

**June 2014**

**Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 211**

# Hangar Talk

**Serving airplane builders, restorers, pilots, & airplane lovers in Western Michigan**



**Meeting Friday, June 6, 2014**

## **SMAT - School of Missionary Aviation Technology**

**EAA Chapter 211 Clubhouse, Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM) 16446 Comstock St, Grand Haven, MI 49417**

SMAT, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology, located in Ionia, MI, provides mission-driven students with FAA-certified training in aircraft maintenance and flight. Their specialty is preparing individuals to serve the Lord in mission aviation.



See more at:

<http://www.smat.edu/#sthash.iJy5MEm6.dpuf>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q54JRoDUnaA>

Terry Yoder, President of SMAT, was going to be our speaker for the June meeting, but, due to an important family obligation, he will be sending another representative (we don't yet know whom) to speak for him. I'm sure you will leave this meeting not only impressed but blessed.

### **Prez Sez**

Greetings everyone,

I started writing down some thoughts for this column on Memorial Day and as pilots I'm sure a lot of us thought about the young men flying all sorts of airplanes that today we affectionately call "war birds," fighting a war so we would not be ruled by Germany or Japan or some other dictator. Today it seems strange that as pilots we continue to struggle to retain our

freedom to fly and now it's against a regulatory bureaucracy of our own government. So take a lot of opportunities this summer to just enjoy the freedom to travel by your own personal airplane to some of the hundreds of small airports all across this beautiful country. But be sure to remember EAA and AOPA, two of our organizations on the front line of the battle to preserve our freedom to fly. Our support, by showing up at

Indianapolis for the AOPA regional on May 31 and of course Oshkosh in July, make a huge statement that there is still a lot of enthusiasm for general aviation and that we will not accept anything that intrudes on our freedom to fly.

Keep on building and flying,

Doug Formsma  
EAA Chapter 211 President

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## EAA Chapter 211 Meeting Minutes – 2014-05-02

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by President, Doug Formsma and pledge of allegiance immediately followed.

The April meeting minutes were voted on and approved.

Chapter 211 Secretary/ Treasurer, Ben Gerhart was out of town on business, so minutes are respectfully being submitted by board member Walt Clawson.

Current treasury balance is \$4,032.54, with several small additions and subtractions occurring during the past month. Treasurers report was voted on and approved.

Jack Brewer gave a brief tech report.

We are still looking for a new volunteer Flight Advisor and a new Young Eagles Coordinator. Please step up!

Doug Formsma gave a talk on a very rough flight up to Holland from Memphis, TN on Sunday, April 29 (the same day as very violent thunderstorms and tornadoes killed 16 people in the southern Midwest).

Doug also announced up-coming dawn patrol fly-ins during the month of May, 2014.

A decision was made to purchase a sympathy card for long-time member Phil Michmerhuizen upon the passing of his dear wife, Donna, and also, a Chapter 211 donation of \$100.00 to the Alzheimer Foundation was voted on and passed. The card was signed by all present.

Long-time member Gary VanFarrowe lost his brother, Mike, during the last month, so a sympathy card was purchased and signed by all present.

Both cards will be mailed out and the donation made by Ben when he gets back.

Scott DeGaynor did a follow-up talk on wheel pant modification for his tri-gear BD-4.

Coffee break from 8:20 to 8:40PM

Feature presentation was by Gary Casey on building his Lancair ES. Maximum effort to go faster/higher/further. He gave an informative talk and was supported by a nice slide show. Thank you, Gary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM



## Pictures from the May 2, 2014 meeting



**LANCAIR ES**  
Gary Casey, Builder  
First Flight – 5-30-06  
Total Time – 400  
Engine – Lycon IO-540  
Gross weight – 3300  
Empty weight – 2040  
Max operating alt – 18,000  
Max cruise – 190 at 8,000, 18 GPH  
Econ. Cruise – 174 at 12,500, 12 GPH  
L.R. Cruise – 165 at 15,500, 10 GPH



## American Eaglet Project

Work sessions for June will be on June 5, 12, and possibly the 14th. Details are on our website <http://211.eaachapter.org/> in the Calendar section. Weekday evening sessions start are from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday sessions begin at 9am and go to noon or so.

Always check the website, [www.211.eaachapter.org](http://www.211.eaachapter.org) for the latest information.



## Fisher Classic For Sale

My dad (who is now 89 yrs old) and I attended Chapter 211 meetings about 20 years ago. He has a Fisher Classic that is about 90% complete. It is covered and has the engine mounted. He is looking for an interested party to purchase and complete the plane, as he would like to see it fly someday. He is located at Canadian Lakes and has had some members fly in to see the plane over the years as he was building it.

Thank you,

Robert (Bob) Zeichman 616-901-5460.



File Photo of a Fisher Classic