



CORBEN COURIER

April 2012

Letter from the President Rob Tweed

Flying Fun Factor – Keep Fueling It!

Since our last newsletter hit the press another month is now in the history books and I'm happy to report that I was able to keep the fun meter pegged for much of the time either doing or thinking about my two favorite activities, flying and off-road motorcycling. My flying fun started with our Young Eagles rally at Middleton Municipal Airport – Morey Field on March 17. We created quite a few Young Eagles that day. Many thanks go out to Dayton Sederquist for coordinating the event with his students from Sun Prairie High School. I also would like to thank all of our Chapter 93 pilots and ground crew personnel that helped make the event a success. After we flew our last Young Eagle flight a group of us flew over to Lone Rock for lunch. I had the great pleasure of flying with Jim Martin in the Lancair while Bob Ward flew with Dayton in the C-172. Jim told me it had been years since he had last piloted an aircraft. You wouldn't think so by the way he handled 96RJ. Jim really impressed me with how



Congratulations to Dayton and Jim on becoming our latest Chapter 93 Corben Cadets!



quickly he got comfortable with the controls. I also have my daughter Hannah to thank for her contribution to my flying fun. It turns out that Hannah forgot to set her alarm clock and missed her train ride back from Holland, Michigan where she attends college. Once I learned of Hannah's oversleeping I jumped at the opportunity to fire up the plane and retrieve our stranded daughter. Not

I need much justification but this was a great excuse to fly and it certainly was not to be

missed! A short while later I was treated with big but rather sheepish smile from Hannah at her dorm. We tried to figure out where all of her stuff she was bringing home from her spring break would fit in the tiny plane. Once we got in the air, leveled off and settled into our flight back home it hit me just how lucky I am to be able to zip over to Michigan on a moment's notice and have such a memorable flying experience with Hannah. Thank you, Hannah, for forgetting to set your alarm clock! At the beginning of the article I mentioned off-road motorcycles as a passion that, for me at least, ranks right up there with flying. But how can that be you might ask. Stay tuned for my perspective on that strange comparison. We'll cover that next month. Until then, fly safe and enjoy the weather!



Chapter Meeting Earl Martin

03/15/2012

The Chapter meeting was held at Jeff & Patty's hanger at Morey's in Middleton. Jim L. updated the members on the activities of the Explorers Post. The Explorers Post has all the Officers elected except for a Post Treasurer. Don R. updated members on chatting with the Chapters. Earl M. informed the Members that the Young Eagle Event that was planned for March 10th was cancelled because of weather conditions and that the Event was rescheduled for March 17th. Earl asked for pilot and ground crew volunteers. Skot W. updated everyone on the Corben Cadet initiative. Jeff P. started the presentation by explaining to the Members how he got interested in seaplanes. Jeff and Patty talked about the trials and tribulations of the project. Everybody got to view their plane and ask questions about the project. Thank you, Jeff & Patty for sharing your experiences of working on your seaplane and allowing the Chapter to see your project.

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.

Aviation Explorer Post 93 Jim Lins

The latest meeting was on Monday, March 19th. We toured the Dane County Airport terminal. Brent Henry, the airport publicity officer, and Hal Davis, the operations intern, led us through the terminal. We toured the airlines' reception area, the TSA outgoing baggage security check operational areas, the TSA passenger security checkpoints, the airplane docking and airline ground crew operations, the incoming baggage handling rooms, the administrative offices, the terminal maintenance rooms, and the operations area.

There are 74 airport employees, most of them are tradesmen, and over 100 TSA employees. There are 6 full time operations supervisors and 1 intern. By working 10 hour shifts, they provide 24/7 staffing for the operations area. After the tower shuts down at night, the operation's staff controls the airport. They have the same equipment as the tower. If there is an emergency, the operations area has a command center from which the response team leaders coordinate the response and direct their teams.

The next meetings are scheduled for the explorer board on April 9th at our chapter hanger and the explorer post on April 16th at the Sun Prairie High School in the room that has the flight simulators

Young Eagles Earl Martin

Young Eagle Event

03/17/2012

The Young Eagle Event finally happened on the 17th of March at Morey's in Middleton after three false starts. The weather turned out to be very nice and I would like to thank the pilots Pete Buffington, Don Ripp, Bob Ward, Larry Landucci and Skot Weidemann for a job well done. I like to thank Rob Tweed for bringing his plane and doing the ground school, Jim Martin for helping me with the students and Jim Lins for doing the certificates. I want to extend my deepest thank you to the personnel at Morey's for allowing our Chapter to do the Event at their airport. I believe that the students really enjoyed the event and are very interested in obtaining more exposure to aviation. Thank you to everyone for helping me to make the event a special one to the students of Sun Prairie High School.

