

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – April 2008

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MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 meeting is at NMC's MTEch center on Aero Park Drive on Sunday, April 13th, 2008 at 7:00PM. Program will be a talk by Steven Cassens, The topic is "Cherry Capital Airport Past, Present and Future". Steve is manager of Cherry Capital Airport.

Talking points:

TBM Socata 700 owners group is flying to TVC next summer – Do we want engage them in some way? Steve Beeker will vet the details of the visit. Could be a 100 of these big turbine birds at this event.

Following is an ongoing topic;

Note – Craig is off to Sun n' Fun so our survey will be reviewed at a later date.

Membership Chair **Jon Schmidke** submitted the following;

As we move forward with EAA Chapter 234 there are some ideas regarding specific areas of focus. We would like your input in several key areas:

1. Our relationship with the NMC flight program.

What do we want out of our affiliation, what can we give to the program besides scholarship money. Do we do a Young Eagles the day of the NMC fly-in? Do we want space at NMC? What would we do with it?

2. Young Eagles, what do we want to accomplish, how do we do it?

3. Future of the Chapter, where do we want to go, how do we get there? New members, expand the chapter, etc. Chapter hangar, etc.

4. Meetings. Craig Sawka will report on his survey and we can discuss meeting times, locations, format, etc.

5. Chapter Projects, build, repair, what?

We will NOT try to brainstorm and digest all these topics at once. For example, we can brainstorm one topic at a time, digest the suggestions and then come back with each members top three and use these results to guide us forward.

These are just some of my own ideas. Please feel free to bring your topics for future discussions.

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March Business Meeting Notes

Murel Edinger opened the meeting.

No guests were noted.

The chapter fly in breakfast will be June 15th, Fathers day, at Torchport. Mark your calendars.

Ed Dunster needs a helper in his "quartermaster" duties please see him at your earliest convenience. (**Ed. note; Ed may not be available for the June flyin due an out of town job.**)

Some discussion about the excellent talk given by Capt. **Ben Donberg** about his experiences in Iraq as an combat aviator flying an F15Echo. **Fred Eaton**, who flew similar missions in Veit Nam, expressed his awe of the technologies and ordinance available now.

Greg and Gwen Sawka has graciously offered their lakefront property on Green Lake for our annual summer picnic. There will be floatplanes available for rides and other activities. The event necessarily should be a little earlier in both time of day and date than in the past for weather considerations. Moving the date to August 10th was proposed. More will follow.

Some discussion of the Socota Flyin at TVC .

Jon Schmidke urged each member to make it a goal to recruit a new member for '08.

Kudos were given to the chapter info resources, namely the newsletter and the website, and their MWIC's Lou and Terry, respectively.

March Program Notes

Aaron Cook of NMC's flight academy brought us up to date on the progress of the school.

The Aztec is being repainted and has a new radio stack. They are looking for amphibious floats for the Cub.

The simulators have been redone to match the glass cockpit configurations of the 172's.

They are offering a VFR simulator course and part43 weekend course.

Youth programs for 14-16 year olds will be run this summer.

The sims will be available for oncology patients from Munson and when Microsoft heard about that they offered help.

The mezzanine in the hanger is available for a chapter project directed toward education of academy students.

To sum it up things are going well with the chapters landlord.

YOUNG EAGLES

NMC's open house, breakfast and the Cherry Festival all at on time it was deemed to involved to hold a Young Eagles event. Looks a Fall date might be most likely.

CHAPTER LOANER TOOL LIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tool(s)</u>
Dan Ahrns	Differential Pressure Tester
Steve Stasinios	Nicopress swedging tool, to put loops in your cables
Ron Jones	Compressor, 220 volt
Duane Jorgenson	Kerosene Heater for workspace, 110 volt
Jon Schmidtk	Borescope, oil filter cutting tool
Lou Aug	Torque wrenches, inch lbs., ft. lbs. to 150 lbs and metrics. Acetylene Torch.
Paul Kauffman	Weight and balance scales, HVLP paint system.
Jim Lagowski	Prop shipping box (courtesy of Ted Lanham)

BUILDERS/RESTORERS/AC OWNERS/PILOT MILESTONES REPORTS

Peitenpol air camper- **Jim Lagowski**. – Covered to silver, painting is progressing.
NMC Super Cub - **Steve Derr** - Its done and flying on wheels. Trading floats for amphis.
Ch601 XL (#1) – **Joe Seibold** – Installing vortex generators.
CH 601 XL (#2) - **Joe Seibol**. Engine running but some idling issues.
RV9A - **Dan Arhns**. Wings done. Kit is for sale.
Callaire & Volksplane – **Jim Gurr** -the 1450' farm strip is available.
Pulsar - **Lou Aug** – Fireproofing progressing. Paint failures on horizontal stab will require stripping and repainting.
RANS S-6 - **Rod Christopherson** – 90% done, wings on, engine in.
RANS S-6 – **Don Garrett** - Has 36 hours on it. Had a loss of coolant event but no damage occurred.
PK Special – **Paul Kauffman** – No work lately
T-28 – **Duane Kalemer** – Prop done.
EvektorSport LSA- **Bob Witkop** – Has a 136 plus hours on it.
Fisher Koala – **Lloyd Freeman** – Just back from Alabama and its still in the trailer
RV6 & Kitfox – **Dave Harden** – Kitfox “on ice” for winter.
GlasAir - **Jim Palmer**. Work continues.
GlaStar Sportsman – **Craig Sawka**. Floats mounted. Off to S 'n F as it will used in Glastar display.
Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from the latest meeting, BBB schedule, links to weather and other sites.

