

September 2013

Hangar Talk

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



MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013
7PM AT SPARTA AIRPORT

Terry Lutz-Airbus Test Pilot

The date and meeting place is changed for September

The September EAA meeting will be a social event at John Gill's hanger in Sparta. It will be a joint meeting of our chapter, Sparta chapter and Grand Rapids chapter. The guest speaker will be Terry Lutz sharing his experience as a test pilot for the Airbus. The meeting will be on **Friday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.** That is a half hour earlier than our regular meetings. Members who prefer to fly to the meeting will have more daylight to return to their base following the meeting. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

There is a map to John's hangar on the back page of the newsletter

American Eaglet Project

Work on the Eaglet continues.

September work days are September 5 and September 12.

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Young Eagles

EAA Chapter 211 sponsored another Young Eagle event on Saturday, August 24th, 2013, at the Grand Haven Memorial Airpark. This event was held in conjunction with the Grand Haven Aviation Association Dawn Patrol/Pancake Breakfast, and was a great success! Dale Hagen, assisted by Larry Schwartz and Betsy Cech, were kept very busy processing all the kids lined up to take an airplane ride and become a "Young Eagle". The pilots, which included Ed Cech with his Piper Cub, Doug Formsma with his Van's RV-7A, Tom Marotta with his Piper Cherokee, and Craig Christilaw with his Cessna Cardinal, gave rides to 44 children on Saturday. Plus, we had 11 children that could not fly because of time constraints, and were promised rides on a later date. Thanks to all that worked so hard to make this event a success!

Chapter Picnic

The EAA Chapter 211 awards Picnic was held Saturday, August 17th at the Grand Haven Airport. A Builders Award

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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

I was 11 years old when my dad, a 30 year old, a high-school educated, blue-collar machinist, earned his private pilot license. Just a year later, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon. 'Star Trek,' Lost in Space, and Walter Cronkite's The 21st Century were popular TV programs. The "jet age" and "aerospace industry" had become part of the American lexicon. I, like many children of that era, believed that by time we reached adulthood, almost everyone would be flying their own private aircraft... maybe even in the form of flying cars! Sure, we were young and naive, but the world changed too. Oil shortages, litigation, regulation... aviation became more expensive and thereby less accessible to the average person. This barrier, and the need for an adequate number of active, general aviation pilots to maintain a sustainable level of economies of scale, are two of the reasons EAA created the Young Eagles Program. Some of those children we fly will be inspired to become tomorrows general aviation pilots. While others may never become pilots, they will carry with them a more favorable attitude about aviation than would otherwise be the case, and be life-long aviation enthusiasts and allies rather than detractors. So I wish to thank those who have been Young Eagles pilots and ground crew volunteers. What you have done, and will do, will produce more good, and good will, than you may ever know. (Please see Young Eagles recap elsewhere in this issue.)

Along with that message I wish to congratulate the Grand Haven Aviation Association on a very successful Dawn Patrol event on Saturday, August 24. The weather was spectacular, which helped, I'm sure, but it was all the diligent work of the volunteers (some who are members of EAA Chapter 211 as well), who truly made it a huge success. Chapter 211 had a "booth" at the event too. A special thanks to Ken Gleason and Brian Gerhardt, who staffed the booth, and Dave Thomas and Brian Green for bringing parts of their build projects to show the public part of what we do. Please forgive me if you helped out and I didn't mention you by name. Also, there were a lot of other events going on that day in other cities and airports, otherwise I'm sure more of you would have been there to help out as well.

Be sure to note the meeting time and location have changed for Friday, September 6, 2013, as noted elsewhere in this issue and on the website. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there,

Sincerely,

Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211



Editors Notebook

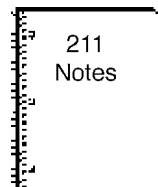
Labor Day weekend. Where did summer go

We have an interesting meeting planned. Be sure to remember the change in location and time, and join Sparta in hearing a test pilot for Airbus.

