



# NavCom Newsletter

Experimental Aircraft Association Lawrenceville, GA - KLZU

## February 2020



By: John Morgan

### JILL EAST NAMED EAA 690 "CHILI QUEEN"

Well if you have not been around the Chapter lately then you have been missing out on a lot of fun activities. We kicked off February with our First Saturday of the Month Pancake breakfast and had a huge turnout despite the crummy weather and major wreck on I-85 that shut down traffic for hours. We celebrated our being named a Gold Chapter by EAA National which awarded this honor to only 2% of EAA chapters worldwide. Then Russell Still a local CFI gave a very informative speech on "The Impossible Turn".

On the 15th we actually got to fly Young Eagles on our normally scheduled third Saturday. Then the chapter hanger was magically transformed for our Belated Valentine's Day Chili Cook off.

Jill East won best chili for the fourth straight year so maybe we need to retire her crown. The evening also included dinner music provided by Ann & Tom Boshinski, a monologue with a very funny video clip, a love poem and our version of the "Oldy Wed Game". Special thanks to our game contestants Bill & Janet Bell, Ron & Pam Freed and Brian and Aimee Michael. Brian and Aimee were the winners and were awarded the fabulous prize of a EAA Ford Tri-Motor model signed by the aircraft crew. The end of the evening featured the debut of "The We're Betters" (as in we're better than terrible plus we sing for free!) singing love songs with Ann on keyboard and Ron Freed on Bass. One member seemed slightly off key but in order to protect his ego my name will not be mentioned. Special thanks to Bill Bell, Duane Huff, Pat Bratton, David Royston and me for their melodious voices.



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### Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 7th

### Young Eagles Rally

Saturday March 21st

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# Chapter 690

Interesting guest Speakers, fun events, great food  
and always everyone welcome.

## Chapter Calendar March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-Mar	2	3	4	5	6	7
				5:30pm Thursday Dinner 7pm BoT Mtg		8am Pancake Breakfast 12pm Slack Information Session 2:30pm Ground School
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		6pm GARS		5:30pm Thursday Dinner 7pm BoD Meeting		2:30pm Ground School
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		6pm GARS Workshop		5:30pm Thursday Dinner		10am Young Eagles Rally 2:30pm Ground School
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				5:30pm Thursday Dinner		10am Young Eagles Rally Makeup Day 2:30pm Ground School
29	30	31	1-Apr	2	3	4
				5:30pm Thursday Dinner 7pm BoT Mtg		8am Pancake Breakfast 11am Slack Information Session 2:30pm Ground School

Chapter Web Site: [WWW.EAA690.ORG](http://WWW.EAA690.ORG)

Visit Chapter 690's Social Media Sites for the latest updates and information.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ea690/>



<https://www.instagram.com/ea690/>



<https://twitter.com/ea690>

## Chapter Events and Happenings

### Meeting Agenda after Pancake Breakfast March 7th beginning at 10 AM

Join us at the next Pancake Breakfast for this important session!

- Introduction of the Young Eagles "Blue Jacket Society"
- Membership Meeting to vote on a chapter by-law change
- Open floor for discussion of chapter topics
- Announcement of upcoming chapter activity
- Points of interest as deemed needed



## EAA 690 Pancake Breakfast

**OPEN TO ALL  
Fly-In and Drive-in**

**Next Event - March 7th. 8:00 AM**

**Menu:**

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy,  
Sausage, Orange Juice and Coffee.

**All you can eat \$7.00** (donation suggested)

Bring a friend, have a great meal, meet new folks and hang around for the chapter meeting at 10 AM. (see top of page)

