

The Frederick Flyer

President's Message

Greetings, EAA Chapter 524 members and friends,

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I was looking through some 1984 Sport Aviation Magazines this week and was amazed at how far we have come in 21 years. The kits and avionics that are available have advanced so much it's hard to believe.

I saw the ad for the Terra handheld radio and looked at the price. I then remembered the presentation Dan Morris gave on ADS-B and the cost of flying then and now. How much was \$495 really worth back in 1984? How many hours did the average guy have to work to afford this handheld?

Soon after, I read EAA's e-Hotline that Freeflight Systems is going to offer an ADS-B Out kit, with antennas and all, for less than \$2,000. They plan to make 10,000 kits to keep the cost down. I think that is very reasonable in today's market. You know, at this cost I'm ready to order mine when they become available. I know it's still a crapshoot if the FAA will let us install these ourselves but I'm willing to take that chance. I guess the big question is: are you?

Wishing you clear skies,

Mark Gosselin
EAA Chapter 524 President



March Membership Meeting Minutes

14 March 2015

Meeting brought to order at 8:23 pm by Mark Gosselin

Treasurer's report accepted as read:

February Income:	\$1220.00
February Expense:	\$1,335.80
February Balance:	\$9,925.62

Secretary's report accepted as read.

Awards were presented from EAA National:

- Mark Pankratz – Vice President
- Erick Webb – Secretary and Facebook
- Ernie O'Roark – Treasurer
- Jack Fromm – Newsletter Editor & Webpage Administrator
- Doug Kelly – Technical Counselor
- Jerry Blake – Technical Counselor

Brian Nicklas presented his program entitled "NASA's Early Years as the NACA"

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm

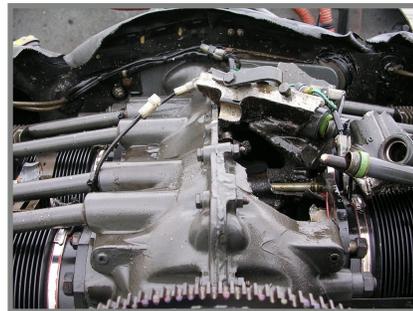
Submitted,

Erick Webb, Secretary

April Program

Engine Out! *Presented by Steve Copley.*

Join us as Steve goes back to his harrowing experience of a night IFR engine loss, and how he dealt with it.



Application Approved!

We are pleased to announce that our application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit status has been approved by the IRS. Among other things, that means that we are now eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations. In addition, Ernie O'Roark is in the process of applying to the State of Maryland for a sales tax exemption certificate which should save the Chapter 6% on all purchases.

As we knew it would be from the outset, this application was a lengthy, complex process. Thanks to a recommendation from our old friend Charlie Becker, we were able to enlist the help of a knowledgeable lawyer who has worked on many of these applications for other EAA chapters. Several members of our Chapter also played key roles, especially Ernie O'Roark, Mark Gosselin and Erick Webb. Jerry Blake, Kris and Tom Crone also helped in transferring assets from the previous Aviation Education Center, Inc.

We are hopeful that this new status will greatly help us with future fundraising efforts.



Chapter Workshops

Their History and Future in the Life of Chapter 524, (Part Three)

During the year or so that the new Chapter facility, to be known as the EAA Aviation Education Center (AEC), was being completed, we had (again) entertained the idea that we might be able to offer workshops strictly on our own. In the new space we had available, we decided to give it a try. Tom and Kris Crone led the way. There was confidence in our ability to do this for the sheet-metal sessions, where we were able to amass the necessary tools for use by a class of a dozen or so. Van sold us (at cost) the sheet metal kits used in the SportAir workshops, and we limited the student participants to members of the Chapter. Instructors for the course included Jerry Blake, Tom Crone, Jack Fromm, Rob Craig, Dave Liston, and me. Kris Crone provided the necessary logistic and financial record keeping. All but one of the students completed this trial course (one student was ill). We realized from this experience that from the standpoint of available tools, our present capability was limited to the sheet metal arena. Moreover, we came to appreciate how important it was to have EAA headquarters involved to do national advertising, to track registration, to supply the other necessary tools and textual supplies (over the broad range of course topics), and to assure the quality of the various instructors.

