



December 2015

Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, December 4, 2015, 7:30pm

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

For Sale, Trade, and Free, Swap Meet

Walt Clawson has come up with a great idea for the December meeting. He will bringing "a bunch of his home-built building tools for sale cheap, and some stuff for free." Walt won't be building anymore, so he is going to give others a chance to get some good deals if they want. If you have any tools or parts, or anything you're interested in selling, trading, or giving away, bring them to the December Swap Meet! Let's have some fun with this!

2016 Dues are Due

We will have envelopes for your dues at the meeting on which you can check and update your information.

Dues still are only \$22 for the year. If you have been receiving your newsletter through the mail and want to continue receiving it that way, add \$3 (\$25 total).



The additional \$3 doesn't fully cover the cost of printing and postage (it's actually closer to \$12), but we will continue the service to the few who have had it and want to keep it. But if you are ready to **SAVE \$3, AND get Hangar Talk in FULL COLOR**, switch now to receiving your newsletter by email.

Prez Sez

Last week gave us a taste of what's to come, so be prepared and fly safe.

The Christmas party is December 12, at the Sparta Airport, so come and celebrate the holiday with your 211 family.



January the new officers will be taking over, so this is my last newsletter for this term. Thank you all for allowing me to lead the chapter through the year 2015.

Tom Marotta
EAA Chapter 211 President

***"Habits are safer than rules; you don't have to watch them.
And you don't have to keep them either. They keep you." — Frank Crane***

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2015-11-06

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 26

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:35

The Nov. 6 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Tom Marotta.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 25 members and family along with 1 visitor were in attendance at the November meeting. We welcomed visitor Ethan Beswick from Holland. Ethan is in the process of starting to build an airplane (RV-9).

Event and Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be December 4th. The Christmas gathering will be on December 12th.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the October 2nd, 2015 meeting minutes.

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

We had receipts/donations of \$17.05 (coffee fund) and expenses of \$15.10 (newsletter) which gives us a total Chapter 211 current meeting fund balance of \$3,718.37. The checkbook balance is \$3639.56. Petty cash balance is \$78.81. (It is noted that picnic expenses have not yet been included.) Motion to approve was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report and was unanimously passed.

Chapter Membership:

We now have 49 members this year. Many of you still owe us your EAA membership number. We noted that 2016 membership dues are payable at next meeting.

A "get well, we miss you" card was sent to Chet Uncapher. Various members have talked to Chet and he appears to be getting somewhat better. Non-the-less we wished him well and do miss his and Patty's attendance at the meetings.

Technical Reports:

Jack Brewer did not have any technical reports. Gary Van Farowe was not in attendance. Tom Marotta talked about his Sky-Tec starter. Even though it was out of warranty, Sky-Tec ultimately replaced it, as it should not have failed where it did. Jack also talked about the old Montague airport (now closed).

Young Eagles:

Chapter 211 member Kevin Golsch is our YE Coordinator. We had pre-registered 27 kids (17 from the Dawn Patrol) and had 4 pilots/airplanes scheduled for these Young Eagle flights, but the planned date of October 17th and the rain date of October 24th were both canceled due to weather and other conflicts. It was also noted that out of the 27 kids that were pre-registered, only 8 kids actually ended up being scheduled to fly on the event date(s).

Elections:

A lengthy discussion took place on the need for members to serve on Board of Directors of our Chapter. President Tom Marotta opened the floor for nominations and/or volunteers for the 2016 Board of Directors. Tom explained that we need three people who will serve a two-year term of office. He stated that the first year the three members will be Directors and then the whole Board (at that point in time) will decide which office each of the three new Directors will eventually fill during their second year (President, VP, or Secretary/Treasurer).

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Tom further explained that as a Director you would be serving with the 2016 officers - President Dan Whisman, Vice President Warren Roosen, and possibly Bob Vink, Secretary/Treasurer. Tom explained that because the workload is divided amongst the six people it's not totally time consuming. Scott DeGaynor talked about new people getting involved in the local Chapter as a Director and/or Officer and that it's a rewarding experience.

After discussion Bob Kenrick and Dale Hagen (if time permits) volunteered. Motion was made, seconded, and approved by members to elect Bob and Dale. We are still in need of a third person. It was also brought to our attention that Bob Vink may not be available to be Secretary/Treasurer next year (as he has not attended any of the Broad meetings this year). Earle Bares indicated if that is the case, he maybe willing to fill in (if no one else volunteers).

IMC Clubs:

Tom Marotta reported the EAA has acquired IMC Clubs. The IMC Club's mission is to facilitate organized hangar flying that focuses on building flight proficiency. More than 100 IMC Club chapters meet monthly. EAA has had a longstanding commitment to aviation safety and the ability to offer IMC programming to members using existing chapter network presents a tremendous opportunity.

This agreement will provide resources for new and improved program offerings that will enhance and expand the impact of the IMC concept. As part of a transition:

- Existing IMC Club members will become EAA members (beginning immediately)
- Existing IMC Club chapters will either form a new EAA chapter or be integrated into an existing EAA chapter (first quarter of 2016)
- All EAA chapters will have the ability to begin offering IMC programming (late spring 2016)

Flight Advisor:

We are still in need of a Flight Advisor.

Coffee Break:

Program: Project Reports

We had some interesting project reports from Paul Dannenburg and Scott DeGaynor.

Paul showed examples of some hydraulically drawn sheet metal parts. He started by first cutting the stainless steel sheet metal part out in the shape required, with extra material on the OD (to use as a flange). He made a corresponding thick-plate-mounting with a pipe-fitting input for the hydraulic fluid. He used an O-ring seal and secured the sheet metal to the mounting along the flange edge with lots of fasteners. He then pumped hydraulic fluid into the bolted together unit until the anticipated shape was formed. It looked very good.

Scott talked about fuselage airflow over his Bede 4 and showed many pictures of same from a camera mounted on wing.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:30

Riverview Airport (08C) Christmas Brunch

- Saturday December 12
 - Riverview Main Hangar
 - Bring a dish to pass at 11:00 a.m.
 - Plan to eat at 11:30 a.m.
 - Ham, place service and drinks provided
 - Sign-up at Riverview or email me
c172foster@gmail.com
- Happy Holidays, Dick Foster

American Eaglet Project

Thursday evening Work Sessions are scheduled for December 3, 10 and 17. No Saturday Work Sessions are currently scheduled for December. Always check the website, www.211.eaachapter.org for the latest information.



**Please continue to keep Chet Uncapher in your thoughts and prayers!
We miss you Chet, and want to see you back soon (and Patty too).**

Christmas Dinner & Awards Banquet December 12, 2015

Merry Christmas

Please join with your fellow EAA Chapter 211 family and Chapter 504 on Saturday, December 12, 2015, for an evening of camaraderie and Holiday spirit at our 2015 Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet.

The venue will be Gordon Gilcrest's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport, 9140 Vinton Avenue NW, Sparta, MI. Gordon's is the large hangar East of the T-hangars that are just East of John Gill's hangar. There is access right off 11 Mile Rd. which borders the north side of the airport. See satellite view below.

Chapter 211 will be furnishing meat, coffee, soft drinks and water. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service, and your Holiday spirit(s). Plan on arriving about 6pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm.

