

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting March 21 at the Fitchburg Library



Our March meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21 at 6:30 PM. The featured topic is Model Airplanes and the Madison Area Radio Control Society. Our speaker is Dave Rush of the Madison Area Radio Control Society. The Madison Area Radio Control Society (MARCS) is a group of radio controlled aircraft modelers based in Madison, Wisconsin. MARCS has been an AMA chartered club for over 30 years (AMA Charter #665).

MARCS has a large membership which represents a broad range of modeling interests, with special interests groups within the club encompassing electrics, sailplanes, giant scale, scale models, war birds and helicopters.

See this link to an interesting article from the *Cap Times* about the MARCS:

http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/city-life/bzzzzzz-drones-are-showing-up-in-the-air-over-wisconsin/article_7da1153b-b2f1-56f2-9b45-4dee6e0ce4f9.html

- Dean Zakos

Light a Cigarette



During our recent trip to South Carolina I found myself in a discussion with my cousin, Link, about his flying experiences. Link retired from United last year as a Boeing 767 captain with approximately 26,000 hours of flying time. He holds pretty much every rating out there including hot air balloon instructor. Link knows what's going on in the cockpit. Somehow our discussion meandered to proper emergency response techniques. That's when Link relayed to me what he considered some of the best advice he has received. This came during simulated engine failure training. Apparently Link's instructor wanted to know what the proper response should be to the emergency situation the instructor created. Like most of us, Link's first inclination was respond with a flurry of activity such as changing flight control inputs, adjusting power levels, setting switches, etc. Knowing Link, his responses were probably correct for the situation at hand but his

instructor had an alternate plan. “Light a cigarette” the instructor suggested. Obviously a response like that caused a “what in the world are you talking about” look on Link’s puzzled face. His instructor was speaking figuratively, of course, suggesting that Link pause for a moment to really ***think about what is happening*** before he started instinctively flailing about the cabin trying to solve a problem that may or may not be real.

This “light a cigarette” advice is not appropriate for every situation. But often pilots could benefit from slowing their thoughts down in an emergency and really assessing what is happening before compounding a bad situation with poor instinctive reactions. The pilots of the TransAsia ATR-72 commuter aircraft that crashed into a river in Taiwan last February perhaps could have benefited from this aforementioned advice. At 1,200 feet AGL there was probably enough time to “light a cigarette” and think things through. Instead, their flurry of activity responding to the situation resulted in shutting off the fuel supply to the engine that was still operating with disastrous results.



Tomorrow Jill and I will depart Madison for Mazatlan, Mexico where we will visit my test pilot, Don Goetz, and his wife, Carolyn. Don’s nickname is “Dead Stick Don” in recognition of his 26 dead stick landings while performing test flights for customer’s aircraft all over the world. Don has many hair-raising stories to tell from his escapades as a test pilot. I will have to ask him what his favorite techniques were to keep a cool head and save the situation in each of his emergency landings. Colorful guy, wild stories. Stay tuned for a few interesting recaps next month.

Spring fever is in the air! It won’t be long now before we can get out to our pancake breakfasts and compare notes on some fun flights at upcoming meetings. Have fun, fly safe!

- Rob Tweed

Member Transportation Assistance to Monthly Meetings

During our most recent Chapter 93 board meeting we discussed the possibility that some of our members may need transportation assistance to get to our monthly meetings. Should any of our members require a ride to the meetings, please let me or one of our board members know and we will find a member to provide this assistance. I am sure we won’t have any trouble finding rides for those who may be unable to attend on their own. Thanks!

- Rob Tweed

Heavy Bomber Weekend Update



Greetings from the desk of Heavy Bombers Weekend 2016. The show is shaping up to be an exciting one again this year, set for July 22 - 24, 2016, 9am to 5pm daily. It will be the largest gathering of aircraft we have seen to date. Both contracts from the EAA and CAF have been signed for the event. The Janesville community support has been outstanding thus far from community leaders, airport management, early newspaper articles, and scheduled radio interviews prior to the event. We recently added a C1-A Grumman Trader, a Bell 47 helicopter, AC-47 Spooky (2nd year joining us), and an L-29 jet. We are also working on adding two TBM Avenger Torpedo Bombers. We also added a 1942 Chevy Troop Hauler that will join our reenactors; it was manufactured at the Janesville GM plant and recently restored by Larry Splinter of Janesville.

We have received corporate sponsor support from Singlewire Software, LLC of Madison, SC Aviation, Inc. of Janesville, Helicopter Specialties, Inc. of Janesville, Vets Roll org of Beloit, and three flight crew vehicles provided by Zimbrick GMC West of Madison. The Bell 47 helicopter will be providing air-rides during HBW at \$35.00 a seat. This offers families an affordable price point to get airborne during the event in addition to the wide variety of air-ride prices for the bombers and fighter aircraft. The Beloit Bombshell Roller Derby girls have agreed to provide refreshments to HBW volunteers during the weekend. What a great team name to partner with HBW! Also, Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream will be serving "Bombs Away" ice cream flavor.

