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# Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,  
serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, and airplane  
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## EAA Chapter 211

### MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012 CARBON CUB

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be on the Carbon Cub and will be presented by Gary Kremers.

#### Christmas Party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 15, 2012, 6:00-8:30pm at John Gill's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport. It will again be a party for both Chapter 211 and Sparta's EAA Chapter 704. Chapter 211 will furnish meat, coffee, soft drinks and water. Bring a dish to share and table service. Plan on arriving about 6pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. There is a map to Sparta airport on page 6.

#### 2013-2014 Board Members

At the November meeting the Chapter elected new board members to serve in 2013-2014. The new members are Ed Cech, Doug Formsma, and Ben Gerhardt. Ed, Doug, and Ben will join 2013 President Dale Hagen, Vice President Chet Uncapher, and Secretary

Treasurer Karl Kotecki on the board. Also running for the board was Bob Vink. Thanks to all for offering to serve on the board.

#### American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Your editor again worked on the project this month. The Saturday work session was focused on covering the tail. There are photos of the project on page 3.

Now that flying season and summer distractions are done come out and help with the project. There is still one wing to rebuild and a lot of covering. Contact Gary for more information or to let him know what days you are available. Work sessions are on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The work schedule for the next month is:

December 6 Thursday  
December 8, Saturday  
December 13 Thursday  
December 20 Thursday  
December 27 Thursday

#### Tour of Waco/Great Lakes in Battle Creek

The Michigan chapter of the Antique Airplane Assn. has scheduled a tour of the Waco/Great Lakes factory in Battle Creek on January 12. Chapter 211 members are welcome to join the AAA for the tour. Gary VanFarowe would like a count of members planning to attend by January 1. Contact Gary at [mirearwinworks@yahoo.com](mailto:mirearwinworks@yahoo.com).

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Chapter 211 Web Site is at:

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Chapter 211 meeting is the first Friday of the month, 7:30pm at the Grand Haven Airport. Check the calendar on the last page or the web site for any changes.

## Prez Sez

It is hard to believe that 2012 has only a month left. I think we all wonder every year as to where did the year go and how did Christmas come so early.

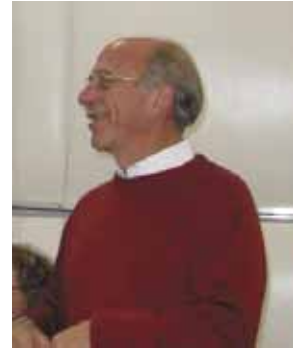
Looking back on the year we can remember some of our members who passed on and also welcome some new members to our group. I am encouraging to see some of the newer members step up to be on the board. It is a great way to get to know people. It was a relief to me to have members willing to throw their names in the hat for the board election. It is possible that Chet slightly twisted a few arms, but in any case the election went very well.

Be sure to mark December 15th for the Christmas party at John Gill's hanger in Sparta. Thanks to John for the use of his hanger and to the Sparta chapter for their work in hauling tables and chairs. Chapter 211 will supply the meat, rolls, soda, water, and coffee. Everyone is asked to bring their place settings, tableware, and a dish to pass. Don't panic if you forget your place setting, there will be some disposable plates etc. available. Don't forget the food, that is your ticket in the door. (Just kidding) There is always plenty of good food, so bring your appetite.

This the last Prez Sez for me so I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thank you,

Paul



## Editors Notebook

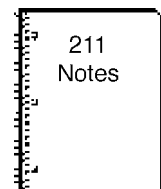
Winter is here. Time for indoor projects.

I have been enjoying the work on the Eaglet. It looks like I will get quite a bit of practice rib stitching throughout the winter. It is satisfying to cover, shrink, tape, coat, and stitch a surface. You get to see the part transform from tubing and loose fabric to something that can fly.

Be sure to come to the Christmas party December 15. It is always a good time with good friends.

I will be phasing out of the editors position over the next several issues of the news. Dale Hagen has offered to take over. I am sure Dale will do a great job with the news.

