

## JULY 2017

News and information for Chapter 690 of the  
Experimental Aircraft Association, Lawrenceville, GA - LZU



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## **The Presidents Pitch**

*By Randy Epstein*

## **Musings**

I have several things on my mind this month. At the top of the list is the nomination of a slate of candidates for next year. The bylaws state that elections shall take place In November. You can look forward to voting at the breakfast in November. The bylaws also state that you need to be a member in good standing to vote in chapter elections, that includes dues paid to the chapter and being a national member.

We have a nominating committee that is in the process of contacting members that we feel could fill the openings we have. This election is to fill the four executive offices, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and two slots on the Trustees. The executive positions are for two years and the Trustee positions are for three years. If you are not contacted, do not be discouraged from seeking to be a candidate for any position. You can find out about any of the positions by reading through the bylaws available at the chapter's main website, [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org).

Our current executive officers are President: myself, Vice-President: Brian Michael, Secretary: Rich Hopkins and Treasurer: Jeanne Ferguson. I have decided to not run for re-election as President and will run for the Treasurer position instead. Jeanne Ferguson has decided to not run again for Treasurer. Brian and Rich will be on the ballot for their current positions.

The Trustee slots are openings that occur each year. Steve Ashby and Hugh Colton will be completing their commitment to the trustees.

The nominating committee consists of Duane Huff, Joel Levine, Kathi Parks, Jeanne Ferguson, Brian Michael and myself. If you are interested in running for one of the six available positions please contact a member of the nominating committee.

One of the highlights of my years as President of the chapter is the youth program that we started and are still watching grow. We currently have four of our youth in flight training. One, Jeremy Welch, has soloed and we expect the other three to solo in the near future. I cannot thank Joel Levine, Hugh Colton and Art Farmer enough for their ongoing devotion to working with the youth as mentors. I also want to thank Duane Huff, Chuck Roberts, Gordon Fowlkes, Andrew Robinson, Dennis Crosgrove and Bob Higgins for the time they spend helping.

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## **Chapter Business Meeting**

Next Event Aug. 11th. 2017

7:30 PM-10:00 PM

### **Young Eagles**

Next event Aug. 19th. 2017

8:30 PM—12:00 Noon

## **Pancake Breakfast Fly-In**

Next event Aug. 5th. 2017

Breakfast begins @ 8:00AM

# About EAA 690



EAA 690 is a Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, located at Briscoe Field (LZU) in Lawrenceville, Georgia. We are a diverse and active chapter with over 250 members offering a wide range of aviation related activities. While our Pancake Breakfast and monthly meetings are the norm, we are also heavily involved in youth education through EAA's Young Eagles program (third Saturday of each month). We regularly conduct fly-ins and host historical aircraft such as EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast", "Ford Tri-Motor" & the historic DC-3.

Our technical counselors are some of the best in the business and willingly donate their time to homebuilders as they progress through the various phases of constructing an aircraft. We currently have a youth project in hanger 6 building a Pietyenpol fabric covered all wood airplane from plans as well as a Vans RV-12 light sport all metal kit being assembled by the chapter adults that is destined for youth flight training. See the latest report on these project elsewhere in the NavCom.

We have pilots with a wide variety of experience, from former airline and military pilots to general aviation pilots. "Hangar flying" is a fun part of the mix, and our facility is often used for aircraft annual inspections, meetings, special events, and training. We also have an extensive array of aviation tools for loan to members, and a library full of aviation information. Come join us on the first Saturday of every month at the hangar to enjoy a \$6 Pancake Breakfast, and to learn more about EAA 690.

**Visit our web site for more information: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**



## NavCom

The NavCom is EAA Chapter 690's official monthly newsletter serving its members and the general aviation community for the advancement of aviation. Original articles, art and photos are invited and welcome. Submit articles in Word or ASCII format and pictures in .jpg, .tft or .bmp format via e-mail to [editor@eaa690.org](mailto:editor@eaa690.org). Deadline for articles and pictures is the 20th of the month.

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Your comments and suggestions regarding the NavCom are always welcome. Our goal is to provide a publication that meets the needs of the entire Chapter so, please give us your feedback.

