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**Brodhead Fly-out (see story on page 4)**

Left to Right: Long-time Members Neil Robinson and Jake Robinson with new Chapter Member Patrice Linel



## View from an Open Cockpit

Roger Stuckey, President



*“EAA Corben Chapter 93 is a non-profit educational organization dedicated*

*to the promotion and encouragement of aviation safety, design, construction, and operation through Chapter educational activities and programs for its members and the public with a special emphasis on youth involvement. Whether you fly, build, restore, or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our Chapter.”*

This month, I thought it important to step back and look at all that’s happened this year and ask ourselves: How did our actions this year align with our Mission Statement? The quick and simple answer is our actions hit some, but not all, of our Mission Statement goals. That said, our chapter is building momentum toward achieving all our mission goals, and this is attributable to our collective decision to combine the two Madison area chapters into a single stronger chapter. But that is history and with the merger complete and with the chapter operating well, we now need to focus on how to achieve our full potential.

I am happy to say that we do a commendable job of youth education, involvement, and outreach with our Young Eagle Rallies, college & flight training scholarships, and Air Academy sponsorships every year. Likewise, our community connection is strong with our annual pancake breakfast and bomber weekend

events. Our open welcoming of all aviation minded individuals allowed us to significantly grow our membership this past summer. And recently we launched the Student & Rusty Pilot Committee (S&RP) which is busily working to mentor new pilots and improve the flight safety and procedure skills of out-of-practice pilots. We have very experienced Flight Advisors and potential mentors in our chapter so let’s find a way to fully use these individuals with our new S&RP program.

I believe it’s time we look at the design and construction goals of our Mission Statement and how we get more members building or working on projects. These are broad areas and we can quickly become derailed if we do not place some general parameters on these goals. Unless one is an aerospace engineer, the design side should really focus on solving day-to-day challenges we have with current flying or under-construction experimental airplanes.

We have quite a few flying and under-construction experimentals in our chapter and yet we have very few EAA Technical Advisors among us. One of our chapter builders had to contact and arrange for a Technical Advisor from Minnesota with make/model building experiences to review their project. This is not an indictment against our TA’s, but simply an acknowledgement that with so many different experimental airplanes to choose from we need a diverse pool of TA talent. Let’s set a goal to develop two or more EAA Technical Advisors in our chapter this coming year. Doing this alone will help advance our building members’ projects and encourage our hesitant builders to pick up their tools.

## ..... Upcoming Chapter Events .....

### November Chapter 93 Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Jim Cornett’s hangar at Middleton Airport

### November Chapter 93 Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Middleton Airport Conference Room

## September Hanger Hang-Out



There was a wonderful turn out of both new and veteran Chapter 93 members for the season ending Hanger Hangout Chapter membership meeting at **Rob Tweed's** hangar at Dane County Regional Airport.

The chapter provided burgers and brats and members brought various side dishes and desserts to pass and had a great time socializing and continuing to get to know one another.

President Roger Stuckey briefly discussed the Chapter's recent activities. Roger then introduced Owen Baker, Shane Baker's son, whom the chapter sponsored to the EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh. The young Mr. Baker thanked the group and made a nice statement of appreciation and description of his experiences, all despite his father's enthusiastic help.

Following the president's announcement, Rob Tweed held a brief introduction to composite airplane construction introducing many of the materials that allow composite aircraft to be built aerodynamically, stylishly and strong.

Rob's presentation marked the formal conclusion of the meeting, although some folks stuck around to continue socializing. And as though to bless the event, the rain held off until just about everyone had made it back to their cars and on the way home.

Don't forget that next month's membership meeting will be held November 15 at Jim Cornett's big blue hangar at Morey-Middleton Airport beginning at 6 p.m.

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## Fly-Out to Brodhead a Success!

Chapter 93's impromptu fly-out to Chapter 431's Brodhead Airport (C37) fly-in turned out better than expected!

Chapter 431's Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, September 24 and a notice calling for a fly-out was posted to the Chapter Membership Google Group only a couple of days in advance. But the day turned out to be beautiful for the noon-time event, even though the no-cloud-in-the-sky, fantastic visibility did make for a bit of a bumpy ride at low elevations.

The picnic was well attended. In addition to some 50 EAA Chapter 431 members, family and guests in attendance, nearly a dozen Chapter 93 members also flew in or otherwise dropped in to sponge on the free, thick pork chops with all the trimmings and all the desserts you could stuff. Chapter 93 even

had a new member join! (He joined *both* Chapters the same day!) Charlie Becker, EAA's National Chapters Coordinator flying the EAA One-Week-Wonder Zenith also dropped in to press the flesh.

This was simply a wonderful way to say *adieu* to the warm weather flying season and start thinking about cold-weather operations soon to come.