**YOU WON'T BE DISAPOINTED!**





## Chapter Events and Happenings

### EAA 690 Chapter Officers and Board Members



**John Morgan**  
President



**Louis Pucci**  
VP / BoD Chairman



**Rich Hopkins**  
Secretary



**Ben Davis**  
Treasurer



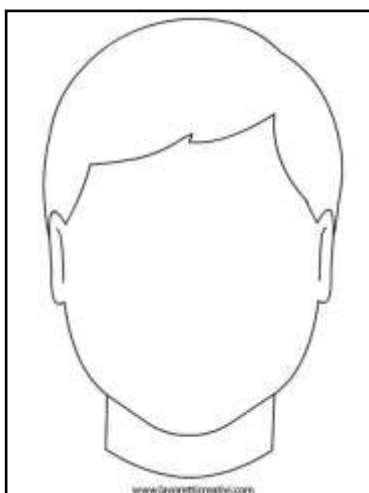
**Gay Roberts**  
Member at Large



**Johnny Morrow**  
Chairman BoT



**Jimmie Rickerson**  
Member at Large



**John Post**  
Member at Large / Vice Chair BoD



**Kathi Parks**  
Member at Large

## Chapter Events and Happenings

### Chapter 690 Blind Auction

GEORGE STROBEL SMITH MINIPLANE WING  
SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020 AT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By: John Morgan

EAA 690 is conducting a blind auction to raise money for our youth scholarship fund.

The wing is 88 inches long and about 30 inches wide. It is small enough to fit in most man caves and the workmanship is impeccable. George is a former chapter member who passed away several years ago and donated the plane to the chapter. If anyone wants a few Smith Miniplane parts please contact John Morgan.

To bid on the wing:

Place your name, phone number and bid price in a sealed envelope and give to either John Morgan or Lewis Pucci. If you cannot be present to submit a bid you may email your bid to the attention of John Morgan: [morganjp@mindspring.com](mailto:morganjp@mindspring.com) mark the subject line **wing bid** and list your bid in the email. If an email is received it will be opened on April 4th with the other bids.



## NavCom Feature “AEROGRAPHS”

Photo courtesy of John Slemp, “AEROGRAPHS Media Productions”

<https://www.aerographs.com>



A brand new ATR 42-500 photographed at Orlando International Airport for Silver Airways.

## Chapter Events and Happenings

# Feb. 1st presentation by Mr. Russ Still

## “Engine Failure After Takeoff”

By: Tom Hilborn

We had a standing room only turn out for our February guest speaker Mr. Russ Still. His presentation on engine failure after takeoff held the attention of the whole audience for over an hour, not easy to do. Mr. Still gave an excellent presentation on a critical topic, our thanks to Russ for taking the time to address our chapter.



Russ goes into detail on an engine out emergency



John presenting the Speakers Mug to Russ

## Pancake Breakfast / Chapter Update

### February 1st, 2020

By: Tom Hilborn

Our President, John Morgan, gave our standing room only crowd the good news that Chapter 690 has been awarded the “Gold Chapter” seal by EAA H.Q. This places your chapter in the top 2% worldwide, a proud accomplishment indeed.

Below are shots (left to right) of the standing room only crowd, our trustees busily at work and, what appears to be Chuck Roberts being asked to sing at least an octave higher?





# The story of Herb's first airplane ride

*By: Herb Rusk (past President of EAA 690)*

In 1941, Raymond Concrete Pile Company, the construction firm that Dad worked for, had contracts with the U.S.Navy to build or upgrade port and airfield facilities throughout the Pacific in anticipation of a possible conflict with Japan.

Dad was assigned to Pearl Harbor and in November, 1941, the Rusk family; Mom, Dad, older sister Mary Alice, and I, took the train from New York to San Francisco where we boarded the Lurline, a Matson Line ocean liner. About a week later, we arrived in Honolulu and settled in a rental house on the main road around the island of Oahu. We were about 18 miles from downtown Honolulu and about 21 miles from Pearl Harbor. North of our house, there was a practice bombing range and we could hear the sound of the bombs during practice sessions.

On the morning of December 7th, we did hear what we thought were bombs from the practice range. Dad turned on the radio and discovered that it was the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor. He left immediately, not to return for 48 hours. His first assignment was to secure the battleship Nevada to the beach where it had been run aground after being hit by a torpedo. His next assignment was to finish a pipe the company had been building to supply oil to Ford island where the hospital was. The water line had been damaged, so Dad and his crew completed the pipeline, converted it to provide water to the hospital, and then he finally returned home.

