

Next meeting:

- ***April 17th, 2025, 7PM at the DAMF Hangar!***
- ***IMC & VMC groups meet informally an hour earlier at 6PM.***

Noteworthy:

A big round of applause for John Chirtea's article in AOPA – well done!

Look for a nice article in the May AOPA Pilot magazine, page 76 on Jeff Chorman titled 'Seeding & Feeding Delmarva'.

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Announcements:

- RV8 Tail for sale – contact Drew Mugno drew593@msn.com
- Nominations for this year's Delaware Aviation Achievement Award are due by **May 1st**.
- 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, or myself, vogel.da@gmail.com.

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President Drew Mugno.

Larry Kelley and the DAMF volunteers were gracious enough to share their hangar for our meetings.

Lloyd Austin brewed great coffee for us too.

Attending: Drew Mugno, Manny Figla, Bill Ayrey, Barry Gabler, Ron Covais, Doug Vogel, Lloyd Austin, John Turansky, Ron Hagen, Joe Greene, Brian White, Charlie Quandt, Mike Davidson, Gabe Spruill, Lee Turner, Steve Sharff, Robert Morgan, Abe Scheer, Grant Saulsbury, Kent Larson, Craig Tallman, Ron Smith, Bob Cooper, Tom Ritter, Jon Reddick, Gaylord Lentz, Christopher Pridgeon, Mark Gluch, Tim Lum, Jesse Hauch, John Chirtea

Visitors:

- Chris Pridgeon, private pilot and friend of Gaylord Lentz is interested in building a plane.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Chapter 1683 dues of \$30 for the year 2025 are due.
- Contact Dennis Lilik for payment options: Email: dlilik@verizon.net
- Remember, your EAA membership is with the *national* organization which is separate from our local chapter 1683 dues of \$30/year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 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

- John Chirtea and Brian White are looking for support for EAA's Learn To Fly Week, at Eagle Crest or GED. The National EAA date is Saturday, 17 May 25.

Young Eagles Program Updates:

- We had to cancel two planned rallies at Ocean City due to poor weather. Thanks to Ralph and Mike for their offers to support! The April 4th event was also canceled.
- Wednesday, 16 April is Career Exploration Day, at Pocomoke HS, 0730-1300. Craig cannot attend. If anyone would like to attend and discuss their aviation career, please contact Jodi Cloud directly.
 - POC: Jodi Cloud, Career Coach for Pocomoke High School. Jrcloud@worcesterk12.org. Cell 970.310.8545 (text messages are welcome).
 - RSVP if you plan to attend, please use this link to the registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rwm0cx8x8y>.
- June – Craig plan to finish up the MCJROTC group and the final Fly Like a Girl Academy group (total of both groups - about 12). Any support that our pilots and ground crew can provide would be greatly appreciated.
- August – Cambridge Rally.
- Ron continues to provide STEM classroom and career talks at Millsboro and Georgetown middle schools.
- Ron also plans a year end program in the May time frame.

Demonstrations/Discussions:

- Tom Ritter demonstrated Norma worm gear clamps, AKA 'hose clamps' with some neat features including embossed gear tread so as not to cut the underlying hose. <https://crimpsupply.com/clamps/worm-drive-hose-clamps>
- Tim Lum, the 1st BlackFly owner presented his experiences working with the Pivotal team, none of who were pilots when he first met the team, as well as flying his BlackFly in a rural area of Washington state. Pivotal has plans for their technology beyond their Part 103 Ultralight. Already the USAF has purchased a few, with modifications of course. A great quote "The computer pilots the aircraft, I just tell it where to fly."
- Bill Ayrey, ILC historian, provided an engaging snapshot of the origins and evolution of ILC's contribution to American spaceflight and passed around example of spacesuit components. <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/lunar-outfitters-bill-ayrey/1136686189>

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Reference Desk:

MASTER COORDINATOR: Bob Cooper, 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.

EAA Tech Counselor & FAA Designated Mechanical Examiner [DME]: 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].

BASIC MED: Frank Martin, 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>
- SFRA compliance: Carry your certificate of compliance & completion of the SFRA course.
One source for the course is here: <https://www.faa.gov/gslac/ALC/courseLanding.aspx?cID=405>

The meeting was adjourned at Zero Dark Thirty

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Submitted by Secretary, Doug Vogel