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Letter from the President Rob Tweed

Dear EAA Chapter 93 members and friends,

I hope your holiday season was fun and relaxing and I also hope that 2012 is off to a great start for everyone. We certainly seem to be on the right track from a weather perspective so far this year based on the number of days I've found myself wishing I was out buzzing around in our bright blue skies. Wow! Along with our stunning mid-January weather, I am also very excited about the fun year I believe we'll enjoy as a community of aviation enthusiasts. Chapter 93 has a long history of banding together to deliver meaningful activities that has brought joy and advanced the spirit of aviation to countless

individuals. Some examples of the many services and activities that we have provided over the years include operating the handicapped transportation tram at AirVenture, providing EAA Youth Camp scholarships to deserving candidates and creating hundreds and hundreds of Young Eagles. Our new Explorer Post with Boy Scouts of America is our latest example of aviation based charitable giving back to the community.

All of these initiatives make me proud to be a part of our special Chapter 93 family. I am very excited about all of our past accomplishments but I am even more

excited about what lies ahead for our Chapter in 2012 and beyond. I am thrilled to see so many new members join Chapter 93. Welcome aboard! I look forward to getting to know each of you as we work together on our programs. Speaking of exciting programs, I can't wait to see our latest initiative take flight where we'll get all Chapter 93 members up in the air where they belong and get everyone some well-deserved "stick time"! 2012 will be an exciting year for Chapter 93 in so many ways. We are cleared for take-off, let's enjoy the ride!

Annual Banquet

Please don't forget to sign up to attend our annual Chapter 93 Banquet. Information on this wonderful event is highlighted below:

Date: February 11, 2012
Time: 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner
Location: Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee
Featured Speaker: Jim Koepnick, EAA Chief Photographer
Cost: \$22.00 per person

January Meeting Rob Tweed

Our next general membership meeting will be located at the Chapter 93 clubhouse, Blackhawk Airfield on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00. Some key topics that will be covered during the meeting include:

- Recap of last month's meeting at Wisconsin Aviation (light attendance)
- Explorer Post update
- Financial update
- Discussion on new initiative to address flight currency status of entire Chapter 93 membership
- Overview of recent presentation at Oshkosh on the recovery of the P-38 Lightning "Glacier Girl"
- Discussion on possible summer family picnic
- Newsletter format changes
- Presentation by Rob on new fund raising proposal for Chapter 93

Dues are due!!

It's that time of year again people. Plan to pay your 2012 dues at the next Chapter meeting. Dues will remain at \$20 per person until the banquet. After the banquet, dues go to \$24. Still a great deal but why not put the \$4 savings towards .7 gallons of 100LL?

Board Meeting 01-05-2012

Jim L. updated the board members on the Aviation Explorer Post activities and the financial considerations for that organization. Jim L. gave the Chapter financial overview. Would there be 3 volunteers to do some phone calling from the membership list for the Chapter Annual Banquet, you can volunteer at the Chapter meeting. If you haven't signed up for the Banquet yet, you can place your reservation by calling Earl Martin at 608-825-3286, cell phone at 920-255-0094 or email me at earlpmartin@excite.com. The Banquet will be held at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee at the cost of \$22.00 per person. Are there any volunteers to help Aaron with the chapter newsletter by writing a monthly column or article?

Chapter Meeting 12/15/2011

The Chapter meeting was held at Wisconsin Aviation in Madison. Don Ripp started the meeting off by handing the gavel to the new President of Chapter 93 Rob Tweed. The Chapter members were informed about the information meeting for the Aviation Explorers at which 7 young candidates got information on the new group that is being formed in the Madison area. Rob T. made a suggestion that active pilots in the Chapter take non active pilots and other people interested in going on flights to different locations as a group to fly-in events in the area. Rob T. made a suggestion that Chapter 93 & the Middleton Chapter get together for some non-fund raising events. Rob T. asked the membership for suggestions and volunteers to help write columns and types of articles to be included in the Chapter Newsletter. Our guest speaker was Gustav Ryberg (Flight School Manager/Chief Flight Instructor) at Wisconsin Aviation in Madison (Juneau & Watertown). The Chapter Members thank you for taking the time to talk and answer questions of the Chapter members concerning flight training. At 8:56PM Earl M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe M. seconded the motion. Gustav invited all interested people to see and try the flight simulator that they have in the Flight School at Wisconsin Aviation

