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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY JULY 10TH

FLYING TO OSHKOSH

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, July 10th at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. This is one week later than usual, to avoid the July 4th holiday weekend. The program will be "Flying to Oshkosh".

GH Airport Anniversary & Dawn Patrol Breakfast

reported by Ben Ennenga

The Fathers Day Dawn Patrol Breakfast/ 60th Anniversary of 3GM was a great success with the following statistics:

"EXCELLENT WEATHER"

30 transient aircraft flying in for the event including a Cessna Citation Jet

Over 750 breakfasts served by the Grand Haven Lions Club

Approximately 54 airplane rides given by B&B Aviation

Several R/C aircraft flown (including an R/C jet) by the Tri-Cities R/C Fliers

Approximately 60 antique & muscle cars on display

Several "First Responder" (Fire, Ambulance & Police) vehicles on display
A live band and formal dedication of the airport by city officials and local historians
Our own chapter member, Dennis Otto was the winner of an Icom A-22 handheld given by B&B Aviation

A picture story of the event can be found on: fly3gm.wordpress.com

I would like to thank all who participated from our chapter (those planed & some spur of the moment) to help make this event a success.

Ben Ennenga

Get the Macchi to Oshkosh

A truck has been located to transport the Macchi to Oshkosh

It probably will require several people to unload and set up. Let a board member know if you are available, either at Holland before Oshkosh, at Oshkosh just before AirVenture to unload the Macchi, or later at AirVenture to load the plane for the return trip.

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Prez Sez

Just back from fishing trip--made it to the fly in. The same thing happened to Walt Clawson but he had a beautiful RV 6 to show and I didn't even have a fish.

BIG thanks to Ben Ennenga for a job very well done in leading the plane parking crew!

Also thanks to all who helped--no bent or lost planes!

There were 4 home-builts: Paul Overbeek's long EZ, Walt Clawson's RV 6 and another RV 6, and the SE 5 replica powered by O-200. Several classic birds--Cessna 195, J 4 Cub Coupe, Piper Pacer, Ercoupe, C-170, Super Cruiser, 2 Navions (one in military and one painted to resemble the P-51 racer "Miss America", a T-34, and Ben's Chief. Also a Pitts S-2 and a Christian Eagle.

I will be in Brazil from July 7 thru 23 so will miss the July Meeting. We need volunteers to get Jason's Macchi loaded for the trip 26 July and to load at OSH for the return after the show. Now to try to attach photos! bobk

Bob Kenrick

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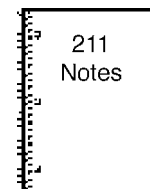
Editors Notebook

I missed the Grand Haven Pancake Breakfast due to some family travel. It sounds like it was a good event. Thanks to Ben Ennenga and all the other Chapter members that helped make it a success.

I can see at least 3 work trips coming in July.

One is to Milwaukee so I will travel by land, water, and air. I will likely miss Oshkosh this year since I will be in Oregon the week of AirVenture. I will have a bit of time to explore Portland so I will have to see what small airports I can find. Those of you at Oshkosh be sure to send me some photos, especially of the Chapter planes that make it there.

George



Grand Haven Pancake Breakfast

Bob Kenrick provided a few photos the Pancake Breakfast



Chapter 211 Awards Picnic continued from Page 1

The Chapter 211 Awards Picnic will be on Saturday, August 22nd 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!

No August Meeting

Since Oshkosh runs in to August there will be no Chapter 211 meeting. Come to the Picnic August 22nd instead! The September meeting will be September 11th, one week later than usual, to avoid the Labor Day holiday weekend.

EAA Chapter 211 June Meeting Minutes

The June 6th meeting was called to order by President Bob Kenick at 7:32 with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes and treasure's report were approved.

Ben E reported on the 60th anniversary on Father's day. He said set up would be on Friday as it would be a busy time with many activities. The plans are for inflatables, the Coast Guard Heli, RC flyers, antique cars and hot rods, and the trolley providing rides to and around town. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Jason P brought some pictures for Oshkosh. They were passed around.

Jack B talked briefly about the Dawn Patrol in Muskegon and the Wings of Mercy. They served many breakfast.

In the absence of our flight advisor, there were several

was replacing the pitot tubes and their heaters. There was speculation that they were



giving false readings to the flight controls that caused the crash.

Bill S provided a number of AOPA tapes to vice president Dave A that have a number of segments that can be used for programs.

Break

Grant Funk from Hooper Bay Alaska was introduced. He teaches high school there and talked about what it was like to live there. One thing he said that really seemed strange was there is no plumbing and the obvious outhouse but there were cell phones and the internet. He is developing an aviation program for the school. It was asked if fuel availability was a problem. At present they fly about 200 miles for fuel and they are looking at ways that it might be brought in by barge. Cost of \$13/gal is the big factor for the latter.

Merlin Terrill presented the program for the evening. He noted that our meeting room was the 1st office for the airport and that that Ottawa County was the

last county seat in the state to get an airport.

As a young boy his first airplane ride was in a Ford tri-motor and he was hooked on aviation. Several years latter, about 1049, he needed \$175 dollars for a quarter share in a Luscomb Silver air that J B Sims was selling.

It was June 1, 1948 that he soloed in a T6. He was sent to Navy ROTC at State. It was an accreted two year program that took only 13 months. The Air Force was formed while he was there and his orders were changed to go to Randolph Air Base rather than Pensacola. He flew the F80 but said he really liked the T33 because it had a better performance due to having a larger engine. The F80's were used as bombers in Korea being replaced as fighters by the F86 Saber jet.

A lot of local history was presented and many connections were made between different businesses and with different people as to the development of the airport and its facilities.



questions about the RV6 that crashed in Plainwell and the Airbus that went into the Atlantic. Discussion following suggested that the RV6 may have been doing some high speed passes and tightened a turn and as a result went in. It was mentioned that Airbus



Mystery Aircraft



A Grand Haven Mystery



Ben's Chief was last months Mystery



More from the Breakfast

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

July 10.....Meeting
July 27- August 2, 2009..... Oshkosh
August 22 Picnic
September 11Meeting
October 2.....Meeting
November 6Meeting
December 4.....Meeting



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