

# CORBEN COURIER

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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you at Blackhawk Airport in the Chapter Hangar on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please consider attending this one as much going on for June, July, & August and the Chapter needs your help!

Pre-meeting cookout at 5:30 p.m. The Chapter will supply the propane and grill; you bring the rest and your own flatware...

*Chapter 93 wishes to thank all who helped with the Young Eagles event on June 6th. We all had a good time working with the kids and parents. Considering the number of aircraft and personal available for the day we had just the right amount of youth show up. Thank you!*

*More Young Eagles event photos are available on the Chapter website!*

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Online at  
<http://corben93.org/>**

**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 Young Eagles Event: "It's a small world..."

Once again, it was up to mother nature as to the success of a Chapter 93 event as we gathered at Blackhawk Airport (87Y) on Saturday, June 6th. With rain in the forecast for later that morning, some 10 Chapter 93 members waited for the first Young Eagles to arrive. We had four aircraft ready with pilots and once the kids did arrive, we got busy giving rides. Of the parents I talked with, many commented on what a great event and opportunity this was for their children and could not stop smiling while talking about it. A couple of kids changed their minds at the last minute about a ride and were content sitting in a plane and learning about the controls and instrument functions. I bet they'll be back for a ride at the next event!



I had one such young man, an 8-year-old who wasn't quite certain about a ride, but as he spent time talking with other pilots, he thought he ought to at least sit in the plane and talk with me about the ride: How high we would fly? Would it be bumpy? Is it noisy? And, how long would we be up? I mentioned that if he wanted to go, we could take off and if he did not like it we could certainly come right back to the pattern and land. (The ride for the day was about 20 minutes!) He agreed and away we went. As we taxied out, the questions started again (all very good questions!). He commented as we held for take off, "I saw you in this plane earlier today here as my mom and I watched from the road and you waved at us before taking off." Once we took off and before we left the pattern I asked him how it was going and he said, "THIS IS GREAT, but let's not go too high..."

As I leveled off at "ride" altitude I told him that this is how high we are going and again asked if he was okay with things. He said he was fine and then asked more questions. As we flew over his home town, he was able to spot his grade school and commented, "Now I've really got something to put in my journal on Monday!" We tried to find his house but could not. I think he was having some fun now.

Back on the ground he had all smiles and "thumbs up" for mom and could not stop talking about the ride. As I signed his Young Eagles Certificate, he could hardly pick it up as he was loaded down with past issues of *Sport Aviation*. I shook his hand and thanked him for coming by. And as a famous radio man would say, "And Now For The Rest Of The Story!"

Tuesday afternoon as I sat at the PC at work with my back to the office door, someone came in and said, "Hey Don, that was sure nice of you to give my son a plane ride on Saturday. He really enjoyed it and hasn't stopped talking about it since!" Turns out that this Young Eagle is the son of one of my co-workers and they did not realize the pilot's connection with dad's work until they got home and dad saw the certificate and read the name. "It is a small world!"

—Don Ripp

**MISSION COST:** (Pre-Stop Booking Prices)

**\$359** **\$399**

per person (EAA Members) **E-Z Pay (EAA Members)**  
4 payments of \$89.75\*

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**DAILY GROUND TOURS:**  
Held after flight operations have stopped for the day.  
Families: \$15 per family (adults & children under 18)  
Adults: \$5 (WWII Veterans FREE)  
Children under 8: FREE (accompanied by a paying adult)  
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**Mission:**  
MADISON, WI JULY 24-25-26, 2009

**Target:**  
DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

**Location:**  
WISCONSIN AVIATION, HIGHWAY 51

**Mission Times:**  
8:00a.m. 9:30a.m. 11:00a.m.  
8:45a.m. 10:15a.m.

**Special Instructions:**  
HANGAR DANCE JULY 25, 2009 at Wisconsin Aviation, Inc.  
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All dates and times are tentative and subject to change due to weather or other causes. \*These prices are for advance bookings only. Once the B-17 is on location at the current tour stop, advance ticket sales are no longer available for that stop.

## REMINDERS...

### Chapter 93 Summer Picnic

Sunday June 14th 2p.m.

Rain or Shine!

Chapter Hangar-Clubhouse

Chapter to supply hotdogs & BBQ; bring a dish to pass and your place settings.

Soda and water available at 50 cents.

each.

### EAA Work Weekend

June 27th & June 29th

(This is scheduled to include a guided tour of "Founders' Wing" by Paul Poberenzy)

Still time to sign up!

See sign-up sheet at next meeting

### B-17 Tour Comes to Madison

July 23 thru July 26

(Flyers available at next chapter meeting)

Dick to have schedules at next chapter meeting

## Board Meeting Notes: 06/04/2009

Talked about the Brat & Bean Feed in August and it was decided that the charged fee for food would stay the same as last year. Dick H. is going to get in contact with Scot W. for his grill that he is not using and use the grill in conjunction with the one that we already have to cook the brats and dogs on the gas grills instead of the charcoal grill. Dick H. updated the Board about the B-17 Tour (see poster, above).

