

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting July 17 at Blackhawk Airfield



Please plan to attend our next meeting on July 17 at our Blackhawk Airfield clubhouse. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We'll plan to discuss our upcoming Heavy Bomber Weekend event, get caught up on member activities and most likely view an interesting video. Our big event for the evening will be the drawing for our lucky winner of a flight in the B-25 "Miss Mitchell". All Chapter 93 members with paid dues will be entered in the drawing. **You must be present to win so don't miss this important meeting. Good luck to everyone!!**

- Rob Tweed

Aviation Pursuits: A Fountain of Youth?



During last month's meeting we enjoyed viewing a video that Pete Buffington brought about the EAA's B-17 tour program. This excellent video was produced by the professional editors at Wisconsin Eye and it prominently featured an interview with Fred Leidel. I'm sure there were quite a few members of our audience silently wondering "just how does he do it?" I believe Fred will be celebrating his 98th birthday this winter. How can he rattle off the intricate details of B-17 propeller design while supporting all of our Chapter 93

programs at his age? I was also impressed when Bill Rewey told us with a gleam in his eye about the pending delivery of his new Zenith 750 aircraft kit. Bill can't wait to dig into this new project now that he has sold his other two aircraft completions, a Zenith 801 and a Pietenpol. And let's not forget Jack Jerred, another of our senior Chapter 93 members, completing his beautiful Kitfox and then flying it to Sun 'n Fun with George Bindl. Other projects are also underway by several of our members who have retired from their



careers and we look forward to seeing their projects take shape.

As I added another candle to the birthday cake a few days ago I found myself reflecting on our members highlighted above and like-minded people I have encountered at Oshkosh and other aviation events. These fine people all seem to have a leg up on this aging process stuff. I've come to the conclusion that aviation, with all of its wonders, creates a sense of purpose and passion within us that helps keep the negative effects of father time at bay. There is always another project to start, rating to earn, historical event to learn about, museum to see and flight to take. With these things on our minds it's like we are able to pull back on the throttles for aging a bit and enjoy the ride longer. Seems pretty logical doesn't it? Which of the following activities promotes healthy minds and bodies? Taxing your noggin to find solutions to the seemingly never ending challenges that arise during the aircraft building process and feeling the satisfaction of solving these issues or endless hours of sofa time in front of the TV?



Perhaps we need to commission a peer-reviewed study on our "fountain of youth" discovery and publish its results in a respected medical journal. Just imagine the boon to the aviation industry that would result from everyone scrambling to secure their newfound secret to longevity. Or we could just let people discover on their own the many tangible benefits that come from aviation passion in our lives and passing this gift on to others. Just five minutes with Fred, Bill or Jack will be about all it takes to get it started.

- Rob Tweed

Volunteers Needed for

Heavy Bomber Weekend, July 25-27

With our big event rapidly approaching we find ourselves in need of volunteers. A number of you signed up for various positions during our June meeting. Thanks for your support. Many more volunteers are needed. Please recruit family and friends. This is our one big event of the year and, aside from dues, our only source of funding for on-going Chapter 93 operations and scholarship programs. Please join in and support this fun event. Look for more info on specific needs in an upcoming Email message from Don Ripp.

- Rob Tweed

Drawing for the B-25 Learning Experience and Flight Give-a-Way!

Hello Chapter 93 members and friends,

You do not want to miss next Thursday's Chapter Meeting and a chance to win the B-25 flight and learning experience. At the Chapter Meeting next Thursday, July 17th at 7 p.m. one (1) name will be drawn and that person will experience the "B-25 Miss Mitchell Learning Experience." The person drawn will have the chance to:

- Meet the Crew of "Miss Mitchell"
- Ask questions about the history of this "True" WWII veteran.
- "Miss Mitchell" served in the 310th Bomb Group-57th Bomb Wing of the 12th Air Force stationed in North Africa and Italy.
- She flew and completed 130 Missions (this aircraft!)
- She brought all crew members home!
- You will tour this aircraft and learn about its post war duties
- You will receive a Flight Experience Certificate.
- have a Photo Op in the pilot's seat on the flight deck.
- **YOU WILL FLY IN THIS B-25** during a "Madison Mission"
- You will be part of this planes "History".

Attend the Chapter meeting on July 17th, 7 p.m. and YOU could be the one! (Invite new members and family to attend.)



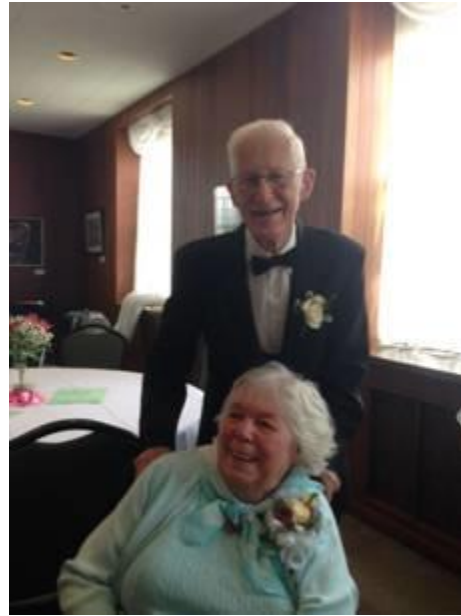
AND THEN all membership, family and friends are invited one week later on the 24th of July to the "Meet, Great and Eat" at the Chapter 93 Potluck at Wisconsin Aviation on the "Flight Line." 5 p.m. is the start time for the Pot-Luck. Chapter 93 will supply Pulled Pork sandwiches and soda...we ask that a dish be brought to pass by those in attendance. Last time we had a "Flight Line Potluck" it worked very well and the flight crews attending commented that this was some of the "Best Food Ever!" Hats off to Chapter 93! This year the flight crews of the aircraft will be in attendance as well as some of the veterans from the media flights of that afternoon. We will have a chance to meet the Crews and talk flying. So two dates to make! Both Thursdays on the 17th and 24th....SEE YOU THERE! (AND ALWAYS BRING A FRIEND/NEW MEMBER)

- Don Ripp

Congratulations Lowell and Ruth Ann!

Lowell and Ruth Ann Zirbel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month.

Congratulations to both of you from all of us at Chapter 93!!



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Book Review

“We Seven by the Astronauts Themselves,” 1962, Simon & Schuster, 433 p. plus 19 p. photographs and 6 p. index, hardbound.

This is a very detailed, very interesting accounting of the first U.S. space flights, starting with short hops, continuing to globe orbiting flights leading up to but not including the moon landing. The first flights had the astronaut as a passenger, but later flights had the astronauts as pilots controlling such things as the number of orbits and the choice of landing spots, using controls similar to those of an airplane. They also had considerable input to the improvements in the design of future spacecraft. They did personal things, such as calling home while orbiting.

I found the book on the “free shelf” in the chapter clubhouse, and I shall return it at our next meeting.



- Fred Leidel

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