

CORBEN COURIER

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View from an Open Cockpit

Roger Stuckey, President



AS WE FINISH OUT 2017 I thought this to be a good time to reflect on our accomplishments this year, and all I can say is, What a Year! Obviously, the big headliner this year is the merger of Chapters 93 and 1389 and all the energy this merger added to our joined chapters. I don't need to bore you with all the work, planning and details that went into this decision, but the membership of both chapters unanimously agreed with the merger idea and we officially became one Chapter 93 in June, 2017.

A big driving benefit behind the merger is the ability to form more standing committees to drive the purpose and initiatives defined in our Chapter Mission Statement, and to build a sustainable chapter structure. To this extent, our chapter now has committees working on Membership Growth, Chapter Planning, and Student & Rusty Pilot support, along with our normal Monthly Chapter Meeting Programs, Young Eagles Events, Bomber Weekend Event, and Pancake Breakfast. And, I am sure that you have noticed the new look and feel of our Chapter Newsletter. We also developed and selected a new Chapter Logo in October (see this newsletter's front page banner) and there is ongoing work to rejuvenate our Chapter website and Facebook pages.

This past summer we flew more than 90 Young Eagle flights in our two weather-permitting rally dates. We also flew students from the Clark Street Charter School in Middleton and Boy Scout Troop 140 who also completed their Aviation Merit Badges. Our

youth outreach is effective as we are now working with the Wisconsin Youth Company to develop a summertime Aviation Day event for about 25 middle school students. In addition, we are also in contact with Hamilton Middle School in the Madison School District about sending students to EAA's Air Academy in 2018.

We reformatted our monthly Chapter Membership Meetings to be more about socializing with our fellow chapter members and learning more about the aviation community around us by arranging engaging and enlightening guest speakers. We now hold a separate monthly board / business meeting to discuss routine chapter business and planning, and I am delighted to see a noticeable increase in members attending our membership meetings as well as our now more effective business meetings.

Other notable accomplishments this year is the growth of our membership from about 90 members at merger to almost 170 members as time of this publication. The Student & Rusty Pilot Committee arranged to host an AOPA's Rusty Pilot Seminar December 16 at Middleton Airport. And in a parallel but separate from Chapter 93 effort, a group of our members are in the start-up phase of building an educational foundation which is already organizing a flying club within it.

In business-world terminology, we completed the merger transition period and are now poised to capitalize on the power of the membership to achieve our merger vision of "A vibrant and growing aviation community in the Madison, Wisconsin area." I look forward to working with all of you to achieve this vision.

Happy Holidays to you All
Roger

December Chapter 93 Meeting

Middleton Municipal Airport (C29)
3317 Delta Lane
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Our next chapter meeting is **Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Social at 6:00 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm.** The meeting will be held at Jeff and Patty Plantz and Roger Stuckey's hangar at Morey Field (C29). The hangar address is 3317 Delta Lane. The hangar is in the East row of hangars west of the airport ramp. Entry will be at side service door. Parking is available in front of the hangars.

This meeting is our Chapter's Holiday Social. Good friends. Good fun. Hangar flying at its best! If time



permits, we may show this month's Chapter Video produced by the EAA. Please bring a chair and a dish to pass. Please bring a friend. Please bring a chair for your friend! Soft drinks, beer, water, and finger food will be provided by the Chapter.

The Year in Review:

Your Chapter had a particularly interesting and exciting year in 2017. If you were not part of "The new Chapter 93's" aviation happenings, you definitely want to be in 2018. Consider this your formal invitation. Here is a sampling of what you missed:

January, 2017 (Chapter 93). A KMSN Tower tour was scheduled, but due to the controller shortage, we instead were pleased to welcome chapter member **Jake Diener**, a KMSN controller, who gave an informative talk on tower operations. Jake is now a warrant officer in helicopter training for the US Army.

February, 2017 (Chapter 93). Chapter member **Dave Upham**, Wisconsin Aviation's Director of Flight Training, spoke about his flying experiences.

