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# Hangar Talk

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



## EAA Chapter 211

### MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 BOB VINK - FISHER YOUNGSTER

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be presented by Bob Vink. Bob will be sharing his experience building a VW powered Fisher Youngster biplane.

#### EAA Chapter 211 Picnic

The EAA Chapter 211 awards Picnic was be Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Haven Airport. We had perfect weather and a good crowd. Several folks brought their airplanes and everyone brought food. Awards included a first flight plaque to Doug Formsma for his RV-7A. Congratulations Doug.



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#### American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Gary continues to have regular work sessions, the upcoming schedule is:

- September 5 (Weds)
- September 13 (Thurs) and 15 (Sat)
- October 11 (Thurs)
- October 18 (Thurs)
- October 25 (Thurs) and 27 (Sat)

Gary is also looking for 2 pieces of streamline 4130 tubing 1.61" X .049 X 34" for the Eaglet landing gear

Your editor worked on the plane in August. The wing was nearly ready for rib stitching and is looking good.



#### Gary Kremers BBQ

Gary and Darlene Kremers July BBQ Saturday was a success with good weather and several planes. The crowd was a bit lower than usual due to Oshkosh travel but folks still in the area attended. Thanks for the lunch, Gary.

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Chapter 211 meeting is the first Friday of the month, 7:30pm at the Grand Haven Airport. Check the calendar on the last page or the web site for any changes.

## Prez Sez

With Labor Day almost here the usual perceived end of summer comes with it. A reduction in the outside temperature is a welcome thing, but this summer has been good for flying. Hope all of you had a chance to enjoy.

I know several of you were at OshKosh this year. I found all the new electronic gadgets very interesting. There are so many one will have to be careful in choosing one to accomplish what you really want it for. ADS-B is just starting to become available at somewhat reasonable prices. The attraction is free weather if you have the correct receiver. The selling point is that it will pay for itself because there are no subscription fees. One of the articles I read advised to wait because the electronic world is changing quickly. The rational is that new equipment will be coming with more features for less money. Also, ADS-B will not be mandatory until 2020, so there is plenty of time to shop.

Fly Safe,

*Paul*

President - Chapter EAA 211



## Editors Notebook

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over. I hope everyone enjoyed the Picnic. There was lots of good food and good conversation.

In August I was in Washington D.C. visiting my son and took the time to visit the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles airport. It is quite a collection ranging from a Langley Aerodrome to Space Shuttle Discovery. I recommend a visit.

I have a request for the Chapter 211 members. I am looking for someone who would like to take over editing the newsletter. I have been editing the news for over 20 years now and the time feels right to hand it off. The task is not too taxing; I have trained the officers to send in their parts of the newsletter and often a member has something to add. If you think you might be interested catch me at a meeting and we can go over how the news comes together each month and what is needed to publish the news.

*George*

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Notes

## Remembering Bill Scheltema

Bill Scheltema passed away August 13. Bill was a active member of EAA Chapter 211 and built his unique Mustang II. Bill was an officer of Chapter 211 several times and was one of the major workers in the care of the clubhouse.

The Muskegon Chronical obituary for Bill can be found at:

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/muskegon/obituary.aspx?n=william-scheltema&pid=159170471#fb>

Your editor can recall many visits to Bills shop as the Mustang II progressed. It was fascinating to see the well thought out changes Bill made and to finally see the plane fly after more than a decade of construction.





### Minutes of the July 13th, 2012 meeting:

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3010.70 in the club checking account. The Tech Report from Jack Brewer included information on a C-124 crash in 1952, and a current incident involving a DH53 Hummingbird. Gary VanFarowe reported on the progress of the American Eaglet project. Dale Hagen reported that the Young Eagles event was a success, and that the club provided rides to 53 children. Another Young Eagles event may be in the works for August or September 2012. The club was informed that Gary Kremers was hosting a party at his home on July 21st, 2012, from 1130 am to 200 pm. Guest Bob Lock reported on the June 2012 Dawn Patrol/Pancake Breakfast. The July program was presented by Dick Foster, President of EAA Chapter 145. The program included a Power Point presentation of the history of Chapter 145. Visitors to our July meeting included Wes Rose of Fort Meade, FL, Earle Bares of Grand Haven, MI, Robert Lock of Grand Haven, MI, and Jimroy McCormack of Holland, MI.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Craig Christilaw Craig Christilaw



## PICNIC



# Mystery Aircraft



Another Mystery



Last month's Mystery was under the engine on the Eaglet

## Leo's trip to the Air Academy

My travels began in the MacArthur airport in Islip, New York. I boarded the Boeing 737 and made my way to a window seat. It took sometime until the plane made its way to the runway. As the throttle increase, I felt my body push into my chair. I watched out the window and saw the many terminals fly past my eyes. In a minute, we were off the ground.

