

CORBEN COURIER

Chapter Meeting December 15 at the Jet Room



Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum.

The Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum is dedicated to Pre-WWII transportation history. Located on the Poplar Grove Airport (C77) in northern Illinois, the Museum is on 12 acres and has several early 20th century airplane hangars and automotive garages which have been saved from destruction and relocated to their campus where they have been renovated for future generations to enjoy. The Museum's mission focuses not only preserving history, but also educating people. With that in mind, they offer a variety of outreach programs to area grade schools, field trips, summer camps, lectures, and a scholarship program. He will be telling us all about the Museum.

For more information about the Museum, please visit their website: http://www.poplargrovewingsandwheels.com/index.asp?SEC=77053F82-9E87-42E5-BF24-15850BCC75B9&Type=B_BASIC

Mr. Wallem is also the author of the book "Private Wings." In the book, Mr. Wallem

relives four decades of life in the air. Aided by his meticulously kept logbooks, he shares 94 stories, from his first flight in 1973 through his last one in 2012. Each of his eight airplanes carried him through the magical world of aviation. His home away from home over these years has been Poplar Grove Airport (C77) in Illinois, one of the best of many great general aviation airfields.

Mr. Wallem flew eight planes: a Cessna 172, two Cessna 182s, two Cessna 210s, one Cessna 170, and two Fairchild PT-19s. Each airplane taught him something different. Those lessons learned just might help you be a safer and better pilot. This book includes 23 full color photographs along with many more timeless photos, illustrations & more. Private Wings is sure to take you on a journey in an era not to be forgotten.

Mr. Wallem will have a few copies of his book available for purchase and signing by the author. Please keep this in mind for you or as holiday gift for your circle of aviation friends. The book sells for \$16.95 on-line.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cps-parts.com/catalog/bvpages/prvtwings-19066.php>

KMSN Tower Tour Next Up in January

Our January 19, 2017 meeting will start with a tour of the control tower at the Dane County Regional Airport/Truax Field (KMSN).

Plan on meeting *at 6:30 pm at the control tower parking lot* located at 4000 International Dr., Madison, WI 53704.

When everyone gathers at the control tower, we will break up into smaller groups for the tour. Come with all of the questions you have been wanting to ask Madison's friendly controllers. After the tour plan on coming over to Pat O'Malley's Jet Room for a short business meeting and some refreshments.

- Dean Zakos

Merger Musings

It seems like hardly a week goes by without learning about some new proposed merger between two large corporations. These high profile business marriages are usually friendly and offer benefits to shareholders and customers alike in the way of improved efficiencies, increased profits, better service, broader product selection, etc. Mergers such as Exxon / Mobil, Dow / DuPont, and Anheuser-Busch / SAB Miller come to mind as examples where business leaders were convinced that joining forces offered compelling competitive advantages. All of these corporate mergers were massive undertakings involving tens of thousands of employees with over \$100 billion paid out for each merger.

Now, let's consider a different type of merger, one that doesn't involve countless hours of legal wrangling or testimony before the Department of Justice. What about a simple merger between two non-profit organizations with a shared mission where the primary objective is increased fun as well as enhanced stability and security for the organization? Sounds like a no brainer, right? The hypothetical merger I am referring to in this case is the joining of Chapter 93 and Chapter 1389.

An effort is now underway by the board of directors of both chapters to explore the potential merger of our organizations. While additional review is on-going, we see many advantages that could result from joining our chapters. Here is a summary of some of the more prominent benefits that have been identified:

- Improved recruitment of new members with the new larger member base, projects, activities, etc.
- Considerable asset base resulting from combined financial resources that could enable acquisition of a dedicated future clubhouse for the chapter
- More members means more input and ideas on future initiatives
- Improved support for major chapter initiatives such as the Morey pancake breakfast and Heavy Bombers Weekend events

- Strength in numbers, greater opportunities for the combined organization to capitalize on individual member's skills
- More camaraderie, more flying fun!

If you put your thinking cap on you could come up with lots of other supporting reasons for pursuing this merger. Many of our members belong to both chapters already. Both chapters already enjoy supporting each other in Young Eagles events, major initiatives and even financial support. While I personally support this initiative and believe the timing couldn't be better to formally unite our chapters, we recognize the need to carefully consider all of the potential ramifications of such an effort. We also recognize that the membership of both chapters must find benefit in a merger and agree to the action. No hostile takeovers wanted here!

