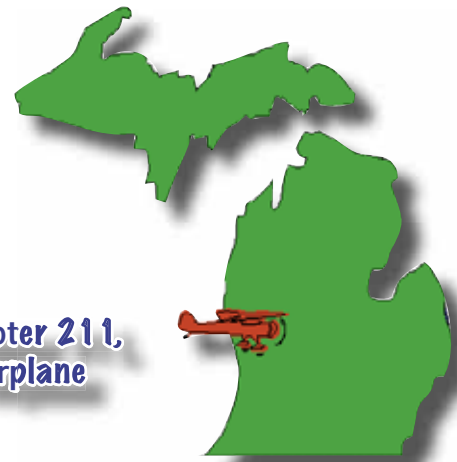


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Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,
serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, and airplane
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MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2011 MYSTERY PROGRAM

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, September 9th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The Meeting is delayed a week from the usual night due to the holiday weekend. The program is a mystery, see what Stan comes up with.

Chapter 211 Picnic reported by Dale Hagen

About 50 people attended. Shortly after we lit the charcoal the sky decided to open up and we experienced a 20 or 30 minute deluge. We were able to stay dry and comfortable in the Community Hangar. The brats got kind of burned due to the volunteer grill-master's inexperience with charcoal, but no one got food poisoning (that we know of). The food that people brought to share was plentiful and delicious. Plaques were given to last year's officers, Tom Marotta and Cliff Cole, but Walter Clawson was not present to receive his plaque. No builders trophies were awarded

as no one completed any planes since last picnic; however the board will check if we missed some gyrocopter completions. Joanne Brownlee brought three get well cards for people to sign for Bill Scheltema who is continuing to make good progress recovering from his recent medical incident.

Young Eagles reported by Chet Uncapher

Our chapter's Young Eagle rally on Saturday was an outstanding success. One hundred and thirty-eight (138) boys and girls officially became Young Eagles. Ten pilots participated in the event: Jack Brewer, Ken Dannenberg, Jake DeHaan, Ben Ennenga, Sebastian Fester, Jack Frost, Karl Kotecki, Gary Kremers, Ken McFarland, and Patti Uncapher. Karl also brought small gliders for the kids to fly while waiting for their turn in the air. The weather was favorable for comfortable flights throughout the whole day. Each pilot flew the same course west to Lake Michigan, south along the shoreline to the power plant north of Holland, eastward to Route 31 and northbound back to the airport. Most of the day each flight was approximately 20 minutes. Later in the afternoon we shortened each flight to assure that every kid that showed up would get a ride before 5:00 p.m. We were successful and did not have to turn anyone away.

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Prez Sez

Greetings all!

A lot has happened since I wrote July's Prez Sez. July 27, I attended my first AirVenture! Wow, just WOW! Those of you who have been there know what I mean. I had the privilege of personally meeting EAA President, Rod Hightower, and prolific aviation writer, Mac McClellan. I was fortunate enough to be able to ask Burt Rutan two questions at the end of his forum on his last project with Scaled Composites, the Bi Pod (car/airplane). I also got to see and listen to Bob Hoover. Unfortunately, though, I was able to attend AirVenture only one single day. Next year I want to go for the whole week. I don't yet know how, but I'm going to find a way to do it!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the picnic on Saturday, August 20, especially all the cooks who brought all the delicious food! I think everyone had a great time eating and socializing. Even the rain didn't dampen our spirits. Certainly, use of the spacious (and dry) Community Hangar for this year's picnic was a real blessing. Thank you Tony Smit.

Our Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, August 27, was a fantastic success. Unfortunately we were not able to schedule quite enough pilots for Sunday so we shortened the event to just Saturday. In retrospect, this probably worked out better anyway, and some of the pilots who had originally committed to fly on Sunday agreed to fly a few extra hours on Saturday. This allowed us to cover the whole day Saturday, from 9 to 5, a lot better. I'm sure Chet will be computing and reporting all the stats, but I do know our members gave 138 children Young Eagles flights. The weather was very, very good. On Sunday we talked to the parents of three children who did not know that we had canceled the Sunday flights. We promised to contact them in the near future to arrange flights for them too. A big thank you to all who helped, pilots and ground crew alike. I think I can speak for everyone: It was a lot of fun!

I hope to see you all at the next meeting, September 9, 2011. Till then...

Keep the shiny side up!

Dale Hagen

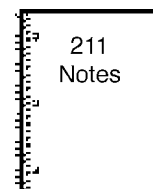


Editors Notebook

I am writing this after returning from a vacation to the Seattle area. I missed the Picnic and the Young Eagles but I did get some aviation time in on the trip. I toured the Boeing Everett facility to see the construction of the 747, 777, and 787. The assembly bays are huge but I heard the familiar sound of riveting in the 747 and 777 areas. The assembly area for the composite 787 was a bit quieter.

I also went to the Museum of Flight on Boeing Field. If you are in the area be sure to stop here. The museum has a wide range of planes from WW1 to current. Boeing Field is a fun place. Within about 15 minutes I saw the prototype 747 Intercontinental leave on a test flight, the prototype 787 come in for a landing, an F-5B arrive from somewhere, and the museums DC-2 leave to return to Everett for the night. There also was a Waco UPF-7 flying rides. I stopped to talk to the Waco ride folks. The Waco flying that day was not the one that Phil flew for many years but they do use Phil's Waco on weekends when they need a second plane. They also complemented the Michigan folks who worked on that Waco and said it still flies beautifully.

George



EAA 211 Picnic



Young Eagles



Rex and Chet in the clubhouse busy signing up Young Eagles



It's all about the smiles



Jake soars into the blue in with a Young Eagle in his RV-12



Ken flying yet another Young Eagle



Gary helping a Young Eagle buckle in



Patty on her way to give three excited girl scouts their flight

Mystery Aircraft



This months Mystery Plane was near Seattle



Last month's Mystery was RV's at a past Pancake Breakfast

EAA Chapter 211 July 11 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order July 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM. Attending were 36 members plus 2 guests. Dale lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The guests were introduced. The minutes to June meeting were approved as in the bulletin. Financial report was given and approved. A report was given on A-36 crash, B17 fire, and Airship fire. Tony asked for help for the upcoming Dawn Patrol. A report was given on the requirements for pilots for Young Eagles flights; volunteers for pilots and ground crew were requested. Tony volunteered a hanger for our annual picnic.

After break the program was a DVD of 1939 air races and 1972 Oshkosh. Oshkosh was filmed by Jack Brewer and showed past members of the chapter. We didn't finish the DVD for it was getting late, end of meeting

Secretary Jack Brewer

submitted by Jack D. Brewer secretary-treasurer

Bill Scheltema medical report reported by Dale Hagen

Bill continues to rapidly improve since his medical incident. He can now walk without his walker but he is continuing in therapy. Bill initially thought he simply banged his head when he suffered a fall between his workshop and his residence, but the doctors say he suffered a brain hemorrhage. He admits now that he was having a little difficulty with his memory for some time leading up to the fall and this may be related to the hemorrhage and the incident. Bill will not be able to drive for at least four months so Beatrice is now his chauffeur. Of course his flying is curtailed indefinitely. Only time will tell. Bill told me it would be okay to pass this information on to all the members, and he thanks you for your thoughts and prayers.

Aircraft Scales

Would the person who currently has the scales please contact Doug Formsma. He needs them soon. His number is [616-994-9956](tel:616-994-9956).

The Editors Vacation to Seattle



EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

September 9	Meeting
October 7.....	Meeting
November 4	Meeting
December 2.....	Meeting
December ?	Christmas Party

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