



April 2017

Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, April 7, 2017, 7:30pm

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

Sustaining General Aviation via Young Eagles

Our good friend and President of EAA Chapter 145 in Grand Rapids, Dick Foster, will be our featured guest speaker at our April 7, 2017 meeting.

For 24 years, through EAA's Young Eagles program, Dick has personally introduced nearly 2000 children to the joy of flying. Who knows exactly how many of the young lives that he has touched, have, or will, become pilots, or be otherwise involved in aviation, but there is no doubt, Young Eagles and Eagle Flights are the premier programs for introducing aviation to the non-GA public. Its the best hands-on PR program for aviation ever conceived!

Dick will use photographs and a PowerPoint presentation to cover:

- History of the Young Eagles program
- How the Young Eagles program works
- What are the requirements for volunteers
- Types of Young Eagles activities are encouraged
- Format for Young Eagles rally
- Review of West Michigan Young Eagles activities
- Questions and answers

Dick's enthusiasm is genuine and contagious. You won't want to miss this program!

Prez Sez

If you have email, or have spent much time on the Internet (you know, places like Facebook and such), you've no doubt come across a heartwarming story or two... or a hundred. A common thread in a lot of these stories is the concept of "paying it forward," or "giving back." Typically, the lesson to draw from many of these stories is that the giver winds up being blessed in their giving as much or more than the recipient of their generosity. Most of us who have lived as long you and I have, know from life experience that there is a good feeling that redounds to us from knowing we've done a good thing.

So, what does this have to do with aviation, you ask? Well, this year we are once again going to have the opportunity to give a very special gift to some children through EAA's Young Eagles program.



Our Young Eagles's Coordinator, Warren Roosen, is planning two Young Eagles events this year (July 15 & Aug. 12). That's TWO opportunities to share your love of aviation, educate, and perhaps inspire a young person to make aviation their passion too. And, even if they don't take up aviation, I guarantee they will never forget the experience, and when they are grown, they will likely hold a more favorable view regarding general aviation issues. And remember, YOU are going to come away feeling rewarded, knowing you've done a good thing!

So, please come to the April program to hear Dick Foster share from his 24 years of experiences with Young Eagles, and be inspired to help Warren in any way you can. I know he will need not only pilots, but ground crew and office help too. And, the more of us who participate, the more fun it will be.

'Till next time, blue skies and tail winds,

Dale Hagen
EAA Chapter 211 President (2017)

"Regarding thrust: Lots is good, more is better, and too much is just enough!" – Navy Pilot

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Position open

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2017-03-03

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 28

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:

The March 3, 2017 Chapter 211 Meeting was called to order at 1932 hours by Earle Bares, with the Pledge of Allegiance directly following. Both the President and Vice-President were not in attendance..

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 19 members and 9 visitors were in attendance at the March meeting. We welcomed guest speaker Aerial Photographer Marge Beaver. Visitors also included Joe Stape, Dennis Otto, Deb Krohn, Marlene Capotosto, Darlene Kremers, Ethan Beswick, and young persons Audrey Green and Jacob Lynn.

Event and Meeting Dates:

April 7, 2017 - Regular meeting.
May 5, 2017 - Regular meeting.
June 2, 2017 - Regular meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

After reviewing previous minutes, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the February 3, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

As a reminder, we ended last year (in budget terms) with about \$3,100. After February receipts of \$278.00 and February expenses of \$542.00, we currently have a balance of \$2905.42 (\$2865.42 in checking and \$40.00 in petty cash). We still have \$235.62 in checks outstanding (not cashed). We have not had time to summarize last year or produce a budget for this year, but expect to do so by next meeting. Motion to approve was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report and was unanimously passed.

Local Chapter Membership and Dues:

We currently have 25 paid members. We still need some member's EAA membership numbers. Please note any corrections or new information you want added to our "data-base".

If you want to pay your 2017 dues by mail, Make your check payable to EAA Chapter 211 and send to:

**EAA CHAPTER 211
GRAND HAVEN MEMORIAL AIRPARK
16446 COMSTOCK ST
GRAND HAVEN MI 49417**

Special Announcement:

It was announced at the March 3 meeting that long time EAA Chapter 211 member Phil Michmerhuizen passed away the on March 2. We were all saddened to here the news. Flowers will be sent.

Technical Reports:

Jack Brewer talked about the replacement for 100LL. At least two fuel are being developed by Shell and Swift Fuels (or are developed at this point in time) and are being tested or in use (Shell Oil's Shell UL100 and Swift Fuel's Swift UL102). Swift Fuels' 94UL is already in use. Many piston-engine aircraft with engines that require avgas having a minimum octane rating at or below 94 are now eligible to buy the

Minutes continued...

Tech Reports - Jack Brewer continued...

...appropriate STC certificates in order to fly the fuel, including: Skyhawk (172 R&S), Cutlass (172 RGs), Cardinal (177s) and Skylane (182s); Piper Seminole, Comanche and Aztec; Beechcraft Musketeer, Travel Air, and Duchess.

Also including: Maule - all Lycoming-powered models; Mooney models A-D and G; and other aircraft models with engines that require avgas rated at or below 94 octane. Aircraft with autogas STCs are already eligible to use the premium 94UL avgas.

Gary Van Farowe was not in attendance and thus no report from him.

