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## NEXT CHAPTER

**MEETING:** Chapter 93 members are invited to attend the September meeting at the Chapter hangar at Blackhawk Airport in Cottage Grove on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

In addition, Dane County Emergency Management (EMS Division) will hold a CPR Compression-only training session for the members of EAA 93. Carrie Meier, NREMT EMS Specialist, will conduct the training. Armed with this knowledge, you could save a friend or family member. We encourage you to bring your spouse. See you there!



## President's Notes

**Gone West:** With deep sadness Chapter 93 bids farewell to longtime chapter member Cliff Tomas who recently passed away. On behalf of Chapter 93, the Board of Directors, and myself we express sincere condolences to the Tomas family.

**Brat & Bean Feed:** Well, the weather helped out this year with great flying and brat cooking conditions. It has been reported that the chapter gave some 30 Young Eagle rides, and the Chapter wishes to thank the pilots, Bill Rewey, Skot Weidemann, Larry Landucci, Marcy Lang, and Don Ripp. And a BIG THANK YOU goes out to Robert Mischo (C-172) and Rick Jelinek (Cherokee), both from EAA Chapter 1177 in Palmyra, Wisconsin, who volunteered their services and aircraft to help out with the Young Eagle rides as we started to get backlogged. Again, thank you!

We started the day around 8:00 a.m. with donuts and coffee, tent/equipment set up, and hangar flying and by 11:00 a.m. the brats were ready to serve. The chapter sold a good number of meals and realized a small profit, while educating the youth and parents in attendance about EAA, Young Eagles, General Aviation, and Chapter 93.

At the Brat & Bean recap meeting, many notes and suggestions from those in attendance were collected in a effort to make next year's event more fun filled, educational, and better attended by both the public and Chapter 93 members. So mark your calendars for August 23, 2009 and we'll do it again! Thank you in advance!

**Something to Note:** Since Robert and Rick, both of EAA Chapter 1177 gave Chapter 93 a hand with this year's Young Eagle event, please make note that the Palmyra Poker Run "Game Day" event is October 12th (featuring a Pancake Breakfast), and as many of us "93" folks ought to attend. To further this, two more "Poker Run" events are scheduled...this Saturday the 13th at Oshkosh is the Chapter 252 event and then the 4th of October at Richland Center with Chapter 1429. So if you are free those dates make plans to participate....one or all...it helps support the other Chapters.

**And always:** Check the EAA Website, as always something is going on at the Museum or Pioneer Airport, hope to see you at the chapter meeting on the 18th.

—Don Ripp

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

No formal chapter meeting was held. A trip to Sugar Ridge Airport for their Annual Fly-In was a real treat—even if it did look like rain on August 21st. The most notable plane was an American Standard that flew in. The band was great to listen to and the food was good and plentiful. See photos on page 3. A big thank you to Tom Kretschman and the group at Sugar Ridge Airport for inviting Chapter 93 members to attend.

## Board Meeting 09/04/2008

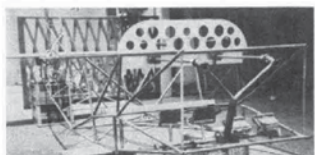
The Brat & Bean Event was a success from the number of people that attended. See the President's Report for more details, and I'll add my thanks to Young Eagle pilots Robert Mischo and Rick Jelinek from EAA Chapter 1177 for volunteering to help. And a big thank you to all the volunteers of Chapter 93 who helped make the event a success. Oh, by the way, we did make a profit this year. **Next Events:** December 6th, 2008 Memorial Chili Fly-In and February 7th, 2009 the Annual Banquet.

—Earl P. Martin

# **CHATting . . .** (Continued from page 39)

The wings and tail are engineered and the fuselage is on its way. Incorporation and financial responsibility entailed were also on the agenda. Methods of constructing a safe and economical metal fuselage were discussed. J. K. Alexander will engineer the fuselage. A lot of the parts are already available. Those interested in working on the project rather than donating funds will get a break on the rates charged to fly the ship.

Chapter members paid a group visit to the Bede Aircraft Co. at Spring-



Another Chapter 7 ship is the "Sport-Aire" being built by Bill Dickey. The ship is about half finished at this time. Look at that panel he is planning to install!



An earlier picture of Ben Cleveland's two-place Stits "Playboy", taken during time out for a breathing spell. Ben is from Chapter 7.

field, to view their prototype executive aircraft, an unconventional pusher type which the company hopes to produce.

Informative films were shown recently and very good ones, too! They dealt with subjects such as pre-planning your solo flights to get the most experience out of them, flutter prevention and proper landings.

Bill Wilkins is trying to get started on a "Knight Twister". Tallie Holland has knowledge of an 85 hp Continental, complete with mount, cowling and prop for a "Twister", so perhaps Bill already has a good start on it. Spiro Tsiliactos has made up his mind to build a Long "Longster" first, rather than the Pietenpol he had planned . . . the latter might come later. Ray Simpkins of Waverly has the fuselage of his tractor autogyro welded up and is working on the landing gear. It may be ready to show this summer. Al Adams of Warren is converting a Bensen "Gyro-glider" into a "Gyro-copter", and is looking for a good 72 hp McCulloch engine.

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A committee was chosen to investigate the possibilities of the Chapter sponsoring an air show at Riverside Airport as a fund raising endeavor for the group.

General discussions with an eye to registering protests with the FAA pertaining to two-way radio requirements and present large registration

numbers was a serious matter before the Chapter at a recent meeting. In almost all areas of public participation, one protest is usually considered the equivalent of so many hundreds or thousands of persons whose intentions are good, but never do anything about it. So, with enough protests, favorable results can be obtained.

The Chapter is preparing their flag and definitely will display it at the Fly-In.

James Frost introduced an idea for a "Poor Boy Trophy", to be awarded at Rockford for the simplest and least expensive airplane that would fly. Naturally, Jim was selected to prepare such a suitable trophy. Sec. R. G. Huggins displayed his converted Corvair engine to the group, and spoke of its many advantages.

## •GREATER MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN CHAPTER 18

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Sec. Donald Genzmer (an old school mate of yours truly) reports that the officers paid a recent courtesy call to Chapter 93 in Madison, and gave a report to the membership. Nick Re-zich, our old faithful Master of Ceremonies, was a guest speaker at the February meeting, emphasizing safe operation of aircraft. "Smoky" Smolla, chief tower operator at Rockford, was guest speaker at another meeting, recalling his experiences of the last three Fly-Ins, in manipulating a sky full of home-builts. Bud Harwood, also of Rockford, is scheduled to be

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**December 6, 2008,**  
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00**  
**p.m.: Tom Rebholz**  
**Chili Fly-in**

**February 7, 2009,**  
**5:30 p.m.: Annual**  
**Chapter 93 Banquet,**  
**Rex's Innkeeper**

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Clockwise from upper right:

Ted Davis arrives at Sugar Ridge in his New Standard D-25. This aircraft was built for the purpose of hopping rides and Ted does a lot of that. Yes, there *are* 4 people in the front cockpit.

Frank Baker arrives in his J-3 Cub.

The attendees gathered at the Fly-in. Jeff and Patty Plantz on the right.

Aeronca L-16 display in Tom Kretschman's museum at Sugar Ridge.

The band plays on.

Ted's New Standard on the ground. Even sitting still, the graceful beauty of that top wing is an attention-getter.

## Scenes from the Sugar Ridge Fly-in

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