Five weeks later, my brother Dave was born and, yes, he did get a birth certificate. For a five-year-old, life on the island was, at least to me, fairly normal. Went to kindergarten with my lunch and gas mask. Lunch could be forgotten, but we had to go back to get the gas mask if it was forgotten as gas masks couldn't be shared. There was a nice beach about a mile away, but we couldn't use it until a reef of car wrecks could be placed to form a barrier to the 2-man submarines that were thought to be in the area. In the afternoon, we would go to the sugar cane field behind the house and cut a piece of cane to suck on like candy. Every other house had a bomb shelter in the front yard which we had to go to when the sirens went off. Black-out was enforced after 8PM, although the Buick we had brought with us had "black-out" headlights, so we could use the car at night.

Apparently, I was told when we first arrived in Hawaii, that we would be flying home within a year. Now, another family story is that, on the day before I was born in Brunswick, GA, my mother was sitting on the beach with her sister, when they were "buzzed" by a biplane. My mother was always convinced that that was what triggered my early and longer than life interest in aviation. For whatever reason, I guess I constantly talked about what would be my first plane ride.



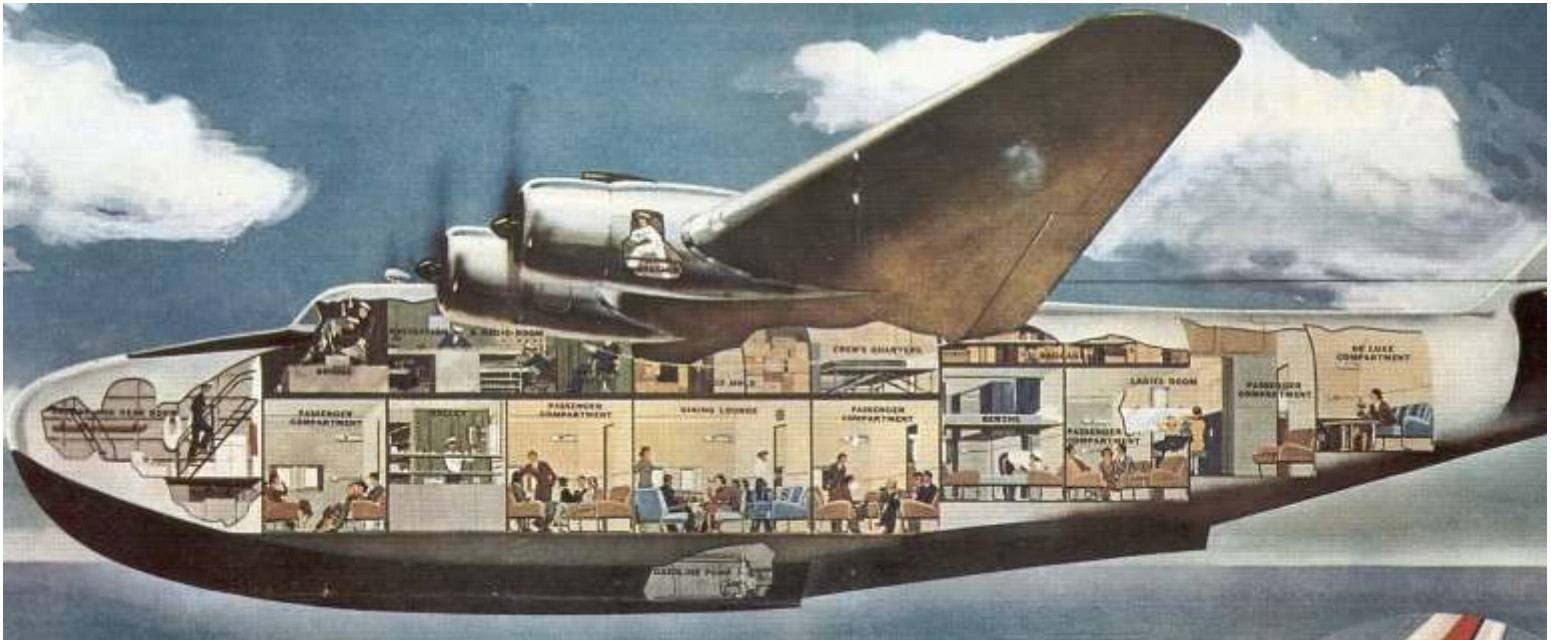
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### The story of Herb's first airplane ride cont. from pg. 7

