

# The Crab Pot



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### Chapter Newsletter Input

- ✂ Send us your latest flying destinations, restaurant recommendations, or any new ratings/endorsements!

### Upcoming Chapter Events

#### Maryland 99s Chapter Meeting –

Unfortunately, we could not book a restaurant centrally located by Baltimore that didn't want an outrageous buffet



price OR a substantial deposit—although Leslie Hoffmiester tried her best! So the December Social/Meeting will be held at **Essex Sky Park, December 11 from 12-3.**

It will be a pot-luck—here's the signup:

<https://forms.gle/uC9bhT9phWMwMmk16>

We are excited and look forward to seeing many of you!

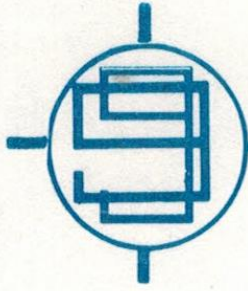
**INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS:** There is an amazing program available through Pathways to Aviation. You may want to consider looking at their website and register. Registration is FREE. (They're a 501(c)3 organization, like we are).

A scholarship site by a recent 99s webinar presenter is: [svf99s.org/education.php](http://svf99s.org/education.php).

- Amelia Earhart Scholarship applications are due January 1.
- <https://pathwaystoaviation.org/2021/09/30/giving-money-away/>

- ✂ If anyone needs help/wants a second set of eyes on a scholarship application, do not hesitate to ask Carol Christian [carolc91@gmail.com](mailto:carolc91@gmail.com) (410-929-2359) or Maria Esparraguera [mdesgirt@comcast.net](mailto:mdesgirt@comcast.net) (732)693-8595





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### November Maryland Chapter Summary

On Nov 7, the Chapter sent flowers to Joan Niles' Celebration for Life. Attending were Betty McSorley, Kay Hanson (and husband Jim), and Jane Toskes. Kay was a long time member of our chapter who now lives in Arizona and upstate New York. As an aside, she has asked if she can return to our chapter.

The 0W3 Compass rose cost us about \$800—and at the Section meeting, we made a little over \$500, due to the hard work of many members and donations. Thanks to all.

#### Old business:

- Jane Toskes has renewed our Zoom subscription for the year—she got a great deal on it and it is useable to the members for study groups--
- The 0W3 compass rose has been completed—we were able to secure more paint and finish it on Nov 6th. We have been requested to paint a compass rose at KMTN, but the logistics of where it will be painted—(close to the end of runway 33)—will make it more difficult. There are no facilities close to where it will be painted—Jane will continue discussions as to donation of paint, sprayers, etc.
- Ginny Scholarship. We voted to add the \$1000 donated to the chapter by Joan Niles last year to this so total now \$2500. And we will add Joan's name to the scholarship.
- Sophia spoke about T-shirt fundraising and vendors. Naomi has volunteered to be fundraising committee chair. Thank you.
- Current committees: Membership - Donna Suwall, Scholarship - Carol Christian, PR and Social Media - Shannon O'Brien, Fund raising - Naomi Koehler, IFR study group - Sophia Dengo, PPL study group - Maria.

#### New Business:

- Section election in the spring. Need candidates for all 4 offices and 2 directors. If you are interested and want info give me a call.
- Joanna Williams spoke about the Explore Maryland by Air program sponsored by MAA. Visit all 35 airports and get awards. See her article at our website [www.maryland99s.org](http://www.maryland99s.org)
- Activities for next year to be discussed. Options include painting compass rose at MTN and 2W6, flying event?
- Scholarship for Ginny/Joan. We will need to write the rules in the spring.
- We also discussed forming two study groups—one for an instrument rating and another for the students who are pursuing a private pilot. Previously, there was an instrument group which was placed on hiatus because of the compass rose and fall section meeting events. The way that the ongoing group has worked in the past (on Zoom) was that, for each meeting, a participant is assigned a section to teach—we learn by teaching and it makes the presenter get familiar with the area. We also invited the pilots and CFIs in the group to listen in and assist. If you are interested, we are aiming to start both groups again in January—contact Sophia Dengo for the instrument group and Maria Esparraguera for the private pilot group. Keep learning!

