



February 2013

News and Information for the Gwinnett County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Rd, Lawrenceville, GA

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Rain, Rain Go Away Now Please!!!!

Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 2/16**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am
- **Sat. 3/2**-Pancake Breakfast-8 to 10:30- followed by a special program.
- **Tues. 3/5**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 3/8**-Chapter Business Mtg. @ 8pm followed by a great program
- **Sat. 3/16**-Young Eagles

There's a saying "**April Showers Bring May Flowers**". But what does rain in February bring? Soggy grass strips, less time in the air, flooding, sadness, depression- well maybe that's going a little too far. For those of you with Home Builts, it is either a very exciting and joyous opportunity to work on your plane and make great strides toward it's' completion or a "WOW!!! This is a great time to work on my plane but I really don't feel like it." For the non-pilot, we want to read a book rather than clean. But then after all these days, the house gets to the point that we have no choice. And then we run out of food and have to go out and get soaked. The meteorologists keep telling us that the sun will come

out tomorrow or the next day or maybe the day after that. They absolutely "guarantee" that the sun will be out and the day will be beautiful for our next Young Eagles event on **Saturday, February 16, 2013.**

But don't throw your rain gear away, just keep your fingers crossed for more sunny days and blue skies than we've had recently.

And the fly-ins from here to Florida to North and South Carolina and skies behind are always trips to look forward to!!!!

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60 Years of Spirit: Happy Anniversary EAA!!!

Saturday, January 26th marked the 60th anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association's first meeting. Relive the rich history of your organization, from that first gathering of three dozen builders and restorers at Milwaukee's Curtiss-Wright Field, to the Rockford years, the migration to Oshkosh, and EAA's worldwide influence in aviation.

The Early Years (1953-1968),

Home in Oshkosh (1969-1983),

A Bigger Role (1984-1997),

Leading in a New Era (1998-2012),

and What Lies Ahead? (2013 and Beyond).

Interesting information on all these time frames can be enjoyed by going to the national website- membership@eaa.org

This is an amazing organization and it's very exciting to be a part of it.

Young Eagles January Update From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

Perfect is the word to describe the day for flying Young Eagles. Clear, see forever blue skies, and calm winds made flying just Great!

Twelve pilots flew a total of forty eight (48) Young Eagles. It is wonderful to have this many pilots as it makes it easy to fly every one in the morning.

The pilots were; David Balthaser 4 YE, 2 flights, Rohan Bhatia 3 YE, 1 flight, Pat Bratton 6 YE, 2 flights, Randy Epstein 6 YE, 2 flights, Jerry Fischer 1 YE, 1 flight, David Henderson 1YE, 1 flight, Duane Huff 4 YE, 4 flights, Fred Huppertz 9 YE, 3 flights, Brian Michael, 3 YE 1 flight, John Morgan 3 YE, 1 flight, David Reynolds 2 YE, 2 flights, and Chuck Roberts 6 YE 3 flights. We welcome David Reynolds to our pilots group and Rohan Bhatia who is back flying with us.

Jeanne Ferguson, Gay Roberts, Barbara Epstein, Shellie Kirk and Ruth Burhns handled the registration, Certificates, Log Books and assigned the Young Eagles to the pilots.

Hugh Colton and Wes Riddick instructed the students

on the Flight simulators. Bob Krone conducted the pre-flight briefings.

Bill Ferguson was our safety officer and Art Farmer, Billy Stewart, Lee Olson, Thomas Rader, Jordan Brown, Patrick Mollette, Joel Levine and Craig Stephens made up our Ground Crew that escorts the Young Eagles and parents to and from the airplanes.

Two groups for a total of thirty one (31) have already registered for our next rally which will be February 16th.

Hopefully we can have beautiful flying weather and as many pilots as were flying in this rally. If you haven't witness one of our Young Eagle days, you should come out and help us and enjoy.

A great big THANKS to all who helped make this a very successful Young Eagles rally for Ch. 690

Sport/Water Bottles and More

It's already the second month of the new year which is hard to believe. But it's still **NEW** and with a **new** year comes **new** ideas.

Some **NEW** items that we're excited about are Sport/Water Bottles and Mugs that will be available soon for our members, visitors and, most of all, our Young Eagles. The Sport Bottles will have the EAA 690 logo printed on one side and the plane (or type of plane) they

had their flight in on the other side. There will be a small and large mug with the EAA 690 logo on it and there will also be a very special mug designed for our Guest Speakers.

We will have all of these items available for viewing and purchase in March. There will also be an opportunity to do special orders and have the mugs personalized.

