



July 2018

# Hangar Talk



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**Meeting Friday, July 6, 2018, 7:00pm**

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

## Flying to AirVenture Oshkosh!

Please note the earlier (7PM) start time for our July meeting! And, like last month, if the weather is nice, come at 6:00pm, and enjoy a grilled hot dog, chips and soda with us on the deck at the Terminal.



Flying yourself into EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is a rite of passage for some pilots, a bucket list item for many others, and an annual must-do for still others. Whichever category you're in, arriving at Oshkosh is only difficult if you're not prepared. So come to our July meeting and hear how to do it from someone with first-hand experience, our own Scott DeGaynor.

Scott will be able to give you advice on choosing a route, crossing or circumventing that big body of water that separates us from Wisconsin. He'll tell us when and how to talk with ATC, and what it's like to "Hit the Dot" at the busiest airport in the world, at least for that one week in July. With preparation, flying into Oshkosh doesn't have to be intimidating.



## Remember our Second Young Eagles Event of 2018

On Saturday, July 14, 2018. If you are able to help out, please contact Warren Roosen at 231-750-7399 right away. All volunteers have to be submitted to and vetted by EAA International, so there is very little time left to get in on the July 14 Young Eagles event, unless you act quickly. Young Eagle flights are scheduled to start at 8:00 am!

### Prez Sez

Greetings,

I'd like to thank everyone who came out for last month's Young Eagles Rally, and especially the all the pilots and volunteers from other Chapters who helped make the event the success it was. The official count was 74 Young Eagles flown.



I'd also like to share a Young Eagles success story. At the event, I recognized a mother and daughter, who's first flight was at last year's event. The young lady just completed her free ground school. She is now hoping to complete her flight training before graduation, so she can add it to her application to the US Air Force Academy.

Enjoy the holiday,

Larry Schwartz

EAA Chapter 211 President (2018)

*"Birds born in a cage think flying is an illness." — Alejandro Jodorowski, novelist, poet, playwright, essayist, film director, actor, musician, composer, philosopher, painter, sculptor and spiritual guru.*

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## EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2018-06-01

Submitted by Paul Overbeek

### Attendance: 18

### Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:00

The June 1st Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President, Larry Schwartz.

### Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 16 members were in attendance, and we welcomed two visitors: past member, Randy Hughey, from Muskegon, and William VanSweden from Holland, MI, who is also in the Air Force Reserves, flying KC-135 Tankers!

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the May 4, 2018 meeting minutes.

### Treasure's Report

We currently have \$ 2972.59 in checking, 73.00 in petty cash, and \$41.00 in the coffee fund. Two more members paid their dues which brings our membership up to 38. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the June treasure's report.

### Technical Reports:

Gary Van Farrow was not in attendance, but Jack Brewer talked about a Mooney he worked on that had an inaccurate tachometer. Had a discussion on a method to check tachometer accuracy with a florescent light.

### Old Business:

Ken Gleason offered a nice used refrigerator to the chapter for just \$50. We still need to catalogue and photograph all the parts from Al Smith's estate.

### New Business:

Reminder: During July there will be maintenance activity on the airport ramps and taxiways, parts of the airport will be closed as work proceeds.

### Program:

After enjoying hot dogs (and some of Bill Verduin's excellent homemade chili), chips and soda, the meeting started in the hanger housing the airplane parts that were donated by the estate of Al Smith.

The parts from Al include: two 1940s era McCulloch drone engines, a ballistic chute, a new Rotax 447 engine still in the box, several pieces of sheet aluminum, a partially completed Airbike frame, and cabinets of miscellaneous hardware.

The informal program then progressed to a visit with the four pilots (Scott DeGaynor, Bob Fidler, Doug Formsma, and Paul Overbeek) and their planes that they flew in for the meeting, and ended up with a tour and video of SKYDIVE GRAND HAVEN, now in full operation at the Grand Haven Memorial Airport.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 to allow the planes to fly out before dark.

### ATTENTION:

Dale will be taking pictures at the July meeting of any member who has not yet had their picture taken for the 2018 Chapter 211 Roster!



## Additional Donation of Airplane Parts to Chapter 211

Shortly after our June 1st meeting, former Chapter 211 member, Kim Kroes, contacted me and offered to donate parts of a plane to us. The plane parts, consisting of complete wing assemblies, landing gear, fuel tank, tail assembly cowling, etc are from a KR-2 which suffered a hard landing about 20 years ago. Kim had intended to use these parts to build a KR-2s (stretched). He did build the wooden fuselage side structures for the stretched KR-2s, and those were donated as well. But, after 20 years of little progress, Kim has decided to part with his project.



