



CORBEN COURIER

March 2012

Next Chapter 93 Membership Meeting – Please Note Location Change

Please be advised that our next meeting will be held at Middleton Municipal Airport on March 15. After a short meeting agenda Jeff and Patty Plantz will bring us up to speed on the latest developments with their seaplane project. This is a very impressive airplane; you won't want to miss this meeting! Please plan to arrive at the FBO office between 6:45 and 7:00. Jeff and Patty will then escort us to their hanger. Middleton Municipal Airport is located at 8300 Airport Rd.

Letter from the President Rob Tweed

I have to admit that ever since I saw the 2007 movie "The Bucket List" with Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson I have found myself thinking of the things that I would like to do before that dreaded bucket gets kicked down the road. These are little mental notes mind you...no pen to paper yet. Things come and go from the list but I find it interesting how much more solid the list is becoming as Father Time marches on. It's funny how aging does that sort of thing. Someday I'd like to hold my yet to be born grandchild, travel to the Canadian rocky mountains with Jill, attend the Isle of Man TT motorcycle road race event with my brother, Doug, and see my business succeed. Those are the kind of "bucket list" thoughts that pop in and out of my head. But I have learned that some items appear on the list unexpectedly.

I want to share with you a different sort of bucket list experience I had last November 12th. I had just learned that my friend, Dick Walrath, and his wife Anita were temporarily hanging their hats in Rochester, MN for treatments at the Mayo Clinic for a serious illness Dick has been battling. Jill and I met Dick when we were searching for property to purchase years ago near Houghton, Michigan. Dick is the broker we worked with. While back at his office reviewing our purchase contract I noticed photos on the wall of Dick's aviation experiences. I then learned of his numerous missions in Vietnam flying F-4 fighters, thousands of hours of C-119 and C-130 time and a couple thousand hours in Cessna 206 and 310 aircraft. As it turned out, the property sale did not go through but I gained a great new friend out of the deal. It's funny how aviation interests can be such a nice bonding agent!



So, now, years later, here was my good friend Dick bidding his time with Anita in their hotel room with two months of very unpleasant treatments to endure. I woke up that Saturday morning and placed my call to Dick. "How about some unconventional therapy"? I asked Dick, confident that my "therapy" which involved putting a control stick in his hand once again and zipping around the skies over Rochester would nicely compliment whatever the Mayo docs had in mind for him. Dick agreed with Dr. Rob, that my sort of therapy had the conventional stuff beat hands down. Off to MSN I went and I found myself greeting Dick at the Rochester International Airport FBO a short while later.



We took off and flew north for about 30 minutes and then followed the mighty Mississippi River south. All of Dick's flying experience became very evident as he demonstrated a wonderful feel for N96RJ. He is one very impressive pilot, even though it had been years since he had flown an aircraft. We had a great time flying together and I think we may have even developed an effective new medical treatment while we were at it.

Once we reluctantly returned to the FBO, Dick turned to me and said "I've always wanted to get a ride in a P-51 Mustang. It's been on my bucket list for a very long time. I know I'll never get that ride in the Mustang but this is the closest I'll ever come. So, I'm going to scratch that one off my bucket list." "Thank you", he said with a sincere smile.

Wow! I've always thought these bucket lists we dream up are supposed to be all about the special things we want to do *for ourselves* before it is too late. Now I marvel over how cool it was to play a role in helping someone else shorten their list. I think Dick and I took care of two bucket list entries that day, one that had been lingering on his list for quite some time and a very new and previously unknown one for me.

PS

Dick successfully completed his therapy at Mayo Clinic and he and Anita have returned to their home. His doctors are very impressed with how well he is doing. **Clear and Visibility Unlimited** all the way. Keep up the great work Dick!

Chapter Meeting Earl Martin

Chapter Meeting 02/11/2012
The Chapter meeting was the Annual Banquet which was held at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. The Service Awards were presented to various people for positions within the Chapter. We had two speakers this year- Don Winkler and Dave Weiman and both gave very good and informative presentations to the Chapter Members. Thank you very much Don and Dave for your contribution to our Annual Banquet.

Board Meeting Earl Martin

The meeting was opened at 7:09PM at Wisconsin Aviation conference room. An Annual Banquet recap was done as to the possible changes to hopefully better the Banquet next year. Possible future speakers and possible early start time was also discussed. Jim L. gave an update on the activities of the Explorer Post. Jim L. gave a financial overview of the Chapter's finances. The Board discussed the current Chapter roster, Corben Cadet Facilitation, new members recognition and member recruitment strategies. The March Chapter Meeting will be held at the Jeff & Patty Plantz hanger at Morey's in Middleton to see Jeff & Patty's seaplane project and the April Meeting will feature Tom Cunningham of TC's Air Care at the Chapter's clubhouse at Blackhawk Airport.

Young Eagles Earl Martin

The first step for a Young Eagle is their first flight.

So what's a Young Eagles Flight like?

On the ground: A pilot explains what will happen during the flight. This might include talking about the airplane, reviewing an aeronautical chart (or map), identifying reference points during the flight, completing a careful "walk around" preflight inspection of the airplane, and identifying the parts that control the airplane.

Just before take-off: Your pilot helps you buckle your seat belt and describes the interior of the airplane, including the instrument panel.

