## January 2011

Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211, serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, and airplane lovers in western Michigan

# MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is Project Reports, where everyone gets a chance to tell the chapter about your project. If you have some parts to share to illustrate your problems or solutions bring them in.

#### **New Officers**

AA Chapter

The 2011 Officers with are: Dale Hagen – President Stan Briggs – Vice President, Jack Brewer – Secretary Treasurer.

Be sure to welcome them at the meeting.

#### **Officer Election**

We are still looking for board members for 2011 who will become officers in 2012.

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#### **Christmas Party**

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party was Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at John Gills hangar at Sparta. We had good weather, good food, and a very friendly crowd. Thanks to John for hosting and to everyone for coming.

#### **Project Visit**

There was a project visit to see Doug Formsma's RV-7a December 11<sup>th</sup> at Park Township. Doug's project is coming along well and looks beautiful. There are photos of the visit on Page 3

#### Dues

Dues for 2011 will be collected at the meeting, \$25 or \$22 with email delivery of the newsletter. The treasurer will have an envelope with the 2010 roster information for each member. Put your dues in your envelope and check that the roster information is correct. This way we will be able to keep track of who has paid dues and your editor will not have to add a sheet with the news for roster updates.

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#### Prez Sez

New Year Greetings, everyone!

This is my first month as President and I'm looking forward to an exciting year. Thank you all for your support. It's reassuring to know I won't be flying solo! (Thank heavens!)

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

As we look ahead to a new year a couple of things I hope we can accomplish are getting new windows for the clubhouse and attracting a few new members because it is always good to grow. Speaking of

new members, I'd like to welcome one of our newest, Rocky Frees, and thank him for jumping right in to take a position on the board. It's going to be a fun year!

Remember, we still have two more positions to fill, so if you would like to have some fun with us, please see me or one of the other board members at this months meeting!

Keep the shiny side up!

#### Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211

#### Past - Prez Sez

Welcome to 2011 I would like to thank Walt & Cliff for there commitment and quality work as fellow 2010 board members. We had a very fun year with some very tough goals to accomplish, as a team we brought our dreams to reality and good times were had by all Thanks Guy's.

Past Pres Tom Marotta

#### **Editors Notebook**

Happy New Year!!!

Join me in welcoming our new officers, Prez Dale Hagen, VP Stan Briggs, and Secretary Treasurer Jack Brewer and thanking our past officers, Tom Marotta, Walt Clawson, Bob Vermeulen, and especially Cliff Cole, who took on an extra year to help out.



Thinking back, I think it was 1991, twenty years ago, that we fixed up the clubhouse and some members twisted my arm to take on the newsletter for a bit. Now 20 years, 2 printers, and at least 3 computers have gone by. Time sure flies. The used printer I picked up over a decade ago now has over 210,000 pages printed; I think it had around 130,000 when I got it. It is a lot easier now that most of you get the email edition but I still like the looks of the printed newsletter.



George

## Project Visit to Doug Forsmas RV-7a



### EAA Chapter 211 December 3rd Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lead by President Tom Marotta. Forty members were in attendance. The minutes were approved and the treasurer's report given and approved.

Flight advisor, Ken Dannenberg reported 183 accidents this last month with 29 fatal resulting in 44 fatalities. Of these, the experimental were 24 accidents with 4 fatal and a total of 5 fatalities. Many were ground accidents due to wind and weather. The experimental included a Quicksilver, a Lancair, a GlasairII, and a ChallengerII.

The Christmas party was discussed, and the need to help set up and clean up.

The board for next year will be Dale Hagen as president, Stan Briggs will be vice-president and Jack Brewer will be secretarytreasure. Rocky Frees is the only adventurous one that would step forward to serve on the 2012 board even though Tom made





several opportunities for people to step forward.

The December 10 project visit to Doug Formsma's hanger was discussed

Frank discussed some of the plans of the Civil Air Patrol in the next year and requested use of the meeting room. Scott DeGaynor made a motion to let them use the room with no charge for the heat. This was seconded by Bob Kenrick and passed.

Tom Brownlee and others reported on discussions with and medical visits with Dr. Pinnelll.

Break: coffee and cookies

Following the break we watched a video of construction of an experimental plane in Germany. A lot of information about engine modification, design of retractable landing gear and some excellent in flight footage as well as standby emergency switch and batteries to supply fuel, ignition and related items in case of a loss of the main electrical system.





## **Mystery Aircraft**



This months Mystery Plane is at Park Township



Last month's Mystery was a Fairchild C-119G at Grissom Air Museum in Indiana

## **EAA Christmas Party**









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### Christmas Party December 4<sup>th</sup> Sparta Airport - Johns Hangar

EAA Chapter 211 Calend	ar
January 7	Meeting
February 4	Meeting
March 4	Meeting
March 29-April 3	
April 1	Meeting
May 6	Meeting
June 3	Meeting

