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## Grand Traverse Region EAA Chapter 234

### **EAA Chapter 234 Monthly Meeting Thursday Feb11h at 7:00PM (Virtual)**

Hi Jim

Our monthly chapter meeting will be via ZOOM this coming Thursday evening at 7:00PM. This month's featured speaker will be a representative from Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City. Care to know more about Coast Guard Aviation? Click on the video below for a view of Coast Guard operations here in Traverse City. For those who follow You Tube Vlog'rs, this one was from a visit by [steveo1kinevo](#) and [Flightchops](#) to Air Station Traverse City a few years back. It's 23 min long, but pretty entertaining:



### **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Flight VLOG!**

Following our presentation there will quick updates from our committees and a

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Hope to see you Thursday, here's the links to the meeting:

### Join Zoom Meeting

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2021 Chapter dues renewals have been going pretty well this past month, we're now at 38 paid members, however we notice that there are still some members who seem to have overlooked their 2021 dues. If that's slipped your mind so far this year, here's your chance to catch up!

[Join or Renew Membership \(eaa.org\)](#)

- **STEP 1:** If you would like to renew (or join for the first time) simply add your name and email and click the yellow **Pay Now** button.
- **STEP 2:** If you're a new member, or an existing member who would like to update their contact information, then follow the instructions to fill out or update the member application form.

Simple as that!

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### News from the Steering Committee Meeting:

The Officers and committee chairs met this last week and discussed the following:

New Business:

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of the purchase price.

- Steering Committee reviewed a request for a tool crib wish list for 4 items totalling about \$330. Asked that these items be funded through a quick "Go-Fund Me" like campaign, Board members committed to personally support this campaign.

#### On Going Business:

- Board of Directors – 4 officers now. Proposing (3) new Class II Directors: Mickey Dean, Randy McClure, and Justin Bentsen – acceptance vote expected at the March chapter meeting
- Discussed Bylaw change recommendations thanks to the Bylaw Review Committee, will vote on adopting the new bylaws at the February chapter meeting.
- Ray Scholarship progress is continuing, our application was submitted & we plan on hearing back by February if the chapter gets it awarded. Then we move into the student selection process. Already beginning to think about deserving recipients.
- Reviewed 2021 schedule of events, focusing on Young Eagles and our fly-ins again this year.
- Push to get to Gold Chapter status, have Technical & Flight Advisor, started Tool Crib, applied for Ray Scholarship. Need to continue going to EAA corporate webinars
- Chapter 234 Office Plans & Discussions
  - Planning to stay in the GA Office for the 2021 year

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Welcome to our new members, we're pleased to say HELLO! to these new members and we can't wait to meet you in person and introduce you to the group face to face (sometime in the future!:

- Ben Lautner
- Mark Crum
- John Coleman
- Michael Padisak
- Sarah Pagano
- Jensen Fleet
- Michael Kelly
- Bill Julian
- Mike Shaw
- Mark Benjamin

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### **Report From the By-Laws Review Committee:**

Please find attached the proposed bylaws for consideration by the board and membership at the February monthly meeting. Your review committee is standing by to address any questions or requests for change.

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- Most changes are admin/cleanup/alignment
- Deleted reference to leadership transition plan in the article on elections
- Proposing a 2 year term for officers
- Reduced the maximum number of Class II directors from nine to six
- Added a provision for Class II director that is not a member of EAA or Chapter 234, maximum of two.
- Added Article on Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) compliance

We are also recommending that provisions be made for online voting for the adoption of the bylaws and for the upcoming vote for initial Class II directors.

Bylaw Review Committee,

Randy McClure

Jim Warren

Mickey Dean

Editor's Note:

The proposed By-Laws can be viewed [HERE](#):

They will be reviewed at the meeting on Thursday Feb 11th and then voted on by electronic ballot sent to the members of record as of Feb 12.

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## News from the Build Committee...

Williamsburg Shop (AKA Williamsburg International): Been a long time coming, but the shop is move in ready. Big thanks to Brad for helping with the final push on the steel ceiling and trim out. We have started to add the tool box, desk, benches and cabinets, etc. Going to bring in the big work tables we acquired a couple months ago and give them a tune-up. You can have it up to 70 degs in about 15 mins and the bathroom is heated as well. It's about time to get to the real work. Bring on the [Zenith STOL 750](#), or the N3N, or the high school volunteers, or whatever.



