

CORBEN COURIER

Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting,
Sugar Ridge Airport (WS62), August 15



Next Chapter 93 Meeting

Our next Chapter 93 membership meeting will be at the 2013 Sugar Ridge “Wings & Wheels” Event hosted by Tom Kretschman on **August 15**. The event is located at **7550 Sugar Ridge, Verona, WI 53593**. **The dinner bell rings at 5 p.m., but early arrival is welcomed.** This is a potluck dinner event -- please bring a dish to pass. Beverages and sandwiches will be provided. For those flying, please monitor 122.85. In addition to aircraft, Tom encourages owners of vintage & “interesting” vehicles to showcase their delights--a designated display area will be provided! **This event is traditionally our August meeting with a short business meeting after the meal.** This is a great chance to see some interesting aircraft and ground based vehicles from Southern Wisconsin (and sometimes from farther away.) You may also hear true stories (and some slight exaggerations) of flying adventures.

- Rich Hartwig

We Did It!

A bold new idea came forth a little over a year ago while reviewing our highly successful 2012 B-17 event. “What if we invited some more heavy bombers from the Commemorative Air Force to join our 2013 event?”, we pondered. The call went out and to our delight the CAF responded that they would be happy to join in and they pledged to bring their B-29, B-24 and a variety of other airplanes as well. We then confirmed that our friends at EAA were fine with a much larger event so we said to ourselves “let the planning begin!”

And plan we did. Countless details needed to be worked out over the ensuing months and we dug in and started whittling away at them. Little by little our



event began to take shape. Before we knew it, we had WWII heavy bombers on the ramp at DCRA! What a sight it was to see these



"Heavy Bombers" visitors lined up to see FiFi.

magnificent airplanes sitting there. Just incredible.

But arranging for these wonderful aircraft to be displayed at our airport was only part of the story. The real amazing thing that I experienced throughout our weekend was the tremendous emotional impact these planes had on so many of the attendees. Maybe it was the veteran B-17 crewman who stopped me on my way back to the lobby to show me a picture of himself and his crew. His son had brought him out to the event and he couldn't wait to tell everyone about all of his experiences with the aircraft.

Or it could have been the cute elderly couple in vintage Oldsmobile 98 as they approached me in the parking lot. "I just want to see a glimpse of the B-29...where can I see it through the fence?" he said. I found a parking spot for him and directed him to the lobby. "No, my wife can't walk anymore she can't leave the car. I just want to show her the plane I flew. Is there a spot up this road that I can see through the fence?"

Then there was the daughter of a B-24 crewman that engaged my wife, Jill, in a discussion at the nose of the B-24. This visitor overheard Jill talking about her dad's experiences as a B-24 radio operator. "Your

dad flew on B-24s?" she exclaimed excitedly. "Where was he stationed?" "What was his name?" "Oh my gosh, they were at the same base in Italy at the same time!" she responded. Many of you most likely had similar encounters with our huge number visitors.

I am quite sure when all of our proceeds are added up we will find that this event exceeded everyone's expectations from a revenue perspective. We have definitely added significant funds to our scholarship programs. But we accomplished much, much more. We created a means for WWII veterans and their families to reconnect with an era that became such an important part of their lives. We enabled young families to see, touch and feel true history. We formed lasting memories for everyone that came out to see our bombers. This is what giving back in aviation is all about.

I am filled with pride over the incredible support all that of you, along with your family and friends, devoted to this event. Given the unbelievable turnout we enjoyed, without your support we would have had a real disaster on our hands with lots of unhappy people.

Thank you, everyone, so very much for all that you have done to create those memories for our visitors and ensure our event was a resounding success. We did it! - Rob Tweed

Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In



Pancake Breakfast & Airport Expo

At The
Wittman Airport Terminal
20th Ave., Oshkosh, WI
ATIS - 125.9, TWR 118.5

September 14, 2013

7:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Free Admission!

- **Featuring Displays By Wittman Airport Businesses!**
- **Learn How the Airport & Its Businesses Operate!**
- **See Aircraft on Display!**

- FREE! -

AIRPLANE RIDES!

**For kids ages 8 - 17
(EAA Young Eagles)
9:00 to 11:00 A.M.**



**Pancakes (all you can eat),
Sausage,
Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Juice, or Coffee**

Adults \$7.00*

Children under 10 - \$3.00

*** Free breakfast for pilots of
homebuilt aircraft who fly in.**

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**Chapter 93 Board Meetings:
You're Invited!**

The Chapter 93 Board meets at Wisconsin Aviation on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM to discuss details about Chapter 93 programs, policies, and strategies.

All Chapter 93 members are welcome to attend these board meetings. Feel free to join in; we welcome your input!

- *Rob Tweed*

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