

## **DELMARVA EAA CHAPTER 1683 April 17, 2025**

### ***Next meeting:***

- ***May 15, 2025 , 7pm DAMF Hangar***
- ***IMC & VMC groups meet an hour earlier at 6pm***

### **NOTEWORTHY NEWS;**

- **Congrats to Joe Green on achieving his Instrument rating!**
- **Ms Azra Syed making progress on the donated (by Drew) simulator.**

### **Notes from IMC meeting at 6:00pm:**

Frank Martin called the meeting to order promptly at 6pm. He presented two videos. The first dealt with the question, *“Can you make a cell phone call on a VFR cross country flight?”* The answer is NO, which many of us did not know! The second video answered some questions of *“What would you do if LOST & UNLUCKY?”* Climb, Communicate, Conserve, Calm. If on auto pilot, shut it down, and try to remember where the shut off switch is. Also, remember to check your ELT annually.

**OPENING:** The regular meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 by President Drew Mugno. Thanks to Larry Kelley and the DMAF volunteers, they graciously provided us with an excellent meeting place. Once again, Lloyd Austin helped keeping us awake with excellent coffee!

### ***Announcements:***

- **Rv8 Tail for sale – contact Drew Mugno [drew593@msn.com](mailto:drew593@msn.com)**
- **Medical issues – Frank Martin 302-542-3038**
- **Dues due: Dennis Lilik [dlilik@verizo.net](mailto:dlilik@verizo.net)**
- **Chapter Shirts available for \$30, nice polo style**

**Attending:** Drew Mugno, Barry Gabler, Frank Martin, Dennis Lilik, Gabe Sprull, Joe Green, Manny Figlia, Robert Morgan, Lloyd Austin, Grant Saulsbury, Bruce Tharp, John Chirtea, Roman Skarbek, Charlie Quadt, Phil Schlosser, Roger Swain, Bob Cooper, Tom Ritter, Ron Smith, Kent Larson, Jim McSherr, Gaylord Lentz, Christopher Pordgoro, Ian Pordgoro, Russ Williams, Abe Scheer, Mark Geuch, Azra Syed

**Visitors:**

- Roger Swain; retired National Guard; ultralight flyer
- Ian Pordgoro (sp); student
- Ethan Vliet; Working for his A&P

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of March meeting summarized & approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Approximately \$1,000 in the bank.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Drew looking to purchase an airplane Pedal Car which we will build together as Chapter 1683 and auction off as a fund raiser at 2025 Wings & Wheels.
- A EAA Learn to Fly week will be held May 12-17 with flights offered to “potential” pilots on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Eagles Crest Aerodrome (DE25), 9:00am-3:00pm. Coordinated by John Chirtea, Brian White, and other helpers.

**YOUNG EAA EAGLES UPDATE:**

- Craig Tallman and Ron Covais working on this with great progress in 2024 for our relatively new EAA Chapter 1683.

**DEMONSTRATIONS/Builder DISCUSSIONS:**

- Grant Saulsbury, installed his engine mount.
- If you need any special tools, make that need known to other members and it will be added to a list of “available” tools.
- Abe Scheer & Russ Williams, great progress on rebuilding a '47 Taylorcraft.
- Tom Ritter gave an outstanding presentation on a B-52 with 7, yes **SEVEN** engines. This was a test program in 1969 for JT9D engine that would power the Boeing 747. The B-52 was equipped with 6 regular jet engines and one Pratt & Whitney JT9D200. The objective was to test fly the JT9D engine before Boeing flew the B747. The tests went on for 14 years. There are still 76 B-52s in service, with plans to continue flying them until 2050!



### **TOUR UPDATES:**

- Bellanca Museum; Barry Gabler has reached a contact, and is working on details for a Monday or Friday in early June;
- Aloft; Gaylord Lentz organizing this.

### **Reference Desk:**

**MASTER COORDINATOR:** Bob Cooper, [snoopercpr@comcast.net](mailto:snoopercpr@comcast.net), is our volunteer 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 story to share.

**EAA Tech Counselor & FAA Designated Mechanical Examiner (DME):** Jesse Hauch is now an official Tech Counselor as well as an FAA Designated Mechanical Examiner (DME). He is now working on his FAA Designated Representative (DRA).

**Basic Med:** Frank Martin, mart16@comcast.net . He can assist in answering your Basic Med questions.

**The Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

**Next meeting on May 15, 2025 at the DMAF hangar;**

- **IMC/VMC meeting at 6:00pm**
- **Regular meeting at 7:00pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by: John Chirtea, VP & substitute secretary.**