



December 2016

Hangar Talk

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

Meeting Friday, December 2, 2016, 7:30pm

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

Mystery Program

Please join us for our regular meeting. The program is unknown at the time of this writing, but it will be good.

2016 Dues are Due

We will have envelopes for your dues at the meeting on which you can check and update your information.

Dues still are only \$22 for the year. If you have been receiving your newsletter through the mail and want to continue receiving it that way, add \$3 (\$25 total).



The additional \$3 doesn't fully cover the cost of printing and postage, but we will continue the service to the few who have had it and want to keep it.

But if you are ready to **SAVE \$3, AND get Hangar Talk in FULL COLOR**, switch now. Just be sure to let the Editor, Dale Hagen, know your email address.

Prez Sez



It has been a privilege to be the president in two thousand sixteen, Until Dale takes over, I'm here 'til the new year and days in between.

As this month comes to end, I will relinquish my post, Handing the reigns over to those who helped me the most.

We heard of your projects, objects, and things experimental, Places we spend our money, planes being the end all.

We heard the stories of the homebuilt aircraft, Some of the stories that were told as we laughed.

Tales about Pro-Seal, as told by Scotty, Told using language, more fit for the potty.

Projects were completed, like Bob's RV, Shiny and new, and quite a sight to see.

The Eaglet was masterfully rebuilt and restored, Something for everyone, no one was bored.

So, build those airplanes, get them into the air, Fly them like test pilots, if you so dare.

In a few days, we will have our banquet, Christmas cheer, the table to be set.

Come to the dinner and don't be tardy, Have a good meal, come to the party.

Next year's officers will take over real soon, Writing better columns than this rhyming buffoon.

But, thank you for the honor, pleasure, and fame, I hope to hear your stories and much of the same.

To my fellow pilots who take to the flight, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Dan Whisman
EAA Chapter 211 President, 2016

"In flying I have learned that carelessness and overconfidence are usually far more dangerous than deliberately accepted risks." – Wilbur Wright in a letter to his father, September 1900

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2016-11-04

Submitted by Robert Vink

Attendance: 20

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:30

The Nov. 4 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Dan Whisman.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of eighteen people were in attendance at the November meeting; Fifteen members and three guests, Mark Lyeinl, Bob Fidler from Zeeland, and Mike Gill of Grand Rapids .

Event and Meeting Dates:

December 2, 2016 - Regular meeting.

December 3, 2016 - Annual Christmas Dinner & Awards Banquet. (See Page 3)

January 6, 2017 - Regular meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the October 7, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

We started the month with \$3,802.26 in the checking account, petty cash is at \$39.00. As of 11/14/16 we have taken in \$9.00 from the cookie fund.

Expenses: \$35.62 paid out to Dale for printing supplies. \$95.40 to the Trophy House for presentation plaques. \$100.00 for Young Eagles and \$100.00 to Michigan Aviation , both in remembrance of Chet Uncapher, to be accompanied with a letter drafted by Dale Hagen.

Ending balance, petty cash on hand remained at \$39.00. Checking \$3,480.24 giving us a grand total of \$3,519.24 available. We currently have 50 paid members.

Old Business:

As called for in our By Laws, we attempted to hold our election for 2017 Board of Directors at the November meeting, but we failed to have any nominees. Names suggested included Bob Teichma, Ken Gleason, Tom Vanderjagt, and Brian Greene, but only Tom and Brian were actually at the meeting, and they both indicated their schedules were not very open to being Board members. So we will be working on this in the next month or two. Dale Hagen will be the upcoming President, Bob Kenrick will be the V.P., and Earl will again take the role of Secretary / Treasurer. A request was made again for volunteers to fill the position of Flight Advisor and Young Eagles coordinator. Warren Roosen stepped up and agreed to take on the responsibility for the Young Eagles.

Projects:

John Gill is making progress on his Acro Sport and is ready to start fabric covering the wings. His project is in Sparta and he's willing to share the fun.

Scott talked about his leaky fuel tank and "luck" with Proseal was no recommendation for Proseal. New engine running well and fun with aviation in his tri-gear.

Reminder:

The Christmas gathering with Chapter 504 is scheduled for December third. It was noted that the 6:00 pm gathering will take place in Gordon Gilcrest's hanger at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport (9140 Vinton Ave NW - Gordon's hanger is east of the T hangers - access right off 11 Mile Rd.)

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...Chapter 211 will be furnishing meat, coffee, soft drinks and water. Members should bring a dish to share and their own table service.

Coffee Break: We broke for coffee at 20:20

New Business:

Earl Bares (Airport Manager) informed us that the airport will be charging \$75.00 per meeting to use the airport's meeting room for EAA 211 Friday night meetings.

Gambling on a mild winter, and with short memories (of freezing toes and a thunderous furnace blower), hearty club members voted to continue meeting in our drafty club house this winter. Things like warmth, restrooms, WiFi, and being able to actually hear the speaker are for wimps! We can spend on excessive insurance, but not on a comfortable meeting place, with such amenities as indoor plumbing!

(Inappropriate editorial sarcasm added by editor... So fire me!)

Scott once again gave a talk on the history of the club and the development of our club house.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15



Merry Christmas

Please join with your fellow EAA Chapter 211 family and Chapter 504 on Saturday, December 3, 2016, for an evening of camaraderie and Holiday spirit at our 2016 Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

The venue will be Gordon Gilcrest's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport, 9140 Vinton Avenue NW, Sparta, MI. Gordon's is the large 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.

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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.