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Hangar Talk

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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY MAY 2ND SOPWITH CAMEL

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, May 2nd, 7:30 pm at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. For the program Tom Kozuro will be talking about his Sopwith Camel replica. The plane is full scale and true to the original including a rotary radial engine. Tom also has an original Camel data plate and some machine guns. Toms plans to bring some Camel parts to the meeting.

Tom works for the FAA and will also be able to answer some FAA related questions.

Come to the meeting early to help hang the sign on the Clubhouse. Paul Dannenberg made a new sign to replace the badly weather sign. Between 6:30 and meeting time Paul and the board will be hanging the new sign.

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Sun 'n Fun Grand Champion Mustang II

Bill Scheltema's Mustang II, N211BS, was named Grand Champion Plans Built at the 2008 Sun 'n Fun. Most of you have seen Bills fantastic plane, it certainly deserves the award.



Mustang II at Sun 'n Fun 2007

Flyout

The Chapter is planning a flyout to Mackinac island for Saturday, June 7 with a rain date of June 14. Prez Paul Overbeek has more info on Page 2, contact him if you are interested participating.

Photos of Chapter Aircraft from the Early Days

Photos of some of the planes built in the early days of the Chapter (and before the chapter existed) continue to arrive. Ron Fritz brought some to the April meeting.

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Prez Sez

For those of you who thought going to Sun-n-Fun was more important than coming to the April meeting, you will be happy to know that our new DVD/VCR player works very well. Thanks to a quick trip to Radio Shack for a speaker adapter, the sound even works. Thanks to Paul Dannenberg for finding a good deal.



A reminder to the officers (and anyone else that wants to help) to be at the May meeting at 6:30 to put up the new sign that Paul Dannenberg made and painted. Thanks Paul for all the work you put into the sign.

We talked at the last board meeting about a day trip to Mackinac Island. I am proposing a June 7th date with June 14 as a back-up day. June 7 is the Sat. after the June meeting which will allow us to determine what the weather will be. That should eliminate confusion over whether the trip is on or not. We can talk about it at the next meeting to check on how many are interested or if there is a better place to go.

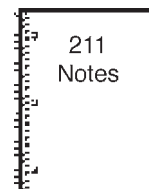
The price of fuel is a problem. As many of you know, there is a wide variation in fuel prices depending where you buy it. AvWeb and AOPA have good information on fuel prices. Fremont has the lowest price around here at \$4.20. That is not cheap but is much better than the \$5-5.50 or more at other places. Niles also has better fuel pricing than many of the other airports as does Mason over by Lansing. So depending on which way you are going, checking one of the web sites could save you several dollars.

Be Safe

Paul Overbeek
President - EAA 211

Editors Notebook

Sometimes it is interesting to see the newsletter come together. Last weekend I sent out the second notice that the newsletter had to go out in six days and I was missing the bulk of the content. On my part I had not started my portion of the news yet either. Some months are like that. In the next 3 days it all came together; I got the minutes, Prez column, information about the program, a date for the flyout, news of the Mustang II at Sun 'n Fun. So Wednesday I was able to sit down at the computer, pull it all together, and have a draft newsletter in a couple of hours. It is now Thursday and tonight I will do a proofread pass, check the email for last minute news, add a few more photos, and print.



If any of you have any interesting photos from Sun 'n Fun send them to me and I will do a Sun 'n Fun photo page next month. Also, keep sending photos for the Chapter history collection.

Congratulations to Bill Scheltema for the "Grand Champion, Plans Built" award at Sun 'n Fun. From the vantage point of seeing this plane as it was built I can see the amount of thought and effort that Bill put into this project.

George

Photos of Chapter Aircraft from page 1

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. We are able to scan prints, negatives, or slides.

For Sale

The Cygnet built by Herb Kelley is still available. The Cygnet is a wooden two place plane powered by a VW type engine. It should qualify under Light Sport. The price has been reduced to \$10,000. The plane is currently located in Zeeland. Contact Scott DeGaynor for more information. You can reach Scott at 616-437-7297.



