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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 6TH MORE PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, March 6th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be a continuation of PROJECT REPORTS. If you did not get a chance to report on your project in January be ready to talk this month. Bring parts, photos, stories, and updates on your projects.

Dues

Dues will be collected at the meeting, \$25 or \$22 with email delivery of the newsletter. Secretary-treasurer Cliff Cole will have an envelope with the 2008 roster information for each member. Put your dues in your envelope and check that the roster information is correct. This way Cliff will be able to keep track of who has paid dues and your editor will not have to add a sheet with the news for roster updates. I hope to print the roster in April.

If your photo was not in the last roster, or if you have become more attractive and want a new photo in the roster, you editor will

be available at the meeting to shoot roster photos.

Sam Sayer

Sam Sayer passed away Feb. 5, 2009 in Zephyrhills, Florida at the age of 90. He was a past member of Chapter 211 and since moving to Florida he had built a KR2, a Pulsar, and another KR2S. A number of Chapter 211 members have stayed by Sam and Virginia's home while attending Sun 'n Fun over the years. Sam was always known for his building skills and attention to details. Sam was also an aviator in World War II, flying right seat in a B-24, and was shot down over occupied France. He made his way back to England with the help of the French resistance. Sam was an interesting personality and will be missed by all who knew him.



Sam Sayer at Corvair College

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Prez Sez

I'm back. That's about all I have. I want to thank all the guys who ran the Feb. meeting-I hear that it went well. bobk

Bob Kenrick

President - EAA 211

Editors note

Welcome back from your winter getaway. Enjoy the rest of a Michigan winter



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Editors Notebook

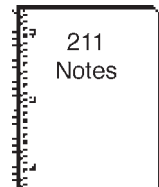
Hello everyone.

I missed the last meeting, sounds like it was a good one. I was back from Phoenix but the meeting coincided with a Grand Valley track meet and I still have a runner in the family.

I had to search for some old family photos that I had archived on my computer, while looking for them I also looked through some old newsletters. Winter is a slow time for the newsletter so I decided to try something different. Throughout the newsletter are photos from 2001. These were printed, on paper, then. Now you can see them in color if you get the email edition of the newsletter.

I hope to get the roster updated and published next month. It takes a few evenings to update and check the information but my March is not looking too busy.

George



Confessions of a first timer by Cliff Cole

We can all remember those memorable first times: plane ride, time driving a car, being allowed to take the care alone, date, kiss.....ah memories. Yes, sometimes those dreams may come true. For many years I have dreamed of attending Airventure and this last summer was the magic one. Wow, six full days and just a brief overview, it is impossible to see it all, a good reason to go back next summer. I know, some of you have been there many times and this may seem like oh hum but this old geezer was like a kid in a candy store for the first time with his penny clenched in his hand...I finally got all the drool dried up and washed off. The real excitement came as I investigated the possibility of learning to fly. I spent a lot of time with the sport pilot program to make sure a plane and instructor were available in the area. The EAA had a special on the sport pilot license for members and not being able to beat the price, I left with one. The first flight with an instructor was at the end of August. Things were going well and the plane was put up for sale and later became so it could be used then the weather has been so "great" for training, making lessons three weeks apart and one was seven weeks. But the dream of six decades came to fruition on Friday February 13 and now like so many of you as you search the memory banks will vividly remember that first SOLO! The plane, weather... this old geezer may still have that smile come next meeting. Yes, the 60 year old dream came true. A special thank you to flight instructor Barbra Fleming for the excellent instruction and tolerating the old geezer.



Chapter 211 Minutes of February 6, 2009

The meeting was called order by vice president Dan Anderson. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 32 members and 2 visitors present. Motion to accept the January minutes by John Panning, second by Bob Vermeulen passed. The treasures report was given and motion to accept by Gary Kremers, second by Lin Light passed.



Flight Advisor Ken Dannenberg reported there were 81 accidents and 13 fatalities. Of these 4 accidents were experimental and 7 fatalities.

Tech Jack Brewer reported about maintenance on some mags he had worked on and said he was asked about electronic ignition and was unable to offer any insight.

Bill Scheltema mentioned that he was getting ready for an annual and knew the Lithium back up battery in one of his radios was near the end of its life and thought he could change it. Upon opening the radio found the battery but getting to it was another story. He finally located a radio man, Jeff that had once been in the area. He was at the Oceania county airport in the Hart-Shelby area and was able to help Bill. Jack added



that person in charge of that airport was an A-10 pilot and had some excellent pictures B 17 and the German pilot that shot it up.

Chet Uncapher told of checking his Loran and it would not read anything right. After much head scratching, he remembered it was used in New York and not on the way back so it did not know where it was and need to be reset.

BREAK

The program was a review of airspace. Matt Rogers was the speaker and is a controller at Muskegon. He is a pilot and CFI and his previous work was checking pipeline. It required flying regardless of the weather and he became very good friends with the Diamond Star 340.



There was an Arrow and a snowplow on the same taxi way at Muskegon and Matt received several 'nudges' from other tower personal and then there was the PIC Chet. It was a good exchange with many a hardy laughs.

AOPA furnished airspace handouts for everyone in attendance. The discussion of Bravo took on some interesting life because Matt flew daily from B space and became very well aquatinted with several controllers. There was a good exchange from the floor with many good questions.



For success and minimum difficulties: **FILE A FLIGHT PLAN IF YOU PLAN ON OR MIGHT NEED B SPACE.** Make sure you get clearance at the proper time before entering. The real secret is to be professional and don't step on people.

Charlie space was briefly reviewed and a few stories about Grand Rapids were exchanged. Of course Muskegon being D space and being so close makes for good practice talking to tower and doing landings, etc. We were encouraged to take advantage of this and reminded that they still have the older

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Mystery Aircraft



This one looks vaguely familiar



Last months mystery was a fuselage jig at Waco Classic in Battle Creek

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TRSA classification. A reminder that they do not have to supply this but can provide separation service and that it goes out further than D does.

The 1603 restricted areas over the lake were discussed. Remember to check notams and if you are flying IFR and clear then ok to fly through. If you are flying VFR then get "follow" and make sure you have lake reporting service. This will get rescue and search started 15

minutes sooner. That lake water is cold, even in the summer and it does not take long for hypothermia to set in. There was a lot of good discussion about where and how to cross the lake and emergency equipment for different scenarios.

MOA's be sure to check with controllers because they can get last minute updates and never forget to check the notams and stay up to date.



Photos from the Past - 2001



Wing Testing - Before



Wing Testing - After

Photos from the Past - 2001

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

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| March 6 | Project Reports |
| April 3 | Meeting |
| April 21-26 | Sun n Fun |
| May 1 | Meeting |
| June 5 | Meeting |
| July 3 or 10 | Meeting |



Ben and the Champ



John Panning checking an engine



Clyde and the Ultra Piet

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