

# CORBEN COURIER

## Planning for Success

By Rob Tweed



### Airventure 2012

I hope all of our Chapter 93 members and families were able to visit AirVenture. I look forward to hearing about your new projects, cool sightings and general fun you had at Oshkosh. The night airshow and fireworks display were a first for Jill and me this year and we were most impressed! I always have fun watching the ultralight and light sport operations at "The Farm". This reminds me...Sugar Ridge is right around the corner...see you there on August 16<sup>th</sup>!

- Rob Tweed

It's been said over and over that proper planning is the key to excellent performance. I think most of us would agree that whenever we invest a little extra time in planning an event the outcome usually is far more successful. Perhaps the old British army adage best makes this point. Also known as the 7Ps, it goes like this:

### **P**roper **P**lanning and **P**reparation **P**revents **P**iss **P**oor **P**erformance

Sorry about the mild expletive, it's a British thing... The point is that there is a really good lesson here. All we need to do to find vivid proof of the value of all this planning stuff is to look at our recent B-17 tour stop event at Wisconsin Aviation. Through the tremendous

efforts of our Chapter 93 volunteers and board members, along with the fabulous media promotion work done by Pete Buffington, Alan Deal and Don Winkler, we have just completed our most successful B-17 event ever!

All of the seats for rides were sold. The ground tour sales exceeded everyone's expectations by a wide margin. George Daubner, EAA B-17 pilot and program manager, told me he was just amazed with the number of ground tour visitors we had. He went on to tell me how incredibly supportive and professional all of our Chapter 93 crew was throughout the entire tour stop. "You guys did an absolutely phenomenal job with the entire event, just incredible. We can't wait to return to Madison", George said. Obviously, this was music to my ears!

**PLANNING FOR SUCCESS CONTINUED..**

Photo by Skot Wiedemann. L to R: Skot Wiedemann, Dave Van Lanen, Pete Buffington, Earl Martin, and Dick Hartwig

The B-17 event serves as our primary source for revenue for Chapter 93. Therefore, it is important that we support these events to the best of our ability in order to sustain our scholarship programs and other key Chapter 93 initiatives. While the final numbers are not yet known, I feel I am safe in saying our recent B-17 event earned thousands of dollars more than any of our past events. Our impressive planning resulted in excellent performance on the ramp at Wisconsin Aviation. That, my friends, results in more smiles from our scholarship recipients.

And isn't making smiles through aviation our primary mission? 'Nuff said.

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**CORBEN CADETS NEXT EVENT: SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 AT MIDDLETON C29**

There is a new initiative proposed by the Chapter 93 Board to get more participation in the ride sharing program within the chapter (called Corben Cadets).

Active Chapter 93 member pilots will be given names of prospects for a ride. Pilots are expected to personally invite each prospective Cadet for an opportunity to ride in the available aircraft on the day of the event. The next event is planned at the Middleton Municipal Morey Field, same day as the joint Corben Chapter 93 & Middleton EAA Chapter 1389 picnic.

This technique will be tried as a way to get all members an airplane ride.

We suspect there are lurkers who really want a ride but are not speaking up.

- Skot Wiedemann

### Chapter Meeting Notes: July 19, 2012

Our July meeting was held at Blackhawk airport in Cottage Grove. Rob T. welcomed the new Guests that joined us. An update was given concerning the health of Bud Rogers. Ron T. shared some facts about the B-17 that he had found in an article. Jim L. gave a summary of the financial report to the Chapter members. Dayton S. & Jim L. gave an update on the activities of the Explorer's Post. Rob T. talked about the successful B-17 Event. Thank you goes to Pete Buffington and Alan Deal for the excellent publicity work for the B-17 Event. Earl M. presented to the members a DVD by the name of Dead Stick Takeoffs. Next meeting will be at Sugar Ridge Fly-in.

- Earl Martin

### Board Minutes: August 2, 2012

Jim L. reported that the Explorer's Post has a Board meeting this Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. A big Thank You goes to Alan D. for getting the area saturated with the B-17 Event posters. Jim L. will look into purchasing another B-17 ride and offering the rides to the weekend workers of Wisconsin Aviation for all their help and support on the event. September meeting may be held at Dane County Airport tower. Keep your ear to the ground for updates on that particular event.

