

DELMARVA EAA Chapter 1683

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 19:00 by President Drew Mugno.

A special "Thank-you" to Larry Kelly for the use of the hanger, and Charlie Quandt & Gaylord Lentz for setting up the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation [DAMF] hanger for tonight's meeting. As well, the DAMF is looking for volunteers to support their programs.

ATTENDANCE: Drew Mugno, John Chirtea, Charlie Quandt, Lloyd Austin, Doug Vogel, Lee Turner, Grant Saulsbury, Bob Cooper, Ron Smith, Tom Ritter, Dennis Lilik, Mike Davidson, Kent Larson, Bruce Tharp, Neal Thompson, Bill Duda, Mark Gluch, Ken Philcox, Phil Schlosser

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the November 16th meeting were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$701.05 balance, w/approx. \$450 outstanding bills on the way

- 2024 *Chapter* 1683 dues of \$30 are now being collected.
- Contact Dennis Lilik for payment options:
 - Email: dlilik@verizon.net
- Your EAA membership is with the *national* organization and is separate from chapter dues.

Visitors/New Folks:

- Bill Duda – He earned his PPL in May and is working on his instrument rating.
- Mark Gluch – Retired electrical engineer with a long career at Ford in Detroit. Looking to get back in the air after a long sabbatical from flying.
- Phil Schlosser – From Rehoboth and has been flying for about 15 years. He is a CAP member and mission pilot. He is an RV9A owner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Ideas:

- BBQ w/our Members. Looking for a coordinator.
- Builder stories & updates
- The experience of buying an experimental airplane
- Tour of the DAMF's "Library trailer"

Young Eagles Updates:

Craig Tallman

- Goal is at least a quarterly flight for YEs
- Craig, though not able to attend, did send some notes on his recent YE activities.
 - Presented a short overview of the EAA YE program and distributed the EAA “Your Guide to the Young Eagles Experience” on Martin Luther King day in Worcester County, MD.
 - The Worcester County Librarian asked if local presentations were possible at local libraries. Of course, Craig said YES!

Ron Covais, though not able to attend, provided these updates:

- Upcoming YE flights:
 - February 24 in Ocean City, MD: Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation [DAMF] will support as needed.
 - March 9 in OC MD: DAMF will support as needed.
 - March 24 at Georgetown, DE: DAMF to be OPR with 5 students from “Yes We can” of Maryland and as many as 5 from the Georgetown Middle School.
 - On January 25th Ron will start a new engagement with Georgetown schools expanding their STEM programs.
 - He will present Aviation and Space related programs for them to consider. Some of these students may participate in the March 24th event at GED.
 - He will also be addressing 6th grade STEM classes.

Members’ Project Needs:

- Grant Saulsbury needs some tube flaring for his RV-12. Drew Mugno to lend support.
- Dennis Lilik is looking into securing a C-177 from Canada. Aside from the Cardinal WING AD, what can the group advise he be aware of?

TFR Intrusion Update: [See November meeting minutes for details]

- In the aftermath of John Chirtea’s DHS Meet & Greet last year he reports the FAA sends a 2-page case form for completion.
- Upon submission he received notification that his “case” was closed.
- The DHS checked w/his spouse regarding his stability.
- John has added “Check TFRs” to his preflight checklist.
 - *PERHAPS WE ALL SHOULD DO SO!*
- Suggest folks become familiar with NASA’s ASRS forms in similar situations:

- NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System [ASRS]
<https://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/report/electronic.html>
- NASA Form for pilots making a report:
<https://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/report/caveat.html?formType=general>

Van's Chapter, Laser Cut Parts & Supply Chain Issues – Grant Saulsbury:

- Van's brought in a professional reorg team to manage the finances, supply chain, and manage existing parts orders related to the "turn-around."
- Folks with kits or parts on order but not yet fulfilled have a choice:
 - Pay the new higher prices; or,
 - Become an unsecured creditor in the Chapter 11 proceedings, ask for your money back, and take your chances.
- Parts are once again being shipped.

Tube Beading Tool Videos:

- Drew shared a tube beading YouTube video posted by 1donagin:
<https://youtu.be/VAwXVjWMnbov>
- 1donagin also mentions the use of "Boeing lube", which is sold by <https://boelube.com/> under license from Boeing. Do not use on Boeing door plugs.

Frank Martin's Cozy Mark IV Cross-Country:

- A few years ago Frank purchased a Cozy Mark IV. This is a 4-seat canard powered by an io360 w/two-bladed fixed prop. It uses 1 mag and 1 electronic ignition.
- His x-country consisted of 12 legs, from Georgetown to Eugene, OR and back.
 - The longest leg was Bismark, ND to Toledo, OH.
 - Usually cruised at 10K, over the Rockies he went to 16K
 - Highlights:
 - Stayed in the "Pilot's-only" hotel in Friday Harbor, WA state, owned by a former U-2 pilot. Aside from two hotel rooms there are 5 other planes in the hanger.
 - KBCE – Landing at Bryce Canyon Airport
 - Flying over Crater Lake, OR
 - Seeing the Spruce Goose at McMinnville, OR

OLD BUSINESS:

MASTER COORDINATOR: Bob Cooper, snoopercpr@comcast.net, volunteered to *coordinate* stories and demonstrations. Make his burden lighter by letting him know in advance of the next meeting if you have a tool or technique to demo or a story to share.

BASIC MED: Frank Martin, mart16@comcast.net, can assist in answering BasicMed questions.

NEXT MEETING: February 15th 2024 1900 hours, DAFM Hanger

The meeting was adjourned at 20:35 by President Drew Mugno