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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

To all members: Attend the next meeting! We will have a pre-meeting cookout because we've found some more brats and beans, so bring your own plates and flatware. And remember spouses are more than welcome to attend. See you there!

Thursday, Sept. 17th at 5:30 p.m. for cookout and then the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A GREAT Day for a Fly-in and Brat

What a day for a fly-in event at "Black Hawk" (87Y) on Sunday the 23rd of August as mother nature turned all the C.A.V.U. valves wide open. As I made the short hop from Waunakee to Black Hawk this a.m. I looked around the area at a variety of "ground" fog patches with either "corn silos" or "cell towers" sticking out of the top of the low layers of fog, people under that fog were thinking "what a dreary morning" I knew better! "NOVEMBER-NINER-FIVE-SIX-FOUR-SIERRA cleared direct to Black Hawk..."

Once on the ground at 87Y (very quiet in the early a.m.) I secured the aircraft and walked over to open up the clubhouse, by seven-thirty I was met by many chapter members ("Teamwork!") and we started with event set up...which went pretty well with so many hands to help. Bud Rogers showed up to direct the "tent raising" and we put on a good (entertaining) show for him. Thanks Bud, for the directions and yes, we need to practice the "clove hitch" knot used for tent ropes and stakes! (See diagram.) By 10 a.m. the grills were lit and brats started to cook as some of the first guest began to arrive. (Thanks Rob Tweed for the P.R. work and Dick Hartwig for placing signage around town so as to direct folks through the Cottage Grove Hwy "N" detour.)

As the morning turned into afternoon, the weather held as more transient aircraft arrived. (Some thirty for the day I'm told.) Dick and Sandra had to make a number of runs to the store for more brats and supplies, which is always a good sign. Soon the brats were gone and the last of the transient planes departed. The equipment was put away in storage for yet another year and the airport was back to its quiet self that I witnessed this early a.m. when I first arrived at 87Y "Black Hawk".

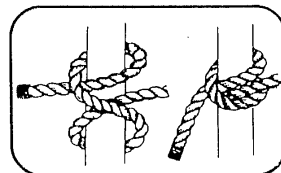
Considering all the events this day.....a very good day indeed.

Members and friends of Chapter 93, pat yourself on the back and say, "Good job", as the Chapter thanks you ALL for getting in there and getting involved. This is your chapter, Chapter 93!

—Don Ripp

Clove Hitch:

Also known as Builder's Hitch because of its wide use by builders in fastening staging to upright posts.



(also handy for tent rope to stake)

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One Pancake Breakfast a Long Time Ago!

(Mustangs, Grass Clippings & Corn Cobs)

On one Sunday morning about 1960, I was in church in Waunakee, attending the services. There was also a fly in breakfast out at the airport in town that morning. There were aircraft noises competing with the organ music. One engine sound really got my attention. This was the sound of a V12, Rolls Royce, P-51 aircraft in the pattern at 6P3, Waunakee Airport.

The hair literally stood up on the back of my neck. As soon as the services were complete I went out to the airport. I observed not one but, two P-51's on the ground and parked. I hung around and watched those two, magnificent aircraft depart.

Both taxied to the West end of the then all sod runway. No 1 came roaring down the runway in a cloud of grass clippings and corn cobs. He crossed Division St. about 4ft. above the pavement, turned sharply to the right, got a bit of altitude, and returned to fly as wingman on the other departing P-51. What a sight and sound.

Over the years there have been some aircraft based at 6P3 that were not usually found on short, sod airstrips. There was a D18 twin Beech, a PT26, and a AT6. The AT6 was a real window rattler. I often wish that I had photographed some of the early



activity at 6P3. I do hope that I will be forgiven for that lapse of attention on that Sunday long ago.

—Bill Plendl

NOTE: Waunakee Airport in 1960 was a “farm runway”it was mowed with a sickle mower only as needed and then the grass was sometimes used as feed for the cattle. Depending on crops and pasture needs, some seasons saw a cattle fence on the west end, and at that time a much deeper ditch on the east end of the runway. Also reported that “fly in day” the Holstein Dairy cattle on the departure end farm did not “milk” very well that evening!

Neat old photo, circa 1908 of the International School of Aeronautics in New York, courtesy of Shorpy.com



I met a young lady at AirVenture this year. Her name is Anja Riedel and she is 11 years old. Her family was camping in their motor home next to me and my wife in Camp Scholler. She is from Colorado, lives on an air park, and is a talented writer. She aspires to be an aerobatic pilot and a poet. Following is a sample of her poetry, no doubt inspired by one of the thunderstorms that rolled through Oshkosh this year. I am sure you will enjoy reading it. —Gary Chenier



The Rainbow

*Rain falls to glimmer off of new paint,
Lightning strikes out, shining on the windshield,
Thunder crackles like a new plane breaking the sound barrier.*

*The rain is blinding, but the plane still sees,
The lightning is shocking, yet the plane still flies,
The thunder is breathtaking, but the engine still roars on through the thinning storm.*

*Ahead, there is a glint of color, a glint of safety.
The wing—my wing, curves a path into the clouds,
Turning to the rainbow.
As I glide in for a safe landing, the rainbow bends,
And before I know it, I am encased in color.
Flying in heaven itself,
A rainbow, a glimpse of heaven.*

*Anja Riedel
Age 11*

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Meet Katie Heinemann—Chapter 93's Air Academy Kid

(From her letter of introduction sent February 2009.)

I am Junior at Waunakee High School with a life long interest in flight. I was born in Oshkosh, WI and I grew up around the EAA and its Young Eagles program. I even had my 8 year old Birthday party in the sky!

When I was in grade school in Oshkosh at Washington Elementary, EAA did a pilot project called Flight Site. It opened my eyes to the world of flight because I learned how airplanes are built and how they remain in the air.

This past year I took two of my 16 year old friends up for a flight at the Pioneer Airport and it was the first flight ever for my friend from Winneconne!

My future plans are to attend college and major in chemistry. I have an interest in trauma surgery. I am taking my C.N.A. (Certified Nursing Assistant) exam this spring and hope to get a job this summer. This is part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program at Waunakee High School.

—Submitted by Patty Plantz

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Local youth to attend EAA academy

Katie Heinemann of Waunakee has been accepted to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy 2009 in Oshkosh. The EAA Air Academy offers young people the opportunity to meet and work with aviation professionals while living and learning the arts, sciences and love of aviation in both classroom and workshop settings.

They join many other young people ages 16-18 in this aviation program. Several days of the academy take place during the world's largest and most exciting aviation event – the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009. Participants in the EAA Air Academy come from around the United States and



KATIE HEINEMANN

several foreign countries. Academy activities will include flight experience, workshops and classroom study.