No sooner had our Aviation Education Center been completed than EAA headquarters threw an urgent new challenge our way. The new "light-sport aircraft" regulations were going into effect, and these required all so-called "fat ultralight" aircraft (then mostly being operated illegally) to be re-certificated in the light-sport category. Among the requirements was the stipulation that the owner(s) of such re-certificated aircraft take and pass an EAA-designed, FAA-accepted course in light aircraft inspection. A three-year time limit was established for owners to satisfy this new requirement. A battery of approved, A&P-holding course instructors was nominated for special training at EAA headquarters in Oshkosh. Among those who qualified and were accepted was our own Jerry Blake. Thus, the new Aviation Education Center rather suddenly became a hub of activity for these

new weekend courses. During the three-year span, Jerry taught the course some sixteen times to more than 250 students -- with only two instances of student failure. At each offering, we noted full enrollment -- and it often included not just ultralight enthusiasts and light-sport pilots-to-be, but also builders or subsequent owners of experimental/amateur-built aircraft. Jerry's version of the course had broad appeal. We hoped it could be continued, as it was in Canada, and offered for all builders and operators of experimental/amateur-built as well as light-sport aircraft.

Meanwhile, in Oshkosh, EAA headquarters was undergoing an organizational restructuring (to put it mildly) that directly threatened all workshop activity. There were many personnel changes before the dust began to settle. Most notable for our workshop ambitions was the loss to EAA of Charlie Becker and Mark Forss. During his year away (2012-2013), Charlie moved to Frederick, worked for the AOPA, and was an active member of our Chapter. With the crisis then over at EAA headquarters, Charlie returned to Oshkosh, was elevated to head-up all homebuilder activities, rehired Mark Forss, and began resurrecting the EAA SportAir workshops. Our one-course-at-a-time approach, in addition to the multiple-course venue, was in Charlie's plan for the future of EAA SportAir Workshops. Thus, after a one-year lag we held three workshops last year and now have another three scheduled for the upcoming year. We hope that the offerings can continue to expand (e.g. to include a course on annual inspection practices). Workshops of one kind or another have always been the heartbeat of our Chapter.

One final aspect should to be mentioned. Within a historical account such as this, there needs to be a place for special recognition. Dave Liston was in many ways the spark that lighted the fire of the early "RV Forums", and partly for this he received a Major Achievement Award at the 2001 EAA Oshkosh Convention. Of the many who were attracted to help him at the start of "Dave's forums", only a few remain. These pioneers have



Chapter Workshops (continued)

lent a wide variety of skills and enthusiasm throughout our Chapter's early history, and kept that flame kindled. For example, the team of Tom and Kris Crone has always been on hand to lead and help, from the very start to the present day. They maintained the continuity, exemplifying the spirit which has, in turn, moved other long-term members, at one time or another, to contribute leadership roles to some aspect of the entire enterprise. Folks like John Baker, Bill Miller, Rob Craig, Tom Proctor, Karen and Carl Cessna, Chic Chaconis, Herb and Peg Jones, Charlie Lenhart, Jack Savage, Dean Stickell, Gust Mitchell and Malinda Orlin, Jack Fromm, Joe Halleman, Neil Dickinson, Edgar Woods, Neil Wright, and of course our

airport manager/member Charlie Abell.

But to my mind, over the long haul, one person truly stands out as being the leader, the teacher, and the main resource at any given time for all that has happened -- from the first minute to the latest. In his quiet way, Jerry Blake has always been there to shoulder whatever needed to be done, to provide whatever was critical for the task at hand, and, above all, to always be the natural teacher that he is for us all, whether students or colleagues. Thank you, Jerry.

Doug Kelly.

A postscript to the January workshop: if you ever think the volunteer work our members do doesn't matter or get noticed, check out [these posts on VansAirForce.net](#) (scroll down to posts #5 and #9). Thanks to Jim Feighny for bringing this to our attention — Ed.

