

# CORBEN COURIER

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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you at Blackhawk Airport in the Chapter Hangar on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m., as Mike Cushway, a new Chapter 93 member, will make a presentation about building his Pietenpol, rebuilding a Taylor Craft, and how he designed and built some beautiful wire wheels for his Piet.

## Great Turnout for Chapter 93 Banquet



Saturday the 7th of February at Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee, with some 70 members and guests in attendance, the chapter moved forward into its 47th year with a generous bequest/donation from the family members of "Hoot" & Betty Gibson. In attendance to present the bequest/donation was daughter Deb (Gibson) Erslund and husband Dave Erslund, as well as grandson Mike Erslund and grand-daughter Kate (Erslund) Whitson and husband Randy Whitson...all pilots! (I apologize if I got the names wrong.)

The bequest by the Gibsons was increased with a additional donation from the Erslunds, which will be used as the initial funding for a annual \$1,000 scholarship awarded for the continued use of flight training for a qualified candidate.

The candidate will be selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee and named in honor of "Hoot" & Betty Gibson. Deb Erslund also presented some family aviation/Corben heirlooms to chapter members Dick Hartwig and Jim Martin as well as a rare copy of a 1923-1935 Corben Aircraft catalog from the "Corben Sport Plane Company", Madison, Wis. (Copies of this may be soon available.) Having never met "Hoot" or Betty Gibson, I've come to know them just a bit through the stories shared by chapter members and their family and know the chapter is better for it. Thanks "Hoot", Betty, and Family.

After the business portion of the meeting, awards, and other presentations, our newsletter editor Mike DiFrisco, introduced the evenings' guest speaker, Mary Jones, EAA Director of Publications. Mary shared the evening with her uncle and aunt, Gene and Darci Vosberg, longtime residents of Waunakee (and they've bowled a time or two with my parents...small world).

Mary took us on a photo tour of many of the aircraft and adventures she experienced in her years with EAA. She described a rather scenic flight in a much warmer climate (Key West to be precise) in the AirCam that—in photos anyway—certainly warmed those in attendance as the snow fell outside. Or a flight with Burt Rutan in his oddly-shaped Boomerang (an aircraft that proves Burt's point that it doesn't have to be symmetrical to fly). As the story goes, Mary was on board with Burt and in a "taxi-hold" behind the EAA Ford Trimotor, and Burt commented as the Trimotor rolled for takeoff, "that is one odd looking aircraft, that Trimotor." Mary also touched on the some of the monthly deadline issues that face EAA with its many print and e-publications that must be ready to go at press time, and sometimes just take the push of a keystroke! Many images shown to us at the banquet were of beautiful aircraft in wonderful settings and it was stated that what you see of EAA photography is what you get...no touching up!

Mary then took questions from the floor with one final photo that sticks out in my mind: Paul and Audrey Pobereznny, as Mary put it, "the EAA Family"! This evening, Chapter 93 witnessed it at both the chapter level and the home office level.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Jones for sharing your time with Chapter 93.

—Don Ripp

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## More Banquet Thank yous

Thanks to those who donated Banquet door prizes....

- EAA
- Mary Jones
- Mike DiFrisco
- Jim Martin
- Gary Chenier (Token Creek Sales)
- Gary Chenier/Jeppeson Chapter 93
- Other Chapter 93 members

Thanks to Skot Weideman for his excellent photo work at the banquet and for the photos that appear in this issue.

Thanks to chapter member Ray Jones, who donated a copy of One Six Right to the chapter for viewing or home use. We may have a Chapter 93 "Saturday at the Movies" in the future...(watch this newsletter for additional information)

Finally, a well-deserved "hats off" to the Banquet Crew. A good time was had by all.



Bill Rewey and guest speaker Mary Jones.

Deb (Gibson) Ersland donates some chapter memorabilia.



Long-time newsletter editors, Mary Ann and Jack Jerred.

The extended family of "Hoot" and Betty Gibson make a generous presentation to Chapter 93.



Harold Benisch and friend.



Mary Jones presents Chapter service awards to Patty Plantz (along with Jeff, left, and Dick Hartwig, above).



Gary Chenier.





## The Fortress is Coming!

The EAA B-17 Tour has contacted Chapter 93 and plans to bring the B-17, *Aluminum Overcast* to Madison for its last tour stop before continuing on to AirVenture 2009 this summer.



The dates would be arrival to Madison on July 23rd (Thursday) and throughout the days of July 24th, 25th & 26th (Sunday) with a departure for Oshkosh that Sunday noon.

Stay tuned for more information and for volunteer opportunities.

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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## Notes Regarding the Chapter Webpage

There has been a change to the Newsletter section of the site. Now when you visit that section, the current month's newsletter will display. If you would like to download or print the current month's newsletter, simply "Click here to print the current month's Newsletter" link at the top of the page.

### Your help is needed!

To make this website as successful and informative as possible, I am asking for help.

- If you have EAA, Chapter, or Aviation news you feel should be posted under the "NEWS" section, email it to me.
- If you have noteworthy Chapter, EAA, or Aviation events you feel should be posted under the "CALENDAR" section, email the events to me.
- If you have pictures of Chapter events you would like posted, email them to me. Include any comments or notes you would like posted with the pictures.
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- Videos – I can post videos if someone has videos of certain events. The site does not have a videos section, but it very well could. Also, if you need help transferring the videos to a PC, can assist with that also.

I can be reached at [r1david@charter.net](mailto:r1david@charter.net) just please include Chapter 93 in the email subject so it stays out of my Junk Mail folder.

Thanks, David Ripp

## COMEDY SENSATION JEFF DUNHAM RETURNING TO EAA AIRVENTURE!

In 2008, Jeff Dunham and his wild cast of characters had a record-setting performance at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Because of the overwhelming success of that appearance, RotorWay International is bringing Dunham - an EAA member, aircraft builder and pilot—back to Oshkosh in 2009! The top-drawing star is longtime EAA member and helicopter builder and his 2009 performance again presented by RotorWay International

Dunham will be appearing at the event on Saturday evening, August 1. The 57th annual edition of EAA AirVenture, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," takes place at Wittman Regional Airport on July 27-August 2.



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