Finally, the big day arrived in December 1942. I remember walking out on the dock and stepping onto the sponson of what I would learn to be a Boeing B-314 Flying Boat. The B-314 was the epitome of luxurious flight in the early 40s. Similar planes were the Martin 120, 130, and 140, the Sikorsky VS-44, and the Short Brothers Sundringham. All the Boeings are gone, except for a full-scale replica at the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes, Ireland, there is one remaining, and restored, VS-44 on display at the New England Air Museum in Hartford, CT, The Martins are gone, but I understand there are several of the Sandringham's, one of which is reported to be flyable.

All five of the Rusks were assigned to the Honeymoon Suite, the rear-most compartment. There were several other compartments with passenger seats and some compartments re-configured with bunks. The bunks were occupied by wounded Naval officers traveling back for treatment. There was a dining area and galley, with freshly cooked meals served by appropriately dressed waiters. The cockpit was part of the upper deck, but I don't remember going up to see it. The windows had all been painted with black paint and I remember Dad scrapping some of the paint off so he could take pictures of Pearl Harbor



I don't remember the takeoff, but I do remember the 13-hour flight to Oakland, CA, as I was air sick for 12 of those hours. Fortunately, the Honeymoon Suite included a private bathroom which is where I spent most of my time. I have never come close to suffering from motion sickness again, maybe it was good to get it out of the way all at once.

As you might guess, the Boeing B-314 is perhaps my "favorite" aircraft. I'd really like to visit the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes, Ireland to see the replica. I have corresponded with the staff there and they invited me over. Don't think I'll make it, however.

*Editors Note: Lets Hope Herb gets to make that trip to Foynes.*



## Chapter Events and Happenings

From: Randy Epstein

The "Third Annual Arbor Point Church Golf Scramble Tournament"

For those chapter members that might like a fun golf outing.



Arbor Pointe Church@West Jackson  
Royal Lakes Country Club

*3rd annual*  
**GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
*Tournament*



**JUNE 8, 2020**

8:00 AM Registration	For more information, contact: Corrine Davis 770.402.3265 badcd652@gmail.com Bob Collins 678.557.9793 dawgman0408@gmail.com
9:00 AM Start	
\$100 per person	
\$400 per foursome	
\$100 Hole Sponsor	

Make checks payable to: Arbor Pointe UMC - Golf Tournament  
Mail to: Corrine Davis @ 194 Candler Park Dr. Winder, GA 30680  
or pay online at [www.arborpointe.org](http://www.arborpointe.org)

## Chapter Events and Happenings

### LZU - from one extreme to another



A near flood on Feb. 6th almost creating a water runway and then, two days later on the 8th, a winter storm that put down a couple inches of snow. Mother nature showing off...



### Congratulations Are In Order

Earlier this month our own Maddie Hale passed her check ride and joined the ranks as a licensed pilot. Way to go young lady, cannot wait for you to fly in to LZU for one of 690's events, we are all very proud of you.





**Chapter Events and Happenings**  
**Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame**  
**Induction Banquet and Ceremony**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**“Honoring our own “Duane Huff”**

**By: Kathi Parks**

Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Enshrinement Banquet, April 18, 2020  
Circle April 18 for the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame Induction of Duane Huff.  
It is to be held at Epps Hangar at PDK!  
Please visit the web site for details:

<https://www.gaaviationhalloffame.com/about/banquet/>

I Suggest we find out how many want to attend then either buy individual dinner tickets at \$125.00 or, buy a table for 10 for \$1250.00. I understand dinner will include Surf and Turf.

I will be happy to keep track if needed. Any questions, call me or go to the above website. Won't this be fun?!

Kathi's Phone: 404/797-5725



*Photo Curtesy of John Slemp “AEROGRAPHS Media Productions”*

See Page 12 for more details

## CHAPTER PUBLICITY

**Definition: Publicity**

*Type of promotion that relies on public relations effect of a news story carried usually free by mass media. The main objective of publicity is not sales promotion, but creation of an image through editorial or 'independent source' commentary. While the publicist can control the content of the story, he or she may not have any control over its placement or interpretation by the media.*

Chapter 690 needs a Publicity Chair Person to help promote and grow our chapters image and create community awareness for our many events. We have over 260 members and someone out there has the skills, desire, ability and determination to take on this roll for our chapter.

