

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – Dec 2007

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

MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 meeting is our annual Christmas party. This year it will be at Auntie Pasta's in the Logan's Landing shopping mall at 2030 South Airport Road. See attached flyer for more details. See you there.

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November Business Meeting Notes

Jim Gurr opened the meeting with a special thanks to all veterans on this Veterans Day of 2007.
 The treasures report was distributed and discussed.
 New officer candidate slate not yet finalized and will be offered next month.
 A Christmas party flyer was distributed, a copy of which is included in this newsletter.
 A Tupperware container was left at the hangar party – possibly cupcakes came in it. It's at the NMC meeting room to claimed.

November Program Notes

Joe Chleboeski, the regional rep for TSA, gave a great presentation of the local and regional efforts of the TSA. Joes' aviation backgrounds includes being on a Airship crew and a member of the 101st Airborne Infantry. Joe fielded the sometimes contentious questions with ease and noted that there are indeed "bad guys" in our midst even in Northern Michigan. Targets for these extremists could include the "big Mac" and the Soo locks, which was named in an Al Quada document as a potential target, so their vigilance extends beyond the airports. He emphasized that General Aviation is a very low risk in their minds and that self-policing is of critical importance.

YOUNG EAGLES

Program holding short until the next years NMC Aviation Dept.'s fly in breakfast.

CHAPTER LOANER TOOL LIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tool(s)</u>
Dan Ahrns	Differential Pressure Tester
Steve Stasinis	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 – Ted Travis building axles and struts.
NMC Super Cub - Steve Derr - Its done and flying on wheels. Trading floats for amphibis.
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 – Brought home from AP to continue work at home during winter months.
RANS S-6 - Rod Christopherson – 90% done, wings on, engine in.
RANS S-6 – Don Garrett - Has 10 hours on it.
PK Special – Paul Kauffman – No work lately
T-28 – Duane Kalember – Prop blades located and are in the shop.
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 “on ice” for winter.
GlasAir - Jim Palmer. Hangar done. Work continues.
GlaStar Sportsman – Craig Sawka. Engine started, waiting on paperwork.
Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from last months 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 (av news and commentary
www.taildragers.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
www.crazyaviation.com/movies/CA_SU-30.wmv

OTHER STUFF

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

Meeting guest Eric (missed his last name) from NMC will be teaching a class called Maintenance for Pilots. He would like to do a build, ideally an RV12, for instructional purposes and as a recruiting tool for the Aviation Dept. Also looking to convert a Cessna 152 to a tail dragger for tail wheel training and conventional gear endorsements.

He also indicated that the long range plan is to offer Light Sport training in the new Cessna Sky Catcher and hope to add two of them to the fleet by 2010.

Ted Lanham presented the chapter with a beautiful commemorative plaque made of curly maple listing all known past Chapter 234 presidents since our inception in 1965. A big thanks to Ted and to all who have served.

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.

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.

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

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

Mike Stock - Bush Flying in Alaska

- On Saturday December 8 at 9:00 AM, Mike will be giving a pitch on careers and experiences bush flying in Alaska. The presentation will be in room 222 at MTEC.

Learn what it's really like to fly up there, find out if meaningful jobs do exist and learn about what it would take to get a job. Any questions - call **Bill Donberg** 231-409-5780

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



EAA Chapter 234

Holiday Dinner

***Let's gather together for an evening of
Friendship, Food, Awards &
Surprises***

***When: Sunday, at 6:00 PM
December 9, 2007***

***Where: Auntie Pasta's
(in Logan's Landing Shopping complex)
2030 S. Airport Rd.
941-8147***

***Please RSVP to Gwen & Craig Sawka, 231-276-1116,
gsawka@charter.net, by December 2, 2007.***

***We will be ordering dinners/drinks from a limited menu.
Each person will be billed separately for their choices.***

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