

# **DELMARVA EAA Chapter 1683**

## **Meeting Minutes, Thursday June 20, 2024**

**Next Meeting: *July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7PM, DAMF Hangar***

**OPENING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Drew Mugno.

Once again, the chapter wishes to thank Larry Kelley and the DAMF volunteers for the use of their hangar for our meetings.

**Attending:** Phil Schlosser, John Chirtea, Drew Mugno, Ron Covais, Charlie Quandt, Ralph Capen, Chis Chisolm, E. Diane Chisholm, Lloyd Austin, Linda Austin, Bob Cooper, Grant Saulsbury, Barry Gabler, Bruce Tharp, Tom Ritter, Azra Syed, Mahmood Syed, Daniela Syed, Brian White, Doug Vogel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, were summarized and accepted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- \$833.06 balance, w/all outstanding debts or bills paid.
- 2024 *Chapter* 1683 dues of \$30 are still being collected.
- Contact Dennis Lilik for payment options:
  - Email: [dlilik@verizon.net](mailto:dlilik@verizon.net)
- Remember, your EAA membership is with the *national* organization which is separate from our local chapter 1683 dues.

### **Visitors/New Folks:**

- Linda Austin, Lloyd's daughter, grew up in an Air Force family.
- Diane Chisholm, working on a Stinson restoration, outlined her aviation journey to this point.
- Azra Syed, and her parents, visited from the Baltimore area. Azra is a student in Hereford High School's Aviation program.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chapter Ideas: Coordinators are needed! Please volunteer for something as our Chapter continues to make great progress.**

**Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees:**

- John Chirtea
- Jeff Chorman
- ... and our nominee Brogan Conley!

**BlackFly Update: John Chirtea**

- John is checked out on the simulator but is not signed off yet.

- Heather Chirtea flew the Blackfly after passing her simulator checkout.
- Watch the skies! <https://pivotal.aero/>

**Wings & Wheels Planning** - During the July meeting we will begin planning our chapter's participation. Brian White and Ron Covais are leads on this.

**EAA IMC Club** - Steve Sharff volunteered to investigate this possibility for 1683. If you can help, Steve's # is 302-344-3139. His email is [stsharff@gmail.com](mailto:stsharff@gmail.com). Way to go Steve!!

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware:**

- Gary Moore shared there is a Dover AMC Museum and Tower tour on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- - <https://www.oli.udel.edu/>
  - Aviation Adventure: Air Mobility Command Museum (Course # G901)
  - 7/10 (1) | W | 9AM - Noon

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame:**

- For those of you planning ahead, nominations for the 2025 Delaware Hall of Fame are now open: <https://www.dahf.org/Nominations.html>

**Van's Aircraft Update:**

- The bankruptcy judge approved Van's reorganization plan.
- The VanGrunsvan trust converts \$7M of loans into an equity stake in Van's Aircraft.
- 83% of buyers were reported to have signed off on the price hikes.
- The balance of buyers will receive 100% on their 1<sup>st</sup> \$3K, and any balance of deposits at 50¢ on the dollar.
- Parts are shipping if they are in stock.
- Van's is able to supply full kits.

**Chapter Website Update:** [\[https://eaa1683.org\]](https://eaa1683.org) Kent Larson with the help of Tom Ritter, continues to build out our chapter website

- A chapter calendar is being created and will be available soon.
- **Newsletter manager is needed.**
- **Tool Crib Data Manager to coordinate swaps is needed.**
- As well as a place to post photos, chapter documents, such as meeting minutes, and member's project pages. Tom pointed out that you can now put pictures of you planes and projects directly to the website, as he has. Grant Saulsbury has already posted 20 pictures of progress on his plane.

**Win a Fully Restored Ercoupe 415-C** - The EAA Aviation Foundation is offering chances to win a 1946 ERCOUE 415. Details are here: <https://www.tapkat.org/eaa-aviation-foundation/R9KBlk/>. We need another Ercoupe in the area, so get a ticket!

**As well, a fully Restored Cessna 150M** - Offered by the CESSNA 150-120 Club. Details at <https://www.cessna150-152club.com>

### **Dover Air Mobility Trip:**

- Barry Gabler (only with us for his second meeting) reported that he has been working with folks he knows at the Dover Air Museum for a future trip for our chapter.
- A tentative tour during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October was proposed. Probably a Wednesday.
- Barry will keep us updated as for plans to be discussed at our next meetings.

### **Young Eagles Updates from Craig Tallman:**

- Chapter 1683 completed 9 Young Eagle Flights and 1 Eagle Flight on Saturday, 8 June, 2024 at Ocean City Airport, MD (KOXB). We had four pilots, three airplanes, and one ground crew. All Eagles received their logbooks and certificates.
- We added another Young Eagle Pilot to our Chapter's stable, Ralph Capen, bringing us to 10.
- Other YE activities:
  - Boy Scouts presented their research on aviation careers.
  - Craig Tallman used his hangar to show attendees how parts become airframes.
- Maryland activities focused on BSA
- Delaware activities focus on STEM education. There may be an August event, and of course, the Wings & wheels event in October.

### **Young Eagles Program Guidelines**

- Ages 8-17
- Short ground brief before flight
- Discovery flight, of course!
- Log book if the YE's are interested
- Certificate and of course, our thanks for participating

### **Demonstrations & Project Updates**

#### **1941 Stinson 10A**

- Diane & Chis Chisolm provided an update on their restoration.
- Their bird was used for instrument check outs at New Castle County Airport during WW II.

**Torque Seal and Torquing**—Drew Mugno shared a video showing the use of torque seal to 'mark' bolt/nut locations once a fastening is correctly torqued.

### **Reference Desk:**

**Demos & Stories 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 a story to share.

**BASIC MED:** Frank Martin, [mart16@comcast.net](mailto:mart16@comcast.net), can assist in answering BasicMed questions.

**Useful Links:**

- 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>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by President Drew Mugno  
**Minutes Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Doug Vogel**