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Eagle Adolf with Eagle Mentor Pilot
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View from an Open Cockpit

Roger Stuckey, President



FLYING SEASON has finally arrived in Wisconsin and pilots are out knocking the dust off their wings and piloting skills. Even if you have flown all winter, now is a good time to schedule some refresher training with a CFI and practice basic flying skills.

This is also the start of our summer activities, and we have already jump-started the season with our first **Young Eagles Rally** and **Take-a-Member Flying** events. The **Pancake Breakfast** is coming up fast on July 8, followed immediately by our **Heavy Bombers Weekend** on July 20-22. We will soon be seeking volunteers for both events, so please stay tuned for these announcements.

I attended my third Chapter Leaders Academy in April and again walked away with some great ideas and a bunch of new friends. The EAA Chapters Office led by Charlie Becker conducts this training in two flavors: a one-day Bootcamp hosted by various EAA chapters around the country, and a day-and-a-half Leaders Academy held in Oshkosh. Both are free for attendees. All you must do is register and then get there.

The Leaders Academy in Oshkosh offers the added benefit of meeting many of the key support personnel at EAA HQ, plus free room and board in the Air Academy and behind the scenes tours of the EAA Museum, EAA Hangars, Sonex Airplane factory, and more. Bootcamp and Leaders Academy focus on educating key chapter personnel (officers, board

members, committee chairpersons, etc.) about programs and resources available to successfully run an EAA chapter, however, anyone can attend. I strongly recommend this training to everyone in our chapter and especially to someone who may want to take a leadership role in the future.

EAA just announced this year's weekend work-party schedule and our Corben Chapter 93 has a long history of supporting the EAA Convention (now AirVenture) through weekend work-parties. Several of our members routinely travel to Oshkosh for these Saturday/Sunday work-party events to prepare the convention grounds for AirVenture. To quote EAA's announcement:

"EAA is looking for volunteers to help prepare the grounds for AirVenture Oshkosh 2018. Projects vary but can include grass cutting, tree planting, building construction/remodeling, fence removal, material staging, painting, landscaping, and more. The work varies in physical demand, but we have tasks that are suitable for all ages and abilities.

We provide all volunteers with overnight accommodations in the EAA bunkhouse, plus meals and beverages during volunteer shifts, a free daily admission exchange ticket for AirVenture 2018, and special evening programming, so there's some fun and fellowship, too!"

2018 Weekend Work Party Dates:

May 5-6, May 19-20, June 2-3, June 9-10, June 23-24, July 7-8, & July 14-15

Consider this your **Call to Action** to get involved in a weekend work-party.

June Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

First Hangar Hangout of the season.

Keith Doyon is hosting at Sugar Ridge Airport.

May Chapter 93 Meeting

Rocky Rococo's Party Pizzeria West, 7952 Tree Lane, Madison
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - 6:30 pm

For our **Wednesday, May 16**, chapter meeting, be prepared to step back in time again. You are going to be transported back to 1944 and World War II. Chapter 93 is proud to present a dinner and movie night at the **Rocky Rococo's Party Pizzeria West**, 7952 Tree Lane, Madison (just off Mineral Point Rd. and the Beltline (Highways 12/14).

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Meeting and Movie at 6:30 pm

**Cost: \$5.00 per person at the door
(cost subsidized by Chapter 93)**

Rocky's has a full-size movie theater set up for dining. A dinner buffet will be served consisting of a variety of Rocky's famous pan style pizzas, thin crust pizzas, a full salad bar, fresh Italian bread sticks and soft drinks. You may want to bring a stadium seat or cushion, as Rocky's movie theater is set up with tables and chairs but not with movie theater seats.

In the 1940s when you went to see a movie, you saw a cartoon, a short feature, and a full-length feature film. That is what's in store for you on May 16th. You will enjoy a Looney Toons cartoon from 1943, a War Department short feature shown to movie theater audiences in 1943, and the exciting, full-length aviation film **"633 Squadron"** starring Cliff Robertson. Run times are 6:00 minutes for the cartoon, 10:00 minutes for the short, and approximately 1:40 hours for the main feature.

