



## Letter from the President Rob Tweed

### Airplanes vs. Dirt Bikes

Last month I wrote about having fun, a pursuit that I highly endorse. Smiles and airplanes seem to go together nicely. I'm sure many of you reading this can relate with the almost magical feelings of pure joy and freedom that flying gives us. Many times I find myself thinking that it just simply doesn't get any better than this.

Or does it? So, there I was last month zipping along in N96RJ with Hannah and all of her school supplies jammed into every nook and cranny in an airplane severely lacking in nooks and crannies thinking these types of thoughts of joy and wonderment. Life is good! As I found myself thinking about this short hop to Michigan replacing the 15 hour round trip drive, somehow my other passion came onto the radar screen:

Off-road motorcycling. We're talking about blasting through very narrow trails for miles on end in heavily wooded forests with all sorts of treacherous terrain thrown in. Maybe it was the upcoming ride in Tennessee with friends. Who knows how our thoughts move from the deep recesses to front and center. I had dirt bikes and airplanes on my mind at 8,500 feet. The more I thought about riding the dirt bike a weird sort of competition ensued in the noggin. Airplanes vs.



dirt bikes! How weird is that? Yes, I thoroughly enjoy doing both but what if I had to pick just one? Tough call, but let's hammer this out I said to myself. Here is a peek at my imaginary scoring tool:

<u>Fun Factor</u>	<u>Airplane</u>	<u>Dirt Bike</u>
Sheer sense of awe and amazement	✓	
Pocket book friendly		✓
Rain or shine, let's go		✓
Utility, usefulness	✓	
Level of intense challenge		✓
Others can share in fun	✓	
Resistance to ageing (aches and pains)	✓	
Maintenance demands		✓
Ability to advance to new levels, continue learning	✓	

So what is the point of all this silliness? Life is short so find and embrace the activities that bring you the most joy. Some of you may have competing passions. Enjoy them all the fullest. Just please don't tell Mr. Dirt Bike he's playing second fiddle to a machine with wings and no knobby tires at all.

## Chapter Meeting Earl Martin

04/19/2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM at Chapter 93 Chapter House Blackhawk Airport, Cottage Grove. Rob Tweed asked new Members and visitors to give an introduction of themselves to the rest of the group. Rob T. read an article written by Jeff Skiles about the Chapter 93 Explorer Post to the group. Don Ripp talked about this years work week at EAA Oshkosh and passed a signup sheet around to get a starting account of people that would be interested in attending. Rob Tweed presented the first of the Corben Cadet Certificates to the following people: Fred Liedel, Al Kruth, Jonie Forbes, Jim Martin and Lowell Zirbel. Congratulations to these people for being the first group of Corben Cadets. Our featured speaker this month was Tom Cunningham of TC's Air Care. Thank you, Tom for helping the members with any questions they had about the maintenance of their aircraft.

## Aviation Explorer Post 93 Jim Lins

The latest meeting was on Monday, April 16th. Dayton Sederquist was our host at the Sun Prairie High School where we used the flight simulators. A limited number of Explorers are currently able to attend the meetings because of all the commitments they have this Spring, primarily at school.

The next meetings are scheduled for the Explorer board on May 7th at our chapter hanger and the Explorer Post on May 21st also at the hanger. The tentative agenda for the Post meeting is a presentation by Air National Guard LTC Fischer and a discussion with Lowell Zirbel and Jim Lins about the Blackhawk Flyers' Pietenpol project. All Chapter members are invited to attend any of the post meetings.

Two of the Explorers have soloed and currently plan to apply for the Chapter's Buck and Betty Gibson Memorial Scholarship.

## Board Meeting Earl Martin

05-03-2012

The meeting was opened at 7:08PM at Wisconsin Aviation conference room. Members present included Rob Tweed, Jill Tweed, Scot Nolinski, Don Ripp, Dave VanLanen, Jim Lins, Dick Hartwig, Earl Martin and Jonie Fobes. Reviewed the Action items from last month and noted if any follow-ups were necessary. Jim Lins gave an update on the Explorer Post. The Explorer post is meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. and an invitation will be placed to all of the Chapter 93 Members to attend. Jim L. gave a financial update on the Chapter financial standings. The May chapter meeting speaker will be David Ripp and will be going a Chapter 93 website overview. The June Chapter meeting will be held at Tom Kretschman's Sugar Ridge with a pot luck meal. A signup sheet will be passed around at the May meeting for a head count and signing up for the type of dish each person will bring to pass. The Chapter will also be offering Young Eagle rides to the Explorer Post Members as an Young Eagle Event at Sugar Ridge. I will therefore need Young Eagle pilots that feel comfortable about flying in and out of Sugar Ridge and Ground Crew. The Chapter 93 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration activities was a topic that was brainstormed by the Board and Guests. Some of the memorabilia that was suggested are playing cards, letterhead writing paper, paper weight, golf shirt, pen and a cap. Some of the items would be free and some would need to be purchased by the Members. These items will be brought to the Members for consideration as well as any other suggestions from the floor. Aaron Larson has informed Rob T. that he has decided to resign from his position as newsletter editor, effective this August. Any volunteers to fill the position or suggestions about a possible candidate would be greatly appreciated. I want to take this time to thank Aaron for his service as our newsletter editor, Thank you for a job well done. It was brought to the attention of the Board that a third Member at Large was required. A motion was made to nominate Dick Hartwig, the motion was accepted and passed. Dick H. accepted the position and is now the Third Member at Large on the Board. The meeting was adjourned.  
Earl P. Martin

***Corben Cadets get into the summer flying season***

The days are getting long with lots of daylight and warming temperatures. To keep momentum with our intent to get chapter members involved in rides and aviation events we have an event planned for the immediate future.

