

October 2012

Hangar Talk

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



MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012 MYSTERY PROGRAM

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, October 5th, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is a mystery. Come to the meeting to see what our VP comes up with for the program

American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Gary continues to have regular work sessions, the upcoming schedule is:

- October 11 (Thurs)
- October 18 (Thurs)
- October 25 (Thurs) and 27 (Sat)



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Your editor worked on the plane in September. We continued work on the wing. Gary was getting some fuselage tubing ready for welding.

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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

I was looking through some old newsletters and found some "Prez Sez" articles written by Bill Scheltma. It brought back the memories of installing the new furnace with Bill and him talking me into "volunteering" for the board. I liked Bill because of his enthusiasm for flying and how proud he was of his Mustang.

As the miles pile up and the gray or bald take hold of us, it is easy to forget what it was that made us young. We all were young and can influence how we age by how we look at our future. When we were young the future was unlimited. Just because we (most of us) are a little older, do we have to limit our dreams? Look at and remember Bill. He was probably gray when he started building his Mustang, but he dreamed he could do it and he did. Don't stop dreaming. As long as our minds can bring a dream into existence, there is no reason not to act on them. So dream on and have fun doing it.

Paul

President - Chapter EAA 211



Editors Notebook

Autumn is here. Many of you should be flying color tours soon.

I mentioned last month that I had visited the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles airport. It is fun when you come upon a plane you have seen in the past. One plane in the museum is the X-35B, one of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter prototypes. This plane, the vertical lift prototype, is one that I saw on the day it did its first hover. I was at Lockheed for a work meeting and our host got permission to take us to the flightline to see the X-35. More than a decade later I got to see the airplane again

George

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Notes



Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

Photos from your Editors trip to Washington



Minutes of the September 7th, 2012 meeting:

The treasurer reported that the current balance of club funds is \$2939.98. Member Tom Marotta reported that his daughter Shelby enjoyed her stay at the EAA Air Academy this summer. Dale Hagen read letters from Shelby Marotta and Leo Hanish, both of whom attended the Air Academy this year. Chet Uncapher discussed fuel tank problems with a Starlite homebuilt. Jack Brewer reported that member Tom Brownlee had a mild stroke, and is home recovering. He also discussed the CG4 glider that was built by Brunswick during WWII. Jack also reported that Hank and Carole Austin of Shelby Paraflyt were killed recently in a powered parachute accident at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Also reported was that Walt Clawson is selling his RV-6. The program for September was a discussion of the building of a Fisher Flying Products Youngster by member Bob Vink.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Craig Christilaw Craig Christilaw



Mystery Aircraft



Another Mystery



Last month's Mystery was the engines of
Space Shuttle Discovery

2012 EAA Air Academy Camp Report

Dear Chapter 211,

On behalf of the EAA Air Academy we would like to say thank you for helping young people from around the United States and the world attend the EAA Air Academy 2012 camps. Due to your support of our camp program we were able to have 377 young people experience one of our EAA Air Academy camps. It is because of your financial assistance that many young people and we would like to say thank you for your involvement in the program.

Enclosed are thank you notes from participants your chapter has assisted financially.

Sincerely,

Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.

Bob Campbell, Manager of Museum Operations & Resident Education

Scott Cameron, EAA Air Academy Camp Supervisor

Dear EAA Chapter 211,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to send me to the Air Academy. I learned so much from the awesome staff that works here! This was an amazing experience to learn about airplanes, helicopters and even some spacecraft!

We got to go in the workshop and build things like a part of an airplane and mini gliders that we got to design on our own. Also we got to launch our own rockets and learn about how wind affects an airplanes flight. I just wanted to thank you so much for this fun experience that you guys have given me.

Sincerely,

Shelby Marotta (Tom Marotta's daughter)

Dear EAA Chapter 211,

I would like to thank you so much for sponsoring me to come to the Basic Air Academy. It has really meant a lot to me. I went to the Young Eagles camp two years ago and had a great time. This year, I knew that I would be in the older camp, and I was just so excited. When I found out that I was being sponsored by Chapter 211 (I was also sponsored the last time), I couldn't wait to go!

Since arriving at the camp, it has been so much fun. I've met many great people and made many new friends. I love working in the workshop, building wing ribs, gliders, and composites. I also truly enjoyed flying in the Cessna 162 Sky Catcher. We did stalls and steep turns; things that I have never done before. My experience has been better than what I remember!

Once again, thank you so much for sponsoring me. This camp has expanded my knowledge and made me even more excited about aviation!

Thanks,

Leo Panish (Chet Uncapher's grandson)



September 14, 2012

TO: EAA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Dear EAA Chapter President:

It is a cool morning here in Oshkosh. A bit of autumn in the air and leaves showing a bit of color. As I sit here at my desk, I wonder to myself "why am I still here?" It was some 60 years ago that we founded EAA in my garage [airplane shop]. None of us ever thinking how it would change lives and the aviation community as well.

It was Ray Stits having a little airplane shop back in 1953 (Riverside, California) that suggested the forming of EAA Chapters to spread the word of EAA and what it can do for the homebuilt movement and all of aviation. Over time, some 1,000 Chapters have been a very important part of our movement (especially to me). You are aviation's "churches" in the field – a most valuable community. I am personally thankful for every Chapter, the support of EAA and the many years of dedication to our organization and the aviation community.

Today, I turn 91 years young, still serving as an EAA volunteer. I want to thank everyone for their love and loyal support given to Audrey and me all these years. It is a great privilege for me to personally sign this letter and all others to our Chapter leadership. Your Chapter is and remains the heart of EAA's structure and the driving force of its success.

Sincerely,
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION


Paul H. Poberezny
Founder

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

October 5..... Meeting
October 11, 18, 25, 27 Work on Eaglet
November 2 Meeting
December 7 Meeting
December ? Christmas Party



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