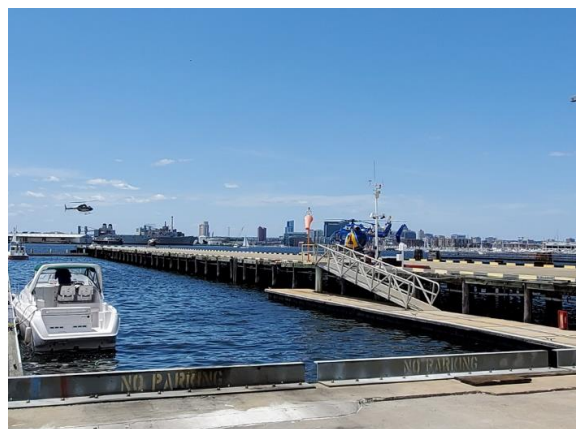
## The Explore Maryland by Air Program By Joanna Williams

This past summer, my husband and I enrolled in the “Explore Maryland by Air” (EMBA) program. The program offers a great opportunity for pilots, non-pilots, and aviation enthusiasts to visit and explore 35 Maryland airports and 4 aviation museums. This program was launched by the Maryland Airport Managers Association and Maryland Aviation Administration in 2011 as a great way to expand the General Aviation community outreach.

As new private pilots, this was a great reason to go fly to a destination we’ve never been before. Each flight was an adventure. We landed on short fields, grass fields, Class D airports, airports in the DC SFRA, etc. Some airports cannot be flown to, so driving is the only other option. The program allows participants to not only fly, but also drive or use any other means of transportation to visit the various sites to obtain a stamp. This is because not all airports can be reached with a C172, there is a seaplane base and a heliport on the list.



Havre de Grace Seaplane Base – M06



Pier 7 Heliport – 4MD

Some stamps were difficult to find at some airports. It was a fun sort of geocaching or scavenger hunt to find them. A few stamp ink pads were nearly completely dry. I bought my own ink pad just in case we ran into this issue at the remaining airports.

Our favorite airport to visit was Hagerstown (HGR). Not only did they literally roll out the red carpet for me (which was a fabulous surprise) but their facility is very clean, modern and the folks that work there are very friendly.

I also want to give appreciation to the airport attendant at Cumberland (CBE). We were planning on flying to 1W3 right after we collected our stamp at CBE, but it had rained pretty hard in that area the day prior and 1W3 is a grass field. The airport attendant provided us his truck so we could drive the 6 miles to 1W3 to collect our stamp. That was really kind of him and we’re so grateful for that hospitality. We found 4 airports have restaurants that made the trip even better.

1. Hagerstown’s restaurant “[The Grille at Runway](#)” in the FBO is top notch. The service was fast and friendly. On their menu they had Fried Green Tomatoes with a topping of crab meat. It was impressive. I also recommend their Corned Beef Reuben sandwich.
2. The restaurant at Easton (KESN) named [Sugar Buns](#) has delicious cinnamon rolls and their popular breakfast menu includes varieties of eggs benedict. They also serve lunch and are open every day except Christmas.
3. Cambridge (CGE) also has a restaurant named [Katie’s at the Airport](#) which has a nice menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They post their specials on Facebook. I would call first to make sure they’re open.
4. Frederick (FDK) also has a nice diner named [Airways Inn of Frederick](#) located right next to the FBO. They also offer a nice breakfast. You can find lunch and dinner items on their menu.



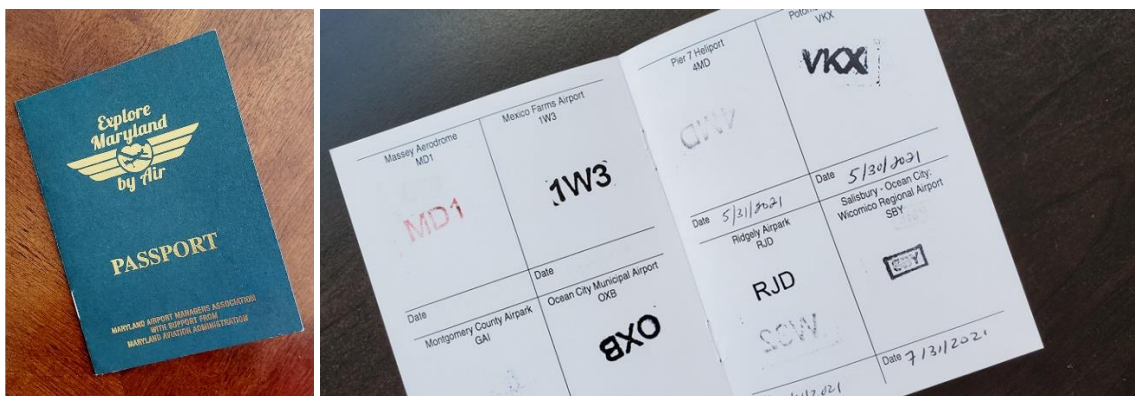
Hagerstown Regional Airport - HGR

## How do I sign up?

Visit the EMBA website at <https://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/explore-maryland-by-air/> and fill out the registration form. Your passport booklet will be mailed to you. You cannot begin stamp collecting until you have the passport on hand. Make sure to read all the [rules](#) of the program.

## How does it work?

The first step is to register online. You will receive your own “Explore Maryland by Air” green passport. This booklet contains several pages of blank sections dedicated to each required airport, museum and FFAST Safety Seminar.



