



The Frederick Flyer

President's Message

Greetings EAA Members and Friends,



On Thanksgiving day, I took some time to sit by the fire and read. When I took a break to get a cup of tea, I looked out the window to see about a dozen pigeons flying around the field outside. Because it was that type of an afternoon to relax, I watched more closely.

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I observed the lead bird moving through the air making small movements with his tail and wings and how instantaneously the others followed those movements. The group stayed together only inches apart, if that. Changing altitude and direction of flight, they circled the field a few times and landed on the ground under the bird feeder.

I was amazed at the precision with which they flew and I thought of all the training pilots go through to fly in formation and how much time we spend working on our flying skills.

Watching them also reminded me of an article I read a while ago about the Coast Guard's experimenting with training pigeons for over water search and rescue details. As it turns out, their eyesight is far better than a human's. They would nest a pigeon in a glass bowl mounted on the belly of the helicopter with an electronic touch pad in front of it. When the pigeon saw anything out of the ordinary on the water it would peck at the pad, which in turn would alert the crew to look in that direction more closely. At the end of that article, they stated they were having great results so far. Isn't nature an amazing thing!

I urge all of you to take the time this season for yourself and your families to enjoy the simple things in life!

Wishing you clear skies,

Mark Gosselin
EAA Chapter 524 President

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January Program

Aviation Insurance Resources® *Pilots Protecting Pilots*

Our presentation for the January 5th meeting will be Jon Shimer of Aviation Insurance Resources. Some of you know Jon; he is a former student of Gerard Blake's, a long-time pilot around Frederick, and a past Chapter member. Jon will discuss aviation insurance, with emphasis on builder's risk and homebuilding. Bring your insurance questions for Jon!

Mark Pankratz

Membership Renewal Time

This is a reminder that the deadline for membership renewal is the end of January. Thanks to the success of events like the Ford Tri-Motor and SportAir Workshop hosting (made possible with the help of our wonderful volunteers), we are able to keep our dues at the same low rate again next year. The renewal/registration form is included at the end of this newsletter. Please either mail your checks with the form to Ernie or bring them with you to the January 5th meeting.

We are very pleased to have welcomed several new members over the past year. Some of you may have joined too late to get one of our spiffy new name tags. All those who renew or join for next year will be eligible to receive a name tag. If you did not receive one in our first batch last year, we will be placing another order next year once all the renewals have been processed.

Membership Meeting Minutes

01 December 2016

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

Brenda Tibbs presented a program about Bravo Flight Training school.

No Treasurer's Report for September. November accepted as read.

Income: \$151.00
Expense: \$740
Balance: \$8,903.84
Scholarship fund: \$247

Secretary's Report accepted as read.

Progress reports:

Jerry reported that they went to a Piper fabric-covered airplane workshop with Clyde Smith, the "Cub Doctor" in Lock Haven.

Mark G. reported that Mark P.'s plane is at Leesburg and Mark P. is making progress on the panel.

Mark G. reported that his parts came in and he was able to complete his landing gear repair.

50/50 was \$66; \$33 each to Erick Webb and to the Chapter scholarship fund.

Chapter renewal is \$30, and is due in January.

Meeting concluded at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted,

Erick Webb, Secretary



Fabric Piper Restoration, Maintenance & Workshop Seminar



Robert Johnson, Peter Sweeney and I attended this comprehensive seminar over the long weekend of November 18, 19, and 20 hoping to pick up some information that would be useful in our J-3 restoration project. To say this three-day affair was useful is a gross understatement.

The seminar was conducted by Clyde Smith (aka “The Cub Doctor”), proprietor of Cub Restoration Services located at Lock Haven, PA. First of all, the “Doc” is a very nice person. He was a long-time employee of Piper when their manufacturing facility was located at Lock Haven. His father was Chief of Flight Test. Clyde finished his tour as a service rep when they closed the doors in the early 1980’s. He has been freelancing by restoring grand champion fabric-covered Pipers, giving restoration seminars and manufacturing needed Cub parts ever since.



The seminar was conducted in his extremely well equipped shop. The three of us were part of a group of seven, two from California. We started at 8 a.m., went out to Clyde’s favorite small town restaurant for lunch, and then to another Clyde favorite place for supper at 5 p.m.

After supper it was back to the shop for more Cub stuff until 8 p.m. He provided two world-class completed J-3’s, a partially covered fuselage, a bare bones fuselage, wing, tail feathers, and an aileron for training aids. The course outline included the disassembly of aircraft, project assessment, repair of structures, preparation of parts, procedures and tips for reassembly, fabric covering and finishing, and rigging. His lectures were supplemented with handouts for all of the subjects. He also included

appropriate video presentations. Did I mention that we visited the Piper Museum on the first day?

Clyde Smith is the expert of experts, consummate craftsman, and teacher par excellence in the restoration of fabric-covered Pipers. In

addition to the seminar that we attended, he also teaches an advanced restoration seminar that involves more hands-on activities.

Attendance to Clyde’s seminars is a must for anyone anticipating the restoration of a fabric-covered Piper. And Lock Have is a nice town.

Gerard Blake



Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

January 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. — Membership Meeting

January 12, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. — Board Meeting

Other Events

Chapter Program Schedule — 2017

Month	Program
January	Aviation Insurance Resources — Jon Shimer
February	The Lightweight Fighter Program — Dean Stickell
March	Banquet — TBD
April	Lightning Effects on Aircraft — Dan Morris
May	TBD
June	TBD
July	No meeting.
August	TBD
September	TBD
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	TBD

Refreshment Volunteers — 2017

Here is a list of volunteers supplying refreshments for 2017. The Board of Directors thanks you for your support (and munchies).

January	Jack Fromm	July	N/A
February	TBD	August	TBD
March	N/A	September	TBD
April	TBD	October	TBD
May	TBD	November	TBD
June	TBD	December	TBD

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Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops at the AEC

RV Assembly – January, 2017 (tentative)

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.eaachapter.org.

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

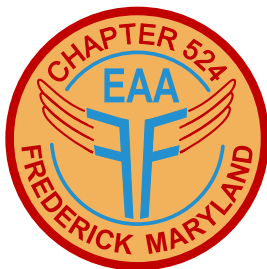
Also on the website, you can find archived newsletters and a membership join/renewal form.

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.



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330 Aviation Way
Suite J, Box #9
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Frederick IMC Club

Interested in learning more about IFR flying? Scenario-based discussions are available here. The Frederick IMC club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in AOPA's National Aviation Community Center. More information about the club and its mission can be found on our website at www.524.eaachapter.org.



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 ____/____/____

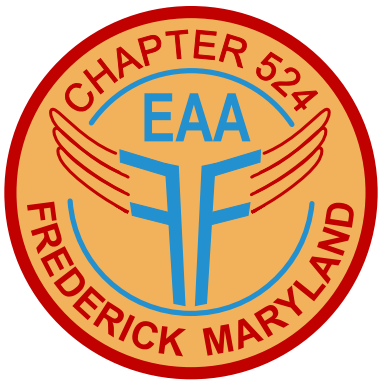
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III. Member's Receipt for EAA Chapter 524 Dues

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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