

# CORBEN COURIER

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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

See you on July 15th at 7:00 p.m. with the pre-meeting cookout starting at 6:00.p.m.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS ONE YOU'LL WANT TO HEAR FROM! See page 4 for more...

## MEET CHAPTER 93 MEMBER BILL REWEY

Bill Rewey is more than a Pietenpol builder; more than a mentor to builders; more than a technical advisor and Navy Pilot. Let's take a look.

The Reweys have been in Wisconsin a long time with a town named Rewey founded in the late 1800s. It is located west of Dodgeville and about 20 miles south of hiway 18. Bill was born in Marshfield and during his senior year of high school he saved some money and started taking flying lessons in a Cub for \$4 an hour. He soloed before the family moved to Madi-



son in 1945. This was the first of what would be many interesting flight experiences.

During his Freshman year at UW he and a friend joined the Navy to become pilots. Training started with an SNJ in Pensacola, FL included 4 months of ground school in Ottumwa, IA. Basic training went from primary through solo then formation flying and finally carrier landings. Next came the F4U Corsair in Jacksonville, FL with the same routine; primary through carrier operations plus dive-bombing. It was in the F4U that Bill earned his Navy Wings. He was then assigned to an Anti-Sub Warfare Squadron flying a TBM for a year.

After his service in the Navy, Bill returned to UW and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He got a job with North American Aviation in Columbus, OH and flew the Martin dive-bomber while in the reserves. After moving back to Madison Bill got a job with Mead and Hunt Consulting Engineers. He worked on piping and plumbing systems, heat plants and other large systems. A personal highlight for Bill was working on the design of the plumbing for 100 toilets in the new addition to Camp Randall Stadium using 8 and 10 inch pipe and then designing the mount for the Pine Bluff Spectrograph with tolerances measured in the 1000ths of an inch.

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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 22, 2010**

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

**HANDS ON**  
BUILD-IT-YOURSELF



Designer Bill Rewey with his pancake grill.

sleeves, and press in a 1/4-inch-diameter by 1-1/4-inch-long roll pin. Locate the pin so when you push and pull the handles in and

easy way to devise a reliable heat source; however, a talented team may develop an equally sound method at less expense. Our

Bill's interest in planes started with model building and his wife suggested he build a real plane so after seeing the Pietenpol at Rockford in 1972 he built his first one for \$950.00. He traded this Piet for a Volmer project but later decided to sell the "water-bird". Then he built the Piet we all know as well as the Zenith 801 he is currently flying.

Bill and his wife Marian have flown to Alaska twice, the Bahamas 3 times and he flew his Piet to Sun-n-Fun 4 times.

Something we did not know about Bill is his interest in photography. During high school he set up his own darkroom and processed film from pictures he took of planes at the Madison airport including the B-17, B-18, P-36 and others. He still has those pictures to this day. We especially appreciate the mentoring and leadership he provides to the Pietenpol Builders in Chapter 93. Thanks for all you do, Bill.

—Submitted by Jerry Matzelle

**Bill and his pancake grill were featured in the July issue of EAA Sport Aviation magazine.**

**Attn: Chapter members! Be the first wear the new "Brat & Bean Feed Aprons" at this year's Brat & Bean Feed event! Remember to keep August 21st (Sat. morning event set up) and Sunday August 22nd (the main event) open. Event Posters/Flyers (see previous page) will be available at Thursday's meeting. (Remember, it's the apron that makes the man.)**



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## Meet Tobie Stamsta

Plan to attend the July meeting and lend a ear to Miss Tobie Stamsta as she shares her “solo cross country flight” experience with the destination to attend the “Sentimental Journey” Piper Cub reunion in Lock Haven, Pa., June 16th thru the 19th.

Tobie did so to satisfy the requirement for “solo cross country” and share the thrill of meeting so many other Piper Cub folks during the flight as well as at the event in Lock Haven. Hear also of the other aircraft that flew in a “loose formation” with her and about some of the weather delays the group encountered during their flight to/from the “Cub” event. So if you can get away and attend this meeting in order to hear from a Young Aviator well on her way to receive her pilot certificate.

This is also a good meeting to attend and catch up



with fellow members’ plans to attend EAA just a few weeks away. Hope to see you all at the meeting. Watch for the next Flying Event in June and plan to join in the fun.