Upcoming Events

Join aviation photographer and EAA 690 member **John Slemp** on **Saturday, the 2nd of March, 2013** at 2pm for a lecture showcasing his recent aviation photographs. It will be held in the community room at the Lyndon House Art Center, in Athens, Georgia. Open to all, there is no charge. Goodyear Aviation Tire posters will be signed free of charge, as long as supplies last.

Join aviation photographer **John Slemp** as a featured guest on the **Simple Flight!** radio program, on **31 March, 2013**. The program is broadcast live over the internet from 8-10 pm CENTRAL TIME on Sunday nights, and is hosted by pilots Al Waterloo and Travis Ammon. Programs are archived and may be listened to anytime, but they do accept calls, tweets, and email during the program if you have questions or comments. It should be FUN!

EAA 690 Aviation Summer Camp

Aviation adventures are coming your way! EAA Chapter 690 is offering an immersive aviation program at the chapter hangar located at the Gwinnett County Airport in Lawrenceville, Georgia **June 11-15**, with an option of a Young Eagles flight on Saturday, June 16.

Students in 7th through 12th grades may apply. Topics covered include various types of aircraft construction methods, crash scene investigation techniques, principles of aeronautics, pilotage, and visits to select facilities located at Briscoe Field.

The cost is \$275 for the week. Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. each day. Registration deadline is **May 10th, 2013**.

Check our web site at www.eaa690.org and click on the Youth Programs.

There will be more information in the months ahead. For the adults that would like to share in this experience, we will have contact information for you soon. Also, pilots and craftsman, we will publish a list of needed tools and supplies that we would appreciate your help with.

Enrollment Opens for 2013 EAA Air Academy Camp

Unforgettable aviation memories and new friends await young people ages 12-19 this summer at the EAA Air Academy Camps in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. These popular aviation camps immerse students in the fascinating world of flight through a variety of fun and hands-on

activities, as well as real flight experiences in a Cessna 162 SkyCatcher and Bell 47 helicopter. There are scholarships available through your EAA Chapter 690 and through EAA National. For more information, go to tomembership@eaa.org. There are numerous sessions awaiting your arrival starting June 16th, so get your applications in now.

Saturday, February 2nd Speaker Rohan K Bhatia

This bio from Rohan's website centennialaviationacademy.com explains just a little about this extraordinary young man. He is a true inspiration to aspiring young pilots and we at EAA 690 were thrilled to have him tell us about himself and his business. We are also pleased that he has joined our other pilots flying Young Eagles the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Capt. Rohan K. Bhatia - Founder and Chief Pilot

Having always longed to become a pilot, I started flying at the age of 14 and first obtained my Private Pilot Certificate at the age of 17. At 19 I became Commercially Certified and at 20 an Advanced Ground Instructor. At 22 I obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics with a minor in Airport Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Presently I am working on my Masters... Every day is an adventure!

Flying has always been something very special to me. I

really love doing what I do.... being able to share my passion of flying and seeing my students go on to become safe and proficient pilots is a feeling that is indescribable. As you can probably tell, I am here to do this 100% and will not let anything get in the way of providing you with a very safe and fun training experience. I won't make false promises or guarantees that you will have your license by a certain time or number of hours, but I will unconditionally promise you that when you do get your license you will feel safe and confident in your flying abilities. After all, the best resource in any cockpit is a well trained pilot....

Want to go flying or just want to come by and talk? Feel free to contact me directly by calling or texting me at 404-775-8299 or e-mailing at rohan@centennialaviationacademy.com so we can set up a time to meet at our office at the DeKalb Peachtree Airport.



L to R-Bernie Dvorscak joins Spencer Clark, Rohan Bhatia-Pilot and Group Leader, Dwyesh Gutta and Peter DeNatalie. The smaller boys in the group are Rohan's students.

Friday, February 8th Speaker Dave "Shark" Waldrop

The experiences Dave shared with us ranged from very serious to down-right amusing. He told us that the most important thing he learned was how to follow instructions especially when it came to the fighter missions. It was hard to imagine the situations he was in but his sharing of them with us was totally enthralling.

Dave "Shark" Waldrop

Grew up in Nashville, TN and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1964 with a degree in Business. From there attended Air Force flight training at Laughlin AFB, TX. Upon graduation, went to Nellis AFB Las Vegas, NV for training in the F-105 Thunderchief. On completion of training October 1966, was assigned to Yokota AB, Japan. In May 1967 volunteered for temporary duty in Southeast Asia and was sent to Takhli Air Base, Thailand. After 45 missions, was released to return to Yokota AB, but instead, requested and was reassigned to Korat AB, Thailand. Korat was in need of combat experienced F-105 drivers due to having had heavy losses. In December 1967, completed a combat tour with 105 total missions including 49 over Hanoi. Returned to Yokota AB Japan.