Contact any of our chapter officers if you know this person or are interested in this important position.

## YOU ARE NEEDED!

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## Quote for the Month

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a spider disappear in their bedroom.

By: Anonymous



## Chapter Events and Happenings



### Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame's 2020 Enshrinement Banquet

When it comes to saluting Georgia's aviation pioneers, there is no other event as significant as the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame's annual enshrinement banquet. The April 18th event will see three Georgia aviation legends inducted before an anticipated audience of 500 family members, friends, and admirers. This includes not only GAHOF board members and former enshrines, but also government, aerospace and defense industry leaders, media representatives, and aviation enthusiasts from around the state. The evening begins with a one-hour reception held in the spacious Epps Aviation Main Hangar. Surrounded by historic aircraft, guests will then be treated to a gourmet dinner and live presentations to each of the three honorees. Special video productions will be featured in this year's enshrinement ceremony.

#### **This years inductees include our own Duane Huff**

Duane Huff's first airplane flight was in a Ford Tri-Motor at age 8. As a teenager, he flew in several aircraft including a Piper Cub, Aeronca Champ, BT-13 and the Aeronca Chief.

In 1950, Duane married Montess. Their future was spent pursuing music and aviation. They moved to GA in 1954 and in 1958, Duane started teaching General Science 6th - 8th Grade. He developed a Choral Program at Bethesda School which continued for 6.5 yrs. Duane was asked to develop an Elementary Music Program for 18 schools which lasted 7 yrs.

He directed the Band & Chorus program for 2 years at Berkmar HS and conducted the choral curriculum for 15 yrs. He has been the Minister of Music for 5 churches.

Duane resumed flying lessons in 1966 at the Gwinnett Airport. In 1967 he soloed in his Aeronca Chief and received his Private Pilot's License on 9/12/70.

In 1984, he became a member of Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 690, at Briscoe Field, Lawrenceville, GA. He was President of the chapter for two terms and VP for one term. During his years as a teacher, Duane conducted tours of the airport, and offered presentations of his aircraft. In 1988, Duane retired from teaching. Currently he serves as a Mentor in EAA 690's Youth Build Program

Between '89-'95, he totally rebuilt his Aeronca Chief and in 1992, EAA instituted their Young Eagle Rally Program (YERP) to introduce youth to aviation by offering them free flights. Duane became the YERP Coordinator for EAA 690 in 1994. He still holds that position. Hundreds of Scouts, Sea Cadets, and youth have created dreams with the YERP.

In March 1994, Duane chaired a committee from EAA 690 for a Young Eagle Rally that flew 635 Young Eagles, in one day. He still maintains the Coordinator position, having personally flown over 800 Young Eagles, as of 2018.

The EAA developed the Eagle Flight Program for older individuals. Duane was pleased to fly the first participant since its inception. He still serves intermittently on the BOD and BOT.

In 2000, Duane became Gwinnett County's Airport Representative for those wanting to visit the airport. He has conducted site tours for over 7000 + children and over 2000 adults.

Since Duane became a Chapter member, he has served as president for two-2 year terms and vice president for one-2 year term.

He serves on BOT and BOD for 690. He assists as Mentor in the Youth Build Program that the chapter has initiated in the last 6 years.

#### **STATS & AWARDS:**

An AOPA Member since 1980, Member of EAA & EAA Chapter 690 since 1984, Member of Vintage Aircraft Association since 1991, in 1995 and 1997, EAA Judges presented The Outstanding Aeronca Chief Award at Oshkosh Fly-Ins, in 1996, he received Classic Grand Champion at Sun n Fun, and at the Southeast Regional Fly-In in 2002, in 2003 he was awarded the EAA Major Achievement Award at Air Venture, Oshkosh for Outstanding Service to EAA and Recreational Aviation, in 2007, Duane was recipient of the EAA International Award for Young Eagle Chapter Coordinator of the Year.

