



# CORBEN COURIER

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**TEST QUESTION—multiple choice:**

**IS THIS THE LAST CORBEN CHAPTER 93 NEWSLETTER YOU WILL EVER SEE????**

- A. No, but it could be if someone does not volunteer to do be editor.
- B. No, because *(place your name here)* volunteers to do it.
- C. Yes, we don't need one.
- D. What? You mean EAA HQ doesn't do this for us???

Now that I have your attention—Jack and Mary Ann Jerred have been our newsletter editors for several years now and have been publishing a very interesting and informative newsletter. They have enjoyed doing this each month and their product reflects that joy in a job well done. Jack has informed me that the Jerred's now want to pass the torch to someone who will take it and put his/her own stamp on the product.

The newsletter can be anything that the editor wants it to be—one page, two or the present four—who knows. It may even be larger. I would suggest that the new editor(s) make a commitment of one or two years. It makes the job easier if you have a computer, but an old manual Smith-Corona, pencil and paper or even stone and chisel will work (if you can get Kinko's to copy it.) If you have interest in this important job contact Jack or any of the club officers (contact info at the end of this newsletter.)

**We need you!!!!**

*Dick Hartwig (Unofficial assistant editor)*

## CHAPTER 93 PICNIC HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Mother Nature ruled again with the arrival of an occasional scattered thunderstorm that kept me away via airplane(I drove), but Larry & Jackie Landucci did navigate through the showers and flew in. They won the door prize for "greatest distance flown" & "only plane flown". So it was good to have one airplane fly in! Other "door prizes" awarded by Dick Hartwig's grandson, Cole Kennedy, went to Jim Martin, Alan Christianson & Dave Van Lanen.

We had twenty six members and spouses in attendance and much "hanger flying"/"world problem solving" was done between the showers. Thank you, Jeff & Patti, for letting us use your hanger! It was also suggested by many that this event be scheduled again in an effort to get good weather and some plane rides going.(that event will be up to the board & mother nature)

And yes the "Food".....there was plenty and a great variety to go around so if you left hungry that was your fault! So watch your newsletter for the next event. *Don Ripp*



Well....it was dry inside!



Air Show—Cole flying a mini-chopper



Good food, good conversation, good time

## MEET OUR PRESIDENT, DON RIPP

Don earned his pilot's license at age 16 by flying his dad's Cessna 172. During this time he did many different jobs while working for the FBO at the Waunakee Airport. He cut grass, washed airplanes and swept out the hangars. But Don also learned to taxi the owners Bonanza up to the fuel pump when it needed re-fueling.

At age 13 or 14, prior to getting his license, he gathered streamers at \$1.50 each for the Badger Sky Divers who were based there at the time. He got \$10.00 if he recovered a rip cord. Although it is bright chrome, it is hard to find in a cornfield. On many occasions Don was invited to ride along in the back of the modified C195 jump plane. He has vivid memories of the blue flame billowing out of the soup can sized exhaust pipe. . *(continued next page)*

While Don continued to work at the airport and gain flying experience, he got checked out in a Champ, a Grumman American Yankee and Traveler as well as the owner's Bonanza.

Don has flown about 125 Young Eagles since the program started but prior to that he was active in Scouting and regularly took troop members on rides.

The family 172 was sold and Don had no plane until an uncle suggested they go together on a Champ. Don liked the idea so they started looking for one in good flying condition. After looking at a few they found a nice Citabria in Shawano that met their needs so they bought it instead of a Champ and have been very satisfied with their choice although cross-wind landings are still a challenge. Don had the good fortune of having a son, who is a CFI and airline pilot, get him checked out in the tail dragger. He enjoyed the experience and is justifiably proud of his son's accomplishments.

Don has established two goals as president of Chapter 93: increase membership and have more events that interest members. He also believes that we should always get something out of every monthly meeting.

So far the biggest thrill Don has had as president was having a casual dinner with Paul Poberezny. He enjoyed this visit with the Legend, especially listening to Paul talk about EAA as a family.

I hope this helps you know President, Don Ripp a little better,

*Jerry Matzelle*

## AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION

Last month's mystery aircraft was a Caproni-Stipa experimental ducted fan monoplane designed by Luigi Stipa in the early 1930's. The principles of the ducted fan were not understood at the time and the result was a high drag aircraft, but it actually flew. In 2001 a 3/5's replica in Australia made of few short flights.



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