March, 2017 (Chapter 93). **Jurg Grossenbacher**, of the Milwaukee FSDO, presented a program on the FAA's new Compliance Policy and other safety matters. WINGS credit was provided.

April, 2017 (Chapter 93). **Joe Schmidt** of Fox Valley Technical College's Aviation Program presented on the "Ins and Outs of ADS-B." Again, WINGS credit was provided.

April, 2017 (Chapter 93 AND Chapter 1389). EAA Chapters 93 and 1389 both voted to merge! To give you an idea of how momentous this event was, this was the first time in EAA National's history that two active chapters have merged! Immediately after the merger our membership stood at about 90 members on the books. To make emphatic just how prescient **Rob Tweed (Chapter 93 President)** and **Roger Stuckey's (Chapter 1389 President)** visions were, today, eight months later, the New Chapter 93 lists almost 170 members on its rolls! Because Chapter 93 had a much more substantial history it was decided to retain the name of the newly merged chapter as Corben Chapter 93.

May, 2017 (the New Chapter 93). Chapter members of both Chapter 93 and Chapter 1389 went back in time to 1953-54 for our Movie Night. We saw the full length classic aviation film "The High and the Mighty" starring John Wayne, plus an aviation short and vintage Bugs Bunny cartoon. Held at the Rocky Rococo's movie theater. Plan on this event for May, 2018.

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The Year in Review (continued)

May was also the month of the finalization of the legal **Merger** between EAA Chapter 93 and EAA Chapter 1389. Representatives of both chapters, meeting since January, worked hard to finalize the merger and be responsive to all members' needs.

June, 2017. First Hangar Hangout of the season hosted by chapter member **Frank Smidler** at his hangar at the Matson Airport in Stoughton (2WI6). Thanks Frank!

July, 2017. The **Annual Pancake Breakfast** at Morey Field was a huge success. We served over 1,200 breakfasts. Thanks to all of the volunteers who cooked, cleaned, set up/tore down, parked aircraft, or did other various and sundry tasks.



Pancake Breakfast, flipping pancakes

Our second Hangar Hangout was hosted by **Jeff and Patty Plantz and Roger Stuckey** at Morey Field. Special guest appearance by **Charlie Becker** and **Kyle Voltz** of EAA Oshkosh, who flew the "One Week Wonder" in for the event. Thanks Jeff, Patty and Roger! Unfortunately, the evening was cut short by severe weather.

July was also the month for our annual **Heavy Bombers Weekend (HBW)** which was held at KMSN this year. Although scaled back a bit from the previous year at KJVL, the event was again successful and well-received in the Madison community. Thanks to all the volunteers who put in time over this three-day event.

August, 2017. Our monthly chapter meeting was held at Sugar Ridge Airport (Wi62) in conjunction with the many year annual Fly-In hosted by **Tom Kretschman**, a long-time friend of Chapter 93. The fly-in, which includes a delicious potluck dinner, was attended by many hundreds of Tom's friends, and we are glad to be among them! Thanks Tom!

September, 2017. Third Hangar Hangout hosted by **Rob Tweed** at KMSN. Rob even did a short presentation on building aircraft with composite materials. This time the weather held off until just after the event was over. Thanks Rob!

October, 2017. The Annual Chapter Banquet was once again held at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. Always a great spread and fun time. Special guest and presenter was **Pat Weeden** of EAA Chapter 431 and Executive Director of the Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead, who told interesting and informative stories about the Brodhead Airport (C37) as well as presenting about the Kelch Museum. Thanks to **Scott Nolinske** for being the ramrod and handling the details to make this happen.

November, 2017. Meeting was held at Chapter member **Tim Cornett's** hangar at Morey Field. Chapter member **Pete Aarsvold** (CFI) regaled the audience with numerous interesting and funny stories about pilot errors he has witnessed from the right seat. Pete assured everyone that none of the stories related to anyone actually present at the meeting (Right!).

In addition, space does not permit more than a reference to the numerous fly outs, YE events, impromptu get-togethers, and other initiatives such as the Chapter's Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Program and Student & Rusty Pilot's Committee initiatives that continue to underscore the passion for aviation our members have and share.

