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Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,
serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, and airplane
lovers in western Michigan



MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2011 WACO

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, November 4th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be Phil Michmerhuizen sharing photos and stories about restoring the 1942 Waco UPF-7. Phil then flew rides in the Waco for 15 years. The plane is now in the Seattle area and still is used for flying rides.

Dale Hagen and Paul Overbeek Attend EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy

On October 14-16, 2011, EAA Chapter 211 President Dale Hagen, and Director Paul Overbeek, joined 19 other EAA Chapter leaders from as far away as California and England, at EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy in Oskosh, WI. They studied, among other things, what makes a Chapter a success, growing Chapters through recruitment and retention,

Board Election

November is the time to elect new board members for next year. Board members will serve on the board for 2012 and will be the officers for 2013. The new board members will serve with current members Paul Overbeek, Dave Thomas, and Craig Christilaw.

fundraising, EAA's online resources, public relations and the media, and Chapter websites. On Saturday night they were given a special "behind the ropes" tour of EAA's AirVenture Museum, where they saw the famed Church V-8 aircraft engine donated to EAA by Chapter 211... and much, much more. They also got to meet Paul and Audrey Poberezny in a room of the museum that was a replica of the basement where EAA was born. Afterward Paul and Audrey joined the Academy

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Prez Sez

Greetings everyone,

It's hard to believe that November is here already. Wow! Where did time go?

It was great to see the fantastic turn out at last month's meeting, and it was very nice to have a good number of guests with us as well. Chet put on a terrific program, entertaining us and recounting the experience of when he and Patty took on the job of painting their Piper Arrow. Their hard work paid off in the beautiful Arrow Extreme 2000 stc.

You won't want to miss this month's meeting when the always entertaining Phil Mishmerhuizen shares stories and pictures of the 1942 Waco he restored and flew for 15 years.

There will be an election of Board members at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted prior to the vote. There are still some openings left. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board come to the meeting and nominate yourself, or, if you can't be there, let one of us know of your interest in advance. We will be electing three people who will each serve a two year term of office. The first year the three members we elect will be Directors, but sometime during the first year the whole Board will determine which office each of the three Directors will eventually fill during the second year of their term, President, Vice-President, or Secretary/Treasurer. As a Director you will be serving in 2012 along with Officers Paul Overbeek, Dave Thomas, and Craig Christilaw. Not only is it is very fun and rewarding, it's not nearly as much work as you might fear.

Another topic we will be discussing is a proposed Chapter project you can (need to) read about elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211



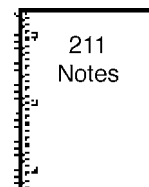
Editors Notebook

It is beginning to feel like winter is near. The good thing is that the Christmas party is only a month away.

I just got back from another work trip to Dayton. I had two days of meetings across the road from the Air Force Museum with no time to go over a visit. I need to schedule my work travel better.

It is interesting how you meet airplane folks. The Air Force program monitor for the meeting I was attending is building an RV. Even though the meetings are full of talk about advanced materials we usually get a bit of time to talk about his project. I had one other aviation encounter recently. On the flight back from my August vacation in Seattle there was a young man in the next seat heading back to his family in Minneapolis. Chatting with him I learned he had grown up in the Seattle area. We talked about my Seattle vacation including visiting the Museum of flight. He related how he had grown up around airplanes, in fact his father and grandfather had designed light planes and ultralights. It turns out he was the grandson of Hobie Sorrell, who designed the HiperBipe

George



Proposed Chapter Project – 1935 American Eaglet

An interesting opportunity has been proposed to the chapter by Gary Van Farowe. Gary is a member of the Antique Airplane Association. They have a 1935 American Eaglet, Model B-31 that needs restoring for their Airpower Museum, Inc., in Ottumwa, IA. This particular airplane is a very original model with the Szekely 45 hp, 3 cylinder engine. It is a very “simple” airplane, but needs some TLC, including replacement of some wood and new fabric. You can see the airplane here: <http://antiqueairfield.com/apm/collection/Eaglet.html>

The Board has discussed taking on this restoration as a club project. There are essentially two issues to determine as to whether this is feasible. 1. Will there be enough interest and volunteers to do the work, and 2. How much money is it going to take and where is going to come from.

