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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you at Thursday, August 20, at the 2009 Sugar Ridge Wing Ding. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. but we'll have a short chapter meeting at 7:00. Additional information next page.

## EAA AirVenture—A Quiet Time to Reflect on Those Gone West

Quiet time at AirVenture Oshkosh? (We set up camp at 2nd Ave., about as close as one can get to the noise of Highway 41 without being on the shoulder of the highway! Next year, 9th Ave. or closer.) Thoughts of quiet time and time to reflect started Sunday morning, June 28, during a chapter visit to EAA AirVenture for a work weekend. That Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m. after waking in the bunkhouse, I took a walk towards Fergus Chapel and Compass Hill and noticed how quiet EAA grounds and Wittman Field are at that time of the day.

Once at Fergus Chapel, I went inside and found it to be very quiet and peaceful, sat down and looked around at the windows of "aviation" stained glass and began to think about those family members and friends that I once flew with (bummed rides!) as a youth at (WI06) now (6P3) Waunakee, Wisconsin. I thanked dad (now gone) for giving me that first introductory flight in a Cessna 150 (N4093J) and introducing me to aviation. After the chapel silence, I went outside and found the EAA Memorial Wall and all the many names inscribed on it and noted a few names as I walked around it. Very quiet.

As AirVenture came to its closing day August 2, I again found myself at EAA Memorial wall as a Chapter 93 member, Cliff Tomas, was added to the wall along with almost 80 other inductees. As Tom Poberezny read the names of those inducted that day, a flight of aircraft flew the missing man formation overhead and taps played as those family and friends in attendance had time to reflect those gone west. After the ceremony I talked with Doug Tomas and his family about the early days of Chapter 93 and some of Doug's early trips to EAA, the work weekends and air shows with his father Cliff and other members of Chapter 93 now gone west. A time to reflect!

"Not alone into the sunset but into the company of friends who have gone before them."  
—Don Ripp



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## Other Chapter News

**B-17 Visit:** A big thank you to B-17 Chairman Dick Hartwig and his group of volunteers from Chapter 93 and the folks from Wisconsin Aviation that all worked to make the B-17 visit to MSN a successful and safe event. The aircraft stayed well into Sunday afternoon before departing for OSH with a GRATEFUL load of Chapter 93 passengers. What a way to arrive AirVenture! A special thanks to Don Winkler of Wisconsin Aviation for coordinating and PR work for the event and Dan Knuteson for supplying the crew with a vehicle to use while in town.

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## REMINDERS...

### SWEETCORN ROAST



**Founders' Wing Exhibit:** Jerry Matzelle stands at the donor's wall near the entrance of the new Founders' Wing in the EAA AirVenture Museum. Members of Chapter 93 (yes, you!) also donated a brick to this commemorative exhibit. The Exhibit was



dedicated on Monday, July 27, 2009 and if you have not gone in the museum to see it yet do so...and you'll see photos and artifacts not only from Paul and Audrey but of one of our own chapter members—Scott Nolin's parents—as they involved many years in the early formation of EAA. Come visit the Founders' Wing.

Chapter 93 Members and Families are cordially invited to attend the "2009 Sugar Ridge Wing Ding" on August 20th, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. (dinner bell) come early is best...this is a Potluck Event—dish to pass would be appreciated but is not required. Beverages and Sandwiches will be provided. For those flying in monitor 122.85. I look forward to seeing you.

## 2009 Sugar Ridge Wing Ding

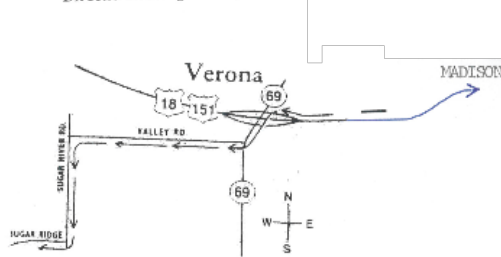
**Location:** Sugar Ridge Airport (W62)—7550 Sugar Ridge, Verona, WI 53593

**Host:** Tom Kretschman, Phone 608.845.6230

Potluck event—dish to pass would be appreciated but is not required. Beverages and sandwiches

(For chapter members that have not attended in the past, TRY to make this one! It's a must see. You may also want to have a standby place setting at the ready. Thanks, Don.)

