

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – May 2009

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MEETING DETAILS

Meeting will be at NMC's Mtech building on Aero Park Drive at 7:00PM on **Tuesday May12th** .

Program TBA

Talking points

May 3rd Pancake breakfast wrap up.

*EAA calendars are available at 10 bucks per.

April Business Meeting Notes

Gregg opened the meeting.

The meeting was dominated by the details of the upcoming breakfast.

April Program Highlights

Kevin Retaf, a retired Air Force boom operator on an aerial refueler, provided us with an interesting program regarding this interesting job. He had models of the various refuelers in use and the aircraft serviced all to the same scale which added to the reality of the operation. Whatta job, paid to sit and pass gas. (his quote, not mine).

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

BUILDERS/RESTORERS/AC OWNERS/PILOT MILESTONES REPORTS

NMC Super Cub - Steve Derr - On Amphibs. Available for conventional gear training.
Peitenpols air camper- Jim Lagowski – Getting it out of winter storage.
Ch601 XL (#1) – Joe Seibold – Installing vortex generators. Sheet metal work done.
CH 601 XL (#2) - Joe Seibold. Engine running but some idling issues.
Chekwerks SLSA – Joe Seibold – Bought new, to be delivered.
Cessna 140 - Dan Ahrn –Getting some tailwheel lessons
RV9A - Dan Arhns. Wings done. Kit is for sale.
Callaire & Volksplane – Jim Gurr -the 1450' farm strip is available. Got his Class 3 med. back
Pulsar - Lou Aug – Stainless steel firewall and fire shield installed. Rewired but not tested.
RANS S-6 – Don Garrett - Engine back in and being flown.
T-28 – Duane Kalembert – English wheeling fairings
Evektor Sport LSA- Bob Witkop – Has a 230 plus hours on it.
Fisher Koala – Lloyd Freeman – It flies !
RV6 & Kitfox – Dave Harden – Kitfox “on ice” for winter.
GlasAir - Jim Palmer. Engine bugs and doing interior work.
GlaStar Sportsman – Craig Sawka. On wheels.
Challenger – Phil Cannon. Inspection scheduled. Arranging for a test pilot and getting some tailwheel time.
GlasAir – Mike Stimec – Bought a partially completed project.
Steve Beeker – Cessna 180. XCountry to Kansas City. MO.

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 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 www.windmapper.com
<http://thevintageaviator.co.nz/> - New – great site

OTHER STUFF

Harbour Aire has a new owner and is switching the fuel supplier to Chevron. With that change comes a new policy on fuel purchases namely that payment can only be made with a check or a Chevron Credit Card.

Note the beautiful cover sheet and aircraft photo on the newsletter.....they are courtesy of Joe Seibold.

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).

Tailwheel training available at NMC in a Citabria.

FOR SALE

Torchport Lots Call **Maryanne** - Airpark office: 231-599-3128 or sales - Maryanne Jorgensen 231-632-2412 or info@torchport.com

Cessna Skyhawk II 172M – August08 annual, IFR Cert, Nice paint and recent seat reup. Digital Mark 12, C300, ADF, DME, 2 VORs, glide slope, marker beacon, 4place Xcom and headsets. GPU. Extended baggage. 4300TT, 361hrs on PennYan reman. Hangared at TVC since '88. Asking \$45K.Ph 228 5918, Lou.

RV9A – Empennage, Wing and control surfaces kits. All matched holes. Controls 90% and one wing clecoed. Some tools included. Receipts for \$11K, best offer. Call for details, Lou 228-5918

Cessna 172. (2) 1/8 shares available. Club based at TVC since 1960. 450 hours SMOH, 6300hrs 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

WANTED. Sensenich M74 DM-52 Prop. Jim Gurr 213 331-6397

For sale: 1/2 share in 1978 Cessna 172XP hangared @ Y89,low hours all around,IFR, Garmin 430,Good P&I, Bruce Cotton 231.564.1691 or cotbton@yahoo.com

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 or send your email address to rhwitkop@aol.com.

EAA 234 CHAPTER MEETINGS

May 12th Mark Evans on the new 406 MHz ELT's

June 9th Bill Ballard "A Half Pound Of Ether and Five Gallons of Fuel" (Aviation History)

AVIATION EVENTS

July 4th - 5th Battle Creek USAF Thunderbirds

July 4th EAA Ford Tri-motor event at Cherry Capitol Airport. (TENTATIVE)

June 26th to Aug 2nd AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

August 29th Thompsonville Airport National RC event. Airport will be closed to GA traffic

BBB SCHEDULE

05/16/09 TBA
05/24/09 [Lake City Fly-in Breakfast \(Y91\)](#)
06/06/09 [Sault St. Marie Fly-in – 10:00 am \(ANJ\)](#)
06/07/09 [Roscommon – Breakfast \(HTL\)](#)
06/13/09 [Gaylord Fly-in Breakfast \(Otsego Lake Splashin\) \(GLR\)](#)
06/14/09 [Hart Shelby – Fly-in Breakfast \(C04\)](#)
06/20/09 [West Branch – Fly-in \(Y31\)](#)
06/20/09 [Lakeview Fly-in \(13C\)](#)
06/21/09 [Torch Port – East Port EAA 234 Breakfast \(59M\)](#)

FUELING AROUND

Self-serve Fuel:

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

MOGAS:

Drummond Island-regular and Premium
Sparta (Y66) Regular

FINAL

Back in 1928, when Harold Pitcairn ran CAM 19—the air mail route from Atlanta to New York City—one of his pilots was Johnny Kytile, a skilled pilot, but with some eccentric habits.

One moonlit night over North Carolina, a little bored by the monotonous flying, he caught sight of a freight train struggling ahead on the flatlands. What he did then wasn't really nice, but memorable.

Sneaking over to the other horizon, Kytile turned around, lowered his Pitcairn Mailwing to a ten-foot altitude over the straight-as-a-ruler, single-line track. A couple of miles ahead of the oncoming train he switched on one of his million-candlepower landing lights.

The result was astounding. He told a friend in confidence: "I lit the fuse on the biggest sparkler you ever saw! Within ten seconds, every wheel on every freight car was flat. I'll bet they still haven't found the engine crew. When I went over, they were all jumping and running." Then he added, "Strangely enough, no one ever reported the incident to the Interstate Commerce Commission."

I don't think it's all that strange. (— *Frank Kingston Smith: Legacy of Wings*)