Visit the airport, find the stamp using the stamp locator (table below), and stamp your passport. Don't forget to add the date as well. I took pictures of most of the airports to remind me of which ones we visited. In this program you will see a variety of airports such as short fields, grass fields, Class Bravo (BWI), Helipad, and Seaplane base.

The program also requires visiting 4 airport museums and attending 4 FFAST Safety Seminars. The EMBA website has a note that says “Credit will only be given for FFAST Safety seminars attended in the BWI, Dulles & Philadelphia FSDO.” Due to current Covid-19 restrictions we obtained permission to attend online FFAST Safety Seminars instead. We were fortunate to have one available locally at 2W6.

## What are the prizes?

- **FLEDGLING LEVEL 1** (Participants receive a baseball cap.)
  - Visit **10** different Public Use Airports in Maryland
  - Visit **1** Aviation Museum in Maryland
  - Attend **1** FFAST Safety seminar
- **ALBATROSS LEVEL 2** (Participants receive a set of beautiful glassware.)
  - Visit **20** different Public Use Airports in Maryland
  - Visit **2** Aviation Museums in Maryland
  - Attend **2** FFAST Safety seminars
- **ACE LEVEL 3** (Participants receive a **leather flight jacket!!!**)
  - Visit all **35** Public Use Airports in Maryland
  - Visit All **4** Aviation Museums in Maryland
  - Attend **4** FFAST Safety seminars
  - Attend the MD Regional Aviation Conference to redeem prize

When we flew to Ocean City, MD, we met with one of the EMBA Officers and he handed us our first level prize of a hat. We were also able to see a few of the leather jackets hanging and I was able to see them in person and feel the leather. They are really well made, thick, and warm. I won't lie, the leather flight jacket is what sealed the deal for me.



**What are the participating MD airports?**

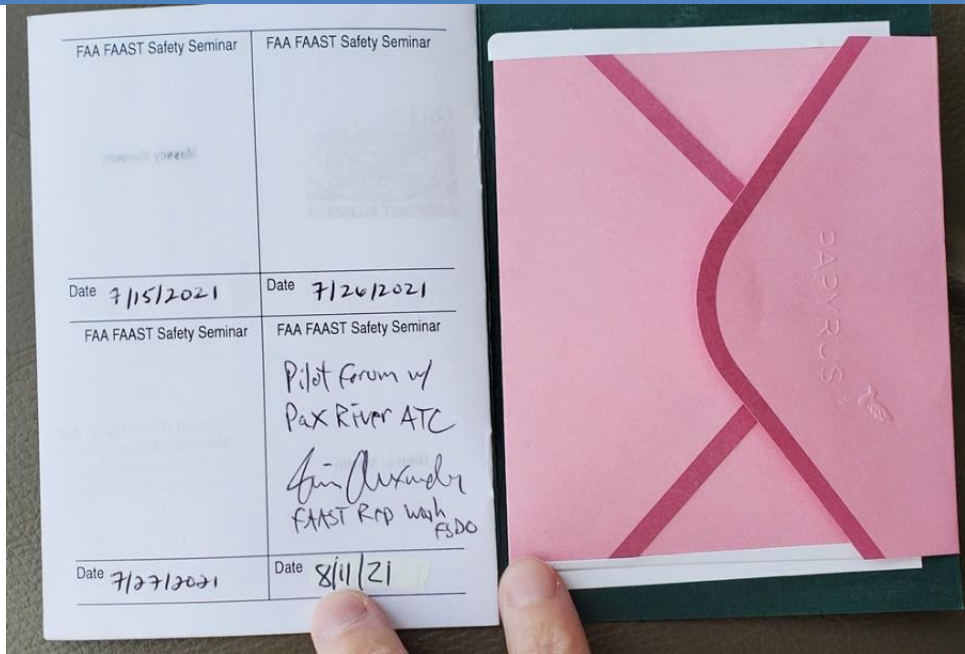
The EMBA website provided a nice map that lays out all 35 airports. I updated the image by adding the SFRA and removing W18. They still had Suburban Airport - W18 as an airport but that one is permanently closed since 2018.

Using this map, we planned our trips by sections, knocking off as many airports as we could in a given trip. Since we are located at 2W6, we visited the southern airports first and then the ones towards the east. We then worked our way up to the Baltimore area.

We tackled the farthest western airports of 2G4, CBE, 1W3, and HFR in one trip. The interesting set up between CBE and 1W3 is that they are only a few mile apart. In fact, taking off from CBE runway 23 and turning crosswind places you right into the downwind for 1W3 grass runway 9. There's a great video posted on [YouTube](#) by another pilot on the EMBA program flying from CBE to 1W3. Unfortunately for us, the grass was a bit too soft to attempt that landing.



