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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

The next chapter meeting will be Nov. 19th (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse/hangar. Hope to see you there!

"It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it!"

A few Sunday's back was a good morning to head out for breakfast in N9564S and I thought that a half-hour flight to 88C (Palmyra, WI) would be just the ticket for Jean and me. We departed 6P3 and I called MSN to borrow a portion of their airspace for this pleasant a.m. breakfast run to Mary's Café just off of the Palmyra Airport.

The controllers at Madison, always helpful, allowed us to fly "direct" to Palmyra over the control tower at 2500' MSL (a neat view of Dane Co. Regional and ongoing construction projects below). The flight was one of those that you trim the aircraft and don't need touch a thing until ready to land.

We said "hello" to Blackhawk "87Y" from overhead and waved at Fort Atkinson "61C" as we passed south of that field (no Skydiving yet...need to listen on the way back). Soon, on the ground at Palmyra, we taxied and parked at the end of the westernmost taxiway next to a couple of other hungry looking aircraft and took the short stroll south through the vacant lot to the front of Mary's.

Once inside, we were greeted by Mary and the wait staff and soon found ourselves seated with coffee, waters, and menus. The menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner is quite complete with daily specials in the evening. Since this was the a.m., we opted for the breakfast menu and ordered. While we sat with coffee, I listened to Jean with one ear and the surrounding aviation gossip and stories with the other until I was reminded that I was "doing it again!" (Sometimes I hear better out the back of my ears!) Breakfast was served and was just right: the omelet and breakfast sandwich were just as ordered... and the coffee was never allowed to get empty. Service was prompt and with a smile on this morning of a rather full café. So if you need a place to try for a "Fly-Out," give Mary's a try...(and check NOTAMS or call the airport manager for runway conditions because the sod runway and can change with the weather.)

—Don Ripp



L. to R., The Mary's Café gang: Tammy, Arsim, Esat, and Mary.



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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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SECRETARY'S REPORT 10/15/2009

Don Ripp informed members about area events going on. Joyce Jeardeau volunteered to be the chairperson of the chili cook-off contest that is going to be held on the day of the Chili Fly-in on December 5th, 2009. Patty Plantz gave the financial report. Patty Plantz informed the Chapter that she was stepping down from the position of the Chapter Treasurer.

Nominations for the Officers of the Chapter were made and are as follows:

President: Don Ripp
Vice-President: Dave Jeardeau
Treasurer: Jim Lins
Secretary: Earl Martin

The election of Officers will be held at the November chapter meeting by secret ballot, please plan to attend for the election and vote for the Officers of your choice. There will be a write-in room on the ballots if you want to elect someone other than the person on the ballot. Names were drawn for door prizes. A documentary short film of the B. H. Pietsenpol Legacy was viewed by the members at the meeting.

It is that time of the year to order your new 2010 EAA calendar from the Chapter, the cost will be \$10.00. You can place your order by calling Earl Martin at 608-825-3286, by emailing me at earlpmartin@excite.com or you can order at one of the upcoming meetings. Would like to send the order in by December 1st to get them before Christmas, in case that the calendars are gifts for someone on your Christmas shopping list.

Board Meeting 010/29/2009

Earl M. presented the ballot form to the Board and a motion was made and seconded to accept the ballot form as presented. The Chapter To-Do List was talked about and what needed to be done yet for this year. The speaker for the Chapter Annual Banquet has accepted. A motion was made and seconded to pick up the motel room and meal for the speaker and guest. A motion was also made and seconded to invite Tom Kretchman and guest to the Chapter Annual Banquet on the Chapter. Don Ripp will make up the new 2010 Chapter calendar. A suggestion was made that the Chapter should have some extension cords for use during events at the Chapter house. A motion was made and seconded to purchase two 12Ga. 25' extension cords and two heavy duty power strips.

Earl Martin will look into the purchase of the extension cords and power strips.

—Earl P. Martin



One man's crosswind is another man's headwind.
—Neil Robinson

"Puddle jumper 1, you are cleared to land, runway "beach comber right".
—Mike Dean

It is Election Time For Chapter 93

Hello Chapter 93 members!

The Candidates have been nominated and the "secret ballots" have been printed so plan on attending this month's meeting at the clubhouse/hangar (Thursday the 19th of November at 7 p.m.). "Your Chapter and your right to vote." Along with the ballot box and voting will be the opportunity to fill out a suggestion form as to your thoughts and suggestions for direction and events for the chapter. (Or if you want jot your thoughts down at home and place them in the ballot box that evening.) The Board will review and consider all suggestions.