*Bringing power and water to the barn*



*The beginning ...*



*Our Build area in the barn, ready for projects ....*

Editors Note:

This effort has been made possible by the hard work of a few members, Most notably Mickey Dean (who also donated the space in the barn) and Brad Barber and others. This is an incredibly important contribution as it provides a space to work on build projects like the Zenith 750, which when completed will be sold and the funds raised will go to future chapter projects or even a hanger. This is a CRITICAL step forward in the chapter's progress!



Young Eagles Update ...

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focused, open-to-the-public Young eagles Day will be **June 19th 2021**. so save the date! However, prior to that date we planning on hosting smaller groups and even single individual Young Eagles events to jump start the program and provide a dry run for the support staff, hosts and demonstrators. We're looking for volunteers to help with administration, Flight Sim Experts, A/V operators, in addition to pilots. If you think you'd like to help, please contact our Young Eagles Coordinator , Fred Danielson at [fsdanielson@gmail.com](mailto:fsdanielson@gmail.com)

But let's back up a moment and talk about Young Eagles as a program. (I'd ask our members to share this information with young people you know). The Young eagles program is not just a ride in an airplane event. it's part of a larger effort to introduce young people to aviation as a career, a hobby or a lifelong interest. Young people CAN "just take a ride", that's OK, but if the young person wants more, here are the steps:

1. [Become a Young Eagle](#)
2. [Join EAA Student Membership](#)
3. [Take Sporty's Learn to Fly Course](#)
4. [Take Your First Flight Lesson \(Free\)](#)
5. [Apply for Flight Training Scholarships](#)

Want to know how these programs can be life changing for young people? Read this article about a young lady named Nicolina Buccilli and her journey to being a pilot by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please note that EAA and the Young Eagles program played a part in her journey to aviation. YOU can have a similar impact on a local teen this year!

For more information go to our website: [Young Eagles \(eaa.org\)](http://YoungEagles.eaa.org)

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## Flight Training Scholarships Available ...

OK, we all know it's expensive to learn to fly, current costs are around \$10,000 for a private pilot's license. That's a reality that's tough to swallow. However there are resources to help from a variety of sources, here's a few:

- [AOPA Scholarships - High School Students, Teachers, Aviation Industry and Advanced Rating Scholarships are available](#) (Applications are due NEXT WEEK (Feb 14th))
- [EAA Flight Scholarships - Scholarships for Air Academy Camps in Oshkosh, Ray Scholarships \(This chapter has applied for one\), Post High School Scholarships.](#)

And there are more around, but they all have one thing in common and that's evidence of commitment such as participation in the local aviation community (EAA, CAP, school STEM programs, etc).

Just sayin'

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## Summertime flying is coming!

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We will be able to visit places and people. The timing may vary and we will have to be flexible but optimistic. To that end we've been talking about a tentative schedule for this year (remember it's tentative and we will be flexible and safe):

#### Our Chapter Pancake Breakfasts:

TVC - Early May

Empire - Early June

Antrim County - early July

TVC - after OSH? Feed the returnees?

#### Fly outs:

May / June / July      Visit Michigan EAA Chapters Fly-ins e.g. Sparta, Gaylord, Harbor Springs

September              MI 1 - Denton Farms

October                    Great Lakes TraCon + Air Zoo @ KAZO

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## GPS Issues in the News

We've all assume that reliable GPS signals are a natural form of modern life, and especially so in aviation, but are they guaranteed? Not necessarily according to a couple of recent articles in the aviation media. Here's an excerpt from a recent article Published in "[Avflight](#)" regarding GPS Signal degradation

*"Pilots using Wilmington Airport in North Carolina are hoping the mysterious and random interruptions in GPS service near the airport are a thing of the past after an FAA team tracked down the likely cause. The agency officials discovered signals coming from a utility company's wireless control system were jamming GPS within a two-mile radius of the airport. Pilots had reported losing the signal in critical phases of flight including instrument approaches. The situation was serious enough that it prompted a 25-NM NOTAM around the airport warning pilots they could lose GPS.*

