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NEXT CHAPTER

MEETING: Chapter 93 members and guests are invited to attend the October meeting at the Chapter hangar at Blackhawk Airport in Cottage Grove on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Aaron Olden who served as a T-6 class crewmember at the Reno National Championship Air Races. Aaron will share a DVD and his experiences.

President's Notes

Pumpkins, Pancakes & Poker-Run made for a wonderful day on the 4th of October as Jean & I "drove" to Chapter 1429's (93C) Richland Center Breakfast/Poker-Run event. The weather was great, clear and fall flying skies all around. We drove as we had other stops enroute but did see many a turkey, deer, bald eagle and stopped to buy pumpkins from a roadside "honor system" pumpkin stand along the way. At breakfast, we sat and talked with a couple of Chapter 1177-Palmyra members and shared our thoughts on the high price of fuel and how it seems to affect the "fly-ins" at these events and all the more reason to get the local people and families involved at these airport events in order to bring the "community" out to the airport.

As we talked, more and more aircraft arrived and if I had to put a guess on the number of aircraft for the day I'd say maybe 30 transients attended the event. Another note about the aircraft in attendance was most were 100 h.p. or less! FUEL? (A reminder-that the last "Poker Run" fly-in breakfast is next Sunday the 12th of October at Palmyra, Wisconsin, (88C) and remember that two of Chapter 1177 pilots helped us out at the Brat & Bean Feed as we were back logged with Young Eagle ride request.) It would be great to visit this fly-in and support them. (They also have a "must see" one-of-a-kind pancake griddle.)

Other Items

- October 14th, 1:00 p.m. Tuesday—Sonex is having an open house at their factory in Oshkosh and Tanya Cunningham is seeking car poolers for the ride up. contact her at 238-4429 or neilandtanya@mailbag.com for details.

- Remember to mark your calendar for 2/7/09 as our Chapter 93 Banquet. (More details to follow-but the price is reduced from last year.) Mr. Jack Jerred has requested that if anyone has a "guest speaker" in mind please contact him at 222-2770 or chetnalma@charter.net. P.S. any door prizes welcome.

- Look for the 2009 World of Flight Calendar sign up sheet at the next meeting. Order many for holiday shopping gifts!

- Take a few moments to read the letter from EAA Founder "Paul Poberezny" that is published here or found in the

Chapter E-Gram of Sept. 08

And as a final note, I'd again like to thank Jim Falk for inviting/coordinating with Dane County EMS, Carrie Meier, NREMT/EMS Specialist, for training the some 20 of those in attendance at the Sept. chapter meeting in the technique of "compression only" CPR. This was good to learn; you never know when it may be needed. For those not in attendance, handouts and cards will be available at the next meeting.

See you at the next meeting.

—Don Ripp



NOTE: Please e-mail any items for the newsletter to the editor by the first of each month. Thanks!
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

No formal chapter meeting was held. A trip to We had a moment of silence for Chapter member Cliff Tomas whom we lost recently. We had a guest at the meeting this month, the Chapter would like to say welcome to Jason Wodack and thank you for coming. Our new editor was present at the meeting, Mike DiFrisco, he introduced himself and shared some information about himself. The Brat & Bean Feed was a success and we grossed \$798.00 and after the bills were settled, gave us a profit of \$368.00. Mike D. informed the members about an open house to be held at EAA Oshkosh Museum on October 4th & 5th to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the museum with free admission to the general public. Mark your calendars for the next Chapter 93 events, the Chili Fly-in on December 6th and the Annual Banquet on February 7th, 2009. Our guest speaker this month was Carrie Meier, who instructed us on how to perform Call and Pump on cardiac arrest victims. Thank you, Carrie for taking the time to instruct us in this life saving technique.

—Earl P. Martin

Board Meeting—10/02/2008

Mark your calendars for the Chapter 93 Annual Banquet, which will be held February 7, 2009. The price per person has been reduced this year to \$21.00. You will be able to place your orders for the 2009 EAA calendars at a price of \$10.00 unless the price of the calendars rises for the Chapter. The roof is better but not fixed yet, so the board has decided to take the next step and have the roof repair by a roofing contractor.

All members of the chapter have been invited to attend the 23rd Annual

Investiture Dinner and Ceremony by The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame to be held on Saturday Evening, October 25, 2008. the event will be held at EAA Airventure Museum, Eagle Hangar, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Silent Auction starts at 5:00 p.m. and runs to 6:00 p.m. with the Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and induction ceremony to follow. Annual membership meeting begins at 2:00. If any one is interested in attending contact myself at 608-825-3286 or Don Ripp for details. They ask that we respond before October 10th, 2008.