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to send a big **"thank you"** to all of the pilots (Bob, Don, Larry, Pete, Rob, and Skot) who provided many memories for the students of Sun Prairie. The event added another "spark" into our Explorer and Civil Air Patrol programs that we are working so hard to promote. Thank you Earl, for doing a great job organizing the event. I also want to thank Jim Lins and Jim Sainsbury for all of their help. My son Cailan and I enjoyed the invite down to Lone Rock for breakfast. He and I were talking about it all day. Skot --- I hope Cailan didn't cause you too much trouble. I learned so much by just listening.

See you soon and thanks again for the awesome experience,

Dayton



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

Hi, Thanks to everyone who visited our project. I appreciate the encouragement and hints/suggestions you offered Patty and I. We were gone for a few weeks to attempt another "bucket list" item. So the project did not get much attention, except to have the mags timed by two top A&P's at Morey's.

But we did complete a hike down to the Colorado River via the Grand Canyon. What a sight. What a hike.....35,440 steps, but well worth the work!



Timing the mags by Ryan & Al of Morey Airplane Co.



Yes, we did hike in snow and 85 degree heat.....hmm.

April Meeting Details

Location: Chapter 93 Clubhouse, Blackhawk Airfield

Date and Time: April 19, 7:00 PM (Note, Don Ripp is planning on firing up the BBQ before the meeting. Bring a burger or a brat to throw on the grill if you feel like some BBQ fueled hanger flying prior to our meeting.)

Speaker: Tom Cunningham, owner of TC's Air Care in Baraboo will speak to us about his experiences as an A&P mechanic and business owner. He will provide general maintenance tips for aircraft engines, airframes, etc. We'll plan to have a great Q&A session with Tom as well.



Book Review Fred Leidel

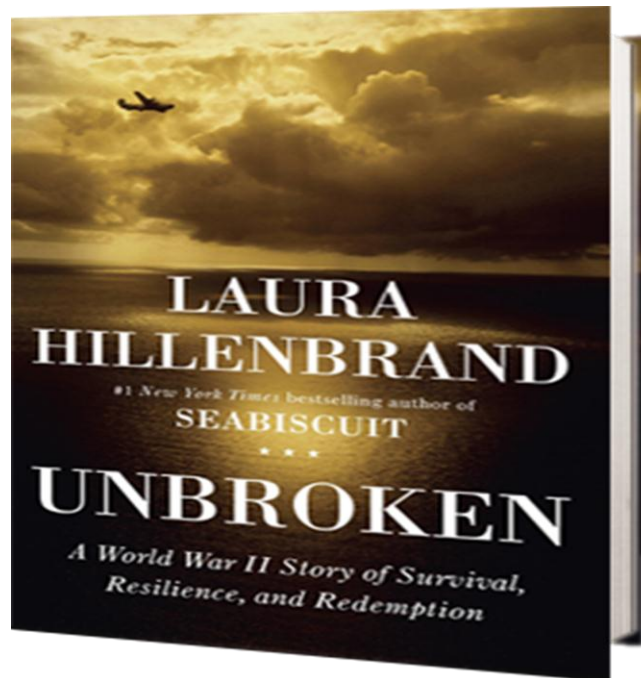
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand (Nov 16, 2010)
Random House, Hardbound, 398 pg. plus 50 pg. of 398 reference

This is a very readable, well researched true story that reads like fiction. It is the life of Louie Zamperini, a runner in the Berlin Olympics, who in WWII was a bombardier of a B-24 bomber that crashed in the Pacific. He suffered many days adrift in a raft without food or water, became a Japanese P.O.W. and was very abused by the Japanese officers in the P.O.W. camp.

Eventually the war ended and Louie was released from the camp by U.S. troops, and returned home. But later he returned to Japan to relive his experience. Eventually he was able to forgive his captors.

The title of the book relates to how Louie was able to endure the punishment of his Japanese captors.

The book is mine, and I would be pleased to loan it. Just ask. It was a present from my brother Don for my 95th birthday.



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