Directions to Sugar Ridge Airport



A special invitation to all chapter 93 members to attend the 18th annual Sweetcorn Roast held at Mathaire Airport on Saturday, Sept. 5th.

Serving at about 3 p.m., sweetcorn roasted on a charcoal grill and bratwurst will be the main menu along with all of the condiments. Some bring other food to add to the table, but you are not expected to. It's free but donations are accepted. This will be the 18th time I've done this and we've had as many as 53 planes on the ground at one time and would like to surpass that.

Mathaire is located about 5 miles southwest of Columbus on Hwy 73. If driving in from the Madison area, go northeast on Hwy 151 exit to the right on Hwy V (NOT VV) and then a right on Hwy 73 and go about 3/4 miles on the left. Hope to see many of you there —Harold Benisch

## ALSO...

**Sunday 8/16/09, Waunakee Airport/Airpark, WAPA (Waunakee Airport & Pilots Assoc.) Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Thursday 8/20/09, "2009 Sugar Ridge Wing Ding" 5 p.m. dinner bell (but early arrival is welcomed) See invite & map opposite; (7p.m. Chapter 93 meeting, Brat n' Bean Feed update, 15 minutes)**

**Sunday 8/23/09, Chapter 93 Brat n' Bean Feed Fly-In and Young Eagles event. 11a.m. to 3p.m. (Chapter members, the chapter needs your help!)**



## Welcome new Chapter 93 members:

Andrew Last  
Joe Waddell

### SHORT FINAL:

Dick Hartwig's updated  
Zenith 701 construction  
photos on the chapter website.

We need to freeze ice in small  
water bottles for the Brat n'  
Bean Feed.

Don't forget the early set-up  
time for the Brat n' Bean Feed  
event.

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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## Meet Jeff Plantz

We learned some new background information on Jeff Plantz during a visit to his hangar in early June. He started flying what is now a Quicksilver ultralight in 1985 along with his brother. While growing up in a family of four boys and a girl, Jeff's dad wanted to fly as well, so the plane of choice was a Cessna 172, which was flown by the family for 22 years.

Along the way, Jeff and his brother found a used Kitfox and flew it for about eight years. Those were happy flying days for Jeff, but by 1996 he started looking for a four-seat, 150-mph cross-country plane that was not too expensive. *Trade-a-Plane* listed a Bellanca Cruise-Aire in Kansas City which Jeff and his wife Patty bought. Since



then the Plantzs have flown on trips to the Reno Air Races, Montana, Martha's Vineyard, the Bahamas and all over the Upper Midwest for flying functions and the occasional breakfast.



Currently, Jeff is building a side-by-side "Husky like" airplane on amphibious floats. The fuselage, wings, flight control surfaces, and cable routings are complete and the flaps and ailerons are ready for cover. A new 180hp engine has been installed. The interior, fuel system, instrument panel and brakes are needed before the bird can be rigged and test flown. Finishing work is being done on the strut system so the plane can go directly to floats.

Jeff says the first flight is some time in the future, but working on this project for the past four years has been a real pleasure. In any event, Jeff and Patty still enjoy frequent outings in the Cruise-Aire.

—Submitted by Jerry Matzelle

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## Star Gazing

Chapter 93's Jack Jerred, right, an accomplished artist, created this lovely portrait of a lovely aviatrix, Patty Wagstaff, and presented it to her at the Janesville Air Show. Fellow member Fred Leidel accompanied Jack to share in Patty's obvious appreciation.



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## **Brat n' Bean Feed**

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**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

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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



PRESENTS:

## *Pancakes & Planes 2009*

**Sunday, August 16, 2009**

**7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

*Fly-In/Drive-In*



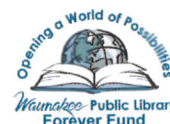
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