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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY JULY 11TH STAN PITEAU TALKS ABOUT MILWAUKEE, OSHKOSH, AND CULVERS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, July 11th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. For the program Stan Piteau will show photos of the EAA conventions in Milwaukee (1955) and Oshkosh (1957), the 1938 Michigan Air Tour, and talk a bit about Culvers. Also, the late sunlight for the July meeting often means many airplanes, come early and see who flies in.

Chapter 211 Awards Picnic

The Chapter 211 Awards Picnic will be on Saturday, August 9th at the Grand Haven Airport. The Chapter will provide hot dogs, brats and tables, chairs, and shade. Bring a dish to share, your airplane, and your appetite. Come early to help set up and watch planes arrive. Lunch will be at noon. Awards will be presented after lunch. See you there!

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No August Meeting

Since Oshkosh runs into August there will be no Chapter 211 meeting. Come to the Picnic August 9th instead!

Flyout to Macinac

Several members flew to Macinac Island on the rain date, June 14th. Paul Overbeek tells more about the trip in his Prez column on page 2.

Glen Holt

Chapter 211 member Glen Holt passed away last month. Glen was a member of Chapter 211 for many years, a long time pilot who had many flying stories. We will miss him.

Photos

We are still collecting photos of Chapter airplanes. Phil Michmerhuizen loaned a tray of 140 slides so I will have a bit of scanning time getting caught up. Thanks Phil (I think).



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Prez Sez

The trip to Mackinaw Island on June 14th was enjoyed by several people. John Gill was there with his granddaughter and two of her friends, Gary Kremers and his wife, Tim Kustudich and his friend Jerry, Jake DeHaan and his wife, and myself with my daughter. We all arrived at approx. 10AM with a through smoke job from Tim and his Christian Eagle. For those of you thinking of going to the Island the landing fee is \$10.50. John Gill bragged about the excellent flying qualities of his Bonanza, he said all you have to do is get it 50 feet above the runway and shut your eyes and it lands itself. (any volunteers for a ride with John?) We walked into town and under the leadership of John Gill went to a restaurant that was closed. Jake DeHaan took us to another restaurant which was also closed but opened soon after we got there. After lunch everyone split up to do what ever they wanted and could leave when they were ready. Darlene Kremers was disappointed that the 5 legged horse she had seen before was not there. Either he was not there or didn't have a nature call when she was around. Gary wanted to put a shoe on (it) but didn't think the horse would like that.

OshKosh is coming! Those of you that are planning to go to OshKosh should get a copy of the free 29 page NOTAM for clear instructions on flying into there. You can get a copy from:

www.airventure.org/2008/flying/2008notam.pdf

I have received mine, but have not decided for sure if I am going to fly in or not. The instructions are very clear now but how that works with a hundred other airplanes in the same place might be somewhat different.

Don't forget that the July meeting will be on the 11th because of the conflict with the holiday.

Fly Safe

Paul

President - EAA 211

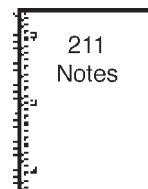
Editors Notebook

This is the first time in a long time that I have missed two meetings in a row. With end of school and graduation past I should be able to make it to the July meeting.

I've just started scanning the many photos and slides that Phil Michmerhuizen loaned for scanning. This will be a good start to the Chapter photo history.

It sounds like the flight to the island was a success. I have bicycled to the airport there once, it looks like a nice destination.

George



Paul Dannenbergs Trip to Urbana

Paul Dannenberg send some photos from his trip to the annual flyout June 21 at Frasca Field in Urbana, IL. Looking at the photos it appears that the tradition of rain in Urbana continues.



Chapter 211 Minutes of June 6, 2008

President Paul Overbeek opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes were reviewed and the Financial Report were given. Both were approved. Approximately 40 were in attendance with 2 visitors.



Ken Dannenberg gave the Flight Report. There were over 280 accidents for the past month, quite high I thought, but just underscores the effects of blustery weather which will magnify any weakness, whether mechanical or in judgment that might be present.

The upcoming weekend Group Flight to Mackinaw Island was postponed due to predicted wind gusts from 25 to 30 knots. The date was moved to next Saturday, the 14th. It was discussed how to communicate with each other since those merging for the event will be coming together from an area of approximately 30 miles apart.

One of our faithful members Glen Holt died suddenly this past Tuesday from a lingering illness. A service was held at his Holy Cross Episcopal Church near Bretton and 44th Streets in Grand Rapids, Thursday. Over a dozen chapter members turned out for an excellent showing.

Chet revealed that he and Patti will have to skip putting on this

years expected Annual Pancake Breakfast due to unforeseen intensive family care that Patti's mother is now requiring.

