

The Frederick Flyer

President's Message

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Greetings EAA Chapter 524 Members,

Our Chapter has been very active this month. Saturday, March 9, 2013 over a dozen members spent their day marshaling aircraft for the Women Fly it Forward event. It was a cool but sunny day, very little wind, making for smooth flights for over 275 first flights! Everyone that helped that day had a good time. We needed sunscreen to protect ourselves from the sun but that's a welcome issue to have this early in the year. Early in the day it felt like we were going to need heavy coats but it did warm up nicely.

This past Saturday evening was our Annual banquet. About thirty members and their guests attended. Adam Smith was the speaker and did a fine job speaking about Flying over Scotland. Those of you that were not there missed a good one! Pam and Neil Dickinson did a fabulous job and we thank them again!

EAA National has been in touch with us to see if we would like to host the Ford Tri-Motor this June 10, 11 and 12. It could be a wonderful event for the Chapter as well as for the Aviation community. Right now we are working out details and hope to have more information at the April meeting.

Wishing you clear skies,
Mark Gosselin
President EAA Chapter 524



April Membership Meeting Program

The topic for April's program is "Adventures of a DAR" presented by Bobby Thomas. Bobby is a long-time EAA member, builder, Technical Counselor, and past president of EAA Chapter 4. One of the first Designated Airworthiness Representatives appointed by the FAA a decade ago, he has served the regional experimental aircraft community ably and faithfully. He will recount some of his most interesting experiences.



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| SPECIAL AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE | | | |
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| | PURPOSE | Operating Amateur-Built Aircraft | |
| B | MANUFACTURER | NAME | N/A |
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| C | FLIGHT | FROM | N/A |
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| | BUILDER | SCHUPP EDWARD W. | SERIAL NO. 90964 |
| | DATE OF ISSUANCE | August 25, 2011 | MODEL RV3A |
| | OPERATING LIMITATIONS DATE | August 25, 2011 | EXPIRY UNLIMITED |
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Builder's Report — Mark Pankratz, RV-7A

February, 2013: Received the finishing kit, and that was one of the most exciting group of "presents" I've ever had the pleasure to open. Numerous boxes and other wrapped items to discover; from new wheels/brakes to an engine mount to multiple fairings and one very large plexiglass canopy, guaranteed to bring a smile! Heads up: Van's now offers a "UV Blocker" canopy option, which for an extra \$200 seems well worth it. Also, have some help to unload that huge 350 lb. box when the truck arrives. It's not as big as the fuselage when it came, but you will want at least 4 of you to unload this box. Now that I have the fairings for the wing roots and empennage, I



can finally finish the remaining steps in the fuselage instructions.

The photo shows the empennage fairing, where I have mounted a strong light underneath to help locate the holes for drilling the fiberglass from the outside instead of match drilling from the inside (too hard to reach). I did match drill the holes in the vertical stab (from the inside) first, then after re-installing the vertical stab with the fairing clecoed on, drilled the other holes using the light underneath. The fairing is a better fit than what has been provided in the past, but I plan to still make some modifications to close some gaps here and there for a better fit.

Mark Pankratz



RV Assembly Workshop Recap

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, March promised to be an eventful month. And it was. First up on the schedule was the RV Assembly Workshop over the weekend of March 2-3. Doug Kelly and Bill Barci got the AEC set up for the class and Bill treated the students to coffee and donuts on Saturday morning. Jack Savage was on hand to assist the students. It was a full house plus one. A last minute arrival meant Doug had to make some adjustments with seating and tool/kit sharing, but it all got worked out. Our new laptop got its first workout projecting instructor Jack Dueck's class materials. The class seemed to be a very diverse group which included



airline and military pilots as well as one woman — very appropriate for the start of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week! Doug said they had some communication problems with the shipping company getting the crate shipped back. For a while there, we thought we might have to eat on it at the banquet! But Jerry Blake and the Flight School helped to eventually get things straightened out. Doug extends his thanks to everyone who pitched in to help. Alas, this may be the only workshop we host this year — maybe ever. Doug and the Chapter Board are still working to rectify that because as the event demonstrated, our Chapter can host a very successful workshop.

Women Fly It Forward

As Mark mentioned in his opening letter, we had a very successful Women Fly It Forward event. The weather gods saw fit to give us a break from the wind, fog, rain and snow that most of March seems to be featuring and the temperature was not all that bad either. We had a good turnout of Chapter volunteers to help with the marshaling

and that went very smoothly despite several runway changes. And it was busy. So many women and girls were lined up for flights that they had to extend the hours to accommodate them all. Kris, Tom and Mark made sure we didn't go hungry. I've included a couple of pictures below but more can be found at [this link](#).