He asked only that anything we make on the sale of the parts be used primarily to support something like our Young Eagles program or EAA's Aviation Academy tuition.



### KR-2s

The KR-2s is the latest KR in the fleet. A high speed, two seat, side-by-side aircraft, its 16 inches longer than the standard KR-2, which means more head and leg room. Its stylish raked canopy and fixed landing gear give it a racy appearance that is only exceeded by its performance. The KR-2S will accommodate engines including VW 2180, Corvair 2700, and Continental O-200's.

## Upcoming Events and Meetings Dates

July 6, 2018 - Regular meeting. - How to fly into AirVenture Oshkosh!  
July 14, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. - Young Eagles Event, Grand Haven Memorial Airport  
July 23 - 29 - Airventure 2018 in Oshkosh Wisconsin  
August 18, 2018 - EAA Chapter 211 Family Picnic  
September 7, 2018 - Regular meeting - To be announced

**Invite a Friend**

**Chapter 211 Library:** Over the years, we have been blessed with many donations to our library. Well, we've run out of room and we need to make some decisions about what to keep and how best to dispose of what we do

not need. A few of the books we have are pretty valuable, but it takes someone with knowledge (and maybe a little research) to determine their value. Please contact any board member if you would like to help with this project.

### Model Airplane Request

Dale Hagen is working on a project for the Grand Haven Aviation Association's Coast Guard Parade Float. One of the pieces he needs is a small, light-weight model airplane with a wing span of around 18" to maybe 26" or so. It needs to be cheap or free, and if it has an electric motor (roughly 12 volt) with a propeller, that would be a great bonus! Please contact Dale at 616-260-4990.



### New Frig on the Way...

The beautiful refrigerator, which was donated to us only late last summer, seems to have conked out already. Ken Gleason answered last month's request with an offer to sell us a nice used full-size refrigerator for only \$50. Members voted at the June meeting to accept his offer.

**Thank you, Ken!**



## Another Young Eagle Story

Okay, Larry got to share a good Young Eagle story in his Prez Sez. So, now I want to share another one!

This story really starts with my father. His name is Dale also. He has come up here from Three Rivers, MI, for the Grand Haven Dawn Patrol in the past, but this year I asked him if he



would like to volunteer to make scrambled eggs for a couple of hours. He agreed, and he brought one of his

granddaughters with him. Her name is Joelle, and she's my sister's youngest, home-schooled daughter.

Now they arrived early so that we all could eat breakfast together before Dad had to start making eggs. During breakfast it occurred to me that Joelle, who is 15, might like to take a Young Eagle flight.

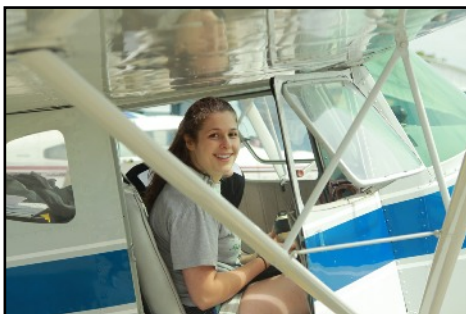


When I asked her if she would like to take a plane ride today her eyes went wide and her jaw almost hit the floor. You see, what I

didn't know at the time is, Joelle had recently become very interested in a career as a pilot. But, on top of that, she had



never had the opportunity to fly in an airplane....of ANY size, let alone in the cockpit with a pilot who wanted to share with her how airplanes work. Can



you imagine?

So after we finished breakfast I got Joelle signed up for her very first airplane



ride with Ethan Beswick, in his beautiful Cessna 140.

She also got to meet Brian Green and another Fed Ex pilot, plus talk to a Navy veteran and other pilots about various avenues to becoming a pilot.

Joelle had a blast, and couldn't stop smiling for a whole week!

I just want to say thank you to Ethan and everyone involved in Young Eagles. You just never know how much you do can mean to a young person.... And, then again, sometimes you do!



Maybe you can be a part of making a difference in a young person's life. Please consider being a pilot or ground crew volunteer at our next Young Eagles event, July 14, 2018. To do so, please call our Young Eagles coordinator, Warren Roosen, at **231-750-7399**.

