

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – August 2007

Promoting aviation safety, education and fellowship in the Grand Traverse area since 1965

MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 is not a meeting at all but is our annual fly in breakfast/fund raiser Sunday, August 12th at Torchport Airpark. Hours are 7:00AM to 11:00AM.

Please come, enjoy and help ! Volunteers always needed.

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July Business Meeting Notes

18 members present.

Chapter 2 of “Phantom of the Air” was presented. (Corny but very laughable)

Jim Lagowski indicated that the “Past President’s” Plaque was getting closer to reality in terms of concept and planning.

Ed Dunster has posters ready for our EAA 234 annual Fly-In Breakfast at Torchport to be held this year on Sunday morning, August 12, 2007 from 7AM to 11AM. Steve Stasinios asked for more organizational assistance from our members for our Fly-In Breakfast. The concern is for added safety precautions. Mary Ann and Duane agreed, as did the chapter members. There was a motion made and passed to include having “50-50” Drawings over the course of the breakfast to help with added income and to throw a little spice into the event. Also possible air rides and Young Eagle activities were discussed with regard to future EAA 234 Fly-In Breakfast activities. No decision was made at this time on those.

Brian Allen announced a P-51 Fly-In to be held in Columbus, OH, on Sept. 26-27. It’s called the “Last Gathering” and will be attended by over 100 Mustangs. Should be some event for you Mustang lovers out there.

Mary Ann Jorgensen said there would be a Poker-Run on August 10th @ Torchport in the afternoon.

Torchport Steak Fry and Campout will be Saturday afternoon-evening, August 11th!! (Don’t forget your bedroll that evening so you can enjoy the Sunday Breakfast.

Treas. Bob Whitkop, Esq., distributed a current balance sheet showing our assets to be \$2,811.07 in the black. Total expenses this year have been \$1,511.70.

PROGRAM NOTES

One of our own EAA 234 Members, Jim Palmer, presented the evening’s program entitled “Plastic Parts You Can Make Yourself”. Jim is a talented mechanical engineer with an uncanny ability to fabricate just about anything you might need for your airplane. Wingtip lenses with LED lights are his specialty. Polycarbonate navigational light lenses made from were demonstrated. Techniques for construction from canopies, to various trim pieces, oil coolers and wheel wells were demonstrated as well as the use of “lastifoam” and ‘vacuum bagging’ to remove excess resins to bring down weight of

glass airframe construction was discussed. (We have a real resource here in our midst for you airplane builders out there.) Our thanks to you, Jim, for an outstanding presentation. Good job!

AIRVENTURE 07

President Jim indicated that next month's meeting might be a collage of members thoughts and experiences of those that have attended this year's "Airventure" festivities in OSH.

YOUNG EAGLES

Program holding short until next years NMC Aviation Dept.'s flyin breakfast.

CHAPTER LOANER TOOL LIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tool(s)</u>
Dan Ahrns	Differential Pressure Tester
Steve Stasinov	Nicopress swedging tool, to put loops in your cables
Ron Jones	Compressor, 220 volt
Duane Jorgenson	Kerosene Heater for workspace, 110 volt
Jon Schmidtke	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.

BUILDERS/RESTORERS/AC OWNERS/PILOT MILESTONES REPORTS

Peitenpol air camper- *Jim Lagowski*. – Building axles, tail feathers done, wings attached for fitup check.

NMC Super Cub - *Steve Derr* - Its done and flying on wheels.

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*

Pulsar - *Lou Aug* – Relicensed club plane. Repairing wing damage on Pulsar.

RANS S-6 - *Rod Christopherson* –Swept out the hangar after no activity winter, 90% done, wings on, engine in.

RANS S-6 – *Don Garrett* - Ready for runup.

PK Special – *Paul Kauffman* – No work lately

T-28 – *Duane Kalember* – Reskinning underway.

EvektorSport LSA- *Bob Witkop* – Has a 100 plus hours on it.

Fisher Koala – *Lloyd Freeman* – Just back from Alabama and its still in the trailer

RV6 & Kitfox – *Dave Harden* – Kitfox back in service after 3 years

GlasAir - *Jim Palmer*. Building hangar in Thompsonville.

