

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting February 22 at the Fitchburg Library



Our February meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22 at 6:30 PM. Our Speaker is Mark Finnegan, Founder and Organizer of VetsRoll.org. VetsRoll's mission is to thank and pay tribute to the American Veteran – the men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need, by transporting them to Washington, D.C. over four days of honor and remembrance, at no cost to our heroes.

VetsRoll uses ten luxurious Badger Charter Coaches for the trip to Washington, D.C. Traveling this way provides socializing, museums, group dinners, cards, videos, making new friends, and comradery. To ensure the comfort and well-being of the Veterans and Rosie-the Riveters who make the trip, there will be more than 100 volunteers and medical staff accompanying them.

VetsRoll 2016 will mark the 1,325th Veteran and Rosie-the-Riveter to make the memorable trip to see their memorial in Washington, D.C. VetsRoll.org is a non-profit, IRS 501(c)(3) organization.

Mark and VetsRoll have also offered their assistance to EAA Chapter 93 to provide some veterans in association with Heavy Bomber Weekend in Janesville, WI. I hope to see everyone there!

- Dean Zakos

Let's Get This Party Started!

Chapter 93 is off to a great start in 2016! I thought I would take this opportunity to share my thoughts with everyone on what we can look forward to throughout the year. Before we get into the fun stuff I must share a word of thanks to a very special group.

As you are aware, our Chapter 93 board meets on the first Thursday each month to review our initiatives and develop action plans on how we can most effectively accomplish our objectives. A wide variety of topics are discussed each meeting invariably resulting in assignments being doled out to our team. As we progressed through the agenda this month there were lots of "sure I can take that one" and "no problem, I'll follow up with so and so and we'll get it handled" types of responses. This is nothing new. We are a can-do organization and I have always been impressed with everyone's willingness to pitch in. But this month, as I turned the page to start

recording a second page of follow up assignments, I found myself filled with pride at the level of dedication on display from everyone seated around the table. Please join me in thanking our Chapter 93 board for their tireless service and dedication to our organization. Most impressive!

Now for a few things that have me fired up for 2016...

- Chapter 93 continues to grow and we welcome several outstanding new members to our organization. Welcome aboard Greg Gates, Phillip Smecko, David Upham and Tim Sikes! These individuals have all shown a willingness to contribute anywhere they can. We look forward to further expanding our membership, hoping members of the local IMC club will choose to join Chapter 93. Please consider inviting a friend to join you during our next meeting. The more, the merrier!
- Speaking of members, how many EAA chapters can boast they have two active centenarians among their ranks? I am pretty confident that only Chapter 93 can make that impressive claim. Congratulations Fred Leidel and Warren Webster! You are inspirations to all of us!
- Our annual Tom Rebholz Memorial Chili Fly-In is right around the corner on February 20. This always is a fun event as it is a great way to get out of the cold for some excellent aviation conversation while enjoying bowls of delicious chili. Don't miss this event; you never know who might show up in some pretty cool airplanes. Thanks to Dayton Sederquist for organizing this event.
- With Dean Zakos and Jim Schwieso leading our monthly programs we are sure to have fun and informative content each month to enjoy. We'll also be migrating out of the library as our weather improves to other venues such as members' homes for updates on their projects currently under construction. Look for more "hanger hangout" gatherings this year as well.
- We are committed to putting together a Chapter 93 fly-out this year to somewhere within a 100 mile radius. Potential destinations include restaurants, museums, parks, etc. We are hopeful to have a large number of participants, creating lots of Corben Cadets in the process. Stay tuned for more developments...
- Our new Janesville venue for HBW presents some logistics challenges for us but it also provides great opportunities. We will get to work with other EAA chapters and meet many new visitors attending the event. The planned new "Warbirds Under the Stars" event and the many veteran interviews will add to the fun and excitement this year. HBW 2016 is already shaping up very nicely and it is quite possible that this may be our biggest event ever. Look for sign-up sheets at the February meeting and pledge your support.
- We are pleased to combine our efforts with Chapter 1389 once again this year to deliver highly successful Young Eagle events. Last year's weather failed to cooperate for two of our

events but we are undeterred. Looking ahead, I see nothing but blue sky and smiling Young Eagles. Ground volunteers and pilots are always needed.

- Speaking of Chapter 1389 and Young Eagles, we are planning for a pot luck picnic immediately after the Young Eagle event on August 6. Mark your calendars and plan to join in this fun event. Burgers, brats, tons of great side dishes, and airplane rides for members and their families. What could be more fun?
- Every year I know in advance what my favorite Chapter 93 meeting will be before it ever happens. How's that for clairvoyance? Actually it is very simple to predict. We are talking about Tom Kretschman's fly-in in August. The beautiful setting, fabulous aircraft, impressive antiques and delicious feast are four great reasons to attend. Don't miss this one...
- Our fall banquet in October is another great event that I am already looking forward to. Over the years we have enjoyed wonderful speakers and excellent food at Rex's Innkeeper. If you haven't yet joined us for our annual banquet, please consider attending this year. Details are TBD but you can be sure it will be another fun event.



Let's all think Spring and send this white stuff packing so we can really get this party starting! We have lots of fun in store for Chapter 93 members; thanks to all of you for making it happen!

- Rob Tweed

Heavy Bomber Weekend News

The Beloit Bombshell Girls (<http://www.beloitbombshells.com>) are onboard for HBW2016! What a great fit for this event! They will have three girls available for each shift for the full weekend.

- Pete Buffington

Chili Fly-In on February 20

The chili fly-in is on!

We are all set to celebrate good food and good conversation in Tom Rebholz's honor at Morey Field in Middleton on Saturday, February 20th.

