



October 2016

Hangar Talk

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

Meeting Friday, October 7, 2016, 7:30pm

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

'White Elephant' Sale, Video, and Planning Session!

I hope you all will plan to attend the October 7 meeting, and not just because I am going to be there! We are planning a 'White Elephant' Sale, where you can bring your no-longer-needed plans, tools, components, etc, and sell them to a fellow Chapter member who needs them more than you do!

In addition, we will watch a very interesting, historic video, and do some brainstorming and planning for some fun, future Chapter 211 events. Trust me, you will want to be there for this!

Also, it is time to start getting ready for the November elections! No, not one on Tuesday, November 8. The one on Friday, November 4, to elect 2017 Chapter 211 board members! One thing is for sure; there will be less mud throwing in the lead-up to our election!

Prez Sez



Just because you do something twice doesn't necessarily mean it is easier the second time around. I have written this edition of "Prez Sez" twice; once this morning on my work computer, the second time at home. I usually copy my work to a memory stick before I leave my office for the day. I didn't copy it this time. So, I'm here, late at night, past the deadline of the newsletter editor, and retyping it from memory. I guess that's a danger of relying on technology.

Ironically, this column is about how technology has changed in the last 20 years or so, making our lives at least different, if not better. I probably would have used a large floppy disk 20 years ago instead of the small memory stick.

Copying my work to a memory device is pretty much the same as it was in the past. What is different is the technology we are using in our airplanes. We don't have NDBs, LORAN, and some of the older (at least, older than I am) ground based systems anymore. We still have VORs, but the end seems to be near for them, as well. We now have GPS, which, I imagine, will alleviate the student pilot nightmare of learning to/from indicators and course to the station problems, as well as DME slant range, and all those things. I say this is different, because we have moved from ground base systems to satellites. GPS should work in more places in the world, and issues like questionable radio coverage of the station is no longer a problem as it is with a VOR. I have heard that advances in inertial technology may even replace GPS, so navigation will depend only on systems inside your aircraft.

I see more of the world opened up to aviation, because we won't need a nearby VOR to find that lake in remote territories, or we can create our own instrument approaches for our private strips. I also see a day that we may not need any ground based facilities at all (except for buying fuel and airplane service, of course). What if the computers in our airplanes can negotiate landing clearances with other aircraft, or automatically download the weather and whatever else we use to get from the FSS? The downside is that the Geek Squad will need A&Ps on staff or you might need a Microsoft certification on your pilot ticket.

Exciting times, indeed.

I hope to see all of you at the Meeting!

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"There is no sport equal to that which aviators enjoy while being carried through the air on great white wings." – Wilber Wright

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EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2016-09-02

Submitted by Earle Bares

Attendance: 19

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:35

The Sept. 2 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Warren Roosen.

Attendance and Visitors:

A total of nineteen people were in attendance at the September meeting; Eighteen members and guest, Dick Foster of EAA-145.

Event and Meeting Dates:

October 7, 2016 - Next regular Chapter meeting.

November 4, 2016 - Chapter 211 Board Elections.

December 2, 2016 - Regular meeting.

Annual Christmas Dinner date has not yet been announced.

No one took minutes at the September meeting...

...but Earle provided the following synopsis: Vice President, Warren Roosen presided over the meeting. There was basically no old or new business to discuss.

The meeting was somewhat brief. The main topic was about what it is like volunteering at Oshkosh. Ken Gleason gave a very entertaining presentation, sharing his experiences while volunteering in the War Birds at Oshkosh. He said it was very rewarding, meeting lots of interesting people. He said, as a volunteer, most items are free (at least in the War Bird section).

Unfortunately, several key members, including President, Dan Whisman and Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Vink, were not able to attend the September meeting. (Nor was I, Hangar Talk editor, Dale Hagen.)

Call for Board Member Candidates

November is right around the corner, and that means it is time again to elect new Board members! We will be electing three people who will each serve a two year term of office. The first year the three members we elect now will be Directors, but sometime during the first

year the whole Board will decide which office each of the three Directors will eventually fill during the second year of their term, President, Vice-President, or Secretary/Treasurer. As a Director you will be serving in 2017 along with Officers Dale Hagen, Bob Kendrick and Earle Bares.



The Chapter Needs YOU!

Michigan Air Tour Visits Grand Haven

The Michigan Air Tour (MAT) took place September 16th and 17th. Aircraft started arriving in Grand Haven at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. Twenty two aircraft flew in (eleven from Canada) giving 3GM a total of about 60 airport operations for the two days (including local or others). About 80 people attended the MAT presentation and 67 people had lunch. Many people commented they never saw so many planes tied up at the airport. Many of the visiting pilots expressed their delight with, and gratitude for, the great organization, hospitality and support provided by all the volunteers from GHAA and Chapter 211.





This amazing picture, by Clay Seia, is from an online forum Bob Vink turned me on to. Clay has posted 74 absolutely fabulous, not-to-be-missed pictures of Oshkosh AirVenture 2016. Here is the link: <http://talk.newagtalk.com/forums/thread-view.asp?tid=656700&mid=5523936#M552>

Early Plans on a New Year

I hope you will attend the meeting this Friday. There are many things to talk about. We have elections coming up in November, a Christmas party in December to be discussed, and ideas for events in the coming year to talk about. You see, I'm going to be

President next year, and I'm hoping to accomplish a lot, and create some opportunities for us all to have some fun in 2017. I don't want to give too much away here, now, but come on out Friday and see what could be in store for 2017. I need your feedback and your guidance. It's not too early to start planning!

Dale Hagen

Website of Interest

I came across this website that purports to have constantly up-to-date passwords to WiFi hotspots at major airports around the world. Should you be traveling through (or laying over in) one of these airports, this page might come in handy. To make this easy for you to find in the future, I plan to link this page on our Chapter website under the Resources tab as soon as I can get to it.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1Z1dl8hoBZSJNWFx2xr_Mmxsxsxy

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