A classic aviation film produced in 1964, **"633 Squadron"** tells the story of an RAF squadron of De Havilland Mosquito fighter-bomber pilots that are given the assignment of destroying a German rocket fuel factory in Norway. The plant, located in a fiord, is guarded by heavy anti-aircraft defenses and is considered to be "bomb-proof." If you like the sound of the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine (same engine that powered the P-51 Mustang fighters), you will like this movie, as each Mosquito has two of them,

and there are plenty of flying scenes. No CGI in this movie – all the flying scenes use real aircraft.

Little known fact: Cliff Robertson, a real-life pilot and the first EAA Young Eagles Honorary Chairman, was so impressed with the Mosquito's flying qualities, he attempted to buy one of the aircraft after the movie production wrapped but was unsuccessful. He did later buy a Spitfire.

Come early to enjoy pizza with old friends and new. Relax to the same songs our service men and women listened to on the radio or at the USO canteens during the war, including popular hits by Dinah Shore, Bing Crosby, Glenn Miller and his orchestra, and the Andrew Sisters, among others.

Every Chapter 93 member on the email list should have received a blast email on or about May 5 inviting you to register for this event. **The registration period is open May 5 – May 13.** If you are receiving the Chapter newsletter by post office mail, you should have received a non-email notice to sign up for this event. Registration is necessary so that we have an accurate count to provide to Rocky's.

Please respond by replying to Dean Zakos by email at drzakos@sbcglobal.net or by telephone: 262-498-0942 by 11:59 pm Sunday, May 13, with your name and number attending. Please be prepared to pay cash at the door.

EAA 93 supports members bringing friends, spouses/significant others and children to the event. Capacity is limited, so registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great night!



Upcoming Chapter Events

“Take a Chapter Member Flying” Events

Saturday, May 19 (rain date May 20)

Saturday, August 25 (rain date August 26)

Morey-Middleton (C29)

For more info, contact Brendan O’Rourke
(608) 577-6853 | n36276@yahoo.com

June Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Chapter Meeting Hangar Hangout & Fly-In

Sugar Ridge Airport (WS62)

7550 Sugar Ridge, Verona, WI 53593

For more information, contact Keith Doyon
(608) 204-9967 | keith@keithdoyon.com

EAA Chapter 93 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Middleton Airport/Morey Field (C29)

For more information, Roger Stuckey
rogergstuckey@gmail.com

July Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Middleton Airport/Morey Field (C29)

Due to the Pancake Breakfast and the Heavy Bombers Weekend events, there will not be a formal Membership Meeting this month. However, the Chapter will be hosting an informal gathering at the Hangar of Roger Stuckey and Jeff & Patty Plantz on Delta Lane at Middleton Airport.

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

For more information, contact Rob Tweed
(608) 213-8271 | rt96rj@gmail.com

Annual Sugar Ridge Fly-In/Drive-In & Chapter 93 Membership Meeting

Thursday, August 16

Sugar Ridge Airport (WS62)

7550 Sugar Ridge, Verona, WI 53593

Members!

May 2018 is the **100th anniversary of the US Post Office’s Airmail Service**, and they have commissioned a pair of special stamps to commemorate the event. **Lynn Erickson** has asked the Waunakee Post Office to have them on hand and they have done so. Members can ask their local Post Office for stamps or stop by Waunakee and purchase them there. For more info: https://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2018/pr18_029.htm

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A Brief History of EAA Chapter 93 1961-1995

By Les Goplen

CHAPTER TWO: CORBEN AIRCRAFT FACTORY

EAA Chapter 93 has adopted the name and logo of the Corben Aircraft Company, the builders of sport aircraft in Madison at a small airport off North Street, near the south edge of the current Dane County Regional Airport. Fred Leidel is a good resource for information about the Corben Company because he worked there. The following information comes from a 1995 interview with Fred, who had recently completed six-years of Chapter 93 leadership, serving as secretary, vice-president, and president.

Fred Leidel was born in Milwaukee and came to Madison when he was 4 years old. As a teenager he was fascinated with airplanes and spent a good bit of time at the Corben hangar off North Street. He liked airplanes so much that he volunteered to build ribs for the airplane being built then.