A group of Chapter 93 members chowing down some great Chapter 431 grub!



Brendan & Ethan O'Rourke



Left to right: Chapter 431 AND Chapter 93 member Mike Weeden (Pat Weeden's brother), Charlie Becker and his wife, Ben Johnson (Chap 431 President) and Joe Snow (Chap 431 Vice Pres).



## Rusty Pilot Finds New Love for Homebuilding

by Sam Oleson (reprint from October 2017 issue of *EAA e-Hotline* magazine)

A self-described “rusty” pilot, Robert began helping out with Chapter 93 in Madison, Wisconsin, when EAA Director of Chapters and Communities and Homebuilt Community Manager Charlie Becker flew in for a chapter event prior to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017.

During Charlie’s visit, he discussed EAA’s upcoming AirCam build project, which will be used to fly Young Eagles when completed. Robert, who had no prior experience working with tools or anything similar, thought participating in the project would be an interesting and worthwhile endeavor.

Robert e-mailed Charlie after his visit and reserved his spot in Oshkosh to work on the AirCam for a week in August. It was an experience that changed his outlook on aviation.

“It didn’t immediately become apparent at that point (that I could build a plane),” Robert said. “It became apparent a week later that learning those skills would help. I thought I could help work on a classic perhaps, that was my interest, but then it extended to, ‘Hey, maybe I really can build an airplane.’ The AirCam build really was an eye-opener.”

After some research, including a trip out to Van’s Aircraft headquarters in Oregon, Robert decided he was going to build an RV-14.

“Van’s has a long history, but this is their latest model,” Robert said. “It’s a two-seater with room, which I like. I’m not a big man but I still like room like anybody else, for your passenger and luggage. It’s a stable airplane. The engine was a key for me. I like the Lycoming because it’s American-made and the Van’s is American-made. It’s a good engine; it has a lot of power.”

To aid in his RV-14 project, Robert has completed a couple of EAA’s SportAir Workshops including a Van’s RV fiberglass class and the sheet metal boot camp last week in Oshkosh. He’s also signed up for the electrical systems SportAir Workshop taking place in Oshkosh in January.

For someone just starting to get back into an active role in aviation, it’s been a whirlwind few months for Robert—and definitely not something he anticipated.

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When Robert Gake, EAA 587759, started to become involved with his local EAA chapter this past summer, he never envisioned this is where it would take him.

## Rusty Pilot Finds New Love for Homebuilding (continued)

“I feel very fortunate, very lucky that I do live in an area that has a lot of aviation culture, this part of Wisconsin. It’s a very positive culture,” he said.

It all started with Robert branching out with the Air-Cam build, something he was initially intimidated by simply because he had no experience in that line of work. Now he’s full-speed ahead on a project of his own.

“I’d like to see more people participate in the Air-Cam build,” Robert noted. “I think it’s a great project. Whatever your background is, there’s plenty of people there to help you and help you focus on certain aspects of it. It’s amazing what you can learn — not just from the plane itself, but from the people, classmates, and teachers.”

## Students & Rusty Pilots

By Brendan O’Rourke

The **Students & Rusty Pilots Committee** held an organizational meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2017. This well attended meeting showed great interest from many chapter members expressing interest in committee participation. As the committee gets rolling, our goal is to schedule a number of activities specifically with students and rusty pilots in mind, and we hope other chapter members will join and share their aviation knowledge.

There is significant interest for the committee to consider creating a mentorship program for both students and rusty pilots. An idea to take a chapter member flying was also well received, and many if not all, said they’d love an invitation

to go flying. Since the committee’s first meeting, we’ve had a number of open flying seats offered to chapter members for riding along to breakfast fly-outs. Thank you! As the committee moves forward, these two initiatives will be high on the list of committee goals.

Our first initiative is for Chapter 93 to host AOPA’s Rusty Pilots Seminar at Morey Aviation in Middleton on Saturday, December 16th. This is a great opportunity for inactive pilots to learn and hopefully be inspired to rejoin the flying ranks. The Chapter 93 Students & Rusty Pilots Committee wants to assist and encourage rusty pilots in their quest to resume flying. Please let us know how we can help.

## EAA Regional Calendar

Chapter	When	What (Event)	Where	Who (Contact)
–	April 28, 2018	French Toast Breakfast	Oshkosh (KOSH)	frost@fvtc.edu 920-236-6112
–	July 23-29, 2018	EAA AirVenture 2018	Oshkosh (KOSH)	EAA National



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(NEW Members--\$2/month after Feb, Free after Sept 1 if next year's dues paid)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ (today's date)

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Child if Joining for Child): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Pilot ratings (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

What aviation skills do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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