For the Young Eagles Report, Chet asked if a member knew of a youngster in our area we could sponsor to the Air Academy this year. We apparently have earned



the credits to do so. The floor is open on this matter, so keep us informed.

Two First Flights were Noted.

Nearby sister Club Activities were presented. Chapter 145 will host an event at Riverview July 8 and 9th.

Also, Park township will be hosting their Big Bird Event for all Radio Controlled Aircraft. It will be on July 13th and 14th starting with a Pancake Breakfast.

Phil Michmerhuizen donated a set of Dick Leithuizer FFA Books to the Chapter. The Titles were read off, on many noteworthy Historical Aviation Titles.

Project Reports: - Chet gave some specifics on Clyde Buckley's Ultralight Pietenpol, how to determine a 5 lb. tension on a belt, how to possibly adapt the new bicycle disc brakes and other mods to reduce weight by at least 10 lbs., such as using a tiny tachometer also.

Break



Presentation: Grand Rapids Technologies, Inc. - "Their Latest Electronics" from the manufacturers of the Award Winning Engine Information Systems (EIS). They can be reached at (616) 245 7700, fax (616) 245 7707, or www.grtavionics.com.

Exibited and explained thru question and answering were:

1) GRT Avionics EFIS; a multi-functional -display (MFD - Unit and AHRS featuring their Air Data System.



2) Horizon Series I; their top of the line EFIS with capabilities for an integrated panel with the most primary flight system redundancy available.

3) GRT Sport; (The most popular unit.) a primary flight data instrument at low cost incorporating many features of the Horizon EFIS series, including the brilliant sunlight readable display and dedicated AHRS processor in a single compact package, an unbeatable option, they say, to

Mystery Aircraft



This months Mystery is a Chapter plane photographed by Phil in 1970



Last months Mystery is a Minimax. Here is another view of it.

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replace the traditional vacuum system, to upgrade, and more!

4) Horizon HX ; a High Resolution Screen just recently completed and demonstrated for the first time at the most recent Sun - N - Fun (The newest Unit.) We call it the Wide Screen.

Comments and Dialogue from the meeting about the various screens.

Anyone who has our earlier system can up-grade to the larger, brighter screen for about \$800.

The Sport is our No. 1 selling unit. It costs just \$400. dollars more than our nearest competitor But on the maps you request, it minimizes the features to the right and left of your target view, for example - the runway making it simpler to read and focus. The Garmin 430 already gives you the side view of lakes roads and trees etc.

We have the JEP View and the VFR Charts which can be downloaded for free and get viewed in real time. They are geo synchronized. They tell me where I am right now with the position of the plane figure on the screen.

If you buy two of our screens, they



come with dual AHARS that can be used to break the tie between the data elements so that If one should fail you still have your turn indicator, altimeter, and other familiar data as a back up to fly from. Practice is the key.

AHARS means, attitude, heading and reference system.. We designed it. We use a 6 pack system thrown

into one that doesn't read separately. The result is that it tells you your level, bank and pitch you're in right now. We tested a bunch of combinations by flying around with them in place. Ours Works under all conditions. It's What We Do Well!

There was much more interesting information given by these guys!

Also, I sat over 20 ft from the screens, then moved to the back of our brightly lit clubhouse to reveal that ALL screens were equally sharp at those distances and condition.

I'm impressed!

Alfred Smith

Secretary / Treasurer



“To Boldly Go Where No Air Tour Has Gone Before” Michigan Air Tour 2008!

Tune up your tricorder, standby to beam up and prepare to explore new airports and new civilizations as the Michigan Air Tour continues its mission to promote aviation throughout Michigan.

This year’s mission will be to explore airports that have not been on the Air Tour before. Previously they did not meet our minimum runway length/construction, however the communities that these airports serve recognized the value they bring and have made investments to improve the airport facilities.

Leading our mission are the intrepid explorers **Chet and Patti Uncapher** of Ottawa Executive Airport (in the Zeeland System).

Also on Air Tour, you can:

- Play poker
- Participate in the Trivia Contest
- Win door prizes
(there might be a bottle of Romulan Ale included in the prizes)
- Participate in 50/50 raffle
- Make new friends
(except for maybe the Klingons and Romulans)
- Play with the Tribbles.09/12/08 - 09/14/08

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

July 11	Meeting
July 28-August 3.....	Oshkosh
August 9.....	Picnic
September 5	Meeting
October 3	Meeting
November 7	Meeting
December 2.....	Meeting
December ?	Christmas Party

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This year’s air tour will begin in Hastings.

Friday: Hastings, Caro KCFS, Sparta 8D4

Saturday: Sparta, Oceana County CO4, Evart 9C8,
return to Sparta.

Sunday: Sparta to Andrews University C20.

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