Fred also sold tickets for airplane rides. Rides cost one dollar, and Fred got five cents for each ticket sold. The circus used to set up on the airport, and circus day was a big day for airplane rides. *"I earned \$16 one day selling tickets,"* he said. Corben had several airplanes going all day.

Professor Fred Leidel was on the faculty at U.W. Madison before WWII, then went to work for Hamilton Standard, East Hartford, Connecticut in 1940. He designed propellers there from 1940 to 1945. Fred has come to our chapter meetings with his engineering drawings from those days and fascinating stories about his design work on props for the P-51 and B-36 among others.

He came back to U.W. Madison in 1945 and was professor in the General Engineering Department. He retired in 1982 as Associate Dean of General Engineering, then came back and worked part-time until 1992.

For anyone wanting to learn more about the history of the Corben Aircraft Factory, our chapter namesake, Fred Leidel is probably the best resource around. Fred has many photographs of these early days of aviation at the little airport off North Street. The main airport in those days was the Royal Airport on the south side of Madison.

Fay (Hoot) Gibson, Chapter 93 President in 1976 and 1977, loved to visit the Corben factory when he was a young boy because his father, Clifford Gibson, worked there as a mechanic. Hoot got his first airplane ride from "Ace" Corben in a Stinson Trimotor. Hoot explained,

"I got my nickname there too. They started calling me Hoot because Hoot Gibson was a popular movie star then, and the name stuck."

Further information about Corben Aircraft may be obtained from The Corben Club, P.O. Box 127, Blakesburg, IA 52536. The Corben Club is affiliated with the Antique Airplane Association, Inc., Blakesburg, Iowa. The Corben Courier, the club's newsletter, is published as a medium of communication among owners and historians of the Corben Aircraft.

Elsewhere in these pages see the report of the Corben Super-Ace replica that Chapter 93 members built for the atrium of the Dane County Regional Airport Terminal.

An Eagle Takes Flight

by Shane Baker

One of the lesser-known programs EAA offers is the Eagle Flight program. Much like the familiar Young Eagle flights which are focused on getting youth into aviation, Eagle Flights are designed to give adults the same opportunity by pairing them with an EAA Eagle mentor pilot for a complimentary introductory flight.

It's not just about a free flight, though. The Eagle program was created to help foster a long-term relationship between the Eagle Flight volunteer pilot and the Eagle, giving the future aviator a resource to answer questions and provide encouragement and guidance before, during, and after flight training.

I was thrilled and quite honestly a little nervous when I received the email from Roger Stuckey which read:

Shane,

We have a prospective pilot looking for an Eagle Flight, and you would be a great mentor pilot.

I signed up to be an Eagle Mentor Pilot about a year ago, and as a private pilot with just over 200 hours in my logbook, I've taken plenty of people flying with me. Up until this point, all my passengers have been close friends or family that I knew very well, though. I had never flown an Eagle Flight before and this would be my first time taking a complete stranger up in the airplane. I wondered how they would they react to being in a small airplane and if we would get along.

Nevertheless, I quickly agreed to participate and exchanged emails a few times with the future pilot. We settled on a date and time for the Eagle Flight to take place, weather dependent, of course.

The date arrived. It was a beautiful Sunday morning in May when I taxied the airplane from the south ramp to the east ramp at Madison, not yet sure what

I was getting into for my very first time as an Eagle Flight mentor pilot. When I walked from the ramp into the lobby of Wisconsin Aviation, there stood my Eagle, Adolf, with an eager handshake and a huge smile. As soon as we met I knew immediately things were going to be just fine and we were going to have a blast!

We began the Eagle Flight by going over the Eagle Flight packet and reviewing current weather and winds, and I showed him ForeFlight, my electronic flight bag tool of choice. We discussed what I had in mind for our flight — a scenic tour over the city of Madison. We then made our way out to the airplane for closer examination.

I walked him through the Before Flight Checklist of my Cessna 172, explaining what we were looking for as we walked around the airplane performing the tasks outlined on it. He asked great questions and helped sump the fuel and checked the level in the tanks. Once the exterior checks were complete, we climbed inside and conducted the interior inspection and safety briefing before getting belted in.

