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Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, December 5, 2014, 7:30pm

The 2014 New England Trip

Herb Harney is a commercial pilot, business man and accomplished aircraft builder/restorer with a Bronze Lindy to his credit. He currently pilots a Cessna 337 Skymaster which he flew to New England last summer with several other pilots from EAA Chapters 211 and 145, including our President, Doug Formsma.

Come out and see Herb's pictures and hear his account of this exciting trip.

Terminal Conference Room, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Last meeting

Steven Zelle, President of Michigan Private Airstrip Owners Association, spoke to us about the current progress of legislation that aims to protect private airstrip owners from liability by adding "aviation activities" to the list of recreational activities in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The Michigan House of Representatives



Scott DeGaynor assists Steven Zelle, with map of private airstrips in Michigan.

has already passed House Bill 5178, a bill that would accomplish just

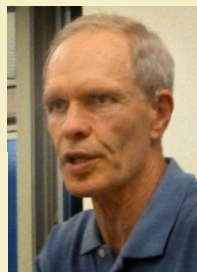
that, but it failed to pass the Senate Committee on Judiciary on Sept. 23, 2014 on a 2-2 vote. However, the Committee agreed to reconsider the bill after discussing its contents with the bill's sponsor, Representative Peter Pettalia.

As of this writing (11-28-14) I have no information about whether the Judiciary Committee has met with Rep. Pattalia, so...

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Prez Sez

Combining a Thanksgiving and end of year commentary is probably a good idea. I know I am very grateful for everything aviation has added to my life. About a dozen years ago I decided that I would build an airplane and thought it would be a good idea to become a member of chapter 211. The challenges



of building and completing a plane added a lot to my life, but becoming acquainted with and developing friendships with so many new people was an unexpected blessing.

I am really excited about the coming years for the chapter. Members are actively building about 15 airplanes at the present time. At the last meeting we had 3 people who had never been involved as

board members before agree to be a part of the leadership team for the next couple of years. That's exciting. New people stepping up to add positive experiences to their life. I can see chapter 211 continuing to be a vibrant group for a long time.

Keep on building and keep on growing.

Doug Formsma
EAA Chapter 211 President

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2014-11-07

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 31

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:35

Visitors Welcomed:

- We welcomed Dick Foster from EAA Chapter 145, John Boer from Riverview (Q8C), John Panning and Ethan Beswick from Holland, and Steve Zelle who was the speaker for November's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- The checkbook balance at the October meeting was \$3862.20. Petty cash balance at October meeting was \$57.82. October expenses were \$32.63 and October receipts (dues and coffee fund) were \$48.94 which gives us a checkbook ending balance of \$3845.68 and a petty cash ending balance of \$90.65, for a total chapter 211 November meeting fund balance of \$3936.33.

Important Dates:

- Earle Bares informed everybody that the new Terminal Building room has been reserved and approved for our next four "winter" meetings. The meeting dates are: December 5th, January 9th (note the date of this meeting is the 2nd Friday), February 6th and March 6th. The 2015 Dawn Patrol and Young Eagles will be on August 29th, and the Coast Guard Parade, of which the Grand Haven Aviation Association is planning a float, is August 1, 2015.

Nominations and Elections:

- President Doug Formsma opened the floor for nominations for the new Board of Director members. Scott Degaynor talked at length about new people getting involved in the local Chapter as a Director and/or Officer and that it's a truly rewarding experience.

After discussion both Warren Roosen and Bob Vink agreed to run for the Director positions and Dan Whisman also was persuaded to add his name. No other nominations were brought forth, therefore nominations were closed and because we only have three people for the three positions a motion was made and seconded to elect Warren Roosen, Bob Vink and Dan Whisman to the Chapter 211 Board of Directors for the years 2015 and 2016. Motion was unanimously passed.

Technical Reports:

- Neither Jack Brewer or Gary Van Farowe were present so there were no technical reports. However, we discussed a little bit about the SpaceShip 2 crash and the senior Google executive, Dr. Alan Eustace, who broke the sound barrier in free-fall from a record altitude of 135,908 feet on Oct. 24, 2014, after being released from his "weather balloon" via a small explosive device!

