

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting Mar. 20

Our next Chapter 93 meeting will be on March 20 at our Blackhawk Airfield clubhouse in Cottage Grove. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and we'll target to wrap things up at 9:00 PM. We will have a general business meeting, followed by our next installment of the EAA chapter video series that we have been viewing. It will also be fun to share how we have been coping with our never ending winter. See you there!

- Rob Tweed

April Chapter Meeting

Mark your calendars for our upcoming April 17 meeting at our Blackhawk Airfield clubhouse as this will be a special evening together that you will not want to miss. Our guest speaker for this session will be Col. LaVerne Griffin and he will present to us details about his numerous high risk reconnaissance missions into Russia during the cold war while piloting his F-86 Saber Jet. Some of you may remember Col. Griffin's presentation to our Chapter during one of our annual banquets years ago. His remarks were spellbinding and I am sure we will learn a number of new details about his harrowing flights. Don't miss this meeting!

- Rob Tweed

From Hibernation to Celebration: **Bring on the Warm Weather!**

I always enjoy the first day of Daylight Savings Time, especially when there is lots of snow on the ground. That extra hour of daylight is a powerful signal that winter's grip is losing its strength and we will soon

shift from our hibernation indoors to lots of outdoor fun. And for us that means flying fun! I realize some of you hardy souls didn't let minor impediments like frigid arctic temperatures and mountains of snow

hold you back from getting some stick time in. Normally I would be right there with you but, given the ferocity of this winter's weather, N96RJ chose hibernation instead. So, with a winter free from any hands-on aviation I am looking forward to connecting with all of you for some flying fun. Since fun is one of Chapter 93's primary missions I thought I would provide all of you with a glimpse of what we can look forward to as we give winter the heave ho.

Our first Chapter 93 outdoor activity will be our Young Eagles event planned for April 12 at Middleton Airport. This will be a great way to fire up some airplanes and generate some ear to ear grins on some special young people's faces. Please plan to support this event as we seem to always need pilots and assistance with ground logistics. We've been promoting this event for awhile and we look forward to a safe, fun day for all.

Beginning in early June we will be rolling out our new "hanger hangout" activity. This is where Chapter 93 pilots once a month will host Sunday afternoon open house events at their hangars. We're envisioning BBQ, Corben Cadet flights, Young Eagle flights, munchies and tons of good *plane* fun for all.



These events will be a great way to continue to promote our flying activities and give chapter members a great opportunity to connect with each other. Stays tuned for more details on these events and plan to join in on the fun.



Plans are shaping up nicely for another successful Heavy Bombers Weekend this summer. For this year's event we will be hosting the B-25 bomber "Miss Mitchell" from the Minnesota CAF wing, along with several other single engine warbirds. EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" will also be on hand as usual. In addition, we will be showcasing experimental aircraft at HBW this year for the first time. Experimental aircraft from around the area will be invited to attend HBW and placed on static display near the warbirds. EAA members will also be staffing a table with information on EAA activities. Members from EAA Chapter 1389 in Middleton will also assist in this effort. As all of you recognize, this is our primary means of raising funds for Chapter 93 activities throughout the year. Please set aside July 25-27 for supporting HBW as you begin making your summer family plans. Thanks in advance for your help!



Right on
the heels of HBW we
can look forward to another great fly-in at
Tom Kretschman's Sugar Ridge Airport.

This event is a true highlight of the summer for many of us and one not to be missed. Chapter 93 and Chapter 1389 will also be hosting a pot luck picnic at Middleton Airport in September this year. This is yet another great opportunity to build camaraderie and flying fun.

With this peek into our warmer days ahead it looks like we have lots of fun in store for us. I look forward to joining you at all these events. Please bring your family and friends!

- Rob Tweed

A.C.E. Explorers 93

On February 16th, the ACE members and some Sun Prairie High School physics students met at Wisconsin Aviation. LTC (ret.) Bruce Fischer gave a presentation about the Air Force and the Air National Guard: career opportunities, education and training requirements, ordinance and aircraft. He also described his experiences as an F-16 pilot and as a commercial airline pilot. He said that flying military aircraft was exciting but that flying commercial aircraft was boring because of the automation built into the commercial airplanes.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th at the Sun Prairie High School. We will use the Microsoft Flight Simulator IV that is in the aviation classroom. In April, we will visit the FedEx airport operation and in May, we will learn about radio control.

- Jim Lins

Need your EAA Membership Number!

Hello Chapter members,

I am trying to compile information for a membership roster for EAA and one item required is your EAA member number...so take a moment and please send me an email with your number: donripp@hotmail.com or rippdon@gmail.com - either email will work.

Of the 40 some members I have registered as chapter members, I only have 24 EAA membership numbers, so at this point all I can report to headquarters is 24 Chapter 93 members.

Please remember that your dues are required for Chapter 93 in the amount of \$24.00 and these can be paid to Jim Lins at the next chapter meeting or mailed to Jim at:

EAA Chapter 93
 Jim Lins
 6321 Shoreham Dr.
 Madison, WI 53711-2427

Thank you in advance.

- Don Ripp

Current Membership Information Needed

Don Ripp needs your help! Please complete the EAA Chapter 93 Membership Survey (sent with this newsletter) and return it to Don by e-mail, U.S. Mail, or bring it to the next meeting. Don would like this information by the end of March. Thank you.

- Al Kurth

Calendar

March 20	Chapter Meeting at Blackhawk Airfield
April 12	Young Eagles/Learn to Fly Rally at Middleton Airport (See rally poster sent with this newsletter)
April 17	Chapter Meeting at Blackhawk Airfield
July 25-27	Heavy Bombers Weekend at Dane County Regional Airport
July 28 – August 3	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014
August	Fly-In at Sugar Ridge Airport
September	Pot Luck Picnic at Middleton Airport

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