



# The Frederick Flyer

## President's Message

Greetings EAA Chapter Members,



**I**t is always this month that I think about how long the winter is. The Holidays are over, things slow down and the cold sets in. No working on the airplane in a cold hangar. I use this time for planning my household summer work—you know those projects that get in the way of airport time or flying time.

I was watching the geese flying north this weekend, maybe they know something we don't. Maybe we will have a short winter this year, maybe not. Winter may not be my favorite season but there still is beauty to be found, if I look in the right places.

We are ready to start another year of aviation fun. Your Board members are working on speakers for monthly meetings, airport events, picnics, helping out with Women Fly it Forward, National Learn to Fly Day, and the AOPA Fly-in. I look forward to all these events and hope most of you do also. We ask for help at these events for safety marshaling and parking airplanes, as well as other help with food and promoting the EAA . Our airport community looks for our help and they recognize the expertise we bring to the table. I thank you for your help in the past and for your help in the future.

Wishing you clear skies,

**Mark Gosselin**  
*Your Chapter President*

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## February Program Details

We will have a very special guest speaker for the February meeting. His name is Adam Kisielewski and his program is entitled: "A Wounded Warrior Learns to Fly". Following is Doug Kelly's description of Adam's story.

*A former Marine assigned to the Camp David security detail, Adam was determined not to let the inconvenience of having lost two limbs stand in the way of his mastering piloting skills. The use of light-sport aircraft was helpful (essential?) for his success. Dean Stickell and Dave Hirschman were instrumental in the process.*

We're grateful that Adam was able to reschedule his presentation after last month's cancellation and we hope the weather will be more cooperative this time so that everyone can attend.

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## Inclement Weather Policy

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the January membership meeting because of the weather. It was even more unfortunate that we couldn't give more advance notice. The forecast was a very complicated one and since we had a special program planned, we didn't want to make an incorrect call. Once we did decide that afternoon to cancel, we did our best to make our membership aware of the change. Doug Kelly and his son were at the airport and posted cancellation notices everywhere and Doug also called as many of the regular attendees as he could. I sent out an e-mail to the distribution list as soon as I heard about it.

So we sincerely hope we reached everyone in time. At the January Board meeting, we reviewed our notification procedures to see if there's anything we should do differently next time. We decided that e-mail is still the best notification medium for most members, especially in this age of smartphones, but that there will still be some percentage of members who are not reachable in time that way. For those cases, we are advising that if the situation is in doubt, please feel free to call one of the Board members to get the latest information. Our phone numbers are listed in the [masthead of the newsletter](#). I will also post the notification on our website: <http://524.eaachapter.org>.

Thanks for your understanding.

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## 2014 Dues Due

It's a new year and that means it's time to renew our memberships. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please either mail them in or bring them to the February meeting with you. The dues are the same but we have a new Treasurer this year so make sure you fill out the current form. It can be found on the last page of this newsletter and on our website. Even if you bring your check or cash to the meeting, please also fill out and bring the form so we're sure we have a receipt and your current information. Thanks.



## Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop – Final Report

Since we did not publish a December newsletter and not everyone was able to attend the December membership meeting where Doug gave an update, we thought we would include a final report on last September's Ford Tri-Motor Tour stop.

First, the really good news which Doug relayed at the meeting. Because we met the minimum sponsorship goal and because the turnout was so great that we flew 47 flights, the \$5 share per revenue seat that we earned netted us a check for \$1,880 from EAA!

At last week's Board meeting, Doug told us he had been contacted by the new Air Tours Coordinator at EAA and she asked Doug to complete a survey on what went well and not so well for the event. As for positives, Doug mentioned the enthusiasm and cooperation of the Airport

Commission, AOPA, Landmark Aviation, the local Ford dealer and other local businesses, the Tri-Motor flight crew and last, but certainly not least, the terrific response from our Chapter membership. The lone negative he mentioned was that advice and materials from EAA were difficult to obtain and slow in coming (although in fairness, this might have been due to the re-organization going on in Oshkosh).

As for a return of the tour stop in the future, while both we and EAA are positively disposed to such a thing, it probably won't happen in 2014. One reason is that the Air Zoo's aircraft (the one that came here) is being withdrawn from the tour so that EAA's Tri-Motor will only be one touring next season. A second reason is that it's probably better to not have another visit so soon in order to let anticipation build for the next time around.

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## January Board Meeting Notes

When we arrived at the hangar for the meeting, we found a Christmas card from the Frederick tower controllers. Mark has posted the card on the bulletin board.

Mark reported that he had been contacted by the head of the local Ninety-Nines Chapter, which is sponsoring this year's Women Fly-It Forward event to be held at Frederick on Saturday, March 8. She said the theme this year will be focused more on education than actual flying. She is interested in our support but it's not clear yet just what that will entail for our Chapter. Mark will be following up to get more information.

That date, March 8, conflicts with our original banquet plan. The Board felt that having both events on the same day was not practical so the vote was to move the banquet date to Saturday, March 15. The details for the banquet, including the venue, have not been finalized yet but will

be soon.

Doug Kelly mentioned that he had heard from a local contact for the Collings Foundation who said that they were interested in bringing some of their aircraft to Frederick. This was a very preliminary discussion, Doug has not broached the subject with any of the airport parties yet and it's too early to know what the implications would be for the Chapter. He will get back to us when he learns more.

Jack Fromm gave a report on what he has learned so far in his effort to obtain non-profit status for the Chapter (see the separate report on those findings in this issue).

Joe Halleman mentioned that he might be interested in bringing his project into the hangar for final assembly. He and Mark will discuss further.