## **USAF Pilot Awarded Silver Star For Actions In Iraq**

**Flew His A-10 Thunderbolt Through Heavy Anti-Aircraft Fire  
To Take Out Iraqi Position**

In the early days of the Iraq war in 2003, as troops from the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment were advancing on Baghdad, they ran into some heavy resistance from Iraqi tanks and fighting vehicles dug in on the east side of the Tigris River.

Flying in an A-10 Thunderbolt, then Capt. Gregory Thornton saw the battle unfolding, and did what the airplane was designed to do. He flew through a blinding sandstorm and dodged heavy enemy fire to hit the target.



Thornton continued his career, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. On Friday, he was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest award for valor for his actions on April 6, 2003, according to a report from the Air Force times.

Thornton and his flight leader fought for 33 minutes, taking out three T-72 tanks, six armored personnel carriers, and several utility vehicles that were in striking distance of U.S. troops, according to the medal citation.

"This courageous and aggressive attack, while under withering fire and in poor weather, along with Captain Thornton's superior flying skills and true attack pilot grit, allowed Task Force 2-69 Armor to cross the Tigris River with minimal combat losses and successfully accomplish their objective of linking up with coalition forces completing the 360-degree encirclement of Baghdad. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Captain Thornton has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

The award was presented to Thornton on Friday in a ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio.



## **CAF Corsair Rumbles Back To Life**

**Has Been Under Restoration For About A Year**

An FG-1D Corsair that is being restored by the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) rumbled back to life last week.

In a Facebook post, the CAF Dixie Wing said "We have been waiting to hear this sound for long time. After one year since her last flight, our FG-1D Corsair is alive again! This afternoon at Warbird Adventures, Thom Richard tested the engine. The test went smooth and now she is only few tweaks away from her first flight post restoration."



The CAF is supported by donations for such projects, and this has been an expensive one, according to the post. They are soliciting donations for the project through their website.

"The CAF Dixie Wing Museum, a 100% volunteer organization, has launched a campaign to replace the engine and start an overhaul of the aircraft's airframe and sub-systems. This work, which will take six months and over \$100,000, is an important first step," the organization posted as the project got underway.

"The CAF's aircraft are obtained through direct donations of aircraft and through purchases made by the CAF. Our aircraft are not provided or given to the CAF by any government entity. When significant and historic aircraft become available this fund provides a means for the CAF to add historic aircraft to its operational fleet and more importantly to keep them in flying condition."

(Image from CAF video posted to Facebook)

## **Largest-Ever Coalition Of GA Groups Tells Congress 'No' To ATC Privatization**

**More Than 100 Groups Send Loud Message To Lawmakers**

More than 100 general aviation (GA) organizations are presenting a united front of opposition to H.R. 2997, legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that seeks to privatize the nation's ATC system.

The controversial proposal has been introduced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) as part of a continuing congressional debate over reauthorization of funding and programs for the FAA, before current funding for the agency expires Sept. 30. The committee approved the legislation largely along party lines on June 27.

NBAA, one of the groups participating in the effort, says it has long held significant concerns with the notion of privatizing ATC, which would turn control over the system - a natural monopoly that currently serves the public's interest, and is overseen by the public's elected representatives in Congress - to a new entity governed by private interests unaccountable to congressional oversight.

"After a thorough and detailed review of Chairman Shuster's proposal, H.R. 2997, the AIRR Act of 2017, which would remove our nation's air traffic control operations from the FAA, we have concluded that these reforms will produce uncertainty and unintended consequences without achieving the desired outcomes," the groups' letter reads.

In the letter, NBAA and the other signatories also draw a clear distinction between the need to continue aviation system modernization, and the claim that ATC privatization is a necessary step in that process. "While we enjoy the safest most efficient air traffic control system in the world, we also believe that reforms, short of privatization, can better the FAA's need to improve its ability to modernize our system," the letter continues.

The groups further dispute so-called "protections" in the bill that privatization supporters claim resolve concerns over a private entity's ability to restrict general aviation access to airports and airspace. "We have concluded that any structural and governance reforms that require protections for an important sector of users is fundamentally flawed," the letter pointedly states.

