

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – May 2008

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MEETING DETAILS

Next Chapter 234 meeting is at NMC's MTech center on Aero Park Drive on Sunday, May 11th, 2008 at 7:00PM. Program will be a talk by Bill Donberg regarding Aero Club-Munson Hospital Partnership: Flight Simulator for Chemotherapy Patients.

Talking points:

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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April Business Meeting Notes

Jon Schmidke opened the meeting and thanked **Murel Edinger** for chairing last months meeting.

Guests included Rod Nettleson and Ward Johnson. Rod is relocating to the area, an active pilot and a civil engineer specializing in airport design.

It was noted that Mark Evans, whose aviation shop is located at TVC, received an award for excellence from the FAA. He was nominated by chapter member Dr.Kyff.

Bob Witkop, chapter Treasurer, presented his report. It was noted that three payouts totaling \$1750 were made to the NMC Aviation Scholarship Fund. We have 30 dues paying members.

Dan Ahrn was drafted as Ed Dunster's quartermaster helper.

April Program Notes

Steve Cassen, Director of Cherry Capitol Airport for some 29 years, provided us with an interesting talk regarding the past, present and future of TVC. Facts included the 1st scheduled service by Penn Central Airlines (1938), the buried time capsule (that no one knows the location), and was a secret drone facility during WW2. He also noted that the AP manager from '46 to '56 went on to become the 1st jet pilot for United.

The AP is debt free and self supporting. Some 350 people are employed at the airport.

Future plans are for a new GA terminal and runway extensions to 18 and 10. Also a new 125 ft. control tower and a GPS approach for 10.

Cherry Capitol is considered a model for snow removal and won an award from ALPA for their efforts. Steve brought over the newest piece of the snow equipment. Picture the biggest road grader you ever saw with a huge curl blade in front, a roller brush amidships, a deicing dispenser, an engine at both ends, four wheel steer – a sort of Zamboni for airport surfaces.

Thanks Steve for a great talk.

YOUNG EAGLES

NMC's open house, breakfast and the Cherry Festival being all at one time it was deemed to involved to hold a Young Eagles event. Looks a Fall date might be most likely.

Cherry Festival Air Show

This year the National Cherry Festival will add an exciting one-time twist to this year's air show productions. On Friday, July 4, as part of the City's celebration of Independence Day in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Area Veteran's Association, Cherry Capital Airport is proud to sponsor a twilight Air Show demonstration over West Grand Traverse Bay. The show will include the U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute team-flag drop and National Anthem with a C-31 flyby, a Coast Guard Air Traverse City SAR demonstration, a USMC AV8 Harrier demonstration, a Michigan ANG 172nd FS Mad Ducks A-10 flyby, the Aeroshell Aerobatic Team of four AT-6G Texans, and an Oregon ANG F-15 flyby. Upon conclusion of the 4th of July fireworks display, a four-plane F/A-18C Afterburner flyover and flybys will occur.

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

BUILDERS/RESTORERS/AC OWNERS/PILOT MILESTONES REPORTS

Peitenpol air camper- Jim Lagowski. – Tail and wings painted. Fuselage next to paint shop.
NMC Super Cub - Steve Derr - Its done and flying on wheels. Trading floats for amphib.
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 – Fireproofing progressing. 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 Kalember – English wheeling fairings
Evektor Sport LSA- Bob Witkop – Has a 136 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. Work continues.
GlaStar Sportsman – Craig Sawka. Floats mounted. Off to S 'n F as it will be used in GlaStar display.
Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-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 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 fiyazureair@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.

May 11th 7:00pm, MTEC, Chapter 234 monthly meeting. Bill Donberg, Aero Club-Munson Hospital Partnership: Flight Simulator for Chemotherapy Patients.

May 31st – Chili lunch Thompsonville Airport, Jim Palmers hangar, 11:00AM till 1:00 PM, Fly in or Drive in.

June 1st - St. Ignace EAA 560 16th annual Chapter steak out

June 15th Chapter 234 Flyin Breakfast at Torchport. 8:00 AM 'til Noon.

July 4th – Cherry festival twilight airshow in beautiful downtown Traverse City

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

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

Self-serve Fuel:

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

MOGAS:

Drummond Island-regular and Premium
Sparta (Y66) Regular

FINAL

It is not necessarily impossible for human beings to fly, but it so happens that God did not give them the knowledge of how to do it. It follows, therefore, that anyone who claims that he can fly must have sought the aid of the devil. To attempt to fly is therefore sinful.

— *Roger Bacon, thirteenth century Franciscan friar.*