The SpaceShip 2 crash may have been due to a premature employment of the feathering mechanism which rotates the ship's twin tail booms into re-entry position to facilitate controlled descent, precipitating a catastrophic disintegration that took place only seconds later. At an altitude of nearly 9.5 miles (15.2 kilometers), SpaceShipTwo broke apart.

Coffee Break

Program

- Steven Zelle, Michigan Private Airstrip Owners Association

M.P.A.O.A. continued...

There may still be time to respectfully encourage these two Senators who voted against the bill to reconsider.

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If you want to write but don't know what to say, you could emphasize some of the benefits the passage of this bill could bring to the State of Michigan:

1. Private strips offer emergency landing sites for pilots who experience problems with their aircraft while in flight.
2. Private strips offer landing sites in situations involving law enforcement, fire, DNR, Homeland Security and medical emergencies.
3. With the fear of litigation diminished, an increase in aviation activity would be good for Michigan's economy through increased fuel sales and increased maintenance

American Eaglet Project

Thursday evening Work Sessions are scheduled for December 4, 11, and 18.

A Saturday Work Session may be added depending on interest.

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

Builders Corner

An ongoing list of members working on projects

Merle Mulder RV 9A,

Dave Thomas RV 12,

Bill Verduin RV 7,

Brian Greene RV 7,

Scott Dykstra RV 7A (reports that tail is complete),

Ed Cech RV 9A,

Bob Vink Fisher Younster/RV 12 (he is working on rear tail cone for the RV-12),

Paul Dannenberg Pitts,

Tom Marrotta Velocity,

Karl Kotecki Waiex,

Dennis Otto EAA Biplane,

Bill Vandermolen 4 Place Cub,

John Gill Acro Sport (John reports wing is 60% assembled and fuselage is 80% complete),

on aircraft which could result in the increased purchases of parts and supplies. The more fuel and parts that are purchased the more tax revenue will be generated.

4. If private strip owners have liability protection they would be more apt to allow other flyers to land on their strip. When pilots know they are welcome to land on a private strip, with the owner's permission, OF course, they are more inclined to travel around the state and also more out-of-State flyers would be encouraged to fly into Michigan, generating additional tourism revenue.

Also, because the statute currently enumerates recreational power sports like snowmobiling and motorcycling, which are substantially similar to recreational aviation in terms of risk profiles and participant expectations of liability, I/we believe that specifically enumerating "aviation activities" is necessary to protect airstrip owners allowing the flying public onto their land because there is uncertainty as to whether recreational airplane and helicopter operation on private land is covered by the "any other outdoor recreational use or trail use" clause in the existing statute.

You can also contact Steven Zelle, President Michigan Private Airstrip Owners Association
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Gary Van Farowe and Chapter members American Eaglet.

2014 Christmas banquet

Christmas Dinner & Awards Banquet, December 6, 2014

Please join us Saturday, December 6, 2014, for an evening of camaraderie and Holiday spirit at our 2014 Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

The venue will be at Gordon Gilcrest's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport, 9140 Vinton Avenue NW, Sparta, MI. Gordon's is a large new hangar East of the T-hangars that are just East of John Gill's hangar. There is access right off 11 Mile Rd. which borders the north side of the airport. See satellite view below.

Chapter 211 will be furnishing ham & pulled pork, coffee, soft drinks and water. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, and your Holiday spirit(s). Plan on arriving about 6pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm.

Election Results!

The election for three new board members was held at the November meeting. Elected were Warren Roosen, Bob Vink, and Dan Whisman. They will be serving as Directors in 2015 with Officers Earle Bares, Walt Klawson and Tom Marotta.