"Ready to go, Adolf?" I asked.

"Let's do this!" he exclaimed.

I fired up the plane, and after the run-up and quick calls to clearance, ground, and tower, we were off!

Flying south over the city, we were restricted to the western side of the capitol due to other arriving and departing traffic, but the picturesque view of the lakes, campus, and Camp Randall Stadium were awesome as always, and, we even coincidentally flew over Adolf's house! I let Madison departure know that we wanted to go towards Stoughton, as I knew if we came back into Madison from the southeast we'd be able to see the other side of the capitol when we were heading back in.

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An Eagle Takes Flight (continued)

It was a little bumpy at 2500 feet, but for the few minutes I let Adolf fly the plane, he did a remarkable job holding heading and altitude, and the bumps didn't faze him — WHEW! He's a natural!

After a little meandering in the sky over Stoughton, I called Madison and let them know we were coming home. Looking over at Adolf, he was wearing a smile from ear to ear. I was, too.

My landing back at Madison was unremarkable, just the way I like it.

The experience concluded with a nice conversation over a cup of coffee at The Jet Room restaurant while we filled out the Eagle Flight logbook. In total, we spent .8 hours in the sky.

It was a fantastic day and an awesome first Eagle Flight mentor pilot experience.

I look forward to conducting more Eagle Flights, and I am very excited to help mentor my new friend and Chapter 93 member, Adolf, as he flies through his aviation adventure!

2018 EAA Regional Calendar

Chapter	When	What (Event)	Where	Who (Contact)
1414	May 13 7:00 - 11:30 am	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides Moms with kids eat free!	Poplar Grove (C77)	Dean May (815) 544-0215 deanvmay@frontier.com
651	May 19 7:30 - 11:00 am	Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast	Nicolet Airport (88WI)	Roman Stoviak (920) 265-3492 EAA_651_News@new.rr.com
93	May 19	"Take A Chapter Member Flying" Event Rain Date May 20!	Middleton (C29)	Brendan O'Rourke (608) 577-6853 n36276@yahoo.com
431	May 20 7:00 - Noon	Community Pancake Breakfast	Brodhead (C37)	Ben Johnson (608) 214-9595 bmjohnson79@hotmail.com
	May 26-27	Memorial Day Weekend		
60	Jun 2 7:00 am - Noon	Fly-In, Drive-In Pancake Breakfast (rain or shine)	Beloit-Janesville (44C)	Kenyon Brooks kenbrooks@charter.net
307	Jun 2 10:00am - 2 pm	Wings, Wheels, and Rotors Fly-In	Holland Air Park (36Wi) Holman, Wi	Wheels: Jim Herrman (608) 780-3299 Wings: Mike Gautsch (608) 792-0403
897	June 3	Fly-In, Drive-In Pancake Breakfast	Dodge County (KUNU)	Don Woods (920) 319-0377 de_woods69@yahoo.com Dennis Winkel (920) 344-4428
241	June 3	Pancake Breakfast – KDKB	DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport (KDKB)	Thomas Burgan 630-272-3122 boeingdriver@earthlink.net
1414	June 10	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides	Poplar Grove (C77)	Keith Doyon (608) 609-8575 keith@keithdoyon.com
MAAC	June 15-17	Midwest Antique Airplane Club Spring Fly-In	Palmyra Municipal Airpt (88C)	(Members Only)
1177	June 17	Palmyra Father's Day Pancake Breakfast	Palmyra Municipal Airpt (88C)	NEED INFO!
307	June 17	Annual Chicken-Q Fly-In	Holland Air Park (36Wi) Holman, Wi	Bruce Moe (952) 836-7501
93	June 18	Hangar Hangout Drive & Fly-In	Sugar Ridge (Wi62)	Dean Zakos (262) 498-0942 drzakos@sbcglobal.net
93	July 8	Pancake Breakfast	Middleton (C29)	Roger Stuckey (608) 335-3322 rogerstuckey@gmail.com
1414	July 8	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides	Poplar Grove (C77)	Dean May (815) 544-0215 deanvmay@frontier.com

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2018 EAA Regional Calendar (continued)

