

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – February 2008

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MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 meeting is at NMC's MTech center on Aero Park Drive on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 7:00PM. Program will be a talk by Aaron Cook of NMC's Aviation Academy.

Talking points:

Membership Chair Jon Schmidtke 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 discussion to the February meeting.

During the February meeting we will ask Craig Sawka to share his survey and we will do a short bit of brainstorming on this topic.

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January Business Meeting Notes

Jim Gurr, past president and, by the end of the meeting the present, opened the first meeting of 2008.

Approved a check for \$50 to Gwen Sawka for materials used for the Christmas party.

Due to schedule conflicts in August a decision was made to move the Chapter Fly in Breakfast to a June date. More on that at a later date.

2008 EAA calendars ordered.

A gift was approved for Chapter presenters.

Speakers are available from downstate and as an incentive to get them a gas credit was approved.

Some discussion of the upcoming ELT changes took place. Satellite based 406 MHz is being added in Feb '09.

January Program Notes

Due to the misplacement of our multimedia player the scheduled presentation was postponed. Jim Gurr jumped in with a discussion of the ultralite "Legal Eagle".

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 Stasinovs	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.
Jim Lagowski	Prop shipping box (courtesy of Ted Lanham)

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 24 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. It flies !!

Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from the Christmas party, 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.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
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.

First flights.

Chapter member **Greg Sawka** accomplished what only a few aviators ever do – he flew a plane of his own making. Other than a fuel venting issue it was a non-event. Surprised at how quickly the GlasStar it got airborne and after that “it flew itself”. He joins Don Garrett as members who made first flights last year. Mega “ataboys” to both of you.

Jim Gurr announced that his 3rd class medical is in.

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

02/09/08 BBB to Boyne City (McDonalds) (N98)

Feb 10th, 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Aaron Cook of NMC's Aviation Academy

02/16/08 BBB to Ludington (LDM)

02/23/08 BBB to Boyne Mountain (BFA)

03/01/08 BBB to Manistee (MBL)

03/08/08 BBB to Boyne Mountain (BFA)

March 9th, 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Steve Cassens, TVC Airport Manager.

03/15/08 BBB to Bellaire (Steve to provide transportation)(ACB)

03/22/08 BBB to Gladwin (GDW)

03/29/08 BBB to Big Rapids (RQB)

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

April 13th, 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Bill Donberg, Aero Club-Munson Hospital Partnership: Flight Simulator for Chemotherapy Patients.

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

FINAL (LY)

"Life is Short, Break the Rules, Forgive Quickly, Kiss Slowly, Love Truly, Laugh Uncontrollably, And Never Regret Anything that Made You Laugh." Anonymous

' Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing.'

A sign at the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena , Japan