—Earl P. Martin



Mark Your Calendar
December 6, 2008,
11:00 a.m. - 3:00
p.m.: Tom Reholz
Chili Fly-in

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

A NOTE TO EAA CHAPTERS

From Paul H. Poberezny

September 22, 2008

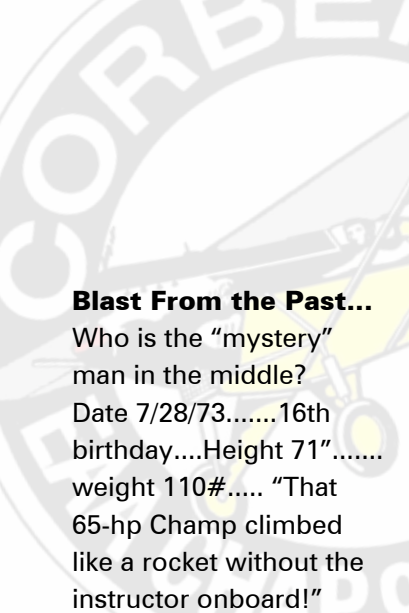
It has been quite an education—the EAA college of education—all 55 years of it! Every day has been a wonderful experience and we have learned more about people than the many aspects of aviation and the airplane. I would not trade the many friendships formed and shared for any amount of money.

In reading EAA Chapter newsletters for many years, I've seen chapter leaders pass through this same education process...the people they serve, the joys and the challenges of holding their groups together. And sometimes the disappointments: the failure of chapter support or even (rarely) its leadership, either of which is not uncommon with any such social groups.

Having attended hundreds of chapter events over these past 55 years, there are many stories to tell...for example, Salt Lake City EAA Chapter 23 where I was asked to speak. My transportation was a Wisconsin Air Guard Lockheed T-33 jet aircraft, which provided a fast flight. The event was well attended and some of the early day airplane homebuilders were there: Ron Conrad, Earl Player and others, as well as a number of FAA supporters of EAA's efforts. At that meeting, the local FAA folks had a present for me. It was noticed that I had been jumping around the country quite a bit on behalf of our EAA movement and they thought a pogo stick would be the correct, improved way, rather than a T-33 jet.

For the rest of Paul's letter, please follow this link:

http://www.eaa.org/chapters/resources/articles/php_note_0809.pdf



Blast From the Past...

Who is the "mystery" man in the middle?
Date 7/28/73.....16th birthday....Height 71"..... weight 110#..... "That 65-hp Champ climbed like a rocket without the instructor onboard!"



EAA Chapter 93 publishes *Corben Courier* once a month for and about its members who are interested in all phases of aviation. Articles to be submitted must reach the editor by the first Saturday of the month. Meeting night is the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated. Members may advertise items free of charge. Business card size ads are \$5 per month or \$50 per year.

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Book Review

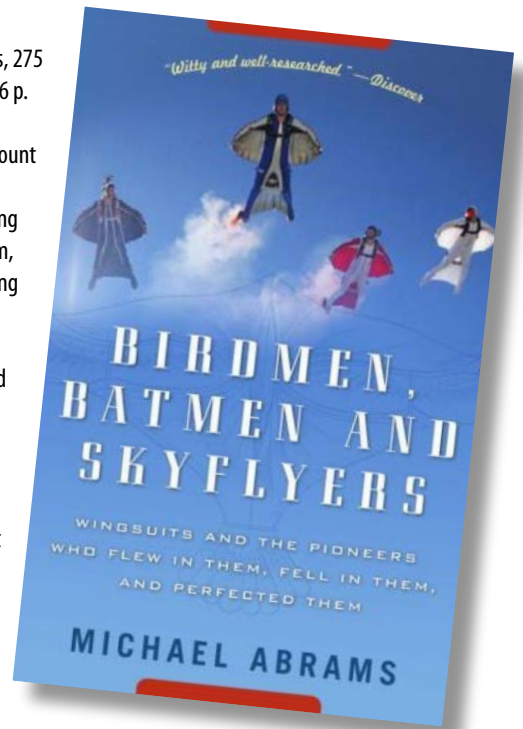
Birdmen, Batmen, and Skyflyers by Michael Abrams, 2006, Harmony Books, 275 p. hardcover, plus 29 p. of good appendix, notes, sources and index, and 16 p. photos.

This is a well-written, well researched and documented historical account of those brave (and foolhardy?) men who attempt to fly without aircraft, starting way back in the 6th century A.D., and ending close to the publishing date of this book. The spirit of their attempts is the thought of one of them, that piloting a plane without a joystick is not flying any more than paddling a canoe is swimming.

The techniques used involved different designs and modifications of parachutes, many designs and sizes of batmen suits with wings supported by muscle power, wood or meal or bone or blown up spars. The challenge is to design one that folds compactly to fit in the launching aircraft and through the aircraft door, and that will permit a parachute to open without tangling the shroud lines. There are jumps from cliffs and from bridges and building. There are tales of jumping out of an aircraft without a parachute or a bat suit, and living to jump another day, jumping from very high altitudes, opening parachutes at very low altitudes, of jumping without a parachute and grabbing one from another jumper on the way down. There are many instances of the jumper not living to jump another day. Finally, there are suits powered by toy airplanes jet engines.

In spite of the many years covered by the book, the sport is still in the developing stage. Glide ratios of 1:1 need to be improved, and soft landing without a chute is still in the future. The amazing thing to me was how little I have heard on the subject previously.

The book, a gift from my brother Don, is available for borrowing. Just ask!
—Fred Leidel



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