



The Frederick Flyer

President's Message

Greetings, EAA Chapter 524 members and friends,

On October 2, 3, 4, and 5, FDK was visited by EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast and its crew and support staff to show the airplane and supply rides to those who would be willing to purchase a ticket. To start off the extended weekend, our speaker at the Chapter meeting was Malcolm Lawrence, a WWII B-17 radio operator/gunner with the 94th Bomb Group. Malcolm was a wonderful speaker, telling us what it was like to fly over Germany on bombing runs and some of the statistics of the war. He also brought along some copies of his book, *Something Will Come Along*, that many of our Chapter members bought.

Over the next several days, many of our Chapter members volunteered—some from sunup to sundown, some for the whole three days—to sell B-17 merchandise, provide line safety and crowd control, help with the preflight and to be at the EAA tent to entice future members of EAA and our Chapter. We all talked to many veterans, some from WWII, and folks who had relatives who fought in the war, some on the B-17, and some whose kin never came back.

I have to mention one grand old lady who arrived on a small bus from Tranquility Nursing Home. She was pushing a walker around and was proud to tell me when I asked how she was doing that she was 97 years old and had served in the military at a hospital in Pearl Harbor during the attack!

I again want to thank all our members for helping to make this a weekend to remember!

This one will be difficult to top!

Wishing you clear skies,

Mark Gosselin
EAA Chapter 524 President

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November Program

At the October meeting, Doug Kelly announced that he would be stepping down from his role as Program Coordinator. I think everyone would agree that Doug has done a fantastic job these last few years coming up with great program ideas, recruiting the speakers and spreading the word. Mark Pankratz has agreed to succeed Doug in this role. He is asking members for their ideas for programs and for topics they would like to see covered.



information can be found in the masthead on page 6 of this newsletter.

For his first program, Mark has lined up a speaker who is an RV-7A builder (as is Mark, coincidentally), a safety consultant and a former F-111 Weapon Systems Officer. Eric Puschmann will present some of his safety findings as well as his journey/lessons learned while building his aircraft.

October Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mark Gosselin

Guests: Rick Weiss (from EAA 288), Neil Dickinson, Sr., Ellen Cianelli and Jason Lawrence (daughter and grandson of Malcolm Lawrence), Eric Stuyck.

Treasurer's report accepted as read:

August Income:	\$282.00
August Expense:	\$244.00
August Balance:	\$6,468.85

Secretary's report accepted as read.

Progress reports: Joe Halleman said his next tasks were to put the wings on his Challenger and get the engine running. He shared that he found the tail hinges taped at the end of the control cables.

Mark Pankratz shared that he finished the canopy of his RV-7A, but it had fallen while he was working on it and broke a small piece off the corner. Now he is working on the nose gear fairing.

Mark Gosselin shared that the 501(c)(3) is signed and ready to go, and that the Chapter now has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EAA524).

Tonight was Doug Kelly's last night as program coordinator. Mark Pankratz will be taking over that task.

Doug introduced the speaker for tonight, Malcolm Lawrence. His presentation was entitled "My Air Force Days."

50/50 was \$92; \$46 each to the Chapter and Erick Webb.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted,

Erick Webb, Secretary

Note: The October Board meeting was canceled.



An Evening with Aluminum Overcast

Thursday, October 2 was the special “Evening with Aluminum Overcast” event which kicked off our weekend as hosts of the EAA B-17 tour stop. The airplane arrived from its previous stop in Manassas, Virginia in late morning and then flew some local media personnel on a promotional flight around 1:30 p.m. There was one other special passenger, our guest speaker for the evening program, Malcolm Lawrence, who got reacquainted with the type of airplane in which he spent over 500 hours some 70 years ago. Around 6 p.m., the flight crew opened up the airplane so that our Chapter members and their families could tour the airplane. It was a beautiful evening and several members took advantage of this opportunity. At 7 p.m. we all adjourned to the Chapter hangar for our meeting and the program with Mr. Lawrence. It was probably the most well attended meeting this year and Mr. Lawrence told a very



inspiring tale. His tour was right at the end of the war in Europe when the bomber offensive was at its peak. He and his crew flew 23 missions in just two months, dodging intense antiaircraft fire and, on two missions, attacks by the new Me 262 jet fighter. During his tour he survived two forced landings. On one mission, he leaned over to dispense some aluminum chaff and just missed getting hit by a piece of shrapnel from flak which tore through the fuselage right where he had been sitting. The tour was so stressful that he and his crew were given an extended leave at the end of April, 1945. They happened to be in London watching a movie when they heard the announcement that the war in Europe was over.

It was an honor to have Mr. Lawrence speak to us and a pleasure to meet his daughter and grandson who accompanied him.



Looking Back on the B-17 Weekend

Friday morning started out with blue skies but it wasn't very long before a low overcast moved in and stubbornly stuck around for the entire day. The ceiling was just high enough that the flight crew was able to get two flights off before a pesky drizzle lowered the visibility

and flight operations had to be suspended for the rest of the day. That didn't prevent ground tours from happening though. We had a pretty good crowd for a weekday afternoon. Similar to what happened with the Tri-Motor last year, a lot of people came out to the airport because



they saw the B-17 fly over their houses.

