

CORBEN COURIER



Heavy Bombers Weekend is Almost Here!

Greetings to all Chapter 93 members and friends,



Heavy Bombers Weekend is now just days away and it looks like this will be our biggest and best event ever. Pete Buffington has pulled out all the stops on promoting HBW once again. For this year's event we will even have digital billboards around the area illuminated with our HBW images and info. Too cool! Many hours of planning have been invested in HBW by our Chapter 93 board and our members. With years of experience under our belts we have a great foundation to build on. Our friends at Wisconsin Aviation have also been very supportive of our event and we are appreciative that we have such a supportive partner. So, as the clock ticks away on our countdown to HBW 2015, let the fun soon begin!

With this message I would like to thank all of our members and friends who have pledged to volunteer at HBW. If you have not yet signed up for volunteering at the event please consider joining in on the fun. We have changed our volunteer format this year to four hour shifts, 9AM-1PM and 1PM-5PM. Send Earl Martin a message at earlpmartin@excite.com and let him know you are on board. We need your help!

As all of you are aware, our Heavy Bombers Weekend event is our primary source of revenue for Chapter 93. This is the fuel that funds our scholarship awards and day to day operations. These funds will also enable us to fund our new chapter clubhouse. It was very rewarding to hear Jason

Fourdrane address our group during our meeting on July 6. Now there is a young man that is totally focused on achieving his goals in aviation. Having just received his instrument rating he is now pushing towards his next objective on his way to becoming a professional pilot. I have no doubt we will see him commanding an airliner one day. Past scholarship recipients such as Cory Cramschuster and Remington Viney are also well on their way towards pursuing their dreams in aviation. Chapter 93 played a key role in these young people's lives. There will be many more scholarship recipients in the future. Let's keep this great program going through your generous volunteering at HBW.

Thank you, everyone, for your tremendous commitment and support. Our annual smile factory at HBW is about to begin!

- Rob Tweed

HBW Volunteer Dinner

This is a reminder to all Chapter 93 members. The HBW volunteer's dinner will be held on Thurs., July 16th at 6:00 p.m. The location will be at the north end of Wisconsin Aviation. The chapter will provide pulled pork sandwiches, chips and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass. I hope to see you all there.

- Scott Nolinske

Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer



The Privateer was a long-range patrol bomber used by the U.S. Navy during World War II. It was derived from the Consolidated B-24 Liberator. For more information, check out https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consolidated_PB4Y-2_Privateer. Chapter 93 is excited to welcome this rare aircraft to HBW 2015!

- Pete Buffington/Al Kurth

F4U Corsair



The Cavanaugh Flight Museum's F4U Corsair will be appearing at HBW 2015 offering BOTH air-rides and ground tours! This is a chance of a lifetime to book a flight experience in the only FAA approved ride Corsair in this country! The Corsair is a FG-1D model configured as a F4U-1C with an armament of 20 mm cannons. The famous gull-wing design of the F4U Corsair makes the plane one of the most distinctive fighters of World War II. Designed and built by Chance-Vought, the Corsair prototype first flew on May 29, 1940. It was the world's first single-engine fighter capable of speeds over 400 mph in level flight. Though first rejected by the U.S. Navy, the F4U proved to be one of the best all-around fighters of World War II and was the only American piston engine World War II fighter produced in large numbers after 1945. A pre-purchase link for air-rides will be posted as soon as it is available here and on the website, please stay tuned. We hope you are as excited as the people at HBW to see the Corsair addition!

Feel the acceleration of over two thousand horsepower as the Corsair roars down the runway for takeoff.

Corsair ride flight information:

Flight duration – 30 minutes

Age – must be at least 18 years old

Weight limit – 230 lbs.

Agility – Must be able to climb and board the aircraft.

- Pete Buffington

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Calendar

July 16 – Media Day, Heavy Bombers Weekend and 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner for volunteers at Dane County Regional Airport, Madison

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

August 20 – 5:00 p.m. Dinner and post-dinner Chapter Meeting at Sugar Ridge Airport

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

- Al Kurth

Looking Back

Remember where we've come from....

Let's go way, way back to the year 2012 to the first HBW. Now check out the attached photo! Just one aircraft and this many people.



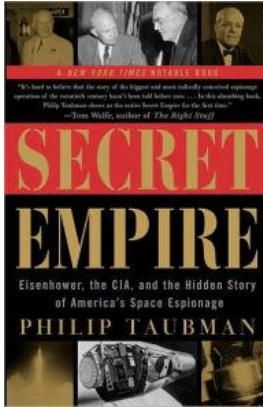
Fast forward to 2015.... Now approximately 20 aircraft and an estimated 20,000 attendees (weather permitting).

Be Proud!

- Pete Buffington

Book Review

“Secret Empire – Eisenhower, the C.I.A, and the Hidden Story of America’s Space Espionage,” by Phillip Taubman, 370 p. hardbound, Simon & Schuster, c 2003.



This is a story of the history of aerial espionage, basically between the United States and Russia. It includes the Russian

Sputnik I, the first orbiting object (without a payload) and Sputnik II, whose payload was a dog, and the U-2, in which Francis Gary Powers was shot down by the Russians in 1960.

The bulk of the book involves our efforts to develop a reliable system to take photos of Russian military establishments and activity, identifying objects as small as automobiles in full color, from an orbiting satellite, and sending them safely to earth in real time.

The book is not an easy read. The cast of characters includes 31 people. It took me a week to finish it, but I’m pleased that I did. It was a gift from my brother Don.

- *Fred Leidel*