# EAA 690 Youth Build Project Update

*Pictures by: Joel Levine*



Ken and Ben working on the wing half for the R/C model. It's hard to see the ribs under the wax paper



The security railing is almost complete. Getting is squared up is part of the learning process. Besides the two cables a top rail will be put in place for safety



Nicholas with two of the boys working on the center section ribs for the two-place Pietympol.



Tre measuring and making the wing bracket templates for the two-place Pietympol



# Chapter Events and Happenings

## April 25th

### Annual Chapter Spaghetti dinner

Gather at 6:00pm Food at 6:30pm

Admission by donation (suggested \$15pp)

Always good fun and great food. Don't miss it!



## EAA 690 Treasurers Report February 2020

**NEW NavCom  
FEATURE**

By: Ben Davis

**WE ARE BROKE!**

Now that I have your attention – just kidding, we're not really broke. On the other hand, how do you know? Are you taking my word for it? What I'd really like to know is what information you'd like to see from the treasurer (me) here in the NavCom. Do you want balance sheets, spreadsheets with lots of numbers, expenses and income, or just my reassurance that all is well? Let me know and I'll do my best to get it for you!

A huge thank you to the 37 individuals, 60 families, and 4 students that have joined or renewed their membership! If your renewal has slipped your attention, here's my gentle reminder to renew your membership. We take Square (online), checks, and cold hard cash (USD only!).

Another huge thank you to those who have donated for the EAA Tri-Motor New Wings. Our chapter has pledged \$10,000 toward this effort and I'm happy to report that we have made a payment of \$4,000 toward the pledge. We still have a ways to go, so remember we accept Square, checks, and cold hard cash!

Finally, EAA 690 participates in the Amazon Smile program, matching fund programs thru various companies, and we are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Your participation in these programs is greatly appreciated.

### Financial Report

The Chapter maintains separate checking accounts for Restricted and Unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are those that have been earmarked for specific expenses such as Youth activities, scholarships, Young Eagles, Summer Camp, RV-12, etc. Restricted income is generated primarily from earmarked donations and EAA contributions. Unrestricted funds are those used for general chapter expenses for the hangar, utilities, land lease, and regular chapter activities. In general, unrestricted chapter income is from membership dues, meal revenue, and donations.

January 2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
Income	\$ 6230.79	\$ 4276.00
Expenses	\$ 6500.45	\$ 5411.40
Total	\$ 269.66	\$ 1,135.40



# Chapter Events and Happenings

## By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs / Published February 12, 2020

WASHINGTON (AFNS) --

The Flying Tigers, though they were characterized by some as mercenaries or soldiers of fortune, were largely patriotic American officers who joined a covert operation to help keep China in the war. A Columbus, Georgia, man considered to be the last surviving Flying Tiger died Feb. 6.

Frank Losonsky, who joined the First American Volunteer Group in May 1941, passed away from natural causes at the age of 99. "Individuals like Frank Losonsky exemplify our core values," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "Frank was one of the youngest of this group of 311 young Americans who journeyed to Burma in 1941 to help defend freedom. His efforts, along with all of those who flew with the Flying Tigers, will continue to inspire future generations of American Airmen. What a grand life he led – he will be truly missed.

Originally from Detroit, Losonsky served as a crew chief maintaining the legendary P-40 Tomahawk stylized with an intimidating shark mouth livery made famous by the AVG. The AVG, nicknamed the Flying Tigers, initially consisted of 311 members who were tasked with protecting China from the Japanese forces. Structured similarly to the Eagle Squadrons in the Royal Air Force who fought during the Battle of Britain, the Flying Tigers were organized within the Chinese air force and flew under the Republic of China flag.

Originally deploying to Burma in the summer of 1941, the Flying Tigers didn't officially begin combat operations until December of 1941. In an effort to expedite China's surrender, the Japanese air force conducted massive area bombings against cities throughout China. Arriving shortly after a Japanese bombing mission on Dec. 19, the Flying Tigers were taken to the city to witness the devastation. Vowing to protect the citizens of Kunming, the Flying Tigers responded to the following day's bombing run, shooting down nine of 10 Japanese bombers. "The Japanese referred to them as 'gangsters' because they said they didn't fight fair," said Tripp Alyn, chair of the Historical & Museums Committee AVG Flying Tigers Association. "The Flying Tigers, though they were characterized by some as mercenaries or soldiers of fortune, were largely patriotic American officers who joined a covert operation to help keep China in the war."



