

**Next meeting:**

- **February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7PM DAMF Hangar!**
- **IMC & VMC groups meet informally an hour earlier at 6PM.**

**Announcements:**

- RV8 Tail for sale – contact Drew Mugno [drew593@msn.com](mailto:drew593@msn.com)
- Nominations for this year's Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame are due by **April 4<sup>th</sup>**.
  - [https://www.dahf.org/2025\\_DAHF\\_Nomination\\_form.docx](https://www.dahf.org/2025_DAHF_Nomination_form.docx)
- Nominations for this year's Delaware Aviation Achievement Award are due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- [https://www.dahf.org/2025\\_DAHF\\_Youth\\_Award\\_Nomination\\_form.docx](https://www.dahf.org/2025_DAHF_Youth_Award_Nomination_form.docx)
- If you changed phones, emails, or residences lately, please provide updated information to Dennis Lilik, [dlilik@verizon.net](mailto:dlilik@verizon.net), or myself, [vogel.da@gmail.com](mailto:vogel.da@gmail.com).
- A big, and WARM, thank you to Lloyd Austin for perking coffee before tonight's meeting.
- THANKS go to Charlie Quandt and Gaylord Lentz for leading the charge on decorating the Legal Eagle for the holiday parades in Rehoboth and Milton.
- Jesse Hauch is now an official EAA Tech Counselor as well as an FAA Designated Mechanical Examiner [DME]. He is now working on his FAA Designated Airworthiness Representatives [DAR].

**OPENING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by President Drew Mugno.

Larry Kelley and the DAMF volunteers were gracious enough to share their hangar for our meetings. Lloyd Austin brewed coffee for us too.

**Attending:** Drew Mugno, Robert Morgan, Doug Vogel, Brian White, Steve Sharff, Charlie Quandt, Bob Cooper, Dennis Lilik, Lee Turner, Grant Saulsbury, Tim O'Neill, Lloyd Austin, Mark Gluch, John Chirtea, Bruce Tharp, John Turansky, Ralph Capen, James Nellans, Mike Davidson, Gaylord Lentz, Craig Tallman, John Reddick, Tom Ritter, Frank Martin, Phil Schlosser, Jesse Hauch, & Ken Philcox

**Visitors:**

- A welcome to John Turansky! He is a friend of Brian White's, lives in Lewes, and has had his PPL since January of 2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the November meeting, were summarized and accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Our bank balance is \$800.85
- *Chapter* 1683 dues of \$30 for the year 2025 are due.
- 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 of \$30/year.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES:**

Builder Updates:

- Grant Saulsbury's RV-12 is painted, the bits are coming together and it's time for engine work.
- Tom Ritter's SonexB has its prop in hand and coming along.
- John Chirtea continues his media tour effort promoting the BlackFly's capabilities.

- DAMF Panchito is moving forward with winter maintenance including gear servicing and drop testing and engine work.
- Drew Mugno moved work on his RV-6A canopy inside for the winter.

#### Young Eagles Updates from Craig Tallman:

1. We closed out 2024 by flying an additional eight Young Eagles (after the 8 August Rally at Cambridge). Many thanks to Marc Slavin.
2. The *Fly Like a Girl* STEM Academy received funding and will hold two sessions this semester. I will present the Aviation Opportunities briefing on 4 March, to the students and their parents. Planning for a YE Rally on Saturday, 8 March, at KOXB to fly this group, and some others. Normal turnout is about 8 of 12 girls. There will be one more FLAG group, with the presentation likely in May and flights to follow. Dates – TBD. Chapter support would be appreciated.
3. Pocomoke High School MCJROTC. We flew several students in 2024 and one flew twice. CW4 Muni is having him provide his impressions to the cadets. Expect an Aviation Presentation date and YE Rally dates to follow.
4. Ron Covias is working at the Delaware-state and county levels, on getting Aviation Curriculum in the school systems' STEM programs.
5. Lastly, Craig asks our Young Eagle pilots to check their Youth Protection Plan expiration dates, and keep current. I don't track your currency, so please do the right thing – for you and the Chapter.

Separately, Craig reported working on getting Aviation Curriculum into the Worcester County, MD school system. The curriculum that is currently being used in Kenwood High School, MD, is AOPA's High School Aviation STEM Curriculum – You Can Fly, so this does not need to be in our EAA reports. The intent is that interested students are identified, and offered the EAA Young Eagle flight opportunity.

Thanks to Frank Martin [VMC] & Steve Sharff [IMC] Club leaders

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Saulsbury picked up John Reddick's spare Dynon homebrew board that powers the board & Dynon devices + 2 servo power lines.

#### Chapter Awards for 2024

John Chirtea – Vice President	Gaylord Lentz – Holiday Eagle Float
Dennis Lilik – Treasurer	Charles Quandt – Holida Eagle Float
Frank Martin – VMC Club	Jesse Haunch – EAA Tech Counselor
Steve Sharff – IMC Club	Larry Kelley – DMAF

- EAA Polo Shirts are available for purchase. See Dennis Lilik for details
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- Tool Swap Success Story
  - Ralph Capen needed a a tube bender accommodating 1/8" copper lines.
  - The responses were both numerous and beneficial. Needs were met in short order.
  - A GREAT example of how we can help each other.
  - Dennis is continuing to develop our tool swap portion of the chapter website.
    - <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1683/chapter-tool-crib>

- Illegal Eagle Improvements – Charlie is looking for assistance and materials to cover the upper surfaces of the wings. Contact Charlie at [charlesquandt@gmail.com](mailto:charlesquandt@gmail.com) .
- Aloft Tour on the other side of GED
  - Gaylord Lentz is coordinating a tour of the Aloft facilities. No date or time set yet, BUT ... if interested, please let Drew Mugno know [drew593@msn.com](mailto:drew593@msn.com) .
- Drew wants feedback, specifically, what would you like to see our chapter do, how can we better meet your needs, and what we may have missed during 2024. Let Drew know [drew593@msn.com](mailto:drew593@msn.com) .

## OLD BUSINESS:

- 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 a story to share.
- BASIC MED: Frank Martin, [mart16@comcast.net](mailto:mart16@comcast.net), can assist in answering BasicMed questions.
- Project Leaders: More are always welcome
- VMC/IMC Club: Thanks to Frank Martin & Steve Sharff, our Club leaders
  - Frank Martin provided a short overview of the VMC club and it's goals.
  - Steve Sharff also outlined the goals of the IMC club.

## Demonstrations:

- Engine Monitors: Ralph Capen provided a presentation on Engine Monitors, including different types, data displays and the use of data outputs for engine analysis. See attached PDF to the meeting email.
- California Fire Fighting: Not really a demo, but Reuters provided a great explanation on how California fights wildfires: **How California fights fires from the skies:**  
<https://www.reuters.com/graphics/CALIFORNIA-WILDFIRES/AIRCRAFTS/egvbjgkajvq/>

## Reference Desk:

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## 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>
- SFRA compliance: Carry your certificate of compliance & completion of the SFRA course. One source for the course is here: <https://www.faasafety.gov/gslac/ALC/courseLanding.aspx?clID=405>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM

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- IMC/VMC meet at 6PM
- Regular Meeting at 7PM

**Submitted by Secretary, Doug Vogel**