Congratulations to Warren, Bob and Dan, and much thanks to our outgoing 2014 Officers Doug Formsma, Ed Cech and Ben Gerhardt. Ben, unfortunately, had to resign his position early when he decided to move to Georgia and marry his girlfriend! So, a special thanks to Earle Bares for stepping in early to fill the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

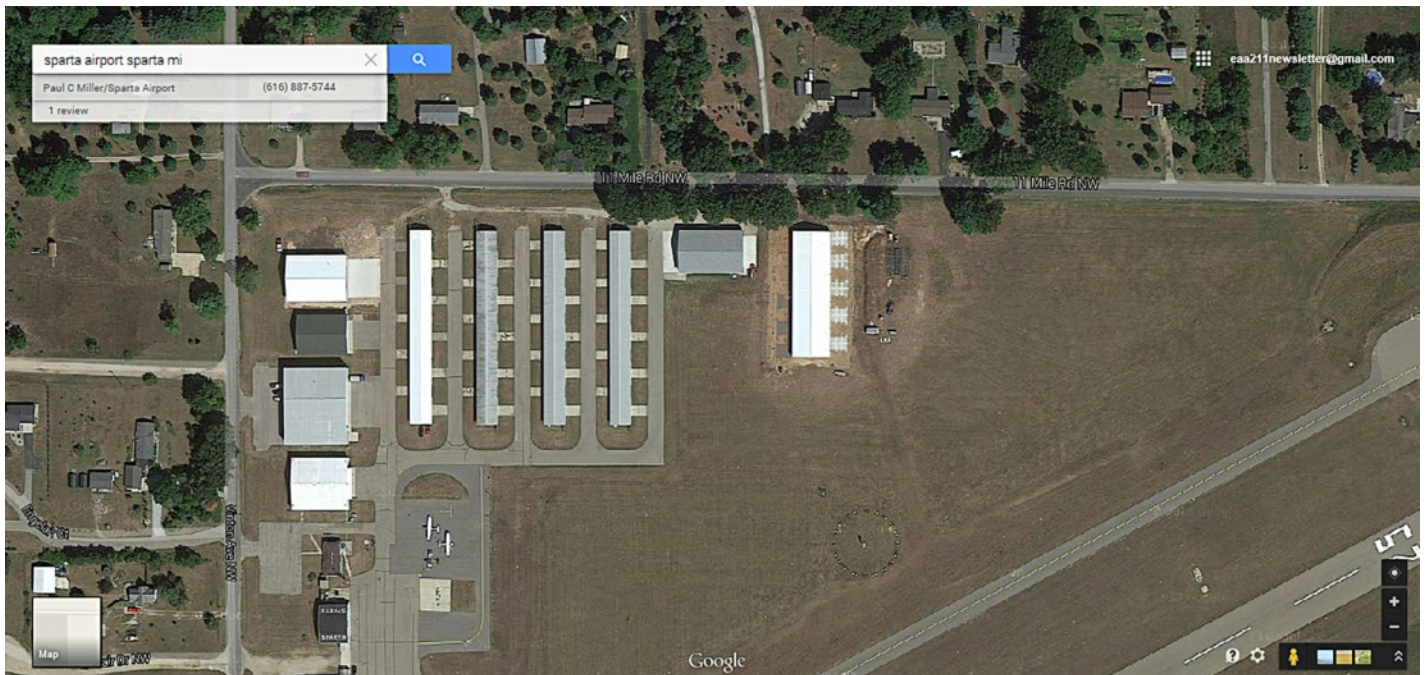


Holiday Bonus

Turkey Drone 2014

Add this to the list of unnecessary but entertaining things people do with drones!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOOKsU9xFj8>



RV-10 Kit For Sale

I don't know if any of you received this by email (as I did recently) but it sounds really intriguing. Maybe this would make a great chapter project!

Could you let your members and anyone else know, that EAA 66 has an RV-10 kit that was donated to our

chapter. We will be putting it up for sale at a discount price. An A&P was building it for a doctor and died. The doctor decided not to complete it and has given it to us. It also has many accessories with the kit. We are organizing pictures and parts lists. Estimated present value around \$56,000. We are looking for \$25,000.

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