



January 2015

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

For many of us, it's hard to believe that 2015 is already here. (Where did 2014 go? Ha! Ha!)

We extend to each and every person reading this newsletter a wish that you find health and happiness beyond measure and that peace and joy will be with you each and every day of 2015.

We have a ton of exciting activities planned for 2015 around the celebration of our **35th Anniversary** as a **VERY OUTSTANDING EAA CHAPTER.**

Your Board of Directors had a very successful planning meeting on January 11th and we filled the calendar with numerous activities that we

hope you'll be able to attend. If you have an activity that you would like us to have, please let Barbara Epstein or any of the board members know so we can add it to the calendar.

Once again, **Happy New Year!!!**

EAA 690 Loses a Piece of Its Heart



Saturday, January 24th, 2015, the chapter lost our beloved Lnor Levine. She was truly at the heart of the chapter. Lnor was always an integral part of what the chapter is and what it has meant for so many of us. Her smiling face was always present and she was

always in the midst of whatever was happening. She could always be counted on to tell us the history of the chapter and how that history made us what we are today. She was very involved with Young Eagles and enjoyed talking with the kids before and after their flights. She often helped wher-

ever needed when we were having a fundraiser. She especially liked planning and coordinating the dinners that were held in conjunction with the visit of the big planes. She was so important in the coming-together of the Low Country Boil Dinner in October of last year. She was so excited about this year being our 35th anniversary as a chapter and was very involved in the planning of many of the activities we have scheduled for this year. Her enthusiasm and spirit will be sincerely and extremely missed.

If you would like to do something special to honor Lnor, Joel is asking that you make a donation to the chapter with the funds going to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

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Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 2/7**-Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 followed by Special Speaker
- **Tues. 2/10**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 2/13**-Business Meeting and Movie Night-see pg. 3 for more info
- **Sat. 2/21**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30

Young Eagles Recaps for December 2014 and January 2015

from Duane Huff-Young Eagles Coordinator

December 20th was a cold, misty and high overcast day that became an IFR weather day. We were able to fly the four Young Eagles that came out ready to fly. Randy Epstein flew two and I, Duane Huff, flew two. Three of the four had flown before as Young Eagles.

The ground crew consisted of Jeanne Ferguson, Barbara Epstein, Tom Hilborn, Wes Riddick, Bruce Leithead, Patrick Leithead and Bill Ferguson.

According to our records we should have about \$1,500.00 in Young Eagle credits. These credits can be used to send a Young Eagle to the Air Academy at Oshkosh. If you know of anyone that would like to go, have them apply for the scholarship. Go to eaa690.org for more information.

January 17th was a cold clear day with smooth air for the most part. Nine pilots flew one or two flights for a total of twenty seven (27) Young Eagles flown. Sixteen (16) had flown previously as Young Eagles. Our pilots for the day

were; Brian Michael 6 YE, Bill Bell 2 YE, Randy Epstein 5YE, James Anderson 2 YE, Chuck Roberts 4 YE, Charles George from Chapter 611, 2 YE, Mike Fisher 2 YE. David Balthaser 2 YE, and Duane Huff 2YE.

Ground Crew was Jeanne Ferguson, Barbara Epstein, and Gay Roberts our Young Eagle Gals (Registration etc.). Bob Krone and Art Farmer (Safety Briefings), Hugh Colton and Joel Levine (Simulator Instructors) and the loaders and safety persons were Herb Rusk, Bill Ferguson, Jason Davidson, John Reitz, Chris Capps, Jimmie Rickerson, Lee Olson, and Patrick Leithead.

This was an excellent start to the 2015 Young Eagles season. I trust that each pilot will strive to get ten Young Eagles flown for 2015.. We have Young Eagle Credits for this year that we need to spend to send a student to the Air Academy at Oshkosh. Encourage any Young Eagle between the ages 12 – 17 to apply. Also encourage those Young Eagles of age



Picture of Luis and Jessica provided by Charles George

to attend our Summer Camp the first week in June.

