



September 2015

Hangar Talk

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Meeting Friday, September 4, 2015, 7:30pm

EAA Clubhouse, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Fei Hu: the Story of The Flying Tigers

I absolutely guarantee you do not want to miss our September meeting! GVSU professor Frank Boring will be sharing the fascinating story of the making of his documentary Fei Hu: the Story of the Flying Tigers, which was televised nationally and internationally on PBS.

Frank was born in post-World War II Taiwan, his father a mechanic for and personal friend of the legendary Claire L. Chennault. As a young boy Frank met Chennault as well as a number of the men who were called Fei Hu by the Chinese. But it wasn't until Mr. Boring was a young man that he began to understand and appreciate the significance of the role these great men played in the war with Japan. Frank's unique upbringing lead him to eventually produce the most authentic documentary of the legendary Flying Tigers ever.



Prez Sez

It's been a few months now and time for a 211 meeting. It will be on Friday, Sept. 4th at 7:30pm.

I made it to Oshkosh with my son, Ben, and enjoyed the friendship, camping, airplanes and, well, everything!



The joint chapter's picnic with 578 was a success with good food, conversation and fun.

What's with the weather? Note to self it is still summer so go flying!

See you at the meeting!

Tom Marotta
EAA Chapter 211 President

"The ultimate responsibility of the pilot is to fulfill the dreams of the countless millions of earthbound ancestors who could only stare skyward and wish." — Author Unknown

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2015-07-03

Submitted by Earle Bares

Call to order:

The July 3rd Chapter 211 Meeting was called to order at 19:30 by President Tom Marotta, with the Pledge of Allegiance directly following.

Attendance and Visitors:

Due to the July 4th holiday, we only had a total of 18 members and no visitors in attendance.

Event and Meeting Dates:

The next "meeting" will be our Chapter picnic. The picnic will take place on August 15 here at 3GM and will be with Fremont Chapter 578. Gary Kremers Summer BBQ is Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 11:30 – 2:30 at Ottawa Executive Airport (Z98), 2742 Airpark Dr. in Zeeland, July 19 - 25 - AirVenture Oshkosh, August 29th GHAA Dawn Patrol, September 4th meeting (again a holiday weekend), and September 12th Young Eagles.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 5th, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Treasure's Report and the Past Month's Expenses and Receipts:

We had Receipts of \$13.00 and expenses of \$20.39, which gives us a total Chapter 211 current meeting fund balance of \$4,225.25. The checkbook balance from the last meeting was \$4,116.14. Petty cash balance at last meeting was \$116.50. With the June expenses and coffee fund donations, this gives us a checkbook ending balance of \$4,116.14 and a petty cash ending balance of \$109.11. . A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasure's report and was unanimously passed.

Local Chapter Membership:

A lengthy discussion took place about membership and its decline, not only in our organization, but all groups. We have 48 paid members thus far this year. (From check book information for the last 5 years, at this point in time [July], we averaged less than one additional member the rest of the year.) This compares to 58 members last year and 64 members the previous year.

Many of you still need to provide us your EAA membership number – so please bring with you at next meeting (September).

Projector:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase a new projector. Cost of new was estimated at about \$500.00, but was left up to the Board to purchase the best for the money.

Technical Reports:

A limited technical report on a Taylorcraft landing gear shock chord and some other comments were made by Jack Brewer. Jack talked about the sun-powered Solar Impulse 2 landing in Hawaii, five days after it took off from Japan. (It was the longest and most dangerous leg in the attempt to fly around the world without a drop of fuel.) The Sonex crash also was mentioned (Sonex CEO Jeremy Monnett and a company mechanic were killed in the crash of an experimental Sonex Sport Acro at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.) He also talked about a local person, JC Bud Meyers, who held pilot license no.11.

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Gary Van Farowe had no reports except on the American Eaglet, which he is hoping will be done for next years Oshkosh.

Young Eagles:

The event will take place on September 12th. Kevin Golsch, the YE Coordinator was not at the meeting, but it was reported we are still in need of volunteers, in particular pilots. We also will be promoting this event at the Dawn Patrol on August 29, 2015. We will need volunteers both for the day of the event (Pilots and Ground Crew) and for the promotion and registration booth at the Dawn Patrol.

Flight Advisor:

We are still in need of a Flight Advisor.

Coffee Break

Projects & Plane Reports:

Walt Clawson told us about selling his RV-3

Bob Tejchma told us he has purchased a 7AC Champ (65 hp)

Brian Greene talked about his progress on the fuselage kit for his RV-7

Scott Degaynor shared that he is having a Proseal problem and discussed his plans to remedy it.

Meeting adjourned at 21:30

Oshkosh AirVenture First-hand Report

Oshkosh was different this year. Although Paul and I were able to park on the show line this year, how much longer will experimental aircraft have the front and center??? The big tents and lots of chairs set up for the air show has taken half our parking.

We meet at my plane for the air show and that's when the BS and

good times start. I had my tail dragger there this year. With no medical, I had a qualified pilot fly over with me.

There was a lot of interest shown in the uniqueness of my plane. There were two other BD 4's there for comparison. There were a lot of good questions asked.

I am going to have an aeronautical engineer look at the tuft testing we will be doing. She is also a test pilot. She will help me

understand just what is happening in all areas of a flight. We are especially be looking at the air flow over the stabilator on landing. I may be creating a vortex from the cowling strakes. We have been testing the flight envelope. Slow flight got to 60 knots with no stall. I love this plane!

Scott the experimenter.

Oshkosh AirVenture 2015 Experience

I was able to go to Air-venture again this year and it was a great year! I was able to fly with a Dan Booker, a friend from the Fremont chapter 578. He has a Yak 52 and

flies with The Red Stars. He took me and was able to get my wife up with another pilot for a formation flight over a veterans home not far from Oshkosh. All the flying was in formation with 15 other Yaks or similar aircraft. It was really great to see how these guys brief a flight

and how it is flown. Flying with guys like this truly shows me how much practice and coordination it takes to fly with a group like this. It was a great time and it really made the week!

Tom Vander Jagt

