



October 2015

Hangar Talk

Serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, & airplane lovers in Western Michigan

Meeting Friday, October 2, 2015, 7:30pm

EAA Clubhouse, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Building a Full-Scale Sopwith Camel in his Basement!

We are honored to welcome Tom Kozura as speaker at our October meeting. For the past 10 years Tom has been meticulously building a pristine, full-scale, WWI Sopwith Camel that will feature an original data plate (B2337) and an original Clerget rotary engine – the only airworthy example of the type in the United States!

Tom has served as a U.S. Air Force flight instructor and a Northwest Airlines pilot and also ran a small flight school. Today he is an inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration as well as an A&P mechanic.



If you're not already impressed, click to read more about Tom and his project. Then come hear him speak!
http://www.mlive.com/living/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2015/01/west_michigan_man_recreating_a.html

Prez Sez

It is time to step up and volunteer. We need officers for the chapter's upcoming elections. It really does not take a lot of time. Honestly it is harder to commit to the position than to actually



so please volunteer as a helper or pilot. Let's come together and give our youth the special gift of

perform the duties.

The board has set an October 17th young eagles date (rain date of Oct. 24th)

flight and convince them aviation is where it's at.

The weather has been cooperating lately so make sure you get out and Fly!

Tom Marotta
EAA Chapter 211 President

"Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there." – Unknown

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2015-09-04

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 30

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:35

The Sept. 4 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Tom Marotta.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of thirty people (twenty-one members and nine visitors) were in attendance at the September meeting. The welcomed visitors included guest speaker Frank Boring (Grand Haven), Dick Foster (EAA-145), Kel and Deb DeVries (EAA-145), Harry Morris, Randy Mergener (Coopersville), Eric and Lina Spross (Lowell) and Leo Panish (our sponsored "student").

Event and Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be October 2, 2015. The Young Eagle flights will take place at a yet-to-be-determined date (probably during first weeks in October). Update: This date has since been set as October 17, with October 24 at a rain date.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the July 3, 2015 meeting minutes.

Treasure's Report and the Past Month's Expenses and Receipts:

We had receipts of \$54.00 (dues and coffee fund) and expenses of \$574.58, which gives us a total Chapter 211 current meeting fund balance of \$3,704.67. The checkbook balance from the last meeting was \$4,116.14. Petty cash balance at last meeting was \$109.11. We transferred \$98.00 from petty cash to checking. Of the \$574.58 expenses, \$554.58 was for the projector and \$20.00 for State of Michigan Fee. The current check book balance is \$3639.56 and the petty cash balance is \$65.11. (It is noted that picnic expenses have not yet been included.) Motion to approve was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report and was unanimously passed.

Chapter Membership:

We have 48 paid members this year. Many of you still owe us your EAA membership number – so please bring with you at next meeting.

Projector:

The Chapter purchased a new projector; a BenQ MW526 WXGA DLP Projector. The total cost including sales tax and an extended 4 year warranty was \$554.58. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to keep in place the \$121 extended warranty which put the total price over the original \$500 target price.

Technical Reports:

No technical reports were given as neither Jack Brewer nor Gary Van Farowe were present.

Young Eagles:

We pre-registered seventeen kids for Young Eagle flights at the August 29th Dawn Patrol. The flights will not take place on September 12 as originally scheduled. Kevin Golsch, the YE Coordinator, will schedule flights at a later date. Although we more or less will have a confirmed number of kids, we will need some volunteers.

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Picnic:

Tom Marotta reported the joint Chapter's picnic with 578 was a success with good food, conversation and fun. About 25 people attended. The burgers were excellent and we were treated to a few high-speed passes of Dan Booker's Yak 52 (from Fremont Chapter 578).

Oshkosh:

It was bigger than ever! A majority of all present at the meeting attended this year's event. It was reported everyone had a great time.

Flight Advisor:

We are still in need of a Flight Advisor.

Coffee Break:

Program:

GVSU professor Frank Boring presented his fascinating story of the Flying Tigers, the pilots and the people, and of the making of his documentary Fei Hu: the Story of the Flying Tigers (the story was televised nationally and internationally on PBS). Frank was born in post-World War II Taiwan, his father a mechanic for and personal friend of the legendary Claire L. Chennault. As a young boy Frank met Chennault as well as a number of the men who were called Fei Hu by the Chinese. But it wasn't until Mr. Boring was a young man that he began to understand and appreciate the significance of the role these great men played in the war with Japan. We thanked Frank for a most interesting presentation.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:45

Young Eagles Rescheduled

Our Young Eagles Event has been rescheduled for October 17, 2015. We have 27 children lined up now and there will likely be more by Oct 17. We currently have

three pilots and could use a few more. We also need ground crew, so if you can, please plan to help out.

Saturday, Oct. 24 is being reserved as a rain date for the event.

Call for Board Member Candidates

November is right around the corner, and that means it is time again to elect new Board members! We will be electing three people who will each serve a two year term of office. The first year the three members we elect now will be Directors, but sometime during the first year the whole Board will decide 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 2016 along with Officers Dan Whisman Warren Roosen and Bob Vink. Won't you consider serving on the board this time?

The Chapter needs you!



Progress Continues on the American Eaglet

Gary Van Farowe reports that the wings were installed on Thursday (Sept. 24) and then removed to be stored for winter. The fuselage will remain in the warm section of Gary's shop to finish up the engine and cowling over this winter. She's starting to look nice, isn't she? Great work guys!



American Eaglet Project

Thursday evening Work Sessions are scheduled for October 22 and 29.
No Saturday Work Sessions are currently scheduled for October.

Always check the website,
www.211.eaachapter.org for the latest information.

