

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting February 19 at Morey Field, Middleton



inspiring!

Please plan to attend our next Chapter 93 monthly meeting on Thursday, February 19 at Middleton Municipal – Morey Field Airport. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Our featured presenter, Mr. Jeff Russell, will entertain you with his many adventures encountered en-route to Idaho. Just imagine the views of the many backcountry airstrips that you and I will never have the kahunas to fly into. His Super Cub will be on display. Don't miss this meeting, it will be



Remember Summer?

Patty and I will also be drawing from EAA Chapter 93's member list the winner of a roundtrip flight to Christy's Landing Supper Club on Lake Waubesa. Come one, come all to 3316 Delta Lane, Morey Airport. GATE CODE 4868 or call 334-5863.

- Jeff Plantz

Tribute Flight for Dad

“I think I hear them coming...can you see them?” Those were the thoughts that were on our minds that very frigid morning on December 3, 2006 as we huddled outside on the shore of Lake



Delavan. Earlier that year my father, Bruce Tweed, passed away and we were waiting for Jeff and Patty Plantz to arrive overhead in their ultra-classic Bellanca Cruisair. Onboard the Bellanca were my father's ashes that were soon to be committed to Lake Delavan. And there it was, the proud Bellanca circling above the lake with a beautiful mist floating up from the water below. The mist created a sort of surreal spiritual effect for this special event. Two 360 degree turns were flown by Jeff and Patty that morning and then we watched them depart into the distance, their mission beautifully executed.



Lake Lawn Lodge on Lake Delavan has always been a special place for my family and me. I can remember the fun family getaways we would spend there when we were kids. My dad was a naval aviator during WWII and served as a flight instructor while based at Corpus Christi, Texas. Dad's aviation background and our fondness for Lake Lawn were the inspiration for our gathering that morning. Lake Delavan now holds a much more special meaning to me and I find myself drawn to it several times a year to pay respects to my dad. Whether it's floating around on the kayak or sweeping past in the plane overhead, I always enjoy my special connection to the lake.

Given the remarks above, where do you think I flew to test out my new GoPro camera? You guessed right if you said Lake Delavan! For those of you unfamiliar with the GoPro camera, it is small camera that can be used to capture all sorts of activities. These cameras can be worn on a harness, attached to helmets, mounted on cars, attached to surfboards, etc. The sky is the limit with these things. I decided to mount the device under the wing of



my Lancair and utilize the aileron bellcrank inspection cover as an anchor point for the camera. Two out of my three siblings politely decline any offers from me to go flying so I thought a tribute pass over Lake Delavan captured by the GoPro would be a great alternative for them.

So, strap in and come along for the ride everyone! Here is a link to the flight video:

<http://youtu.be/0BrgD37gEzQ>

Video camera shutters create strange effects on propellers so don't be alarmed when you see the prop stop in mid flight. I did not shut down the engine ☺. I did, however, give the ice fisherman something to chat about as I flew overhead at 210 mph.

Looking forward, I see the GoPro set-up as a great way to relay some flying fun in future articles, so stay tuned. In the meantime, stay warm and think spring!

- Rob Tweed

Chapter 93 / Chapter 1389 Joint Initiatives

A check for \$500 was presented on behalf of Chapter 93 to Scott Compton, President, EAA Chapter 1389 as gesture of thanks for Chapter 1389's support during our Heavy Bombers Weekend last summer. This presentation was made during Chapter 1389's monthly meeting on February 4. As discussed in our recent membership meeting, we asked that these funds be used for Chapter 1389's scholarship programs. Our gift was much appreciated by the Chapter 1389 members attending the meeting.

We are also hoping to work with Chapter 1389 as partners in upcoming Young Eagles events and this desire was highlighted during their membership meeting as well. We feel that Young Eagle events could be larger and more efficiently managed through the combined resources of both chapters. Young Eagles leaders from both chapters will be working on this new initiative. Look for updates in future newsletters.

- Rob Tweed

Chapter 93 Is on the Move!

I am pleased to report that Chapter 93 has vacated our clubhouse at Blackhawk Airfield prior to the targeted close date for the sale. The buyer has inspected the premises and has paid Chapter 93 its proceeds from the sale. Many thanks to Jeff Plantz, Mark Jacobs, Dick Hartwig and Dave Van Lanen for their support with the move of Chapter 93 property to our temporary storage location in the Coldstream Building on the south ramp of Dane County Regional Airport.

Our proposal to Wisconsin Aviation on the refurbishment and lease of space in the Coldstream Building remains under review at this time. We hope to hear good news on this initiative soon. Keep your fingers crossed!

- Rob Tweed

Membership Dues Request

Chapter members, this is a reminder that membership dues are \$20 through February and \$24 after that. Thank you!

- Jeff Plantz

Facebook Volunteers Wanted!

Chapter 93 webmaster Pete Buffington is looking for three or four volunteers to be EAA Chapter 93 Facebook Admins to help maintain the page with event photo albums. The Admin can be anyone who is willing to capture chapter events with a digital camera and upload those photo albums to the Fan page. This is easy and fun to do, and helps promote the chapter to the Madison community. If interested, please email Pete at avitengineer@yahoo.com to become a Chapter 93 Facebook page Admin.

- Pete Buffington

Chapter Meeting Minutes 1/15/15

Rob Tweed asked that the new people introduce themselves and share some background information on their interest in aviation. Jeff Plantz informed the group that we have a candidate for the Hoot and Betty Gibson Scholarship and gave some background information on the candidate. Rob informed the group that last year's Heavy Bombers over Madison Event was the most successful event to date. It was proposed to Jeff Davis of Wisconsin Aviation that this

year's Heavy Bomber Weekend be moved to the South Ramp (south of the Wisconsin Aviation office) to hopefully make it safer and easier for all parties concerned. Rob informed the members about the final sale details of the hanger/club house. The February meeting will be held at Middleton Airport and the March meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Library. Our speaker for the meeting was Dr. Aaron Beck, an AME, on the topic of 3rd class medicals and a lot of questions and answers. Thank you, Dr. Beck for coming and giving us more information on 3rd class medicals.

- Earl Martin

Board Meeting Minutes 2/5/15

The meeting started at 7:10PM. Members present: Pete Buffington, Scott Nolinske, Rob Tweed, Frank Smidler, Jim Lins and Earl Martin. The meeting started with Jim giving the financials on the Chapter. The Chapter received over \$9,000 for their part of the hanger/club house sale with another \$400 coming from the sale of the tents to Earl for the use of the Rio Creek Aviation Foundation in Rio Creek. Young Eagle Events are planned to be done with EAA Chapter 1389 on May 16th, August 8th and October 3rd at Morey Airport in Middleton. The EAA's Tri-motor is also looking good for the Heavy Bombers Weekend but not confirmed. Remember the next meeting is at Morey's in Middleton. More information will be in this newsletter about that.

- Earl Martin

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Calendar

February 19 – Chapter Meeting at Morey Field, Middleton

March 19 – Chapter Meeting at the Fitchburg Library

May 16 – Young Eagles Event with Chapter 1389 at Morey Field, Middleton

July 17-19 – Heavy Bombers Weekend at Dane County Regional Airport, Madison

July 20-26 – EAA AirVenture Oshkosh at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh

August 8 – Young Eagles Event with Chapter 1389 at Morey Field, Middleton

October 3 – Young Eagles Event with Chapter 1389 at Morey Field, Middleton

- *Al Kurth*

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