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# The Frederick Flyer

## President's Message

Greetings EAA Chapter 524 Members

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I'll step up on my soapbox in this letter because it is November 2013 and it is an election year for our Chapter; another two-year term of those members stepping up to serve for the betterment of all that we stand for. Unlike our counterparts in Washington, I am proud to work for you, for the Education Center, for the aviation

enthusiasts. How I do enjoy being at the airport! Hearing the noise of airplanes brings me to a happy place. I also actually like (most of) the people that fly, build or just like airplanes.

So if you feel the same way about these things, come back to the meetings. Help nurture the programs we have. Come put your two-cents-worth into our discussions, laugh with us, plan an event, come to a picnic or help out with a breakfast. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, or were a member but have gotten lost in the hustle and bustle of life, come see what you have missed. Help us keep EAA alive — share your stories with some young people. Heck, share some stories with old folks! If you're building, come share a progress report. We like them — especially if you did something wrong (or right) and we can learn not to do that ourselves.

Come to our next meeting and vote for those who are ready to serve. Show your support. It makes a difference!

Wishing you clear skies,

Mark Gosselin President EAA Chapter 524



## **November Program Details**

While memories of last month's very successful event are still fresh in our minds, we thought it would make a good topic for the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting program. Doug Kelly and Ernie O'Roark will be the speakers.

The following is from Doug's flyer announcing the program: "The Ford Tri-Motor Revisited". A review of the Chapter's recent visit of the Air Zoo's Tri-Motor (5-AT). Ernie and Doug will review the beginnings and history of this iconic and dominant American airliner.

Doug also said that members are encouraged to share their memories and images of the visit. So if you were there, feel free to do that at the meeting. If you couldn't make it to the event, please come to hear all about what it was like.

A final report on the outcomes will be provided as soon as they are available from EAA.



Ernie O'Roark photo

## **Election of Officers Next Month**

The current two-year term for Chapter Officers expires at the end of this year. We will be electing new Officers at the November membership meeting. At last month's membership meeting, Tom Proctor, who is serving as the nominating committee chairman, gave a report on the current nominations for Chapter Officers to serve next term. The current nominees are:

Mark Gosselin - President

Mark Pankratz - Vice President

Erick Webb - Secretary

Ernie O'Roark - Treasurer

These are the current nominees but it's not too late if you would like to throw your name in the hat. Mark Gosselin has agreed to serve a third term, but only because no one has stepped up to run for that office. If you would like to run for President or any of the other officer positions, please contact Tom Proctor. His contact information can be found on the next page in the masthead.

Please come to the November meeting to cast your vote!



## World Record RV Flyover

Those of us who are RV builders or pilots are aware that formation flying teams have become a pretty big thing in that world. In recent years, several of those teams have sprouted up in different parts of the country. One of the pioneering groups was the Texas-based Falcon Flight, formed in the early 1990's by retired Air Force Colonel, Stu McCurdy. McCurdy was also the founder of Formation Fying, Inc. (FFI) which received FAA approval for evaluating non-warbird formation pilots and issuing formation flying cards. Formation groups are required to

have these cards to participate in airshows.

Another group is the recently renamed <u>Team Aerodynamix</u>. This Atlanta-based group was formed by Mike "Kahuna" Stewart in 2002 when it was called "Team RV". They now fly 12 aircraft and claim to be the world's largest aerobatic team.

As these groups have grown and become more professional, they have started to team up for large formation flights at some of the bigger events. In 2006, there was a 15-ship flyover at AirVenture. The very next year at Oshkosh, several groups combined for a 35-plane flyover to celebrate 35 years of AirVenture participation by Van's aircraft and to honor Van's founder, Richard VanGrunsven.

On Sunday, October 13, another combined effort by several groups produced an unofficial Guiness world record — a flyover of 49 aircraft — at Arrowhead stadium in Kansas City before the Chiefs/Raiders football game. An interesting sidenote is that these civilian flyovers have become more popular since the 'sequester' and the government shutdown have curtailed military participation

at such events. By any standard, this was a big one and was pulled off beautifully. It even earned <u>a writeup on the EAA website</u>.

Several videos of the flyover have been posted on YouTube but here is one of the better ones that was posted on the VansAirForce website. You can tell by the crowd's reaction how well the performance was received. For such a large formation, everyone is positioned pretty well. That's not easy when even a small deviation by a single

airplane can have a ripple effect through the entire formation and it's almost impossible to see how to rectify that if you are one of the planes in the middle of formation. Here's another video that shows how one of the team "dressed" members the formation solve to that problem.



