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at the EAA 113 Sport Aviation Center**

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# ***EAGLE'S PROPWASH***

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**CHAPTER 113**

***"The Backyard Eagles"***

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Mettetal Airport (1D2), Canton, Michigan



Paint Your Aircraft with Latex House Paint!  
(See article and links in this issue)

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*"EAA Chapter 113's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered around their love of flight, fellowship, learning and fun. Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others. Chapter 113 provides the opportunity for exchange of information as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime."*

## Board

*"The Board of Directors are to provide both advice and assistance to the chapter officers on an ongoing basis."*

## President's Podium



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On November 18<sup>th</sup> we are having Young Eagles flights at 9:30 AM followed by a *Chili Fly-in/Drive-in* from Noon to 3:00 PM. We need lots of different varieties of chili, so be sure to bring a pot of your favorite, or a desert to share. Bring your family and invite some friends along...All are welcome.

The new AC unit for the building has been installed just in time for the upcoming warm weather. Thanks to Ron Crooks for helping with the purchase and doing the installation.

The Chapter Christmas party is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. This will be the 2nd Thursday of the month. Be sure to mark your calendars. We are also discussing the possibility of having a New Years Eve party. Save the date and stand by for details. Let me know if you can help, we always can use volunteers.

Don't forget *Friday Night at the Movies at EAA 113*. You will be sure to find airplanes, drama, comedy, romance, and good friends. See you on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the website for details.

The date for the Annual Awards Banquet has been set for March 17, 2007, another date to mark on your calendar. We might even have a few shamrocks there. Corned beef and cabbage anyone???

Dave Buck

# Secretary's Scribbles



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## CHAPTER 113 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 19, 2006  
Meeting Time: 7:30 PM  
Number of Members Present: 36  
Number of Guests: 2

President Dave thanked Ron Cook for installing the new air conditioning unit for the meeting room.

Al Bosonetto reported on additional work done on the hangar: Pete Waters has built a new portico for the side door to shelter it from falling rain and snow. Pete is also working on a new brick wall for donor recognition.

Grant Cook has installed the new garbage disposal. Plans are being made to rewire the hangar circulating fans so they can be operated independently of the lights. Plans are also being made to install dimmers for the meeting room lights.

Bob Paulson is working on a new computer database for library materials.

Unused materials in the loft and shop will be removed and stored temporarily in an abandoned hangar.

Members discussed progress on their projects.

Guest Speaker:

Name: Cody Welch

Topic: Horizon Lakes Airpark

Cody is a Northwest Airlines pilot who also happens to be one of the volunteer pilots for the EAA Ford Tri-Motor tour. Chapter members met him during the recent tour stop at Pontiac Airport, which our chapter sponsored.

Cody became involved with the Linden-Price airport when searching for a place to hangar his private aircraft. Upon learning that the airport was for sale, he and some potential partners explored the idea of converting the airport into a residential airpark. They then approached the State of Michigan Aeronautics Department with the idea and found the State quite receptive, since it agreed with their policy of airport preservation. The State wanted no part of operating the airport but was willing to purchase and improve the runway if Cody's group would purchase the land around the runway and operate the airport. After years of negotiations, the project finally came to fruition. The State built a beautiful new 4000 ft long by 75 ft wide runway, and Cody's group started building homes with attached hangar and established an FBO for the airport. Cody showed slides of the site plan and some of the new homes which have been built. He is now aggressively marketing Horizon Lakes Airpark and invited all to come for a visit.

Recorded by:

R.C. Wagner, Secretary

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday Morning Breakfast

Every Saturday 8:30am at the Coney Island on Lilley Rd. across the street from Mettetal airport.

### Friday Night at the Movies is Back!!

Friday, November 3, 2006 @ 7:30 PM

**Hell's Angels**

**(Movie Night will take place on the first Friday of every month).**

Shown in the comfort of EAA Chapter 113's meeting room.

Popcorn will be served and pop is available!

**All are welcome!**

### Chili Drive-In / Fly-In

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Noon – 3:00 PM**

EAA 113 Aviation Center

Mettetal Airport (1D2)

### Young Eagles Day

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**(Rain date – November 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**09:30AM-Noon**

EAA 113 hosts the Young Astronauts Club from Southfield for a day of aviation education and Young Eagles rides.

### EAA 113 Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 PM**

EAA 113 Aviation Center

**DECEMBER 1-2, 2006**

Waterford

**Oakland Co. Int'l Airport**

(PTK). Friday 10:00 a.m. -

8:00 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m.

- 3:00 p.m.

**Operation Good Cheer.** Volunteers deliver Christmas gifts to foster care and group home children.

Sponsored by Child & Family Services of Michigan. **Contact Angie Baker 517-349-6226.**

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## **An Update from EAA 113 Scholarship Recipient Jeremy Sotzen**

Dear Mr. Rundell and EAA Chapter 113,

I would like to thank you all once again for awarding me one of your scholarships in 2003. Over the past three years, I have had quite a journey in my career. I am now finishing my degree in Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

I have had a slight change in career choice, but my passion in aviation remains. I made a choice to pursue a career in astronautics rather than aeronautics. The space industry has caught my interest more and more as the years went by, and decided that

I wanted to design spacecraft rather than aircraft.

