

CORBEN COURIER

Event Calendar

Corben Cadets at Middleton Airport, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Picnic at Middleton Airport, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Chapter Meeting at the DCRA Tower, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

50th Anniversary Chapter Banquet, Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee, Oct. 7, 1 p.m.

Tom Rebholz Memorial Chili Fly-In, Chapter 93 Clubhouse at Blackhawk, Dec. 1, 11 a.m.

You're Invited!

All Chapter 93 members are invited to attend Chapter Board meetings.

Board meetings are held at Wisconsin Aviation, Dane County Regional Airport, 3606 Corben Court, on the first Thursday of the month.

DCRA Tower Tour and Chapter Meeting



Tower Chief: Dennis Vincent
Controller / Tour Organizer: Kay Maciasowicz

Date: September 20, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Sharp)

Plan on attending this Chapter meeting as this is a great chance to see air/ground traffic control first hand from a controller's viewpoint.

If you can double up and carpool that would be great!

Location: 4301 International Lane, Dane County Regional Airport, Madison

Instructions: You need to drive up to the control tower **prior to** 7 p.m. and push the button at the gate and announce that "you are here for the tower tour," and they will open the gate and let you in. Park and come in towards the "foyer entrance" doors.

Because the tower cab and radar room is tight we will be divided up into groups of 10 to 12 folks and tours will be given in the areas by controllers as tour guides.

See you there!

Chapter 93 / 1389 Picnic - Sept. 15, Middleton Airport, 10:00 a.m.

We are hoping everyone will attend our first joint EAA Chapter 93 / EAA Chapter 1389 picnic on September 15, 2012 at Middleton Municipal Airport (Morey Field) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This is the first event of its type and it should be lots of fun for everyone. Please plan to bring your own food; grills will be provided. Someone will be on hand at the gate entering the hangar area from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to enable cars to enter the secure area. Parking will be located along the fence line.

Grills and tables will be located in the grass area next to the Delta taxiway at the north end of the hangars. We'll have plans on static display, Corben Cadet flights and lots of family fun. See you there!

Call Rob Tweed at 608-213-8271 for more information.

Dare To Be Different

Like many of you I find myself scanning the Wisconsin DOT website frequently throughout the season for sortie candidates. And just what sort of sortie am I searching for? Pancake breakfasts, of course!

Thankfully our great state has no shortage of these "milk run" missions. Some of these missions are just a hop skip and jump away, while others have us weighing just how bad we crave the primary mission objective (delicious pancakes, eggs, sausages, etc.) vs. the negative impact of 100 LL on our wallets.

For me, the craving side of the debate almost always wins, and I then select my primary mission target. On August 12, that target was La Crosse.

But why La Crosse? What did La Crosse offer that made it more attractive in such a target rich landscape? It was a simple choice, really. La Crosse offered a new and unique target unlike any other pancake breakfast mission I have ever flown.



And just what was this tempting new target? Waffles! Here I was in the middle of the season with pancake breakfast targets everywhere and La Crosse Municipal Airport with its Belgian waffles soars to the top of my target opportunity list.

For this mission, I recruited the highly capable Pete Buffington to serve as co-pilot / navigator. This was going to be a challenging mission with all-you-can-eat waffles and two big guys in a tiny airplane.

The mission was a total success. Second helpings for both pilot and co-pilot
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provided additional evidence of our successful target engagement. As we enjoyed our waffle prize, I couldn't help but think about the planning that must have gone into this event. Someone came up with the fun, new unique "spin" on the very established theme of pancake breakfasts. Waffles, fruit toppings, and whipped cream clearly got our attention.

The more I stared at my delicious plate of waffles and their departure from the more commonplace pancake alternative, I found myself thinking about all of the different and specialized aircraft we have available for our enjoyment.

This wide variation of aircraft types, each with their unique purpose, is one of the most fun aspects of aviation. We have airplanes that can take off in 100 feet and land pretty much anywhere.

Some planes have a tiny single engine, while others have eight massive engines capable of lifting extraordinary loads. There are planes that can almost hover in mid-air while other planes streak past at supersonic speeds.

Think about almost any conceivable purpose and someone has built an aircraft to accomplish that purpose. Yes, as transportation devices go, there are cars, trucks, trains, boats and motorcycles that are designed for various purposes. In reality, they all pretty much do the same thing. I've never seen one of these machines travel at twice the speed of sound or cruise around the world without refueling.

With aircraft, we're talking almost unimaginable variety, and, if you are like me, that's the big attraction.

- Rob Tweed

Aviation Explorer Post 93

The Explorer Post met on Monday, August 20 and was attended by four adults and four explorer members. Rob Tweed attended and invited the explorers to tour the Dane County Airport Tower with the Chapter on September 20th. The meeting attendees created a list of possible agenda and activities for future meetings during the next year.

On Monday, September 17th, the next Explorer Post meeting will be an open hours at the Chapter's hangar to attract new explorer members. The Chapter members are invited to attend. The festivities will start at 6:00 p.m. and a small lunch will be provided.

During the weekend of January 19-21, the explorers will travel to the Wright-Patterson museum in Ohio. Traveling to and from the museum will be done on January 19th and 21st and touring of the museum will be on January 20th.

- Jim Lins

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Book Review

“I Could Never be so Lucky Again,” an autobiography by Gen. James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle, with Carroll V. Glines, 544 p. paperback, a Bantan Book.

The book begins and ends with the details of the “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo” mission led by him, in reality a very minor part of Doolittle’s accomplishments. The book’s title is very appropriate, not only for his twice membership in the “Caterpillar Club,” but also for the multiple airplane accidents that he was in.

Over his lifetime he was a racing pilot, a stunt pilot, a test pilot, and a WWII fighting pilot. He was a family man – wife Joe, son Jimmy Jr., grandson Jimmy III.

As a businessman he was an advisor, director, and Chairman of the Board of multiple corporations. As a statesman, he was an advisor to Presidents. He knew the number of flying hours a month needed to keep proficient, and when his statesman and businessman duties cut into that, he stopped flying.

His education included a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California and a Master and Doctor of Science from MIT. He had eight honorary Doctor’s Degrees.

Of the non-fiction books I’ve read, this is the best. I bought it in the warehouse of Airventure Oshkosh 2012 with a coupon I won at our Chapter 93 work weekend.

- Fred Leidel