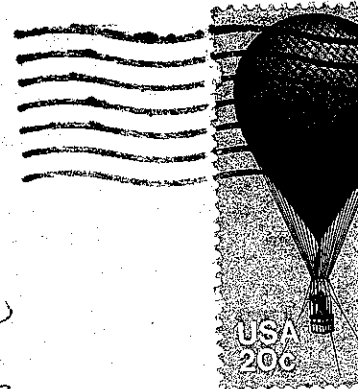




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Members are encouraged to submit short items for inclusion in the newsletter. Responsibility for accuracy rests entirely with the contributor.

Deadline for all material including items for sale, trade or barter is the 15th of the month.

Please submit your material to: Bob Pendleton  
9929 Lakepointe Ct., Burke, Va. 22015

MEMBERSHIP

Virginia EAA Ultralight Chapter 44 welcomes the following sport aviation enthusiasts joining us during the month of March.

Jerry Brown (Quicksilver MX), Alexandria, Va.  
Frank Sharp, Arlington, Va.  
Louis Hansen (Goldwing), Fairfax, Va.  
John Jelinski, Chantilly, Va.

## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

EAA Ultralight Chapter 44 is now, after more than 6 months of effort, organized, incorporated and fully chartered by the National EAA Headquarters. We have now had a couple of meetings at the Washington Gas Company's Springfield Operations Center's 1st class auditorium. This location is probably about the most convenient to our members that we could hope for. Our largest meeting to date had over 40 people present.

With all kinds of projects now planned or under consideration, including assorted educational programs, fly-ins, mall shows, park displays monitoring and advising the FAA and Virginia Department of Aviation, audio-visual ground school, club flying fields, etc, etc, it came as a disappointment to me when I was recently criticized for the way your chapter is being run. Perhaps rather than dwell on the pros and cons of that criticism, I should try to outline what I see as our EAA chapters objectives. You may have others and I would appreciate your suggestions.

First and foremost, we are an educational organization. We plan programs to inform us and projects to inform the public. Also, we have experienced members willing to help you with your special needs. We will be striving to make our chapter as open to new members as possible.

Secondly, the chapter is not meant to be primarily a "social club"...although I certainly hope that many new friendships will develop. I expect that most of these will come from participating in chapter projects committees and activities at flying fields. Our time at the monthly meeting is too brief to do much more than conduct a short business meeting and present an informative program on a single subject.

Other objectives are to promote safety and the sport of recreational ultralight flying. As you can see we have bitten off a lot. Significant progress will be made only if more people (this means you!) take the responsibility to step forward and make it happen.

LAKELAND FLORIDA EAA FLY-IN (SUN & FUN?)

Dave Maitland and I drove down and stayed for the entire show (Friday, March 11th thru Saturday March 19th).

Dispite the effort that Mother Nature made to freeze, blow and wash us away, we more or less survived. I bought back the flu and Dave his Vector with some wind damage. The weather may have been a disaster ( not to mention our tent ) but the show was great! I think that half of Maryland Chapter 20 was there.

I hope to have some slides of the show for our next regular meeting along with updated information on lots of stuff including UL aircraft and products. Sure hope you can make the meeting.

Bob Chapman

CHAPTER MEETING

Date:	Thursday 7th of April
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Washington Gas Light Co. Springfield Operations Center 6801 Industrial Road
Speaker:	William (Bill) Meserole Past president of Maryland EAA Chapter 4
Subject:	Bill will offer a discussion concerning the new Aviation Center under construction at Oshkosh. Presentation of a new film--"Wings on Dreams" with John Denver

### GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Diffenbaugh of Sport Flight, Inc. was our guest speaker for the month of March. The subject was "Meteorology For The Powered Ultralight". He covered cloud classification, frontal weather, pressure altitude, density altitude, convective, wind shear and aircraft generated turbulence and thermal soaring.

Since ultralight flight is strictly VFR (fair weather) flying it is essential that each ultralight pilot know the basics of weather--primarily in terms of winds and turbulence. Be prudent and recognize your limitations!

A weather manual is available titled AVIATION WEATHER (AC00-6A) \$8.25. The publication explains weather facts that every pilot should know.

To get a complete operational study you will also need a copy of Aviation Weather Services (AC 00-45). Both manuals may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

### AWARDS

On Wednesday, 23d of March, Milton Brown of the National Aeronautic Association presented certificates of accomplishment for establishing new national non-stop "closed circuit" distance records for ultralights to Jerry Brown and John Hansen.

Both records will become official world records after the flight data are homologated by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) in Paris, France.

The National Aeronautic Association certificates were presented at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C.

### SALE, TRADE OR BARTER

Jim Kelly has a number of Glider Rider publications (from May 82) which he is donating to the chapter. The publications will be available to the membership for check out--on a monthly basis.

Other issues may be available so check with Jim at our next meeting.

### FAREWELL

John Hansen departed our area and will establish his residence in Norfolk, Va.

He is a retired naval officer. Prior to his retirement in 1973, John was Commanding Officer of the attack aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He began his flying career at the age of 14 and for the next 40 plus years flew open cockpit bi-planes through modern fighter/attack jets. He was recently awarded a certificate of accomplishment by the National Aeronautic Association for establishing a new national and world record for ultralights.

John was one of Chapter 44's charter members and member of the Board of Directors.

FLYING ACTIVITIES

Ultralights are welcome to Chapter 186  
Spring Fling Fly-In Breakfast at the Harbor  
View Airport/Marina (2,600\*grass runway).

Saturday April 16th(unless it rains)

Sunday April 17th rain or shine

Breakfast to be served from 9:00 to 11:30

QUESTIONS? INFORMATION? CALL:

BEFORE APRIL 15TH:

703-941-2060 (ANNANDALE, VA)

ON APRIL 15TH, 16TH OR 17TH

804-224-0066 (HARBOR VIEW)

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I PLAN TO COME TO THE SPRING FLING BREAKFAST

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