Achievements while flying Combat SEA include:

- 3 Silver Stars
- 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses
- 12 Air Medals
- 1 Well Done for saving a sick F-105
- 1 Ejection in SEA from a F-105
- 1 Confirmed MIG-17 Gun Kill
- 1 Probable MIG-17 Gun Kill

One of the Silver Stars was for **A Confirmed MIG-17 Gun Kill** and **another Probable MIG-17 Gun Kill** on August 23, 1967. Both MIGs were on the tail of another F-105 with the lead MIG firing at the F-105. Closed on the MIGs at a speed over mach 1.2 and prevented the other F-105 from being shot down. One of these kills was observed and confirmed by then Col. Robin Olds, commander F-4 8th TFW at Ubon AB.

On returning to Yokota AB, Japan checked out in the F-4 Phantom and was reassigned to the states in September 1968 to Kirtland AFB, NM as a Weapons Research and Development Test Pilot. While there flew test in both the F-104 Starfighter and the F-4 Phantom, also flew as a Maintenance Test Pilot in the F-4. On one of the high speed mach runs was able to achieve a speed of 2.3 which was the highest speed ever at the Kirtland test center. Received the Commendation Medal while at the Test Center.

Separated from the USAF in February 1970 and joined Delta Airlines. Flew with Delta for thirty-two years. During that time, instructed on the Boeing 737 for six years. After joining Delta, transferred from the Air Force to the Marine Corps Reserve at Dobbins AFB, GA. While there flew the F-8 Crusader with VMF 351 for 4 years until they were retired from service. While flying the F-8, flew the slot position in a demo flight. After leaving the reserve program, built and flew a Pitts Special biplane and then joined two other Pitts drivers as a formation air show team.

Has been involved with the construction and ownership of apartments in Florida and development and building of property in north Georgia mountains.

Recently flown L-39, MIG-17, Barons and Bonanzas, Beech T-34, and the Pitts S-2B. Presently current in the Pitts and T-34, is a CFII and holds a 250 foot low level and formation waver.

See Pictures of Dave Then and Now on Page 6

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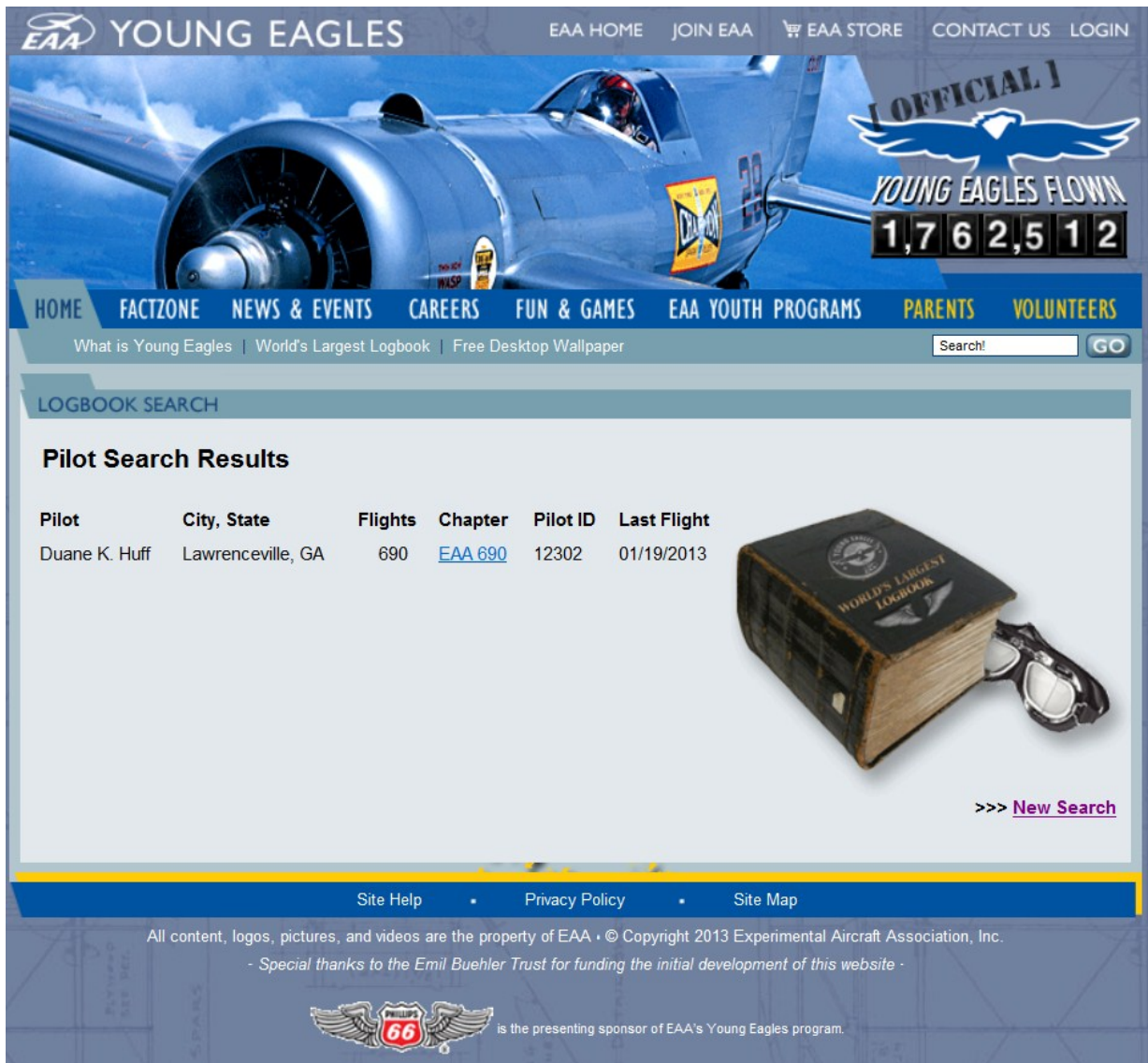


