



April 2018

# Hangar Talk



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**Meeting Friday, April 6, 2018, 7:30pm**

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

## Building My Wag-Aero Sport



Please join us for our April EAA Chapter 211 meeting.

Former Chapter 211 Member, Wayne Keegstra, will be sharing, in pictures and words, the story of his 27 year project, the Wag-Aero Sport, pictured here at Wayne's home in Hamilton, MI.

Wayne has flown at least 20 hours in his new plane (maybe more by now) out of a 1000 ft strip just North of the picture. He has many pictures of the construction of 85WK to share with us, along with stories to tell.

## Prez Sez

Hello,

April 21 will mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Manfred Von Richthofen. Even as our collective memory of The Great War fades, his name is associated with a red Fokker triplane and his record 80 kills. Whether he was shot down by Roy Brown or an unknown Australian machine gunner is still debated, but the cause was his violation of his own rules of engagement. *"One shall never cling blindly on one opponent whom one, through one's own bad gunnery or his enemy's agile turning, can't shoot down, and the fight is far within the enemy's lines and one finds himself fighting against a superior number of adversaries."* (Rules for Fighter Pilots, Manfred Von Richthofen)



There are many books about the Red Baron, but my favorite is actually one with the least about flying. "Mother of Eagles" by Baroness Kunigunde von Richthofen. This is his mother's war diary, showing a more candid portrait of MvR. With our modern understanding of combat injuries, we can see him as a young man suffering from a brain injury that never fully healed and PTSD.



Fly Safely,

Larry Schwartz  
EAA Chapter 211  
President (2018)



*"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."* – Albert Einstein

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## EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2018-03-02

Submitted by Paul Overbeek

### Attendance: 14

### Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 19:30

The March 2 Chapter 211 meeting was called to order by President Larry Schwartz.

### Attendance and Visitors:

A total of 24 members and 1 visitor, Paul Mettenbaugh (sp) were in attendance.

### Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the February 2, 2018 meeting minutes.

### Treasure's Report and the Past Month's Expenses and Receipts:

We currently have a total fund balance of \$2780.81, \$2738.81 in checking and \$42.00 in petty cash. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the treasure's report. There was a discussion on dues and where the money is being spent. A further discussion on Dale's efforts to increase membership.

### Technical Reports:

Jack reported that the Lycoming wrist pin AD will apply every time a cylinder is removed. The FAA is considering allowing some airplanes IE: cubs or similar airplanes to be changed to experimental with the possibility of being returned to certified.

### Old Business:

The second fuel tank needs to be painted when the weather permits.

### New Business:

Dale DeWeese was approved by the board to be our new "Keeper of the Scales."

Dale Hagen has volunteered to be Membership Chairman.

Bob Vink displayed the damper he built to control the oil temperature in his RV 12.

Bill Verduin showed a short video showing Wayne Keestra's airplane.

### Coffee Break – 20:10

Coffee, Cookies and social time!

### Program:

Dale Hagen delivered a well-received program, showing a series of videos, beginning with the history of what some regard as the most elegant and historically significant airplane to never fly, the original Bugatti 100P, how it survived WW2, and how it ended up in the EAA museum.

Subsequent videos documented the inspiration and endeavor of Scotty Wilson, a retired Air Force fighter pilot with 11,000 hours of military and civilian flying experience, and the challenges his team of volunteers overcame, to reverse-engineer, construct, and fly a replica Bugatti 100P. The videos explored the groundbreaking ideas of Bugatti's brilliant designer Louis de Monge, including a drag-cheating sleek fuselage, a radical swept-forward wing, twin-V tailplane, and twin contra-rotating propellers.

Scotty and his team succeeded in flying the Bugatti replica, but, tragically, on what was intended to be the 100P's last test flight before being retired to a museum, the plane experienced a mechanical failure resulting in a crash, which claimed the life of pilot Scotty Wilson.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 21:30

**Check it out!**  
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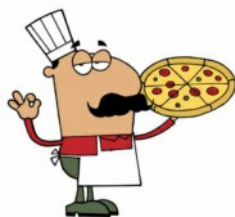
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## Invite a Friend

### Upcoming Events and Meetings Dates

April 6, 2018 - Regular meeting. - "Building a Wag Aero Sport," by former Chapter 211 member Wayne Keegstra.  
 May 4, 2018 - Regular meeting. - Herb Harney, Flying to the Bahamas & Canada  
 June 1, 2018 - Regular meeting. - To be announced  
 June 2, 2018 - Young Eagles Event, Grand Haven Memorial Airport  
 July 6, 2018 - Regular meeting. - To be announced  
 July 14, 2018 - Young Eagles Event, Grand Haven Memorial Airport



### PIZZA!

A lot of us guys like to go to Clover Bar for pizza after our regular meetings. We'd love if you would join us. It's a great chance for us all to get to know each other better, and to talk more about our favorite subject... AVIATION!



### EAA Chapter 211 Member Projects in Progress:

Ken Allen – RV 6  
 Ed Cech – RV 9A  
 Paul Dannenberg – Pitts  
 Scott Degaynor – Bede 4  
 Scott Dykstra - RV 7A  
 John Gill - Acro Sport

Brian Greene – RV 7A  
 Tom Marotta – Velocity  
 Gary Moshluk – Aero Commander  
 Bill Vandermolen – 4-place Cub (FINISHED!)  
 Bill Verduin – RV 7  
 Bob Vink – Fisher Youngster & RV-12 (FINISHED!)  
 John Wilkes – RV 8 (FINISHED)  
 Dale DeWeese – RV 9A  
 John Boer – RV 9A