

# EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – March 2008

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### MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 meeting is at NMC's MTech center on Aero Park Drive on Sunday, March 9th, 2008 at 7:00PM. Program will be a talk by **Aaron Cook** of NMC's Flight Academy.

#### **Talking points:**

TBM Socata owners group is flying to TVC next summer – Do we want engage them in some way?

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#### **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 them 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 April 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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## February Business Meeting Notes

**Jim Gurr**, past president, introduced Jon Schmidke as the 2008 president. Eleven members and one guest braved the terrible weather and attended the meeting. The membership survey results will be discussed at the April meeting. Discussed combining the young eagle flights with the NMC Flyin Breakfast in May. The exact date is to be determined. Scheduled our annual chapter fly in breakfast/fundraiser at Torchport for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Fathers day. We will be able to get the date in the EAA calendar and the MDOT flyer. Jon announced the new PAPI on 28 at TVC and the plans for extending 18. Our multimedia player was located and is back in our room. Craig Sawka got a call from the FAA regarding his repairman certificate for his newly built GlaStar Sportsman – it seems that the DAR he used was not authorized to issue the certificate. But he was going to be in the area and he issued it himself. Cheers to the FAA. Bob Buttlerman made a request to the chapter for help with the Cherry Festival air show. Its not formal yet but assisting the US Army Golden Knights ParachuteTeam at their landing site (D.Z. in Mil. lingo) at the open space was mentioned. We welcomed guest Steve (sorry –missed his last name).

## February Program Notes

Last month Murel brought up an aviation weather site used by MedEvac pilots. Dan Arhns brought in his laptop and stepped thru the process of navigating the site. The site provides realtime conditions. For those missed it check out [www.weather.aero/hemc](http://www.weather.aero/hemc). It will be necessary to download the free version of Java.

## 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>
<b>Dan Ahrns</b>	Differential Pressure Tester
<b>Steve Stasinov</b>	Nicopress swedging tool, to put loops in your cables
<b>Ron Jones</b>	Compressor, 220 volt
<b>Duane Jorgenson</b>	Kerosene Heater for workspace, 110 volt
<b>Jon Schmidtko</b>	Borescope, oil filter cutting tool
<b>Lou Aug</b>	Torque wrenches, inch lbs., ft. lbs. to 150 lbs and metrics. Acetylene Torch.
<b>Paul Kauffman</b>	Weight and balance scales, HVLP paint system.
<b>Jim Lagowski</b>	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](http://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](http://www.airnav.com) Airport data, fuels, nav aids  
[www.homebuiltairplanes.com](http://www.homebuiltairplanes.com) Forums, chat, etc.  
[www.skygod.com](http://www.skygod.com) Humor, anecdotes  
[www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com) Aviation news, articles, classified ads, access to FAA data base  
[www.aero-news.com](http://www.aero-news.com) (av news and commentary)  
[www.taildraggers.com](http://www.taildraggers.com) Discussion and topics regarding same and more.  
[www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) - Graphical TFRs - or how avoid an F-16 escort to the nearest airport.  
[www.aeroseek.com](http://www.aeroseek.com) - listing of 10,000 aviation websites like airsicknessbags.com  
[www.aerofiles.com](http://www.aerofiles.com) - North American aviation history  
[www.airshowjournal.com](http://www.airshowjournal.com) - Cool pictures and schedules  
<http://www.usairnet.com> - weather for air related sports  
[www.100ll.com](http://www.100ll.com) - tracks avgas prices and other stuff  
[www.crazyaviation.com/movies/CA\\_SU-30.wmv](http://www.crazyaviation.com/movies/CA_SU-30.wmv)  
[www.overtheairways.com](http://www.overtheairways.com) New site  
[www.weather.aero/hems](http://www.weather.aero/hems) 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.

**Mike Stock**, formerly of NMC's flight dept., had a great war story reported in The Wretched Eagle over the weekend. Mike has made several always exciting presentations to our chapter over the years. You may remember the four helicopter dirigible experiment or the float plane work in Alaska – good stuff.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

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

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Aaron Cook, NMC Flight Academy

**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 13<sup>th</sup>** 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Program – Steve Cassens TVC Ap manager

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. 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](http://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)**

**Aircraft:**

"Santa Barbara Clearance, N\*\*\*\*\* at FBO, requesting clearance to —"

*[pause]*

**Aircraft:**

"Oh, hell."

**Clearance (deadpan and without hesitation):**

"I can't send you there ... ."