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Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,
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MEETING FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND B-25 PILOT

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, October 2nd at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be Murry Erickson, who flew a B25 in WWII, who will talk about his experience. Our President may also get a chance to get his Oshkosh photos projected.

From the Library

The following copies of **Sport Aviation** are needed:

2007: February, April and June

2008: March and December

Thanks for your support and contributions!

2010 Board

It is getting near the time to elect three board members for 2010 who will also serve as officers for 2011. Think about becoming a board member, then contact a current board member and offer to help. By becoming a board member you get to guide chapter activities for the two years. So if you have some ideas about chapter activities or direction this is your chance to lead. It is your help that keeps the chapter active.



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Prez Sez

Well we made it through the summer - the reports on the picnic are very good. (I guess the weather could have been better)--I'm sorry I missed it but I couldn't change the wedding date. The bride and groom probably wouldn't notice. Ireland is interesting and we saw a lot of it.

I'm now fully qualified for this position as I did kiss the Blarney stone--some of us will go to any length to fulfill the job requirements.

Oshkosh was very interesting this year. I spent four days looking for new stuff. Some useful -- some odd -- some practical -- some questionable -- and some just weird.

The Airbus A 380 is huge, I can't help but think about the crowd at customs when you arrive at this thing. The fire-fighting helicopter is also large and capable of serious work.

The Red Bull 'copter did things that seem impossible! The electric airplanes do fly -- we have a way to go before you can use them for any distance--but the progress is real. Even had a battery powered parachute!

The odd 4-wheeled ultra light is interesting as it shows real innovation. So did the combination Gyro copter/motorcycle!

It worked the batteries are recharged!

Now all we need is some of you fellow members to volunteer for next year's leadership roles.--It is rewarding-- try it. bobk

Bob Kenrick

President - EAA 211



Editors Notebook

I am writing this in a hotel room south of Los Angeles. I probably should be going over the report I have to present in about two hours but I need a diversion.

We are heading into fall flying season. On the motorcycle trip it was already fall north of Lake Superior, I see leaves changing here also. Those of you with planes be sure to enjoy the color tours and send me your photos and stories. It helps me out to have your photos, and lets you share what you are doing with the rest of the Chapter.

Finishing this up at LAX waiting for my flight to ORD and GRR. I did see a few interesting aircraft this trip; several Boeing twin rotor copters in the Camp Pendleton area, a blimp over Long Beach, and a pair of biplanes, probably Pitts, coming out of the Palomar airport. Now I get squeezed into a full 737 for a ride to Chicago.

George

More from the Chapter 211 Awards Picnic



EAA Chapter 211 September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Kenrick with the pledge. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as was the treasure's report.

Pete Mulliner talked about the pinch hitter program. It gives instruction to your non-pilot spouse so they know how to operate the radios and land the plane safely. Sporty's and the AOPA have DVD's for training at about \$30.00. The time in the airplane with an instructor is between 5-7 hours. The purpose of the training is in case of an illness, that would incapacitate the pilot, they could get the plane to a safe landing.

Jack Brewer reported that the projects he checked in Holland and Grant were coming along very well. He reminded us that sometimes the fastener called for on the plans might have to be

of a different type to lock safely, such was the case on one of the projects.

It was reported that there were approximately 1100 show planes at AirVenture and only 498 were RV's. Cliff reported on getting his Sport License and the training and check ride, a life long dream fulfilled.

Jason was asked to give a detailed report about the Macchi and Oshkosh. He said he appreciated the chapter support. A friend of his had a 52 foot refer and Kenworth w/sleeper they used to transport the plane. All went well and he talked to many interesting people from several different countries. The Thursday AirVenture paper had an article about Jason and how he built the plane after having a stroke. He said he hoped it would encourage others to go

on. He started building model planes and having built boats and a water glider made the Macchi a natural project. The original Macchi had a straight 6 cylinder engine that was water cooled.

After break Bill Scheltema showed a couple of short videos of his Mustang II that were made by Sport Aviation. He then showed pictures of this year at Oshkosh. Cliff shared his photos and Bob K was going to but had a computer to projector malfunction. We will have to take a look at them at one of the next meetings, some are very interesting, especially some of ultra-light stuff.

Photos from Oshkosh



Mystery Aircraft



Another Oshkosh Mystery



Last month's Mystery was an autogyro at Oshkosh

Photos from Oshkosh



EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

October 2..... Meeting
November 6 Meeting
December 4 Meeting
December ? Christmas Party

Another photo of Bob

(Maybe it is the shirt....)



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