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Hangar Talk

*News from Experimental Aircraft Association
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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST MORE PROJECT REPORTS

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, February 1st at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be More Project Reports. Be ready to update the Chapter on your project if you did not get a chance to talk last month. Bring parts and photos.

Dues

Dues will be collected at the meeting, \$25 or \$22 with email delivery of the newsletter. We will be trying something new this year. Secretary-treasurer Al Smith will have an envelope with the 2007 roster information for each member. Put your dues in your envelope and check that the roster information is correct. This way Al will be able to keep track of who has paid dues and your editor will not have to add a sheet with the news for roster updates.

Project Visit

The visit to Bill Vandermolens shop to see his 2+2 on floats was a success. There were many chapter members who saw a very nice project. There are some photos of the visit on page 3.

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From the Library

The following issues of Sport Aviation are needed for our collection:

2004: May and August
2005: August
2006: November and December
2007: January through October
2008: All issues.

Copies of Experimenter and Kit Plane would be welcome.

Many thanks to Dale Buttermore and Chet Uncapter for their contributions

Thanks Vic

Chapter Aircraft from the Early Days

The board was discussing the Chapter and its history and realized that some of you have photos of some of the planes built in the early days of the Chapter. The board would like to borrow those photos, scan them, and capture some of the Chapter history. If you have old photos of Chapter planes please loan them, along with a brief written description of the plane, the builder, and its history to a board member. They will get them scanned and return them.

Great Lakes Aviation Conference

The 2008 Great Lakes Aviation Conference & Expo will be held February 1st & 2nd, 2008 in Novi. Some members have attended this and have said it is worthwhile. The conference includes over 100 sessions and exhibits.

More information is available at

<http://www.greatlakesaviationconference.com/>

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Prez Sez

Thanks you to the out going officers for their service. Also to the Tech counselors and to George for their continuing service. The first meeting this year was on project reports on the various things members are doing. We only got about half way through the people present, we will continue the project reports for the program in Feb.

It has been suggested by several people that some type of activity be planned i.e. fly somewhere, go canoeing, or whatever. Any ideas or suggestions? Bring them to the next meeting. A big thank you to Bill Vandermolen for the project visit and to his wife for the snacks and food

Be Safe

Paul Overbeek

President - EAA 211



Editors Notebook

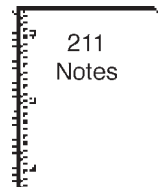
Your editor is writing this as the late January snow is falling. It is good for Phil and his Cub on skis but for the rest of us it is time to build or wish we were building.

We had a good turnout for the project visit to see the WagAero 2+2. It looks like a very nice project. With those floats there will be many places for Bill to visit after it is flying. It is always interesting to see projects and see how other planes are built.

If you did not have a chance to talk about your project at the January meeting be prepared to talk at the February meeting.

When you pay your dues for 2008 be sure to check if the information printed on the envelope is correct. Using those envelopes means that I do not have to add a sheet to each newsletter to update the roster info, it makes my job easier. I'll also bring my camera to the February meeting, if you want to update your roster photo see me at the meeting. The roster will be published in April.

George



Shop Visit Bill Vandermolen's WagAero 2+2



Chapter 211 Minutes January 4, 2008

The call to order was at 7:40pm by our 2007 President Bill Scheltema. Overview: He explained that our format tonight will be a unique change of pace. First, we will address several Special Awards and the Air Tour until Break. Next, we will have the official Business Meeting. Then members can share their Project Reports or their progress building until Closing.

President Bill welcomed 2 guests who were interdicted and signed the Guest Book. He gave recognition and awards to our outstanding leaders before turning over the gavel to our new 2008 President, Paul Overbeek



President Paul started his reign of office by leading us in The Pledge of Allegiance. He directed us to remember that tomorrow morning Bill Vandermolten will host our first Shop Visit to see his WagAero 2+2. Directions were reviewed. No Young Eagles or Flight Advisor Reports were available. Tech Counselor Jack Brewer gave an update on inspections. His advice is to, "keep up on your expiration dates and renewals. That alone can "buy" you a lot of joy." Jack also noted that an Italian Historical Society had heard about Jason Petroelje's 1917 Macchi Flying Boat replica flight, showed interest, and will soon make contact.

News: Several Shop Visits are possible this year due to lots of building taking place.

Chet Uncapher gave a synopsis of the upcoming 2008 Michigan Air Tour centered this year at Sparta. It's a social event reaching back to 1939. It's mission is to promote awareness of how important Airports are to the Community. Last years focus was Endangered Airports, this year it's Airport Growth. The Tour will

include a number of airports across Michigan all the way up to Carol in the Thumb. It will finish at Sparta with a banquet at the Radisson in Grand Rapids. Last year 43 planes flew the Tour. "Fight plans accommodate Piper Cub's as well as those 'Speedsters'," says Chet.

The Break

Business: 2007 Secretary/Treasurer Gary Moshluk read the Minutes, gave the Financial Report, then officially turned his office over to 2008



Secretary/Treasurer Alfred Smith.

