



October 2014

Hangar Talk

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



Meeting Friday, October 3, 2014, 7:30pm

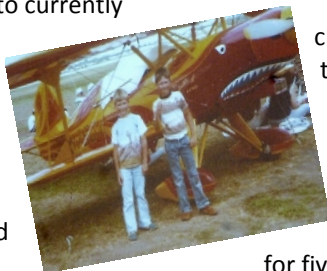
Mystery Meeting!

Unfortunately, details about the October meeting were not available in time for publication, but come out and have some fun with us anyway. I'm sure we will have something interesting and entertaining!
EAA Chapter 211 Clubhouse, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Last meeting

FedEx Pilot, airplane builder, and Chapter 211 Member, Brian Greene, gave a presentation on his flying experience - from attending Oshkosh as a kid - to bush flying in the Grand Canyon - to currently flying the "big heavies" for FedEx today.

His love for flying started when he was a young boy. Shown, is a picture of Brian as a child attending Oshkosh in 1977. In 1985 He attended the EAA Air Academy.



Brian, soloed 3 days after he turned 16, and received his pilots license when he was 17. After high school he attended the University of North Dakota.

Following college, he flew charter "in, over, and around" the Grand Canyon (got-to love those one way run-ways!!). He flew Cessna 206's, 207's, and 172's. Later, he flew for Northwest/Mesaba Airlines

for five years.

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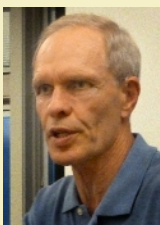


Brian Greene at our September meeting.

Prez Sez

Greetings everyone,

When Dale reminded me to get this column to him for the newsletter I had just come back from the Bar Harbor, Cape Cod, New York trip with other local pilots and it's still so fresh in my mind so here goes..... What you can do in an airplane on a weekend is just so amazing. The beauty of this country



from just a couple thousand feet above the ground is so incredible. The amount of fun you can have with and the quality of people involved with aviation is just so special. The people you meet along the way, the grass strip airfields and other cool places you fly into will be things I will remember forever. If you are building, thinking of getting a plane or already have one but have never gone "cross-country" talk to some of

those who have and plan to get in on the next one. Get some pictures of your dream trip to put in the shop where you are building and that will keep those discouraging moments from halting the building process.

Keep on building and keep the dream alive.

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2014-09-05

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 31

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:30

- Welcomed visitors Judd Karns from Holland and Gerald Nelson from Spring Lake.

- Motion to approve the minutes and treasurer's report passed.

Treasure's Report:

- The previous checkbook balance was \$4004.64. The deposits from dues and coffee fund were \$69.84. August expenses of \$144.55, September expenses of \$77.73. The final balance in the checkbook is \$3852.20. We also received a \$5.00 donation, bringing our petty cash fund to \$35.00, for a total balance of \$3887.20. We will have a \$20.00 expense in September for the State of Michigan non-profit registration. We received \$22.82 in coffee fund donation for the Sept. meeting.

Reports:

- Jack Brewer gave a limited Technical and Accident Report
- Doug Formsma reported on the Wingeier Field 10th annual fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast on Saturday September 6th at 8 a.m. till 11 a.m.
- Earle Bares reported on the Dawn Patrol. Approximately 1800 people attended and 35 airplanes came in. It was a very busy day with more than 200 take off and landings (about 1 per minute!). Bill Verduin from our chapter won the ICOM transceiver. About 850 breakfasts were served. Directly following the Dawn Patrol was our local chapter picnic.
- Craig Christilaw reported on the Young Eagles Event that was held in conjunction with the Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast. All in all, Earle and Craig reported a very successful day.
- John Wilkes talked about his RV-8 build and the aspects of signing form/registering on a less than 51% built by owner plane and what to do about it. Various members commented on it but because of the legal issues no conclusions were given; it was suggested that Bob first contact the EAA for help. John also briefly talked about his new book, *Frigatefire*. Writing these books has been a source of enjoyment for John, but his dream is to one day see his book(s) as a movie!
- Scott DeGaynor discussed about our local chapter being a "builder's chapter" and the need to continue on with this tradition. Scott would like to see more project reporting. It was estimated that our local chapter members have built over 100 planes. Some members suggested a more accurate and complete list of these planes is needed.

Coffee Break at 20:10

Program at 20:30

- Brian Greene gave a presentation on his flying career from his inspiration as a child to his love, passion, and vast experiences in aviation.

The New Grand Haven Memorial Airport Meeting Room

Well, it wasn't really planned, but our September meeting was held in the beautiful new meeting room in the Grand Haven Airport Terminal.



As far as anyone can predict, we won't be losing our clubhouse anytime soon, but this new meeting room will certainly be a much more comfortable place to meet during the coldest months of the year.



Here are some pictures of the new facility.



Brian Green continued...

Currently Brian flies for FedEx. He started at FedEx as a flight engineer (for about 1 year he got a lot of experience "watching gauges and turning switches!")



things and visit many spectacular places.

Brian is now in the process of building an RV-7A.

It was an honor to hear Brian share his love, passion, and widely varying experiences in aviation.

Brian is flying the MD11 now. The "big heavies" he pilots weigh in at 630,000 pounds and land at 165 knots.

Brian's career in aviation has given him opportunities to see many interesting



American Eaglet Project

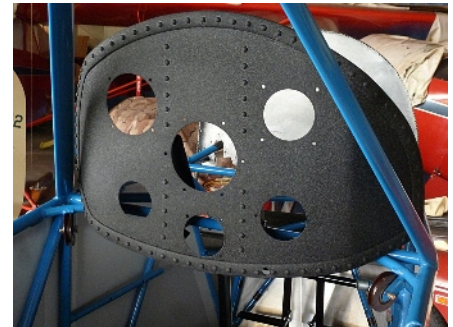


I made a visit to the Eaglet factory (a.k.a. Gary's workshop) Thurs., Sept. 25, to see and report on the progress of the restoration of American Eaglet NC 17007. It was a beautiful evening as you can see from the picture of Gary's grass runway below.

It is really amazing to see all the progress. It's actually starting to



look like an actual airplane, not just a basket case! – Dale Hagen, Editor



American Eaglet Project

So, get involved while there is still time! Eaglet Work Sessions in October are on Thursdays, 9, 16, and 30, and Saturday Oct. 18. Find details on our website <http://211.eaachapter.org/> in the Calendar section. Weekday evening sessions are from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday sessions begin at 9am and go to noon or so.

Come on out and get in on the fun!

Take advantage of the above dates as there will be no Work Sessions scheduled in November!

Always check the website, www.211.eaachapter.org for the latest information.



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