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NEXT CHAPTER

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

Bud Rogers will show the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 DVD, which was recently released. If time allows, we'll also view "Right Seat With Tony Spicer". Tony is a well-known Sonex builder/pilot.

Happy Holidays From Your Chapter 93 Board !

Greetings, and on behalf of the Chapter 93 Board of Directors, we extend to all the "WISH" of a very Happy Holiday Season!

We hope to see a good attendance at the Chili Feed on Saturday the 6th and will try to get some Young Eagles airborne from Sun Prairie and Monona Scout Troops as these boys have completed the requirements for the BSA Aviation Merit Badge as well as touring the various facilities at Dane County Regional Airport. Chapter 93 was approached by the Scout Master Jim Walsh as to the possibility of some flights for the scouts to compliment what they have accomplished with the Merit Badge work. It was decided that the "Chili Fly-In" would be a good time to do this. We have a couple of aircraft ready for the task so now it is up to the WEATHER.

Your board will meet Thursday night and start the process of laying out next year's schedule of events so as to have a schedule available soon for your 2009 event planning. At the last meeting a clipboard was passed around for suggestions for next year and the only idea noted was a fabric covering seminar for the chapter; the board will try to set something up. Send any ideas for events and meeting subjects to any member of the board and they will try to facilitate those ideas.

Another clipboard that was passed through the ranks at the November meeting was a sign up sheet for the Chapter Banquet (Feb. 7th)...we had about 25 sign up on that sheet with intentions of attending so get the word out and let us know soon. Our guest speaker will be Mary Jones, EAA's Director of Publications. (Read more next page.)

So again stop in Saturday for a bowl of Chili.

—Don Ripp



Hints For Homebuilders

Earlier this year, EAA launched "Hints for Homebuilders" on its website, a series of weekly videos that provide useful, timesaving pointers for people building or restoring aircraft. Each week one or two new "hints" on one of the following categories are posted: General, Sheet Metal, Tube & Fabric, Wood, and Composite. If you haven't viewed one of these video clips yet, visit www.EAA.org, click on the multimedia menu, then open the Hints for Homebuilders video player by clicking on the Hints link.

NOTE: Please e-mail any items for the newsletter to the editor by the first of each month. Thanks!
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BREAKING NEWS!

Chapter 93's own Bill Rewey received his FAA "sign off" and flew his Zenith CH-801 a number of weeks ago. Bill's first flight was November 22nd and since then, has made 4 more successful flights. Bill reports that he is very happy with the finished product and will brief us on his first flights at the next chapter meeting.



Mary Jones, EAA Director of Publications

Chapter 93 Annual Banquet Speaker Announced

EAA Publications Director, Mary Jones, to speak on February 7

Mary Jones is no stranger to EAA or to aviation. Here is an excerpt from a recent column that Mary wrote about her new position at EAA headquarters in Oshkosh.

It's been an exciting time because I've taken on the new role of *EAA Sport Aviation* editor and leader of the EAA publications staff following the departure of my friend, David Hipschman, who served in that role for the past two years. Any new role is also a challenge, but EAA's publications have been a part of my life for a long time, and that familiarity eases the challenge.

For those of you who don't know me, this is my 25th year as an EAA employee, all of it as a member of EAA's publications staff. I began as an editorial assistant, working on EAA's division publications with Gene Chase and Norm Petersen. Jack Cox was editor-in-chief of *Sport Aviation*, and I had the honor and privilege to begin learning about aviation from Jack, Gene, and Norm, three of the most knowledgeable men in the field at the time.

In 1985, I was named editor of *Ultralight and the Light Plane* magazine, which eventually became *Light Plane World* and then *Experimenter*. I was part of the

EAA team that promoted the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft initiative and developed *EAA Sport Pilot & Light-Sport Aircraft* magazine. And, I've written articles for *EAA Sport Aviation* many times over the years, covering the ultralight, homebuilt, and light-sport aircraft "beats."

Throughout all these years, the best benefit of working at EAA is the opportunity to meet wonderful people... members... from all over the world. I have friends throughout the United States, in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, and Sri Lanka, for example, because of working at EAA.

I've flown and flown in many aircraft—weight-shift trikes, powered parachutes, a FlightStar, Kolb TwinStar, RANS S-6, a T-18, an RV-6A, a Stinson 108-3, a Cessna 150 and 152, a Comanche, to name a few, and, dare I gloat, Burt Rutan's Boomerang. I have about 20 hours of instruction, but as with many EAAs, raising two kids and life in general got in the way of earning my certificate... thus far. I've also helped build a powered parachute, a two-place FlightStar, an RV-6A, and a Sonex, and helped with a restoration project or two. Should I admit I enjoy rib stitching?

In other words, I've had 25 years of immersion in all that EAA is, and it's been fun, interesting, and educational. As Paul (Poberezny) would say, I've learned a lot about aircraft and people in the past 25 years, and I'm still learning.

Betty Gibson: Gone West

Chapter 93 Members,

I received the following message from Chapter 93 member Kate (Randy) Whitson concerning the passing of her grandmother, Betty Gibson. Betty was the wife of Chapter 93 past president, F. "Hoot" Gibson and mother of member Deb (Dave) Ersland. Betty was a good friend to many of us in Chapter 93. She will be missed greatly.

Submitted by Dick Hartwig

"It is with sadness that I want to let you know that my Grandma passed away at 4:00 this morning (Nov. 10, 2008). She went peacefully in her home surrounded by my Mom (Deb) and her sister. Her illness progressed very fast at the end, which was a blessing since she didn't have to endure a long battle. We find great comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain and is now with my Grandpa.

All the best, Kate

Souvenir Wing Ribs For Sale

Would you like a souvenir from a by-gone era? Here's your chance. Black Hawk Flyers, the group that is building a Pietenpol at the Chapter 93 Hangar, is offering Piet wing ribs for sale as a fundraiser. For \$10.00 you can get 1 genuine rib to display in your workshop, rec room or

spare wall anywhere in your home. Each rib is painstakingly hand crafted of aircraft spruce and is ready for varnish if you so desire.

The ribs are available at Chapter meetings, but delivery is available if needed. Please call Jerry Matzelle at 920-648-3380 if you are interested in making a purchase, or come to the next meeting to pick up your wing rib.

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

Blast From the Past...

June 1943. The Civil Air Patrol Base at Bar Harbor, Maine. Flying field of Coastal Patrol #20.

Left to right: Waco YKS-7, Stinson SR-6A "Reliant", Fairchild 24. The tail of the plane in the foreground is also a Fairchild 24. The small windsock on the tail is a drogue for a retractable wire antenna that could be reeled out for transmitting and in landing. Note also all these aircraft are powered by five or seven cylinder radial engines; fuel was cheap in those days. The CAP emblem is the old wartime style. The later emblem had a three bladed propeller inside the triangle and the colors are red white and blue.



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