I took a motorcycle trip through the Upper Peninsula last week and returned via Wisconsin. It gave me a chance to ride through Oshkosh two weeks after the event. The commercial area was sort of like a ghost town with tents waiting to be taken down. It shows the scale of the preparations for Oshkosh that it takes a long time to undo the grounds after the event.

Enjoy your fall flying

George



Picnic



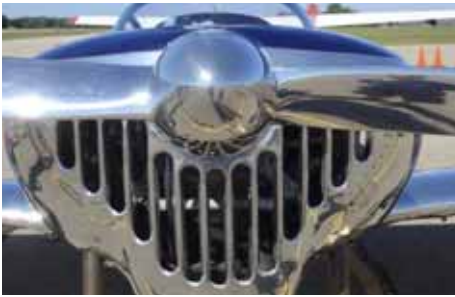
EAA Chapter 211 meeting of July 12, 2013:



Young Eagles at Grand Haven



Mystery Aircraft



A nearby Mystery



Last months Mystery - A Pratt and Whitney R4360 at the Air Zoo

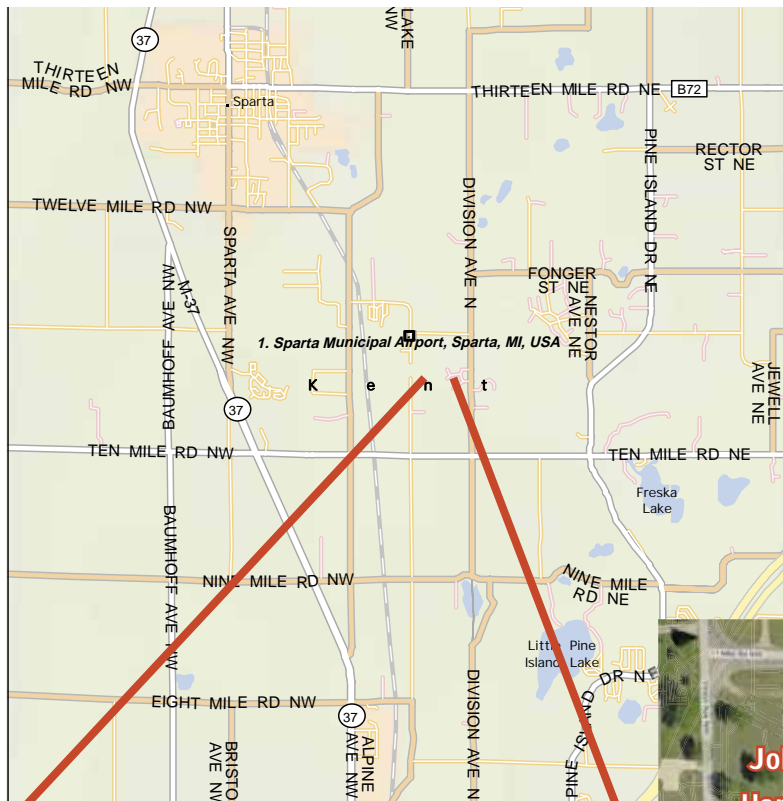
Chapter Picnic

was presented to Bob Vink for his Youngster. 2012 Officers Paul Overbeek, Dave Thomas, and Craig Christilaw were recognized. There was plenty of good food, good conversation, and airplanes.

Grand Haven Dawn Patrol

The Grand Haven Aviation Assn. Dawn Patrol was August 24th. Craig provided some photos of the event.





EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

September 6	Meeting
September 5, 12	Eaglet work day
October 4.....	Meeting
November 1	Meeting
December 6	Meeting
December ?	Christmas Party
January 3	Meeting

**September meeting is
September 6, 7pm at
John Gill's Hangar,
Sparta Airport**

Sparta Airport is east of Alpine Ave and north of 10 mile road. From Alpine turn east on Schultz, curve south on Vinton, the airport is just past 11 mile.

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