

EAA Chapter 143 Meeting

1 March 2025, 9:00am

New members in attendance:

- Robert R. is VP of Vintage Chapter 45, which is a mid-atlantic region chapter
- Xavier P. attended with Rob. He's a student pilot and a Southwest Airlines mechanic

Chapter business

- Going forward, Seth W will run business side of chapter, Ron will run meetings and content
- Only 12 members have paid chapter dues for 2025 so far
- We need to get the meeting minutes on the chapter website. Ron L is waiting to get a password that allows him to edit the website. Dan D offered to do that as well (with about 10 years of career experience in web development).
- EAA Leadership Boot Camp at Smoketown Airport on March 15th. Also an online version if needed.

Young Eagles

- The plan is to fly out of Fallston. The airspace is better and better for emergency landings if needed
- Edwin R mentioned that Harford Flying Club (at Fallston) discussed at their meeting last week that they would be open to allowing HFC club members to fly the aircraft at a reduced rate for YE flights in an effort to spread aviation to youth.

Build Projects

- Seth W's Affordaplane -
- RV-12 Cockpit Simulator Build - build is going well. Several people met to discuss the panel layout. The goal is to make it as close to a real airplane as possible to ensure students can learn and practice in something realistic. They will grow into the RV-12 cockpit as they progress in their training. The chapter doesn't have a lot of room to build, so Kevin O graciously agreed to allow us to use his hangar while he's out of the country.
- Spectrum Beaver - Experimental Light Sport (ELS) or a "fat ultralight" (e.g. low mass, high drag) can be now used to train ultralight pilots. Buzz has a Beaver that might be a

good fit if he's willing to donate it. The chapter can't own an aircraft, so the question remains: who would own it? And where would it live?

Aviation Interest Discussion

- Hangar Talk podcast - a good resource for aviation topics
- ADS-B - aircraft owners were forced to comply, spending millions of dollars out of pocket. Now there are initiatives to charge landing fees through ADS-B data.
- Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, FL is building a hangar for aviation curricula
- EAA Vintage Chapter 45. Mid-Atlantic meeting on March 2nd in Frederick, MD 12:00-2:00pm. June 14th Fly-in at Key Mar. Rob R (see new member info above) would like to work with youth on vintage aircraft. There aren't a lot of specialists anymore and he would like to share some of his knowledge, which he learned from his father.
- Potential "Performance Evaluation" (not a race) between Massey and Mexico Farm. No date, just an idea at this stage. Perhaps breakfast at one end and a BBQ at the other.
- Iranian Drone - a delta wing UAV that uses a 4 cylinder, 2-stroke pusher prop. Some also have small jet engines.

Safety

- NTSB dashboard - Ron S facilitated discussion covering several accident reports. Consensus was that we seemed to have more questions than we started with.
- VMC Club/CFI Brief - Ron L showed a VMC Club video that we watched together and discussed. In an emergency landing, the goal is to hit the softest thing on the flattest ground as slow as possible. Ron is going to work on getting the VMC Club started as part of our chapter to simplify safety discussions and get participation from attending chapter members.

Meeting Adjourned