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Third Visit from B-17 Another 690 Success Story

by Margaret Wilcox

The B-17 touched down at Gwinnett County - Briscoe Field right on schedule, Thursday April 24th. for the third visit to EAA Chapter 690. We were ready. Joel Levine had lined up reporters and TV photographers. These people were treated to the first flight in the giant WWII bomber that played an important role in bringing the mighty German military to its knees. The media people were impressed and as a result there was extensive TV and newspaper coverage of our weekend activities.

Signs had been placed around the airport by Frank Wilcox to guide the many visitors who began coming to tour the inside of the plane for a \$5 fee or maybe just to look at the immense size of the aircraft. For some it brought back memories of war time experiences and for many it was an opportunity to see a plane they had heard about from fathers, grandfathers or others who flew and maybe died in a B-17 while defending their country during that terrible war.

Barney Barnes was busy signing up names of people who wanted a flight in the B-17. While he was unable to fill any flights for Friday, the one sunny day of the weekend, he filled three flights for Saturday and four for Sunday. Seven people could board the plane for a flight, which included 10 minutes piloting the aircraft from the left hand seat. A large photo taken during this piloting and a lovely gray flight jacket with a B-17 plane embroidered on the back were also given to these flyers. If they had a log book, it was signed by the pilot in charge. All this for \$550 plus the cost of National EAA membership, with \$250 of the money

going to the EAA Foundation. The Saturday flights were accomplished in spite of rainy, windy weather. The weather deteriorated further and all the Sunday flights had to be canceled. The flights were scheduled for the mornings and the afternoons were left open for the ground tours.

Al Higgins coordinated the ground tours assisted by several volunteers from EAA Chapter 268 from Marietta who came to help both Sat. and Sun. In spite of the inclement weather, there was a constant stream of people coming for tours until Sunday afternoon, when a thunderstorm caused the B-17 crew to close the aircraft to prevent any danger from lightning. Because of weather

conditions, the aircraft stayed at the airport until Tuesday afternoon. Barney, with the help of President Duane Huff, contacted all the disappointed pilots who could not fly on

Sunday to offer a flight on Tuesday morning. 14 people were able to come on short notice to fill two flights. Barney has all these interested person's names entered in to his computer so they can be contacted for future B-17 visits and other Chapter 690 public events.

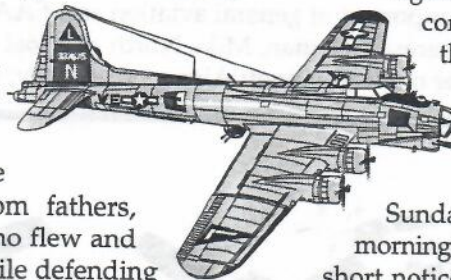
Whenever people gather, Chapter 690 uses the opportunity to add to the income of the chapter. Over 150 people were served at a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning from 8 to 10:30. Then the lunch food was brought out - hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches, etc. The Aviation Explorer Scout Post #533, led by Steve Haslup, helped with lunch. Mike North was in charge of the food service assisted by many members of the chapter. Lnor Levine was busy selling souvenirs. She

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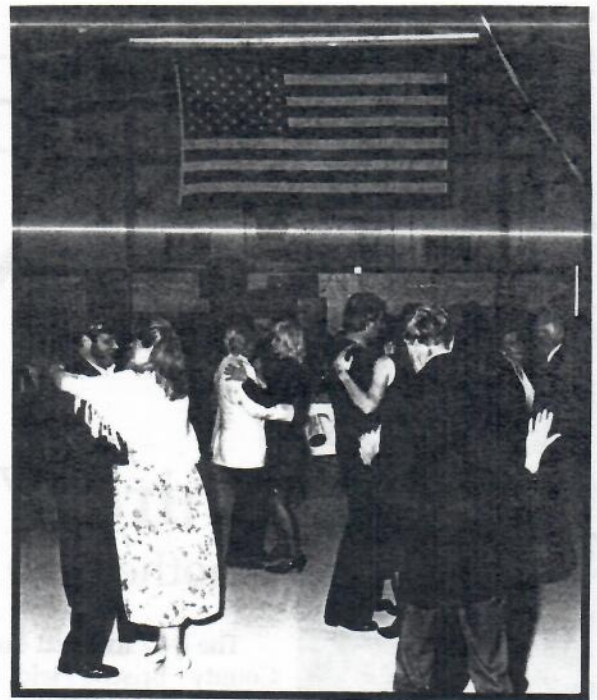
had several new items that were attractive to the children as well as shirts, calendars and other aviation related items. She sold chances on a lovely original painting of a B-17 bomber donated by Marcus Stewart, a local aviation artist. It was won by Ralph Grizzard of Norcross.