Thanks to all these volunteers who make our EAA 690 Young Eagles program so successful.

Membership Update

From Jeanne Ferguson-Membership Chairperson

2015 Membership started off fantastically!!! As of December 29th, 2014, the following new members have joined EAA 690 since the November report:

Kyler Elliston
Robert Hall
Alex Kirkland
William Miller
Sawyer Stewart
Brian Trepanier
Winston Whitlock
Ralph Kirkland
Rick Mathisen
Georgia White
Dave Taylor
Steve Morgan
Tom Schmid
Bob Bible

So, before the calendar year 2015 began, we already had 142 paid members !!!

And the following have reactivated their membership:

Sam Benenati
Kris Murthy
John Patchin
James Weed

So, before the calendar year 2015 began, here are the statistics for members that had already renewed for the year!

Total number: **142**

84 Family (42 Family Memberships)

53 Individual

5 Students

We have many wonderful and exciting activities planned for 2015. See the Presidents Message for more details.

We want all of you to join in the fun. **So join TODAY!!!** You **can** actually join **today** by going to www.mkt.com/eaa690 and pay by credit card. If you would prefer to pay by cash or check, Barbara Epstein and Jeanne Ferguson will have a sign up table at the Pancake Breakfasts and at the Business Meetings for the next couple of months to welcome you to 2015!!!!

It's A Big Year for EAA 690

A Message from the President

The Gwinnett Experimental Aircraft Association **Chapter 690**, Inc. was chartered in **August of 1980**. EAA 690 turns 35 this year so we are hoping to have a lot of fun during the year. The Board of Directors recently got together to work on planning for part of the year. We are hoping to have our big anniversary event in the fall and have hopes of building that even around a visit from Ron Alexander and his DC-3.

Along the way, we will have other events and fly-outs during the year. In **February**, we will have a **movie night** after our normal business meeting is conducted on **Friday, February 13th**. We will start the meeting at 7:30pm instead of the usual 8:00pm since the movie has a 1:43 run time. We will have popcorn and soft drinks available. The movie will be **"The Final Countdown"**. We hope you will set aside that evening for us. We are also planning to have a summer movie series during the May, June & July Friday meetings.

Saturday, March 21st will be our **Annual Chili Cook-Off** along with an **Aviation Trivia** contest. If you are planning on entering your favorite chili recipe in competition, it will need to be at the hangar by 4:30pm for the judging and dinner will begin at 5:00pm.

As we approach completion of the **Glider Project** we are working to set up a **Dedication** of the project on **Saturday, April 18th**. This is a Young Eagles day and the dedication will take place at noon followed by a reception at the hangar around 1:00pm. The date is not set in

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stone yet as we have a lot of folks to contact that we want to be a part of the ceremony. Stay tuned and we'll keep you up to date.

Other things in the works are a fly-out event to Savannah to visit the Mighty 8th Museum; a trip to Warner Robins to visit the museum, a fly / drive scavenger hunt / rally finishing up at Peachstate Aerodrome with a museum visit and a meal; a poker run; a fly-out event to Sevierville, TN to visit the TN Air Museum; a visit to the Delta Museum and some things we haven't dreamed up yet. As the details gel, we'll communicate them to you.

A schedule change from normal is the **Post OshKosh Bash**, normally held on the Saturday right after the second Friday in August. This year AirVenture is fairly early, so we decided to move the Bash up to **Saturday, August 8th**. Details on times will come later in the year.

As we're just into the New Year, I'd like to remind those that haven't already, to pay your dues for 2015. The chapter depends on dues money to pay its operating expenses during the year. While we're talking about money, we've undertaken an effort to raise funds for the **Gwinnett Relay For Life** in partnership with **Nash Chevrolet**. Hopefully you've noticed the jar we've had out at breakfast

and have donated and will continue to donate throughout the year.

We are still in need of some folks to come forward and serve on our Scholarship Committee that is currently forming. This is very important for moving forward as we continue to promote youth in aviation through the summer camp, the chapter's youth program and scholarships to Air Academy, etc. The chapter is in a financial position to really do some good work in this area and we need some folks to be a part of that effort.