The cold front that brought the clouds on Friday moved through overnight and Saturday, the day of the AOPA fly-in, dawned with sparkling visibility and scattered, fair weather clouds. There was a brisk northwest breeze—15 with gusts to 29. The good news was that the wind was strong enough that the B-17 was able to use runway 30, which under normal conditions would have been too short. The first scheduled flight of the day departed around 12:20. The folks on that flight were lucky because the airport had to close at 12:30 for Mike Goulian's aerobatic routine. They got an extra long flight experience thanks to that. A full slate of flights was flown during the afternoon. There was a large crowd of pilots due to the fly-in of course, but the general public also turned out in great numbers. EAA had provided a tent with large banners representing each of the regional Chapters and it was set up among the AOPA exhibits. Mark Pankratz, Mark Gosselin and Mary Townsend manned the tent and said they got a fair amount of traffic inquiring about EAA and our Chapter. It was especially encouraging to see how many young people were showing an interest. Let's hope we lit a spark in some of them that might develop into a lifelong passion for aviation.

The only downside on Saturday was that some media outlets had published the flight schedule incorrectly and so people who came in the afternoon hoping to take ground tours ended up being disappointed. Most people seemed to take the news in stride though, in large part because we were well staffed with volunteers and it was

easy for folks to find someone to answer their questions. They seemed to appreciate it. Our volunteers encouraged them to come back on Sunday and, judging by the crowds, they did. The morning flights on Sunday were packed again and when ground tours started in the afternoon, we couldn't sell tickets fast enough. I happened to be in the merchandise trailer helping with the ticket sales and I was struck by the number of people who said they were there because their father, grandfather or uncle had served on the bomber and they wanted to experience the airplane in person. Many had brought pictures, letters, medals or other mementos and wanted to share them with us. They were grateful that EAA was preserving this bit of history and keeping it flying. Many veterans who were entitled to free tickets said they wanted to pay anyway to support the EAA's efforts to preserve this warbird.

The last flight of the afternoon on Saturday was devoted to folks who had helped EAA with tour marketing. On Sunday, an extra flight was added at the end of the day because the ground tours had generated some last-minute flight ticket sales. On both of those flights, there were a few empty seats left over. The EAA crew gave our hard working volunteers a pleasant surprise by offering those seats to whoever wanted to go. It didn't take much convincing.

As Mark said in his opening letter, we had a great turnout of Chapter volunteers who put in some long hours over the weekend. The reactions we got from those who took flights and ground tours or who just walked around the airplane admiring it made it all worthwhile.

Jack Fromm, Editor





Photos courtesy of EAA, Erick Webb and Mark Pankratz

We're On Facebook!



Our Chapter Secretary, Erick Webb, has graciously volunteered to take on the additional role of Facebook guru. He has created the page for our Chapter and has already been busy posting to it. This should be another good tool for getting the word out about our Chapter and our activities. You can find us at www.facebook.com/ea524. Thanks, Erick!

AOPA and Homebuilders Team Up to Give Away an Airplane

AOPA President Mark Baker had a busy first weekend of October. On Saturday he was at the 75th anniversary fly-in in Frederick. On Sunday, he was in Minnesota to present this year's sweepstakes airplane, a 1963 Beech Debonair, to its new owner. This year, AOPA wanted to surprise the lucky winner in a different way. And this is where the homebuilding angle comes in. To devise the very complicated plan, they enlisted the help of a local RV pilot, Bob Collins. Collins works for Minnesota Public Radio and he did the broadcasts on EAA Radio at

several AirVentures. He is well known in RV circles and recently flew his RV-7A for the first time. The long road he had to take to get that airplane flying and to be able to fly it as pilot-in-command is an inspiring story in itself. However... back to the Debonair. You can read how he and a bunch of his RV buddies coordinated with AOPA to spring the surprise on the unsuspecting winner (who also built and flies an RV-7) and watch a video that captures the moment on Bob's blog, [Letters from Flyover Country](#).



Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

November 6, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. — Membership Meeting

November 13, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

Other Events

October 18, 2014 — Chapter 36 Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast, lunch and Young Eagles flights. 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (KHGR)

October 19, 2014 — Hagerstown Aviation Museum Open Airplane Afternoon. 1 - 4 p.m. (KHGR)

Chapter Program Schedule — 2014

Month	Program
January	Weather Postponement
February	A Wounded Warrior Learns to Fly
March	Banquet
April	Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh: Their Lives and Times — Gerard L. Blake
May	J-3P Cub — Tom Crone - Organizer Steve and Malcolm van Kirk - Speakers
June	The New Czech Air Force: Its Current Status and How We Got There — Brigadier General Jiri Verner
July	No Meeting
August	Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh: Their Lives and Times, Part II — Gerard L. Blake
September	Touring the Southeast — Mark Gosselin
October	An Evening with Aluminum Overcast - Malcolm Lawrence
November	Road to a Homebuilt - Eric Puschmann
December	TBD

Refreshment Volunteers — 2014

Here is a list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2014. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support (and munchies).