Dick H. has a tentative work schedule set up and will be contacting the people who volunteered to help out about the schedule. The board talked about the Young Eagle Event coming up on June 6th hoping that the rain holds off. A Chapter summer picnic is being planned on June 14th, 2009 starting at 2 PM. The work weekend at EAA Oshkosh

will start on June 26th thru the 28th. A cookout will again be held before the meeting. The grill will be turned on about 5:30 PM so bring whatever kind of meat you would like to eat and any other fixings you would like to bring. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, I think that would be great. David Jeardeau volunteered to be put on the candidate list for the position of Vice President. We still are looking for a publicity candidate for that open position.

The Piet builders group asked at the last Chapter meeting if anyone had some cabinets that they could use to store parts for the project. At the Board meeting it was brought to the attention of the Board members that there are a couple of empty cabinets in the library area that the group could use. The use of those cabinets will be made known to the Piet builder group if they're interested.


—Earl P. Martin

## Chapter 93 Featured TWICE in May issue of the EAA Chapter e-Gram!

The May issue of the EAA Chapter e-Gram, the e-newsletter sent to more than 23,000 chapter members and leaders, showcased two Chapter 93 connections: Bill Rewey's awesome pancake griddle and a link to the the Corben Courier. I hope our newsletter was not featured as an example of "what NOT to do..."

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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# Chapter E-Gram

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**Contact the Chapter Office**

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EAA Chapter Leaders Academy Schedule

I may have been a bit optimistic last month when I wrote, "Spring was in the air!" This month, however, I feel much more confident of warmer days ahead. First, this is Sun 'n Fun week, which is a sure sign of the flying season. Also, the kids in the neighborhood have reappeared, without heavy coats and boots; and my annual feud with the robins that want to nest on my deck has begun.




More importantly, activity on the AirVenture site is beginning to pick up. We are now less than 100 days

the first chapter to take advantage of the new credit structure. Please visit our [FAQ page](#) for more details on how to use your chapter's credits.

**BUILD YOUR OWN PANCAKE GRILL**

If there is one thing EAA Chapters seem to have in common, aside from airplanes, is an enjoyment of food. Specifically, the pancake breakfast. At one of the Chapter Leaders Academy sessions, the topic of pancake grills came up. Many chapters have fashioned their own grills, but others borrow or improvise. Thanks to EAA member Bill Rewey (EAA# 42474), [plans are now available](#). The self-contained gas grill uses four burners and a rotating griddle. Your chapter should be able to build one for \$1,000 or less. Locally, EAA Chapter 252 is planning to build a model and we'll document the process to help future builders. If you decide to build one, we'd like to get your ideas on the design, too.



downloaded from the web [here](#). So don't wait - nominations are due May 31 - get your chapter's nominations in today!

**FEATURED NEWSLETTERS**

This month we feature two chapter newsletters: [The Grapevine from EAA Chapter 59](#) (Waco, TX) and [The Corben Courier from EAA Chapter 93](#) (Madison, WI). Chapter 59 is celebrating its 50th anniversary this weekend, by the way. Congratulations! If you read carefully, vice president Brad Moffett has offered to shave his head if the chapter can sign up 50 new members. (Editor's note: I'm thinking about joining, just to see that!) But the newsletter also has some great photos from several projects under construction.

Chapter 93's newsletter features a different format than the "traditional" layout. Take a look and see how they do it. It might not work for you, but maybe it will inspire your creative side to try something new in your newsletter.

STILL TIME TO INCLUDE YOUR CHAPTER IN THE FOUNDERS' WING

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Chapter is still looking for someone to fill the vacant Vice President position and for a person to fill the Publicity position.

The chapter wish list was a topic of this month's meeting. We talked about the T-18 Thorp: if anyone knows where the missing parts have gone to, please let Don R. know where the parts are. The members talked about spraying the runway and if it accomplished anything last year. Jonie Fobes has volunteered to be the Chapter Historian. Thank you, Jonie, for stepping into the position.

Before the start of the next Chapter meeting the grill will be ready for your grilling pleasure. Bring what ever you would like to make on the grill and maybe a dish to pass if you would like to. The grill should be started around 5:30 p.m.

The Chapter members viewed a DVD sent to the Chapter from EAA Headquarters this month. We also had a guest at the meeting this month, Mr. Aaron Olden of Madison. Welcome to the chapter!

Aaron spoke to us at the October 2008 Chapter meeting about his experiences at the Reno Air Races over years as a "Air Race T-6" pit crew member. The door prize winners for this month were Bud Rogers and Dave Van Lanen.

—Earl P. Martin, 5/21/09



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## **Brat n' Bean Feed**

**Featuring Stoddard's Market Brats**

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*Everyone is welcome!!!*

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**Sunday, August 23, 2009**

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Adults \$5.00 -- Children 12 & under \$3.50

Good food—lots of planes

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We will also be holding a  
*Young Eagles Flight Rally*

from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM

featuring Free Plane Rides

For Youth Ages ages 8-17

Call Bill Rewey at 608-833-5839 for details