

CORBEN COURIER

Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting,

Chapter 93 Clubhouse at Blackhawk

Jan. 16, 7 p.m.



Chapter Meeting Jan. 16

Our January meeting will be held at our Blackhawk Airfield clubhouse on Thursday, January 16. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We will cover a few business details and then present service awards to various Chapter 93 members. **This is an important meeting, as it serves as a means to formally recognize the tremendous service these members have provided our chapter. Please plan to attend this meeting and help us congratulate our friends.**

After these award presentations, we will enjoy our next installment of the EAA video series for chapter meetings, presented by Earl Martin. This video was originally intended to be shown at the December meeting, but we elected to cut the meeting short due to the dangerous driving conditions.

We will have a speaker and live program for our February meeting. Please stay tuned for more info on our exciting upcoming chapter meeting programs. I hope to see all of you on the 16th!

- Rob Tweed

Feathered Flight

Happy New Year to all of our Chapter 93 members, families and friends! I hope everyone is off to a great start in 2014, despite our very frigid temperatures.

Those of you who braved the icy roads for our December meeting were able to meet an old flying buddy of mine. Since attendance was rather sparse due to our lovely Wisconsin winter weather, I thought I would write this article about my flying friend for those who were the smart ones and stayed home that night.

Meet Elliott, a male Eclectus parrot from the Solomon Islands, located off the coast of New Guinea. Elliott and I met for the first time one cold winter evening 17 years ago at the Cincinnati airport.



He was only 6 weeks old and barely had pin feathers at that time. Airport security was far

less imposing back then, and I was able to smuggle him in a shoe box into the Comair turboprop waiting for us on the ramp. I placed the box under the seat, and thankfully he was quiet for the entire flight back to Madison.

Jill and I then spent the next few weeks hand feeding Elliott with a syringe, getting him ready for his first flight. He took the entire length of our kitchen floor for his first solo flight. After much wing flapping at max power, he finally broke ground effect and managed to gain altitude. His climb out was short lived, however, and his first flight ended with the dreaded Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT) designation. The terrain happened to be our family room window, and I thought for sure our new little pilot was a goner. To our amazement Elliott just got up from the floor, shook off his misadventure, and gave it another go. Soon he was lapping our downstairs like an unlimited Reno air racer.

Despite all of Elliott's cute antics, such as talking up a storm with his many different voices, he carelessly inserted himself in the family pecking order one notch above Chelsea. With his new self-imposed position came

some aggressiveness. That was a big mistake, as it lost him his happy home when he was about 6 years old. Elliott found a new home in the Milwaukee area with Sarah, a veterinarian assistant who took great care of him.

Now we fast forward to the present... I received a call from Sarah a few months ago inquiring whether I would be interested in having my old flying buddy back. He is now back in our lives again.

So far, things are going well. We had some challenges initially with our dog Owen, who wasn't around during our prior experience with Elliott. For the first week of his return home we had our very own Road Runner / Wile E. Coyote drama. Thankfully things have calmed down a bit, and Owen no longer looks at Elliott as a meal.

I am filled with awe every time I see him fly. It's fun to study his wings and tail feathers when he takes flight and imagine our earliest aviation pioneers making the same observations as they dreamt about manned flight. We pilots *think* we know how to fly. Elliott has it nailed with grace and elegance that we can only dream about. - Rob Tweed

Membership Incentive Program

Now is your chance to help the Chapter grow and reap **REWARDS**, as it was decided at a recent Chapter Board Meeting that the following could be awarded if you invite in a new member to the Chapter....for each new member you have join Chapter 93, you can choose **ONE** of the following awards....

- A Chapter 93 shirt!**
- A return of your paid dues!**
- A Jet Room Gift Certificate!**

So have someone you know sitting on the fence step forward & join up!

- Don Ripp

Dues Are Due!

Once again, it's time to think about paying your Chapter annual dues. We are keeping the amount at \$20.00 for an individual or a family until the end of February. After February, the amount increases to \$24.00. If you intend to have a family membership and the family members are EAA members, please give me the family members' names so that they are included on our membership rolls.

Since we as individuals do not get a substantive benefit for our dues and our chapter is a tax exempt 503(c)(3) organization, the dues that we pay are considered to be charitable donations for tax purposes. Checks should be made out to EAA Chapter 93 or EAA Corben Chapter 93. You can give me your dues at any chapter meeting or mail them to me at:

Jim Lins
6321 Shoreham Drive
Madison, WI 53711-2427

Congrats to Jamie Week!

Below is a photo of EAA member Jamie Week with his recently acquired Luscombe airplane. (Photo taken December 28, 2013).

Jamie was one of my Corben Cadet passengers in September, 2012 in my Luscombe. He has his Sport Pilot Certificate, having taken most of his flight training in a Piper Cub.

He now has his own Light Sport qualified Luscombe 8A, which is in great condition, equipped with many extra options including a starter & alternator, radio, transponder & encoder, plus a newly overhauled engine.