Chapter Banquet

Our annual banquet this year was held at Brewer's Alley pub, located in the historic section of downtown Frederick. The restaurant occupies a restored 19th century building which previously served as City Hall and an opera house. There were 24 of us and the second floor banquet room we occupied was quite cozy and the menu was delicious. Brian Nicklas, our presenter, selected his program — *NASA's early years as The NACA* — because March, 2015 coincides with the [100th anniversary](#) of the founding of that organization. As part of his job as an archivist at Udvar-Hazy, Brian has done a great deal of research into the work that NACA did. His presentation had many pictures of airplanes I had never seen before as well as some familiar ones with unusual configurations or test apparatus attached. The airplanes themselves were interesting enough, but Brian related some fascinating stories behind those airplanes and the test pilots and designers associated with them.

Many thanks to Mark Pankratz for organizing such a successful event.





Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

April 2, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. — Membership Meeting

April 9, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

Other Events

April 25, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m. — Chapter picnic

June 6, 2015 — AOPA Fly-in and Homecoming

Chapter Program Schedule — 2015

Month	Program
January	Flying In and Around the D.C. SFRA — Mark Pankratz
February	ADS-B for NextGen Datalink — Dan Morris
March	Banquet — Brewer's Alley
April	Engine Out! — Steve Copley
May	TBD
June	TBD
July	No Meeting
August	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	TBD

Refreshment Volunteers — 2015

Here is a list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2015. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support (and munchies).

January	TBD	July	N/A
February	Jerry Blake	August	Joe Halleman
March	N/A	September	TBD
April	Erick Webb	October	TBD
May	Jack Fromm	November	TBD
June	Mark Gosselin	December	TBD

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Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops at the AEC

Electrical: May 2 & 3, 2015

Fabric Covering: June 13 & 14, 2015

RV Assembly: November 14 & 15, 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

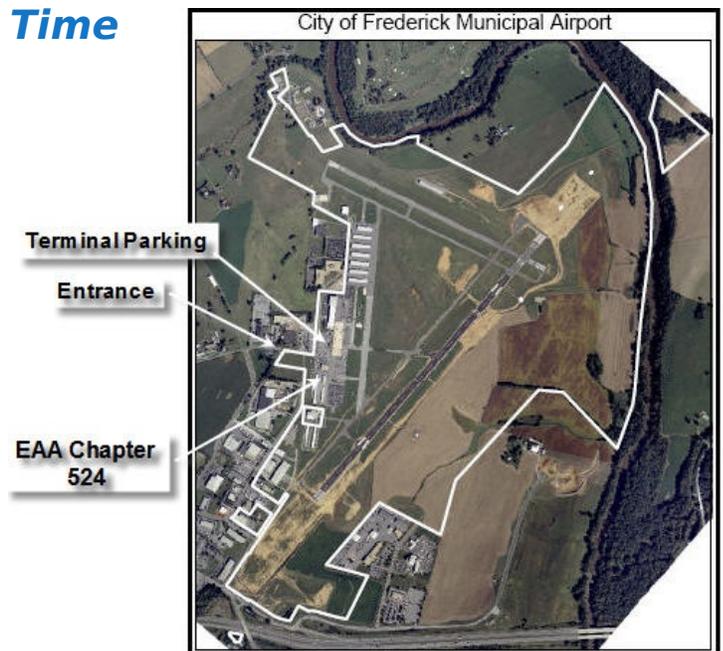
You can find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/EAA524

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 \$30 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 (\$30.00) _____ Family (\$30.00) _____

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 ____/____/____

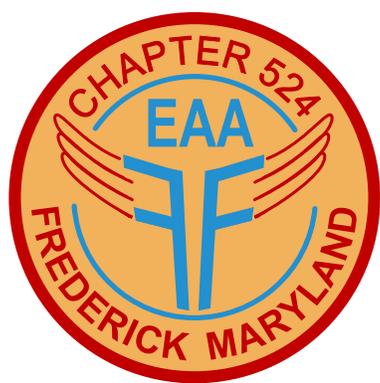
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III. Member's Receipt for EAA Chapter 524 Dues

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

Renewal – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$30.00_____

New – Individual/Family Membership Dues: \$30.00_____



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