Although existing for only a year, the Flying Tigers produced 20 aces, and shot down 297 enemy aircraft at a ratio of 20-to-1, with 92 Japanese airmen killed for every Flying Tiger lost. "The Flying Tigers were instrumental in delaying Japan from capitalizing on regional natural resources," Alyn said. "Their effort not only delayed Japan, but it was vital to U.S. strategy of thwarting the Japanese Army from taking root on the Chinese mainland."

On July 4, 1942, the AVG was disbanded and their mission was absorbed into the United States Army Air Forces. Although disbanded, their proud legacy remained active through the war and unto today where their heritage is actively carried by the Air Force's 23rd Fighter Group, nicknamed the Flying Tigers.

Like many Americans who came home from the war, members of the AVG re-entered civilian life, went to school, built businesses and started families. Many from the AVG did continue their military service and retired after distinguished military careers, most notably David Lee "Tex" Hill, who retired as a brigadier general in the Texas Air National Guard. In the almost 80 years since their disbandment, the Flying Tigers have remained icons of American aviation culture. Their famous P-40 Tomahawk continues to be seen in toy stores worldwide, their vibrant blood chit has made its way into the fashion industry and 23rd Fight Group displays their iconic shark mouth livery on their A-10 Thunderbolt IIs.

## Chapter Events and Happenings

# Chapter 690 Aviation Summer Camp 2020

By: Gay Roberts

Our ninth Summer Camp for ages 12 -18 will be June 15 – 19, 2020! This is a day camp from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. **Alpha** and **Bravo** Camp groups for ages 12 – 15 will experience hands-on aviation and STEM oriented activities. **Charlie** Campers ages 16 – 18 will receive flight and ground school instruction. A Young Eagle flight is scheduled, weather permitting, for June 20. All Summer Camp participants are guaranteed a “right seat” experience for their Young Eagle flight.

If you have a young person or know of a young person interested in aviation please contact Gay Roberts, Camp Registrar, researcher.r@comcast.net or 770-630-8567 for more information.

## Flyers can be found in the Chapter Hanger PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Our Aviation oriented summer camp is 5 days of education, hands on experience and exploration. We have a volunteer staff of engineers, educators, pilots and flight instructors with many years of sharing the fun, challenges of flight and all things aviation. Our camp is conducted at the two EAA hangars located at 690 Airport Rd., Lawrenceville, GA. Plan to have your camper attend this great event, they won't be disappointed.

**Alpha Camp:** is designed for first time campers ages 12-13. Activities that Alpha Campers will be involved in are: Model Aviation, Exploring composite construction for Aviation, Tool Box Building, and Drones

**Bravo Camp:** is designed for campers ages 14-15 who have ideally (but not required) completed our Alpha camp. Activities for Bravo Level Campers are: Advance Model Aviation, Aileron Kit Building, Airfoils/Wind Tunnel, Career Speakers, Drones, Electronics, Helicopter Theory & Operations, Simulators/ATC (Air Traffic Control), and Tools of the Trade

**Charlie Camp:** is designed for the advanced camper ages 16-18, who have ideally (but not required) attended Alpha and Bravo camps. Campers should complete a statement of any previous personal experience with aviation, as well as any interest in pursuing aviation as a career or hobby. Activities for Charlie level campers include Ground School Instruction and Flight Instruction from certified flight instructors and Airport Tours.



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## Aero-Terms!

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### Contact Approach

An approach wherein an aircraft on an IFR flight plan, having an air traffic control authorization, operating clear of clouds with at least 1 mile flight visibility and a reasonable expectation of continuing to the destination airport in those conditions, may deviate from the instrument approach procedure and proceed to the destination airport by visual reference to the surface. This approach will only be authorized when requested by the pilot and the reported ground visibility at the destination airport is at least 1 statute mile.