"This coalition, representing the size, significance and diversity of the general aviation community, is the largest to galvanize around any single policy proposal to date," noted NBAA president and CEO Ed Bolen (pictured). "The group is sending a loud and clear signal of opposition to ATC privatization that echoes the same position held by other groups on the political left and right, elected officials at the federal and local levels, and a majority of American citizens."

With H.R. 2997 expected to be considered by the full House before the end of the month, NBAA has mobilized the business aviation community to voice opposition to the bill. On June 23, Bolen issued a Call to Action urging association members to use the association's online Contact Congress resource to oppose the bill that Bolen has termed, "the single greatest threat to the future of general aviation we have faced."

While a full vote on H.R.2997 looms in the House, the U.S. Senate last month delivered a resounding "no" to the matter in that chamber's FAA reauthorization bill, S. 1405, which addresses the need for aviation system modernization without calling for ATC privatization. NBAA issued a statement of support following that bill's June 22 introduction.

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### **House delays consideration of ATC privatization**

A bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration and privatize air traffic control was delayed in the US House of Representatives, and the bill did not appear to be scheduled for a vote during the week of July 17, as had been expected.



## Paul G. Allens "Stratolaunch" Aircraft

### Aircraft Weighs Approximately 500,000 Pounds

Stratolaunch aircraft has reached a major milestone in its journey toward providing convenient, reliable, and routine access to low Earth orbit. The Stratolaunch aircraft has been moved out of the hangar for the first time ever – to conduct aircraft fueling tests. This marks the completion of the initial aircraft construction phase and the beginning of the aircraft ground and flight testing phase.

Over the past few weeks, the fabrication infrastructure has been removed, including the three-story scaffolding surrounding the aircraft, and rested the aircraft's full weight on its 28 wheels for the first time. This was a crucial step in preparing the aircraft for ground testing, engine runs, taxi tests, and ultimately first flight. Once weight-on-wheels was achieved the aircraft was weighed for the first time, coming in at approximately 500,000 lbs. That may sound heavy, but the Stratolaunch aircraft is the world's largest plane by wingspan, measuring 385 ft. – by comparison, a National Football League field spans only 360 ft. The aircraft is 238 ft. from nose to tail and stands 50 ft. tall from the ground to the top of the vertical tail.



The Stratolaunch aircraft is designed for a max takeoff weight of 1,300,000 lbs., meaning it's capable of carrying payloads up to approximately 550,000 lbs. It will initially launch a single Orbital ATK Pegasus XL vehicle with the capability to launch up to three Pegasus vehicles in a single sortie mission. Preparations are already underway for launch vehicle delivery to our Mojave facilities, and the company is actively exploring a broad spectrum of launch vehicles that will enable us to provide more flexibility to customers.

The coming weeks and months will see ground and flightline testing at the Mojave Air and Space Port. This is a first-of-its-kind aircraft, so the company says they will be diligent throughout testing and continue to prioritize the safety of our pilots, crew and staff. Stratolaunch is on track to perform its first launch demonstration as early as 2019.

This marks a historic step towards achieving Paul G. Allen's vision of normalizing access to low Earth orbit. "It is proud day for us at Stratolaunch, for our partners at Scaled Composites, and for our founder Paul Allen. We have a lot of exciting activity ahead as we enter the testing process, and we look forward to sharing our progress during the coming months," said Jean Floyd, Chief Executive Officer, Stratolaunch Systems Corporation, in a post on the company website.

## EAA 690 Membership Report

July 2017

*By Jeanne Ferguson*

We welcomed the following new members in June and July: Dana Baker, Chaunda Bland, Randy Hoyle and Fred Yoder. Also need to correct a name from last months report: Scott Kohus. Hope to see each of you often!!!!

As of July 16 we have the following numbers:

Individual Memberships – 115

Family Memberships – 63, which lists 136 family members

Youth Memberships – 46

**Total: 297 Yeah!!**

Payment can be made at [mkt.com/ea690](http://mkt.com/ea690).

Membership applications are available on [ea690.org](http://ea690.org) for new and reactivating members, and applications are available in the box inside the hangar door.

