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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you at Blackhawk Airport in the Chapter Hangar on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

“Pre-Meeting Cookout” at 5:30 p.m.

During the April 25th “clean-up” day at the chapter hangar (it rained) we discovered a gas grill in need of repair (or disposal). Well, with a little tweaking and re-assembly and putting our heads together it was made to work again...so we got talking and decided that we ought to put this grill to the test and have a pre-meeting cookout in May, so if you’re interested, bring your own items that you want to grill and include your own fixings, plates, and flatware because all that will be provided is PROPANE, the GRILL & BEANS. Invite someone along and think about bringing a dish to pass. The chapter meeting will start at 7 p.m.

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NOTE: Please e-mail any items for the newsletter to the editor by the first of each month. Thanks!
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Chapter 93 Needs Your Help

Hello Chapter 93 members & friends,

As spring arrives the flying and chapter season really gets going and this season is no different than others for chapter 93 and a “full Plate” of events scheduled.

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help

On Saturday, April 25th, the chapter had a work day that started out with donuts and coffee and breakfast cooked by “Chef Hartwig” for the six in attendance. It rained very heavy and kept Dick Hartwig, Alan Deal, Patty Plantz, Gary Chenier, Dan Payne, and myself indoors all morning. This was a good size and hard-working group that painted the tent poles (thanks go to Bruce Gebhard for cutting them down in advance); they straightened and organized the video/library room to the point where one can navigate through it (the Chapter has quite a collection of videos, books, and builders resources all for your use—just return them when done!); work continues on the office that was cleaned and vacated of much of the furniture in order to create a small meeting/reading room. The old Tram seats have been removed from storage and found a good useful home. During this time of cleaning, a number of concerns were brought up and will be asked of the members in the future:

Chapter 93 needs your help:

- ▶ We do not want to stockpile Magazines (we have many still on hand) so if you have magazines offer them to the chapter members at a meeting but then take what you haven’t given away home with you.
- ▶ Give away items (like scissors, “Don Ripp”) great to share these items with the membership but take home after the meeting what isn’t given away.
- ▶ Cooking items (put your name on it). The chapter has small well equipped kitchen stocked with items left behind.
- ▶ If anyone knows the location of the missing “scale T-18” airplane parts, please get them to Jim Martin...right wing & horizontal tail surface.

Thanks for your help with this as we invite new members and guests to attend meetings we can show them a meeting room more spacious and organized.

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help with getting the word out about our next Young Eagles Event (note date change, was 5/16/09, new date 6/6/09); contact Bill Rewey or Bruce Gebhard (Y/E Chairs) with names and numbers of youth. Bill Rewey will have Posters at next meeting.

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help and is looking for a “Chapter Historian”. With the cleaning of the hanger/

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clubhouse, much documentation/history has been found and needs to be organized as the Chapter nears its 50th year. Also, as noted in May EAA publications, the Museum is looking for Chapter Artifacts for the Founders Wing. I think 93 would have some things to offer.

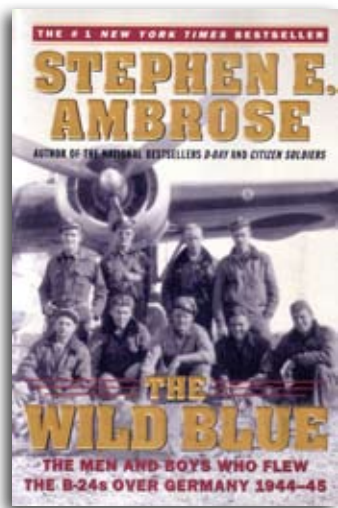
Chapter 93 Needs Your Help as we still have vacancies for the position of Vice President position and Publicity Chair (both important positions that need be filled) Need to get the word out about our summer events! (Y/Eagles, B-17 & Fly-In)

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help to paint the tent poles and have them done and stored before next meeting 5/21...call Dick Hartwig at 575-6925 if you have time to help.

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help with the remainder of the items on the "Chapter/Clubhouse clean up & repairs" wish list as approved by the board and this list will be posted at the next meeting.

Chapter 93 Needs Your Help to attend meetings and have some fun learning and sharing your aviation experiences with others. Thank you and see you at the next meeting

—Don Ripp



I listened to the audio tape of the book, *The Wild Blue*, by Stephen E. Ambrose, Simon and Schuster, 2001, 8 cassettes, running time about 9 hours.

This is the story of George McGovern, his B-24, "The Dakota Queen", and his crew, and their part in winning WWII. Not a part of the story, McGovern later became U.S. Senator and presidential candidate. It is the complete story from enlistment at age 22, through the 35 missions, to discharge. It gets very exciting with mission losses of 50%. We get to know him and his crew, his co-pilot who was killed on a mission, and the crews of some of the other B-24's. I found myself listening to more tapes in one sitting than I had intended.

Stephen Ambrose has written many historical books. Two about WWII are *Band of Brothers* and *Citizen Soldiers*. I've recently read his *Undaunted Courage*, the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition and *Nothing Like It In The World*, the story of the first continental railroad, and I rate Ambrose as a very good historical author.

The tape, and the two books were loaned to me by my stepson Russ Lerum.

—Fred Leidel



SECRETARY'S REPORT 04/16/2009

Don R. informed the members about local events that would be coming up in the near future. The chapter's Bill Rewey (and airplane) made the cover of the *Midwest Flyer* magazine, Congratulations to Bill! EAA Headquarters' sent some printed material for the Chapter members to look at about the Founders' Wing. Some members haven't paid their dues yet for 2009; if you are one



of those people please contact Jerry Matzelle to renew your membership or let Jerry know if you have decided to drop your membership. No new information to report at this month's meeting about this years B-17 Tour, but Dick H. talked to Don Winkler and Don is planning to have a hangar dance with the band, "Ladies Must Swing", who will be playing on Saturday night. Our speaker for the night was Mike Cushway, who did a very interesting presentation about metal forming by showing the Chapter members how he would go about making the stiffening plates in his fuel tank. Thank you, Mike, for sharing your experiences with the Chapter members. The door prize winners for this month were Scot N., Rob T. and Dick H.

—Earl P. Martin

Chapter 93 Welcomes New "Programs/Speakers Coordinator" Mike Cushway!

Mike has stepped forward to fill this position that was recently vacated and looks forward to hearing from and contacting chapter members about meeting programs and speakers. I have heard a number of good suggestions for subjects at meetings so please feel free to contact Mike and set up a date for your presentation or speaker ideas. Mike can be reached at Phone: 920/563-3793 or Email: mike_cushway@trekbikes.com



A Cushy Assignment

Chapter 93 member, Mike Cushway, demonstrates how to tap and pound out an aluminum fuel tank baffle. Mike is building a Pietenpol project and shared his skills at the last chapter meeting on April 16.

A special thanks to Skot Weidemann for the photos that appear in this issue.



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