

# The Frederick Flyer

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## President's Message

Greetings, EAA Chapter 524 members,



September 11, 2001 forever changed our procedures at airports and the way we fly. Gone are the days of just going to the airport and climbing into your aircraft to go flying. We still have the freedom to exercise our privilege to fly, but with many restrictions. Even so, we have it much better than most other countries. What a great nation we have and freedoms like no other! My thoughts are with the families who lost loved ones in that tragic event and the brave souls that fought back on those planes that day.

We are hosting a picnic for Chapter members and their families on October 6, 2012. The picnic will start at noon at the Chapter hangar. The Chapter will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, rolls, drinks, paperware, cups, and utensils. We ask anyone who attends to please bring a dish. This is always a fun event and a chance to meet members' families!

We are holding our annual hangar cleanup day October 27, 2012 starting at 10:00 AM. We hope to wrap it up by 1:00 PM. The Chapter will supply food and drinks for those who help. Signup sheet will be at the next meeting. Thank you in advance for your help.

We are looking for someone to chair the Banquet this coming year. The Board has some ideas to help make it as painless as possible so please see me if you would like to help.

As you will read in Doug Kelly's letter to EAA National Headquarters there is a high level of change at the national level at this time. Things are moving fast and it will take time to work out and understand what is going on and where this is all going.

Wishing you clear skies,

Mark Gosselin, President EAA Chapter 524

## October Membership Meeting Program

If you were unable to make last month's meeting, you missed a fascinating program which was a little different from our normal fare. Doug Kelly brought three examples of electric-powered, radio-controlled models, including an immaculate Vele Monocoupe which he built from plans published in a model magazine. Doug showed us how he had adapted the model for an electric motor and also pointed out several other unusual construction features that he claimed had made the project especially fun to work on. When questioned about construction time, Doug said he had worked on it for about a year. We were all flabbergasted to learn that he had built the vintage-looking wheels too, from a kit, lacing the spokes out of fishing line! Someone joked that the wheels must have accounted for the bulk of the year-long construction time.

One of the other examples he brought was called a "Night Vapor", which was so small and light (less than an ounce) that it could be flown indoors. And Charlie Becker proceeded to do just that. Charlie not only soloed this model with just a week's worth of instruction from Doug, but he also got his night checkout as well! So after he made a couple of circuits of the AEC over our heads, we killed the lights and he did it again in total darkness (the "Night Vapor" is so-called because it has built-in LED nav and recognition lights).

Next month, fresh off his display of micro-light airmanship, Charlie will present a program entitled "Building and Flying a Sonex (and Aerovee Engine)". Should be another winner in what has been a great year of programs.



# An Open Letter to Rod Hightower from Doug Kelly

#### Dear Mr. Hightower:

In the fall of 2011, our Chapter concluded an agreement with Mark Forss, EAA SportAir program manager, to provide four SportAir Workshops during 2012-13 utilizing our Chapter facility in Frederick, Maryland. This was the latest in an annual exercise to aid in our Chapter's budget planning. Two of those workshops have now been completed successfully. We were anticipating the third, with Jack Dueck teaching, on October 19-21; and the fourth, (E-LSA Inspection) taught by Jerry Blake, in January, 2013.

I might point out here that our Chapter has participated in the workshop program regularly since the 1980's when we actually originated the "workshop concept" with a series of successful "RV Forums". These subsequently became the Ron Alexander workshops and then the EAA SportAir series. We have participated as a sponsoring Chapter the whole time. They have always been well-subscribed, well-received and successful.

Yesterday, I was surprised to learn from Jack Dueck that he had received an email from a junior EAA staff member to the effect that his October 19-21 RV/Sheet Metal workshop here had been cancelled. Now, I did know that Mark Forss had resigned two weeks ago, and I had immediately put in a call to Chad Jensen to try to gauge the implications of that. I had not received any response. I understand that you and Chad are presently attending the Reno Air Races.

Let me emphasize: In no respect have I, our Chapter president, nor any member of our Chapter been notified directly of these sudden changes, nor has there been any inquiry as to what effect such changes might cause. Nor has any word come authorized by you or senior EAA staff. Additionally, we are left wondering as to the fate of our planned January 2013 workshop on E-LSA Inspection. All these readjustments have financial as well as personal time commitment implications for our members. In all aspects they represent a shoddy and disrespectful way to handle any business relationship, but especially one that involves EAA volunteers who have provided so much support to this educational program over the years.

