



March 2015

Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, March 6, 2015, 7:30pm

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

"My Flight Aboard GUNFIGHTER"

The program for our March meeting will feature Rolina Vermeer who happens to be Warren Roosen's wife! Warren and Rolina are both certified aircraft marshals. For the past 22 years Warren has volunteered at Oshkosh, marshaling airplanes, particularly war birds.

And, last year marked the 10th year Rolina has done the same.

Consequently they have made many friends in the "war bird community." – continued on page 3



2015 Dues are Due

Anyone who didn't pay their dues last month is asked to do so this month. We will again have envelopes at the meeting on which you can update your information for the 2015 Roster.

Dues 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).



If you are out of town, or are not going to be at the next meeting, or need to mail your dues for any reason, you can make your check to **EAA Chapter 211** and send it to the Treasurer:

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Prez Sez

Wow, March is here and soon the end of winter is near! Looking at the extended forecast you may think there is no end to this one.



As we are now feeling warm and cozy in the airport's new meeting room, we will soon be going back to our roots and

10:00 a.m. We are also planning an afternoon visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo!

meeting in the 211 clubhouse.

Don't forget we have been invited to join chapter 145 at the WACO factory on March 14, at

If you have not paid your chapter dues they are now **LATE!** Our by-laws state "all unpaid memberships expire on January 1st of every year."

As always, check weather and fly safe! See you at the meeting.

Tom Marotta
EAA Chapter 211 President

"No one can realize how substantial the air is, until he feels its supporting power beneath him. It inspires confidence at once." — Otto Lilienthal, German inventor of the first successful glider, 1893.

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2015-02-06

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 30

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:37

We had 29 members in attendance and visitor Kevin Golsch from Norton Shores. We are happy to announce and welcome Kevin as our newest member! It was generally agreed that individual attendance will no longer be kept. The "data-base"/attendance sheet maybe passed around from time to time to verify information.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 10th, 2015 meeting minutes. A discussion followed about the minutes as written and as edited for the newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to "keep as is" and therefore minutes may be edited by the editor. The original minutes as written will be available from the secretary. Both motions passed.

Treasure's Report:

The checkbook balance from the last meeting was \$3236.08. Petty cash balance at December meeting was \$58.55. We had a few expenses this last month totaling \$11.40. We had receipts of \$6.00 cash, \$115.00 refund, and \$160.00 dues. This gives us a checkbook ending balance of \$3511.08 and a petty cash ending balance of \$53.15, for a total chapter 211 February meeting fund balance of \$3564.23. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report; it was unanimously passed.

Meeting Dates and Locations - The next meeting date will be March 6th in the new terminal building (unless it is warm!). The meetings thereafter will return to our clubhouse. The January 2016 meeting will not be on January 1st but rather the 8th. However, by a vote of 12 to 7, the July meeting will remain on the first Friday of the month, July 3rd.

Chapter 211 Insurance - Investigation determined that the Chapter needs to pay for 24/7 365 liability coverage, therefore we will resubmit the \$115.00 for the additional insurance. In addition, as the result of our research and conversations with EAA it was noted (again from the EAA): We must "*participate in the EAA Chapter/Squadron Aviation General Liability Insurance Program - No substitute insurance will be allowed*" and; "*Report our Chapter/Squadron Sponsored Events to the EAA Risk Management Office, using the proper insurance applications or notice forms at least 30 days prior to the event, and to adhere to the insurance requirements for EAA Chapter/Squadron Events. Full disclosure of all activities and responsibilities is required*" – this includes our picnics.

Dues Collection - A discussion took place on changing the collection of dues. A majority of the membership present voted to keep the dues collection period the same as it now is (beginning of year).

EAA Membership Requirement - EAA requires that local Chapter members to be members current EAA Members in good standing. (From the EAA agreement we sign: "*Ensure that all Members of our EAA Chapter/Squadron who vote, hold office or pay dues to the Chapter are current EAA Members.*") The membership requirement is also part of our By-Laws (see website). It was generally agreed we would enforce the rule, but we will come up with alternatives for those who may not be able to afford it. It also was noted that visitors and interested parties are always welcome.

