

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting September 21 at Fitchburg Public Library



Our September meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Public Library meeting room on the second floor on Monday, September 21. We will start the meeting at 6:30 PM. Please note this date change from our usual third Thursday schedule. Dean Zakos will be presenting information that may include flying fundamentals, buying and selling used aircraft and flying ethics. Many thanks to Dean for being our featured speaker. Updates on our pending new clubhouse project, scholarship program, upcoming Young Eagles event and annual banquet will also be provided. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

- Rob Tweed

Left Seat Opportunity

I think back to this time of year four years ago when our very dedicated president, Don Ripp, reminded us of the nominations process and his desire to pass the torch to another member to serve as president of Chapter 93. Don's initial term as president had long since passed and he was deep into his second term. So the call went out to our members, "Who is interested?" I think I actually heard an echo from a pin dropping to the floor that night. Surely someone will step forward and pledge their interest in the nomination for president, I thought. Silence.

Our Chapter 93 bylaws call for elections to be held for our officer positions with nominations for candidates beginning in September and the actual election in December. Newly elected officers begin their term of office in January. The term of office for all positions is two years. Here we are in September and we need to begin thinking about these important matters.

Looking back on all of Don's tireless efforts and dedication to Chapter 93 I remember thinking to myself that Don would probably want a much needed break. I decided to throw my name in the hat for consideration as president. Come to think of it, I think I recall my buddy Jack Jerred throwing fuel on this notion as well. So, before I knew it, I found myself as the newly elected president of Chapter 93! That was nearly four years ago and, like Don, my first two year term ended without someone stepping forward to assume the role. Now we are nearing the end of my

second term as president and I believe it is a great time to pass the reins to another member of our fabulous chapter.

As I highlight this election process and my desire to find a successor as your president please know that this desire is not rooted in “burn out” or waning interest in Chapter 93. I remain keenly engaged in Chapter 93’s exciting future plans and I care deeply about our members. Your contributions to the success of Chapter 93 are amazing and serve as my inspiration to want to do all I can for our chapter. I just believe that it is healthy for any organization to rotate in new leadership in regular intervals. This is why we have term limits for many political offices and why there is turnover at top positions in the corporate world. New leaders bring new visions and creative ideas on how to pursue these visions.

As I near the end of my second term as president and look back on what we have done together for Chapter 93, I couldn’t be more pleased. We’ve enjoyed fun celebrations such as our 50 year anniversary and transformed our annual B-17 visit into a highly recognized brand: Heavy Bombers Weekend. From the financial success of this endeavor we have expanded our charitable programs enabling pilots to earn their pilot’s licenses and instilled aviation interests in many young people participating in our scholarship programs and Young Eagles events. Going forward, I see these programs expanding and many exciting new initiatives being introduced and taking hold.

Give this some thought, who wants to move into Chapter 93’s left seat?

- Rob Tweed

EAA Chapter 93 Banquet

Chapter 93 members should plan to attend our annual banquet scheduled for Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N. Century Avenue, Waunakee. We will enjoy a delicious deluxe buffet with shaved prime rib, turkey, three cheeses, relishes and dip, chicken wings, meatballs, egg rolls, shrimp cocktail, pasta salad and assorted fruit bars for desert. Chapter members who have attended in the past can attest to how good the food is!!!

The cost of the banquet is \$18.00 per person.

Our guest speaker will be Chuck Howard, Air Traffic Manager, Madison Air Traffic Control Tower.

Door prizes may be distributed to lucky winners.

Please contact Scott Nolinske at scott.nolinske@gmail.com, phone 273-2586, and let him know that you are planning to attend. Contact any of the Chapter officers if you are unable to reach Scott.

- Scott Nolinske

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Calendar

September 21 – 6:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting
at Fitchburg Public Library

October 4 – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. EAA Chapter
93 Banquet at Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee

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

- Al Kurth

Thank You

Thanks to Rob Tweed and Scott Nolinske for contributing to this month's newsletter. Please send articles for future newsletters to a.kurth@sbcglobal.net. This month's newsletter was very light on content. So send me your articles, please! It's your newsletter.

- Al Kurth