The flyover was part of the NFL's month-long breast cancer awareness initiative. If you watched the videos, you might have noticed that the team used pink smoke because of that. You might also have noticed that the smoke was coming from the wingtips — obviously not your standard exhaust-generated smoke system. So how did they do that? Another post on VansAirForce describes the ingenious solution. It really shows what a huge undertaking this was for the KC group. I believe them when they say it took a whole year to plan and prepare for it.

That was a good day for experimental aviation — lots of positive public exposure and some money and awareness raised by EAAers for a worthy cause.

Jack Fromm, Editor



## **Upcoming Events Chapter Meetings**

November 7, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m. — Membership Meeting and election of Chapter Officers

November 14, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

Other Events

#### Chapter Program Schedule — 2013

Month	Program
January	Learning My New Gyrocopter Claudius Klimpt
February	Stalls, Spins and Fear in the Cockpit Tom Proctor
March	Banquet Speaker Adam Smith
April	Adventures of a DAR Bobby Thomas
May	Evolution of the Wright Brothers' Control System Jerry Blake
June	The World's Best Places to Fly Dave Hirschman
July	No Meeting
August	Electric Flight — Part II Rodney Martz
September	The New FDK Control Tower Todd Johnson
October	Practical Aerodynamics Mark Pankratz
November	The Ford Tri-Motor Revisited
December	

#### Refreshment Volunteers — 2013

Here is a list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2013. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support ( and munchies).

June	Ernie O'Roark	December	OPEN
May	Bill Barci	November	OPEN
April	Peg Jones	October	The Paks
March	Banquet	September	Jack Fromm
February	Charlie Becker	August	Joe Halleman
January	Jack Fromm	July	No meeting

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## Workshops

#### **EAA SportAir Workshops**

None Scheduled

#### **EAA Events**

Go to EAA Events at: http://www.eaa.org/news

Go to EAA Aviation Calendar of Events at: http://www.eaa.org/calendar

Go to AirVenture at: http://www.airventure.org/index.html

Go to EAA SportAir Workshops at: http://www.eaa.org/sportair

### **Chapter Website**

The EAA Chapter 524 website can be found at: www.524.eaachapter.org.

The website has contact information and details about current Chapter events.

Also on the website, you can find archived newsletters and a membership join/renewal form.

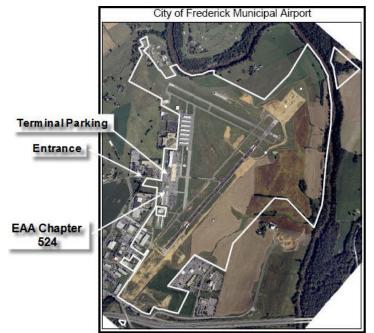
The webmaster can be contacted at EAA524@gmail.com.

### **Chapter Meeting Location and Time**

Chapter 524 meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Aviation Education Center, located at the Frederick Municipal Airport. As you enter the airport, park in the Terminal Parking log. Walk south past the Frederick Flight School (yellow building). There are signs on the end of the second row of hangars for the Chapter. Additional information can be found on the Chapter website:



Frederick, Maryland 21701



## EAA Chapter 524 Membership Application

Annual dues are \$50 for individual or family membership. Fill out this form and return it with your dues to the Chapter Treasurer.

Cash or check accepted. Make check payable to *EAA Chapter 524*. Bring the form and dues to the next meeting or mail to *Neil Dickinson, 119 Heritage Lane, Sykesville, MD 21784.* 

If you have a question about your membership, contact the Treasurer at 443-340-3401 or RNeilDickinson@netzero.net. These dues help support the Chapter and are not applied to the national organization.

I. Registration Information (Print plea	se)		
Last Name	First Name	e	
Member Status: New Renewa	:	No Changes:	
Membership Type: Individual (\$50.0	00)	Family (\$50.00)	
Other name(s) if Family Membership _			
EAA Membership Number		Member Since:	
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City	State	Zip	
E-mail Address (for receiving notices &	k newsletter)		
Aircraft/Projects/Interests			
II. For Official Use Only			
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III. Member's Receipt for EAA Chapte	er 524 Dues		
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