Rockford - 1963



Cygnet and Floats



Muskegon Dawn Patrol, 1958

Chapter 211 Minutes of April 4, 2008

President Paul Overbeek opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were reviewed and the Financial Report read. Both were approved.

A Spring incident of a tri-gear stuck in the mud was reviewed and Craig Westedt, a former member and now visitor from Oklahoma gave a brief talk about the weather and flying conditions



there, really good weather, he says. He wanted us to know Dennis Stephens RV-7A is back in the air.

Potential dates for our August Awards and Picnic Event were discussed. The date of August 9th with a Rain Date of the 23rd was presented.

Scott DeGaynor suggested a weekend Fly-Out to Macinaw Island. Those interested should contact either Scott or President Paul.

Herb Kelley's Signet, a midwing plane, is for sale to any serious offer at ten thousand, firm.

Gary Kremers related how a hydraulic leak on the back side of his adjustable prop not only stopped his flight of that day, but then began a research project as to why with 320 hours it could have happened. Much cooperation and patience paid off. It was rebuilt under warranty, I believe, and the investigation continues by the manufacturer.

President Paul put his auto-pilot in his Long Easy and got to try it out. He's in the process of

calibrating it. After flying the plane for quite a time without, he says it's a strange feeling to push a button then sit back and have the stick move by itself.

Stories Members Tell On Themselves:

1) A group of us flew down to Ohio for lunch and a pop. I kept getting colder the longer we flew and after checking every thing over, I couldn't figure for the life of me why I couldn't get warm. On the way back the same thing happened again as we gained altitude. So about mid way back I realized I had put the carb heat on instead of the cabin heat.

2) We were headed out of state for an outing. I had adjusted the frequency on my radio. I could hear the other pilots talking from planes all around me. I had responded a few times also. After quite a few miles I realized they hadn't heard me meaning I was on the wrong sending frequency. So I fixed that.

3) When we were returning from a Fly-Out, last Fall I believe, some of us got a bit frisky to over-run our speediest plane in the group. Now tongue-in-cheek, the guys are wondering who will venture to be "Speedy's" wingman on the next group flyout?

Jake DeHaan described progress on his RV. He says he has the new1y improved Generation II Gearbox, that will make the engine rpm run a bit slower and might have a little better cruise.



A question was asked, where to find a 3/4 wrench with a 1/2 drive? Avery has them. I was checking out my newly installed gauges. Everything checked out but I couldn't get the digital oil pressure to read out. I took it out twice at 18&1/2

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Mystery Aircraft



This months Mystery is Chapter plane at Rockford



Last months mystery was Dan Bauman with his 120

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hours each. Had it recalibrated.

Jack Brewer gave a report on the Openhouse he attended. It specialized in several kinds of engines, Jets, etc.,

Tom Marotta is going to Oshkosh for the Electrical Workshop next week. He says He'll take pictures to show us.

Break

EAA AIRVENTURES (OSHKOSH) Video was presented. Highlights were the "Interviews", "I can build my own airplane", "I can build my own dream", "I can fly", and ends in the Warbird Spectacular.

It's the largest display of Airpower in the World and takes place in just one week, - An Aviation Journal!
Alfred Smith

Secretary / Treasurer



“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.

This year’s mission will be to explore airports that have not been on the Air Tour before. Previously they did not meet our minimum runway length/construction, however the communities that these airports serve recognized the value they bring and have made investments to improve the airport facilities.

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

Also on Air Tour, you can:

- Play poker
- Participate in the Trivia Contest
- Win door prizes
(there might be a bottle of Romulan Ale included in the prizes)
- Participate in 50/50 raffle
- Make new friends
(except for maybe the Klingons and Romulans)
- Play with the Tribbles.09/12/08 - 09/14/08

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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.

Tour Directors: Chet & Patti Uncapher. 616-748-1013

EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

May 2.....	Meeting
June 6.....	Meeting
June 7.....	Flyout Mackinac
July 11.....	Meeting
July 28-August 3.....	Oshkosh
August 9.....	Picnic
September 5.....	Meeting
October 3.....	Meeting

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