- Earl Martin

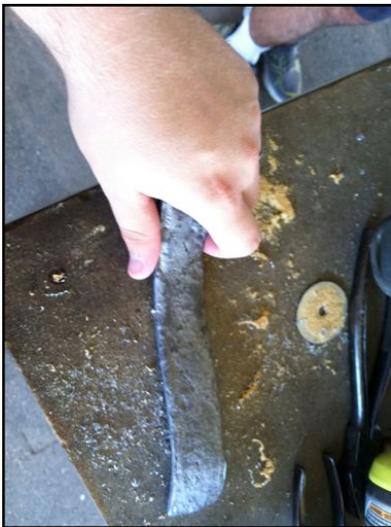
## Martin, Rewey Forums at Airventure 2012

By Paul Temple

As a new Chapter member and “wannabe” builder, I always look for more information about projects and techniques. Airventure 2012 featured great forums by two of Chapter 93’s very own members: Jim Martin and Bill Rewey.

Jim’s forum, held early on Monday July 23, included tips on tricks on metal wing rib construction.

The best tip? With his rib placed securely inside the form block with a vise, Jim “slaps” the flange with a strip of lead. As the soft lead hits the flange, the aluminum forms into the flutes pre-cut in the block. This is an easy, fun, therapeutic way to get your wing rib flat, resulting in less need for fluting pliers.



Bill’s forum, held on Tuesday July 24, included a discussion of the revered Pietenpol Air Camper.

As one of the oldest designs available to builders today, the Pietenpol has earned an excellent reputation as an affordable project and great recreational aircraft. Bill’s forum included suggestions for common modifications, such as a wider cabin and stronger landing gear.

< Jim Martin’s lead strip

### **19<sup>TH</sup> SWEET CORN ROAST**

AT MATHAIRE AIRPORT  
Sponsored by Harold Benisch  
SATURDAY SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup>

WE EAT AT ABOUT 3 pm.

FREE CAMPING FOR THE WEEKEND NO HOOKUPS  
TRAFFIC ADVISORIES 1.229 LEFT TRAFFIC  
LOOK FOR THE ARROW MIDFIELD FOR THE ACTIVE RUNWAY  
2800 FOOT NORTH SOUTH RUNWAY (GRASS)  
5 miles southwest of Columbus on hwy 73 fly in or drive in but be sure to come

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FOR MORE INFO CALL HAROLD AT 608-279 6829 EVENINGS  
LEFTOVERS SUN AT AROUND NOON COME FRIDAY  
EVENING AND STAY TILL MON IF YOU LIKE  
DRIVE OUT FOR A FRI. NIGHT FISH FRY AT ABOUT 7 FOR ALL THAT  
ARE THERE

## Aviation Explorer Post 93

Some Explorers helped with the B-17 ground tours on the weekend of July 13th.

Four Explorers, two younger people, and three adults attended AirVenture on Monday, July 23rd. They were given a guided tour of the Explorer base camp.

Post 93 hopes to have some Explorers and adult advisors be involved with the base camp at the 2013 Airventure. This year, the cost was \$175 per person which included a week's admission to AirVenture, three meals each day, camping for the week, opportunities to be a volunteer at AirVenture, and an opportunity to meet other Explorers from other parts of the country.

An Aviation Explorer promotion day will be scheduled for sometime in September to get new Post 93 Explorer members. We hope that some Chapter members will attend to talk with the attendees about their warbird and other aviation experiences.

- Jim Lins

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Or see Paul T. at the next Chapter meeting.

# Next EAA Chapter #93 Meeting

## AUGUST 16, 2012 AT SUGAR RIDGE AIRPORT

Our next meeting will be held at Sugar Ridge Airport on August 16. Chapter 93 members and their families are invited to join in the fun for Tom Kretschman's annual Wings and Wheels fly-in event. Tom says the dinner bell will sound at 5:00 but he invites visitors to come earlier. We will have a very brief meeting after our meal.

For directions to Sugar Ridge Airport from Verona,

take Verona Rd. (Hwy. 151) through Verona and then take exit number 77, WI 96. Turn left at the stop sign, and then turn right on Valley Rd. once you are on the other side of Hwy. 151. Turn left on Sugar River Rd. and then turn right on Sugar Ridge Rd. Follow this road up to the airport parking area near the hanger.

This will be a fun event.  
Don't miss it!

- Rob Tweed

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