

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – July 2008

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MEETING DETAILS

As a departure from our usual meeting at M-Tech we are doing a “road trip”. Drive in or fly in. We will be visiting the hangar of a premier Cub restorer at Pelston Airport. The tour of his facility will start at 11:PM and we’ll have lunch at the café in the terminal building. In addition to this fun filled day BBB will fly to Beaver Island for breakfast hosted by Rich Newman prior to the hangar event.

Talking points:

No business is scheduled. Just fun stuff.

Young Eagle Day this Fall ?

The chapter survey.

Following is an ongoing topic;

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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YOUNG EAGLES

A Fall date might be most likely.

June Business Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by Jim Palmer (Jon had to be out of town)

Treas. Witkop reported \$3128.57 cash on hand.

Members signed a letter supporting the Airport Commission request for a self serve fuel station, run by the FBO.

Joe Seibol donated an antique (?) runway light for auction.

Meeting guest was Jackie Thomas who is a Wings of Mercy pilot in her own Cessna 172. Thanks for coming Jackie.

A plaque for finished projects from the chapter was suggested.

June Program Notes

The program was presented by Jim Estep a Northflight Helicopter pilot. Jim has had a wide background of experience as a mechanic, instructor and pilot. His experiences in Afghanistan and flying Russian built equipment was most interesting. His pictures and impressions of the country and the mission were quite different from the usual published accounts. He fielded questions regarding medical evacuations and procedures. Thanks Jim for a informative and entertaining talk.

Chapter Flyin Breakfast

The Fathers day event turned out well despite a marginal weather forecast. Thanks to all who shopped, fried, flipped, brewed, wiped, folded, ticketed, auctioned, cleaned, stacked, swept, stowed and did all the various and sundry tasks that make the event a go. Best estimate was that we served some 350 hungry soles and we had a good time doing it.

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 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

Peitenpols air camper- Jim Lagowski. – Tail and wings painted. Fuselage next to paint shop.
Cessna 170 NMC Project- Steve Derr - A restoration project to provide a conventional gear trainer.
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. Got his Class 3 med.
Pulsar - Lou Aug – Stainless cut for firewall and threaded buttons expoxied in place. Paint failures on horizontal stab will require stripping and repainting.
RANS S-6 – Don Garrett - Has 36 hours on it. Had a loss of coolant event but no damage occurred.
PK Special – Paul Kauffman – Sold the wings
T-28 – Duane Kalembor – English wheeling fairings
Evektor Sport LSA- Bob Witkop – Has a 136 plus hours on it.
Fisher Koala – Lloyd Freeman – Engine started, need to get static RPM up. About ready go to the airport.
RV6 & Kitfox – Dave Harden – Kitfox “on ice” for winter.
GlasAir - Jim Palmer. Electrics continue. Maybe OSH.
GlaStar Sportsman – Craig Sawka. Left wing low in flight condition solved with a shim.
Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from the Flyin, 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 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.

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

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

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

July 20th -- Indian River open house and air show. 11AM 'till 3PM.

AirVenture 2008- Oshkosh, July 28th till Aug 3rd.

August 10th – Annual Chapter Picnic. Location will be on Green Lake at the home Craig & Gwen Sawka.

Aug. 16th -- Northport Flyin Breakfast.

Self-serve Fuel:

Clare..... (48D)

Boyne City..... (N98)

Hart-Shelby Oceana.... (C04)

Cadillac..... (CAD)

MOGAS:

Drummond Island-regular and Premium

Sparta (Y66) Regular

FINAL

Nothing said I had to crash.

— R.A. Bob Hoover, after hitting a telephone wire and losing two feet of wing in his P-51.