***Breakfast Fly In at Juneau, Wisconsin June 3***

June 3 we will be meeting at Middleton Municipal Morey Field (C29) at 8AM. For those of you who are interested in going to this fly in breakfast in a plane or on the ground in a van, we will distribute people into available airplanes and vans. To allow as many people to fly as possible, we will plan to have plane passengers ride one way and then swap with van riders to give others a chance to fly the return trip. We will be contacting pilots prior to the next meeting to see what planes and pilots will be available for that day. We will have a sign up clipboard available at the next Chapter meeting on May 17, 7 pm at Wisconsin Aviation.

If the weather is bad on June 3 (not good for airplane transportation), the Rain Date is June 10 for a trip out to Watertown (RYV), with the meeting again at Middleton Municipal Morey Field (C29) at 8AM.

Other upcoming very local events:

July 7 Hangar Dance, WI Aviation

July 15 EAA 1389 Pancake Breakfast

Summer weekends are full of fly in events all over the state. If you can't fly, you might consider driving, riding your motorcycle or your bicycle. For a listing of fly in events you might be interested in on your own, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics web site listing is:

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm)

EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh has a listing service at: [www.flyincalendar.com/](http://www.flyincalendar.com/)

For information about any Chapter events or suggestions you may contact me at: [SWeidemann@aol.com](mailto:SWeidemann@aol.com)

## **May Meeting Details**

**Location:** Wisconsin Aviation Conference Room, 3606 Corben Court, Dane County Regional Airport

**Date & Time:** May 17, 7:00

**Speaker:** David Ripp is our featured speaker. He will provide an overview on the Chapter 93 website, reviewing its many features and capabilities. David will also walk us through the process on how we can register to gain access to the site. Hands-on assistance will be provided by David to those requesting assistance in the registration process.

# Chatting with Chapters Don Ripp

(EAA Chapter 1317 "Prairie Du Sac" area)

Talking with EAA Chapter 1317 President "Brian Hanson" a few evenings ago I come to find out that although the membership is around 12 to 15 members they as a group tend to get around. Brian tells me that because they consist of mostly "retired" age members that they take field trips during the weekdays to aviation related businesses that have included Blackhawk Aviation Technical School at "JVL" as well as Helicopter Specialties also located at "JVL". As a Chapter they attend various local fly-ins to include events at Brodhead Airport and for the month of May (9th) they will be treated to a plant tour of Champion Aircraft in Rochester, Wi.(96C) Chapter 1317 invites any interested "93" members to attend the tour.

If you recall members from 1317 have attended a chapter 93 meeting in the past that included guest speaker "Rich Blackman" and his presentation about building his "Dakota Hawk" (and now flying very nicely I'm told) as well as Rich's very early involvement with the Cirrus Aircraft Co. while based in a hangar at Baraboo (DLL) airport (now the location of TC's Air Care - last months speaker)

Some of the aircraft that members own include a number of Volksplanes, C-150, Dakota Hawk as well as others. These aircraft are not based at any one airport but hangared at airports such as Lodi, Sauk(91C), Lone Rock (LNR) to name a few. Monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month and if not on tour as a chapter event they take place at the "Blue Spoon", "Masons" or a members house.

The Chapter was chartered some ten years ago and is always accepting new members and looking for tour/meeting sights. If you would like to contact Chapter 1317 you may do so by contacting Brian at 608-544-5000 or send him an email at [norwaycarts@gmail.com](mailto:norwaycarts@gmail.com)

Notes from Middleton Chapter 1389: Chapter President "Scott Compton" would like to invite Chapter 93 members to:

- Young Eagle event at Moreys is Saturday, May 19th.
- Grass Roots Aviation Event, at Fitchburg May 29th, Includes speaker Mr. Rod Hightower and Jeff Skiles
  - to find out more and sign up please go to website: [secure.eaa.org/apps/grassroots/](https://secure.eaa.org/apps/grassroots/)
- Young Eagle event July 14th at Morey's
- Annual FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN PANCAKE BREAKFAST is July 15th.

If you have questions or would like to assist in any of the above listed events feel free to contact Scott Compton at [d\\_scott\\_c@yahoo.com](mailto:d_scott_c@yahoo.com)

Chapter 93- EAA Work Party Week-End  
June 23 - 24th

Hello Chapter members,

At the April Chapter meeting a date(s) was picked for this year's chapters Work Party Weekend at EAA grounds in preparation for Air Venture 2012. At present we have 8 members signed up for attendance. If you have never attended a W.P.W.E. give it a whirl....the chapter members are given task that could range from mowing the acres of grass, painting assembled projects, building and assembling various projects on the grounds, etc. etc. Plenty to do for the skilled, and unskilled trades.

There is room in the "bunkhouse" or bring your tent or camper for the overnights. Or come for the day. You are VERY WELL fed and usually treated to some "behind the scenes" facility tours or guest speakers in the evening. You will meet some of the EAA Staff as well as other Chapter members who might be in attendance.

If you are interested either email [donripp@hotmail.com](mailto:donripp@hotmail.com) or call me 849-7543 (cell) 577-9327 .

Resignation as newsletter editor Aaron Larson

I wanted to take this time to let everyone know that I have let Rob Tweed know that my last issue as newsletter editor will be the August issue. I have had lots of fortune come my way in recent months. We are expecting our 3<sup>rd</sup> child at the end of August, a little girl. I have also been given the opportunity to coach youth soccer again. I did not coach in the fall and I have to say I did miss it. And I have once again climbed the ladder at Charter Communications. I do not plan to leave the chapter, and plan to be involved as much as I can. I really enjoyed my time as the editor for this newsletter, and I thank everyone for the nice words they had to say about each issue that was sent out.

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