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# Hangar Talk

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lovers in western Michigan



MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

## GRAND RAPIDS TECHNOLOGY

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. Our program for May will be presented by Todd Stehouwer and Greg Toman, owners of GRT Avionics. Their business is located in the Grand Rapids area (Wyoming) and the products they manufacture are made in Michigan. Anyone interested in a preview of their operation can visit their website at [www.grtavionics.com](http://www.grtavionics.com). The title of their program is "Upgrades to EFIS & ADS-B Systems". Included in the presentation will be information about their new night vision technology.

Todd & Greg plan to arrive at our clubhouse about 7:00 p.m., so our members will have time to socialize with them.

### Roster

The 2013 roster is complete and will be delivered either with your postal newsletter

or as a separate email. Every year there are a few omissions or corrections, let the editor know and so the roster can be corrected. For those getting the email edition I can provide a pdf of the two sided, folded version that is sent as the postal version. Let me know at [<eea211newsletter@gmail.com>](mailto:eea211newsletter@gmail.com) if you want version the two sided printing.

### American Eaglet Project

Gary was away during April so no work days on the Eaglet. May work days will be May 9, 16, 18, 23, and 30.

### Air Zoo

Several Chapter 211 members joined Chapter 145 for a day at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. We were treated to a guided tour of the museum and the restoration annex. Thanks to Chapter 145 for arranging the tour.

### Young Eagles

Chapter 211 will be hosting a Young Eagles event Saturday, June 22 at Grand Haven Airport. The chapter is looking for pilots and ground crew to make this a successful event. Let the board know you are available, either at the meeting or by contacting Chapter President Dale Hagen

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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

Greetings all!

At the time I write this, it's looking like, starting today, Friday April 26, 2013, Spring might really be here at last!... maybe. Let's hope... and with it some good flying weather too!

Have you marked your calendar for our Young Eagles event? It will be Saturday, June 22, 2013! We will need both pilots and ground crew volunteers. Please consider making this a priority.

In the twenty years since EAA implemented Young Eagles, more than 1.7 million free demonstration flights have been given to young people around the world. According to EAA Founder, Paul Poberezny, "More young men and women are becoming pilots at an early age because of Young Eagles, so they will have a longer and greater impact on aviation." More information is available at [www.youngeagles.org](http://www.youngeagles.org) <<http://www.youngeagles.org/>> .

The Grand Grand Haven Aviation Association is planning their Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast for Saturday, August 24. Chapter 211 will likely hold our Family Picnic on August 10 or August 17. I would like feedback from you about which date would be better, and the board may leave it to a vote of the membership at the May meeting, so, please let us know your preferences.

I hope to see you all at the meeting!

Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211



## Editors Notebook

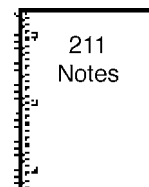
Spring is finally here.

I enjoyed the Air Zoo trip. I got to see some interesting planes and chat with interesting people. Now I have to work out another trip to the Air Force Museum restoration shop.

The roster is done for now. Let me know the errors and omissions and I will correct them.

I got my BMW engine together the day after the Air Zoo trip and it is running well. The long range forecast gives hope that I can ride it to the meeting.

*George*



# Air Zoo





## EAA Chapter 211 Minutes of monthly meeting of April 5, 2013:

Chapter meeting for 5 April started at 1930 with the pledge.

The minutes for March 2013 meeting were read by Craig C. and approved by the members.

Brief treasury report was given and check book balance is at 3874\$.

Motion to approve by Dale H. was 2nd. and approved by members.

Jack B. gave a safety report.

Dick F. from Chapter 145 spoke about young Eagles and is looking for some volunteers for up coming events. Also invited our members to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on Sat. April 13th. See April 2103 news letter for more detail.

Karl K. gave a project report on his Waix, and Chet U. Gave a report on his Kawasaki engine.

Paul O. gave a report on building a dehumidifier for your airplane engine.

Thank You plaques were passed out to Scott D. and John G. for speaking at March meeting.

We had 29 members present, two new members (see below), and two guests at this meeting.

Phil Seizinger was our guest speaker for the evening and gave a presentation an the Mich. Air Tour for 2013. He invited us all to attend the tour starting Fri. Sept. 20th. 2013. More information is in the April 2013 newsletter.

I collected dues from four members and two new members.

Welcome Dan Neville from Norton Shores and Dan Whisman from Grand Haven.

Warren purchased an Eaglet hat for 15\$

total money from coffee and cokies was 25.99\$

So total deposit this week was 154.00\$

113 dues + 26\$ coffee+ 15\$ hat

Check book balance as of 11April 2013 is 4050.37\$

Karl A. Kotecki Secretary Treasurer



# Mystery Aircraft



A Zoo Mystery



Last months Mystery - Gary's "new" Champ

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## Book Review –

Reviewed by Karl Kotecki

To help get through the winter blues I picked up the book RAVENTROSS written by one of our own chapter member, John B. Wilkes.

If you like realistic stories of flying, the beautiful setting of northern Michigan, secret landing fields of area 51, and a little love story of a mysterious lady; pull out the recliner and immerse yourself in an intriguing story so real I had a hard time believing it's a novel.

The setting is in the early 80s and a covert group using highly modified EF-111 out of area 51 puts you into the co-pilot's seat to experience the unusual missions they set upon. Secretly funded by a group out East (think CIA/Templer with unlimited funds) they set out on missions not sanctioned by any government, including ours. Some of these missions we could use today to set the world right!

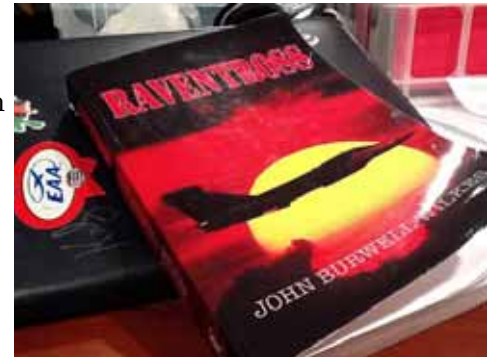
John based the characters and the setting on real people and places and in-effect made a believable story.

This is a must read for the summer, especially if you are vacationing in the Leelanau Peninsula.

RAVENTROSS by John B. Wilkes, StarGroup international, pub. 2011

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### EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

April 5 .....	Meeting
April 13 .....	Kalamazoo Air Zoo
May 3 .....	Meeting
May 9,16, 18, 23, 30 .....	Eaglet work day
June 7 .....	Meeting
June 22 .....	Young Eagles
July 5 or 12 .....	Meeting
July 29-August 4.....	Oshkosh
August ? .....	Picnic
August 24 .....	Grand Haven Dawn Patrol

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