January	No meeting	July	No meeting
February	Jack Fromm	August	Joe Halleman
March	No Meeting	September	Mark Gosselin
April	Erick Webb	October	Mark Gosselin
May	Ernie O'Roark	November	Jack Fromm
June	Mark Pankratz	December	TBD

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Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops at the AEC

RV Assembly - January 17-18, 2015

EAA Events

Go to EAA Events at: <http://www.eaa.org/news>

Go to EAA Aviation Calendar of Events at: <http://www.eaa.org/calendar>

Go to AirVenture at: <http://www.airventure.org/index.html>

Go to EAA SportAir Workshops at: <http://www.eaa.org/sportair>

Chapter Website

The EAA Chapter 524 website can be found at: www.524.eeachapter.org.

The website has contact information and details about current Chapter events.

Also on the website, you can find archived newsletters and a membership join/renewal form.

Chapter Facebook Page

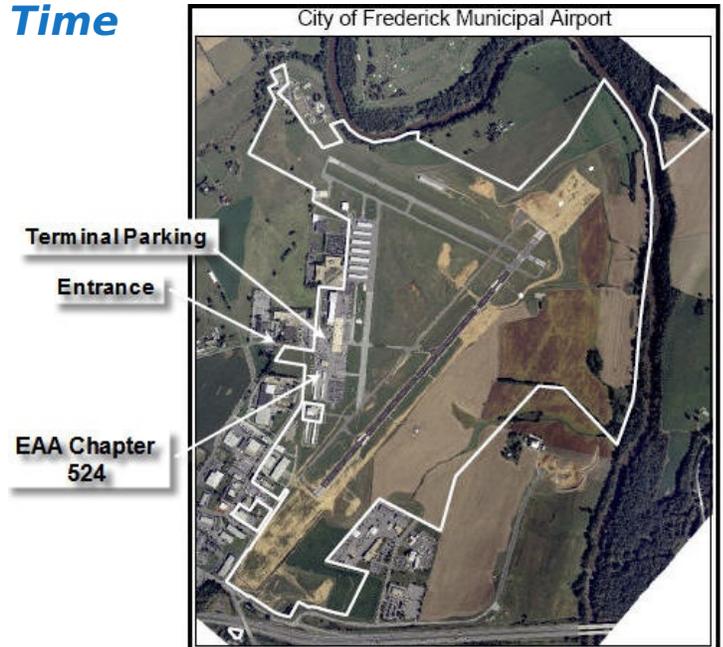
You can find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/EAA524

Chapter Meeting Location and Time

Chapter 524 meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Aviation Education Center, located at the Frederick Municipal Airport. As you enter the airport, park in the Terminal Parking lot. Walk south past the Frederick Flight School (yellow building). There are signs on the end of the second row of hangars for the Chapter. Additional information can be found on the Chapter website.



Frederick Municipal Airport
330 Aviation Way
Suite J, Box #9
Frederick, Maryland 21701



EAA Chapter 524 Membership Application

Annual dues are \$50 for individual or family membership. Fill out this form and return it with your dues to the Chapter Treasurer.

Cash or check accepted. Make check payable to **EAA Chapter 524**. Bring the form and dues to the next meeting or mail to **Ernest O'Roark, 809 London Court, Frederick, MD 21701**.

If you have a question about your membership, contact the Treasurer at 301-694-0053 or cadfael1@aol.com. These dues help support the Chapter and are not applied to the national organization.

I. Registration Information (Print please)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Member Status: New ____ Renewal: _____ No Changes: _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$50.00) _____ Family (\$50.00) _____

Other name(s) if Family Membership _____

EAA Membership Number _____ Member Since: _____

Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address (for receiving notices & newsletter) _____

Aircraft/Projects/Interests _____

II. For Official Use Only

Status: New ____ Renewal ____ Individual: ____ Family: ____

Dues Paid: Check ____ Number _____ Cash ____ Amount \$ _____

Date Received ____/____/____ Fiscal Year (Jan. – Dec.) 20 ____

Treasurer's Initials _____ Roster updated ____/____/____ Deposited ____/____/____

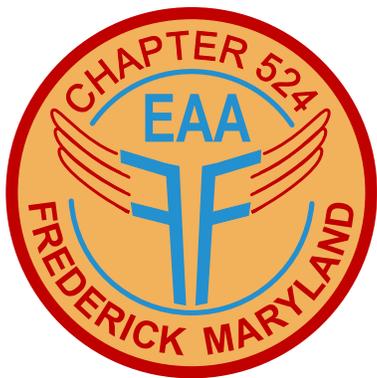
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III. Member's Receipt for EAA Chapter 524 Dues

Date paid ____/____/____ Dues paid for fiscal year 20____

Renewal – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$50.00_____

New – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$50.00_____



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