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# Hangar Talk

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MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010

## CONTROLLER FROM GRR

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is a presentation by Jim Vantil, a FAA controller from Grand Rapids TRACON. It will be a slide pres. of about 35 minutes with a question/answer session for about 15 minutes.

### Roster

If your editors travel does not interfere the Roster will be included with this months newsletter.

### EAA Ford Trimotor

It is official, the EAA Ford Tri-Motor will be in Muskegon in July hosted by Chapter 211. The Tirmotor will arrive at MKG July 15 and will be flying July 16-18. It will leave for OSH on July 19. The Chapter will be looking for volunteers to help out with the Tri-Motor, you will see

more about that in the newsletter in the coming months.



### Air Force Museum Trip

There is a firm date for the Air Force Museum bus trip this coming fall. It will be a departure date of Friday evening September 24, 2010 and be at the museum all day Saturday (Sept. 25th) and back home by about 10:30 PM that night. Walt is still making arrangements but it looks like about \$45 for the bus and \$100 for each hotel room. If you assume two in a room that is less than \$100 for each person. The last time your editor drove to Dayton for work the bill for fuel for the car was about \$100 so this is a good deal. Chapter 145 in Grand Rapids is interested in the trip if we need more folks to fill the bus. The Museum of the Air Force in Dayton has a fantastic collection, it is definitely worth the trip!

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## Prez Sez

One look at the beautiful days and nights, grass turning green, tulips sprouting from the earth, and I can't help thinking this may be spring. Oh, did I mention the increased sound of airplanes flying overhead? I have received notice we will be hosting the Ford TRI-Motor it will be at MKG July 15-18th and depart on the 19th. Our bus trip to the Museum of the Air Force in September is shaping up. I had an idea I'm calling "The Oshkosh Connection".

This would entail trying to compile a list of people going to Oshkosh including phone numbers. Plus those who may have a spare seat or room to ship something or who would just like to get together. Paul H. Poberezny, Founder of the EAA, emailed me the following: "I wondered if you would poll your members and see what they might think about the older logo (the circle logo) being used again versus the current one". Please let me know what you think. See you April 2nd @ 7:30 pm.

Tom Marotta

President - EAA 211



## Editors Notebook

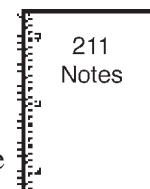
The calendar says spring, the snow is mostly gone. Flying season is here.

The roster is complete, if things like a roster ever do get completed. I did change the format to make the photos larger, let me know what you think of it. As always some errors and omissions probably crept in to my database over the last year. If you see an error let me know about it.

Tom Marotta was able to get Chapter 211 and MKG on the schedule for the EAA Tri-Motor for 2010. This will be a great chance to show off the chapter, make a bit of money, and have some fun. Tom passed the planes schedule and the handbook of Chapter responsibilities for the Tri-Motor along to me. The biggest thing we will need is volunteers for loading and unloading, keeping the visitors safe, and selling tickets and EAA merchandise. The Tri-Motor will be coming to MKG from MGY, Wright Brothers Airport south of Dayton, OH. After its time in MKG it will fly to OSH to get ready for AirVenture.

To everyone heading to Sun 'n Fun. I will not make it this year so all of you have to remember to take photos and send them to me. I especially like photos of Chapter members and member aircraft at Lakeland.

*George*



## EAA Chapter 211 March 5 Meeting Minutes

President Tom Marotta called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 29 members and one visitor in attendance. A motion by Chet U. and supported by Scott D. for approval of the minutes of last months meeting was passed. The treasure's report was given with John G. moving to accept it was supported and passed.



Jack B. talked about the new plastic license and noted the controllers and some others did not need theirs till 2013. He cautioned all to make sure nothing was loose and able to move around in our aircraft because of a loose flash light that got hung up in the stabilator controls and caused a crash killing both persons on board. He also noted a recent newspaper article that had pictures of aircraft.



It was good to have Bob V. at the meeting. He thanked all for their support, prayers, etc. and told of how he felt during his health

adventure. Glad he was able to be at the meeting and is making progress. Hope he is back to normal soon.

Tom M. gave us an update on the Ford Tri-motor. It will be here on July 15 for press rides,



pictures, etc. and probably some regular rides. Rides will be given on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, it will depart on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$50 for EAA members and \$60 for non-members. Because access to a hanger is needed in case of inclement weather, all activities will be at the Muskegon airport. There will be a package coming with more details and it looks as if the May meeting may have someone from EAA to talk to us about our role in helping make this a successful visit.

