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# Hangar Talk

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## EAA Chapter 211

### MEETING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> SIKORSKY S-38

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be a video "CARNUBA, a son's Memoir" about the replica of the Johnson Wax Sikorsky S-38 and its journey to South America.

#### Chapter 211 Awards Picnic

The Chapter 211 Awards Picnic was held on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Haven Airport. A good crowd was on hand to talk, eat, and look at planes. Builders awards went to John Gill for his RV-7 and Alex Wollman for his RV-9 (I hope I got those models correct). Awards were given to the past officers; Bill Scheltema-President, Lin Light-Vice President, and Gary Moshluk-Secretary Treasurer. Also recognized were Flight Advisor Ken Dannenberg, Technical Counselor Jack Brewer, and newsletter editor George Wolter.

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#### Macchi Update

Jason reported at the Picnic that the Macchi flew again for some photos and video. Reports are that the plane is still very sensitive to wind conditions.

#### Michigan Air Tour

Chet reports that there is still time to register for the Michigan Air Tour September 12-14. More information is available on page 6.

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## Prez Sez

OshKosh is in the history books and our picnic is over and here we are heading toward Labor Day-where did the summer go? I flew in to OshKosh for the first time. All the people who told me to fly early were right. I flew in on Saturday morning and only saw one other plane and had the runway of my choice.

Our chapter picnic enjoyed excellent weather. A big thank you to the folks who showed up early to help with setting up. There was plenty of food as usual and I know I ate more than I should have, but it was good stuff.

The awards were handed out to the builders, the past board members, the tech advisors, and last but not least to George for his dedication to the newsletter.

The next meeting will be September 5th, see you there.

Fly Safe

*Paul*

President - EAA 211



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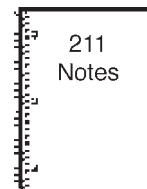
## Editors Notebook

September is here already, the year is going by too fast.

I enjoyed seeing all of you who attended the picnic. Once again we had good weather, lots of food, lots of planes, and good people. Thanks to all of you who helped out

I missed Oshkosh this year for the first time in over two decades. I returned from a family vacation to Ireland during Oshkosh week, between jet lag and having done enough travel for a while I did not feel like driving around the lake for the last weekend. If any of you shot some Oshkosh photos of Chapter planes on the flightline or of other interesting planes at Oshkosh sent them to me and I will get them in the news.

*George*



## Picnic!

Photos from the annual awards picnic





## Chapter 211 Minutes of July 11, 2008

President Overbeek opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm in the Club House. A visitor, Fred Walz, a veteran, was introduced and gave a short talk about his love for aviation. The Minutes and Financial Report were reviewed then accepted by the membership.

Ken Dannenberg in his Flight Report told of 290 aircraft accidents last month, 31 fatal.

Jack Brewer's Tech Report included a discussion about the need to magnaflux Taylorcraft wing struts especially at the bottom end. And he emphasized the importance of being especially vigilant for low hanging power lines that could ruin your day should you go sightseeing in flight along an unfamiliar river. They have caused death and destruction in the past!

Bill Scheltema has a secret admirer Turns out it's a second cousin who is ecstatic about Bill's prestigious award at Fun-N-Sun and recognition in



recent aviation publications. His plane featured on our chapter calendar was made into a family heirloom picture then framed. Congratulations, Bill!

President Paul went over the plans for our upcoming Picnic and Awards Banquet August 9th. All is in order, the tent, the grill for brats, Bill's trailer for hauling tables and chairs, and reminder to bring a dish to pass. Coffee and the condiments etc will be provided. It's a great family event!

Builder Reports: - During the discussions Jake DeHahn passed around a group of photos showing his recent progress. He received a gift certificate. He has 82 hours in it so far. The RV-2 wings are done.

Walter Clawson will need the scales

after the Picnic to weigh his RV-6. Said he found an "orphan" kit nearly 5 years ago and is coming along nicely Scott has his BD-4 flying again after further mods on the cowling were made.

Paul Overbeek described how he aligned the wheels on his Long-Easy using a method described in a book for B-24 Bomber maintenance. Says it works really well.

Jake has an instrument panel for an RV. Anyone interested in it are to call him.

Ken Allen described how with the help of Ben Ennenga and Bill Verduin



his instrument panel was powered up. Everything worked great, but when the starter was engaged the engine would barely turn over. They found that electrical energy travels the most direct route and by way of least resistance which for them was possibly thru engine parts and even perhaps the fuel line? It needed a solid grounding!

Bill Scheltema's Mustang II was featured in a Special Issue of Sportsman Pilot magazine.

Jason Petroelje's 3/4 scale 1917 Macchi Flying boat Fighter was featured in a recent issue of Sportsman Pilot Magazine.



Phil Michmerhuizen told on Ken Dannenberg. Ken read Around the World headlines for July 11, 1933, then

the club sang Happy Birthday to Ken.