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Next Meeting

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As you may recall, Warren flew 73 sorties in a P-51 D model in Korea. But this program is Rolina's story about an amazing, surprise, she received in 2014... a complimentary ride in the famous P-51 Mustang named Gunfighter, owned by the Commemorative Air Force.

Her story is about not only the flight itself but all the instruction she



was given prior to the flight as to how to get out of the aircraft in an emergency when going into the

water, trees and ground. How to use her parachute and her feelings when upside down and flying in formation with Old Crow and Gentleman Jim (both aircraft belong to Jack Rousch).

You won't want to miss this informative, entertaining, and sometimes hilarious program!

<http://www.p51gunfighter.com/>

Meeting Minutes

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Chapter Service Awards presented - Tom Marrotta presented the 2014 Chapter Service Awards from the EAA recognizing the members who have given their time and talents to our local chapter this last year:

Doug Formsma – President
Ed Cech – Vice President
Ben Gerhardt – Secretary and Treasurer
Craig Christilaw – Young Eagle Coordinator
Dale Hagen – Newsletter and Web Editor

New Terminal Building Area/Hall Decoration/Displays - If Chapter 211 wants to put up something aviation related such as pictures, a proposal and plan must be prepared and submitted to the Airpark Board/City for approval. It was generally agreed by the Board/City that if there was something it would have to be somewhat limited. For example, individual small pictures of airplanes would not be acceptable (hanging on a wall). We can put up an American flag on a stand (we would have to buy it). Our Chapter will not have any, or very limited, storage in the new area, therefore will not be able to roll out a display, however a picture board might be possible.

Joint meeting(s) with other Chapters - in particular Fremont Chapter 578, was another topic. Motion was made and passed that this would be a good idea and will invite Chapter 578 to some of our meetings and/or picnic.

Technical Reports: Gary Van Farowe:

A very complete inspection of an airplane you are going to buy is very necessary - no matter what seller may say or how the airplane presents itself ("looks"). Gary explained that Cessna has a very good website to see what to look at/for in an airplane you are thinking about buying. Gary gave several examples. It is well worth the money to find problems ahead of time vs. later when you own the airplane. Know what you are buying!

Coffee Break:

Program: Annual Project Reports

Build Reports and Presentations (the past months reports are also included as most members were not at the January meeting – we also updated the Eaglet information with the latest) Projects, airplanes, and reports:

Ken Allen - RV 6,
Merle Mulder - RV 9A,
Bill Verduin - RV 7: work on the control surfaces is done,
Brian Greene - RV 7: Reports wings are complete and the fuselage kit is due in March,
Scott Degaynor – Bede 4: Scott reviewed how he has changed the profile of the Bede 4 – looks very fast but now he would like his paint stripes to reflect this too.
Scott Dykstra - RV 7A,
Ed Cech - RV 9A: Showed some pictures of his "new" project. He wants to replace the Subaru engine with a Lycoming 0320 and is now working on the a new instrument panel-pulling wires etc.,
Bob Vink - RV-12: Bob shared pictures of his rapid progress on his RV-12.
Paul Dannenberg – Pitts: talked about 0320 engine,
Bill Vandermolen - 4 Place Cub,
John Gill - Acro Sport – he continues to work on and making some progress,
Paul Overbeek – LongEZ: talked about a good fuel valve to use – well worth the money (remember John Denver).
Gary Van Farowe and Chapter members American Eaglet: The members report so far about 1800 hours have been put into the restoration in 3 years. Last wing is in paint. A crack was found in a connecting rod, so this will definitely delay the project. Gary reports "it will be done when it is done".

Meeting adjourned at 22:00



Chapter 211 Field Trip Activity

Saturday, March 14, 2015

It's time to get out and do something fun together! You probably read about our Chapter Activity planned for March 14, 2015 in February's Hangar Talk.

Well, I hope you have been thinking about participating. The thing is, by Thursday morning, March 5, I have to know how many of us are planning to go. So, if you think you might go, let me know! Please email me a short note at hagenphoto@yahoo.com

Here is what is on the agenda:

The guided tour of WACO Aircraft factory, 15955 South Airport Road, Battle Creek, MI, will begin promptly at 10:00 on Saturday, March 14, 2015. There will be no charge for the tour.

You may drive or join the tour by flying in to (BTL) or (KBTL) and parking near the factory at the south east end of runway 05L/23R.