GlaStar Sportsman – *Craig Sawka*. Work continues. Looking at summer finish except paint. On wheels initially.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from July's 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.homebuiltpairplanes.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 (av 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.

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

OTHER STUFF

Mystery Plane. Last months offering was the ever popular Twin Beech model 18. Check out #35 on the last page.

This and the color cover sheet are the result of the talents and generosity of member **Joe Seibold**. Many, many thanks Joe.

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

Rich Newman is looking for a 4th partner for their Cessna 172. Anyone interested please give him a call.

Jim Gurr welcomed anybody to fly into his 1,450' airstrip just east of Alden. It's open for use. ☺

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 flyazureair@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.

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.

Cessna 172 share. 1/8 share available. Club based at TVC since 1960. 75 hours since MOH, 6078hrs 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).

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

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

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

Self-serve Fuel:

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

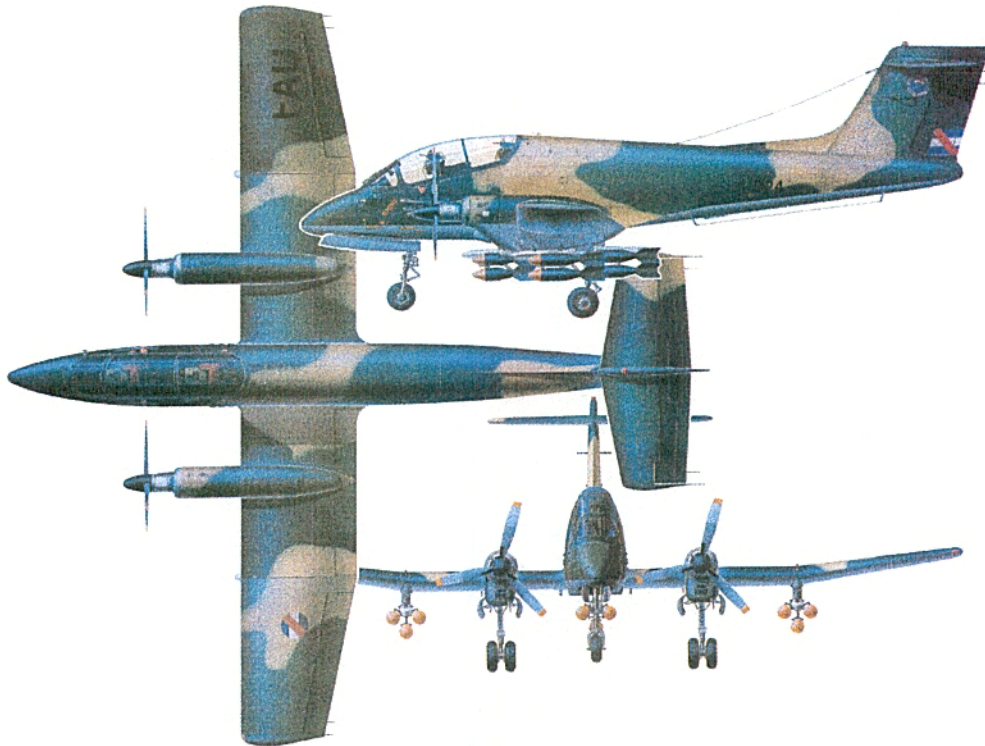
MOGAS:

Drummond Island-regular and Premium
Sparta(Y66) Regular

Out of the Archives #35

Last month's plane was an American built Beech-18 or as some of you may know it as a C-45 Expeditor. Of the military version there was a total of over 5,000 produced of the various types, besides the C-45 there was the AT-7 the AT-11 of the Air Force and the JRB-3 and -4 and the SNB-1 of the U.S. Navy. With a passenger capacity of 7-9 or a payload of almost 4,000 lbs it was truly an economical work horse. It served in almost every South and Central American air arms as well as many in Europe.

Below we see an aircraft rarely seen or even pictured here in the U.S. First flown in 1969, deliveries didn't begin until 1976. With a wingspan of nearly 50ft. It was designed to fly low and slow as an attack aircraft mounting 2 ea. 20 mm guns.



Manufacturer _____

Series ID _____

Nickname

Country

