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

# MEETING FRIDAY JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program is Project Reports. Be prepared to talk about your Project. Bring in parts to show, photos, drawings... whatever you can share with the Chapter..

### 2010/2011 Board Election

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Hangar Talk

Pete Mulliner, Stan Briggs, and Jack Brewer were elected board members for 2010 and 2011. They join President Tom Marotta, Vice President Walt Clawson, and Secretary Treasurer Bob Vermeulen as the board for 2010. Thanks to all for serving the chapter..

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### **Christmas Party**

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party was Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at John Gills hangar at Sparta. Over 60 people attended for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and airplanes. Thanks John for hosting again this year.

### Dues

Dues for 2010 will be collected at the meeting, \$25 or \$22 with email delivery of the newsletter. The treasurer will have an envelope with the 2009 roster information for each member. Put your dues in your envelope and check that the roster information is correct. This way we will be able to keep track of who has paid dues and your editor will not have to add a sheet with the news for roster updates.

### Sick leave

Chapter members Lin Light and Bob Vermeulen have had some medical problems. Lin Light had a stroke in November. The last word I have is that he is recovering. Bob Vermeulen had a heart attack followed by a stroke in December. Our thoughts and prayers go to both of you for a rapid and complete recovery.

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### Contributing this month

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### Prez Sez

Hope the holiday's went well for all as now the new year begins. I was unable to attend the Warm December meeting (Thanks Paul and Bill) or the Christmas party at John Gill's hanger. (Thank You John on behalf of the 211 chapter)

Have no news on the Ford Tri-Motor yet getting kind of anxious to see if we are on the tour.

Now that I'm Prez I will try to keep up with the standard of leadership you are all used to having. I would like to thank next years board members

Pete Mulliner, Stan Briggs, and Jack Brewer for the Leadership commitment to keep our club going.

I will see you at our next meeting on January 8, 2010

Tom Marotta

President - EAA 211

### A note from Bob...

Just a note from last years pres.:

We had a great Christmas party at John Gill's play-house! Thanks a lot John. We couldn't do it without you!

Sixty + people attended and much great food was enjoyed by all.-----Good fellowship too!

We all join to wish Bob Vermeulen and Lin Light speedy recovery.

The club will prosper with the incoming management and I sure wish them the best------I'll help any way I can.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### **Editors Notebook**

2010. Another new year.

I missed the December meeting and the Christmas Party due to other commitments. It appears that the board was able to convince three victims loyal Chapter members to become board members. Thank you to Stan, Jack, and Pete.

The January meeting is always a fun one with Project Reports. Be sure to come and talk about your projects.

Happy New Year.

### George



# Photos from the Christmas Party













### EAA Chapter 211 December 5 Meeting Minutes

December 5 minutes

President Bob called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. There were 20 members and one visitor in attendance. The minutes of the November meeting were approved. The treasure's report was given and approved.

The Jack Elenbaas memorial was discussed. We also, discussed the Herb Kelly memorial gifts. Scott DeGaynor provided much information as to what items were sold and that Gary VanFarrow had stored the majority of the items.

Bill Scheltema asked if we noticed that the room was a little warmer that last month. The natural gas had been shut off by the airport management. Bill and Paul Overbeek converted the furnace to propane and all was working correctly. The propane has a lock so that we can control when it gets used. The cost of conversion and gas supply came to \$352.88.

There was discussion about your license stating English proficient on the back if you were or even remotely might fly international. There is a \$3.00 charge to change a plastic license to read English proficient. It was also noted that the paper license would be obsolete and expire in March of 2010. There is no charge to replace the paper license. You can get all the information at <u>www.faa.gov</u>

Bill Scheltema offered to be custodian of the projector, DVD

player, and scales. The group was in agreement.

Flight advisor Ken Dannenberg reported there were a total of 180 accidents in November. Of these 23 were fatal with a total of 34 fatalities. Out of these there were 27 experimental accidents with 8 fatal and 12 fatalities. Some of the planes mentioned were: Legend, Sonex, Skybolt II, Hornet II, Mustang, Zodiac 601. Also noted was a Beechcraft that landed in fog at Memphis on 18 C rather than on 18 L and some problems with a Pawnee and glider trying to occupy the same airspace.

The Zenith 601, 650 light sport aircraft known as the Zodiac are all grounded till up grades are made to the spars, ailerons are balance and bell cranks. Those that are licensed as experimental have a strong recommendation to make the same upgrades. Those that have crashed are thought to have developed flutter. Flutter has been reported as a major cause of rekiting as aircraft.

Jack B. said the Tech report was very slow and not much going on.

Next years board members are Pete Mulliner, Stan Briggs, and Jack Brewer. This was made official by a motion from Scott D. and second by John G. with a resounding approval of those present. Stan noted that he had been in industry for several years and was now teaching CAD and materials at MCC.

There was a quarry if EAA knew that Jack Elenbaas had gone west and if they would be including him in the column by that name in Sport Aviation.

Coffee was followed by a DVD "Last Flight Home," very interesting as many of us had friends and relatives in WWII.

# **Mystery Aircraft**





A Christmas Mystery

Last month's Mystery Jodel alieron pullys

## Photos from the Christmas Party







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EAA Chapter 211 Calendar		
January 8	Meeting	
February 5	Meeting	
March 5	Meeting	
April 2 or 9	Meeting	
April 13-18	Sun'n Fun	
May 7	Meeting	
June 4	Meeting	
July 2 or 9	Meeting	
July 26-August 1	Oshkosh	
August ?	Picnic	
September 3 or 10		
October 1	Meeting	
November 5	Meeting	
December 3	-	