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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you on May 20th at the chapter "Clubhouse" at 7:00 p.m.

"As Spring arrives, so does the Young Eagle season!"

Hello Chapter 93, and welcome to spring. Put away the snow shovels, snow rakes, and snow blowers and pull out the planes! It's that time again; time to check the plane over from top to bottom as well as what may be some flying skills that gave way to the art of snow removal. (Although in recent weeks I've spent more time with the paint brush and broomstick in my hands rather than the throttle and control stick.) But those springtime chores are soon to end and hope to pull the plane out soon.

Chapter 93 has a number of Young Eagles dates scheduled for the year (See flyer on the next page to print, post, and pass around!) with one special event scheduled for May 23rd that has been coordinated by Jeff & Patty Plantz with the help of Pete Aarsvold. Good Job folks! On that day, Chapter 93 will be giving Young Eagles flight experiences to a troop of Girl Scouts from Sun Prairie. The sign up sheet for volunteers is posted in the clubhouse. (If others are interested in a Young Eagles ride that day, you should contact Jeff or Patty.)

The other Young Eagles dates for the season are June 12th, 9 a.m. to noon, and August 22nd, 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. So print out some copies of the attached poster (hard copies are also available at the clubhouse) and get the invites out to family, friends, and co-workers about EAA Young Eagles.

Keep in mind also as you "talk up" Young Eagles and aviation the following items:

- The 6-month FREE trial membership program with EAA and Chapter 93.
- The Chapter 93 "Hoot & Betty Gibson Memorial Scholarship" Fund (the fund has \$1000 dollars to award by December Chili Fly-In. Details for both items can be found at the Chapter Clubhouse or on the chapter website).

Hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting! HEY, bring a guest!

—Don Ripp



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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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FREE AIRPLANE RIDE

For Youth Ages 8-17

2010 Young Eagles Flight Rally

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 93

Blackhawk Airport, Cottage Grove

East of Cottage Grove on BB one mile, then north on Kennedy to the airport.

Saturday, June 12
9:00am to noon

Sunday, August 22
10:00am to 2:00pm

The August 22th Rally will be held in conjunction
with the annual Brat & Bean Fly-In

In the event of rain on June 12th, the young eagle
flights will take place on Sunday, June 13

**Priority will be given to those who
have not already had a Young Eagle ride**

PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED AND
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RALLY
FOR A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

Young Eagle is a world-wide program designed to give free
introductory flights to youngsters age 8-17. The program is
sponsored by the National Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
with rides given by local volunteer FAA certified pilots.



For additional information call Bill Rewey at 608 833-5839
or Bruce Gebhard at 608 516-5520
EAA Corben Chapter 93 of Madison: www.corben93.org
EAA Young Eagles: www.youngeagles.org



Save the Dates!

- Next Chapter Meeting, Thursday
May 20th , 7 p.m. Chapter
Clubhouse/Hanger
- Young Eagle Event Sunday May
23rd
- June 26th & 27th (Chapter 93
Work Party w/e at EAA)

ALSO...

The folks at Palmyra (home of EAA Chapter 1177) are looking for pilots and aircraft to give rides at the Fathers Day Fly-In. If you are interested in giving a hand, please contact Steve Sorge at (262)594-2226.

AND...

Don Winkler of Wisconsin Aviation needs your help to get the word out about the Hangar Dance at Wisconsin Aviation scheduled for the evening of Sat. July 31st. Don is looking for a couple of "vintage" aircraft that could be part of the static display and "ambiance" of the 40's big band music of the evening. If you have a aircraft for display or know of someone give Don a call at (608) 268-5026 or email at don.winkler@wisconsinaviation.com

March 15, 2010

Corben EAA Chapter
Madison, WI

Dear Corben EAA Chapter Members,

I am very happy about your decision to sponsor part of my Air Academy tuition, and I will make the best of it. I received word last week that I have been accepted into the Air Academy, so I'm really excited that it's going to happen! Also thank you for inviting me and my dad to your banquet last month. We had a great time talking to all the other people who like flying as well as listening to the WWII speaker too. I'm really enjoying the prizes I won (airplane book and student membership) and think I might do the prep quiz on the Young Eagles in addition to the summer camp.

I'm not the best writer of letters, but I really wanted to express my appreciation for all the things you have done for me. After the Air Academy this summer I will let you know all about my experiences there and what I learned.

Sincerely,

Jason Fourdraine

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Gone West: Hal Otterbeck

Long time EAA member Hal Otterback passed away Monday. He was a good friend and mentor to many of us in Chapter 93. There will be a visitation at Gundersen Funeral Home on Monona Drive on Friday, May 14, from 4 pm to 8 pm. A complete obituary can be found at the following link: www.madison.com/obit/141379

Hal was Chairman of Handicap Transportation at the Oshkosh Air Show for 9 years. He took great pride in making sure the Chapter 93 trams were prepared and volunteers assigned for the airshow. Hal was also a docent for many years at the Museum. He enjoyed making arrangements for older and disabled veterans to see the AirVenture Museum during the airshow.

Hal and his son, Jim, built two homebuilt airplanes--a Bowers Flybaby and a Pitts Special. Hal was an avid builder of model airplanes, especially military aircraft. He had an incredible "museum" of these models in the basement of his Madison home.

Hal hadn't been able to make Chapter 93 meetings the last couple of years, but a few of us have been honored to join him occasionally for breakfast and airplane talk at the Cottage Cafe and at his home. Hal's son, Jim, was killed several years ago in an aircraft accident,



but Jim's son Nick is carrying on the Otterback (and Leskinen) flying tradition. Nick is a pilot and is working in the light plane industry for Arion Aircraft.

It was an honor no know Hal. He will be missed by many of us in Chapter 93.

—Dick Hartwig