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Hangar Talk

News from Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211,
serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, and airplane
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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2012 BAHAMAS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, March 2nd, 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be presented by Gary Kremers and will cover highlights of the trip to the Bahamas last March. Gary will cover preplanning, the route, customs and lots of inflight and island pictures. Seven planes participated in the trip:

Bonanza	Long EZE
RV9A	RV9A (Canada)
BD4	RV7A
Cessna 206 Stationair	(Canada)

American Eaglet Project

The restoration of the American Eaglet continues. Gary held weekly work sessions in February. The wing wood repairs are pretty far along. He has the new aluminum trailing edge ready to install.

No work sessions are planned for March, Gary will continue the sessions in April.

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April Meeting will be April 13

The April meeting will be moved to April 13, one week later than usual, since the regular meeting night falls on Good Friday.

Name Tags

The secretary will soon be ordering name tags for members who do not yet have one. If you need a name tag contact Secretary Craig Christilaw.

Dues and Roster

This is the last month to pay dues and be included in the roster. If you are not on the secretaries list of people that have paid their dues for 2012 you will be getting an extra email or a sticker on your newsletter. Dues are \$22 for email newsletter or \$25 for a printed newsletter, payable to Secretary Craig Christilaw.

I plan to include the roster with the April newsletter. If you have any changes from the 2011 roster and did not fill out an envelope noting the changes contact the secretary or editor so the roster is accurate.

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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

Antiquity is strictly a point of view. How old is old? The saying when it comes to people is that "old" is 10 years older than you are. Nice thought because that way you never catch up to "old".

I think it is different for airplanes. When I was at Gary's hanger last week working on the Eaglet, he mentioned that the average age of general aviation airplanes is something over 40 years old. I forgot the exact number, but I am sure he can tell you. Cessna is recommending special inspections for older planes to watch for corrosion. When you look around any airport you will see Pipers, Cessnas, and many other kinds of airplanes that were designed and built in the 50's and 60's. A B52 is not the only airplane that is older than the pilots that fly them. I read that the F-117 was retired a couple of years ago and that it was in service for 27 years. I remember well the sensation it made when it first came out.

What can we learn from time passing by without us noticing? Don't put things off, learn new things like how to restore an Eaglet, and eat dessert first because life is uncertain.

Fly Safe

Paul Overbeek

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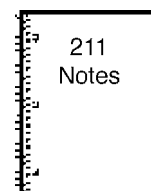
Editors Notebook

I got a chance to work on the American Eaglet project again this month. It is a fun time, you get to slow down from the rush of work and other activities and shape wood. Cut the strip, sand it until it fits properly, and glue, then repeat on the next rib. It is good therapy in a busy world.

This month should be a good program. I have heard a bit about the flight to the Bahamas last year. It will be fun to see the photos and hear about the planning that goes into a trip to the islands.

The interesting news at the Grand Haven Airport is the addition to the terminal building. One of the consequences of the new space in the terminal is that Carl's Park will have to move. The Chapter needs to work with the airport planners to decide what the new "Park" will be. Is anyone interested in volunteering to meet with the airport planners and provide input for the new park. Contact a board member.

George



Working on the Eaglet



Minutes of EAA Chapter 211 meeting February 3, 2012

The February meeting of EAA Chapter 211 was held at the Grand Haven Airport on Friday, February 3, 2012. Craig Christilaw presented the treasurer's report of a balance of \$4897.45 in the club treasury. Also noted was that the grant of \$2000.00 received from the Michigan Aviation Education Foundation for the American Eaglet project was sent to the Airpower Museum in Ottumwa, Iowa to be used for project costs. Jack Brewer presented the Technical Report, and discussed a hand pump incident as well as working on a Vans RV-7 project

Gary Van Farowe led a discussion of the status of the American Eaglet project. Currently wing and rib repairs have been made, and wing attach fittings have been removed and cleaned using a bead blaster. Gary told the group that there is more damage to the wings than first thought, but the project is progressing.

Phil Michmerhuizen spoke briefly about this book "3000 Hours of Flying Fun" that is available to club members for \$15.00

President Paul Overbeek and Ben Ennenga spoke to the

group about the addition to the Grand Haven airport terminal building. Construction will begin in the summer of 2012, and will double the square footage of the current terminal. Also discussed were moving "Carl's Park", the plan for a new corporate hanger, and the installation of AWOS at the airport.

Dale Hagen then led a presentation on the many aspects of the EAA Chapter 211 website, including log in procedures, forums, and related web sites.

Craig Christilaw, Secretary Treasurer



Mystery Aircraft



Another from Gary's Hangar



Last month's Mystery is a repaired rib on the Eaglet

Remember the Christmas Party?



Eaglet Project



EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

March 2	Meeting
April 13	Meeting
May 4	Meeting
June 1	Meeting
July 6	Meeting