*George*



# The Eaglet Project - Covering the Tail

The Eaglet project is coming along. Your editor helped on a Saturday session where we were taping and stitching the vertical stabilizer, shrinking the fabric on the rudder, and covering the elevator.





### Minutes of monthly meeting of November 2, 2012:

The current balance of the treasury is \$3344.38. President Paul Overbeek welcomed visitors Carl Easting and Tom VanderJack to our meeting. Dale Hagen discussed the current sales of the American Eaglet hats. The Eaglet project is progressing well, with rib stitching of one wing, building of new landing gear, and rib manufacturing of the remaining wing being the current projects. The Tech Report was giving by Ken Dannenberg. Jack Brewer discussed the history of the Brunswick Corporation Stealth project, and Ben Ennenga discussed his recent trip to EAA headquarters in Oshkosh. Chet Uncapher discussed the need for three new board members, and since we had four members interested, an election was held. The new board members for 2013 will be Ed Cech, Doug Formsma, and Ben Gerhardt. Officers for 2013 will be Dale Hagen as President, Chet Uncapher as Vice President, and Karl Kotecki as Secretary/Treasurer. Also, Dale Hagen will be taking over the duties of publishing the EAA Chapter 211 Newsletter. John Panning discussed bird strikes, and then the November program about Aviation Auto Gasoline (Mogas) was presented by Doug Formsma.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Craig Christilaw  
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# Mystery Aircraft



A Mystery in Gary's shop



This mystery is the last 1922 Farman Sport



## More of The Eaglet Project Covering the Elevator

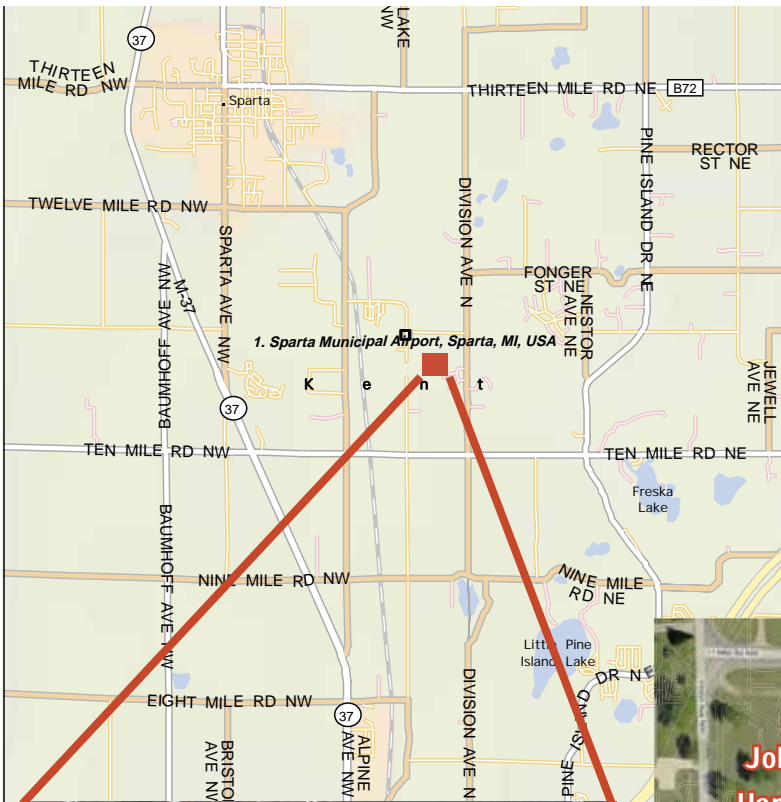


## EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

December 6, 8, 13, 20, 27 ..... Eaglet work day  
 December 7 ..... Meeting  
 December 15 ..... Christmas Party  
 January 4 ..... Meeting  
 January 12 ..... Waco Factory Tour  
 February 1 ..... Meeting  
 March 1 ..... Meeting  
 April 3 ..... Meeting

## Christmas Party December 15<sup>th</sup> Sparta Airport - Johns Hangar

Sparta Airport is east of Alpine Ave and north of 10 mile road. From Alpine turn east on Schultz, curve south on Vinton, the airport is just past 11 mile.



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