For the past three years, I have been designing micro and pico satellites. I have been on the design team of three major satellites, and served as Project Manager and General Manager of the ERAU Satellite Development Group.

I have been on several internships as well. In 2004, I worked for McLaren Engines designing components for the 2008 Viper engine. In the summer of 2005, I studied abroad in Germany at the Hochschule Bremen. This past summer I worked for Boeing in Huntsville, AL as a test engineer for the Ground Based Midcourse Defense missile program.

Currently, I am working for NASA at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. I am in the Fluids Design Branch and work as a design engineer for the new Ares I rocket that will

take the next generation to the moon and mars. It is very exciting work and I am having a great time!

I want you to know that I still intend to pursue my interest in aviation and will obtain my pilots license when I have the money for flight school (student loans are killing me ).

Regards,

Jeremy Sotzen

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### **NEEDED: Young Eagles Volunteers**

Our next Young Eagles event is scheduled for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in the morning prior to our fall Chili Fly-In. We will host the Young Astronaut Club from Southfield. They are an awesome group of students with an extensive interest in aviation. It is the opportunity we have been waiting for; to pass along our passion for flight to youth who have a desire to learn more about aviation. Now, the only thing we need is volunteers to help with this Young Eagle event. We are looking for pilots, ground support and those willing to teach mini-classes on various aspects of aviation. Please put aside a couple of hours to help with this worthwhile part of EAA. If you are interested in assisting with this next Young Eagle event, please let Debbie Forsman know.

## Latex paint explored for aircraft use

Pete Waters forwarded the following message and links from the Nieuport Builder's group. The linked articles are very informative and contain additional links to even more information. Check it out, it's pretty interesting!...

Howdy gang,

I finally took the plunge this time and am painting Sweetie's Airdrome Aeroplanes Morane Saulnier "L" Parasol with Latex house paint. In my case, We're using Glidden Evermore High-Gloss house paint.

Before I decided to do this I did some research on the subject. The links below are the best ones I found addressing the subject.

Using latex house paint on your project.

<http://www.ultralightnews.ca/articles/housepaint.htm>

Latex UV protection explored:

[http://www.ultralightnews.com/features/latexpaint\\_uvbarrier.htm](http://www.ultralightnews.com/features/latexpaint_uvbarrier.htm)

Another good article can be found at:

<http://www.ultralightnews.com/features/paintinguls.htm>

Now, why did I do this?

1. Cost. After the sticker shock I got seeing the prices per gallon for Aircraft Paint these days (THREE TIMES what it was when we first built the Nieuports) I decided to look around for an alternate method. Then at Gardner last year I saw the great results Marvin Story got on his lozenge pattern on his Siemens Schukert using latex paint and then Butch Witlock told me he'd used it on his Nieuport 12 (and it looks GREAT!) I decided give it a try.

2. Ease of application.

3. Water cleanup


4. UV protection built right in the paint so you don't need the UV coat. That saved a few pounds.

5. High solids (One cross-coat is all the paint you'll need to apply. That saved some more weight.

6. No filler coat for sealing or UV protection. (The no filler coat is why I use the Cecobond cement for all my fabric work. It smells good, won't blow up the house or you and is also water cleanup. Then you also use it as a fabric sealer/filler coat.

Anyway, that's what we're using on the Morane and so far, I'm sold.

Dick Starks



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# The Library Shelf

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## “In Search of – Library Use” November 2006

Work continues in the library. There is still much to do and I want to point out areas where we will be working to make our library more useful to you. It pleases me very much to see people using the library and we encourage you to ask questions in your search for information.

1. **“Patron” list development.** We have listed as “Patrons” current EAA113 member and spouses as listed in the 2006 listing. We want to add children and grandchildren who use our library. Please fill out a “Patron Addition Sheet” available in the library. Return it to me.
2. We have **“Sport Aviation” magazine** on CDs but there is a gap between current issues and CD up-dates. We will expand our magazine collection to include “Back issues” until we have obtained the CD.
3. There are several **Catalogs** that have tables of information in addition to the various parts and supplies carried. Please help us expand our collection.

4. In the development of **your project**, you need certain information. Our Chapter has a great deal of talent walking around and we can usually find someone that can give us some direction toward getting the information necessary. Perhaps we should be adding resource materials to our “Reference” section. Guidance in this area would be much appreciated.
5. There are numerous **Web sites** in many areas relating to aviation. We are in the process of developing that information for your use. We now have access to the Internet. Policy and procedures are being developed, your assistance would be appreciated. We have a “Web site” form for collecting such information. Pick up a copy in the library.
6. Our database **“ResourceMate 3.0 Plus”** is now on our Library computers. However, in an effort to expedite the processing of our resources, we have not entered subject matter in many instances. This will come and will make searching on the computer much more worthwhile.
7. We have a good collection of **aircraft plastic model kits** that have been donated. Would you mentor a young person interested in building? We want to make available various kits at no cost other than a “thank you” to the donors after the kit is built.



**EAA 113 invites you to their:**

# **(HILI DRIVE-IN / FLY - IN**

**Saturday, November 18th, 2006**

**Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

**EAA 113 Aviation Center**

**Mettetal Airport (1D2)**



For more information visit our website: [www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)