See pages 5 and 6 for more photos of this year's events.

Photos from 2017 Events



Med Flight helicopter at Pancake Breakfast



Chili Fly-In, Jim Schwieso, Jim Lins and Bill Rewey



June Chapter Meeting at Frank Smidler's Hangar



Pancake Breakfast



Young volunteers at Pancake Breakfast



Registration tables at Young Eagles



Clark Street
Charter School



September Hangar Hangout at Rob Tweed's hangar



Dan Uminski's Grand Champion Cub



Young Eagles, Jeff Plantz

..... Upcoming Chapter Events

Rusty Pilot's Seminar

Sat., December 16, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Middleton Airport Conference Room
Middleton Airport/Morey Field (C29)

December Chapter Meeting

Wed., December 20, 2017

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Holiday Social

Jeff and Patty Plantz/Roger Stuckey Hangar
at Middleton Airport

January Chapter Meeting

Wed., January 17, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Aviation Insurance

Jeff Rasmussen (CPCU, ARM, CAIP, AAI, CIC)
President, Aero Insurance
Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli St., Verona, WI 53593

February Chapter Meeting

Wed., February 21, 2018

**Builders Night - "Materials - Composites,
Wood, or Sheet Metal"**

Rob Tweed
Bill Rewey
Frank Smidler
Location: TBD

March Chapter Meeting

Wed., March 21, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

FAA FFAST Team Program (Wings Credit)
Jurg Grossenbacher, FFAST Program Manager,
Milwaukee FSDO
Location: TBD

April Chapter Meeting

Wed., April 18, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Learn about the International Aerobatic Club (IAC)
Cory Johnson, Johnson Bros Flying Service
Location: TBD

May Chapter Meeting

Wed., May 16, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Airplane Themed Movie Night
Rocky Rocco Party Pizzeria West,
7952 Tree Lane, Madison, WI

June Chapter Meeting

Wed., June 20, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Hangar Hangout
Location: TBD

EAA Chapter 93 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Middleton Airport/Morey Field (C29)

July Chapter Meeting

Wed., July 18, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Hangar Hangout
Location: TBD

EAA Chapter 93 Heavy Bombers Weekend

**Friday, July 20. Saturday, July 21,
Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**Dane County Regional Airport/Truax Field (KMSN),
Wisconsin Aviation ramp**

Committee News:

EAA Chapter 93 Students & Rusty Pilots Committee

The big news is the resounding success of the AOPA Rusty Pilot's Seminar this past weekend, facilitated by the S&RP Committee and hosted by Morey Aviation! Some 30+ pilots participated. Please see the article and photos elsewhere in this issue.

But the Rusty Pilot's Seminar wasn't the only thing which the S&RP's Committee has been up to. On Wednesday, December 13th, the committee met for both a brief business meeting and a follow-on educational presentation, this month focusing on aviation weather.

The business meeting included discussion and action items regarding the development of a formal "Take a Chapter Member Flying" program, which is also something being considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. The S&RP Committee has also been having ongoing discussions and is supporting a more formal or more structured "Chapter Pilot Mentor Program" for the benefit of the chapter's roughly twenty-one (21!) student pilots. The idea is to have a group of volunteer pilots willing to mentor student pilots. This is not for instruction, but rather to

provide a connection with an established pilot who could encourage, support, and answer questions on an informal basis and perhaps to shepherd a student pilot along toward the member eventually passing their private pilot's check-ride.

The S&RP Committee is also engaged in assembling a "Rusty Pilots Packet of Materials" which could serve as a reference for chapter members who may have been out of flying for a while and are looking to get back into the air in the left seat. The S&RP Committee hopes to have a good start on such a packet by its next meeting.