## Initiative to Obtain Tax-Exempt Status for Chapter

For some time now, there have been off and on discussions about the possibility of obtaining 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status for our Chapter. There are obvious benefits to this and EAA National is encouraging all Chapters to do it. However, it is a lengthy, complicated and potentially expensive process. Until now, those roadblocks, especially the financial one, have prevented our taking any real action on such an initiative.

A few months ago, I volunteered to take on the project to see if I could get some firm idea on just what was involved. Some preliminary discussions with personal contacts lead me to believe that it might be less complicated in our case because of our existing association with the Aviation Education Center, Inc., which already had 501(c)(3) status.

Newer members might not even be aware of the existence of that corporation so some background is probably in order. It was founded by Chapter member Chic Chaconas and in 1993, several of our Chapter members were appointed to its board so that the AEC could assist with projects that furthered aviation education for our Chapter. In 2002, when we were forced to look for a new home, it basically made the renovation of our current hangar possible by allowing us to solicit tax-deductible

contributions from local businesses and individuals. Since the missions of AEC, Inc. and Chapter 524 had become so closely linked over the years, it seemed appropriate to try to merge them, or at least make a name change, if that would simplify the process of transferring tax-exempt status to the Chapter itself. To that end, I asked for some assistance from some contacts at EAA to see if they could determine if that was feasible. The first order of business was to check on the current status of AEC, Inc. with the IRS because it had not had any income for several years. Unfortunately, when EAA looked up the information, they found that the tax-exempt status had expired.

The Board still wants to pursue obtaining tax-exempt status for the Chapter. We will just have to go through the process of incorporating and applying for that status in the standard way. The AEC did have a balance in their account and Mark has requested that the Treasurer write a check for that amount to the Chapter. If we do require professional legal or accounting services during our application process, we can use those funds to pay for them.

We will keep the Chapter apprised of our progress. If any members have any expertise in this area, your assistance will be welcome. Please contact Mark or me.

Jack Fromm

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## More News Items

Chris Gunther brought the following items to our attention.

Last month the Baltimore Sun published [this article](#) about the closing of the last airport in Howard County.

The Maryland Regional Aviation Conference and the 4th Annual Maryland Regional Festival of Flight are coming to Frederick in June. Details are still a little sketchy on [their website](#) but I have added it to our calendar of upcoming events.



## **Departure From 32 Right**

Our cockpit bathed in the soft glow and electronic whine of the instruments,  
we wait quietly in the threshold of 32 Right.

The converging runway lights parade before us.

Spool up the engines.

Release the brakes.

Set take-off power.

We begin our ponderous journey into the dark canopy.

The fans kick in with their throaty growl.

V1..... Vr..... nail the 12 degree pitch-up..... V2.

Establish a positive rate of climb.

Gear... up.

And free.

Gerard Blake





## Upcoming Events

### Chapter Meetings

February 6, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m. — Membership Meeting

February 13, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

### Other Events

January 18-19, 2014 — RV Sheet Metal Workshop

March 8, 2014 - Women Fly-it Forward (KFDK)

March 15, 2014 — Chapter Banquet

April 26, 2014 — Chapter Picnic

June 4-7, 2014 — Maryland Regional Festival of Flight (KFDK)

October 4, 2014 — AOPA Open House/FDK Fly-in (KFDK)

### Chapter Program Schedule — 2014

Month	Program
January	Weather Postponement
February	A Wounded Warrior Learns to Fly
March	Banquet
April	EAA Chapter Video Magazine – Gee Bee replica
May	TBA
June	TBA
July	No Meeting
August	TBA
September	TBA
October	TBA
November	TBA

### Refreshment Volunteers — 2013

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

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

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## Workshops

### EAA SportAir Workshops

Sheet Metal - January 18-19, 2014

### 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](http://www.524.eaachapter.org).

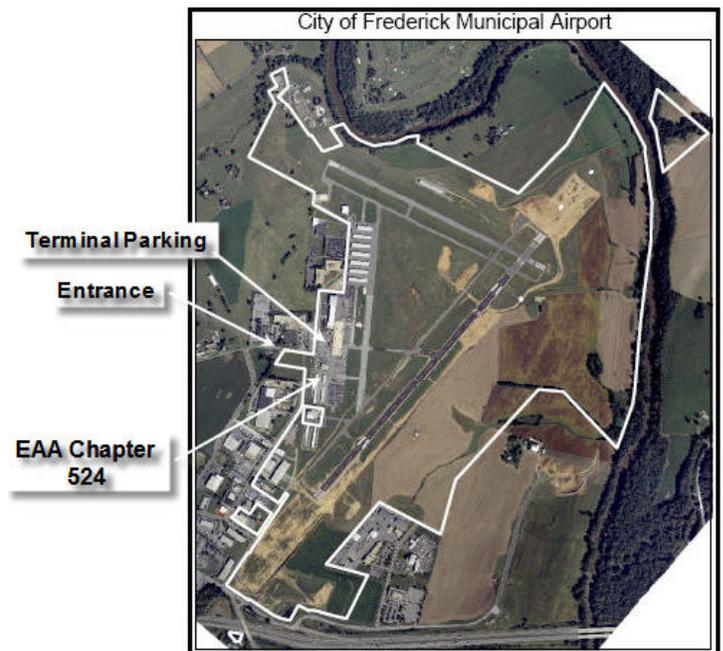
The website has contact information and details about current Chapter events.

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

The webmaster can be contacted at [EAA524.News@gmail.com](mailto:EAA524.News@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:



Aviation Education Center  
 Frederick Municipal Airport  
 111 Airport Drive East  
 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 **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 (\$50.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$50.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Renewal – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$50.00\_\_\_\_\_

New – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$50.00\_\_\_\_\_



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