As time is short, the implications deep, and to inform our Chapter members of the situation, I am taking the liberty of publishing this letter in this week's Chapter newsletter and forwarding copies to Jack Dueck, and to Rick Weiss, chairman of EAA's newly reconstituted Homebuilt Aircraft Council. I will be pleased to publish your response in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter.

#### Sincerely,

Doug Kelly, Program and Workshops Coordinator,

Past President and Treasurer, EAA Chapter 524

Past Member, EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council, Chairman 2002-2010

# Chapter Volunteers Helping Another Member

Jerry Blake and Dean Stickell are to be thanked for taking the time and providing their labor to help Charlie and Tericia Becker move into their newly-found condominium in Frederick.

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## **Events**

## **Chapter Meetings**

October 4, 2012 @ 7:30 P.M. - Monthly general meeting October 11, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M. - Chapter Board meeting

#### **Chapter Picnic**

October 6, 2012 @ 12:00 P.M

## Hangar Cleanup Day

October 27, 2012 10:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

## Chapter Program Schedule, 2012

Month	Program	Month	Program
January	Bob Calo - Ups & Downs of 1 <sup>st</sup> -time Aircraft Homebuilding	July	Engine Management Mark Pankratz
February	Resurrecting the Rare Detroit-Lockheed DL-2A Altair. Tom Haueter & Steve Berkman	August	ADS-B Dan Morris
March	Banquet	September	Vele Monocoupe and Electric Flight Doug Kelly
April	All About Gyrocopters Chris Burgess, CFI	October	Building and Flying a Sonex (& Aerovee Engine)
Мау	RV-1/Homebuilt and Light Sport Safety Panel Discussion	November	TBD
June	AirCam cross-country trip, father and son. Claudius Klimt	December	TBD

#### Refreshment Volunteers, 2012

Here is the list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2012. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support (and munchies).

January	Kris Crone	July OPEN
February	Jack Fromm	August OPEN
March	Banquet	September Mark Gosselin
April	Mark Gosselin	October Joe Halleman
May	Alex Rossulek	November Dean Stickell
June	Kris Crone	December Kris Crone

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# Workshops

### EAA SportAir Workshops

Future status is uncertain as of September, 2012.

#### **EAA Events**

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

Go to EAA Aviation Calendar of Events at: <a href="http://www.eaa.org/calendar/">http://www.eaa.org/calendar/</a>

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

Go to EAA SportAir Workshops at: <a href="http://www.eaa.org/sportair/">http://www.eaa.org/sportair/</a> Unless otherwise noted, all events occur at the Chapter Hangar.

## **Classifieds**

James Feighny was a Chapter member in '06-'08 and will be moving back to the area (Rockville) at the end of July. He's looking for hangar space for his RV-9. Anyone who has any leads can contact him at <a href="mailto:ifeighny@satx.rr.com">ifeighny@satx.rr.com</a>.

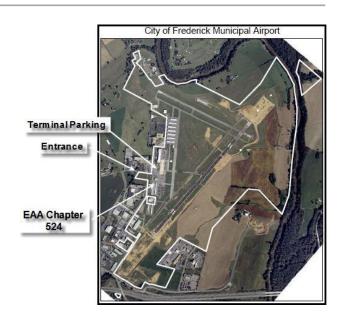
## Chapter Discussion Group

Our Chapter has an e-mail discussion group hosted by Yahoo groups. This is a moderated group so we do not get spam. About a third of the Chapter participates. Chapter members are eligible for membership by joining at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eaa524/

# Chapter Meeting Location and Time

Chapter 524 meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Aviation Education Center which is located at the Frederick Municipal Airport. As you enter the airport, park in the Terminal Parking lot. Walk south past the flight school (yellow building). There are signs on the end of the second row of hangars for the Chapter.

Additional information can be found at the Chapter website: <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/space/eaa524/">http://www.angelfire.com/space/eaa524/</a>



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# EAA Chapter 524 Membership Registration

- For new members, annual dues are \$50 for individual membership or \$75 for 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 <u>rneildickinson@netzero.net</u>. These dues help support the chapter and are not applied to the national organization.

I. Registration Information (Print please)								
Last Name First Name								
Member Status: New Renewal: _	No Changes:							
Membership Type: Individual (\$50.00)	Family (\$75.00)							
Other name(s) if Family Membership								
EAA Membership Number								
Phone Number (H)	(C)(W)							
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Aircraft/Projects/Interests								
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New - Family Membership Dues:								

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