



January 2018

Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, January 5, 2018, 7:30pm

EAA Clubhouse, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Annual Project Reports

Please join us for our January meeting. The program is our annual project reports. It's like "show and tell," It's a chance for you to share what you have been up to and how you are progressing with your project(s).

If you have pictures to share, please copy them to a USB drive. JPEG format (.jpg) works best.

Visit to S.M.A.T. - School of Missionary Aviation Technology

Chapter 145 is inviting us to visit SMAT with them on Saturday, January 13, 2018. SMAT provides certified training in flight and aircraft maintenance and related technical fields. Come over to Y70 and meet the qualified personnel and tour the modern facilities.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: Ionia County Airport (Y70)

84 E Sprague Rd., Ionia, MI, 48846

For more info or to car pool, contact:

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Prez Sez

Hello and Happy New Year,

January 1st brings two things, resolutions and colder weather. Personally, I can handle the cold better than I can stick to a resolution, but acknowledging what needs improvement can be half the battle, so I would like to hear your thoughts on resolutions for Chapter 211. I'll bring this up at the January meeting, so start thinking. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to email your ideas to me.

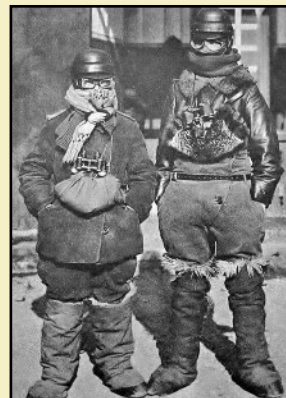


As for the cold, be thankful you weren't flying 100 years ago. Here is a photo of a WWI German two seater crew. They could be expected to fly for up to 2 hours at altitudes over 12000' in an open cockpit biplane.

Keep Warm,

Larry Schwartz

EAA Chapter 211 President (2018)



"As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you (and one of them will): a. One day you will walk out to the aircraft, knowing it is your last flight. b. One day you will walk out to the aircraft, not knowing it is your last flight." – by Vought F-8 Crusader pilot, Andy Hill

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2017-12-01 And Year End Report

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 27

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:30

The Dec. 1 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Dale Hagen.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 23 members and 4 visitors were in attendance. We welcomed guest speaker Sam Heiter and three other visitors.

General Comments and Update:

Dale welcomed everyone to the December meeting and updated us on various items including the Christmas Party, Dues, and the required, Membership Form.

Dale also introduced the upcoming year's officers and Board of Directors.

Event and Meeting Dates:

January 5, 2017 - Regular meeting - Annual Project Reports

February 2, 2017 - Regular meeting - "The most beautiful airplane to never fly."

March 2, 2017 - Regular meeting. - To be announced

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the November 3, 2017 meeting minutes.

Treasure's Report and the Past Month's Expenses and Receipts:

We currently have a total fund balance of \$2,633.06. Before today's donations, we have \$2,568.81 in checking and \$64.25 in petty cash/other.

Motion to approve was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report and was unanimously passed.

Local Chapter Membership and Dues:

Dues are now due for 2018. To renew your membership for 2018 we need you to not only pay your dues, but also complete the new Membership Form. Click the link below and the form will open in a new window. Complete the form and click Submit. Then, don't forget to send your check, made out in the appropriate amount, payable to: **EAA Chapter 211**

**16446 Comstock St
Grand Haven MI 49417**

Here is the link: <https://airtable.com/shrTGs8WdeoXZxsfl>

If you come the meeting with your dues but haven't filled out the Membership Form, you will need to do so at the meeting. One of the important pieces of information we need is your EAA#. Please, either know your number or have your EAA membership card with you so you are able to complete the form. Thank you.

Technical Reports:

Both of our technical advisors, Jack Brewer and Gary Van Farowe, were present, however very limited reports were made. John Wilkes shared information about his electrical system on his RV-8.

Chapter Awards:

Local Chapter awards were given to the 2017 officers, advisors, coordinators, and newsletter/web editor(s). This included Dale Hagen for President, Bob Kenrick for VP, Earle Bares for Secretary and Treasurer, Jack Brewer and Gary Van Farowe for Technical Advisers, Brian Greene for Flight Advisor, Warren Roosen for Young Eagles, and Dale Hagen for newsletter and web site.

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Old and New Business:

Bill Vandermolen reported he is finished with his 4-place Cub. First flight took place on November 27, 2017. Everyone gave him a round of applause.

Break: Coffee, Cookies and social time

Program:

Our guest speaker, Sam Heiter - FAASTeam Program Manager, presented a program on experimental/amateur-built flight testing and discussed some of the best practices for developing flight test programs including qualifications and selection of test pilots. Sam pointed out that NTSB data shows the first 50 hours of flight time on a newly constructed experimental/amateur-built aircraft are particularly dangerous. He also stated aircraft modifications show a similar spike in accidents shortly after those modifications are completed. In fact he explained that

10% of the accidents happen on the very first flight and accident investigation of these events frequently show that a robust flight test program conducted by a competent test pilot would reduce the number of fatal crashes.