Last I'd like to say thank you to all of those that put my name forward as Member of the Year. I appreciate the honor very much and the opportunity to be thought of along with some pretty terrific folks through the years. It is important that you know that all of you in the chapter are members of the year in my book, as you are the ones that make us successful and will continue to do so in years to come. It is definitely about more than one person. **I look forward to a wonderful year for our 35th.**

The Tri-Motor is Coming

We will indeed have the Tri-Motor for the weekend of **May 7th – May 10th**. Media ride(s) will be on Thursday May 7th and revenue rides on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 8th – 10th. The Tri-motor will actually arrive on Monday May 4th from its previous stop and be hangared at Gwin-

nett Aero during the visit. They will depart on Monday May 11th.

We are now **in need of folks to co-chair this event**. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please see any of the Board Members. As President, I've been working with National to bring the Tri-Motor here. I will be

more than happy to supply help and suggestions. I am putting together a sponsorship proposal for the Area Ford Dealers Council that I will forward on to John Bleakley to take to the council. We have a great time when the Tri-Motor comes to LZU and we look forward to making this another successful visit for the chapter.

Celebrations and Congratulations!!!

We enjoy getting to know our members more and better and one way to do that is to know about special events in their lives.

Belated Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Dennis Myers January 3rd
Keith Brown January 6th
Barbara Uress January 12th
Christian Uress January 15th
Lee Olson January 22nd

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jim Doswell February 27th



Belated Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

Mike and Jennifer North January 16th
Bill and Jeanne Ferguson January 20th

Happy Anniversary Wishes to:

David and Jill Balthaser February 13th
Fred and Anne Huppertz February 26th

Christmas Party Recap

As is true with each and every one of our wonderful Christmas/Holiday Parties, our most recent one was Merry and Marvelous. We were joined by so many family and friends that there was almost literally standing room only. And as sad as it is, running out of a few food items is a fantastic problem to have. (It became very clear that we will need to find a larger facility for our party this year) The food provided by the chapter was delicious and as always, the special dishes brought by our members and

guests made for some very satisfied pallets. We want to extend a heart-felt Thank You to the kitchen crew and all those that helped make the evening so enjoyable. The singing was fantastic, the group participation of the "Night Before Christmas" rendition was joyful and the whole night was Wonderful.



Thanks to Tom Hilborn for the great pictures of our beautiful celebration!!

Christmas Party Mishap-Missing Casserole Dish

As can sometimes happen at a big event with lots of people and lots of wonderful dishes being brought into the kitchen, a dish or bowl is mistaken for belonging to the wrong person. We are sad to report that such an event took place at our party. Someone accidentally picked up a casserole dish belonging to Gay Roberts. Her dish is an Amber Pyrex casserole dish. The size marked on the bottom is 33 cm X 23 cm x 5 cm (that's approximately 9" x 13" x 2"). This casserole fits in a wooden cradle

and Pyrex no longer makes it in amber. If anyone knows where this casserole dish is, please contact **Gay Roberts at 770-922-5327 or research-er.r@comcast.net**. Thank you! Gay has the wooden cradle that this particular missing dish fits into. She has had this set for a very long time and it means a lot to her. And she'd like to bring more delicious food to another chapter party using that special dish. There is an amber/golden color dish in the kitchen at the

hangar that could very easily be the dish that belongs to the person that accidentally picked up Gay's dish. It would be wonderful for Gay to get reunited with her dish at the Pancake Breakfast. If whoever has her dish could bring it to the Pancake Breakfast, that would be fantastic. Thanks to everyone for your help with this dilemma.