As part of your flight planning, I would call to make sure some of the smaller airports are open. Most of the stamps for the smaller airports are located outside of the FBO for visitors after hours but a few of them had the stamps located inside. One of the airports we visited was not open when we arrived and the stamp was located inside where we could see it through the window. We took a picture in front of their FBO with the name of the airport on the side of the building as proof we visited. I then printed a small version of that picture and inserted it into a small envelope I attached to the back of the passport booklet. In the box for that airport, I wrote "Please see attached photo". In that envelope, I also inserted the small printed FAAST Safety Seminar certificates as well.



**What are the 4 museums?**

1. College Park Aviation Museum (at CGS)
2. Massey Air Museum (at MD1)
3. Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum at Martin State Airport (at KMTN)
4. Patuxent River Naval Air Station Museum (6 miles from St Mary’s Airport 2W6) – You will need to request a courtesy car or Uber to this museum.

**Where are the stamps located?**

The following table is taken from the EMBA website but I have also updated it with what we’ve encountered.

Identifier		Location of Stamp
1	BWI	Signature Aviation pilot briefing area at the counter
2	W29	FBO counter
3	1N5	Pilots lounge left of restrooms on shelf
4	CGE	FBO counter
5	DMW	FBO counter
6	58M	FBO counter
7	2W2	Desk Drawer in Pilot Lounge next to Pilot Shop
8	CGS	FBO counter
9	W41	Pilots lounge/FBO counter – Not always open call first
10	W50	Vestibule in the middle desk drawer before entering pilots lounge
11	ESN	Terminal desk at Maryland Air FBO counter
12	W48	Outdoor box attached to bulletin board by parking lot
13	W42	FBO counter
14	FDK	Signature Flight Support/FBO counter
15	W00	FBO/flight school counter
16	2G4	FBO counter
17	CBE	FBO/service counter
18	HGR	FBO counter Rider Jet Center
19	OW3	FBO counter
20	M06	Outdoor box adjacent to seaplane pier – stamp no longer there, take picture
21	3W3	Outside of mower shed on the west end of the airport – pad needs ink
22	ANP	Chesapeake Aviation maintenance hangar
23	MTN	FBO counter in airport administration building
24	2W5	FBO counter
25	MD1	Airport manager's office
26	1W3	Mailbox outside "Cumberland Flying Service" hangar – last hangar
27	GAI	FBO counter in main administration building
28	OXB	FBO counter (FYI, the EMBA Headquarters is upstairs)
29	4MD	Outdoor box attached to power gate at the landing pier hut
30	VKX	Pilot shop
31	RJD	Black mailbox located at jet fuel pump
32	SBY	FBO counter Bay Land Aviation
33	2W6	FBO counter Piedmont Aviation
34	FME	Outdoor box on operations building
35	W32	FBO counter Fetter Aviation inside mailbox in the white vestibule – pad needs ink

### Lasting Impressions

This has been a great learning experience, especially for new pilots to familiarize themselves with the expanded area outside our home airport. We were exposed to different airport procedures and runway conditions which I believe has made us better pilots. The motivation of the prizes was a welcomed incentive. Additionally, it has forced us to go to places we would not have considered originally. It has also opened our eyes and provided us exposure to the various small and large airport communities and their services.

## Flying the Hudson River Corridor by Viginia Torsch

On November 11, 2021, Virginia Torsch and her father, Edward Torsch, had the great fortune of being flown up the Hudson River Corridor by Maria Esparraguera in her Cessna 182. This was a raffle prize offered by the Maryland Chapter of the Ninety-Nine Women Pilots Organization that Virginia won. This was a tremendous win for Virginia since she is herself a student pilot with just over 30 hours of training so far. This trip offered her a invaluable opportunity to witness first hand all of the preparation that goes into a cross country flight, and the rules that pilots must follow in the Hudson River and East River Exclusion Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA).

Virginia and her father (did we mention her father is about to turn 90 in December!) met Maria at her home airport, Harford County Airport (0W3) around 9 am, and flew to Monmouth Executive Airport (KBLM) in New Jersey for a quick rest stop. Then on to the NYC and the Hudson River Corridor where Virginia assisted Maria in announcing at the six mandatory checkpoints required by the SRFA rules. They turned around at the Alpine Tower and flew back down the Corridor and then back to KBLM for a lunch break. And then back to 0W3, just in time to beat the cold front coming in. Excellent weather prevailed for all legs of the flight!!

Virginia and her dad are truly grateful for this opportunity! Virginia was born on Long Island so this was a trip down memory lane, especially for her dad. And it was extremely exciting for Virginia to have the opportunity fly with a very experienced woman pilot, giving Virginia hope that she too one day will be able to make this flight again, this time as Pilot in Command! (And maybe in her own plane...!!)

