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Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,
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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY JUNE 4TH, 2010

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, June 4th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is video of Oshkosh past taken from some of Jack Brewsters movies.

Project Visit

The Tom Marotta project visit was Saturday, May 22nd at Tom Marotta's shop. Several chapter members stopped by and saw Tom's Velocity project. The Velocity was on the gear and had wings attached and looked great!



Thanks Tom for hosting

EAA Ford Trimotor

It is official, the EAA Ford Trimotor will be in Muskegon in July hosted by Chapter

211. The Tri-Motor will arrive at MKG July 15 and will be flying July 16-18. It will leave for OSH on July 19. The Chapter is looking for volunteers to help out with the Tri-Motor, you will see more about that in the newsletter in the coming months.

Air Force Museum Trip Update

Walt reports that there are currently 16 paid seats on the bus with about 40 more to fill. Reserve your seat now! Contact Walt or and officer at the meeting. More information is on page 5

Osprey?

A question at the last meeting was "Where did Herb Kelley's Osprey project end up?" If you know email the editor

From the Library

The following issues of **Sport Aviation** are needed:

2008: February and March
2009: March, May, June, July, August, Sept, Oct, and December
2010: All Issues

Our **Kitplane** collection has expanded, We need:

2006 October
2008 September and October
2009 June
2010 All issues

Thanks for your support and contributions!
Vic Matthews

Coming Soon: EAA211.org

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Prez Sez

Weather is warm, mowers are cutting grass, the fish are biting and summer is here. Did I mention the number of planes flying? I would like to thank all the members who showed up for the project visit on Saturday. The weather cleared and it was a good day. There is still room left on the bus trip according to the last conversation I had with Walt so let's go! If you have info for the "Oshkosh Connection" see me at the meeting or email the information to me.

We still need volunteers for the Tri-Motor event July 15th – 18th.

If you could help, please let me know as soon as possible. We are hoping for a large turnout so we will need all the volunteers we can get.

Tom Marotta

President - EAA 211



Editors Notebook

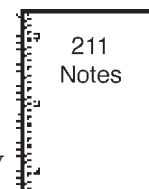
Warm weather and sunshine are here. I hope all of you with planes are up enjoying the weather.

I had a good time at Tom's shop visit. I have always liked the "EZ" type planes and the Velocity is one of the more roomy variants. It is good to see a project early so you can really see how it goes together. Then later, when you see the finished product, you know what is behind the upholstery and flat screens.

Lots happening over the next months. June is planning for the Tri-motor visit and July is the Tri-motor followed by Oshkosh. August is the picnic then September has the trip to the Air Force Museum. A busy summer!

As I was going to press I got an email from Chet Uncapher. He is flying an air tour in Ontario and has his new SPOT locator with him. I was able to log in to a web site and see his route from Zeeland to London, ON and onward to the Kingston, near east end of Lake Ontario. Chet, did you take any photos of downtown Toronto as you flew past offshore?

George



Visit to Tom Marotta's Shop



EAA Chapter 211 May 7 Meeting Minutes

Our meeting was called to order by President Tom with all in unison saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the treasure's report given and approved.

Flight advisor, Ken Dannenberg reported on accidents during the previous thirty days. Of particular were 3 that occurred at Sun and Fun. All three occurred on the ground because of windy conditions and were minor in nature. We are reminded that gust often occur with weather system changes and this especially true of those in the spring time. Many times these gust are on or near the ground. We need to keep this in mind, as they often come from unexpected direction and their strength can move our plane into a potentially dangerous position.

Tech advisor, Jack Brewer reminded all that when working on brakes and using cleaner to make sure it not to mix heat and cleaner as we could get phosgene gas, which is one of the gases used in WWI. He mentioned Bill Scheltema would report on the detail of his plane.



Bill said he made a fuel stop and had no brakes, as a result he went off the runway and the plane nosed slightly forward damaging the prop. It was bent near the hub and they

are checking the engine to see if and what damage might have occurred. Dial indicator of the crank and prop attachment run out at present indicate no damage. The problem with the brakes was a blown line. There was discussion about different materials used for lines and the parameters needed. Bill had pictures of the landing site and the plane off the runway as well as bringing it home on the trailer and the damaged areas.



The Tri-motor event was discussed. At time of the meeting we still were not sure of how many rooms were needed for the pilots and personnel that come with the plane. It was decided that we should reserve 5 rooms. In the discussion of the event posters, banners and media spots were discussed and one media spot was played.

Adam Baker has agreed to put together a club web page. Tom M was able to get a two year domain of EAA211.org with five email addresses so that emails to the officers could go directly through when new officers took office rather than using our personal email. Bill Scheletma made motion that Tom should be reimbursed the \$133.98 he spent on the domain fees, seconded by Jack Brewer, passed.

Walt reported on the museum trip and related details. There was explanation about owing your seat on the bus and what you needed to do if you were unable to not use at the last minute.