Ben E. said that as of now the plan is to have the dawn patrol on June 20<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion that it might be nice is we could get hats or something that said EAA 211 to set our membership apart from the rest of the crowd.

Walt C. reported that the trip to the museum of the Air Force in Dayton is set for September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The hotel had not been finalized yet, but there is a Hampton Inn about 10 min from the museum that has a Bob

Evans and other restaurants in easy walking distance. Because we need 55 to fill the bus the Riverview and Sparta Clubs have been invited, on a first come basis till the 55 seats are full. As noted we will need to get our place reserved right away. The rooms are double occupancy at about \$100 and the bus is about 46 per seat. A motion was made by Bill S. to send in a deposit as soon as we know the final cost, it was supported by Ben E. and passed.

Project visits are in the works and if all goes well Tom M. would like to hold one in May.



The Holland Chapter 1242 has closed shop.

Pete Mulliner is moving, so we will need a member to step up and take his place on the board.

The break was followed by a video of Amphibian planes, specifically the Lakes and Volmer.







**THE 2010 MICHIGAN AIR TOUR IS COMING**  
**The Bridges & Lighthouses Tour**  
**October 1-3, 2010**

On this 2010 air tour, pilots and their guests will visit **ST. CLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT** at Port Huron, **TULIP CITY AIRPORT** at Holland, **CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT** at Traverse City, **CHEBOYGAN COUNTY AIRPORT**, **SANDERSON AIRPORT** at Sault Ste Marie, **JAMES CLEMENTS AIRPORT** at Bay City and **GROSSE ILE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**. These airports are vital components of our state's air transportation system, providing valuable links to the nation and the world.

Michigan air tours have been around since 1929, creating publicity and goodwill for the airports they visit. One aircraft of each type being flown in the state of Michigan in the late twenties was on that first air tour. Forty-two planes and 125 pilots and passengers began their journey at Pontiac and visited 25 communities throughout the state. The purpose was to promote commercial aviation and airport construction.

In 1979, to commemorate the first Michigan Air Tour (MAT) and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, 65 airplanes visited 66 airports. Three flights crisscrossed the Lower and Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This reenactment of the first Michigan air tour caused a resurgence of interest in the promotion of Michigan airports. A Michigan Air Tour has taken place every year since 1979.

It is customary for the Michigan Governor to issue a proclamation declaring the week of the air tour as Aviation Week in Michigan. A ceremony is held at each airport visited by air tour participants. At the ceremony a copy of the Governor's proclamation is presented to airport officials along with a plaque for them to display in their terminal. We encourage residents of the airport communities to attend this event and be part of the celebration. They will enjoy the opportunity to inspect the many types of aircraft and interact socially with the flight crews. Different models of aircraft including high-wing, low-wing, rag-wing, war birds, twin-engine and home-built will be on display.

The Michigan Air Tour is flown under FAA visual flight rules and is open to all pilots that are qualified under FAA regulations. This year the tour will begin at St. Clair County Airport on Friday morning, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments. The next stop will be Tulip City Airport where lunch will be served. Friday's afternoon flight will take the tour north along Lake Michigan to Cherry Capital Airport. The pilots and their friends will overnight in Traverse City where they will enjoy a tour of the Coast Guard Air Station and a fantastic dinner gala with line dancing. On Saturday morning we will fly to Cheboygan County Airport for a presentation and lunch, then on to Sault Ste Marie for an overnight stay. Sunday morning we launch for James Clements Airport. Following our presentation at Bay City, we will depart for Grosse Ile. There we will have a ceremony, enjoy lunch and bid farewell to our flying friends while looking forward to the next air tour.

More details can be obtained from our website: [www.miaviation.org](http://www.miaviation.org).

# Mystery Aircraft



A Meeting Mystery



Last month's Mystery was Scott and Gary walking off with a Rotax. Expect to see a twin engine BD-4 soon

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## Alex Woulman's RV-9A

Reported by Walt Clawson

I am attaching some photos that I took this afternoon of Alex Wolmans RV-9A at Riverview airport. He got it back from the paint shop in December, but there hasn't been good weather for some nice photos.

It was painted in Sturgis, MI by Danny King using JetGlo polyurethane. It's the same shop that painted Gary Kremer's and Kurt Pullens RV-7A's.



## EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

April 2 .....	Meeting
April 13-18.....	Sun'n Fun
May 7 .....	Meeting
June 4.....	Meeting
July 2 or 9.....	Meeting
July 26-August 1.....	Oshkosh
August ? .....	Picnic
September 3 or 10 .....	Meeting
September 24-25.....	Trip to Air Force Museum
October 1.....	Meeting
November 5 .....	Meeting
December 3 .....	Meeting



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