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

Hangar Talk

# Meeting Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Coast Guard Flight Safety over Water

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be presented by the Coast Guard from Muskegon. They will give a presentation on flight safety over water. This will be a good chance to learn from the people that have a lot of experience in over water flying and the results of poor planning.

# Young Eagles – Red Tail Squadron - Pancakes

Saturday, June 16, 2012 will be a big day for Chapter 211. In fact, this will be a truly exciting weekend as our Young Eagles event will coincide with a Grand Haven Aviation Club sponsored visit of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Red Tail Squadron!

June 16 we will be flying Young Eagles from 9 am to 2 pm. If you have an airplane,

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and are properly insured, we need your to help fly Young Eagles! If you are not able to fly, we could still use your help on the ground. To join in on the fun, please call Dale Hagen, 616-260-4990 as soon as possible to volunteer.

Grand Haven Aviation Club is sponsoring the CAF Red Tail Squadron. The Red Tail traveling exhibit will be in downtown Grand Haven during the week and move to the airport for the weekend. There is more info on the Red Tail Squadron at http://www.redtail.org/.

The following day, Sunday, June 17, 2012, is Fathers' Day, and a Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast at the Grand Haven Airport. What a great opportunity for us to work together with the Grand Haven Aviation Club to promote interest in aviation and inspire the next generation of aviators!

# No crying over spilled coffee!

Despite a rough start that included a blown circuit breaker and a malfunctioning table that caused a big pot coffee to spill, the May meeting with J. Mac McClellan was a big success. Mac brought us up to speed with the mission and direction of EAA, and

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Chapter 211 meeting is the first Friday of the month, 7:30pm at the Grand Haven Airport. Check the calendar on the last page or the web site for any changes.

# Prez Sez

First of all I would like to thank Dale Hagen for the effort he put into getting Mac McClellan in to speak at our last meeting. The turnout was great, but for those of you who missed the meeting you also missed a good time and the opportunity to win some great prizes.

It was announced at the meeting that Jenison EAA Chapter 145 is having their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>. I understand there is free food, so that should be a major drawing card.



Don't forget our Young eagles event on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Dale will need several helpers for ground crew and hopefully plenty of pilots and planes will come to fly kids.

The baseball hats with a picture of the Eaglet on the front are ready. The money raised by selling the hats will go towards the Eaglet project. The chapter is selling the hats for \$15.00 so bring your bucks to the next meeting.

Regards,

#### Paul

President - Chapter EAA 211

### **Editors Notebook**

The Calendar is filling. We have the meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> and Young Eagles day June 16. Along with that is the Grand Haven Aviation Club Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast the 17<sup>th</sup>, and the CAF Red Tail exhibit all weekend. July has the meeting, an initiation



to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chapter 145 at Riverview, and an invitation to a BBQ. Then we have Oshkosh at the end of July!

I plan to work on the Eaglet May 26<sup>th</sup>. I understand the project is moving along and one wing is nearly ready to cover. Lots of little steps and eventually it will fly again.

#### George

# Mac

shared some of the challenges of the organization, its chapters, its members, and the future of aviation in general. After his presentation, Mac also answered a lot of really good questions from some of the more than 60 attendees.



# American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Gary is planning regular work sessions, the June schedule is

Wednesday, June 6th Thursday, June 21 Saturday, June 30. Thursday, June 14 Thursday, June 28

Gary reports that the right wing 95% done then ready for fabric, just started on left, He would like to put wings on Saturday the 26th and check for square then start taking the fuselage apart.

### The hats are in!

Hats that feature our American Eaglet Project Plane are finished and will be available for sale at the June meeting. There are two colors; white and beige, your choice (while quantities last) and are only \$15 each. Profits from the sale of these hats will go toward the Eaglet project, so get yours while they last



# Minutes of EAA Chapter 211 meeting May 4, 2012

The May business meeting was replaced by a presentation by J. Mac McClellan who discussed the mission and direction of EAA

# **Eaglet Project**

The Grand Haven Tribune ran an article on the Eaglet restoration project. The article gave some background on how Chapter 211 began the project, the history of the Eaglet, and the plans for the restoration. You can see the web version of the article at:

http://www.grandhaventribune.com/content/soar-eaglet





# **Mystery Aircraft**



Another Mystery from my photo library



Last month's Mystery was a B-47 at Grissom Air Museum









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# EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

June 1 Meeting
June 6, 14, 21, 28 & 30Work on Eaglet
contact Gary VanFarowe to sign up
June 16 Young Eagles at Grand Haven
June 17Grand Haven Dawn Patrol
July 13 Meeting
July 14 EAA Chapter 145 Picnic at Jenison
July 21 BBQ - Gary Kremers - Ottawa Exec
August 11 EAA Chapter 211 Picnic
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