

CORBEN COURIER

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you at Blackhawk Airport in the Chapter Hangar on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Again we will try a 5:30 p.m. pre-meeting cookout. Bring whatever you want to cook as well as place settings.

A special thank you to Skot Weidemann for the donation of a gas grill to the chapter, as this will be very useful for the Brat n' Bean feed and the pre-meeting cookouts.

Chapter 93 Work Weekend—a Fun Event!

The Chapter 93 Work Weekend, June 27 & 28, was well-attended by chapter members: Dave & Joyce Jeardeau, Jim Martin, Alan Deal, Jerry Sieling, Jonie Fobes, Bob Linehan, and Don Ripp. (See the thank you note from EAA director of facilities and grounds, Steve Taylor, at the next chapter meeting.)

Saturday morning we all assembled at South Maintenance and were assigned our duties for the weekend by Steve Taylor. Joyce, Joni, and Alan had various missoins with a paint brush and Jim, Dave, and Jerry found themselves at the woodshop on some “secret” project! Nobody was talking about it so you’ll need to ask them. While Bob and I took to the wheel of riding mowers along with some folks from Chapter 932 at Galt Airport (10C). These mowers are nice John Deere units with the ability to mow and mow...and that’s what we did! Mowing is a great way to see the AirVenture grounds before the big show, and this year while mowing along the west side of the taxiway along 18/36, we where treated to a good showing of a Basler turbine-powered DC-3 working the pattern with many variations in landings as well as other aircraft arriving and departing. We had a mini-airshow all Saturday morning! Besides the aircraft, we had a visit from Paul Poberezny twice that weekend. He said I was doing a good job mowing! Thanks Paul!

That Saturday evening, those in the work party where given a special video preveiw/interveiw that Paul made while at Sun ‘n Fun this spring. Paul stopped in at this presentation and spoke to us after the video about the early days of EAA and the beginnings of EAA in his home basement/office. After questions by those in attendance, Paul departed and Adam Smith took us on a tour of the museum which allowed Adam to share his interest in early aviation history and its pioneers. Very interesting! We got to try on a B-25 for size as well as other aircraft in the Eagle Hangar. The tour ended in the almost-completed Founders’ Wing with



Bob Linehan and Jim Martin at the controls of EAA B-25 during our work weekend museum tour.



the recreated basement/office that Paul set up at his home. (It really feels like you’re in the basement office that started it all!) Most of the artifacts, letters and photos had been brought into the room but yet to be placed or hung on display...this will be completed by AirVenture. (AND LOOK FOR CHAPTER 93’s BRICK on the display board).

Artifacts for the EAA Founders’ Wing from Paul and Audrey’s personal collection are prepared for installation.

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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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MISSION COST: (Pre-Stop Booking Prices)

\$359 **\$399**

per person (EAA Members) per person (non-EAA Members)

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4 payments of \$89.75 4 payments of \$99.75

WALK-UP PRICES:

EAA Members: \$385 | **E-Z Pay: 4 payments of \$96.25**

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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.

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Tickets available at the door--\$15
WWII and 1940's costumes encouraged

For reservations & inquiries call 800-359-6217

Visit www.b17.org or send an email to b17@eaa.org for more mission details

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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...

B-17 Tour Comes to Madison

July 23 thru July 26

(Flyers and schedules available at the chapter meeting)

AND...

An "Air Venture mission" request:

Open to any chapter member who spends time shopping around the fly market this year (located in its new spot near the campground). If you can stop by some name tag engraver vendors and get some details for Chapter 93 nametags as members have been requesting "new" chapter name tags.

Always during these "work weekends" I find something interesting that I did not know before about EAA...i.e. someone asked Paul about his favorite airplane and I thought well it has got to be his P-51....but no. Paul responded to the question by saying the C-47 was his favorite because he had the most hours flying that one during his career. (I bet the P-51 is number 2!) And during the museum tour it was noted that a Chapter 93 member had a hand in building all the wing ribs for the *Spirit of St. Louis* replica that hangs in the museum. Listen and learn!

Sunday morning after breakfast it was off to the mowers again, and yes we were met by Paul at the mower sheds...and he wished us well...we mowed the Ultralight runway and then lunch. (If you go hungry while attending a work weekend, that's your fault, because the ladies that prepare the meals do a wonderful job during the

The re-created basement office where the founders of EAA first met and built the association.

weekend. Thank you ladies!)

After lunch it was time to head for home with thoughts about the return to AirVenture in less than a month and the sights and sounds that will be very different from those at this work weekend.

—Don Ripp



Welcome new Chapter 93 members:

Pamorn Wongkit (Gyro Pilot based at Blackhawk-87Y). Stop and say hello to Pamorn as you drive by his hangar next time at 87Y.

Aaron Olden, who spoke at our October 2008 meeting about his experiences at the Reno air races as a T-6 Texan race crew member and shared information about operations in the air racing world.

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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Cliff Tomas and EAA's Memorial Wall

We would like to let our friends and members of EAA Corben Chapter 93 know that Cliff Tomas will have his name added to the EAA Memorial Wall on the AirVenture Museum grounds this year during AirVenture 2009. A dedication ceremony for all those whose names will be added to the wall this year will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. More information on the dedication ceremony can be found on the EAA AirVenture website at: http://www.airventure.org/attractions/memorial_wall.html

My mother, Barb Tomas, and my sisters and brother; Carol, Beth, Phil and Amy, and our families would like to thank you for your kind thoughts, words, cards and letters. EAA Chapter 93, especially the members, has been a very big part of Dad's and our lives for over 40 years, and a very enjoyable one! We thank you for this.

With the addition of one's name to the EAA Memorial Wall a short biography is also kept. You may view Cliff's on the EAA's website at:

<http://www.eaa.org/apps/obituaries/ObitDetails.aspx?ObitID=1995>

—Doug Tomas



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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Some of the group got together again before the meeting to grill out before the meeting, which everyone is welcome to join in. Joe Moreth won a special prize for flying in for the meeting. Don Ripp passed on information about upcoming events and fly-ins in the area. Passed more information about the Chapter Scholarship Program to the members; to date we don't have any candidates for the Scholarship. Don passed more information out about the upcoming B-17 Tour to the members. Our speaker for this month was Tom Earley who classifies himself as a jumper. He explained to the members how he got started jumping out of airplanes. Thank you, Tom, for your very interesting presentation to the Chapter members.

—Earl P. Martin, 6/18/09



**Corben
Chapter 93**
of the
Experimental Aircraft
Association
announces its annual



Brat n' Bean Feed

Featuring Stoddard's Market Brats

Fly in, drive in, walk in--

Everyone is welcome!!!

Blackhawk Field (87Y)

4677 Kennedy Road, Cottage Grove, WI

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

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

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