



June 2017

Hangar Talk



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

Meeting Friday, June 2, 2017, 7:30pm

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

SAFETY IS PRIORITY ONE!

This month's featured speaker is FAASTeam Program Manager, Sam Heiter. The FAASTeam's goal is to reduce the Nation's aviation accident rate by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education; while establishing partnerships and encouraging the continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community. — Continued on page 3



Prez Sez

Greetings friends,

Wow, it felt good to be back to a meeting and see you guys (well, all of you who were there)! May's meeting was a good one in many ways, but one I hope not to repeat anytime soon! A lot of good ideas were shared, and I'm still going over the surveys and looking forward to any more that might be turned in at the next meeting, which is coming right up.

One of the suggestions that was made during the meeting needs to be (and now has been) added to our meeting's agenda. It is, to ask if anyone brought a project or idea to share. We frequently have done that, but it hasn't been an agenda item. It is natural to want to show off your ideas and achievements, and an invitation to do so should be offered. And, now it will be at most regular meetings. So, if you have something to share, bring it with you and show it off; anything from an idea, to a work in progress, to your latest, hi-tech thing-a-ma-bob or speed-mod!



I'd also like to take a minute to say "welcome" to our newest member, Rich Guilfoil from Douglas, MI. At your next opportunity, please introduce yourself to Rich, and make sure he knows he's welcome.

The Chapter 211 board met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. We had a productive meeting, and discussed many ideas. We may have determined which 2018 Officer positions each 2017 Board member will be taking, but it is not cast in concrete yet. We should be letting you know soon though.

We did decide on a date for the 2017 EAA Chapter 211 Family Picnic. It will be Saturday, August 19, 2017, so put it on your calendar and watch for further details coming soon.

We discussed about a dozen other topics as well, some we will be bringing before all of you in the near future.

I hope to see you all at the June 2 meeting!

Sincerely,

Dale Hagen
EAA Chapter 211 President (2017)

"You have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a pilot. You can't do both."

— Vought F-8 Crusader pilot extraordinaire, Andy Hill

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2017-05-05

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 21

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance:

The Friday, May 5, 2017 Chapter 211 Meeting was called to order at 19:35 by President Dale Hagen.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 20 members and 1 visitor were in attendance at the May meeting. We welcomed visitor and now new member Rich Guilfoil to the meeting.

Event and Meeting Dates:

June 2, 2017 - Regular meeting.... with board meeting preceding at 18:30

July 7, 2017 - Regular meeting at John Gill's hangar, Sparta Airport

July 15, 2017 - Young Eagles Rally

August 12, 2017 - Dawn Patrol and Young Eagles Rally

August 19, 2017 - Chapter 211 Family Picnic

September 1, 2017 - Regular meeting

General Comments and Update:

Dale welcomed everyone to the May meeting. Dale explained the purpose of this meeting was to discuss various ideas to attract new members, revitalize, and grow Chapter 211, and ultimately chart a path for the future of our Chapter. Dale also stated that he should be at all the future meetings this year.

The presentation of a very detailed scale replica of the 1935 American Eaglet was made to Gary Van Farowe for his dedicated leadership and substantial involvement with the "full size" Eaglet project. We thanked Gary for all he did on the project and several members stated their heart felt appreciation.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the April 7, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

After April receipts we had a net of \$23.00 added to our funds and expenses of 50 cents. We therefore currently have a balance of \$3025.92 (\$2953.42 in checking and \$62.50 in petty cash). We do have a Young Eagles event label expense of \$29.00 yet to be paid. It is noted, per our 2017 budget and again what is anticipated, we would end the year with a balance of around \$1850.00.

A motion to approve was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report and financial statements. Motion was unanimously passed.

Local Chapter Membership and Dues:

As of the May meeting we had 30 paid members and as of the writing of these minutes we have 34 members. We still need some member's EAA membership numbers. Please note any corrections or new information you want added to our "data-base".