Old and New Business:

Young Eagle Flights – Warren Roosen passed around a sign-up sheet for the Young Eagle flights that we will be doing later this year. July 15 and August 12 are the tentatively set dates for the flights. Warren pointed out we need many volunteers and in particular, planes and pilots. As stated, we do plan on limiting the number of flights pending the number of planes we get and will give the kids a quality and unrushed briefing.

Program:

We welcomed guest speaker aerial photographer Marge Beaver to the meeting. She told many interesting stories, but for the most part just showed us the wonderful scenes she has taken and in particular West

Michigan photos. She uses her specially modified Cessna Cardinal N177MB (has a “port” in the floor) to take the photos. She has logged over 7000 hours of time in her 35 year aerial photography career. Over her many years of aerial photographic assignments, she also accomplished publishing three marvelous and spectacular coffee table books, and had copies available at the meeting which several members purchased. The presentation was enjoyed by all and we hope to get her back sometime. We thanked Marge and gave her a standing ovation. (www.photography-plus.com)

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2111 hours.

Gone West

Although our friend and long-time Chapter 211 member Phil Michmerhuizen didn't attend many meetings in recent years, many of you had the privilege of knowing him. Phil will be remembered for his sense of humor and zest for adventure. He was quite a character (there are few like Phil) and we will miss him.

Phillip J. Michmerhuizen, age 83, of Zeeland, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Providence Health Care & Rehabilitation Center.



Phil was a member of Niekerk Christian Reformed Church where he taught Sunday School, was the Sunday School Superintendent, taught Catechism and served as both an Elder and Deacon. Phil was also a member of the Experimental Aviation Association – Chapter 211 and owner of Michmerhuizen Poured Walls.

Phil was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, in 2014.

Phil is survived by his:

Children

Deb (Bob) Eisen of Zeeland
Randall (Beth) Michmerhuizen of Howell

Grandchildren

Matt (Amy) Eisen
Jason (Audrey) Eisen
Phil (Tina) Michmerhuizen
Ashley (Brandon) Den Hartigh

9 Great grandchildren

Siblings
Connie (Justin) Petroelje of Zeeland
James (Rosemarie) Michmerhuizen of Boston, MA
Joyce (Jack) Koeman of Holland
Terry (Nelva) Michmerhuizen of Gobels, MI

In-Laws

Betty Van Loo of Holland
Hank Bloemendal of Zeeland

Special Friend

Doris Lundy

Funeral services were held Monday, March 13 at Niekerk Christian Reformed Church, 545 Country Club Rd, Holland, with Rev. John Douma officiating. Burial was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland.

Unfortunately I missed our picnic in 2011, but some of you will remember Phil and his Szekely engine.

<http://www.211.eaachapter.org/apps/videos/videos/view/19010598-szekely-engine-startup>

From the Editor/President/Webmaster,

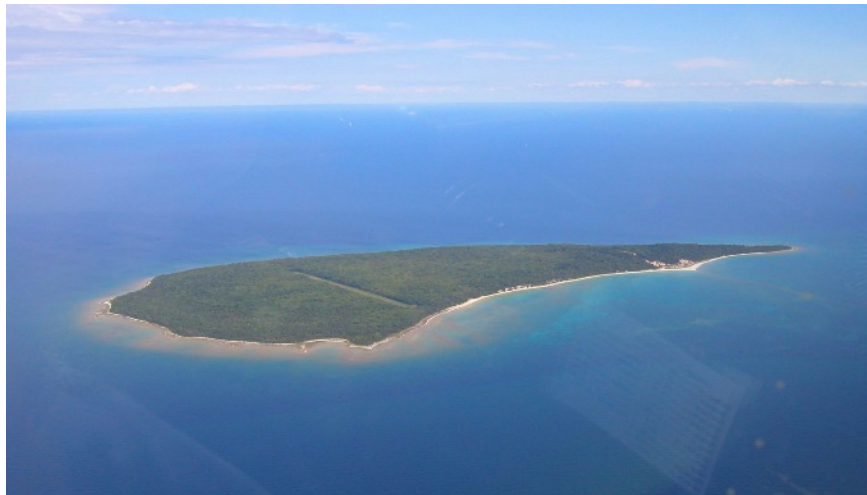
I have heard that there may be some questions and concerns because I haven't been to any of the meetings yet this year. My sincere apologies to all of you, but especially to Earle, as he has been left to shoulder my presidential duties at the meetings, plus do his job as Secretary/Treasurer. I truly would like to be there, but I have to say, I did warn you that my work schedule might make being President a challenge. For example, looking ahead at my work schedule, the only way I will be able to make the April, May and July meetings (short of taking a vacation day), will be to obtain an "excused absence" from my boss, which is what I plan to try.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, I am setting up future programs, writing the newsletter, and updating the website... all things you don't really see me doing. I'm also looking forward to the imminent return of a couple of "snowbird" board members, so that we can schedule a board meeting and have more than three people there!

Thank you for being patient with me.

Sincerely,
Dale Hagen

North Fox Island & Two Hearted River Back-country Airstrips



Come and learn about two of Michigan's newest public access back-country airstrips; North Fox Island & the Two Hearted River (UP) airstrips.

Brad Frederick, of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF), will provide an overview of the development of the North Fox Island airstrip and the plans for the development of the Two Hearted airstrip this Spring. Brad will also share pictures of these beautiful areas as well as provide tips to help you plan for your adventure to visit these spectacular flying destinations.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by EAA Chapter 145 (Riverview Airport), Greenville Area Aviation Association (GAAA) and the Lowell Airport and Pilots.

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10 a.m.
Riverview/Jenison Airport (08C)
No charge.