

EAA CHAPTER 234 Newsletter – October 2009

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MEETING DETAILS

Meeting will be at NMC's Mtech building on Aero Park Drive at 7:00PM on **Tuesday October 13th.**

Program TBA

Talking points

- Young Eagles
- 2010 chapter officers
- Christmas Party

September Business Meeting Notes

Craig opened the meeting.

Minutes read, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report read, seconded and approved.

Quests were introduced;

Bob Nelson, who is building a GlaStar

Kevin Quay and Dad

Jim Lindner who owns a Tailwind, an Aeronca Sedan and Wag Aero 2+2

Gary Copeland, a T-18 and Glastar builder

Duane Kalember reported that the high bidder for the T-28 ride at the Spring Breakfast, Ruth Ring, got her ride.

Steve Derr Chapter techie reported some details of the '08 custom built accident rate. Notable was that stall/spin

events, which were 80% in the past, have been reduced to 30% in the report. Conscientious use of Tech

Advisors and Flight Advisors have proven their worth. All numbers in the report looked good.

Approved a motion to provide 1/3 of the breakfast profit to the CAP per prior agreement.

Approved a check for \$250 to Elk Rapids (Rotary?) for Teddy Bear project.

Approved a check for the food at the August picnic to the Sawkas.

Approved a motion to accept the recommendations of the election committee for the 2010 chapter officers.

Phil Gannon, who flew his newly built Challenger for the first time last month, read a letter that he penned to his grandkids regarding his "full pucker ride".

Agreed to run a Young Eagle rally in October if time and weather permits. The weekends of 10/11 or 17/18 were chosen.....stay tuned.

Discussed the possibility of having a meeting at the Coast Guard Station in the next few months. Joe Seibold offered a Yaesu handheld aviation transceiver for auction.

September Program Highlights

Bill Ballard provided a very interesting and entertaining look at very early aviation in the Saginaw area. A slide show of pictures, excerpts from news accounts, manufacturing figures and Bills commentary all made for a great evening.

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

NMC Super Cub - Steve Derr - On Amphibs. Available for conventional gear training.
Peitenpols air camper- Jim Lagowski. – 30 hrs to date. Cowling repair done.
Ch601 XL (#1) – Joe Seibold – Sold
CH 601 XL (#2) - Joe Seibold. Project on hold.
Chekwerks Sport Cruiser SLSA – Joe Seibold – Has 60 hours on it.
Cessna 140 - Dan Ahrn – Annual complete
Callaire & Volksplane – Jim Gurr -the 1450' farm strip is available. Got his Class 3 med. back
Pulsar - Lou Aug – Installing cockpit adjustable mixture control. New wiring yet to be tested.
T-28 – Duane Kalember – Painting some parts – Flew in the cherry Festival Air Show.
Evektor Sport LSA- Bob Witkop – Has a 255 plus hours on it.
Challenger – Phil Cannon. Flight tested by a hired gun. Phil flew it after getting some tailwheel time.
GlasAir – Mike Stimec – Bought a partially completed project.
Steve Fisher Koala – Lloyd Freeman – Have 30 hours on it.
RV6 & Kitfox – Dave Harden – Kitfox “on ice” for winter.
GlasAir - Jim Palmer. Its approved !! 20 years of building!!
GlaStar Sportsman – Craig Sawka. On wheels. Doing some Swit-T work.
Beeker – Cessna 180. XCountry to Kansas City. MO.
RANS S6A –Rod Christopher- Flying off the hours.
Schmidke – Bonanza – Rocky Mountain cross country planned.
Murphy Elite on Floats – Roy Penner – flew it home from Florida.
Note; Some of the above info is dated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE-www.eaa234.org

Website has pictures from Chapter events, BBB schedule, links to weather and other sites. www.eaa234.org

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

OTHER STUFF

An obit for Fred Eaton was passed around at the meeting. Fred was a very accomplished guy and will be missed.
Note the beautiful cover sheet and aircraft photo on the newsletter..... they are courtesy of Joe Seibold.

AREA AVIATION BUSINESSES & SERVICES

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. 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 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).
Hanger 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
Midget Mustang kit – Call Jim Anderson at 947-4598 for details

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

Sept 8th Mtech 7:00 PM Bill Ballard "A Half Pound Of Ether and Five Gallons of Fuel" (Aviation History)

Oct 13th Mtech 7:00pm

Nov 10th Mtech 7:00pm

Dec Christmas Party - TBA

AVIATION EVENTS

Copperstate Fly-in – Casa Grande Municipal AP, AZ. Oct. 22-24, 2009

Sun n' Fun - Lakeland, FL, April 13-18, 2010

AirVenture – Oshkosh, WI, July 29-August 1, 2010

BBB SCHEDULE

Check the web site for latest info.

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

There are airmen and there are pilots: the first being part bird whose view from aloft is normal and comfortable, a creature whose brain and muscles frequently originate movements which suggest flight; and then there are pilots who regardless of their airborne time remain earth-loving bipeds forever. When these latter unfortunates, because of one urge or another, actually make an ascension, they neither anticipate nor relish the event and they drive their machines with the same graceless labor they inflict upon the family vehicle.

— Ernest K. Gann

In soloing—as in other activities—it is far easier to start something than it is to finish it.

— Amelia Earhart, '[20 Hours: 40 minutes](#),' 1928.