The big highlight of the weekend was the hangar dance, modeled after the USO dances of WWII. David Posey, general chairman of the B-17 event, had engaged the *Blue Notes*, a local 19 piece band that is well known for playing music of the 40s and 50s. They set up in the EAA hangar, which had been beautifully decorated by Theresa and Bill Coleman and their committee. It was a patriotic theme with back drops of American flags, red, white and blue streamers, and strings of tiny white lights that provided just the right amount of light for a romantic atmosphere. Individual table decorations and bubble candles continued the patriotic theme.

Next door in the Zahner hangar were the heavy hors d'oeuvres. Chef Bob Zahner assisted by his wife Lynn and other chapter members provided a delicious meal— meat balls, chicken shish kabobs, trays of vegetables, bowls of fruit, cheese, crackers, nuts, and other salads, with dessert of several flavors of cheese cake. Punch and coffee also were served. Guests were seated at large round tables also decorated in a patriotic theme. The food was available throughout the evening. Robert and Steven North, dressed in white shirts and bow ties, were the servers.

The Master of Ceremonies for the dance was Steve Ashby. There was a contest for the most appropriately dressed guests. The top prizes were won by our own chapter members Tess Huff, who wore her own authentic 1946 black dress with gloves and hat, and Wayne Whitaker, who came in a WWI flying jacket with aviator cap, goggles and white flowing scarf. Both the door prize and a ticket raffle were won by the Wilcoxs. They each received a set of airplane videos which will eventually be part of the EAA video library.

When the plane left on Tuesday afternoon it flew to Aurora, Ill. The EAA policy is to award rides on the out bound flights to leaders of the Young Eagles program and supporters of general aviation and EAA. On board for Chapter 690 was Theresa Coleman, Mike North and Joel Levine. Jimmy Norton, a member of the Gwinnett Airport Authority,



represented general aviation. Larry Bishop flew to Chattanooga, where the EAA members disembarked, and brought them home.

Special recognition should go to David Posey, who was general chairman for the event, and Duane Huff, who as president is responsible for all chapter activities. The courtesy car for the B-17 crew was arranged for by Jim Estes.

The real value of the weekend was in the delight of the people who came to see the plane and the stories they told. One couple in their 80th decade drove over from Washington, Ga. He had been a bombardier on a B-17. He was shot down after his third mission and spent the rest of the war in a POW camp. As he walked through the aircraft he became excited as the familiarity brought back his own experiences. His wife told stories of their early married life as she followed him from air base to air base during his training in the U.S. One visitor brought with her a huge notebook of details of every mission that her father had flown in the B-17. She had obtained all this from the Pentagon. Her father still lives in Kansas and she plans to buy him a flight in the Aluminum Overcast when it stops near his home during the coming tour. She was on board during one of the Tuesday flights and actually flew the airplane as her Dad had done over 50 years ago. What a unique experience! •••



More Reports from the Front...

From Squadron Leader Barnes

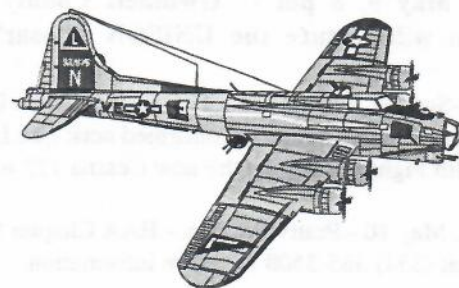
The Aluminum Overcast arrived on Thursday, April 24 at about 5:00 p.m. Around 5:30 they took off with a group of media representatives. On Friday, April 25, we had flights scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. It was a beautiful day but we did not have enough people signed up to meet the minimum 6 passengers necessary to fly. Saturday, April 26, was another beautiful day and we got 3 flights off each with 7 passengers as scheduled at 9, 10 and 11.

On Sunday, April 27 we were able to schedule 4 flights carrying 7 passengers each, but could not make any of them due to low ceilings and drizzle. The plane was opened for walk-through tours and the turn out for that was phenomenal considering the cold winds and rain. The line of people who had already paid for the tour waiting to get into the plane was stretched across the width of the ramp in front of the hangar. This line was pretty steady until the weather turned into very heavy rain and thunder.

