

## **DELMARVA EAA Chapter 1683**

### **Meeting Minutes April 18, 2024**

**OPENING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by President Drew Mugno.

**NOTE NEW MEETING DATE: NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 15<sup>h</sup> 2024 7PM, DAFM Hanger**

Once again, the chapter thanks Larry Kelley and the DAMF for the use of their hangar.

**Attending:** Drew Mugno, Charlie Quandt, Gaylord Lentz, Brian White, Ron Covais, Mark Gluch, Ralph Capen, Lloyd Austin, Herb Saylor, Craig Tallman, John Chirtea, Lee Turner, Barry Gabler, Gary Moore, Kent Larson, Bruce Tharp, Ken Cordrey, Bill Banks, Steve Scharff, Tom Ritter, Ron Smith, Bob Cooper, Doug Vogel, Jesse Hauch & Jon, Judson, & Olivia Reddick

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were read and accepted.

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

- \$743.06 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:**

- Steve Scharff earned his license in '83, is a CFI, A&P, and flew 777s for OmniAir.
- Barry Gabler is new to Delaware from south NJ. He earned his license in '69 and his wings of gold as a Naval Aviator in '73. He then flew for Eastern and United airlines.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame:**

- Drew Mugno nominated Brogan Conley of Harbeson for the 2024 Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Youth Aviation Achievement Award.
- 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:**

- Whole kits and parts, at the new higher prices, are being shipped from the factory. Van's reports that approx. 85% of customers agreed to the price increases.
- On May 15th Van's Aircraft will appear before the bankruptcy court. Priority claims will be paid once the plan is accepted. Unsecured claims are expected to receive approx. 55¢ on the dollar.

### **Chapter Website:** Kent Larson continues to build out our chapter website

- A chapter calendar is available
- As well as a place to post photos, chapter documents, such as meeting minutes, and member's project pages.

### **Chapter Logo/Stickers:** Drew distributed our chapter 1683 stickers.

**Fully Restored 1946 Ercoupe:** The EAA Aviation Foundation is offering a sweepstakes for chances to win a 1946 ERCOUE 415. Details are here:

<https://www.tapkat.org/eaaviation-foundation/R9KBlk/>

**Georgetown Turf Landing Area:** John Chirtea briefed members on his and Brian White's efforts to support a turf landing area at the Georgetown airport. The last Master Plan update did not include support for a "runway safety area". When a proposal does come before the county interested parties will need to support the turf area.

**20th CHILI FIESTA FLY-IN May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Details are posted here:

<https://massey aero.org/event/19th-chili-fiesta-fly-in-2023/>

### **Dover AFB First State Airshow May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:**

- Free
- The DAMF and Chorman are supporting this event with displays of the L-17 Navion, L-16 Aeronca, Panchito, T-28 etc.
- <https://amcmuseum.org/events/first-state-air-show-2024-dover-air-force-base/>

### **Member Demos:**

- **Safety Wiring:**
  - Drew Mugno showed a short video on 'How To Properly Safety Wire an Aircraft Brake Caliper': <https://youtu.be/14uMQonp3Do?si=E85Otm88GxNwWPGm>
  - Charlie Quandt set up a safety wiring station where members could try their hands, or "tie my hands" in my case, at safety wiring basics. Charlie also offered a set of safety wiring example sheets. Check w/Charlie if you want copies.
- **GPS Antenna Splitter on some Garmin GPS/Nav/Comm solutions:**
  - Ralph Capen reported not being able to pick up a VOR during a routine check. Turns out that Garmin 430Ws need a splitter on the antenna to support both a glideslope AND localizer.
  - Not all units function this way. Check your equipment specs and manuals.

## Old Business:

**Chapter Ideas: Coordinators are needed** [Carried over from the March meeting]

- Lend/Lease Tool Crib
- Pancake breakfast at the DAMF hanger this spring
- Group trip to Dover Air Mobility Command museum at DAFB.  
<https://amcmuseum.org>
  - Barry Gabler knows John Masters at the Museum. Perhaps a fall tour date makes sense.
  - Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more. Email, [opsamcm@comcast.net](mailto:opsamcm@comcast.net) or call the tour scheduler, (302) 677-3855.
- BBQ w/our Members. Looking for a coordinator.
- Tour of the DAMF's "Library trailer"

## Young Eagles Updates: Craig Tallman & Ron Covais

- 7 May: Aviation Opportunities presentation to FLAG Academy, Group 3 at Showell Elementary. Tallman
- 18 May: YE Rally. 0830-1400. KOXB. FLAG students plus Pocomoke MCJROTC Cadets. Est. 18 Total. Would appreciate some pilots, planes and ground crews. I hope to fly a few MCJROTC cadets after school, to whittle down the size of this group.
- **1 June. UPDATED. Complete Aviation Merit Badge Requirements at KOXB, incl. airplane construction class, preflight and flights for 11 Scouts. Tallman.**
- **Late July. NEW. Possible Cambridge event ICW St. Mary's EAA Chapter. Details – TBD. Covias / Tallman.**
- **4 Oct. NEW. STEM Event and Young Eagles flights (Friday before Wings and Wheels). KGED. Covias.**
- **5 Oct. CORRECTED DATE.** Wings & Wheels at KGED. Concept: Legal Eagle and YE flight Sign Up table. **Tallman/ Covias.**
- **20 Oct. PROPOSED DATE CHANGE (Avoids Columbus Day Holiday Weekend, 12-14 Oct). YE Rally at KGED. Fly those that signed up for flights at Wings & Wheels.**

## 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.

- Craig also shared EAA YE credit information with chapter officers.
  - Other Outreach Efforts:
  - Open to STEM support opportunities
  - Engaged w/2 full 8th-grade classes
  - Will engage with 2 6th-grade ones

### Reference Desk:

**MASTER COORDINATOR:** Bob Cooper, [snoopercpr@comcast.net](mailto: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](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 8:11PM by President Drew Mugno