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Hangar Talk

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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY JANUARY 2ND PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, January 2nd at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. This is the first meeting for new officers President Kenrick, VP Dave Anderson, and Secretary Treasurer Cliff Cole. The program will be PROJECT REPORTS. Bring parts, photos, stories, and updates on your projects.

Dues

Dues will be collected at the meeting, \$25 or \$22 with email delivery of the newsletter. Secretary-treasurer Cliff Cole will have an envelope with the 2008 roster information for each member. Put your dues in your envelope and check that the roster information is correct. This way Cliff 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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Christmas party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party December 6th at John Gills hangar at Sparta was a success. We had a good crowd despite the traditional snowstorm. There are some photos of the evening on page 3.



2009-2010 Board Members

New board members were elected during the December meeting. Serving as board members in 2009 and officers in 2010 are Bob Vermeulen, Walt Clawson, and Tom Marotta. Congratulations to our new board members.

Problems with the email newsletter?

I had a few reports last month from people getting the email edition of the news. They had problems opening the PDF copy of newsletter. Let your editor know if this happens again. I made some upgrades to my computer that gave problems printing the PDF files last month but I think I have them solved.

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Contributing this month

Prez Sez

It was a tough campaign---but now the new year begins!

I have dug out the crib sheet from my last term in this high office and will attempt to not destroy either the club or our friendship.

My first act (premature) was to appoint Mr. Ben Ennenga to the position of chairman of the committee to oversee the chapter's involvement with the Grand Haven airport 60th year celebration. We met with a group last Wednesday at the airport and I'm sure that Ben will stay on top of the plans.

I am looking forward to the year and plan to be involved--as much as I can --with as many projects as possible.

See you all at the meeting.-----bobk

Bob Kenrick

President - EAA 211



Editors Notebook

We have another year beginning, and another set of officers leading the chapter.

The January meeting is always a fun one, where we go around the room and hear about everyone's project. Be sure to bring parts and stories to share.

Once again we will use the envelopes to collect dues.

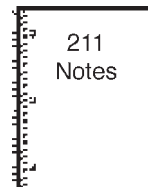
This keeps the money straight for the Treasurer and gives you all a chance to update the roster info. I think my database for printing the envelopes is close to correct but I did have a problem last year after I printed the roster and had to go to a backup older version of the database so you may get to correct info again this year.

The Christmas party was a fun time, as always. John, thanks for providing the hangar so two chapters can get together, share some good food, and meet and chat with old and new friends.

I can already see that my 2009 will continue to have a lot of work travel. A lot of this months news was composed on my laptop in Indiana. With help from the board getting their parts of the news to me on time and help from all of you sending me photos, reports, and stories the news will continue to let all the members of Chapter 211 know what is happening in West Michigan.

Happy New Year

George



EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party



Chapter 211 Minutes of December 5, 2008

President Paul Overbeek began opening ceremonies at 7:38 leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-eight members were present. The minutes and financial report were reviewed and approved.



Jack Brewer's Tech Report discussed a Cessna nose wheel failure. It underscored the importance of torquing the bolts to specs, even when changing a tire. Repairs now cost \$1200 to become compliant.

The 2008 Service Awards' given by our EAA National, recognized chapter 211 members achievements this year. Our President gave them out to; Paul Overbeek - President, Paul



Dannenberg - Vice President, Alfred Smith - Secretary and Treasurer, George Wolter - Newsletter Editor, Jack Brewer - Technical Advisor, Ken Dannenberg - Flight Advisor,

and Chet Uncapher - Young Eagles. Although absent, Gary Vanfarrow was noted for his ongoing contribution also.

The 2010 Elections went smoothly. Elected were Bob Vermeulen, Walter Clawson, and Tom Marotta. They will serve on The Board with the 2009 officers before taking office.



Tomorrow evening, Saturday, Ch 211 and the Sparta Club will host our annual Christmas Dinner in John Gills Hanger there. It has been a great family get-together.

Scott DeGaynor shared his experience with his recent Tufting Program to make a plane that looks fast actually fly fast. First he tufted the cowling and tested it on the ground. Then he flew it and noticed differences, such as tufts pointing straight up on a window. Also some fray while others don't. He is contemplating setting up some mini cameras to view the action up close, rather than just view it from a nearby chase plane where even videotaping gets blurry with a little bit of buffeting during flight. Then there is "that" tuft which for

no apparent reason switches direction totally! Scott wonders if he can speed the plane up after it does that and catch it. His ultimate goal is to get clear pictures of what the tufts tell about the airflow over particular sections of the plane. Then adapt corrections to make it fly better. He says he wants help with good input so he will know Where to go and How to fix it.

The Program. The rest of the evening was dedicated to one of our Charter Members,

CLYDE BUCKLEY.

Vice - President Paul Dannenberg introduced Clyde. He started, by donating to the Club Library a box full of his Building Manuals, FAA Examination Manuals and many others of his "stuff". He described serving aboard a PBY during World War II. When he got home he started building planes, at least 6; two Pietenpols, plus an ultralight Pietenpol, a Spezeo, a Corby Starlet, and a Vari-Ezy. He said it seems like when you make parts for a plane, you build 3 and throw away two of them.



He says progress went a lot faster when he was younger, and that was before Viagra. A Video was shown of Clyde's last full sized

Mystery Aircraft



A festive engine at the party



Last months mystery was a test stand engine used for propeller tests. Engine folks, is this a Pratt R985?

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Pietenpol taken in the 1990's. He commented on its construction while it was being built. He told of making the heat muff from a soldered together tin can, which works well even today. And because of that particular Model A Ford engine, and the Zenith carb from a J. C. Whitney catalogue, his plane was Really Classy because it had a choke! He told of scarfing wood from all over the West Michigan area that went into the various planes, some wood gathered from other local members here.

In a manner of speaking, parts of his planes were made from scraps. The Piet propeller is 4 times the size of the Corby starlet's. Other

construction secrets were to add spring loaded shoe "doors" to make it easier to get in. He used motorcycle wheels. He made wind shields for the spokes by laying up a thin layer of fiberglass over glass, make it a bit oversized, then pull it together in a pie shape over the spokes and rivet it. After flying a bit around the patch, he didn't like the throttle control knob. Said it didn't fit the feel of the plane so instead put a wooden spool in its place. That made it right.

After the questions were answered, Club President, Paul, on behalf of Clyde's contributions to Aviation

and Chapter 211 over these many years, awarded Clyde "Something to hang over his Fireplace". Clyde received a Propeller with Engraved Nameplate in the center. Also, Clyde accepted a Wall Plaque. A duplicate Wall Plaque will be mounted on the Clubhouse in his honor. A long round of applause could be heard as the meeting came to an end.

Note: - Have your Project Reports ready, which is the subject for our January meeting.

Secretary / Treasurer

Alfred A. Smith



EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

January 2	Meeting
February 6	Meeting
March 6	Meeting
April 3	Meeting
May 1	Meeting
June 5	Meeting



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