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NEXT CHAPTER

MEETING: Chapter 93 members and guests are invited to attend the January meeting at the Chapter hangar at Blackhawk Airport in Cottage Grove on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and watch the DVD, "Right Seat With Tony Spicer". Tony is a well-known Sonex builder/pilot.

Bill Rewey's Zenith CH-801 Flies!

One week after receiving my airworthiness certificate from Mike Johnson at the Milwaukee FSDO, I had a highly satisfying first flight on November 22, 2008. My O-320 Lycoming has 20-hp less than Zenith's demonstrator, but I hope to regain most of that by applying dimple tape on the prop (see *EAA Sport Aviation*, January 1997) as I did on my Pietenpol.



N171 Whiskey Romeo has an IFR panel, a Century 1 wing leveler system, elevator and aileron trim, a 60-gallon fuel capacity, Lightspeed electronic ignition to replace one magneto, standard round gauges, and a tractor enamel finish (Massey Ferguson Red and Ford Gray). As an EAA Technical Counselor and Zenith customer, I'd recommend any of their kits; factory assistance was outstanding.

Additional help was received from attending three EAA SportAir Workshops, Tony Bingelis manuals, and my nearby fellow CH-801 builder, Larry Landucci. EAA Technical Counselor was Al Barger.

—Bill Rewey

NOTE: Please e-mail any items for the newsletter to the editor by the first of each month. Thanks!
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The Zenith STOL CH 801 is a four-seat sport utility kit aircraft based on the successful two-seat STOL CH 701 design developed by aeronautical engineer Chris Heintz in the mid eighties. Since its introduction in 1986, more than 400 short take-off and landing STOL CH 701 aircraft have been successfully built and flown around the world, many being used for light utility purposes.

Records are made to be broken!

At Chapters 93 Chili Feed on December 6th we had a record that was broken from last year: Rather than 6 in attendance due to weather in '07, we had about 30 guest and members attend along with some really tasty Chili recipes to test fly...all very good!

The weather almost mirrored the '07 weather as well as having to break into the Hangar/Club-house for this event. (A new lock has since been installed and Jerry Matzelle can supply new keys,

because your old key will not work.)

Mother Nature did not allow a single fly-in nor the Young Eagle flights for the Sun Prairie Boy Scouts. (Stay tuned for more about this event.) Maybe next year new attendance and fly-ins RECORDS will be set? Thanks to all that attended and worked this event.

Some other records...

▶ Yearly dues are due! \$20.00/yr until the Banquet 2/07/09 and after that date \$24.00/yr. So plan on contacting Mr. Jerry Matzelle at the next meeting 1/15/09

and re-up for '09. How 'bout we break some membership RECORD numbers for 2009?

▶ The banquet of 2/07/09 at Rex's InnKeeper in Waunakee. The fee is \$21.00/person and we need a final head count soon. As mentioned in the December newsletter, our guest speaker will be Mary Jones of EAA...she has been with employed with EAA for 25 years and is currently the Director of Publications. Please plan on attending and get a "inside" look at the publishing of EAA publications as well as the many flying experiences that Mary has encountered over her time with EAA. (Scott Nolinski, Earl Martin, and Gary Chenier are you main contacts for sign up.) Can we shoot for an attendance RECORD?

▶ At the last board meeting, the board penciled in the 2009 Chapter Events Calendar and if I can BREAK my PERSONAL RECORD of having this complete and printed for the membership at the 01/15/09 meeting, I'll have them available.

▶ Oh yes, and don't forget: a new SNOW FALL RECORD of 44.7" for December has been set for this area...which developed into two new "RIPP RECORDS" of broken shovels and snowblowers for the season and not being airborne in the month of December...and this is just the end of December! Whew Wee!

—Don Ripp



2009 Chapter 93 Membership Dues

The Chapter has extended the deadline for paying dues until February 7th, 2009, the date of the annual banquet. Dues can be paid at the banquet or sent to Membership Chairman, Jerry Matzelle. His address is 1310 Buttercup Way Lake Mills, WI 53551. If not paid by Feb. 7, late dues will be \$24.00.

Mark Your Calendar

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



Secretary's Report

12/18/2008: The sign-up sheet for the Annual Chapter 93 Banquet was passed around at the meeting for present members. A sheet for suggestions of events was passed around the floor. If you have a suggestion for some kind of an event for Chapter participation, you can let Don R. or Earl M. know about it or present your ideal at a Chapter meeting. About 35-40 people attended the Chili Fly-in feed. The Chapter needs to start looking for Air Academy candidates now to get the paperwork

A star is born. Chapter 93 member, Neil Robinson, in his blue-over-white Citabria is captured on at last year's ski plane fly-in held at EAA's Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh. Neil's approach is featured as the January desktop calendar download available at www.EAA.org.

started for the coming year. Just another reminder that Chapter dues are due. Bud Rogers supplied a DVD showing of the 2008 EAA AirVenture Event, after which it was offered as a door prize for the night. Thank you, Bud, for donating the DVD as a door prize. After the meeting, people who ordered the 2009 EAA Calendar picked their calendars up. But the following people still need to pick up theirs: Bud Rogers, Skot Weidemann, Jonie Fobes, Gary Chenier, Jim Lins & Jim Sainsburg.

—Earl P. Martin

On Deck #2: U.S.S. Lexington (CV-16)

by Don Greer, Squadron/Signal Publications, 2002, 77 p., Glossy, Soft cover

Reviewed by Fred Leidel

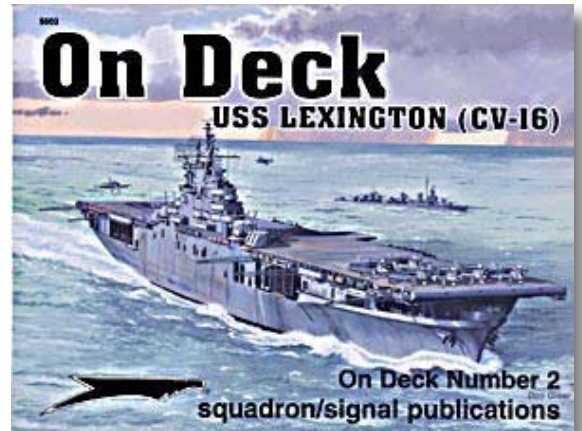
This is an amazingly complete pictorial history and description of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington, its crew, its planes, and its armament, with a very informative caption for each photo.

It begins with the first Lexington of the early 1930s and its sinking in the battle of the Coral Sea in May of 1942. The second U.S.S. Lexington was launched as the U.S.S. Cabot in 1941 and underwent a name change to commemorate the record of the first ship.

After seeing action in WWII, the Lexington became a teaching carrier berthed in Pensacola, FL, and today is a floating museum berthed in Corpus Christi, TX.

The detail in the photo captions is incredibly complete and everything and everyone involved in its operation. I was especially intrigued because I have been on the Coral Sea, and in 1971 had a day's cruise on the Lexington out of Pensacola watching student pilots qualify for carrier operations.

The book I reviewed is owned by Bud Rogers.



A Hellcat goes down the deck for take-off on the USS Lexington (CV-16).



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