# Chapter Events and Happenings



## Young Eagles Report February 2020

*Duane Huff & Wes Riddick, Young Eagle Coordinators*

### Young Eagles February 15th , 2020

*By: Duane Huff*

A bright sunshine but cold and windy day greeted us for our Young Eagle day. Eight pilots flew forty Young Eagles (40). The pilots were **Sanford Asman** 2 flights 6 YE, **David Balthaser** 2 flights, 2 YE, **Bill Bell** 2 flights 4 YE, **Francois de Fromont** 2 flights, 4 YE, **Alex Kirkland** 3 flights, 5 YE, **Brian Michael** 3 flights 6 YE, **Chuck Roberts** 3 flights 8 YE, and **Jeremy Welch** 2 flights, 5 YE,

Our Young Eagle Gals at registration, log books and certificates were **Gay Roberts, Kathi Parks, Shirley Oliver, Lynn Zahner** and **Jeanne Ferguson**. **Rich Hopkins** assigned Young Eagles to pilots.

**John Morgan** and **Duane Huff** conducted the YE Preflight briefings.

Ground Crew were, **Paul Kyser, Allen Maynard, Max Kramer, Jason Hilborn, Jeff Coffey, Tom Hilborn,** and **Jimmy Rickerson.**

Thanks again for all the volunteers who make our Young Eagles Great.



**Editors Note:** During this Young Eagles Rally we had 23 Chapter Volunteers helping out and donating their time, talent and aircraft. This was a good turn out however, we could always use more. Please come out and help during our next YE Rally on March 21st. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!



Your next opportunity to attend one of our six main events celebrating the chapter's 40th anniversary will arrive on Saturday April 25th at 6 PM when we will have our Spaghetti Dinner provided by special chef Steve Ashby.

This will be a paid (suggested donation) event with the donations going to youth scholarships. Planning for this is still ongoing so follow all that is going on around here on the chapter website at eaa690.org.

As for daily events you need to have the "SLACK" app on your cell phone. This is our way of communicating dinner locations and fly out destinations and all other information. To log onto slack the first time please contact Brian Michael our internet wizard at 404-735-5660.

Finally I want to give a "SHOUT OUT" to Terry Hurst for all her hard work on the Chili Cook off and for running the kitchen crew for all our events.

Well that's all the news from EAA 690 where (to quote Garrison Keillor) "All the women are strong, all the men are good looking and all the children are above average."

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## Robert Conrad Of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' Goes West

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Is There Anyone In Aviation Who Didn't LOVE That Program?

Actor Robert Conrad, known to virtually anyone in the aviation world for playing legendary Marine Aviator Pappy Boyington in the TV series, Baa Baa Black Sheep, has gone west.

Born Conrad Robert Falk, in Chicago, Illinois, Conrad passed away in Malibu, CA, on February 8 at the age of 84. He was the father of 8 children.

Featuring extraordinary footage of a number of real-life F4U Corsairs, the series ran from 1976-1978 and had a healthy run in syndication for many years afterward. Somewhat fictionalized ('Highly' according to our many conversations with the late Gregory 'Pappy' Boyington), the series became a major hit among aviators of all walks and backgrounds, and Conrad's portrayal was hailed by many as the kind of macho Marine aviator many imagined Boyington to be (though 'Pappy' didn't argue with that characterization... while smiling all the while -- EIC).



Conrad directed three episodes of the series, and went on to win a People's Choice Award for Favorite Male Actor and a Golden Globe nomination for his work playing 'Pappy'.

Baa Baa Black Sheep was later run in syndication as 'Black Sheep Squadron' and provided a wry look at the Marine Corp's Pacific Operation in WWII.

The series was created and produced by Stephen J. Cannell.

The opening credits read: "In World War II, Marine Corps Major Greg 'Pappy' Boyington commanded a squadron of fighter pilots. They were a collection of misfits and screwballs who became the terrors of the South Pacific. They were known as the Black Sheep."

Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.

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Come join us on the first Saturday of every month at the hangar to enjoy a \$7 Pancake Breakfast and, to learn more about EAA 690 please visit our web site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

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