Chapter membership is \$30 a year for individual, \$40 for family and \$10 for students over the age of 18. Students under 19 are free.

New member's membership fee is prorated by month, which is listed on the back side of membership application.

We encourage membership in EAA National Organization, dues are \$40 a year for individual memberships and \$50 a year for family memberships.

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## EAA 690 Young Eagles Report

July 2017

*By Duane Huff*

*Young Eagle Coordinator*

Absolutely smooth air for flying this morning, a little hazy but very good visibility. We were not expecting the fifty two that came to be flown as Young Eagles and only six had flown previously.

Ten pilots flew nine airplanes. The pilots were Pat Bratton 3 YE, 1 flight, Duane Huff 4YE, 4 flights, Fred Huppertz 5 YE, 1 flight, Brian Michael 6 YE, 3 flights, John Morgan 3 YE , 3 flights, Chuck Roberts 6 YE, 2 flights, Zach Schmidt 9 YE, 3 flights, Mark Sirull 2 YE, 2 flights, Bill Thomasson 8 YE, 3 flights and Les Williford 1 YE, 1 flight.

Our Young Eagle Gals were; Barbara Epstein, Gay Roberts, Jeanne Ferguson, Kathi Parks and Lynn Zahner.

Ground crew was Bob Krone (Safety Briefings), Wes Riddick (Simulators), and Lewis Pucci, Rich Hopkins, and Dwight Sullivan.

Many Thanks to these volunteers who make the Young Eagles program so very successful.



Klyde Morris (07.10.17)

Klyde Learns  
The Drone Pilot's Lament...

Klyde Morris



by Wes Oleszewski



### XP-82 Twin Mustang Project Nearing Completion

Several Major Components Nearly Ready For Installation

Tom Reilly's XP-82 Twin Mustang restoration project reached several milestones over the past month, and the aircraft restoration expert says that the project is "nearing completion."

On his blog on which he provides updates, Reilly wrote at the first of the month that in the past month, the outboard fairings from each leading edge to trailing edge of the fuselage-to-wing have been completed. The final seam welding of the two outboard forward fairings was completed as June came to an end. The last two parts to complete are the two lower halves of the inboard side of each fuselage-to-center-section fairing.

The team is close to finishing work on the left side top engine cowlings, which should be completed this month; the lower chin cowl to air induction trunk adapters, which join the chin cowl to the air induction trunks as well as the adapter covers to rubber seal these two removable joints. The only remaining thing to do is to install the rubber for the seals, which are on order; the electrical system, which Reilly says should be finished this month, and; exhaust stack fairings, which are being fabricated through 3D printing.

Additionally, Reilly says the Garmin avionics package has been delivered, and should be installed this month.

To date, there have been over 173,000 man- and woman-hours devoted to restoring the aircraft.





# Chapter Activity

## EAA 690 Pancake Breakfast July 1st. 2017

Our scheduled guest speaker Mr. Leonard Harris ran into major traffic trouble (an overturned garbage truck dumping it's load blocking the highway) and couldn't get to the hanger as he planned. To our delight, Bob Krone filled the speaker spot and shared his life long love of all things Trains. Bob narrated a detailed slide show with pics and commentary from around the world covering several decades. Thanks Bob for taking this last minute challenge and entertaining us all.



Randy shared the story of how the summer camp youth participated in building a wing section and then all of them signing it. Randy says this will become a regular feature of our future summer camps and, these signed wing sections will be prominently displayed for all to see.

Brian, as is his custom on pancake breakfast day, took breakfast to the air traffic controllers in the LZU tower and invited some of our youth to tag along. They got to see how the air traffic controllers operate and what equipment they use to keep us all safe in the pattern on the ground.





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We are averaging 10-12 youth on a regular basis and are still in need of adult mentors to assist with the program. These young folks and their parents make a effort to come as often as they can to work and learn. I feel the least we can do is have adults that are willing to come out also and spend time working with them. Perhaps you can find it in your heart and schedule to give a Saturday morning or two each month and come out and work with these youth. You do not need any special skills, just a willingness to assist and watch over them. We are working to have selected youth take more responsibility for leading activities on the projects. Come on out and join us on a Saturday and have some fun. I should caution that we will not be meeting again until August due to Air Venture.

