircraft.)

After this summer's Air Venture construction will start on the grounds for a new road system with the plan to move people in a more efficient manor about the site during Air Venture and other events held on the EAA grounds. Other improvements will include WiFi wireless Internet throughout the campgrounds, improved electrical service for the campground, and a new area in the Museum dedicated to the "roots" of EAA. This will include the Paul & Audry Poberezny collection of personal artifacts, a recreation of the "coal bin" turned office and Paul's first home workshop. In this area is planned a room for receptions and banquets rather than having to use the Eagle Hanger for this purpose.

One very important event of the weekend was the chance to have a "brat & bean feed" with Paul Poberezny at his workshop. This was the first time I met Mr. Poberezny and, hey, he took the time to chat with me. He had an old baseball hat on and looked as though he'd just finished welding on the project in his workshop. Those in attendance also got to look in and around some of the other storage buildings on site in order to see what is donated to EAA. It was stated that sometimes a truck just shows up loaded with aircraft and parts. All said and done a very good weekend and worth the price of admission!

Another announcement was of a new website addition that will allow members to search back issues of "Sport Aviation" starting with #1 and presently through 2006. This addition has yet to be rolled out to the general membership but given to those at this Workshop to pass on to their respective chapters:

<http://members.eaa.org/home/saarchive/Default.aspx>

It works well so give it a try! See you at the next chapter meeting. *Don Ripp*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board Meeting 05/01/2008

The Chapter is still looking for a handicapped port-a-potty to replace the existing one at the club house location. Meeting at 9:00am on the 31st of May for runway weed spraying, rumor has it that there may be coffee and donuts to be consumed until the dew is off the weeds on the runway. A board member will present the ideal of starting an Aviation Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Chapter.

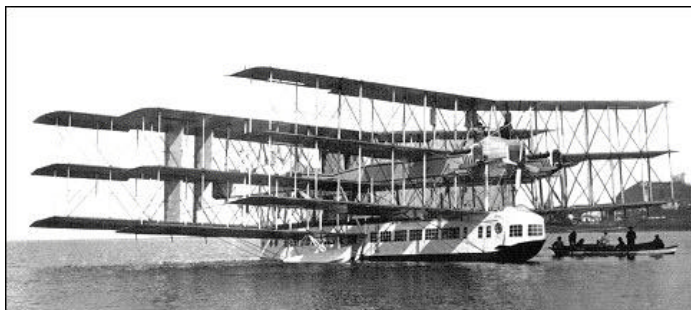
Chapter Meeting 04/17/2008

The new refrigerator has arrived (Thank you **Gary Chenier** for expediting this.) and the Chapter will be greener for it. We had two guests present at our Chapter meeting this month- **Michael Turner and Devin Turner**. Welcome Michael and Devin. **Bob Edwards** gave the chapter an update on his RV-8 building project. There are some co-chair positions that need to be filled. Any volunteers for any of the following positions: Newsletter co-editor, Young Eagle Co-chair and a Publicity co-chair. Looking for pictures of airplane projects to be placed on the Chapter website, contact Don Ripp. The Chapter 93 EAA work weekend will be June 28 & 29. May 31st will be a workday at Blackhawk Airport with the spraying of the weeds on and near the runway. Our quest speaker this month was Devin Turner who was our Air Academy candidate for last year. Thank you, Devin for speaking to the Chapter members. *Earl P. Martin*

CHECK OUT THE NEW OUTDOORS LIGHTING!!

A big thanks to **Dave Jardeau** for installing new motion detection lights at the corners of the clubhouse hangar. These "aids to navigation" will make it much safer to get to your car during night operations and IFR conditions.

AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION



This month's aircraft had nine wings and eight engines. With this, or an even bigger version, the designer hoped to fly over 100 passengers across the Atlantic. A test hop was successful. The official first flight reached an altitude of about 60 feet then plunged into the water. The plane suffered substantial damage and was scrapped. The pilot managed to crawl out of the wreckage unhurt. What is the name of this plane?

Last month's aircraft is a Maverick Twinjet.

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