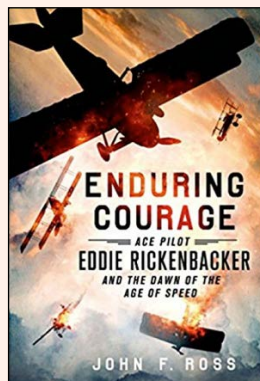
The next S&RP Committee meeting/program is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, Wisconsin 53711 (phone 608-729-1760). If you are a Student Pilot, a Rusty Pilot, or especially if you are a pilot in neither of those categories, please come by and give back to the aviation community by helping out our Chapter Member Student and Rusty Pilots!

Book Review

By Fred Leidel

"Enduring Courage - Ace Pilot Eddie Rickenbacker and the Dawn of the Age of Speed"
by John F. Ross, 2014, Saint Martin's Press, New York.
375 pp.

This book, written by John F. Ross, prolific American historian and recipient of the 2011 Fort Ticonderoga Award for Contributions to American History, is a biography of Eddie Rickenbacker, the most famous aviator of his generation. The book begins with events in his life



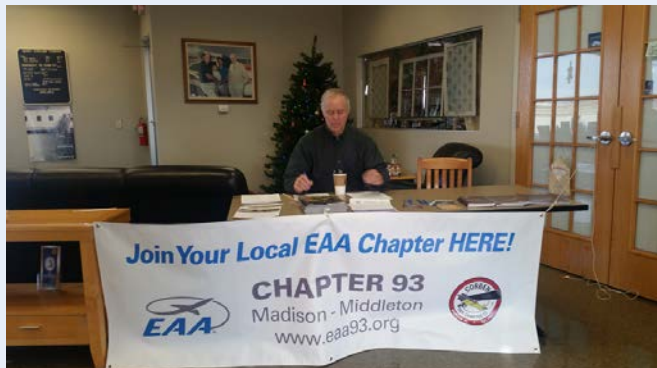
in 1905. Eddie's basic interest was speed, such as the Indianapolis 500 mile auto race. He competed in the Indianapolis 500 four times before World War I. He switched to airplanes because they could go faster. Most of the book has detailed accounts of his fights with enemy aircraft during WWI.

The book ends in World War II, with a forced landing in the Pacific Ocean in a B-17 bomber. Eddie and seven others survived for three weeks in a small life raft without food or water.

This is an exciting book to read. I found the print a bit small for my 101 year old eyes. It was a gift from my brother Don.

Rusty Pilots Seminar a Standing Room Only Success!

EAA Chapter 93's Student & Rusty Pilots Committee sponsored an AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar which was hosted by Morey Aviation on Saturday, December 16th, and it became a standing-room-only crowd in Morey Aviation's conference room.



Some 35 or so people attended the seminar, presented by Andy Miller, AOPA Field Representative, who drove down from Appleton, Wisconsin to put on the seminar.

The free-to-members AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar program is a 3-hour working presentation with workbook and reference materials prepared by AOPA and distributed as handouts, as well as video and PowerPoint presentations. Not only are pilots who have been out of flying for a while or may feel a little bit

"rusty" substantially brought up to speed in terms of recent developments but, as Andy Miller is a CFI, the seminar also counts as 3 hours ground work towards a biennial flight review.

AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminars have been an overwhelming success around the country, re-introducing hundreds, if not thousands of pilots back to flying after sometimes substantial hiatuses.

A downside to successful seminars like this one is that the AOPA is scaling back Rusty Pilots Seminars in some regions to concentrate on other regions which have hitherto been underserved. We'd love to have them back, but whether or not Chapter 93 would be successful in getting a Rusty Pilots seminar in 2018 remains uncertain. If we can, we will definitely let everyone know.



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Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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EAA Number: _____

Building an Aircraft? Make/Model: _____ Own an Airplane? Make/Model: _____

Pilot ratings (if any): _____

What aviation-related skills do you have? _____

What non-aviation skills or special knowledge do you have that might help fellow Chapter Members or the Chapter? _____

Note to New Members: Membership Rosters in .pdf form are made available to Chapter 93 Members who specifically request one. Member information can include Name, Address, Phone number, Email address and aircraft ownership. Member info is never uploaded to the internet in any form. If you would like part of your information to *not* appear in the Chapter Membership Roster, please write "*Redact*" next to any of your information above.

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