The plane was originally scheduled to depart at about 4:00 p.m. for the next tour stop, Decatur, Ala., but the pilots determined the the weather at both ends was too bad so they postponed until Monday morning. On Monday, review of weather at both ends again indicated another postponement was in order but the pilots said that local weather might make 1 or 2 flights possible here and that Decatur was still expecting more bad weather. The pilots decided cancel the Decatur stop altogether and go on to the next stop at Aurora, Ill. to keep that schedule. We went back through the list of Sundays dissappointee's and managed to get 2 full flights of 7 each to come back again Tuesday on the promise of iffy weather. After a delay the low skies finally broke into scattered and both flights got off so we flew a total of 35 people in 2 days. •••

From Wing Commander Posey

Well, we did it again. Another successful event for Chapter 690. The weather did its best to stop us, but we prevailed. Joel Levine got us the best publicity for any event so far. The Colemans and Zahners put on a really swell dance and Chef Roberto's food was great. Big Al Higgins and the troops from Chapter 268 handled the Tours very smoothly. **We would have been in a world of hurt without the guys from 268, thanks so much for your help.** You have a fried turkey cookout coming to you. Mr. North and the pancake gang did very well indeed. Everyone give Barney Barnes a pat on the back for an exemplary effort on scheduling the flights. In one tour stop he had more frustration and headaches than I had on two tour stops. Bless Sherry Langford for not chopping me off at the knees for 1000 questions about how is the money coming in. Many thanks to all of the Chapter members who so unselfishly gave of their time and labor to make another 690 event great. •••



Poem of the B-17

by Donald S. Heiser, 305th BG

You hear folks talk of graceful yachts
that sail the seven seas,
And some will talk of streamlined trains
that cross the States with ease.
Some like bikes and scooters
and some like limousines,
But give me the queen of the airways
a throbbing B-17.

She looks massive at seat in the bunker,
not seeming to worry or care,
But as each engine roars into life,
She is eager to take to the air.
She strains at the end of the runway,
impatient to soar into flight,
Once airbourne she is graceful and steady,
and ready to show off her might.

She's a nasty devil in combat,
with guns spewing lead from each side,
And tho' bullets and shrapnel may pierce her,
no Jap or Jerry will injure her pride.
No matter how much she is wounded
no matter the odds she must face,
She knows it is her dying duty
to return you safe to your base.

So when this war is all over
and the earth has been rid of the scum,
You will be able to look at the records
and see what the Fortress has done.
Then when my last flight is scheduled,
and I leave this earthly scene,
Please let me fly up to Heaven
in my own B-17.

Joe and Sue's Chapter Calendar

Wednesday, May 7 - FAA Aviation Safety Meeting 7:00 PM Gwinnett County Administration and Justice Building, 75 Langley Dr. Lawrenceville, Ga. Fly into Gwinnett County Airport (LZU) ground transportation available with prior arrangements or take Rt. 316 to Rt. 120 (Pike) south to Langley Dr. Contact Sue Adams 770-613-9501

Friday, May 9, 8 pm - Gwinnett County Airport, Chapter 690 Hanagar. EAA Chapter 690 monthly meeting. Program will feature the UNISON "Lasar" ignition system for certified and experimental aircraft.

Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11 - Thomaston-Upson County GA Airshow. (OPN) is located 45 NM south of Atlanta. A large number of Military and Classic aircraft. Confirmed acts: Leo Loudenslager, Golden Knights & Misty Blues, a close (500 ft. AGL) fly-by of the F-117 Stealth Fighter/Bomber, the new Cessna 172 will be on display at the airshow. Lotsa BBQ!

Saturday, May 10 - Prattville, Ala. - EAA Chapter 822 Spring Fly-In and Wings Weekend at Autauga County Airport (1A8). Call Steve Conyers at (334) 365-3508 for more information.

Saturday, May 10 - Concord, N.C. (JQF) - Mayor's Breakfast and Fly-In 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Breakfast is \$3 per person and includes live entertainment along with static displays of antique, classic, warbird aircraft, and NASCAR racing cars, food services and exhibits by community groups. Call Angela Drew at (704) 793-9000 for more information.

Sunday, May 11 - Hartsville, S.C. - The South Carolina Breakfast Club at Hartsville Municipal Airport (HVS), 9-10 a.m. to meet for morning meal and mixing. Further information call Anne Hawkins at (803) 432-9595 or Gerald Ballard at (706) 724-2651.

May 11 South Carolina's Breakfast Club Meeting at Hartsville (HVS) Contact Anne Hawkins 803-432-9595.

Friday-Sunday, May 16-18 - Burlington, N.C. 50th Anniversary Balloonfest and Airshow at Burlington-Alamance Airport (BUY) to feature warbirds, Gene Soucy's aerobatics, hot air balloons, B-17 and sky diving by the 82nd Airborne. Call (910) 227-1278 or (910) 229-4505 for more information.

Saturday, May 17 - Gastonia, N.C. - AAU Fly-in at Gastonia Municipal Airport (AKH). Lunch of hot dogs, soft drinks, baked goods 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spot landing contest with trophies for winners. Call Rick Cloninger at (704) 825-9118 for more information.

Saturday, May 17 - Cartersville, GA (VPC) EAA Chapter 208 pancake breakfast. Call (770) 928-9064 for more information.

