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Hangar Talk

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



EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 AUTO FUEL

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, November 2nd, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is on auto fuel for aircraft and will be presented by Chapter member Doug Formsma. This should be of interest to all of the members who buy avgas.

American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Your editor worked on the project this month. One wing is at the rib stitching stage, the other wing is being disassembled and ribs repaired or replaced. The fuselage has been repaired, sandblasted, and painted and will be ready for cover soon. 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. The work schedule for the next month is:

October 30 Tuesday
November 8 Thursday
November 15 Thursday
November 17 Saturday
November 20 Tuesday

Board Members

November is the time to look for new board members for next year. Board members will serve on the board for 2013 and will be the officers for 2014. You may get a call from a current board member asking if you would like to join the board. Please consider joining. If no one contacts you call a board member and put your name in.

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

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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

Time sure does fly. By the time most of you read this it will be almost November. With November comes the end of most good flying weather and the hated, by me at least, four letter word called "snow".

I remember a good flying day I didn't get to enjoy because my hanger door was frozen shut. Sitting on my Temperfoam seat that was like a rock until it warmed up was a lot of fun too. I think a trip south might be in order again this year.

A lot of progress, thanks to Chet, has been made in organizing the officers and duties associated with the club. I will explain in detail at the next meeting for discussion and a vote.

I would like to come up with a different meat selection for the Christmas party, but so far have not come up with one. If anyone has an idea, please let me know. Worst case is we fall back to the traditional menu, which is OK, but I thought a change might be nice.

I would like to thank our members who have presented a program this year. I would also like encourage the rest of you to volunteer to present any building, flying, or any other experience you may have had that would be of interest to the club. It is not an easy task for the vice-president to get programs if all of them have to come from outside the experiences of our club members.

Thank you,

Paul

President - Chapter EAA 211



Editors Notebook

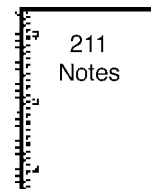
This is an interesting October. The other day I rode my bicycle in shorts through inches of fallen leaves. The forecast is for 40's tomorrow then maybe snow next week. It is time to get ready for winter projects.

I hope you will all consider becoming a board member for 2013-2014. The board meets once a month and guides the direction and activities for the Chapter. If you have never been on the board, now is the time to try it.

I spent a Saturday morning working the Eaglet. You really get to do many of the tasks in building a plane. This month I (carefully) disassembled a wing tip, varnished the floorboards for the fuselage, and stitched one more rib. There is a feeling of accomplishment in remembering how to tie that rib stitch knot and hide it inside the wing.

I few months back I mentioned that I would like to hand the newsletter off to a new editor. There has been some interest; if anyone else is thinking about becoming an editor get in touch with me. One thing I have been doing is looking at current low or no-cost software for assembling the news. The software I use is about a decade old but it works on my old computer. I have been trying out a newer free page layout program, it seems to be pretty good. Maybe next month I'll try publishing with it.

George



The Eaglet Project

The Eaglet project is coming along. One wing is being rib stitched. The other wing is at the disassembly and repair stage. The fuselage has been repaired and painted. Stop in for one of the work sessions and see the progress and help out.



Minutes of the October 5th, 2012 meeting:

EAA Chapter 211 minutes of meeting of October 5, 2012 Treasurer reported a balance of \$3082.38 as of October 5th, 2012. The club members welcomed visitor Phil Cammenga, friend of Victor Matthews. Stan Briggs was presented a plaque for his service as Vice President for 2011. The American Eaglet project was discussed, and members were told about the wings now covered with new fabric and ready for stitching. Jack Brewer reported on the weighing of Bob Vink's Fisher Youngster, and spoke about the World War I exploits of Lt. Garnsey of Grand Haven, Michigan. The treasurer was presented a check of \$100 from Walter Clawson for the American Eaglet. Those members that pledged funds for the Eaglet project can send them to Craig Christilaw, Secretary/Treasurer of EAA Chapter 211. After coffee, the club enjoyed a program on Homebuilt Experimentation by Scott DeGaynor.



Mystery Aircraft



Last month's Mystery was a cluster to tubes on the Eaglet fuselage



One month later...



Another mystery from the Smithsonian

More of The Eaglet Project





Dale works to get the computer and projector communicating...

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

November 2	Meeting
November 8, 15, 17, 20	Eaglet work day
December 7	Meeting
December 15.....	Christmas Party
January 4	Meeting
February 1.....	Meeting
March 1	Meeting
April 3	Meeting