As I mentioned earlier I will not run for re-election as the President, but will run for Treasurer of the chapter. I have enjoyed the last four years and the chance to help the chapter move forward. We've seen significant growth in membership and fairly steady attendance at our breakfasts. Our Friday business meetings still suffer low attendance, for which I have no answer.

We've had the Ford Tri-Motor here twice and made a little over \$1,600 from the visit earlier this year. We still have the B-17 coming in October during the Warbird Weekend and will look for members to support that effort.

We painted the inside of the hangar and spruced things up a little, including that picture of Duane at Kitty Hawk that hangs over the serving window. Most recently we put up a new sign on the front of the hangar and painted the top area with plans to paint the rest of the front this fall when it cools off some. Eventually we hope to paint the entire exterior of the hangar.

We completed the construction of the glider monument for the airport. So many people helped with that project. We then watched Mother Nature try to dismantle it for us. Chuck Roberts, with help from John Slem, rebuilt the wings and cut them down to about half their original length and we managed to get them mounted again with hopes it will now withstand whatever Mother Nature can throw at it.

We began our youth program, starting with a ground school, that still meets and our build program down in hangar 6. It has been fun to watch the youth work on the Ultra-Lite Pietenpol and take it from wing ribs to, what is beginning to look like a real airplane. Jerry Fischer is currently on a crash diet so he can fly it when it is complete. Maybe crash diet wasn't a good choice of words! We've begun construction on the full size Pietenpol. We also applied to the Bede Family Foundation for a BD-6 kit and have received the fuselage kit and are hoping to start construction soon. My thanks to our original mentor team of Jerry Fisher, Rick Mathisen, Joel Levine, Hugh Colton, Art Farmer and Duane Huff for a successful beginning. As mentioned earlier it is exciting to know that we have four young folks on their way to becoming pilots due to the opportunity provided by the program. I would be amiss if I didn't mention the assistance of AeroVentures, LTD Flying Club and John Post in particular for giving his instructional time working with our youth.

Of course, a lot of this would not have been possible without the acquisition of hangar 6. It is very sad to this day, that we lost Larry Bishop, but we are thankful for the fact that Larry and Laura chose to donate their hangar and contents to the chapter. We were proud to name hangar 6 the "Bishop Education Hangar" as a tribute to a wonderful EAA 690 family. We also worked with Ron Alexander to get Larry's Aeronca donated to the Candler Field Museum.

We've enjoyed several dinners along the way that allowed us to be together as a chapter and enjoy some great food, thanks to our wonderful kitchen crew and other chapter members. The kitchen crew, under the guidance of Jill Balthaser, continues to provide us wonderful breakfasts as well as many special meals. Please thank them whenever you get the opportunity.

The summer camp continued and we've made some changes year to year to adjust and make it better. This year we had 19 in attendance which is only five short of being full. Along with the summer camp, we have helped several youth each year attend Air Academy Camps in Oshkosh by providing tuition assistance as well as assistance with travel costs. We've also provided scholarships to several youth allowing them to continue their flight training.

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## Early Pictures from EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh 2017



IFR a few days before AirVenture



Aimee and Brian



Under Wing Camping



John Serra reports, I'm right next to the chow and the potties, great spot. Also my buddy Jack Pelton (EAA CEO) came by to say hi.

Early Arrival  
all alone



Vintage



Patti Dorlac teaching the volunteer safety class for a group of Vintage volunteers.



Always a crowd pleaser, the Ornithopter has wooden wheels and is powered by a single cylinder traction engine.

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Early Pictures from EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh 2017 cont. from pg. 10



Joel taking a demo ride in and RV-12



"DOC" the newly restored B-29



Some of the Gang gathering for Food, Refreshments and conversation



Joel Pointing out Chapter 690's Plaque on the Chapter Wall in Oshkosh



US Airforce B-1B Bomber making an entrance



## Progress Report EAA Chapter 690 RV-12 Project



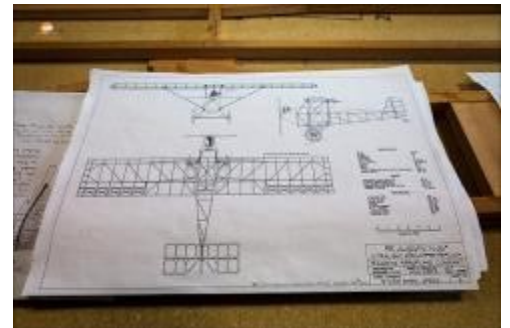
What in the world have I gotten myself into.