Saturday, May 17 - Huntsville, Ala. - EAA Chapter 190's third annual Grass Field Fly-In at Moontown "International" Airport (3M5). Contact Duane Ridenhour at (205) 498-3454 or Jon Moore at (205) 882-6672 or Tacco@aol.com or Tacco@ro.com.

Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18 - Hickory, N.C. (HKY) Fifth annual Warbirds Over Hickory Fly-In with many antique and warbird aircraft scheduled for flights and displays. Gates open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

Friday-Sunday, May 23-25 - Douglas, Ga. (DQH) Second annual Wings Over South Georgia Air Show, sponsored by EAA Warbirds Squadron 10, to feature Pat Epps, Flying Farmer, Red Eagle Aerobatics, and warbirds at Douglas Municipal Airport (DQH). Will include fly market, military vehicle show, MV flea market and fly-in camp-in. Friday night cook-out with 1940s swing music. Call Gerald Rimes at (912) 384-7818 for more information.

Saturday, May 24 - Toccoa, GA (TOC) - EAA Chapter 1011 Annual Fly-In. Call (706) 779-3446 for more information.

Saturday, May 24 - Russellville, Ky. EAA Chapter 1165 monthly Fly-In Pancake Breakfast event at Russellville-Logan County Airport (4M7). Call (615) 384-0038 or (502) 726-3214 for more information.

Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25 - Hendersonville, N.C. Western North Carolina Air Museum to sponsor 1997 Spring Air Fair at Hendersonville Airport (0A7). Fly-ins welcome. Vintage aircraft, food services on site.

Sunday, May 25 - Camden, S.C. - The South Carolina Breakfast Club at Woodward Field (CDN), 9-10 a.m. to meet for morning meal and mixing. Further information call Anne Hawkins at (803) 432-9595 or Gerald Ballard at (706) 724-2651.

May 25 & 26 The 5th Annual Piedmont Foothills Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In. All Planes and people are welcome. See part of American history in the city of Toccoa. Contact R.W. Moore 706-779-3446.

Saturday, May 31 - Wrens, Ga (65J) EAA chapter 172 Fly-In. Call (706) 790-0511 for more information.

Saturday, May 31 - Salisbury, N.C. - Second annual Smart Bird Fly-In at Rowan County Airport (RUQ) sponsored by EAA Chapter 1083 and The Southern Aviator. Aircraft class judging noon to 2 p.m., Young Eagles flights 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., catered breakfast and lunch plus evening weenie and corn roasts, manufacturers' displays. Rain date is Saturday, June 7. Call Jack Neubacher at (704) 636-1864 for more information.

June 7*EAA Chapter 690 sponsors 2nd Annual Poker Run. Fly or drive in for Pancake Breakfast Rain or Shine, set your course then fly the poker run. CASH PRIZES!! (In case of rain both the breakfast and the poker run will be held in the chapter hangar.) Gwinnett County Airport (LZU) 8:00 am to 10:30 am Northwest Ramp. Contact Sue Adams 770-613-9501.**

Friday, June 13, 8 pm - Gwinnett County Airport, Chapter 690 Hangar. EAA Chapter 690 monthly meeting. Formula V video as shown on Speedvision of 1996 air races.

Food, Glorious Food!

We all know where you can get the best pancakes in the Lawrenceville area. That is, at least those of us who attend the monthly Chapter 690 Pancake Breakfasts. All would agree that Mike and Jennifer North and crew have gotten the art of flipping flapjacks down to a science. But where do you go for lunch? Working or spending a day at LZU often includes the proverbial \$50 (without factoring in inflation) hamburger at some far off "spot." Thanks to Charlie Sego, I can now tell you brothers and sisters that LZU has its own hot spot for lunch . . . and it won't cost you \$100! Within 2 miles of the airport, near the old railroad station, you will find Tom and Pat Mineo, owners, cooks and chief bottle washers of the Depot Bakery and Deli. Tom and Pat make some of the best lunches around. For \$4.40 - \$4.75 you can get their lunch special with the sandwich of your choice (tuna, egg salad, ham and cheese, roast beef, turkey, etc.), chips, a soft drink and a piece of homemade pie or cake.

Now let me tell you, the sandwiches are stacked high on fresh baked bread along with the standard fixins. But, that's only the entree. The piece-de-resistance are the great desserts that come with the special. Without trying to list them all, let me say that until I visited the deli I had not had French Apple pie in many years. Pat and Tom bake a great French Apple plus the standard fruit pies - apple, cherry, blueberry, etc. One day I'm going to try what appear to be scrumptious cakes! The desserts on the special vary from day to day.

The afore mentioned only covers the lunch fare. For those with less will power, you will find some of the largest apple turnovers, Napoleons and Eclairs that I have seen south of the Mason Dixon line.

