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Hangar Talk

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



MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2012 PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, January 6th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be Project Reports!! Come to the meeting prepared to discuss what you have been doing on your project.

American Eaglet Project

The disassembly of the American Eaglet has started. Gary has held three work sessions so far. You editor helped on December 29. At this session we are disassembling one wing, cleaning fittings for painting, and making jigs to build replacement ribs. Additional work sessions are planned for Wednesday January 4, Thursdays January 12, 19, and 26, and Saturday January 28. Weekday sessions are 6-9 pm and the Saturday session is in the morning. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Please sign the sheet or email Gary about helping since the shop gets crowded.

Chet Uncapher reports that The Michigan Aviation Education Foundation (MAEF) has



approved a \$2,000 grant to support the American Eagle Eaglet project undertaken by EAA Chapter 211 under the leadership of Gary Van Farowe. The MAEF was created in Grand Haven, Michigan, as a Public Charity in 1992. The purpose of the foundation is to promote aviation education in Michigan. After reviewing the initial grant request letter presented by Gary Van Farowe and supportive letters of recommendation from Paul Overbeek and Gary Kremers, the MAEF directors voted unanimously to approve the request.

If you made a pledge to this project you can send your donation to:

Airpower Museum, Inc
Antique Airfield
22001 Bluegrass Rd
Ottumwa IA 52501

Make sure to clearly note that your donation is for the "1935 American Eaglet NC17007 restoration by EAA Chapter 211."

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Prez Sez

Thank you to the retiring chapter officers for their service to the club. Also an on going thanks to the tech advisors and especially to George for the excellent work he faithfully performs every month on the newsletter.

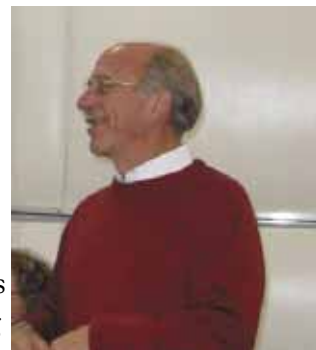
The first meeting this year, as usual, will be progress reports on the various things members are building and/or modifying. Please bring samples, parts, pictures, or what ever to show what you are doing.

The Eaglet project kickoff was well attended. I am looking forward to working on it and gauging from the response at the meeting and the attendance at the kickoff it is a project many of us are excited about and can learn from.

Christmas is past so I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Paul Overbeek

President - Chapter EAA 211



Past Prez Sez,

The new year is here and with it a new Chapter 211 Board will take over. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made last year such a great experience for me. A special thanks to fellow officers Jack Brewer and Stan Briggs, and to perennial Newsletter Editor, George Wolter, for their hard work and commitment in 2011. Welcome to the new officers Paul Overbeek, Craig Christilaw and Dave Thomas, and board member Chet Uncapher. I will be serving again in 2012 as a board member.

I want to thank everyone who came to the Christmas banquet December 3rd. Over 100 people came out to make it a wonderful evening. A special thank you to John Gill for once again hosting the party in his warm and spacious hangar. Thanks also to Al Smith for his thoughtfulness in bringing Christmas lights and aviation-themed centerpiece decorations, to make John's hangar even more inviting and festive. If you were not able to come, you missed a good time, but I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year just the same.

Dale Hagen

past President - EAA Chapter 211



Christmas Party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party was held December 3, 2011 at John Gill's hangar at the Sparta Airport. The weather was good which made for large attendance. There was food, fun and conversation for all.

Project Visit – American Eaglet

An project visit was held at Gary VanFarowe's workshop in Hudsonville to see the American Eaglet project. Many Chapter members were there to see the Eaglet before Gary leads the chapter in taking it apart for restoration.

Condolences to Bill Verduin

Your editor would like to offer condolences to Bill Verduin over the loss of his mother December 1. I recall Bill telling how his mother helped with riveting the RV-4.

Alcohol Free Fuel

Chet Uncapher has been researching the availability of alcohol free gasoline. Many Homebuilts and STC'ed light planes can operate on motor gasoline if it does not contain alcohol. Chet Reports:

Ethanol Free Gasoline

I learned today where we can purchase ethanol-free gasoline for our toys.

Knowing that ethanol is harmful to most engines caused me to worry about the potential damage it would have on my Star-Lite and UltraPiet engines. The Star-Lite is powered by a Rotax 447. The UltraPiet is powered by a Kawasaki 440 engine. Both engines would suffer damage is I used gasoline that contained ethanol.

Not too long ago a friend gave me a hint where I could possibly find a source for ethanol-free gasoline. He suggested that I contact a distributorship, telling me that the ethanol is added to gasoline by the distributors. So, I did a Google search today to find a gasoline distributor in the Holland area. The first one to come up on the list was J & H Oil Company. I called the number given on their website and had a joyful conversation with one of their technicians. He advised me that I am not the only person seeking ethanol-free gasoline for motorsport toys. To satisfy the customers seeking pure gasoline, J & H Oil Company makes it available at three locations in my area. They identify it as "Recreational Fuel" at their Mobil stations in Rockford, Hudsonville and Allendale. It is 90-91 octane. The Rockford location makes it available year-round. It is not available in Hudsonville and Allendale during the winter.

My friend's suggestion was a good one. If you need pure gasoline, contact a distributor in your area and ask them if they make it available. There is a good chance you will be able to purchase it nearby. I have discovered the website pure-gas.org where one can select a state and get location that have it available.

Star-Lite, star bright, wish I may, wish I might get the airplane into flight!

Chet Uncapher - Star-Lite Builder

Christmas Party



EAA Chapter 211 November 4 Meeting Minutes

The meeting called to order 12/2/2011 by Dale Hagen at 7:30 with pledge. There was 34 members and 5 Guest. The minutes were approved as in news letter with one correction; the club had approved the project of restoring the Eaglet. The financial report was given and approved. Ken Dannenberg gave flight advisory report. Awards were presented to Ken Dannenberg, Gary Vanfarowe and Walt Clawson for service to the club. The Eaglet was reported to be at Gary's hanger and a club visit was planed for Sat 12/10/2011. Doug Formsma made his first flight in his RV7A. Tony Stornant had an accident

on his first flight with his PA-16. He now has a PA-12, he is keeping at Sparta for now. He has to rework his hanger to fit the PA-12 at his home field. We had coffee break. The Program was by David McCleery on MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship. It showed a lot of flying into strips that we do not look forward to fly into. We also had a pilot who had flew with new tribes missions and pilot who had flown with LAMP, a very good representation of missionary pilots
Secretary Jack Brewer



Mystery Aircraft



One from Gary's Hangar



Last month's Mystery was an Aeronca C-3
at the Seattle Museum of Flight

Editors Notebook

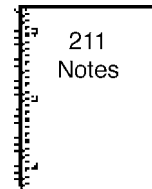
I am writing New Years Weekend. It has been a busy month.

The party was fun as always but this year the weather was good and attendance was great. There were a lot of people out the next week to see the Eaglet project. Then I got to one of the work sessions on the plane. There is so much work involved in a "simple" airplanes. It will be interesting seeing the plane come apart then go back together better than new.

The set of board members for 2012 is almost complete. We need one more Chapter member to volunteer to help Phil, Craig, Dave, Chet and Dale on the board

Happy NewYear!

George



American Eaglet Visit



Eaglet Project



EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

January 6 Meeting
January 4, 12, 19, 26, 28..... Eaglet Project
sign up at the meeting
February 3..... Meeting
March 2 Meeting

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