Chapter Banquet

We weren't quite as lucky with the weather for the night of the banquet. It was cold and drizzly outside - but at least it didn't snow. However, inside the hangar things were nice and cozy thanks to Bill Barci's preheating and Pam and Neil's attractive arrangement of tables and flowers. Anna and Mark Edwards did a great job with the catering. There was a lot of variety at the buffet and the food was plentiful and delicious. Adam Smith gave another fascinating presentation, this time on Flying in Scotland. As the title indicates, the talk was primarily about aviating in that country but Adam used the pictures of the beautiful landscape to work in interesting tidbits on history, geography, volcanology and archeology as well. One of the topics Adam touched on was how much more expensive flying is in Scotland. The costs and the fees were indeed eye-opening but even more indicative of the difficult climate private pilots have to deal with were his

comments about the regulatory agencies. The CAA, the British equivalent of the FAA, is openly hostile towards General Aviation and there are no advocacy groups like AOPA or EAA to counteract that. Homebuilding is possible there but very difficult because the government mindset is to try to protect individuals from themselves.





When we think we've got it bad in this country, sometimes it's illuminating to see how much worse off almost all other countries are when it comes to aviation freedom.



Role Changes at EAA

Doug Kelly forwarded the following message from EAA Communications to me. [Ed.]

Chad Jensen, who had served as Homebuilt and Communities Manager since January 2012, is moving to a new role of Homebuilt Technical Specialist within the Membership Services team. Chad's expertise and relationships within the homebuilt community will serve EAA very well in that position. It also fits well within our long-term goal of building specific expertise and strength within our membership services group and making it the initial "go-to" place for EAA members regardless of the complexity of their questions. With the number of experienced builders who can now serve EAA members on the front line, it makes for an excellent resource. And we'll continue to build on that strength.

Chad will continue to lead the Zenith staff build at Weeks Hangar as well, and we invite all EAA employees to join us on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

We will be recruiting for a Homebuilt Community Manager immediately. In the short term, Bret Steffen will be handling the SportAir Workshop series and Jeff Skiles will oversee the various community groups within EAA.



Remembering Dave Liston

Jack Savage tells me that Dave Liston was the founding father of the RV Forums back in the early 90's. Dave had the inspiration for those events which were held in the FCC hangar and attracted hundreds of participants from across the country, including Van himself on a few occasions. Eventually other Chapters adopted the idea and it eventually evolved into the SportAir RV Assembly Workshop that we know today. Dave started it all!



Photo Courtesy of Jack Savage

My memories of Dave don't go back that far. In 2000, when I was in the early stages of building my RV-8, I was looking for an EAA Chapter for help and inspiration. My experience with the Chapter closest to my home left a lot to be desired. First impressions are important and that

was not a good one. I had heard that the Frederick Chapter had quite a few RV builders so one night I showed up for a meeting there. I must have looked lost and disoriented because Dave came over and introduced himself. He immediately put me at ease and made me feel right at home. Needless to say, I came back and joined the Chapter. At every meeting Dave made it a point to seek me out and say hello. He introduced me to other members, including the RV builders, of course.

A few years later when I had finished my airplane and was flying my Phase I hours out of Martin State Airport, I must have whined a lot about my cramped, leaky hangar which had no power, and what a royal pain it was flying in what was then called the ADIZ. Dave took pity on me and generously offered to share his hangar at Carroll County with me. What a friend! I really enjoyed the brief time during which we and our planes shared that hangar.

After Dave had to give up flying and sold his airplane, he was determined not to lose touch. He organized a monthly lunch bunch with Jack Savage, Warren Sargent and me. I enjoyed those get togethers but it was even more gratifying to see how much they meant to him. He never failed to remind us of that as we parted from the restaurant.

Dave was one of the good guys. He will be missed.

Jack Fromm, Editor



Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

April 4, 2013 @ 7:30 p.m. — Monthly General Meeting

April 11, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

Other Events

April 9-14, 2013 — SUN 'n FUN, Lakeland Florida

May 17-19, 2013 — Warbirds over the Beach, Virginia Beach

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 | |
| July | |
| August | Electric Flight — Part II Rodney Martz |
| September | |
| October | |
| November | |
| 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).

| | | | |
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| January | Jack Fromm | July | No meeting |
| February | Charlie Becker | August | Joe Halleman |
| March | Banquet | September | OPEN |
| April | Peg Jones | October | OPEN |
| May | Bill Barci | November | OPEN |
| June | Mark Gosselin | December | OPEN |

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Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops

March 2-3, 2013 — RV Assembly

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.

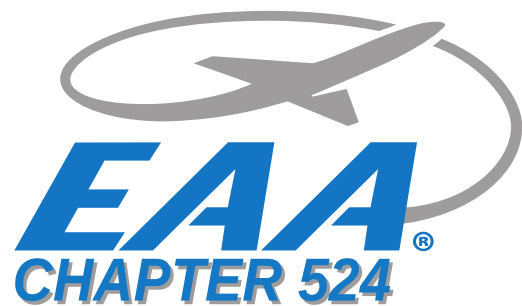
The website has contact information and details about current Chapter events.

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 lot. 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:



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