In keeping with the \$100 hamburger rating system I would have to give the Depot Bakery and Deli a high 4-1/2 hamburgers, not for the food but for the fact that they have more brand "P" soft drinks than Coke. (Stockholders are a vicious bunch!) The Depot is located at 470 N. Clayton Street, the phone number is 770-513-7014 for call in orders, and they are closed on Sundays. Tell them you are with the EAA. You're guaranteed to enjoy! Joel M. Levine jlevine@akorn.net WA4HNL Beechcraft - N5997S EAA Chapter 690, Lawrenceville, Georgia

Attention All Members:

Big Plans for Chapter Meeting House To Be Discussed at Next Meeting -- Please Attend!

The Board of Directors met Saturday, May 03, 1997, to hear a report from Board of Trustees member Frank Wilcox. Frank described a detailed analysis done by the BOT on the next phase of construction for our chapter meeting place. Basically the plan has four phases, with the first being a "mezzanine" level across the back of our building. The mezzanine stage has a lot going for it, including (relatively) easy approval by county building authorities and plenty of leeway for many options we can consider later. Cost (prepare yourself for mild sticker shock) and details will be discussed at the next meeting, so please attend and prepare yourself mentally for thoughtful consideration about the future of Chapter 690 and our home.

MONTHLY SHOP 'N' CHEW AT CHAPTER 690

Sue Adams is arranging for a "swap table" to be set up in our building in conjunction with the monthly pancake breakfast. The idea behind the table is to have a sort of mini-hangar-sale every month. Bring anything (within reason -- no livestock, fissionable material, human remains, etc) you want to get rid of, or, uh, pass on to some lucky customer. Sue still plans to have a big, multi-hangar garage-type sale in the fall, in addition to the smaller monthly deal.

Joe needs photos

Joe Reed still needs photos of chapter members, preferably with their projects. Other photos, for the Chapter Web page, would also be appreciated. Thanks to Al Higgins for B-17 and Hangar Dance photos.

President's Pitch

by Duane Huff

Sun and Fun was exactly that, a lot of sun and a lot of fun. The trip down was very interesting with four airplanes flying together. Tom Harris and Ted Roman flew in Ted's award winning Aeronca Champ, Bernie and Kim Yeager were in their Champ, Bill Coleman was in his Cessna 150, and I was in the Chief. We were delayed at Suwannee, Fla. because there was no fuel on the field, but a kind gentleman took us to a gas station for autogas for the STC'd airplanes. There was a large representation of Chapter 690, both planes and people, at the fly-in. Not having an accurate count, I won't even venture a guess. Those of us at Sun and Fun hated to miss the April pancake breakfast and thank those who made it possible even though many of the members were gone.

The classic Grand Champion Award of 1996 for the Chief provided me a tie down on the front row of the Antique Classic Division. It was a dusty spot, but when it rained on Monday, the plane was washed. It was a thrilling experience flying in the Parade of History Flight on Tuesday in front of the Sun and Fun crowd. On the flight home I had another demonstration of the kindness and generosity of people in aviation. I stopped in Leesburg, Fla. for the night and the FBO was closed. Larry Philips let me put the airplane in his big hangar over night.

The 690 April meeting was another good one. Even though attendance was down a little, several new people attended. Dr. Aaron Kings showed personal slides of the Cleveland Air Races and of Steve Whitman that were excellent. The pictures came to life with his interesting stories.

Overcast was certainly the optimum word for this past weekend. The B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" was here and the skies were overcast Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. However, this did not dampen the spirit of the weekend. I was amazed at the long line of people standing in rain and wind to go through the B-17. Chapter 690 owes a debt of gratitude to the members of Chapter 268 of Marietta - Cartersville who helped us on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Rick Mathews coordinated these volunteers. Phil

Writer, Tom Barcroft, Harold Eck, and Steve Walton helped on Friday. On Saturday, Pat and Jim Wauford, Sue and John Fritz, and Mike Cowan worked around the plane. On Sunday Bob McFarland, Wayne Owens, and

Steve Wilson assisted. Many, many thanks to all these Chapter 268 members for the support of the B-17 program and of Chapter 690.

The hangar dance was the highlight of the weekend for me and I believe was enjoyed by all who attended—many of whom were not EAA members, maybe not airplane enthusiasts, but people who love to dance. Again thanks to the Zahners and Colemans, social chairpersons, and all who worked so hard to bring it all together and make it successful in spite of the cold and rain. Congratulations to the winners of the period costume contest - Tess Huff and Wayne Whitaker. (Did you know that Tess actually wore that dress back in the 40s?)