In the air: You have a whole new view of the earth and sky. And, if you want, your pilot may let you take the controls! The flight lasts between 15 and 20 minutes, but if you're like most Young Eagles, you'll remember this experience for the rest of your life.

Back on the ground: There's more time for you to ask questions about the flight. And ask away! Your pilot is happy to tell you more about flying and their particular airplane. You also receive an official Young Eagles logbook, which is signed by your personal pilot, and your name is added to long list of Young Eagles in the World's Largest Logbook.

Help me provide the first step to energize a young person to a possible career in aviation. This year's first Young Eagle Event is being planned for the 10th of March with a rain date of March 17th. I am putting a call out for volunteer pilots and ground crew. If you can help out contact Earl Martin at 608-825-3286, Cell 920-255-0094 or email earlpmartin@excite.com.

Aviation Explorer Post 93 Jim Lins

The latest meeting was on Monday, February 20th. Air National Guard member and pilot, LTC Bruce Fischer, took us to the Guard's compound at Truax Field. We visited three sites:

- A static F-16A, without an engine, that is in an exterior area surrounded by administrative buildings;
- A room containing a full size F-16 cockpit simulator used for practicing cockpit egress, post members were invited to sit in the cockpit;
- And an auditorium in another building in which we were shown Air Guard informational and motivational videos and LTC Fischer told us about his background and answered questions.

Ron Dorn has scheduled a meeting on March 5th for the Explorer Post officers to create a schedule of future meetings' agendas. The next meeting of the post will be on March 19th to tour parts of the airport.

Patty and Jeff's PA 14 Replica Amphibian Jeff & Patty Plantz

Here is the story. Everyone remembers the Wright Brothers, right? Well, In 2003 the Wrong Brother's (Jeff and Greg Plantz) decided to do something big to celebrate their 100 the anniversary of flight. With two other buddies we went on a LONG weekend seaplane training adventure. Four newbies, two instructors, a Cessna 180 and 185. We had some fun, fear, excitement and success.

So the dream begins.....where can we rent one of these? GOOD LUCK! So now for the adventure. Patty bought me a book for Christmas 2004, True North, about one man's travel all over in HIS floatplane. Since float flying is the most fun flying I ever have done, I was hooked! Gotta have a floatplane, and more adventure in my life.

Oshkosh 2004 (hint/recommendation....credit cards, Oshkosh, my attorney friend and beer are not a good mix).

I came home with a set of amphibious 2100 floats. I had purchased the basement before the house? Friends can be dangerous. I ran into my Brodhead Airport friends, they just happened to have a fuselage for sale (don't ask).....sold!

And they knew a guy who made great wings for an approved kit. I was up and running, a couple of years and I'd be flying and floating. RIGHT? Well here it is 2012...hmmm. The project is moving forward with help from friends, family and Patty. It will be finished some Tuesday (another story). The kit company where many of my parts came form is now called Back Country Cubs, Google it. Previously, Turbine Cubs, and originally Smith Cub in Canada. See you at the March meeting.



Where does the 54 inch screen go?



I'm a builder.....



Looks like an Airplane!

Chatting with Chapters Don Ripp

EAA CHAPTER 1177 PALMYRA, WI. "SANDHILL FLYERS"

Hello Chapter 93,

This month's featured Chapter is Chapter 1177 the "Sand Hill Flyers" <http://1177.eaachapter.org/> based at the Palmyra Airport (88C) since its chartered date in 1997. Having first met Mike Dean the current chapter President some years ago at various Palmyra events and EAA AirVenture I was happy when he agreed to do the interview. Mike has been involved at various levels within Chapter 1177 over the years and now is the Chapter President. The Chapter of 20 plus members holds its monthly meetings at the Palmyra Airport Clubhouse on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and invites members of "93" to stop in and take in a meeting. Chapter events consist of Young Eagles Rally (700 to date) the Sunday in May, Annual Father's Day Fly-In (although not a chapter event) the chapter pitches in with workers for the day. This is one "Big Fly-In" and good food too! The chapter sponsors a "Fall Colors Fly-In" (date to be determined). As well, many members are also involved with the "88 Charlies" (www.88charlies.com) program based at 88C. When I asked Mike to share a 1177's memorable event with me he talked about the time Paul and Audrey Poberezny attended a winter 1177 banquet as guest some years ago and Paul shared stories about the old Palmyra Airport (south west of current airport) and he was giving flying lessons in a Cub to a few students at the time. He presented photos of the event to the chapter and you can see those framed photos today displayed in the clubhouse. I questioned Mike about member projects and he relayed that a number of members help with projects at the "88 Charlies" Hangar as well as he and a number of others are building a "Double Eagle" project. So if you want to stop in at (88C-owned by the township) for one of the 1177 events, meetings or lunch, (restaurants with-in walking distance) Edge of Town Café on Hwy 59 (south of west end of 9/27) or The Main Street Cafe (5 or 6 blocks) have good food. (The Main Street Cafe is owned by a Palmyra based pilot) If you want to check runway conditions (sod only) call Don Agen, Airport Mngr. at 1(262)495-4342.

Remember Chapter 93 members to mark your calendars for the Father's Day Fly-In, June 17th, one of the areas busiest and with the best pancakes.....with radishes as a sidedish? And stay tuned for the date of the Fall Colors Fly-in.

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