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93	July 18 6:00 - 9:00 pm	Hangar Hangout Drive & Fly-In & Wisc Youth Co. Aviation Day	Stoughton/Matson Airport (2W16)	Dean Zakos (262) 498-0942 drzakos@sbcglobal.net
431	July 19-22	Pietenpol Reunion Fly-In	Brodhead (C37)	Ben Johnson (608) 214-9595 bmjohnson79@hotmail.com
—	July 20 6:30 pm+	Rock The Ramp Party Party & free food	Middleton (C29)	Matt Hofeldt (608) 332-6110 matt@capital-flight.com
—	"	Hatz Biplane 50 Year Reunion	Wausau Downtown (KAUW)	Lyman Hatz (715) 218-2782 HatzLymanC@AOL.com
93	July 20-22	Heavy Bombers Weekend B-17 Tour Stop B-17 ground tours and rides!	Madison (KMSN)	Rob Tweed (608) 213-8271 rbtweed@charter.net
—	July 22-29	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh (KOSH)	EAA National
93	August 11	Young Eagles	Middleton (C29)	Earl Martin (608) 825-3286 martine@splpharma.com
1414	August 12	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides	Poplar Grove (C77)	Dean May (815) 544-0215 deanvmay@frontier.com
93	August 16	Sugar Ridge Annual Antique Auto Show Drive-in & Fly-In	Sugar Ridge (W162)	Keith Doyon (608) 609-8575 Keith@keithdoyon.com
WAPA	August 19 7:30 am - Noon	Waunakee Community Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In [Rain or Shine!]	Waunakee (6P3)	Lynn Erickson (608) 215-9609 LEricksonC182@gmail.com
93	August 25	"Take A Chapter Member Flying" Event Rain Date August 26	Middleton (C29)	Brendan O'Rourke (608) 577-6853 n36276@yahoo.com
	September 1-2	Labor Day Weekend		
MAAC	September 6-10	Midwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-In	Brodhead (C37)	(Members Only)
1414	September 9	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides	Poplar Grove (C77)	Dean May (815) 544-0215 deanvmay@frontier.com
252	September 15	Fall Pancake Breakfast and Fly In	Oshkosh (KOSH)	Charlie Becker (920) 426-6850 EAA252@gmail.com Dennis Moehn (920) 810-1046
241	September 16	Pancake Breakfast	Hinckley Airport (0C2)	Thomas Burgan (630) 272-3122 boeingdriver@earthlink.net
—	September 18	Open House & Pancake Breakfast	Watertown (KRYV)	
93	September 19	Hangar Hangout - Drive & Fly-In	Brooklyn/Syvud (7W15)	Dan Green (608) 770-7861 danieljgreen@danieljgreen.com
FHS	September 22-23	Flying Hamburger Safety Social (Topic TBD)	Middleton (C29)	Jeff Gaier (715) 613-6019 jeff@duffysaircraft.com
93	September 29	Young Eagles	Lone Rock / Tri-County Regional (KLNK)	Earl Martin 608-825-3286 martine@splpharma.com
UL1	Oct 13	"Prop Roast" Fly-In	Capital Drive Airport (02C) Brookfield, Wi.	Jim Pfarr (262) 251-4653
1414	October 14 7 - 11:30 am	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rides Vets eat free, Buy a vet breakfast - \$7	Poplar Grove (C77)	Dean May (815) 544-0215 deanvmay@frontier.com
93	October 17	Hangar Hangout - Drive & Fly-In	TBD	Dean Zakos (262) 498-0942 drzakos@sbcglobal.net



EAA Corben Chapter 93, Inc. Membership Application

www.93.eaachapter.org / www.EAA93.org/



Chapter Dues: Regular membership--\$20/year
NEW Members--\$2/month after Feb, Free after Sept 1 if next year's dues paid in full.
Regular Members may, @+\$1.00/year, add one additional adult member of their household as an additional Regular (voting) member of the Chapter.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name: _____ (Child if Joining for Child): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Cell phone: _____

Home /Work Phone: _____

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.

Send to: Keith Doyon, 1614 Laurel Crest, Madison, WI 53705 (Email: keith@keithdoyon.com)