Project visit is at Tom M's on the 22nd.

Fly day information in May issue of Sport Aviation, page 24. An excellent time to introduce someone to flying and they get a free EAA membership for one year.

The Oshkosh connection was talked about. A list of who is going, when and how so members can make contact if needed.

Chet Uncapher talked about the SPOT. An interesting device that tracks your location and can send messages to given locations. It does not replace your ELT. But sends messages and tracks you and you do not need to have an accident for it to do so. It is portable and can go with you when not in your plane. The headquarters are in Toronto, Canada. The units cost \$115 – 150 and the service is \$99 for basic and the tracking is \$50 more. A very interesting device.



Mystery Aircraft



Mystery Engine Part



Last month's Mystery was Prez Paul Marotta departing from Muskegon Race Course



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Management Change- Grand Haven Memorial Airport

Change is underway at the Grand Haven Memorial Airport as new management prepares to take over, according to Tom Manderscheid, Transportation Director for the City of Grand Haven.

The airport's management services and fixed base operations position was recently put out for bid and a selection committee comprised of aviators and city personnel interviewed and chose Benz Aviation, LLC to manage and operate the Grand Haven Memorial Airport.

Tony Smit, co-owner of Benz Aviation, will manage the day-to-day operations at the airport, and will also take the helm as business manager and flight instructor for both private and commercial aircraft. He brings with him over 20 years experience as a pilot and flight instructor, and 10 years experience as a business owner and airport manager. Mr. Smit is a resident of Grand Haven Charter Township and a former flight instructor at the Grand Haven airport.

Matt Kuhns will oversee the maintenance responsibilities of the Grand Haven airport. In addition to being a pilot, Mr. Kuhns currently manages one part-time and two full-time mechanics, and is licensed to perform annual safety inspections as required by the FAA. He brings with him over 20 years of maintenance experience and is trained to service everything from the smaller twin-engine aircraft to the single-engine high-performance aircraft.

The progressive future of the Grand Haven Memorial Airport is a vision shared by both Benz Aviation and the City of Grand Haven. Airport services will offer 24-hour, self-service fueling utilizing a credit card reader, flight training and formal ground school classes, aircraft sales (both new and used), scenic tours, and the opportunity for aerial advertising to both local and national businesses.

B & B Aviation LLC had been the Fixed Base Operation at the City's airport for over 20 years. The members of the Airport Board and I thank Warren Benaway, and his brother Wes, and their employees for their service. We wish them only the best in their future endeavors.

Michigan Air Tour 2010 "Bridges and Lighthouses" October 1-3, 2010

Friday, Oct. 1

Port Huron at St. Clair County (PHN)
Holland, Tulip City (BIV) Lunch
Traverse City (TVC) Overnight
* Tour of Coast Guard Air Station
* Fantastic dinner gala and line dancing

Saturday, Oct. 2

Traverse City (TVC)
* Breakfast buffet and safety briefing
Cheyebogan (SLH) Lunch
Sault Ste Marie (ANJ) Overnight
* Tour the town and see the sites

Sunday, Oct. 3

Sault Ste Marie (ANJ)
* Breakfast buffet and safety briefing
Bay City (3CM)
Grosse Ile (ONZ)
* Lunch
* Lighthouse tour



Cost is \$120 per person
• Includes Friday, Saturday, Sunday Lunches
• Friday night Penthouse Banquet and Dance
• Grosse Ile Light House Tour
• Saturday & Sunday Breakfasts
• MAA Membership of \$10
• and many other MAA perks

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Air Force Museum Trip

Summary of EAA Chapter 211 Bus Trip To Air Force Museum

Cost per seat for bus transportation--\$46.00 .

Cost for overnight at Hampton Inn , Sidney, OH--\$94.00 per night for double occupancy (\$47.00 each for the night)

A limited number of single rooms are available for those that don't want to room with someone. (\$94.00)

Two adults maximum per room and two children/grandchildren under 17 years old per room

Departure date of Friday September 24, 2010 at approx. 6:00PM at the MDOT park-n-ride lot at Exit 16, I-96 Coopersville exit.

Spend all day at the museum (good cafeteria at museum)

Return home Saturday at Museum closing time of 5:00PM and get back to cars at about 10:30PM

The bus is a 55 passenger charter bus and you are permitted to carry on your own food and beverages, if desired. All family/friends are welcome

Payments to: EAA Chapter 211-will be received starting at the May chapter meeting. (include names of all staying in the room)

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Note: All payments due in full by July 15, 2010

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

July 2 or 9.....	Meeting
July 15-19	Tri-Motor at MKG
July 26-August 1.....	Oshkosh
August ?	Picnic
September 3 or 10.....	Meeting
September 24-25.....	Trip to Air Force Museum
October 1.....	Meeting
November 5	Meeting
December 3.....	Meeting

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