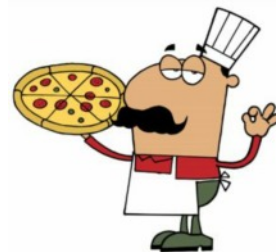
Sam also covered AC 90-116, which introduces the Additional Pilot Program (APP), a program designed to improve safety by allowing homebuilders to have a qualified additional pilot on board to assist with flight testing. (see also AC 90-89A and AC 90-109)

We thanked Sam for an excellent presentation!

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 21:30

Pizza Time!



2018 Dues are Due

Dues were due by January 1, but if you haven't paid yet, we will accept them (cash or check) at the January 5, 2017 meeting. There is a required form to complete when you pay your dues, and we now have a much more convenient way for you to complete this form. Just

click the link below and the form will open in a new window. Complete the form and click Submit. Then, either bring your dues to the meeting or mail your check, made out in the appropriate amount, payable to:

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Official Membership Roster

One of the reasons for this form is simply to update our records. But another reason is we are going to publish an Official Membership Roster in 2018, complete with photos ('head shots') of our members. This Official Roster will only be available to other Chapter 211 members, and may, or may not, be free of charge. We really want it to have accurate information.

Membership Levels

Another thing you will notice about the membership form (under Payment Information) that is different from the past are the different membership "levels."

Student \$0: If you are 18 or under, and a student, you can join for free. The **Student** level gets you a free newsletters and access to all events, but no voting rights.

Eagle \$25: At the **Eagle** level you get your newsletter for free, access to all events, and voting rights.

Airman \$50: At the **Airman** level you are entitled to all the benefits of the Eagle level, plus you will receive a free Official Membership Roster (when they come out) and a special name tag that attaches by magnet instead of a pin.

Ace \$100: At the **Ace** level you are entitled to all the benefits of the Airman level, plus you will receive a certificate for a special portrait session of you with your airplane by professional photographer, Dale R. Hagen.

Whatever membership level you choose (except Student), is up to you. The higher levels will help out the chapter, and the bonuses are nice, but you may just feel generous, and that's a very good thing too!

Invite a Friend

End of Year Financial Report

Membership:

At the end of 2017 we had 37 paid members. As of 12/15/17, sixteen members have paid dues for 2018.

Accounting:

We had a beginning 2017 balance of \$3,650.42 in the checking account and \$39.00 in petty cash for a total of \$3,689.42. (This includes the State of Michigan fee but did not include the annual EAA Dues and Insurance which will be \$520.00). (With the EAA Dues and Insurance taken out gave us a balance of \$3,169.42 - this balance compares to a 2015 E.O.Y. balance of \$3,288.62 and 2014 E.O.Y. balance of \$3294.63.) At the end of 2017 we have a balance of \$3,008.81 in the checking account and \$44.00 in petty cash for a total of \$3,052.81 (This includes the State of Michigan fee but did not include the annual EAA Dues and Insurance which will be about \$520.00). Our income was about \$950 (right on budget). Our expenses were \$1,586.61 which includes \$520.00 EAA, \$20.00 State of Michigan, Events and Coffee \$400.00, Propane \$100.00, Room fix-up \$320.00, Other \$226.61

Pictures from the 2017 Christmas Party



Ten Chapter 211 Members and two spouses were among the roughly 60 attendees at the 2007 Christmas Party at Gordon Gilcrest's beautiful hangar at the Sparta Airport, on Dec. 9th.

Alfred Smith Called Home



Long-time EAA Chapter 211 Member and friend, Alfred A. Smith, was suddenly called home to live forever with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We, here, are not always ready to say goodbye and may not understand God's timing, but to those, like Al, who know the Lord, death is not the end; physical death is a promotion! So, we may feel sad, but we can also rejoice, because Al's soul still lives. He has only changed his address! And I know he is waiting there, to welcome us, when our time on earth is done.

Alfred A. Smith of Nunica, MI died late Wednesday afternoon, December 27, 2017, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident near his home in Nunica, MI. He was 82 years of age. He retired from the Grand Rapids Public Schools after teaching for 35 yrs. He is survived by his first wife, Janice Smith, the mother of his six children - Abraham, Crystal, Elizabeth, Wendy, Hans and Rachel; 5 grandchildren - Katrina, Kelsey, Alan, Ariana, and Haleigh. He is also survived by his brother Norman, sister Ellen and 7 nieces and nephews of New Jersey.

Visitation will be at the Klaussen Family Funeral Home, **1500 Robbins Road**, Grand Haven, MI 49417 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday January 4, 2018. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2018 at Nunica Bible Church, 11175 South St, Nunica, MI 49448, which is at the NE corner of South St. and Main St. (a.k.a. 112th Ave in Ottawa Co. & Maple Island Rd. in Muskegon Co.). In lieu of flowers, donations in memoriam can be made to the Nunica Bible Church or Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 211 of Grand Haven, MI.

In addition, the family will have an informal meet and greet on Tuesday early evening, **January 2nd at Rendezvous Family Restaurant** in Grand Haven from **4:00 - 6:00 pm** to meet Dad's friends and share stories. We hope to see some of his aviation friends there so we can put faces to the names we've all heard about.



Congratulations to Bill Vandermolen on the completion of his beautiful, 4-place Cub. First flight took place on November 27, 2017.