The Board believes there is enough interest and there shouldn't be a problem getting enough members to work on the project. We do, however, have concerns about how much it will cost and how much the club should expend from the treasury for this project. We decided we don't want to enter into something that is open ended, which might deplete the treasury



too much. Gary estimates the cost for materials to be in the neighborhood of \$3,500. Our treasury has just under \$5,000 in it now. Our annual budget is nearly equal to our annual dues income, so most of that \$5000 has accumulated over several years from various sources such as the calendar projects and the Ford Tri-Motor in 2010.

The Board discussed various amounts we would feel comfortable committing and various strategies for raising more funds as well. We have decided to incentivize donations by matching donations, dollar for dollar from the treasury, up to a maximum of \$1,500. So, your contribution of \$100 will equal \$200 to the project! But, to proceed, we need to have an idea how much money you are willing to contribute. To do this we will pass out slips of paper at the November meeting on which you can write your monetary pledge. Anyone not at the meeting who wishes to make a pledge can contact me and your pledge will be kept anonymous. If we receive \$1500 in pledges, the Board feels comfortable approving the project, and that whatever additional costs remain we can find a way to come up with it.

Donations will be tax deductible, as they will be sent to the Antique Airplane Association, Inc./ Airpower Museum, Inc., then given back to Chapter 211 for the restoration. If just have our members contribute \$50 each we will reach our goal. If you can give more... all the better! A donation of any size will be appreciated. But we need to know how much that is so the Board can say Yea or Nay. If you are not going to be at the meeting in November but want to make a pledge, send the amount you intend to give to me at caa211president@gmail.com

Dale Hagen

President, EAA Chapter 211

EAA Chapter 211 October 7 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting started at 7:30 PM with Dale Hagen leading the Pledge. There were 31 members and 10 Guests attending, 3 of the guest were wives. Patty Uncapher was listed as guest but is an EAA member and is active on many 211 events, gave many rides in young eagles event, and was part of the program. Guest Robert Lock and wife had their Cessna 150 on display for young Eagles day and many young future pilots sat in pilots seat and dreamed of flying. Secretary report was accepted as in news letter. The treasurer report was

accepted as stated. There was a discussion on Reno accident. Bill Scheltema was with us and gave us an update on his medical condition, said he feels good at this time but can not drive or fly until doctors see how things turn out; he will keep us up to date. Chet gave report on Young Eagle day every one pilots and Young eagles had a good time. A 211 calendar was discussed and was decided to work on one for 2012. Election of officers was talked about. Now we should have new officers to take over Jan 2012. An Eaglet project was

talked about. Gary Van Farowe presented the project, details were to be worked out and talked about at the November meeting. Had coffee break and program by Chet Uncapher of he and Patti repainting and modifying their airplane, the final inspection overlooked his numbers.

Secretary Jack Brewer

EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy



Mystery Aircraft



Another engine Mystery



Last month's Mystery was a Model V
Heath Parasol

EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy

students for a fireside chat at the Academy Lodge. If all that wasn't enough, on Sunday afternoon, before leaving Oskosh, they got a bonus tour of the Sonex Aircraft plant.

EAA provided lodging in the beautiful Air Academy Lodge, and all meals as well, at no cost. The only expense was getting to Oskosh and back. If the weather had cooperated they would have flown Paul's Long EZ, but it was much too windy, so they drove.

The Chapter Leadership Academy is one of the perks of being a board member. Each year EAA runs three of these weekends. Up to two leaders from each Chapter may attend, but they limit the size to around 20 students. Reservations are now being accepted for sessions to be held in 2012: January 20-22, March 16-18, and October 26-28.

Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211



Christmas Party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6:00-8:30 pm at John Gill's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport. It will again be a party for both Chapter 211 and Sparta's EAA Chapter 704. Chapter 211 will furnish meat, coffee, soft drinks and water. Bring a dish to share and table service. Plan on arriving about 6pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm

Dale Hagen will have a small portrait station set up to take your photo for next year's Chapter Roster. He will also take portraits of couples by request.

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

November 4 Meeting

December 2 Meeting

December 3 Christmas Party

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