*Authorities shut down 85 "emitters" used by the system within two miles of the airport and the outages stopped, according to the ILM Pilots Association newsletter. Officials have now narrowed down the culprit to the control system's antenna and it will have to be redesigned. The FCC and FAA will also be on the lookout to see if systems similar to the one in Wilmington are causing issues near airports anywhere else in the country. The NOTAM is still posted but the association is hoping it will be taken down after the next visit by the FAA's navaid validation aircraft."*

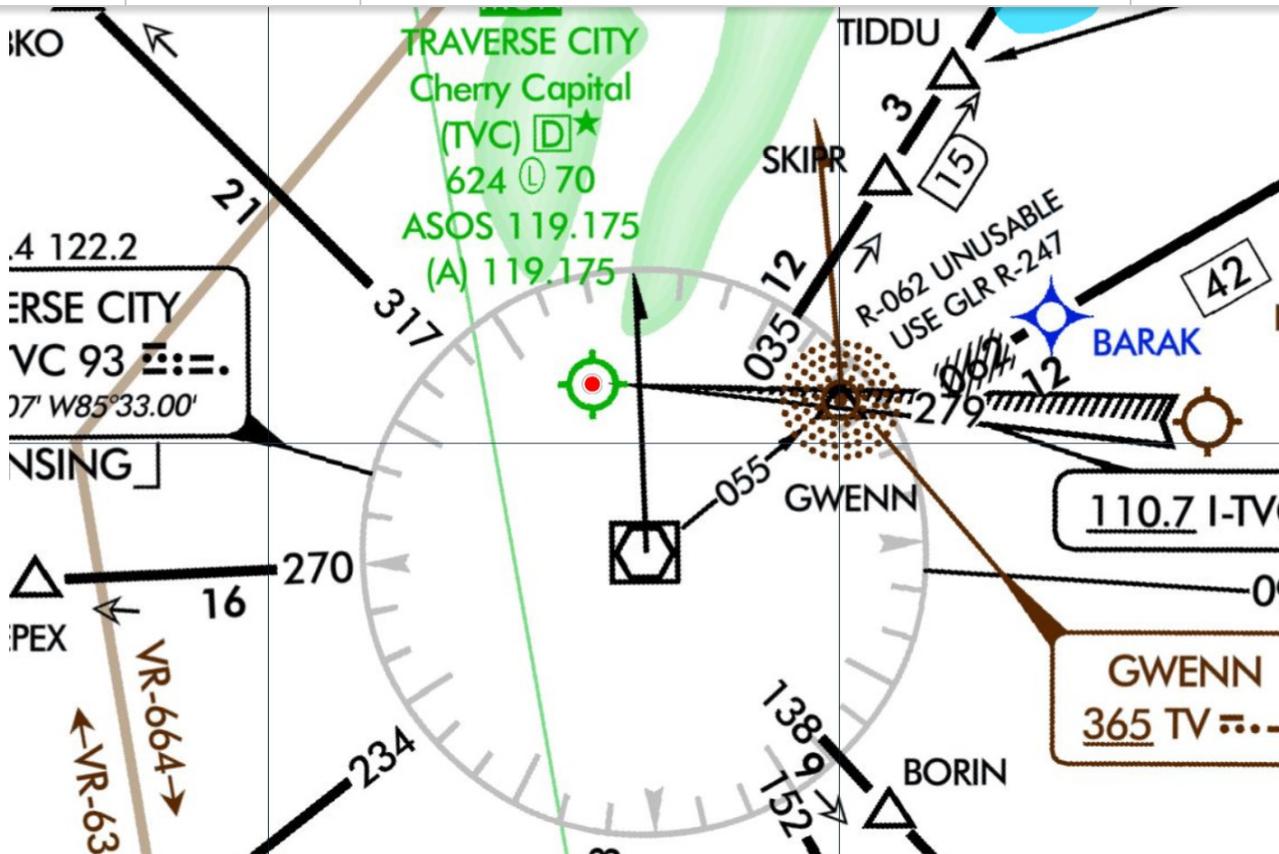
That makes you wonder about backing up GPS approaches from a system standpoint. Have you ever noticed the "MON" label over the airport description on the Low Altitude IFR charts? Hint: be thankful we have one (soon to be two) ILS approaches. Check this article in "IFR Magazine" that does a great job of explaining the FAA's backup procedure for GPS approaches.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link to the article.

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