Chapter 93 Web Editor gets an Early Christmas Present

What a great present to get on Christmas Eve and a great way to ring in the New Year. Chapter 93 Web Editor Dave Ripp received his Private Pilot license at Wisconsin Aviation on 12/24/11 and I think Santa had a bit to do with the good weather on that day as it could not have been more perfect for a check ride. Besides, Santa needed good weather later that evening to.

Dave was up and at-em very early that morning (he did not sleep very well that night, Remember the night before check ride syndrome?) I knew he was to use a rather well-worn C-172 "N3421E" from Wisconsin Aviation so I listened at Waunakee on the scanner for a "21 Echo" flying out of Madison airspace to the practice area. I did hear him call a request to leave the frequency about 9:45 a.m. and knew he was well under way. So I started pacing around the house with another cup of coffee. Dave's brother Randy was home for the holiday weekend so he joined in the pacing too as we both listened to the scanner.

Our other connection to this event as it unfolded was "Mary". As tradition has it (the unofficial rule) a new Pilot should have as his first passenger upon receiving his "ticket" his girlfriend, wife or mother for the first ride. (Each pilot has to pick one as it applies to his individual case) So we pace, listen to the scanner, text Mary to see if she got the call from Dave for a plane ride which would mean he has ticket in hand. More coffee! The Citabria is on the hangar pad at Waunakee preflight done and ready to go! More coffee! More Texting Mary! Pace, Pace, Pace.....

About an hour has passed (as well as many cups of coffee) and we get the "text" from Mary that she should meet Dave at WI Aviation. Yeee Ha! He did it! So Randy and I hop in "64S" and depart 6P3 and head for MSN. "This is to neat, one son carting me around in the Citabria to go meet and congratulate the other son after receiving his ticket." Randy and I land at MSN and taxi to Wisconsin Aviation and meet and congratulate Dave (at this point with a huge grin on his face) and Mary. "Mary, are you ready for the 1st ride" I asked her? "Not quite yet she says, as the plane has another appt.!" (Seems as though a young couple came in for an "intro flight" so the plane will be gone for about a 1/2 hour.)

So what to do next? Go into the "Jet Room" for a cup of Coffee and debrief the flight while the plane is out giving the "intro flight". Before the "joe" was finished "21E" had returned and the four of us went out on the ramp for a few photos by the plane. With the photos taken Dave and Mary climbed in and off they went into the "Wild Blue Yonder"(that's what it's all about) "Great Job Dave see you around the pattern!".



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Dear EAA Member:

Chapter 431 in Brodhead is made up of aircraft restorers, builders, pilots and aviation enthusiasts and their families. Our mission is to "Promote Aviation in the Brodhead area". We do this by meeting regularly and by conducting and hosting events throughout the year.

March & April 2011 Program

Wing Covering using Stewart Systems

MEETING Invitation

Sat, Mar 5th, 9AM
Sat, Apr 2nd, 9AM
Tue, May 3rd, 7PM

Saturday Work Days
5/7, 7/16, 9/3

Event Schedule

Pancake Breakfast-May 15th
Int'l Learn to Fly Day-May 21st
EAA Young Eagles Day-Jun 11th
Hatz Fly-In-Jul 22nd-24th
Pietenpol Reunion-Jul 22nd-24th
EAA-Oshkosh-Jul 25th-31st
MAAC Grassroots-Sep 9th-11th

Refreshments will be served.

Visit us on the internet at: www.eaa431.org.