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# Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,  
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## EAA Chapter 211

### MEETING FRIDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> LAST FLIGHT HOME AND ELECTIONS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The December program is a DVD titled "Last Flight Home". It is a documentary about MIA's from WW2 and it relates the efforts of volunteer searchers for fliers and their remains from that war. It occurs on the island of Palau in the Pacific. It is loaned to us by Chet Uncapher.

The January meeting program will be the usual start of the year "project reports".

#### 2010 Board Elections

This month it is time to elect three board members for 2010 who will also serve as officers for 2011. The current board has found some chapter members who are interested in running but more candidates are needed. By becoming a board member you get to guide chapter

activities for the two years. So if you have some ideas about chapter activities or direction this is your chance to lead. It is your help that keeps the chapter active.

#### Christmas Party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at John Gills hangar at Sparta. It will again be a party for both 211 and the Sparta Chapter. The Chapter will furnish meat, coffee, and soft drinks. Bring a dish to share and table service. Plan on arriving about 6 pm with dinner beginning at 6:30. There is a map to Johns hangar on page 6 of the newsletter.

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### Contributing this month

## Prez Sez

Chet gave Dave an interesting sounding video---  
---Dave will be out for Dec. so the program was  
tossed to Walt Clawson.

Also--we would like to have the guests bring  
table service as well as a favorite dish to share. The  
club will supply ham, turkey, coffee and such.

We have some volunteers for officer positions----  
but I think we should have some more first-time officers!

Honestly fellows IT CAN BE FUN-----AND WE ALL WANT TO  
KEEP THE CLUB STRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cliff Cole hasn't been able to fly as the Zodiac is down for mandatory  
mods. I sure am glad Cliff didn't experience the problems (it seems that  
there was a flutter problem reported). Maybe the flight advisors will be  
able to shed more light on this.

I'm sure looking forward to the Christmas party at John Gill's hanger  
at the Sparta airport-last years was very well attended and John had the  
planes decked out for the holidays----I wonder how he keeps the lights  
on for long flights.

I was back to Ohio and the old field at Waynesville had some  
homebuilts and vintage stuff around. It always was a fun strip. Started  
by Red Sturat with a J3 in & a Harley 1946. Still grass and still a little  
rough.

About all I have been building is on the house for the last few months  
but I still dream--even if I do creak at times.

See you all at the Dec. meeting-----don't let fear of work keep you  
away

And mark your calendars for the Dec. 12 Christmas party.

Bob Kenrick

President - EAA 211



## Editors Notebook

December. The end of another year. Christmas Parties. And Board  
Elections

For the last time I will remind all of you that the Chapter needs you  
to be a board member and guide the Chapter for two years. At the  
meeting the board will ask for candidates, raise your hand. If you are  
shy have your neighbor nominate you.

The Christmas Party is the Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, a week and a day after  
the meeting. This is always a fun party. You can count on John  
and the Sparta folk to provide fellowship, a warm hangar, and a  
snowstorm. The snowstorm is optional.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*George*



## Photos from the past year



## EAA Chapter 211 November 6 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order with the saying of the pledge. There were twenty four members and two guests in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were given and approved as read. The treasure report was given and approved.



Ken Dannenberg was given his award from last year. He gave the flight report. There were a total of 229 accidents in October. Of those 25 were fatal with 49 fatalities. Out of the total accidents 30 were experimental with 3 fatal accidents and 3 fatalities. Ken noted that a SE5A, a RV6, and a Delta Hawk were among the accident



numbers. Also, there were two 152's that were flying formation over a boat race that got to close and one lost a wing. In another accident a Bonanza in Kalamazoo quit on take off.

Jack Brewer gave the tech report. Not much this month, the project in Grant had an unstable gear that was redone.

It was reported that Lin Light had a stroke this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lin and his family.

We received some gifts for the Young Eagles as a memorial to Jack Elenbaas.

Herb Kelly's family sent a check for \$400 dollars from the sale of the floats from his Cygnus.

Vic mentioned some notes and a diary from a B17 pilot in WWII were going to the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force museum in Ga.

Tom M reported on the Tri-Motor application being sent in for possible visit to Muskegon Airport. The manager of the airport has been talked to about this venture and is in favor of the visit.

It was reported that a Mustang two that had been purchased

with hopes of restoration was found to have corrosion and a cracked main spar. There was a lot of corrosion in the lower spar between the laminates.



The advise is, if your plane has a spar under the seat that you can not visually inspect, that you should make an opening for a bore scope. This applies to any



enclosed space so that inspection can be done.

There was a request for board members for next year. An excellent case for serving was made by Walt C.

The program was a video on Sea Planes.



# Mystery Aircraft



A garage Mystery



Last month's Mystery Jodel rudder pedals and brakes

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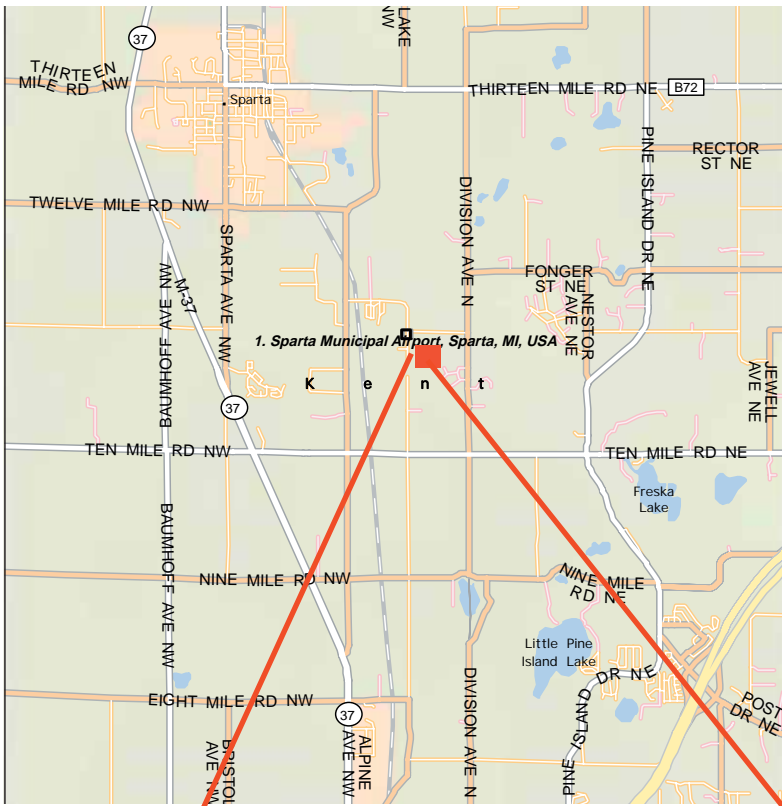


## EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

December 4 ..... Meeting  
 December 12 ..... Christmas Party  
 January 8 ..... Meeting  
 February 5 ..... Meeting

## Christmas Party December 12<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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