If you want to pay your 2017 dues by mail, Make your check payable to EAA Chapter 211 and send to:

EAA CHAPTER 211
GRAND HAVEN MEMORIAL AIRPARK
16446 COMSTOCK ST
GRAND HAVEN MI 49417

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Technical Reports:

Jack Brewer: Jack talked a little about rebuilding a Champ and the crash of an airplane in Mukilteo, Washington. The plane was forced to land and upon descent, it clipped electrical wires and this in turn ignited a massive fire ball. Jack also stated the Wings of Mercy event in Muskegon will take place June 10 and a Muskegon Airshow may take place on August 24.

Old and New Business:

Young Eagles - July 15th (in conjunction with an airport open house) and August 12th (in conjunction with Dawn Patrol) are the set dates for the Young Eagle flights. Warren Roosen indicated we so far have 5 planes and pilots. Warren pointed out we still need volunteers and, in particular, more planes and pilots. As stated, we do plan on limiting the number of flights pending the number of planes we get and will give the kids a quality and unrushed briefing and ride. We have received the specific insurance for the event indicating the event dates which is in conjunction with the current insurance policy on record.

Projects - There an extended discussion about "Chapter 211 helping out around the airport," as well as past agreements made with the airport and/or City of Grand Haven and Chapter 211. The painting of our club house hangar roof now seems to be off the table, mainly due to safety and liability concerns. The painting of the fuel tank remains as a possible project.

Earle Bares will prepare a more detailed list of potential jobs we might be able to help with.

Events - An Airport Open House / Aviation Day will take place at the Grand Haven airport on Saturday July 15, 2017.

The Grand Haven Dawn Patrol will be on Saturday August 12, between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. GHAA is planning on breakfast and hot dogs.

An Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp will be held next summer at the airport on July 9th through July 13th (2018).

Parking - Earle Bares reported that we can no longer park on the tarmac or by the maintenance hangar any more. He will provide a parking area layout at the next meeting. Earle also stated the Grand Haven airport will become a no smoking campus sometime soon.

Survey - Before the break, Dale Hagen passed out a Chapter 211 Survey and asked that each one of us it fill out.

Coffee Break / Social Time

Program:

After the break, Dale lead a discussion seeking ideas from members about what to do about the 40% decline in membership over the past 5 years. Many, but not all, membership organizations are having similar problems with declining membership. Dale talked about the difference between the causes that are beyond our control and the ones

that are within our control, and how we need to try to identify them, then implement the things we can do to reverse the trend. Many concerns were expressed and ideas shared by pretty much everyone in attendance. Toward the end of the meeting Dale reviewed the following six points of a plan he is proposing.

1. Endeavor to book quality, compelling, relevant programs.
2. Endeavor to stay booked with meetings at least 6 months out so as to be able to advertise programs in advance and to show value in being a Chapter 211 member.
3. Create a brochure that highlights the benefits of becoming a member of Chapter 211.
4. Form a Membership Committee whose job it shall be to A. make sure every visitor feels welcomed, and C. invite them to join Chapter 211.
5. Utilize EAA's membership database to invite EAA members in the area to join Chapter 211.
6. Come up with some ideas for special programs or events designed to showcase Chapter 211 to people who might decide to join us.

Dale concluded with asking that all members please share any ideas they may have, and also, if they felt too rushed, to complete the survey at home and send it in or bring it to the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2200 hours.

SAFETY IS PRIORITY ONE continued....

Because loss of control in flight has been one of the most significant causes of fatal aircraft accidents for many years, it has become a major focus of the FAASTeam. Loss of control can occur any time an aircraft enters a flight regime which is outside its normal envelope thereby introducing an element of surprise for the pilot and flight crew. Mr. Heiter will discuss typical causes of LOC accidents and how to avoid them.

Time permitting, other topics of interest may be covered such as "BasicMed," the new medical category which became effective May 1, 2017, and the implementation of NextGen and how ADS-B rules are likely to affect us.