The Aluminum Overcast flew a total of five flights - 35 people in all - three on Sat. and two on Tues. Barney Barnes arranged these flights. Thanks to him and to David Posey who coordinated the B-17 event, Joel Levine who did publicity, Mike North who coordinated the food service, Lnor Levine who sold the souvenirs, Frank Wilcox who coordinated the auto parking, Al Higgins who coordinated the tours and was official photographer, Bob and Lynn Zahner who provided the buffet at the dance, Theresa and Bill Coleman who decorated the hangar, Jim Estes who arranged for the courtesy car, and all the rest of the chapter members who supported all these leaders with untold hours of service. We couldn't do a project like this without the support of our chapter members. If you missed the opportunity this time, there will be more events to come.

On Saturday, April 19th, forty one Young Eagles were flown at Chapter 690's first rally of the year. Bill Coleman will be giving further details in a related article. We have another rally scheduled for Sunday May 4th at 2:00 P.M. which is a make-up date for the one rained out in March. Forty eight have registered for this rally. Also for International Young Eagles Day on June 14th we have been asked to fly Young Eagles to Perry-Fort Valley airport where transportation to the Air Museum at Warner Robins will be provided. Lunch will also be provided. If you would like to participate, let Bill Coleman know. I have recently learned that Ronanair in Winder has Phillips 66 avgas. It is the cheapest fuel around and Phillips 66 will rebate \$1 per gallon used for Young Eagle flights. Check at Winder for the details or talk with me about it.

Wanted!

Old decks of cards to use in this year's poker run scheduled for June 7, 1997. Help the chapter save money and donate any old complete decks you may have just laying around. It doesn't matter how beaten up they are, as long as they are decks of 52. Contact Sue Adams, event coordinator at 770-613-9501 e-mail: msadams@mindspring.com

May NavCom Honor Role:

Frank Settle, Larry Bishop, Joe Reed, Sue Adams, Barney Barnes, Joel Levine, Wayne Whitaker, Duane Huff, David Posey, and Frank & Margaret Wilcox

Board of Trustees Report

by Frank Wilcox

The Chapter Building was used three of the four weekends in April for a major chapter activity. This is outstanding and we hope this level of use will continue. Having our own building makes the work of committees significantly easier. It also provides continuation of activities during inclement weather such as we experienced during the B-17 visit.

The trustees are pleased with the care that committees and members are showing for our facilities and equipment. We cannot personally provide all the attention the building requires. Each committee and individual who uses the facilities and equipment must also include tear down and clean-up in the activity planning. In due time better storage facilities will be developed so this job will become easier. Until then please do not leave your clean-up as the first order of business for the next activity. Questions or suggestions should be directed to Joel Levine or Frank Wilcox.

You may have noticed the the three trees that did not survive the winter have been replaced. The cherry tree near the front of our building will add color next spring as will the Bradford pears in our backyard. When all the pear trees behind the hangar row bloom in years to come it will be a

beautiful sight. Members are encouraged to put a bucket of water on all trees at the chapter building during your summer visits to help them survive the dry summer months.

A sandwich board sign has been placed next to the Astron sign at our entrance road. This is not particularly eye catching and it is temporary. However it does give information about what we are and where further information about Chapter 690 is available. The permanent sign is scheduled for installation in early June.

The Board of Trustees had a meeting April 24th and reviewed progress in the planning of the interior development of the chapter building. The courtesy review (preliminary) of our initial plans by the county building department was reported. Several significant modifications were identified. After a lengthy discussion these were resolved and a final configuration was developed. This, together with predicted cost, and a phased construction program will be presented to the Board of Directors on May 3rd. Look for an a status report of this at the May 11th chapter meeting.

Chapter 690 Classified Advertisements

For Sale: Stits Playboy SA3A, O-235 108hp (L2), autogas, 220 SMOH and airframe rebuild. 1993 OSH workmanship award winner! \$11,900 OBO. Larry Brown, 887-8558.

For Sale: Sporty's electronic E6B with case. Purchase price was \$69.00 plus shipping. Asking \$49.00. Almost never used. Bill Bailey 770-934-7756.

For Sale: Half interest in 1962 Cessna 172. 2300 hrs TT and 600 hrs SMOH - good condition. Dual nav/com, loran, DME, plus more. Instrument certified and 9/96 annual. Hangared at Briscoe Field. (770)277-1222 or cmiller@calc.vet.uga.edu.

FS: Half interest in a Beech Musketeer. Full VFR with lots of TLC. Bill Bailey 770/934-7756; 770/934-1414 (FAX).

For Sale: Two folding bikes. Great for X-ctry travel. Selling as a pair for \$200⁰⁰. \$100⁰⁰ of sale goes to Chapter 690 Hangar Fund. Jim Estes 770-938-3515.