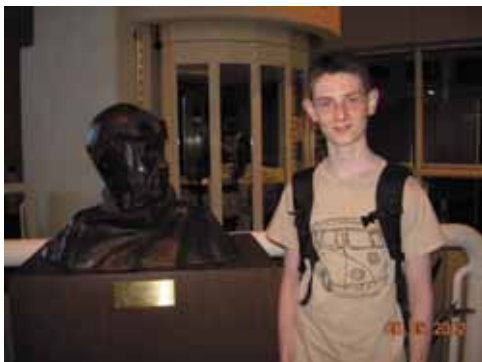
Lift-off is personally one of the many exciting things about flight. The feeling of leaving the ground is extraordinary. The 737 made a steady ascend to 10,000 feet and finally leveled out at 31,000 feet. The sun was very bright at that altitude and there was nothing but a sea of clouds below us. The flight was very smooth. Just before reaching Baltimore, where I would be catching my connecting flight, the Boeing 737 began its descent. As we passed through the clouds, there was minor turbulence. On final approach, we passed over highways and houses until finally touching down. The jet landed on its right gear, then its left and then the nose was brought down. This time I was pushed forward from my seat and I felt the seatbelt around my waist. Due to the behavior of the landing, I guessed that there was a strong crosswind. After the plane had taxied to the terminal and I had preceded into the Baltimore airport, I made my way to my connecting flight. The second flight was very similar to the first, minus the crosswind. I landed in Milwaukee where I met with my Grandparents. Before leaving the airport, we took a look at the Mitchell Gallery of Flight. This was an interesting museum about General William Mitchell.



The next day I headed over to the Air Academy, where I would be staying for the next five days. While at the air Academy, I was able to fly in the Cessna 162 Sky Catcher and take a ride in a helicopter. I also designed a balsa wood flyer and made a 3/4 size wing rib, a thermometer case out of metal, and I was able to work with composites. I had a great experience at the Air Academy and I hope to have the chance to go when I am old enough for the advanced group.



My grandparents picked me up in Oshkosh with their Piper Arrow Extreme 2000 stc. We flew around the bottom of Lake Michigan and stopped at Grand Haven where EAA Chapter 211 was having their annual picnic. After that, we departed Grand Haven and landed at Ottawa Executive Airport a short time later. I spent three days with my grandparents rebuilding an RC F4U Corsair and many other exciting activities.



When it was time to leave, we drove to Detroit Metro where I boarded another Boeing 737 and flew home. Once again, I made my connecting flight in Baltimore where, interestingly enough, I departed from the same gate that I had landed from a week and a half earlier. Both flights were smooth and comfortable and I enjoyed every minute.

My travels were concluded when I landed in back in Islip. No matter how great the adventure, there is always an end.







# Michigan Air Tour 2012

**Pilots! Join the Michigan Aviation Association's Michigan Air Tour**

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**Marshall (RMY)**  
Presentations and Lunch at Schuler's Restaurant  
Tours of the Town

**Adrian (ADG)**  
Presentations  
Transportation to Hotel

**Saturday – September 22**

**Battle Creek (BTL)**  
Tour of Waco Aircraft Factory  
Presentations & Lunch

**Cadillac (CAD)**  
Presentations & Transportation to Hotel  
Gala Banquet & Annual Meeting

**Sunday – September 23**

**Alpena (APN)**  
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- Saturday Night Gala Banquet
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## EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

September 7 ..... Meeting  
 September 5, 13, 15 ..... Work on Eaglet  
 October ..... Meeting  
 October 11, 18, 25, 27 ..... Work on Eaglet  
 November 2 ..... Meeting  
 December 7 ..... Meeting  
 December ? ..... Christmas Party



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