At the conclusion of the tour we are going to go about 2.6 miles from the WACO factory to Hogzilla BBQ, 889 West Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, for lunch, or you may elect to go on your own somewhere else. Hogzilla BBQ has Salads, BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Subs and Sandwiches, and Sides on the menu, and a lunch buffet for \$9.95. Check out the pictures of Hogzilla BBQ below. <http://hogzillabbq.com/>

Then, after lunch, anyone interested can head over for an afternoon visit to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo (\$10 general admission – additional cost for some attractions).

Now, I'm going to suggest that those who are not flying to Battle Creek meet up in Grand Haven airport at 07:30 to carpool and caravan down there. We will talk about

this at our regular EAA Chapter meeting, Friday, March 6. We want to make sure everyone who wants to go can make it there. I will send out another email after the our Friday, March 6 meeting with final details about carpool arrangements.

If you fly down to Battle Creek for the WACO tour, we will try to squeeze you into a car to Hogzilla BBQ.



WACO YMF-5D

After lunch we will be going to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, 6151 Portage Road in Portage, MI. The Air Zoo gladly welcomes fly-ins to its East Campus facility, which is located just off the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (AZO) grounds. If you are unfamiliar with where the East Campus is, ask the AZO air traffic control tower and they will direct you where to go.

Once you arrive, please check in at the East Campus' ticket counter. From there, an Air Zoo volunteer or employee will direct you to the Air Zoo's Main Campus building. (It is about a five-minute walk from the East Campus.)

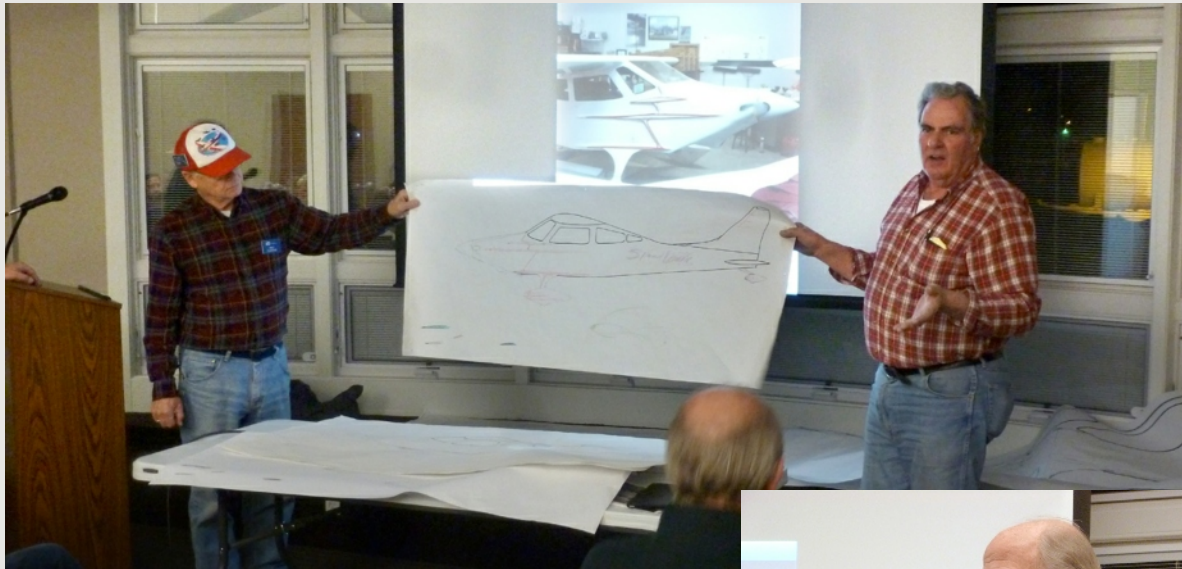
<http://www.airzoo.org/>

Again, if you are planning to attend please email me **before Thursday morning**, March 5, 2015. My email address is:

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Some photos from our Annual Project Reports



American Eaglet Project

Thursday evening Work Sessions are scheduled for March 19, and 26.

No Saturday Work Session is scheduled for March.

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



No updates to Builders Corner for this month
as most updates are contained within the minutes of the last meeting on page 3.