The 08 dues were collected throughout the evening. That's \$22 when the Newsletter is e-mailed to you and that's \$25 if the Newsletter is sent thru the Postal Service. Note that a bonus is Color for having it e-mailed whereas the standard black and white print is the Postal issue.

Projects: Ed Schneider – the Dragonfly is coming along. Remember his Video presentation last month.

Paul Dannenberg gave a short video presentation

Bob Vermeulen says his Citroen powered MiniMax passed Inspection in October. Showing videos Bob asked for feedback about the best ways to enclose the cowl around rerouted exhaust pipes.

Paul Overbeek showed his Trio Auto Pilot what will soon replace the TruTrack in his Velocity. An improvement will be a sensor and linkage to the canard.

Bill Scheltema says his autopilot is a godsend sent in his Mustang II, "It holds altitude flawlessly." He showed his aluminum heater box gate that got bent by the incoming ram air. Bill's fix? Make a new one out of stainless! The he showed the new box

Scott DeGayner's "like a BD-4" is awaiting a leather interior. It has reconfigured cooling out the side. Now Scott's objective is to paint and accent the plane so that an observer perceives it is a less boxy airplane, "that looks as sleek as it is fast."



Sid

Jongsma has a CA65 project, but wanted to fly sooner so he bought a plane. Liability issues were discussed should he sell.

Dan Bauman The RV9 is mostly done, Has a little skirt work and instrument panel yet to do.

Ben Ennenga – His basement is now finished. The plane is an 80 hp Aerobee Sonex

John Gill - is putting an IO360 fuel injected engine in the RV. "Been helping others currently. Am safety wiring a prop. A lesson I learned is keep your parts organized. It saves the building" – spoken calmly, I noted.

Bob - I'm 3 1/2 years into an RV7a

Rocky Frees Jr. – I've already started. It's a Bearhawk, 4 place with an IO360

Bill - I'm building a Kitfox. Am waiting on parts, a wingtip a bungee, and nuts from Austria.

Jason Petroelje – I'm working on struts for another. We're baking our own streamlined tubing by adding fiberglass to the original tubing.

Jerome Bush? working on Lee Pitchers Single seat Pietenpol "Sky Scout". Am doing the control cables then will refinish it. Am leaning toward the 5 main bearing 6 cylinder Chevy II engine for it.

Conclusion: some of the rest of us, due to work loads, business priorities, honey-do projects, lack of work space, age related medical factors, etc., sometimes feel at this milestone, "We can only dream and droll" – yet declare with certainty, ---- "Some day"!

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Alfred Smith

Mystery Aircraft



This should be another easy one



Last months mystery was the panel of the Pietenpol built by Clyde Buckley and owned by John Gill

Minutes of EAA Chapter 211 for December 2007

Meeting called to order by President Bill Scheltema @ 7:36 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurers Report for November: approved

November Minutes: approved

The 2008 dues will be collected in January. George will have printed envelopes for collecting dues which the incoming Secretary-Treasurer Al Smith will accept.

Flight Advisor Ken Dannenburg gave the accident report for November

Neither Gary Van Farrowe or Jack Brewer were attendance for their reports

Chet Uncapher: Young Eagles report

Gary Kremers was given the appreciation of the membership for getting the 2008 calendars printed as well as Dale Hagen for the photography.

Lin Light Chapter Vice President indicated 500 calendars have been sold out of a total of 700 printed.

Paul Dannenburg was recognized for the refurbishment of the Chapter Clubhouse sign. The sign will be

reinstalled when better weather is at hand.

Librarian Victor Mathews reported on the library's need for a few more back issues of select magazines to complete the collection.

Bob Vander Mullen and Vic Mathews credited for the digital projector and DVD player.

Changing the by laws regarding the voting procedure was soundly tabled.

Bill Scheltema reported on the status of the entertainment for the Christmas party scheduled for the Saturday the 15th.

Chet Uncapher has made plans to purchase Clyde Buckley's Ultra-Pete ultra light.

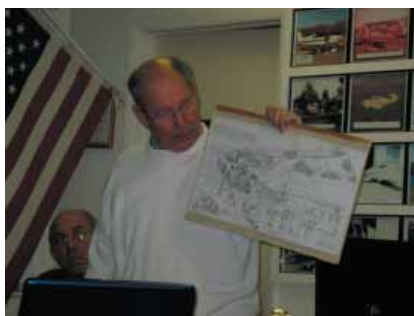
Clyde Buckley's Pientenpol is now in the Sun-N-Fun museum

The letter from Paul Poberezny regarding the recent attention (the 51% rule) by the FAA concerning professionally built kit planes as contrasted with those aircraft which are individual projects undertaken for educational purposes as was originally intended.

Coffee break 8:30 pm

Ed Schneider's Dragon Fly project was presented to the chapter

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05 pm



Project Visit

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

February 1	Meeting
Feb 1&2	Great Lakes Expo
March 1	Meeting
April 4	Meeting
April 8-13	Sun'n Fun
May 2	Meeting
June 6	Meeting
July 11	Meeting
July 28-August 3	Oshkosh
August ?	Picnic
September 5	Meeting



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