

March 2014

HANGAR TALK



Meeting Friday, March 7, 2014

The Untold Story of the P-51 Mustang From a Pilots View

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, February 7, 2014 at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. You won't want to miss this program with former P-51 pilot and Chapter 211 member, Warren Roosen! Warren will share with us his first-hand experience of piloting the legendary P-51 Mustang.

Dues

Anyone who hasn't already paid their dues is asked to do so this month. We will again have pre-printed envelopes at the meeting on which you can check and update your information for the 2014 Roster. Dues are \$22 for the year, or \$25 if you want a hard copy of the newsletter snail mailed to you.

If you need to mail your dues, you can make your check to **EAA Chapter 211** and send it to:

**Ben Gerhardt
11449 Tyler St
Holland MI 49424**

Prez Sez

Greetings everyone,

Trying to come up with something to say about flying is difficult when I haven't done any flying, but saving daylight time is March 9 and Sun N Fun is only a month away so preparation and planning should probably be the focus for many of us. Getting the plane ready is mandatory but making sure the pilot is ready is equally important. Doing a few short flights and getting the rust off of flying skills is one thing but I have already spent some time in the cockpit with the charger on to make sure I still know which buttons to push and which knobs to turn. I've found that a panel with a couple of EFIS screens requires a little more time to get current than the old steam gauge six pack. Well prepared pilots will result in a safer flying season and that is a worthy goal.

Keep on building.

Doug Formsma
EAA Chapter 211 President

EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2014-02-07

Attendance: 25

19:30 – Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

-Recognize visitors

Treasurer's report: Ben Gerhardt

- Current balance: \$3380.52
- Motion to approve treasurer's report passed
- Dues for 2014 will be collected in the assigned envelopes.
- New members use a blank envelope and fill out your name and contact info

Technical report: Jack Brewer & Gary VanFarrowe

- There was no technical report as both Jack and Gary were absent

Flight Advisor report: There is currently no new Flight Advisor to take over from Ken Dannenberg

Old Business

-STEM Symposium (Dale Hagen)

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Symposium.
- Aviation Center at GRR airport

New Business

- Chapter 211 is looking for a new Young Eagles coordinator
 - See Chet Uncapher, who is the current Young Eagles coordinator.
- Dave Anderson is looking to sell his Sonerai fuselage
 - JFS100 turbine powerplant is also on Ebay (Auction ended on Feb 15).
 - Powerplant includes a 3 bladed prop with electric pitch control

Break at 19:55

Program at 20:16 – Sheet Metal Forming

Speaker Mark Linde

- Mark writes the Metal Magic column for Kitplanes Magazine

American Eaglet Project

I will update our website <http://211.eaachapter.org/> in the Calendar section, with dates and times for work sessions on the Eaglet as soon as I know them.
Check the website for the latest information.

Be sure to check out Tom VanderJagt's excellent blog on the Eaglet at <http://www.1935americaneaglet.wordpress.com>
There is a link directly to his blog on our website as well.

Website

Be sure to check our website regularly. www.211.eaachapter.org for information and updates about upcoming meetings. The website is updated as information arrives, sometimes mid-month, before an email or the next newsletter goes out.

Editors Corner

I received the following email from Kristopher Piotrowski who is a student at Baker College. He had called me Tuesday, February 18, and we talked for about 20 minutes. Kristopher provided his contact information within the email and would welcome contact with anyone willing to help him study for his CFI, and he would also like to possibly help out anyone who is building a plane. I told him about our Eaglet project and invited him to our March meeting.

Dale,

My name is Kristopher Piotrowski I spoke with you yesterday in regards to looking for a CFI or any of the EAA members that might be interested in studying. I had mentioned over the phone I am currently working for the CFI license and would really like to find some people that could help me out and hopefully I would be able to help them as well. I just wanted to ask and see if you may hear of anyone that might be interested if you could give them my information or I could take their information and get a hold of them and hopefully we would be able to set up a time and a day to study. My cell phone= 231 855 5003 home= 231 773 1022 or email= piokris03@yahoo.com. I also wanted to write and say that I am very impressed with the website it is easy to use and has a lot of good information. I liked reading about the 1935 Eaglet Aircraft as well as the EAA Youth Eagle Program, videos, pictures, and much more. I am hoping to make it out to one of the meetings, hopefully on March 7 if all goes well for me because I would definitely like to meet the people and hear their stories and experiences in the aviation community. Thank You and God Bless.

S.T.E.M. In Flight

The S.T.E.M. In Flight Tech Talk will take place at the Kent Aviation Center in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 7am to 3pm. They have all their speakers lined up, but anyone possibly interested in speaking at next year's Tech Talk is invited to come and sit in to see what its all about. In fact, all of our members are invited to attend! There is no charge, and you really don't have to register, but they would like to have a head count from us ahead of time, so let me know if you are planning to go.

Please see the second PDF file that came in your newsletter email for all the information. If you get the newsletter by snail mail the information is included on the separate sheet.

*** * * See you all at the meeting, Friday, March 7, 2014 * * ***