John and Keith setting rivets on the landing light support rib.

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## Progress Report Chapter 690 Youth Pietenpol Build



Both the Pietenpol and RV-12 projects are moving forward at great pace. The chapter youth members are working on the fuselage under the guidance of the mentors and are building wing ribs for the full size version of the same plane



# UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS



## Chapter Events

Don't miss out, enjoy the comradery of your fellow EAA 690 Chapter members, bring a friend and join us.



### **Pancake Breakfast & Program**

The first Saturday of every Month

Next event Aug. 5th. 2017

Serving 8:00-10:00 AM (see pg. 13)

### **Oshkosh Bash** and Chapter Business Meeting

*Special Date and Time - Please Note*

Saturday Aug. 12th 2017

Gather at 6:30 Dinner at 7:00 PM (see pg.



### **GARS Meeting** (Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society)

The second Tuesday of every Month

Next event Aug. 8th 2017

7:00 PM—9:30 PM

### **Young Eagles**

The third Saturday of every Month

Next event Aug. 19th. 2017

8:30 PM—12:00 Noon



### **Monthly Youth Ground School**

Watch for EAA 690 Notams  
announcing future Youth Ground  
School Schedules

## Upcoming Events cont.

### EAA 690 Guest Speaker Pancake Breakfast, August 5th 2017

Mr. Don Chapman

Presenting "How To Be A Success"

Don grew up in White County, Illinois, Graduated from Enfield High School in 1959 and attended the University of Illinois. Joined the U. S. Navy in May 1963 and graduated from Navy Flight Training in November 1964 in Beeville, Texas

Navy Fighter Pilot with 199 Combat Missions over North Vietnam, 334 Landings on an Aircraft Carrier, 75 at night

Joined Western Airlines in April 1969

Joined the Navy Reserves in May 1969, Commanding Officer of 3 different Naval Reserves Units, Volunteer Training Unit 9494, Tactical Control Squadron 1294, Tactical Control Group 0194 .

Graduated from California State in 1972 with degree in Political Science

Became a Delta Air Lines Pilot in 1987 with the merger with Western Airlines

Retired as a Navy Captain in June 1994 with 31 years service

(Attended all three courses for Reserves at the Naval War College)

(Graduated from the Navy Safety School in Monterey, California)

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### Presidents Pitch cont. from pg. 9

We started the RV-12 as a member funded and member built project. It is moving along well and we have had donations totaling more than \$26,000. We look forward to completing it and placing it in the Hangar 6 Flying Club for members to fly. We still have some fund raising to do to get to that point. The remaining two kits total approximately \$42,000 for the avionics and engine. My hope is that we can get to the finish line. It will be exciting to see the Hangar 6 Flying Club come to life in the near future and provide flying opportunities to many of our members.

**Don't forget to put Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. That is the date for our annual Post Oshkosh Bash. We get to enjoy Bratwurst and listen to our members tell us about their Air Venture experience. We will gather around 6:30pm and eat at 7:00pm. Members will bring sides and desserts. I hope to see everyone there.**

It is hard to express how thankful I am for all the support I've gotten over these last four years. Without that we would not have accomplished all of the things outlined above. I know the rest of the year will fly by and December will be here before we know it. Enjoy the rest of the summer!



## Upcoming Events cont.

### Rusty Pilot Seminar

Saturday, August 26 9:00am - 12:00pm  
690 Hanger, LZU

Hosted by "AeroVentures. Ltd."

Instructed by AOPA Presenter **Nick Ahlen.**

Life may have gotten in the way, but the dream of flight can be yours again. Returning to the skies is not as difficult as most rusty pilots think. We're inviting you back in the cockpit and will help you get there. Come and participate in this Rusty Pilots program with fellow lapsed pilots. We will help you understand what's changed in aviation since you last took the controls and brush up on your aviation knowledge. The Rusty Pilots program is developed by AOPA in partnership with local flight training providers in order to create the best environment for getting you back in the air and a part of the general aviation community.