The HBW website has been updated to show new additions to this year's show, both aircraft and vendors. It can be viewed at www.heavybombersweekend.splashthat.com. We have received committed volunteer support from EAA Chapter 22 of Rockford, IL (The original EAA Fly-in Convention supporting chapter when the convention was hosted in Rockford), also EAA Chapter 431 of Brodhead has committed a few volunteers even though their annual Pietenpol fly-in is occurring the same weekend at the Brodhead airport. We are seeking Chapter 93 volunteers, both members and family members, to help us again this year all three days and Media Day on Thursday July 21st, which will include a volunteer benefit dinner that evening at the Janesville airport. We will also need volunteers Thursday evening to help stage tables, chairs, signage, and with other pre-event preparations. Also, volunteer support to help clean-up the event on Sunday night is always appreciated. We currently have meetings scheduled the end of March to finalize the event's layout and map at the Janesville airport. This will be shared with Chapter 93 in the coming months as part of our preparations leading up to the event.

We received a donation of 15,000 consecutively numbered wristbands to use at the HBW gate. These wristbands will help greatly in keeping an accurate count of attendees and auditing final numbers for the weekend. The line-up of aircraft for this year's show is exciting and we are looking forward to yet another successful Heavy Bombers Weekend - Chapter 93's fourth year organizing the event. Look forward to seeing you at upcoming HBW planning and safety meetings prior to July. Thanks!

- Pete Buffington

First Fly-Out on April 16



Rob Tweed and Pete Buffington are planning Chapter 93's first fly-out of 2016.

On Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m., TBM Avenger, Inc. is hosting the TBM Avenger Spring Fling and Gathering of TBM's. The gathering will be held at the North Hangar

of the Illinois Valley Regional Airport in Peru, Illinois. Six TBM's are confirmed as special guests and more are invited.

Brad and Jane Deckert's beautiful TBM Avenger is about to start another busy air show season. They are inviting all friends of the TBM as well as all those interested in WWII aviation history. Admission and parking are free; donations are welcome.

For more information, please see <https://www.facebook.com/events/442465695963233/>

If interested in attending, please contact Rob Tweed or Pete Buffington.

- Al Kurth

2016 Tom Rebolz Memorial Chili Fly-In

Many thanks to Dayton Sederquist and Jonie Fobes for all their hard work to ensure this year's chili fly-in was such a great success. The weather was absolutely perfect and the new location at Morey Airport worked out very nicely. I also want to thank everyone who brought chili to the event as there were some very tasty batches to sample. Somehow we will have to develop a plan to have more chili available next year as our supply ran out at approximately 12:30. Thankfully Frank Smidler was able to scrape together a small bowl just after he touched down. It was also very special to have Jack Rebolz attend the event for the first time. Thanks Jack, we hope to see you again at next year's event!

Congratulations to Jill Tweed on her big win this year. Attendees judged her batch to be their favorite. That makes three years in a row!
- Rob Tweed



Pete Buffington

Thank You

Thanks to Rob Tweed, Fred Leidel, Dean Zakos and Pete Buffington, 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

Monday, March 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting at the Fitchburg Library

Saturday, April 16, 2016 – Fly Out to TBM
Avenger Spring Fling and Gathering of
TBM's, Peru, Illinois

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Chapter
Meeting at the Fitchburg Library

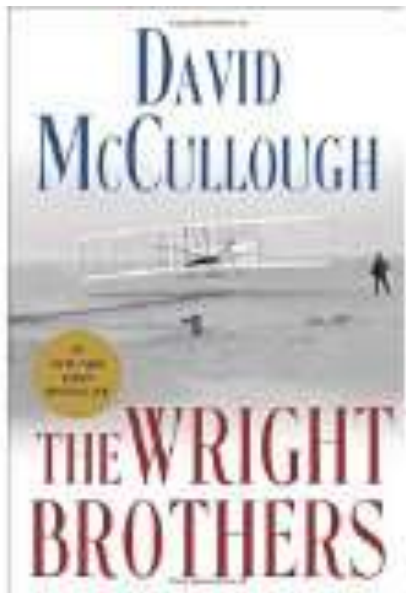
Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24, 2016
Heavy Bomber Weekend, Southern
Wisconsin Regional Airport, Janesville

July 25–31, 2016 – EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh 2016

Sunday, October 2, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00
p.m., Chapter 93 Banquet at Rex's
Innkeeper, Waunakee

- Al Kurth

Book Review



“The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough, 267 p. hardbound, 2015, published by Simon and Schuster.

I had already read “The Bishop’s Boys,” so I thought I knew all about the Wright Brothers, but since the book was a Christmas gift from my son Jim, I had better read it. How wrong I was.

by Fred Leidel

Their glider experiments and their first flight are a very small part of this book. What they did in the way of putting on air shows, barnstorming, and stunt flying sounded like what pilots were doing in the 1930’s and 40’s.

There are 24 pages of photographs showing such things as Wilber circling the Statue of Liberty; one of their students, Comte de Lambert circling the Eifel Tower in Paris with a Wright Flyer; one of Orville and Thomas Selfridge taking off from Fort Myer, Virginia for a flight lesson; and another of the accident in which Selfridge became the first airplane fatality. In France, as many as 3000 people came out to the flying field to watch Orville fly. When Orville returned from France, among the many Welcome Home occasions was a parade in Dayton that was two miles long.

The book is a #1 New York Times best seller. It is a very good read.