OTHER AVIATION RELATED WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.airnav.com Airport data, fuels, nav aids
www.homebuiltairplanes.com Forums, chat, etc.
www.skygod.com Humor, anecdotes
www.avweb.com Aviation news, articles, classified ads, access to FAA data base
www.aero-news.com Aviation news and commentary
www.taildraggers.com Discussion and topics regarding same and more.
www.faa.gov - Graphical TFRs, or how avoid an F-16 escort to the nearest airport – Aviation Data and stats. Lots of stuff.
www.aeroseek.com - listing of 10,000 aviation websites like airsicknessbags.com
www.aerofiles.com - North American aviation history
www.airshowjournal.com - Cool pictures and schedules
<http://www.usairnet.com> - weather for air related sports
www.100ll.com - tracks avgas prices and other stuff
www.crazyaviation.com/movies/CA_SU-30.wmv
www.overtheairways.com New site
www.weather.aero/hems New site
www.windmapper.com New site

OTHER STUFF

Library. Check out new additions to our library – books, videos, tech stuff, etc. A catalog of available titles is in the works.

A reminder - Spouses are encouraged to gather for dinner during chapter meetings at Sheldes. We can join them later for dessert or libations.

AREA AVIATION BUSINESSES & SERVICES

Thompsonville Airport – New FBO, Proprietor Doug Hoverter. Ph. (231) 383-1843

Evans Avionics, LLC - 1190 Airport Access Rd. T.C., Ph.941-9764

Prop Balancing -Dynamic balancing done on your plane. Call Ed Borstel, A&P w/I.A., at 933-9355.

Azure Air Adventures- Keith Messingschlage ASC BFI pfw/ppw/ufw/pla 231-883-8866 fiyazureair@yahoo.com. Introductory flights \$45 in a Titan Tornado.

Aviation Medical Examiner - Jeffrey Kyff D.O., M.A.S. (Jeff is also a CFI, ASMEI) Ph. 206-0788 or home at 947-8205, email at - baron138Q@aol.com

Sport Pilot Course – Russ Miley CFI, \$3150 complete, 80hp Skyranger, call (231)620-0083.

Bill Birch –A & P, IA Harbour Air Hangar. Bill can be reached at 499-3391(cell).

FOR SALE

Torchport Lots Call **Maryanne** - Airpark office: 231-599-3128 or sales - Maryanne Jorgensen 231-632-2412 or email torchport@torchportairpark.com.

Cessna 172 1/3rd share. Beautiful condition in and out, leather interior, 180hp conversion. Call Rich Newman 941-5156.

2007 Storm Ralley SLSA . Will be sold at wholesale price. Must move from inventory. Prestige Aircraft Co. Jackson, MI

Cessna 172. (2) 1/8 shares available. Club based at TVC since 1960. 125 hours since MOH, 6128hrs TT, clean, always hangared, no damage ever, excellent maintenance, all logs since new. KX170B, marker beacon, glideslope, moving map color GPS (yoke mount), 760 channel comm., Mode C, full panel, NOT IFR (but you can practice). Dues are \$80/month and \$10/hr dry. Call Shane at 499-6020 (cell) or Pete Bannister at 218-5569 (cell).

Hangar For Sale – Site #4 at Torchport, asking \$22,000. Contact Maryanne Jorgensen Cell 231-632-2412 or Office 231-264-9833.

New Hanger For Sale - 48'X48', Antrim County Airport (ACB). Call Bill Donberg 231-409-5780

AVIATION CALENDAR

BBB FLYOUTS and AVIATION EVENTS

Bob's Breakfast Bunch departs TVC or where ever at 8:00AM every Sat. - if weather is a problem meet at Cottage Cafe for breakfast. Air to air frequency is 122.75

04/05/08 BBB to Evert (9C8)

04/12/08 BBB to Charlevoix (CVX)

April 13th 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Steve Cassens TVC Ap manager

04/19/08 BBB to Gladwin (GDW)

04/26/08 BBB to Bellaire (Steve to provide transportation)(ABC)

05/03/08 BBB to Clare (48D)

May 11th 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Bill Donberg, Aero Club-Munson Hospital Partnership: Flight Simulator for Chemotherapy Patients.

June 15th Chapter 234 Flyin Breakfast at Torchport

July 18th – 19th Beaver Island Air Show. Feature AC is the Yankee Air Force Museum's B-17, Yankee Lady.

Check our web site for an up to date listing. Go to www.eaa234.org and click BBB link.

Self-serve Fuel:

MOGAS:

Clare..... (48D)
Boyne City..... (N98)
Hart-Shelby Oceana.... (C04)
Cadillac..... (CAD)
Sparta (Y66)

Drummond Island-regular and Premium
Sparta (Y66) Regular

FINAL

Basic shop tools and their general purpose

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted vertical stabilizer which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned cleco calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh \$hit!"

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

WELDING GLOVES: Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

EIGHT-FOOT LONG YELLOW PINE 2X4: Used for levering an automobile upward off of a trapped hydraulic jack handle.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps neatly off in bolt holes thereby ending any possible future use.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 24-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A very large pry bar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids and for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

DAMMIT TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "DAMMIT" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

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