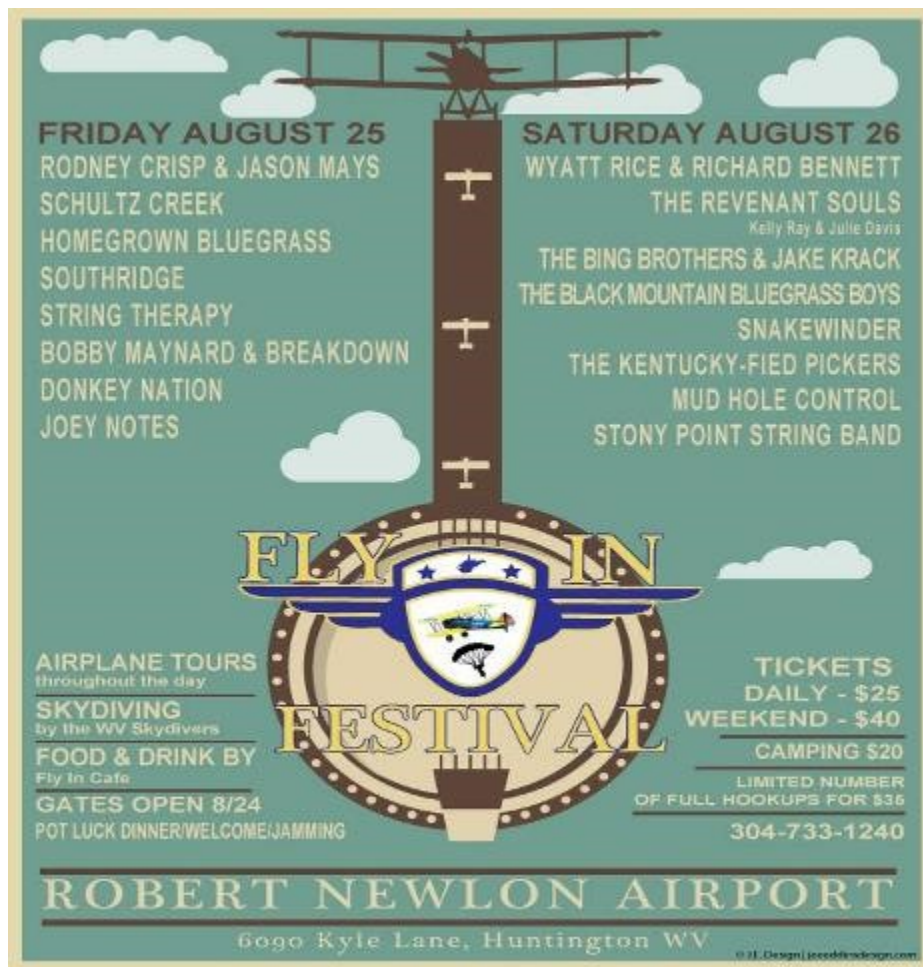
It is easier than most people think – no FAA check ride or test

Might not even need a medical

Plus, by attending, you'll be getting two to three hours of ground instruction towards your flight review!

Visit this web address to register:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=21557&StepNumber=1>



The poster is for the 'FLY IN FESTIVAL' at Robert Newlon Airport. It features a central illustration of a biplane flying over a lighthouse-like structure. The background is a teal color with white clouds. The text is arranged in columns and sections around the central image.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 25**  
RODNEY CRISP & JASON MAYS  
SCHULTZ CREEK  
HOMEGROWN BLUEGRASS  
SOUTHRIDGE  
STRING THERAPY  
BOBBY MAYNARD & BREAKDOWN  
DONKEY NATION  
JOEY NOTES

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26**  
WYATT RICE & RICHARD BENNETT  
THE REVENANT SOULS  
Kelly Ray & Julie Davis  
THE BING BROTHERS & JAKE KRACK  
THE BLACK MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS BOYS  
SNAKEWINDER  
THE KENTUCKY-FIED PICKERS  
MUD HOLE CONTROL  
STONY POINT STRING BAND

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throughout the day

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by the WV Skydivers

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6090 Kyle Lane, Huntington WV

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## Upcoming Events cont.

