



## President's Message

Greetings to one and all,



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer spending time with your family and friends. Oshkosh is just around the corner and I hope many of you will be able to attend. If not, there is always next year!

As you will read in Doug Kelly's letter, there is unrest in EAA. These are difficult times and we all need to be heard.

Enjoy and above all else, be safe.

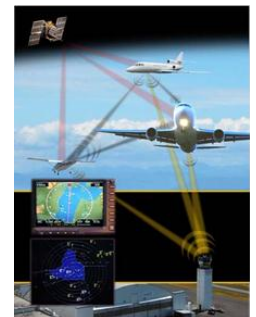
Wishing you clear skies,

**Mark Gosselin**

**President, EAA Chapter 524**

## August Membership Meeting Program

ADS-B is a major component of the FAA's NextGen modernization initiative. All of us pilots who fly in this area of the country will need to understand this system because we will soon be required to install some new equipment if we want to fly in much of the local airspace. As AOPA says, "There are a myriad of issues surrounding the mandate and the infrastructure deployment strategy." If anyone can make sense of those issues, it's our own Dan Morris. He will be presenting **Unraveling ADS-B And What It Can Do For You** at our August meeting.



## Electrical Workshop Coming to Frederick

The next workshop which we will be hosting in the AEC is the *Electrical Systems and Avionics Workshop*. It will be held on the weekend of August 18-19. For more information or to register, check out [this link](#).

## The Coming Battle for the Heart of the EAA – by Doug Kelly

In recent weeks, I have become aware of strong and widespread feelings of concern for the future of our national organization. A minimal amount of investigation disclosed that these sentiments are being expressed by a rapidly increasing number of members, particularly in the homebuilding, vintage and volunteer communities. It is an issue that apparently is emerging all across the nation and is evoking an organized response. An initial effort will be made to generate a protest via proxy votes cast at the annual membership meeting at AirVenture 2012. Likely this will be only an opening salvo in a longer dispute.

While probably symbolic at first, this action is an important effort to alert the EAA Board of Directors to the depth of dissatisfaction with new directions and priorities as expressed in publications, and by sudden changes to a previously loyal staff.

In my view, this is a crisis a long time in the making. The stage has been set because there never has been a solid structural mechanism for member representation in the EAA. After Paul's early and deft leadership, which was based largely on his personal touch, Tom led the organization in the direction of emphasis on show, spectacle, and commercial visibility. Gradually the Board became dominated by corporate interests and big



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time fund raising prospects. As a result, AirVenture's success each year now accounts for at least one third of the annual budget. Donations (ostensibly to support educational programs) account for at least another third. Person-power to actually make AirVenture run is largely dependent on a graying and, surprisingly, less happy volunteer corps. AirVenture has become an international extravaganza and cash cow that succeeds in wowing the public and commercial interests but is far more fragile than is generally recognized.

The Board has struggled (1) to define itself appropriately, and (2) to locate a successor to Tom. To my way of thinking, it has not succeeded in either challenge.

I watched for a decade as each year the annual membership meeting was attended by an ever smaller handful of members, and one or two sought bravely to utilize the "election" system, hoping to become members of the Board. Their efforts were almost always effectively thwarted by selection practices within the existing board structure so that very few who truly represented member interests survived the ritual. In truth, I know of only one or two examples of success. The various Councils (including the one on which I served as chairman) give the illusion of member representation but are, in fact, appointed and now mostly tasked with volunteer functions to help make AirVenture run. Their chairpersons are nominal board members but limited essentially to observer status. There is no structure to assure that the traditional purposes of EAA have a voice in its future (namely homebuilding, restoration, craftsmanship, and above all, safe practices in construction, maintenance and operation of recreational aircraft). Thus, the balance of power has been swung largely toward achieving commercial success rather than promoting educational/recreational goals. Our hobby is being screwed over.

Thus, we have come to the point where the EAA Board and its executive and selection committees have now provided us EAA members with a new leader who apparently has little regard for the roots of our organization or the wisdom to weave them into the future. The bottom line is the bottom line and the member is the market. He refers to our avocation as "our industry" and anticipates our loyalty. Please!

The movement to gain input via a proxy procedure has little chance of success this year, but it is very important for the powers that be to get a message that this is, after all, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the proper education of its members. I, for one, strongly object to the sudden and arbitrary shifts in policy, publication and staffing that have changed the focus from the unique and traditional to the mundane, spectacular and commercially profitable. I hope you agree.

You can help by supporting the proxy effort this year. If you attend AirVenture, you can obtain a proxy form at the Cleveland Tool exhibit (assuming you didn't surrender your proxy option when you renewed your membership). More importantly, do continue your membership so as to be able to help the movement as it grows in the next year or two. This isn't a quick and dirty venture.

Doug Kelly

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## **Frederick Airport Update**

Kevin Daugherty, Frederick Airport Manager, stopped by the Chapter Board meeting last week to give an update on happenings at the airport. First, he reported that funding has been secured to upgrade the markings and signage for the runways, taxiways and ramp. Included in the project will be the renaming of the taxiways in a more logical order. Next, he told us that the airport has finally completed the purchase of the former FCC hangar. The building is still in good shape and only needs some minor, mostly cosmetic maintenance. He hopes it can be leased to some aviation-related concern. Several organizations, including the helicopter school, Frederick Aviation and the State Police, have already expressed interest. The Board then discussed with Kevin some of the recent airport events like *International Learn to Fly* and *Women Fly It Forward*. While we in the Chapter felt that this year's events went more smoothly than previous ones, we still thought that we should have been approached earlier about expectations for our participation. Kevin agreed and promised to bring that up with AOPA.



