



# The Frederick Flyer

## President's Message

Greetings EAA Chapter 524 Members and Friends,

**M**arch can be an unpredictable month. As we have all heard some time in our lives, it comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb—maybe. With this storm bearing down on us as I write this input for the newsletter, I hear the voice of my boss whom I worked for back in New England saying, “Yes sir we still have March hill to climb before spring”. It sure is true this year! Every time I had the opportunity to fly this month, the weather didn’t allow me to. I know I sure am looking forward to better flying weather in the next few months.

With that said, our banquet was well attended. Thank you to Mark Pankratz for all the effort he put into the planning and implementing the evening!



I am looking forward to our trip to OSHKOSH this July. We have plans for a campsite for Chapter members to stop by and rest out of the sun and have a cool drink during the day, and a barbecue one or two nights. This should be a lot of fun this year. I hope to see as many of you that can get there!

*Mark Gosselin*  
*EAA Chapter 524*  
*President*

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## April Program



### Maryland State Police Aviation



Speaker: TFC Kristie Peterson

Trooper Peterson will give us a tour of their facility including their AugustaWestland AW 139 helicopter. She is expecting us at 7:30.

*Please note: We will meet at our hangar as usual before heading over to the Maryland State Police Aviation Facility. To get there, head north on Aviation Way past AOPA, all the way to the end. Their entrance is on the left. Park in the AOPA lot, north end.*

Mark Pankratz



## Chapter Dues – Last Call

Chapter dues collection has been lagging somewhat this year compared to recent years. A lot of that probably has to do with the January meeting getting canceled due to inclement weather and then it kind of slipped some people's minds. So this is a final, gentle reminder: if you haven't renewed your membership for 2018 yet, please consider doing it soon. You can bring your payment to the April meeting or mail your check to Ernie O'Roark. The registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for supporting our Chapter.



## Chapter Banquet

As Mark said in his opening letter, Mark Pankratz did another fine job organizing our annual banquet, which was held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the third year in a row, we took advantage of AOPA's hospitality and held it at the NACC. We had a pretty good turnout of members and guests and once again, Canapés delivered an outstanding buffet dinner.

The speaker for the evening was Richard McSpadden, now the Executive Director of the AOPA Air Safety Institute and former commander and flight leader of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration team.





## Chapter Banquet (continued)

He opened his presentation talking about General Aviation safety trends and how they are improving, in many cases faster than the goals the ASI has set. The experimental side of GA is still not doing as well, but even there, the recent accident rates are definitely trending down. All good news, but we still need to do better, of course. The balance of his program was devoted to tips on how we can do that. And fortuitously, he used anecdotes and even in-cockpit videos from his time as Thunderbirds flight leader to highlight examples of little things all of us pilots can do to make our flying safer. Definitely the way to keep your audience's attention for a safety presentation!



My fascination with both the Air Force and Navy flight demonstration teams goes way back. I'm giving away my age, but the first time I saw the Thunderbirds perform was at Fort Dix, NJ, when I was in high school in the mid '60s. At the time, they were still flying F-100s! I've lost count of how many times I've seen both teams since. So you can imagine how cool it was for me to be able to chat one-on-one with a former commander as he mingled with banquet attendees after the talk. Very memorable!



After Mr. McSpadden's program, Mark Gosselin got up to present the Chapter officers with their pins and certificates of recognition from EAA National. Jerry Blake and Ernie O'Roark also received recognition as Chapter MVPs for all their work during the past year, including the leadership they have demonstrated on the J-3 Cub project, which has introduced several new young members to the process of aircraft restoration. During his presentations, Mark announced that Doug Kelly would be making this his final year of serving as a Technical Counselor. It was also announced that Mark Pankratz has been certified as a Technical Counselor and he will now be able to serve the Chapter in that role, in addition to his VP duties. Congratulations and thank you, Mark!



**Jack Fromm**







## Upcoming Events

### Chapter Meetings

April 5, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. — Membership Meeting

April 12, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

### Other Events

AOPA Wings 'n Wheels – May 5, 2018, 10 - 3, FDK

AirVenture Oshkosh – July 23 - 29, 2018

## Chapter Program Schedule — 2018

Month	Program
January	No meeting
February	TCAS — Dan Morris
March	Banquet — Richard McSpadden
April	MD State Police Aviation — TFC Kristie Peterson
May	Welding – Tom Young
June	TBD
July	No meeting.
August	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	TBD

## Refreshment Volunteers — 2018

Here is a list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2018. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support ( and munchies).

January	No Meeting	July	N/A
February	Jack Fromm	August	TBD
March	N/A	September	TBD
April	TBD	October	TBD
May	TBD	November	TBD
June	TBD	December	TBD

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## Workshops

### EAA SportAir Workshops at the AEC

### 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>

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## Chapter Website

The EAA Chapter 524 website can be found at: [www.524.eaachapter.org](http://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.

## Chapter Facebook Page

You can find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/EAA524](http://www.facebook.com/EAA524)

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## Chapter Meeting Location and Time

Chapter 524 meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 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.



Frederick Municipal Airport  
330 Aviation Way  
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## Frederick IMC Club

Interested in learning more about IFR flying? Scenario-based discussions are available here. The Frederick IMC club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in AOPA's National Aviation Community Center. More information about the club and its mission can be found on our website at [www.524.eaachapter.org](http://www.524.eaachapter.org).



## **EAA Chapter 524 Membership Application**

Annual dues are \$30 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 **Ernest O'Roark, 809 London Court, Frederick, MD 21701**.

If you have a question about your membership, contact the Treasurer at 301-694-0053 or cadfael1@aol.com. These dues help support the Chapter and are not applied to the national organization.

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### I. Registration Information (Print please)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Status: New \_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ No Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Individual (\$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Other name(s) if Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (for receiving notices & newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft/Projects/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. For Official Use Only

Status: New \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ Individual: \_\_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_\_

Dues Paid: Check \_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year (Jan. – Dec.) 20 \_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Roster updated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Deposited \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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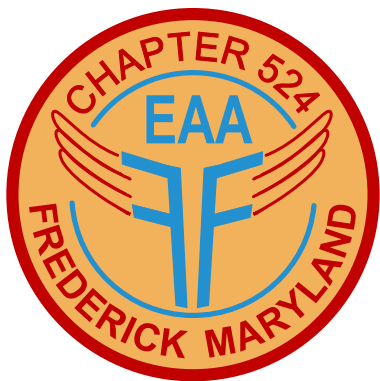
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### III. Member's Receipt for EAA Chapter 524 Dues

Date paid \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Dues paid for fiscal year 20\_\_\_\_

Renewal – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$30.00\_\_\_\_\_

New – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$30.00\_\_\_\_\_



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