Special Sales

USED AERONCA CHAMP/CHIEF PARTS (SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS):

A-ONE PITOT TUBE

B-TWO REAR WING STRUTS (left & right) and ONE FRONT STRUT

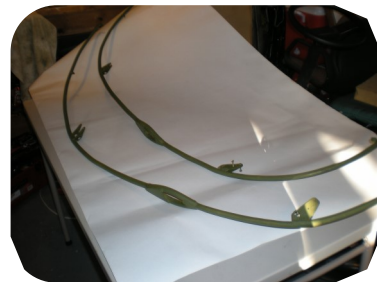
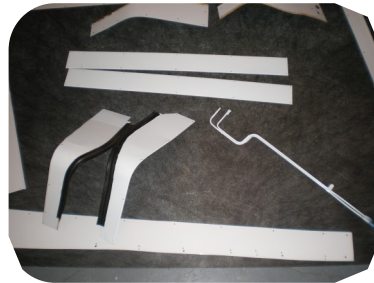
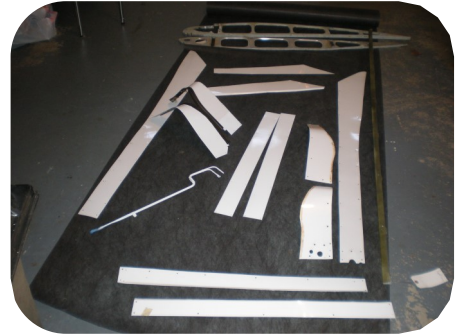
C- LEFT & RIGHT WING TIP BOWS with provision for NIGHT LIGHTS (primed)

D- ONE TRAILING EDGE (primed)

E- WING-TO-FUSELAGE FAIRINGS (primed and painted white)

F- MISC. PARTS/ribs, leading edge parts, etc

Sam 678-314-4163



FOR SALE - Bose X aviation headset with the LEMO plug. I have four of these headsets and they are still covered under the Bose Factory Warranty. They truly look brand new - mint condition. Original retail for these were \$995...sale price, only **\$399.00** Call Rich at 678-777-2669

Special Wish List

The chapter is always looking to improve the facility and the equipment that we have. Along that line, one of our members mentioned that it would be fun to put our wish list out there. Someone is wanting to sell something that someone else is looking to buy. That's what part of this article is all about. The chapter is in need of a **new(er) lawn mower/tractor**. Please let us know if you have one or you know of someone that has one they would like to sell or

even donate to the chapter. We are a 501 (c) 3 organization so donations are a good thing. There are other items that are needed for our facility and we will keep you posted.

On a really fun note, we will be doing some refreshing as the year goes on in preparation for our **35th** Anniversary Celebration. Part of that refreshing includes painting the interior of the hangar and getting new lettering for the exterior. Paint color samples will be in the hangar

on Saturday during the Pancake Breakfast so please take a look and give us your thoughts. We will be having a "Painting Party" in the near future so please plan to join us for that even if it's just to offer support.



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Important Information to Remember

Every Month our Pancake Breakfast is the 1st Saturday with serving starting at 8:00.

Our Business Meetings are the 2nd Friday of each month beginning at 8:00 with an aviation related program following an update on the activities of your chapter.

To send the Editor your birthday and/or anniversary information, to notify her of anything you wish to sell or a partnership you may have or want, to send her an article you'd like included in the NavCom please provide that information to her no later than the 20th of the month you wish the information to appear. Send your information to barbara_epstein@hotmail.com



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For Sale

Various Products available at the Aero Shoppe include:

Large Coffee Mugs-\$15 These are extremely well made with a sectional on one side and Chapter 690 logo on the other.

Water Bottles-\$12 These are perfect for adults and kids to enjoy while watching or participating in any type of sporting event. They're really great any time, any place.

Personalized Large Coffee Mugs are available upon special request by contacting **Ronald Hlozansky @ skee5bellsouth.net** or by calling him @ 770-435-2104

Gift Cards (set of 8) \$10 and Ceramic Coasters (set of 4) \$10 featuring aviation photography by our own John Slem.

Child Related Products including gliders, wooden airplanes and so much more.

Oil Analysis Kits-\$12 Keep on hand for those very important changes.

Hangar Space Available

For a "Van's RV aircraft in the EAA Hangar #4. For details, call **Clyde Schnars @ 770-769-7177**

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