Please stay tuned for future updates on our progress as we evaluate this initiative. A meeting is scheduled for early January with key leadership from both chapters. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts in the meantime.

Best wishes to all of our Chapter 93 members, families and friends for a joyous holiday season! Thank you for all of your support throughout the year!



Fred Leidel's 100th Birthday Celebration

Please plan to attend our December meeting on December 15 as highlighted by Dean Zakos in this newsletter. In addition to our regular business items and the special program Dean has arranged **we will help Fred Leidel celebrate his 100th birthday!!** Wow, how often do you get to do that? Obviously, this is a big deal; don't miss this one, gang!! Thanks for joining in and congratulating Fred. See you there!

- Rob Tweed

Membership Dues

With the discussions with Chapter 1389 about merging our two chapters, we would like to know by the end of January how many active members we have in our chapter. We can have this count by you paying your 2017 dues by the end of January. Please either give your dues to Rob Tweed at the December chapter meeting, to me at the January chapter meeting or mail it to me at 6321 Shoreham Drive, Madison, WI 53711-2427. The dues are \$20 if paid by the end of February but please pay it before the end of January. Thank you.

- Jim Lins

Chili Fly-In

We are all set to have the Tom Rebholz Memorial Chili Fly-In on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Morey Field, Middleton. A sign-up sheet for bringing chili or items that go well with chili will be distributed at the January and February meetings.

- Dayton Sederquist

Thank You

Thanks to Rob Tweed, Dean Zakos, Jim Lins, Dayton Sederquist, Brian Terry, Michelle Bailey and Roger Stuckey for contributing to this month's newsletter. Please send articles for future newsletters to a.kurth@sbcglobal.net.

- Al Kurth

Calendar

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

Saturday, February 18, 2017, 11:00 a.m. –
2:00 p.m., Tom Rebholz Memorial Chili
Fly-In at Morey Field, Middleton

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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WAR Corsair Project

This summer, a gentleman contacted Chapter 93 and said he had an aircraft project that he had started a number of years ago. He was moving and didn't want to take it with him. If we were interested in what he had, we were welcome to have it. So Rob Tweed and I saved the kit and it is currently in my hangar.

The kit is a WAR ½ scale Corsair. This is a wood kit and finished off with foam to form the shape of the fuselage. It has retracts that articulate as the full scale F4U. The items that are currently in my hangar include the fuselage that has been started, misc. hardware as well as some of the landing gear weldments. Also, it appears the full set of plans is here.

I have done a little research and while I didn't find a lot of information, here are a few build videos I did find on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IelEQOXhHPU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPY4s4Z1S0Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVkpc1WeuBg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHILC5YfwUE>

Here is a video of a flying version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKNIHGpqiQw>

We would like this kit to go to a chapter member who has interest in finishing the build. I have included some pictures below. If you are interested in this kit, please contact me and we can arrange a time to meet at my hangar and you take a better look at what is there.





- Brian Terry

Available For Sale in Madison

- Action Air Parts Mag Timing and Synchronizer Box with Tweeter - Aircraft Spruce Price \$49.50. I will sell it for \$30. <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/topages/synchronizer.php?clickkey=9649>
- Plug Gap Gauge - Aircraft Spruce Price - \$10.90. I will sell it for \$7. <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/topages/cappluggauge.php?clickkey=665219>
- Wen Vibrating Electric Spark Plug Cleaner for removing carbon deposits - AS Price \$23.50 I will sell it for \$15. <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/topages/gettheleadout.php>
- Plug Gap Setter - AS - \$21.50, Me - \$14
- <http://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/topages/precisegap.php?recfer=27434>
- KN Recharger Kit, includes filter cleaner and filter oil
- Replacement copper spark plug washers - Probably 60

If interested, please contact Jay Martin at jay.martin@[martinproductdesign.com](mailto:jay.martin@martinproductdesign.com) or (608) 213-2542.

- Roger Stuckey

Photos from the November chapter meeting by Michelle Bailey