### **FRONT ROYAL -WARREN COUNTY AIRPORT AIR SHOW**

Front Royal - Warren County (FRR) Saturday August 26th  
229 Stokes Airport Road  
Front Royal, VA 22630

"All Things Aviation" Yearly Air Shows, held last Sat. of each Aug., This year 8/26/17. Front Royal Airport (FRR). Your destination for adventure. Come fly, soar and balloon with us. We are located within minutes of Front Royal, Virginia, near the entrance to the famous Skyline Drive! Plenty of parking, food, all types of aircrafts, many show events, including Flying Jet Model Aircraft, and Terminal Museum. Full service with; GPS/RNAV Appro, Tie Downs, 100LL, Hangars, Glider/Soaring Club, R-MA Flight Academy, Flight Training, Scenic Flights & Gift Certificates, Photo Flights, Pilot Rooms, Wi-Fi, Meeting Facilities and Group Discounts.

Event Website/Registration: <http://virginiaairshow.com>



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### **Total Eclipse at Heaven's Landing, Clayton, GA**

Heaven's Landing Airpark  
Monday, Aug 21, 2017

For the first time in 26 years, a total solar eclipse will occur in our great country, and we will play host to the world's eclipse chasers. For those of us who already live here but have never seen an eclipse, this is the opportunity of a lifetime to see the most beautiful thing on the planet right here in NORTH GEORGIA!



Join us at Heaven's Landing to see the TOTAL ECLIPSE from our vast open full view of the sky. To see the eclipse from the Peach State, the centerline of the path just barely crosses the Northeastern corner of the state, and runs about 12 miles between the borders of TN and SC. Clayton 2m34s at 2:35:45pm is a nice county seat close to the centerline, and will be a perfect location to view the eclipse. NOTE: You're not going to see it from Athens, Gainesville, Augusta, or Atlanta, as these locations are not in the path of totality. If you want to stay within Georgia to see the eclipse, you will have to come to Heaven's Landing! Here you'll see 2m36s of totality of the eclipse. We hope you will join

us for an afternoon to remember. Contact Holly Ciochetti for details on the TOTAL ECLIPSE PARTY! 706-982-5245 or [holly@heavenslanding.com](mailto:holly@heavenslanding.com) See eclipse information for all Georgia cities and towns in the path of totality! Join us at 1 pm for a Cook-Out and a Grand Ole' Time Before the Total Eclipse.

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#### **Quote for the day!**

"Most people have to get to a point where they don't have a choice before they'll change something."

Alex Marwood, writer

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### **Directions to EAA 690**

I-85 North to GA-316, Take GA-316 to Hurricane Shoals Rd NE and Turn Right  
Go to Airport Rd NE and turn left, Go to 690 Entrance on the right



### **Chapter Badges Available**

New members badges can be found pinned to the tie on the Chapter bulletin board next to the main entrance to the Chapter hanger. For anyone that needs a replacement name badge or would like to get one of the new full color badges please see Duane Huff during any Chapter function.

### **Annual Chapter Dues**

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Year begins on January 1st. Dues are due and payable on the 1st of January. Dues may be paid at meetings, mailed to our membership chairman, Ms. Jeanne Ferguson or paid on-line. To pay online visit the Chapter web site, [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) and click on "Membership" then follow the prompts for the type of membership you wish to apply for.

### **Your Assistance is Requested**

As always, our great chapter runs best when we have volunteers that will step up, pitch in and get involved. Announcements are made at most chapter functions for those projects and activities where we need additional volunteer help. Please lend a hand, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

### **E-mail Update and Request**

Chapter members and other interested friends of Chapter 690 are alerted and reminded of chapter planned activity, timely aviation news and other items of interest via NOTAMS sent by our President Randy Epstein. To be sure you continue to receive these informative announcements please notify Jeanne Ferguson, [jmarief@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmarief@bellsouth.net) if you have a change in your preferred email address.

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