For Sale: Bill Bowers award-winning plans-built Fly-Baby. Approx. 45%. Have all plans and invoices. All ribs complete-brakes, wheels, and tires-also, converted Javelin 1.0 liter, alter.,

starter, with all engine instruments. \$4500. Frank Settle 770-923-6149.

For Sale: 4 star rated vacation pkg in Sugar Mtn NC. Paid close to 11K will sell reasonably or trade for what have you. Any interest call Frank Settle. 770-923-6149

For Sale: 1968 Cessna 150, 350 SMOH Approx 5800 TT, AT-50XPDR + ACK Mode C; Intercom; ADF; King KX-145 (720 ch); Audio panel/MKR BCN REC; Wheel pants - red and white but needs paint; 7/97 annual. Lots of TLC, and is a traveling machine as well as a trainer. \$15,500 firm. Call to see where we are. Use an AT&T line and dial 1-500-677-4169 - Ken Sharp or Sheryl Black

VARIEZE, 90% complete rebuild, O-200 300 SMOH. Warnke prop, IFR instrumentation and radios. In law school, no time to finish. \$7950 firm. Terry @ 404-257-8794.

COZY 3-seat project, 45% completed. Wings, canopy, wheels, canard done. First layer of micro part sanded. Builder died; widow will sell for \$14,000 OBO. Also, RV-6A wing kit still in crates. Paid \$3245 new. Will sell for \$2500 OBO. Both located in Atlanta-Alpharetta. Call 770-740-0606.

For Sale: Tri-Q Project (160 MPH on 65 HP) All major construction completed - wing, canard, fuselage and control surfaces. To be finished - assembly, systems and engine installation and finishing. All materials, fittings and hardware to complete including instruments, prop and new Revmaster 2100-D engine (65HP). This is an original factory kit. All factory newsletters and Quicke Builders Association newsletters, drawings and instructions. \$13,000 invested. Make offer. Frank Wilcox, 770-978-2403.

For Sale: Garmin 55 AVD GPS Receiver: Yoke mount with est. power plug, remote antenna cable: \$250. Alan Langford, 770-339-3674

For Sale: Like new 150,000 BTU propane torpedo heater with 100 # propane cylinder.... Used only one winter during hangar construction. Paid nearly \$600, asking \$400.00. Call Terry or Sue Adams 770-613-9501.

For Sale: Garmin GPS-45 hand held GPS receiver. Perfect condition. Includes external antenna, wrist strap, case, and owners manual. \$195. Stan Hunting, KFOIA; Email: stan@mutadv.com; Fax:303 444 2314

Minutes of EAA Chapter 690 April meeting

Wayne Whitaker, Secretary

President Duane Huff reported on a Leadership Forum he attended at Sun 'n' Fun regarding "Flying Start" seminars. The Flying Start program is designed to educate people who are interested in flying but who aren't currently pilots, with an eye toward increasing the currently declining level of student starts. Prototype seminar was well-attended. A seminar will be held in Columbia, SC on Wednesday, April 23. Duane urged chapter officers to attend so 690 can get ideas for presenting something similar.

Duane also urged forming a nominating committee soon so we can get an early start seeking candidates for the next chapter election.

Joel Levine informed the chapter that "Speedvision," a cable channel devoted to cars, boats, and aircraft, has been running a series lately on EAA.

Chapter 690 is losing a neighbor. Duane Huff announced that Astron Enterprises is going out of business, and is selling its aircraft, equipment, and building.

Minutes of last meeting accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report for previous month (March): Hangar account: \$3,204.51; regular account: \$7,171.38; brought in: \$1,058.50; paid out: \$3,693.28. The latter figure includes a hangar payment of \$2,569.49, which represents the final payment on EAA Chapter 690's home. We currently have 72 paid members, with 63 members on the rolls who haven't paid their '97 dues yet. If all these renew we will have a total of 135 members, compared to 128 for last year. Some discussion on billing members who are tardy with their dues.

President Huff praised the Nav-Com, and thanked those who are involved in its production: Frank Settle, Larry Bishop, and of course editor Jeff Boatright.

Ed Stembbridge is our new membership chairman.

Frank Wilcox gave a Board of Trustees report. Certain BOT members have specific responsibilities now: Bob Zahner -- Grounds
Joel Levine -- Building maintenance
Charlie Sego -- County and airport

management liason
Dennis Kaas and Tim Fulmer -- Interior rooms for hangar
Frank Wilcox -- Tools, use of hangar, technical stuff

Greg Jannakos reported that a weight and balance program will be held on May 10th in the Chapter building, at 10 a.m. Some discussion on presenting the weight and balance program, or some other program, in conjunction with the monthly pancake breakfast, as an added attraction.

Discussion on setting date of next Fall Biplane Classic so it doesn't conflict with other regional fly-ins held at the same time, such as Evergreen in Alabama.