This is going to be a great program, and we will likely have quite a number of guests. This is a chance to put forward our best and show what Chapter 211 is all about.

Invite a Friend

EAA AirCam Build Session

June 5th - 9th | Oshkosh, WI

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Young Eagles program, EAA will hold a volunteer build of the unique twin-engine, open-cockpit Lockwood AirCam, to be used for flying Young Eagles out of Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh.



The first build session is scheduled for June 5-9, and we seeking volunteers to help! **This build session is open to individuals of any experience level.** EAA will provide housing and meals. We just ask that you be willing to work each day. Work sessions are 8:30 am to 5 pm on Monday through Friday.

[Click here to learn more and sign up](#) for the upcoming build session.

I hope to see you in Oshkosh!

Charlie Becker,
EAA Director of Chapters, and Homebuilt Community Manager

WHAT FUN!

Chapter 211 Summer 2017 Lineup

June 2, 2017 - EAA Chapter 211 Regular meeting at our Grand Haven EAA Clubhouse
July 7, 2017 - EAA Chapter 211 Regular meeting at John Gill's hangar at Sparta Airport
July 15, 2017 - Young Eagles Rally at Grand Haven Memorial Airpark
August 12, 2017 - Dawn Patrol and Young Eagles Rally at Grand Haven Memorial Airpark
August 19, 2017 - Chapter 211 Family Picnic at Grand Haven Memorial Airpark
September 1, 2017 - EAA Chapter 211 Regular meeting - Aluminum Welding Workshop, M. Lynn
October 6, 2017 - EAA Chapter 211 Regular meeting - Project visit, Ed Cech

News from Dick Foster at EAA Chapter 145

Here is an update about the activities at Riverview Memorial Day, 5/29, 10a - 3p.

You may have already volunteered to help (thanks) or maybe you would like to help (please).

Anyhow, here is the latest:

- *We have a permit for a float in the Jenison parade. Merle Mulder will bring his trailer to Riverview and put an A/C on it. He is looking for volunteers to help decorate it, later this week or on Saturday.
- *The hot dog lunch is being coordinated by Bob Swietek. Check with him on this Saturday if you can help.
- *Young Eagle registration is being done by Ginger D.Villers, records by Randy Houtman, and flights by EAA pilots.
- *Riverview aircraft / hangar displays are up to the individuals. Let's discuss arrangement for displays this Saturday.

So far, Victory Aviation (Chris Gustaf), has made arrangement for a hangar display with sign and banner.

- *The open house is for all of the pilots and friends of Riverview. So, let's have fun showing the local community the airplanes and activities at Riverview.

*** * * ATTENTION! * * ***

Plan ahead! The July 7, 2017 Chapter 211 regular meeting will be held at John Gill's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport (8D4).
9100 Vinton Ave NW, Sparta, MI 49345

Gary Van Farrowe Honored

At the May 5, 2017 meeting, members of EAA Chapter 211 showed our gratitude to Gary Van Farrowe with the gift of a beautiful scale replica of the 1935 American Eaglet he helped us restore for the Antique Aircraft Association and Air Power Museum in Ottumwa, Iowa. Gary first proposed the project to us in late 2011, hauled the craft to Michigan from Iowa in late November, housed it at his shop in Hudsonville, and hosted some 200+ work sessions (I'll bet he knows the exact number) over 4½ years for our members to participate and learn all aspects of restoring a simple, rag and tube aircraft. Dozens of members participated, some a lot more than others, but it was a valuable and educational endeavor for all who took advantage of it. We are so grateful and proud to have Gary Van Farrowe as our friend and fellow Chapter 211 member.

<http://www.211.eaachapter.org/americaneagletrestoration.htm>



Chapter 211 President Dale Hagen (right) presents Gary Van Farrowe with Eaglet Model - Photo by Ed Cech