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AND NOW

Duane Huff Hits 690 for EAA 690




The screenshot shows the EAA Young Eagles website. At the top, there's a banner with a blue biplane and the text "I OFFICIAL! YOUNG EAGLES FLOWN 1,762,512". Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: HOME, FACTZONE, NEWS & EVENTS, CAREERS, FUN & GAMES, EAA YOUTH PROGRAMS, PARENTS, and VOLUNTEERS. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "LOGBOOK SEARCH" and "Pilot Search Results". It displays a table with pilot information. To the right of the table is an image of a logbook and goggles. At the bottom, there's a footer with site help, privacy policy, and site map links, followed by a copyright notice and a sponsor logo.

Pilot	City, State	Flights	Chapter	Pilot ID	Last Flight
Duane K. Huff	Lawrenceville, GA	690	EAA 690	12302	01/19/2013

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Our very own Duane Huff has managed to hit the magic number of 690 Young Eagles flown for EAA Chapter 690. Congratulations Duane!!

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IF INTERESTED CONTACT DON OBERLANDER 770 205 2454 OR

donaziza@bellsouth.net

Points of Interest

There are so many websites to go to now that one can go 24/7 for the rest of their life and not see 1/1000th of them. To that point, here's one that is worth seeing. It's the EAA e-Hotline and contains many interesting topics from famous planes to tips for home-builts to upcoming events and so much more. If you're not receiving this

informative email, go to membership@eaa.org to sign up. And it's free so that makes it even better, it's free to EAA members. For those folks **NOT** yet EAA members, this is one more reason to join.

Garmin 496 For Sale

Garmin 496 is about a year old and the asking price is **\$1,100**. That's less the half of the new price. If interested, please contact Terry at the numbers listed below.

Terry Britt, CIC, CPIA, CAIP

Eastern Aviation Insurance Services, LLC
3070 Five Forks Trickum Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047

Office 770-978-4855

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Partners Wanted

LOOKING FOR TWO PARTNERS to purchase one third and one fourth of a 2008 Diamond DA-40, tail number N254DS. Currently in a hanger at Air Harbor at KLZU. Garmin G1000, auto pilot.

Call for details on buy-in and PDF flyer with the specifications. Fred Tanner 678-656-8832 or tanner-ci@aol.com

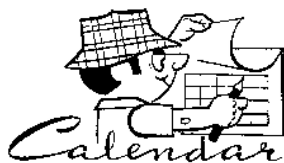
Partnership for Sale

LOOKING TO SELL ONE THIRD PARTNERSHIP of a Diamond DA-20, tail number N227NH. Currently is in a lease-back program at Advanced Aviation, KLZU. Earns monthly income. Great way to get pilot license and reduce flying expense. Brand new engine just installed end of December. **\$25,000.00 cash buy-in**. Owner will finance up to 2 years.

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Mark your calendar - You won't want to miss out on any of **Chapter 690's meetings and activities.**

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfasts feature aviation programs or activities. Our meetings, on the 2nd Friday of each month, include programs on a variety of topics.

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2013 Chapter Web-Site

Please check out our Chapter web-site www.eaa690.org. It is full of important information and exciting events.

Please go ahead and register for the secure members only portion. While you're at it, up-load your photo.

Speaking of photos, if you have photos of Chapter events, send them to [John Slemp](mailto:John.Slemp) or Joel Levine, jlevine@bellsouth.net for posting to the web-site's photo gallery.

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