

CORBEN COURIER

Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting,
Chapter 93 Clubhouse at Blackhawk, April 18, 7 p.m.



Next Chapter 93 Meeting

Our next Chapter 93 meeting will be held at the **Chapter 93 Clubhouse, Cottage Grove Airport on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7 p.m. Social time and treats starts at 6:30 p.m.**

We will have a brief business meeting followed by a presentation by our very own Frank Smidler. Frank will speak to us about his parachuting experiences, along with some interesting other content on aircraft ... don't miss it!

- Rob Tweed

Best Seat In The House

There are many things to love about flying. Aside from the sheer miracle of leaving Earth and soaring around in our very own freedom machines, one of my favorite things about flying is the fabulous perspective you gain of things passing by under your wings. Familiar images that we see every day in our terra firma perspective look a whole lot different – and far more interesting – from thousands of feet above them.

It doesn't take much to "wow" me. One of these fun little aerial surprise images that I am referring to popped up as I was returning from Michigan last fall. I was cruising along watching the scenery go by when I passed over an amazing shape on

the ground that I had never seen before. "What the heck?" I said to myself. Just as I was banking for a better look it then dawned on me what this cool terrain was that I was now circling. A corn maze! Nothing earth-shattering but something you don't see every day either.



That experience reminded me of a similar occurrence while I was flying out to the west coast. After flying along for hours over lots of “Lycoming don’t fail me now” desert terrain in northern Arizona I was amazed to see this huge crater in the ground right below the plane. Sure enough, at that moment I was right over Meteor Crater! I remember going out of our way to see this site years earlier with Jill and the girls while we were on vacation.

Impressive, yes, but seeing the crater from above was far more spectacular.

Then there was my dusk flight with my friend, Dick Walrath, over Houghton, Michigan. With Dick at the controls I marveled at the beauty of the setting sun over the tapestry of shorelines. It was a sunset perspective I had not seen before and I was in awe!



Antarctica anyone? We’ve all seen pictures of the frozen inlets everywhere in Antarctica with penguins struggling to make a go of it in such brutally cold conditions. While passing over the southern tip of Lake Michigan recently on a flight to visit our daughter Hannah, I marveled at the beauty of the thousands of blocks of ice. No penguins, but fascinating nonetheless!

Let’s keep these types of fun surprises coming! Fly safe, everyone. Enjoy our improving weather. I look forward to seeing all of you at our April meeting.

- Rob Tweed

Chapter Board Minutes

For April 9, 2013

The Board met Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Wisconsin Aviation. Jim Lins gave the treasurer’s and Explorer Post report. The explorers are planning an airport terminal tour.

Most of the meeting was spent on planning for the “Heavy Bombers Over Madison” event. Mark your calendars for **July 25th thru the 28th**. We will need a commitment of time from all Chapter 93 members to make this a successful event. If you know of anyone who served on a B29 please forward the name to Rob Tweed or Pete Buffington. The Madison event is now posted on the CAF website at: airpowersquadron.org/ – click on Schedule and Madison. This is a large website and can take a long time to load even with a high-speed connection.

- Rich Hartwig (filling in for Earl Martin)

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Aviation Explorer Post 93

March Post Meeting

On Sunday March 17, the Explorer Post met at Wisconsin Aviation. The guest speaker was Kim Schuette from The Seven Hills Skydiving Club. She developed a PowerPoint presentation for this event which she used to support her discussion of the training requirements, the ratings that can be attained, the regulations which must be followed, the planning that is done for a jump, the types of jumps and the ratings that are needed for each type, the equipment that is used and the safety and redundancy that is built into the equipment, the limits that she set for herself, and some of the skydiving competitions and records.

The training, the federal and skydiving oversight committee regulations, the equipment, and the planning for each jump are aimed at making the jump as safe as possible. Skydiving is a form of flying and parallels the requirements and physical attributes of an aircraft flight.

There are various shapes of the chute and most of them resemble the shapes of the chutes used for powered parachutes. Kim uses a rectangular main chute and she deployed hers so that we could see its component parts. She then showed us the procedures that she uses to inspect the components and to pack the chute for the next jump. The reserve chute is packed by someone with the appropriate rigging rating, and it must be repacked after a regulated period of time. If a component is found to be worn or defective during her inspection, the component must be replaced by an authorized rigger.

This was a very interesting presentation and Dayton Sederquist wants to have Kim give it to his aviation club at Sun Prairie High School.

- Jim Lins

An Explorer's Exciting News

One of our Explorer Post 93 explorers, Cory Kramschuster, one of the recipients of our Hoot and Betty Gibson Scholarships last year, has some exciting news for us. This is further proof that the Chapter is fulfilling our aviation education and promotion mission with our Hoot and Betty Gibson Scholarship, Young Eagles, and Aviation Explorer programs and that we are actively enhancing general, military, and commercial aviation.

If the weather has cooperated, Cory has taken his Check Ride for his private pilot license. Also, he was accepted into a summer program with the US Air Force Academy. He was chosen along with 600 other high school juniors across the country out of over 4000 people that applied. More information about this program is online at: <http://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/>

Cory thanks us for his scholarship, which helped him to get his private pilot license and to get into the summer program.

- Jim Lins

Treasurer's Postings

Everyone who gave a donation to the Chapter last year should have received a letter of acknowledgement. If you did not receive it and you gave a donation, please let me know. The Chapter dues and \$5.00 for attending the February banquet are considered donations to the Chapter.

- Jim Lins

50th Anniversary Polo Shirts - Now Available!

We have commemorative 50th Anniversary shirts available! These high-quality polo shirts are available in the colors shown below.

Sizes are Small, Medium, Large, X Large, XXLarge. The price is \$25 per shirt, and you can pick up & pay at Chapter meetings.

If you are unable to attend a Chapter meeting but would still like a shirt, please contact Jim Lins jwlins@facstaff.wisc.edu to arrange a pickup and send payment to:

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