And don't forget these other items:

◆ Chili Fly-In: The "Tom Reholz Memorial Chili Fly-In" is scheduled for Saturday 12/5 (Sun, Rain or Snow) and this year a addition to this event is the 1st ever "Chili-Cook-off" so bring your best recipe and go for the honors! (a sign up sheet will be passed around at this month's meeting as we need Chili to hold this event).(more details in this newsletter)

◆ Hoot and Betty Gibson Memorial Scholarship: the Scholarship Committee has chosen a candidate to receive the 1st scholarship award of \$1,000. See story on next page.

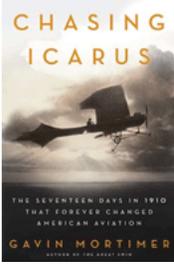
◆ Chapter Meeting Ideas & Speakers: Help! We are spinning our wheels and need your ideas and input for speakers and meeting content. Please contact Mike Cushway at either 1(920)728-0630 or email at mike_cushway@trekbikes.com

◆ Need a Chapter I.T. Person: Many a interesting clips and homebuilding tips are available online from EAA (typically featured in eHotline and Experimenter.) I'm told they could be downloaded on a laptop and then shown at Chapter meetings, but we could use some technical advice.

Thank you and see you at the next Chapter meeting!
—Don Ripp

"Chasing Icarus" the 17 days in 1910 that forever changed American aviation, by Gavin Mortimer, 2009, Walker Publishing Co, NY, 267P. plus notes, glossary, references, index, and 12p glossy photos.

The 17 days were the last 17 days of October, not the best flying weather. The year was 7 years after the Wright brothers first flight and 4 years before WWI. The big events were 3: An attempt to fly the great dirigible across the Atlantic from New Jersey; the great Gordon Bennett Balloon Race from St Louis; and the air race that took place in the Belmont Park Race park, NY, and included races to and around the statue of liberty the races were not simultaneous starts to see who meets the goal first, but rather, within broad starting time limits, who flew the longest distance or fastest speed or highest altitude. The balloon races were dangerous because of the wild population free country over which they flew.



This is an interesting, well-researched true story not told before except in the periodicals of that day.

The Greek Icarus was the son of Daedalus who flew the wings made by his father with feathers, wax, and thread too close to the sun. The wax melted and he fell to his death.

The book I read is from the library of Jerry Matzelle, our membership chairman.
—Review by Fred Lidell

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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Scholarship Candidate Soloed Six on Her Sweet 16!

[Following is the note Patty Plantz sent to Dave and Deb Ersland regarding the Chapter 93 Hoot & Betty Gibson Memorial Scholarship Award.]

We have a great candidate for the scholarship you have provided. Her name is Tobie Stamsta. She flies out of Hartford Airport. On her 16th birthday, she soloed in six different tailwheel airplanes. She is quite the amazing young woman!

At age 14, she began working and flying at Cub Air Flight at Hartford Airport. She and the FBO owner, Steve Krog, worked out a plan for her to pay for flight lessons by doing various jobs to pay for her flight lessons. She helps in the office, cleans hangars and washes and waxes airplanes. Sounds like the good old days—will work for flying time.

Tobie plans to pursue all ratings including Instrument, Commercial, Multi-Engine, and Instructor. She is a straight "A" student and active in several extra curricular activities.

I spoke to her on Sunday to tell her the good news. Needless to say, she is very excited.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to help promote aviation. Your \$1,000.00 scholarship will help Tobie attain her flight training goals. She will be a great ambassador for aviation wherever she goes!

Sincerely,
Patty Plantz
Corben Chapter 93 Scholarship Committee



Instructor Steve Krog congratulates Tobie Stamsta after her first solo flight.
Photo by Amy Gesch

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Trial EAA Memberships Available for EAA Chapters

I had a great time meeting with Chapter Leaders during convention this year. The passion and desire to grow is alive and well in our chapter movement across the country.

I hope I can catch your attention now for just a moment, since most of you still fall into the vast category of “those I haven’t yet met personally” and urge you to start using a tool that will really help your chapter grow - the Chapter Complimentary Membership. My note to you in June gives a detailed explanation. But you really only need one thing to get started – a web address: <http://www.eaa.org/chaptertrial>

Be sure to bookmark this page! There you’ll find a downloadable reference guide, printable data forms, as well as a convenient electronic submission page.

And now, the “Leaderboard” for chapters already using the program:

- EAA 1252 is still way out in front with 33 recruits. I spoke with chapter president, Paul Koziol, during convention. His energy and enthusiasm amaze me. Two “thumbs up” for Paul!

- EAA 384 has moved up into second place with 13 recruits. Way to go, Jon & Shannon Harris!
- EAA 90, a new-comer to the list, out of Oakdale, California, has put up a respectable 11 recruits since June 10 (my birthday). Thank you, Kevin Benziger, for the nice present!

If every chapter could bring in 10 new recruits - which is clearly possible given these results - think what 10,000 new members could do to further the worldwide movement of EAA!

—Barry Elk, EAA Membership Evangelist

