

CORBEN COURIER

No October Chapter Meeting, Next Meeting in November



As a reminder to everyone, there will be no chapter meeting in October due to our annual banquet. We will resume our usual monthly

meetings on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Ashley Anderson, AME, who will update us on the Pilots Bill of Rights II and the new Third Class medical requirements. I hope to see you there!

Dan Payne Badger Honor Flight

Please plan to attend the Badger Honor Flight homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 22 at Dane County Regional Airport, general terminal area. Dan Payne will be on this Badger Honor Flight. The celebration is scheduled to begin around 8:30 PM. More info can be found here: <http://www.badgerhonorflight.org>. Let's give Dan a very well deserved welcome home from Chapter 93!

- Rob Tweed

Gentlemen, Start Your (Aircraft) Engines!!



"Oh no, what is the date of the banquet?" I asked our Chapter 93 board members during a recent meeting.

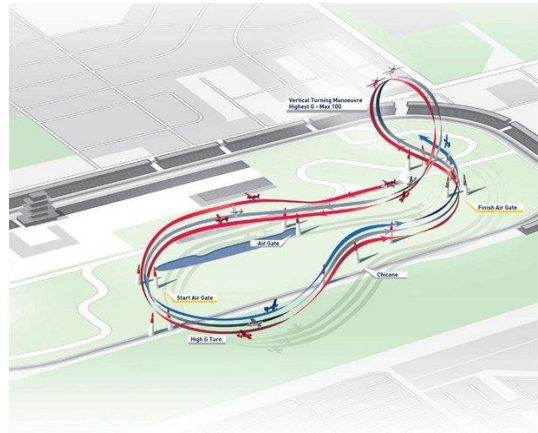
"October 2, hmmm... I think that is the date of the air races in Indy", I said. And indeed it was. These two events just happened to fall on the same

date. So, while many of you were enjoying Rex's delicious buffet, there I was eating my soft pretzel in the bleachers at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the inaugural Red Bull Air Race World Champion series. Our daughter, Hannah, and her husband, Andrew, who live in Indianapolis, had heard about the races last year and thought it would be a perfect Christmas gift for me. They were right!



As many of you are aware, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has a rich history dating back to its original construction in 1909. Its premier racing event, the Indianapolis 500, is widely regarded as the world's premier motorsports race. But did you know that the first event ever hosted at the facility was an aviation competition? Two months prior to the completion of the oval race track, on June 5, 1909, 40,000 spectators gathered to watch nine helium gas balloons "race" for trophies. The facility also hosts the Brickyard 400, a major NASCAR stock car race each year and it has hosted a variety of other prestigious auto and motorcycle races over the years. What has been lacking since that first event back in 1909 is a serious competition in the skies over the IMS. That has now been addressed. The Red Bull Air Race series has arrived!

You might be wondering just what the Red Bull Air Race is all about and what makes it so exciting. Unlike Reno style air racing, with competitors racing around a large course that is set back a significant distance from spectators due to safety concerns, the Red Bull Air Race is a tight course highlighted by tall, inflated pylons or "gates". Racers from around the world compete in a series of elimination rounds to determine who can navigate two and a half laps around the course with the fastest time. The aircraft flown in this competition are either the Zivko Edge 540, MXS-R, or the Corvus Racer 540. The contest is a true test of pilot precision and strategy.



in a wings level condition. For the Indy course, each timed run took approximately 1 minute, 5 seconds to complete. The competition begins with 14 races with each pilot paired against another pilot in individual runs. The winners of those pairings advance to eight semifinal heat races. Ultimately four pilots will compete to determine the eventual event winner. Points are earned at each event with a world champion crowned each season. While it is an exciting and safe air racing format, my mind kept drifting to thoughts of an Edge

Each run is flown solo at an extremely low altitude with very tight turns. Pilots must also execute a vertical pull and reversal each lap. Aircraft and pilots are subjected to forces approaching 10g throughout the course. Penalties are assessed for various infractions such as flying too high over a gate, hitting a gate, not crossing through the gates



540 ripping around just above the legendary 2.5 mile paved IMS course, head to head against an Indy car at 225+ MPH. Rob's version of a modern day Beachy vs. Oldfield race? Now that would be awesome!

Unfortunately our two pilots representing the USA, Kirby Chambliss and Michael Goulian were eliminated earlier in the competition. Mathias Dolderer a pilot representing Germany, took top honors at this race and scored enough points with his win to allow him to clinch the title of World Champion for 2016.

Judging by the enthusiastic reception of the 62,000 fans in the stands, The Red Bull Air Race is off to a great start at IMS. I'm sure it will be back in 2017 and I hope to be there to watch the Red Bull racers blast around the course, that is if I can convince the organizers to steer clear of our Chapter 93 banquet date!

It won't be long now and we will be at peak fall colors. Best wishes to all of you for a fall season filled with fun flights, beautiful drives and peaceful walks down your favorite trails.

- Rob Tweed



Chasin' Rainbows near Grand Marais, Minnesota

- Jeff and Patty Plantz

Thank You!

Thanks to Rob Tweed, Dean Zakos, Jeff and Patty Plantz and Skot Weidemann for contributing to this month's newsletter. Please send articles for future newsletters to a.kurth@sbcglobal.net.

- Al Kurth

Calendar

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 8:30 p.m.
Badger Honor Flight, homecoming celebration at Dane County Regional Airport, general terminal area

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Topic: Pilots Bill of Rights II and New Third Class Medical Requirements. Speaker: Dr. Ashley Anderson, AME

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Chapter Meeting at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Topic: Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum and Book "Private Wings." Speaker: Paul Wallem

Thursday, January 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting – KMSN Tower Tour at KMSN Tower, 4000 International Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53704 hosted by Jacob (Jake) Diener

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Topic: Tales from a New CFI (working title). Speaker: Dave Upham, CFI

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Topic: New FAA Compliance Policy. Speaker: Jurg Grossenbacher, FAAST Program Manager, Milwaukee FSDO.

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. Topic: The Out and the In of ADS-B. Speaker: Joe Schmidt, Aviation Instructor, Fox Valley Technical College

Thursday, May 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting. Topic: Airplane Themed Movie Night; details to be announced.

Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m.,
Chapter Meeting – Hangar Hangout hosted by Frank Smidler

July 24–30, 2017 – EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017

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Young Eagles, October 8, 2016 at Morey's. Skot Weidemann Photos



