



January 2017

Hangar Talk

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

Meeting Friday, January 6, 2017, 7:30pm

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

Annual Project Reports

Please join us for our regular meeting. The program is our annual project reports. It's like "show and tell!"

2017 Dues are Due

We will have envelopes for your dues at the meeting on which you can check and update your information.

Dues still 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 to:

**EAA CHAPTER 211
16446 COMSTOCK ST
GRAND HAVEN MI 49417**

Please note any updates to your information.

Prez Sez

Welcome to a new year, 2017, a year of hope and promise, and good things to come!

I would like to thank the outgoing Chapter 211 Officers, President Dan Whisman, Vice President Warren Roosen and Secretary/Treasurer Bob Vink, for their dedicated service in 2016. For 2017 the Officers are President Dale Hagen, Vice President Bob Kendrick, and Secretary/ Treasurer Earle Bares. Elected to the Board of Directors in November (and December) was Ken Gleason, Larry Schwartz and Bob Tejchma. Thanks, guys, and also to Brian Greene and Tom Vanderjagt who will hopefully be willing and able to serve in the future .

Do you make New Years resolutions? Perhaps you do, or you may be like many who have given up because they



failed to achieve them in the past. Why risk failure? Just opt out! Well, making successful resolutions is a lot like setting goals. They need to be specific and quantifiable. You also need a defined deadline. For example, do you want to loose weight? (I do!) How much weight? Over what period of time? Then break it down into bite size pieces (no pun intended)!

I have some goals for this year as President. Early in the year I want to establish a full year of programs for 2017, and, then, at least three months into 2018. My hope is this will lead to greater interest, participation, and growth in both attendance and membership. Also, with your help, I would like to form a membership committee, to come up with some good ideas to boost our membership. We finished 2017 with 48 members, so the goal for 2018 should be _____?

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"A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication." – Anonymous

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2016-12-02

Submitted by Robert Vink

Attendance: 16

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:30

The Nov. 4 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Dan Whisman.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of sixteen people were in attendance at the December meeting; Fifteen members and one guest, Gary Moshluk from Zeeland, MI.

Event and Meeting Dates:

January 6, 2017 - Regular meeting.

February 3, 2017 - Regular meeting.

March 3, 2017 - Regular meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the November 4, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

We started the month with \$3,480.24 in the checking account. Petty cash is at \$39.00. As of 12/23/16 we have taken in \$4.00 from the cookie fund and \$228.00 in membership dues. Expenses: \$41.82 to Dan Whisman for the ham served at the Christmas party. Ending balance, petty cash on hand remained at \$39.00. Checking \$3,670.42 giving us a grand total of \$3,709.42 available.

We currently have 8 paid members for 2017. It would be a good time to start making your 2017 dues payment. If you are out of town and want to mail in your dues, Make payable to EAA Chapter 211 and send to:

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Old Business:

Official and Unofficial Nominees for the 2017 Board of Directors were Brian Greene, Ken Gleason, Larry Schwartz, Bob Tejchm and Tom Vanderjagt. Of the afore mentioned, Bob, Ken and Larry have agreed to take a position on the Board. Dale Hagen is the upcoming President, Bob Kenrick will be the V.P., and Earl will again take the role of Secretary / Treasurer.

Scott was taken aback by the manor in which the decision to decline renting the new airport meeting facilities was presented in the December Hanger Talk. Scott's point is not about the cost, but rather preserving our history in our club house.

Editor's note: I have a different point of view, as expressed in my direct and forthright comments in December's Hangar Talk, which I stand by. But I still like Scott, and if you guys want to deal with winter in the icebox know as our Clubhouse, so be it. Hey, come to think of it, doesn't Scott own an ice company? Maybe that's why the cold doesn't bother him!

There were approximately 80 people at the Christmas Party and plenty of good food. They sure have a terrific "hanger" in Sparta, excellent facility for such a shindig. The weather cooperated and made for good driving and flight conditions.

Coffee Break: N.A.

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New Business: Builder Award Plaques were presented to Gary Van Farowe and Bob Vink.

Gary thanked the members who were willing and able to participate in the Eaglet restoration project and special thanks to Bob Tejchma for his efforts start to finish.

The picture used for the plaque was taken in Oskosh and showed the flat tire. Gary gave us the history of said tire and the effort it took to fix and come up with a usable substitute to replace the original, only to come up flat again.

This was one fine project and learning experience for our membership. Thanks Gary and Bob. (What's next?)

Bob Vink completed a Vans RV-12 in 23 months. He named it "Rocky the Flying Squirrel." It was a fun project, all 12,500 pop rivets, no count on the number of squeeze rivets.

It has not been off the ground yet, but with the help of John Kean and an instructor friend of his, it may be airborne yet this year.

Adjournment:

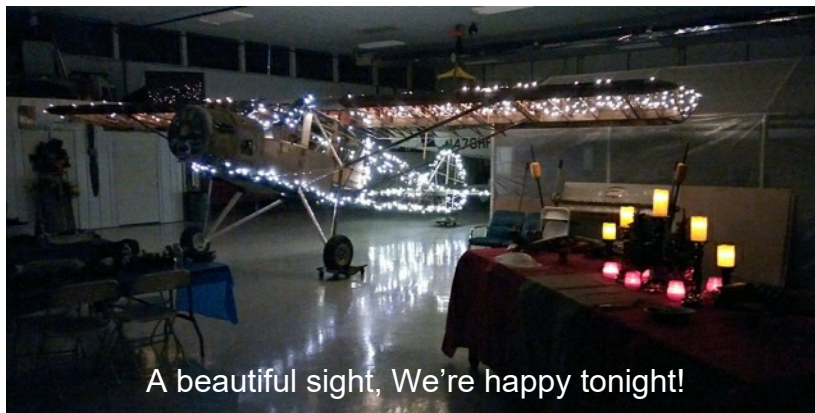
The meeting was adjourned at 9:08



Bob Vink receives his Builders Plaque from Dan Whisman at the December meeting.



Gary VanFarowe receives his Builders Plaque from Dan Whisman at the December meeting.



2016 Christmas with the Sparta EAA Chapter. Lots of fun, friendship and food! A big thank you to host Gordon Gilcrest and all the Sparta folks, and to everyone who brought all the good food!