He is keeping it based at Dane County Municipal airport, which is giving him lots of practice for flying in and out of Class C airspace.

- Skot Weidemann



Chapter Meeting Minutes

12/19/13

Meeting started at 7:10. Jim L. gave the Financial Report. Jim L. also updated the Chapter members that there are 36 people on the Chapter Roster and 18 paid members for the 2014 year. Talked about the Chili Fly-in Event and the weather cooperated and some planes actually flew in for the event. Some people who arrived were able to go for a tour ride with some of the planes that flew in.

At the 11/21/2013 Chapter meeting, Frank Smidler volunteered and Dave Van Lanen volunteered to serve a second term as the second At Large Board Member. Dave Van Lanen deferred the position to Frank S. Rob Tweed made the motion to have Frank Smidler installed in that position and Dave Van Lanen seconded the motion. The Chapter members voted and passed the motion to have Frank S. installed as the second At Large Board Member. Frank accepted the position.

Rob T. talked about status of the 2014 Bomber Event at Wisconsin Aviation. Rob T. talked about holding a joint picnic with EAA Chapter 1389. Rob T. announced the New Member incentives to the Chapter Members for bringing in to the Chapter new members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM due to the inclement weather.

- *Earl Martin*



Membership Reminder

Hello Chapter Members!
Just a reminder that if you do not get a chance to see me, you should be looking for a letter in the mail from Chapter 93.

No, this is not a bill, but a request for an update on your address, email and contact numbers, as well as a section to fill out if you are interested in a Corben Cadet ride or availability at some future flight date to take a fellow chapter member up for a ride....dates to be announced later as they become available.

At the last event, the chapter had pilots available with seats. So the idea is to have a quick and ready reference of those interested in a ride when a "offering pilot" contacts me.

Thank you for your time.

- *Don Ripp*

On January 6, we experienced a wind chill temperature of -43 F at 9 a.m. here in Madison. As we 'enjoy' another Wisconsin winter, I think back to AirVenture 2012.

I took the picture at left of my car's console on July 23, after it sat all day in a field outside the main entrance to the grounds. I could have used a blast of cold that day, for sure.

Summer is just a few months away - and with it, AirVenture. I hope this photo helps you stay warm in the meantime!

- *Paul Temple*

Board Meeting Minutes - 1/9/14

Meeting started at 7:05PM. Members present: Pete B., Scott N., Rob T., Don R., Frank S., Jim L. & Earl M. The meeting started with Rob T. welcoming Fank Smidler & Pete Buffington to the Board Meeting in their new roles as At Large Board Members. Jim L. gave the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Jim L. reported to the Board the upcoming events that the ACE group were going to participate in this month (Jeff Skiles presentation at EAA Oshkosh on Thursday). On February 17th. A Dane County ATC Tower tour was planned for the ACE group.

Jim L. informed the Board that we now have 27 paid members of which 3 are new members (one regular and 2 ACE members). This year's Chili Fly-in brought \$58.00 in from the donation jar. The Board discussed when the Chapter would hold the first Young Eagle Event of the year and April 12 was set as the date for the first YE event of the year.

Paul Temple has decided to step down as the Newsletter Editor. The Chapter wishes to thank Paul for a job well done on the Newsletter. Rob T. informed the Board that Al Kurth has volunteered to take over the duties as the new Newsletter Editor. Thank you Al for volunteering to fill that needed position.

At the next membership meeting (January 16) at Blackhawk Airport in Cottage Grove the Service Awards will be presented and the next chapter video will be shown. Thank you.

- Earl Martin

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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 at 7 p.m.

Welcome

Pete and Frank!

Congratulations to Pete Buffington and Frank Smidler for your new positions on Chapter 93's Board of Directors. Pete and Frank have been dedicated members of Chapter 93 and we are thrilled to welcome them to the board.

They will be assuming board member at-large positions, previously held by Don Ripp and Dave VanLanen. Many thanks to Don and Dave for your service to Chapter 93 in your role as board members.

Sincere thanks also go out to Pete and Frank for assuming leadership roles within Chapter 93. Welcome aboard! *- Rob Tweed*

Book Review

“A Higher Call” by Adam Makos, Penguin Books, 2012, 368 pages, plus 18 pages photographs.

This is a true story of the air war of World War II, both about American pilots and airplanes, but also about German pilots and airplanes. Woven into the book are some exploits of German pilot Franz Stigler and Charley Brown, an American pilot. While each has multiple experiences described in the book, they met in the war just once. Charley was flying a B-17, badly shot up and barely flyable. Franz felt that he was he was shooting down aircraft, not pilots, and the B-17 was already done for. Franz waved at Charley, and escorted him to safe territory.

When the war was over, Charley was able to trace the pilot, who became his best friend.

It was a very good read. I borrowed the book from a Warbird friend Burly, who Jack Jerred and I meet once a month for lunch, along with other Warbird friends.

- *Fried Leidel*