A local Explorer post asked if they could sell drinks and snacks at our next Young Eagles rally (April 19). Membership voted unanimously to allow them to sell.

Joe Reed again asked for pictures of members, preferably but not necessarily with their projects.

VP David Posey gave a report on the production of a chapter sign to be posted on Airport Road: Metal has been purchased; sign should be completed in May.

The program for the May meeting will feature a video (and possible presentation by a factory rep) on the Unison Lasar, an FAA-approved all-electronic ignition system.

Upcoming B-17 visit and hangar dance discussed. Volunteers requested for various duties. Discussion on the question of whether to allow children at the hangar dance, and if so, how much to charge for their admission.

Dr. Aaron King, DDS, presented the program for the evening. Dr. King showed slides and gave a talk on the history of Formula 1 and Unlimited air racing, with special emphasis on the many contributions to aviation made by racer Steve Wittman. Dr. King was a personal friend of Steve Wittman and at one time owned the original Tailwind.

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EAA CHAPTER 690

SPRING POKER RUN

AND

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 7, 1997 RAIN OR SHINE
OPEN TO CHAPTER MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS
PILOTS AND ENTHUSIASTS

EARLYBIRD BREAKFAST SERVED 7:30AM TO 10:30AM FEATURING HOT SIZZLING
SAUSAGE, FLUFFY GOLDEN PANCAKES, FRESH ORANGE JUICE and HOT COFFEE
REFRESHMENTS ALSO AVAILABLE UPON YOUR RETURN.

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PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS

- GWINNETT COUNTY-BRISCOE FIELD (LZU) Runway: 7-25, 6000x75 asphalt. Go to EAA Chapter Hangar for cards.
- BARTOW COUNTY-CARTERSVILLE (RYY) Runway: 1-19, 5000x100 asphalt. Cards at FBO.
- WEST GEORGIA REGIONAL-CARROLLTON CTJ) Runway: 16-34, 5001x100 asphalt. Cards at FBO.
- GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY (6A2) Runway 14-32, 3301x75 asphalt. Cards at FBO.
- MADISON MUNICIPAL (52A) Runway: 14-32, 3806x50 asphalt. Cards at FBO. FBO closed if weather is below minimums.

Registration Form (revised 4-15-97)

Name: _____ Type Aircraft: _____

Address: _____ N _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per hand. You can play as many hands as you wish. The more hands played the more the winning kitty will be! SO PLAY! PLAY! PLAY!

Number of hands desired? _____

Mail form and check made out to EAA Chapter 690 Poker Run No Later Than
May 30, 1997 to: Chapter 690 % Sue Adams, 3695 N. Berkeley Lake Rd., Duluth,
GA 30136. Office/fax 770-613-9501, Beeper 770-462-2535,
E-mail: tadams@mindspring.com

POKER RUN

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- KICK OFF THE DAY WITH AN EARLYBIRD PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEATURING HOT SIZZLING SAUSAGE, FLUFFLY GOLDEN PANCAKES, FRESH ORANGE JUICE, and HOT COFFEE. 7:30 AM TO 10:30 AM.
- RUN WILL BE A ONE-DAY TRIANGULAR COURSE OF APPROXIMATELY 200NM ROUND TRIP.
- REGISTRATION FEE IS **\$10.00** PER HAND.
- ***ABSOLUTELY NO*** SHARING OF HANDS. EACH GAMBLING PARTICIPANT MUST HAVE OWN REGISTRATION FORM.
- ANYONE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. THIS IS ***NOT*** LIMITED TO CHAPTER 690 MEMBERS.
- IF A PILOT HAS EMPTY SEATS, THOSE SEATS CAN BE OCCUPIED WITH ANOTHER PAID POKER RUN PARTICIPANT.
- REGISTRATION MONEY WILL BE DIVIDED TO COVER THE WINNING HANDS PRIZES, **THE MORE HANDS YOU PLAY, THE BIGGER THE WINNINGS.** A PERCENTAGE OF REGISTRATION FEES WILL GO TOWARDS CHAPTER HANGAR FUND.
- PARTICIPANTS CAN BEGIN THE ONE-DAY RUN AT ANY TIME THEY CHOOSE. **HOWEVER, MUST RETURN TO GWINNETT AIRPORT NO LATER THAN 2:30 PM** IN ORDER TO OPEN ENVELOPES, HAVE REFRESHMENTS AND ANNOUNCE WINNERS.
- IN CASE OF RAIN, WE WILL ALL MEET AT THE CHAPTER HANGAR AT 11:00 AM TO PLOT COURSE, DRAW CARDS, PAPER AIRPLANE CONTEST, AND ANNOUNCE A WINNER. **PLAN ON BEING THERE!**

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**OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO KEEP *FUN* IN FUNDRAISING**  
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