## Events

### Chapter Meetings

August 2, 2012 @ 7:30 P.M. – Monthly general meeting

August 9, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M. – Chapter Board meeting

### Chapter Program Schedule, 2012

Month	Program	Month	Program
January	Bob Calo - Ups & Downs of 1 <sup>st</sup> -time Aircraft Homebuilding	July	Engine Management Mark Pankratz
February	Resurrecting the Rare Detroit-Lockheed DL-2A Altair. Tom Haueter & Steve Berkman	August	ADS-B Dan Morris
March	Banquet	September	Velie Monocoupe and Electric Flight Doug Kelly
April	All About Gyrocopters Chris Burgess, CFI	October	TBD
May	RV-1/Homebuilt and Light Sport Safety Panel Discussion	November	TBD
June	AirCam cross-country trip, father and son. Claudius Klimt	December	TBD

### Refreshment Volunteers, 2012

Here is the list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2012. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support (and munchies).

January	Kris Crone	July	OPEN
February	Jack Fromm	August	OPEN
March	Banquet	September	Mark Gosselin
April	Mark Gosselin	October	Joe Halleman
May	Alex Rossulek	November	Dean Stickell
June	Kris Crone	December	Kris Crone

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## Workshops

### EAA SportAir Workshops

**August 18-19: Electrical**

**October 20-21: RV Assembly**

**January, 19-20, 2013, SportAir LSA Repair-Inspection Course, Airplane**

Parties interested in enrolling in workshops should contact Mark Forss or Joe Norris at EAA (1-800-236-4800) as soon as possible. You can find course information on the workshop schedule at <http://www.sportair.com/schedule.html>. To volunteer and help out with setup and observe the course, contact Doug Kelly, 301-963-2217.

### 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/>

Unless otherwise noted, all events occur at the Chapter Hangar.

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## Classifieds

James Feighny was a Chapter member in '06-'08 and will be moving back to the area (Rockville) at the end of July. He's looking for hangar space for his RV-9. Anyone who has any leads can contact him at [jfeighny@satx.rr.com](mailto:jfeighny@satx.rr.com).

Ken Howell, an RV-7 builder based at DMW, has a few items available.

*"I have RV-7 wing and fuselage cradles that are available free if the Chapter or any RV builders are interested. I also have some sheet aluminum left over from a friend's RV-6 project that might be of use in the workshop. Please let me know if there is any interest in these items. I will probably recycle them if there are no takers."*

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## **Chapter Discussion Group**

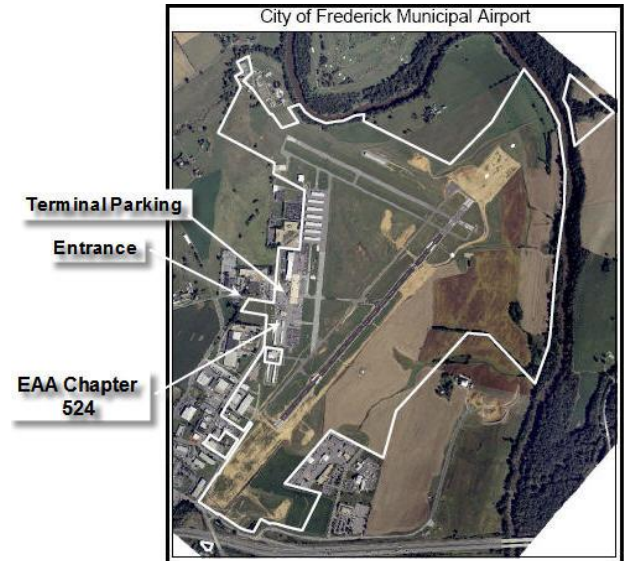
Our Chapter has an e-mail discussion group hosted by Yahoo groups. This is a moderated group so we do not get spam. About a third of the Chapter participates. Chapter members are eligible for membership by joining at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ea524/>

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## **Chapter Meeting Location and Time**

Chapter 524 meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Aviation Education Center which is located at the Frederick Municipal Airport. As you enter the airport, park in the Terminal Parking lot. Walk south past the flight school (yellow building). There are signs on the end of the second row of hangars for the Chapter.

Additional information can be found at the Chapter website: <http://www.angelfire.com/space/ea524/>





## EAA Chapter 524 Membership Registration

- For new members, annual dues are \$50 for individual membership or \$75 for 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 **Neil Dickinson, 119 Heritage Lane, Sykesville, MD 21784**.
- If you have a question about your membership, contact the Treasurer at 443-340-3401 or [neildickinson@netzero.net](mailto:neildickinson@netzero.net). 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 (\$75.00) \_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 Membership Dues: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_

Renewal - Family Membership Dues: \$75.00 \_\_\_\_

New - Individual Membership Dues: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_

New - Family Membership Dues: \$75