The time is 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM to enjoy each other's creations for amazing chili. The winner will be announced around 1:30 PM or sooner depending on our appetites.

There will be plenty of coffee, water, all of the "fix-ins" and power cords. Some varieties of soda will be provided along with bowls and utensils.

If you are not a good chili maker then bring some cookies or bars instead. If you run out of time and can't bring anything---come anyway we would just like to see you and there will be plenty of food.

Please take a break from the winter and come join us to visit with old friends you haven't seen in a while and take the opportunity to make new ones. We all enjoy "catching up" on what has been happening lately.

- *Dayton Sederquist*

Chapter 93 Dues

Chapter dues for 2016 are \$20 through February 29 and \$24 thereafter. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay at the Chili Fly-In or at next Monday's chapter meeting.

- *Rob Tweed*

Training for Young Eagle Volunteers

Last month, EAA introduced a Youth Protection Policy and Program that involves all volunteers who work with young people. All Young Eagle Volunteers are going to need to do this training for young people as mentioned in the EAA's January 15, 2016 letter. For chapter members who receive the newsletter by email, the letter is being sent as a separate attachment. For those members who are mailed a printed newsletter, the letter will be attached.

- *Earl Martin*

Scholarship Page Updated on Website

The Scholarship pages have been split out on the Chapter 93 website. If you see any errors, please let me know. You will see the Main page of "Aviation Scholarships" with two Sub-pages - the Hoot & Betty page, and the new "Chapter 93 Scholarship" also as a sub-page. Each has a unique PDF application to download. Please check it out at:

<http://www.93.eaachapter.org/aviationscholarships.htm>

- Pete Buffington

EAA CHAPTER 93 SPEAKER AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, February 22	Topic: Vets Roll – Honoring Veterans. Speaker: Mark Finnegan. Confirmed Room Date
Monday, March 21	Topic: Model Airplanes, Madison Area Radio Control Society. Speaker: Dave Rush. Note: 6:30 pm meeting start. Confirmed Room Date
Thursday, April 21	Topic: A History of Drones. Speaker: Jim O'Connor. Confirmed Room Date
Thursday, May 19	Topic: Young Eagles/Eagle Flights. Speaker: Brian Olena, EAA Young Eagles/Eagles Program Manager
Thursday, June 16	Designated Hangar Hangout Month No Program
Thursday, July 21	Meeting date to be used for HBW planning No Program
Thursday, August 18	Designated Hangar Hangout Month No Program
Thursday, September 15	Designated Hangar Hangout Month No Program
Thursday, October 20	To be determined
Thursday, November 17	To be determined
Thursday, December 15	To be determined

- Dean Zakos

Thank You

Thanks to Rob Tweed, Fred Leidel, Dean Zakos, Earl Martin, Pete Buffington, and Dayton Sederquist for contributing to this month's newsletter. Please send articles for future newsletters to a.kurth@sbcglobal.net.

- Al Kurth

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Calendar

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 11:00 a.m. –
2:00 p.m. Tom Rebholz Memorial Chili Fly-
In at Morey Middleton Airport

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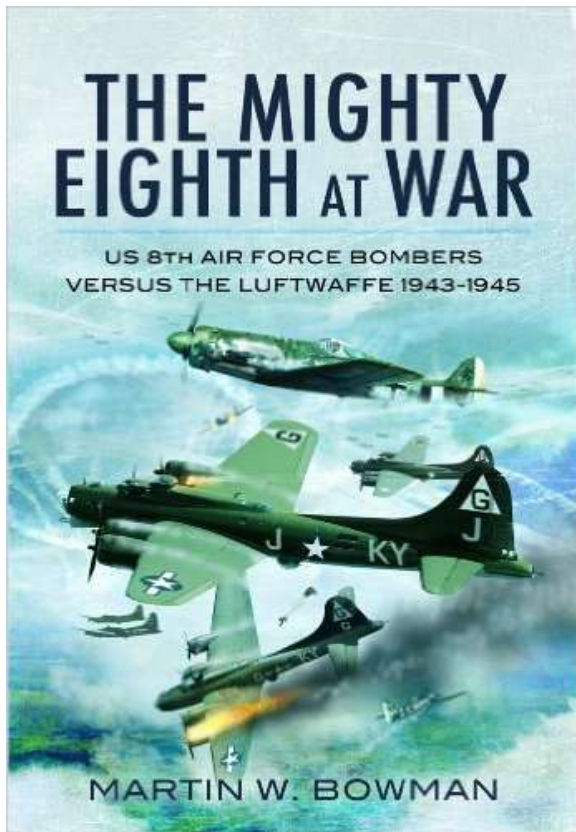
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
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Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24, 2016
Heavy Bomber Weekend, Southern
Wisconsin Regional Airport, Janesville

July 25–31, 2016 – EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh 2016

- Al Kurth

Book Review



“The Mighty Eighth at War – U.S. 8th Air Force Bombers Versus the Luftwaffe 1943–1945” by Martin W. Bowman, 280 p. softbound, 2010, published by Pen and Sword Aviation.

by Fred Leidel

This is an exciting accounting of individual bombing by U.S. “heavies” (B-17s and B-24s) escorted by fighters (P-51s and P-47s). The usual format is that a mission is explained in general terms, and then repeated as remembered by one of the pilots. The size of the missions is simply amazing – as many as 1200 bombers escorted by 800 fighters. (I attended the National Air Races in Cleveland in 1929. There was a fly-over of 11 B-17s, which was every B-17 that the then U.S. Army Air Force had.)

At the start of WWII, an airman would be sent back to the States after 25 missions. This was increased to 30 missions, and later to 35. The pilots and crew were just kids, many enlisting right out of high school. One of them in the book was only 16. He must have lied about his age.

It was an exciting book to read, and I highly recommend it.