David Thomas is looking for a ride to Oshkosh. Will share flight expenses.

Neighboring aviation clubs have invited Ch 211 to their summer activities; Hastings's Pancake Breakfast on the 13th, and Sparta's Pancake Breakfast on July 20th.

A hand count was taken of members planning to go to Oshkosh, nearly a dozen.

Chet gave an update on the upcoming Michigan Air Tour. Twenty-one are signed up and registrations are still open. One suggestion was, whether you're a pilot or not, join with others at the locations for the activities, for example, at the Radisson.

Herb Kelly's plane sold on e-bay. His



asking price was \$10k. It is believed a set of floats still remains.

Glen Holt who recently passed away is donating his extensive library.

Break

The Program

Stan Piteau hosted a slide show using 4 Carousel reels.

Reel 1 was of Oshkosh, 1955 and 1956 taken with a Kodak Baby Brown camera. Some of the planes viewed were; Honey Bee, Great lakes, Culver, Tiger Moth, Tailwind, Scout, MonoCoupe and Mooney Mite.

Reel 2 was of the Lansing Airport. Many local members planes were viewed, such as; PT 22, Starduster, Sonerai, Emeraude, Davis, Taylorcraft, T-18, BD-4, Waco, Stearman, RV-4, a Henderson motorcycle engine conversion and others.

Reel 3 was of local projects in progress; Weight and balance of the j-3 Cub, the Culver annualing, Building an RV

# Mystery Aircraft



This months Mystery is a Chapter plane coming to the picnic



Last months Mystery is a Pitts built by Carl Kalausrud

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in the living room, a Piston and head from a Franklin, and featuring a Cygnet, Twin Tail, Air Coupe and many members at work.

Reel 4 was of Real Old Stuff! A WW II Observation Balloon, Stinson, D-60 Hawk, Gee Bee, Ryan, Bendex, 1938 Cleveland, YB -13, Curtis A-17, P-6, Cobra, Corsair, DC-46, Dart, Hellcat, Fairchild, TWA ,FY Photo Recon. Lockheed Electra, Sikorsky Flying Boat, and others.

Much discussion and reminiscing took place spontaneously. Many questions were asked- like, was that sold? Where is it now? Wow those WERE some times! It was nostalgia repeated! To see this was an experience!

Alfred Smith - Secretary / Treasurer

## Lin Light's New Project

Lin Light now has a project. He purchased a Boelkow Jr. project that was in process when the original builder passed away. Lin sent me some web links about the plane, also known as a MFI-9 or Mini-Coin. One link tells how a MFI-9B has been used by Biafra for ground attack against Nigerian planes with ground kills of four MIGs, on Ilyushin 28, two Canberras, a Heron, and a control tower. No word if Lin plans to add the twelve rocket pods used on that plane. Lin reports that he picked up the project for a song, and he cannot sing. Lin will have many hours of workshop fun ahead



# “To Boldly Go Where No Air Tour Has Gone Before” Michigan Air Tour 2008!

Tune up your tricorder, standby to beam up and prepare to explore new airports and new civilizations as the Michigan Air Tour continues its mission to promote aviation throughout Michigan.

Leading our mission are the intrepid explorers **Chet and Patti Uncapher** of Ottawa Executive Airport (in the Zeeland System).

There is an abundance of raffle prizes participants in the tour will have the chance to win including a certificate for a ride on Aluminum Overcast donated by EAA President, Tom Poberezny. We will have three headsets to raffle off. David Clark, Flightcom and Lightspeed have each donated one of their models. Zaon, the traffic avoidance company, has donated one of their PCAS units worth \$550. Wicks, King Schools, and Aircraft Spruce have all donated gift certificates totaling \$250 in value. Kennedy Space Center has sponsored us with a certificate admitting a family of four to the Center. And, the gifts keep coming in. By the weekend of the air tour we may have over \$5,000 worth of gifts to raffle off. This could be a big incentive for some of your friends to dust off their airplane and “Boldly go where no MAT has gone before”.

Our guest of honor at Friday night’s banquet will be Astronaut Jack Lousma. Colonel Lousma will overnight with us at the Radisson. It will be fun dining with a real space traveler. To harmonize with Colonel Lousma’s appearance we will raffle off a 4-DVD set of video recordings titled “NASA, A Retrospective” donated by ASA (Aviation Supplies and Academics).

This year’s air tour will begin in Hastings. Friday: Hastings, Caro KCFS, Sparta 8D4  
Saturday: Sparta, Oceana County CO4, Evart 9C8, return to Sparta.  
Sunday: Sparta to Andrews University C20.

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| September 5 .....        | Meeting         |
| October 3 .....          | Meeting         |
| November 7 .....         | Meeting         |
| December 2 .....         | Meeting         |
| December ? .....         | Christmas Party |

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