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## EAA Chapter 690

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## Is Spring Really Here???

The weather has been very odd so far this year. Temperatures ranging from a high of 42 with a low of 28 and the next day being a beautiful and balmy 65 with a low of 42. I mean is this really happening.

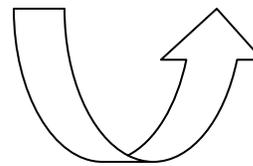
March 15th turned out to be one of the nicest days of the year so far and we were so glad because we had 50 young people that were really looking forward to getting up in the air. Some of them were returning after being turned away for several months due to horrible weather and feeling very disappointed. Those kids were especially excited. More about the Young Eagles on page 2.

This week looks like we could see lows almost down to freezing and warming up only into the 40's. Come on ground hog, enough already!!! Many

of us look forward to the beauty of flight and the winds pick up to 25 mph. Give me a break. But let's not give up hope, we can anticipate many outstanding days to get our planes up in the air once again.

And we have numerous special events coming up. One that many of us are very excited about attending again this year is Sun N' Fun. For some, it's an annual trip that begins the fly-out year. We hope many of you will be able to go to Lakeland, FL April 1st-6th and enjoy the numerous activities at Sun N' Fun.. Most the pilots will be flying down but some of us will drive down and enjoy it just as much.

We have several fly-out opportunities planned for Chapter 690. One that folks have enjoyed participating in is the



***We hate it when the winds get higher than about 15 mph. Safety always comes FIRST.***

Poker Run. Another event, of course, has to be the Plane Wash. (Oh boy, let's get wet!! Watch for the dates and details about these events in upcoming issues.

## A Wonderfully Thoughtful Gift

We were recently informed through a letter that Bernard C. "Barney" Barnes was a member and participant in the activities of EAA. It was his wish to give his support to EAA and one of his bequests was that we, Chapter 690, receive his thanks and a check

for \$1,000 to support future efforts. Barney says "keep up the good work" and thank you for the years of enjoying your organization.

He was 82 years old. He earned his Private Pilot License after retirement and was

very active up until the time he passed away on November 15, 2013.

### Special points of interest:

- **Sat.4/5**-Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 followed by the program by Stan Jessen
- **Mon.4/7**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri.4/11**-Chapter Business Meeting @ 8:00 followed by a program yet to be announced (Join us at the Flying Machine for dinner before the meeting if you can)
- **Sat.4/19**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am

# A Very Exciting Young Eagles Day

March 15th, the 3rd Saturday of the month, was our scheduled Young Eagle Day. But the normalcy of the day ended there. It was so marvelous because of the number of young people we were able to fly-**50**.

We finally had a good day of flying Young Eagles. Ten pilots flew fifty (50) Young Eagles. The pilots and the number of YE that flew are; Steve Ashby 1 YE, David Balthaser 6 YE, Bill Bell 5YE, Randy Epstein 10 YE, Mike Fisher 2 YE, Ron Freed 6YE, (Ron had also flown 4YE earlier) Fred Huppertz 4YE, John Morgan 3YE, John Post 6 YE, and Chuck Roberts 7 YE.

It was great to have the large group of Sea Cadets to come to fly and also to provide lunch for them and our pilots and ground crew.

Our Young Eagle Gals, Barbara Epstein, Jeanne Ferguson, Shellie Kirk, Gay Roberts and Karmen Sunshine were very busy with registration, Log Books, Certificates and keeping the ground crew on track.

Bob Krone and Art Farmer conducted the Safety Briefings and Wes Reddick and Joel Levine were the instructors for the simulators.

Bill Ferguson as usual was our Safety

Officer and Michael Cartin, Lee Olson, Bruce Leithead, John Reitz and Herb Rusk were our Ground Crew escorting the Young Eagles to and from the planes. They also assist the pilots by having the forms, Certificates and log books ready to sign.

Thanks cannot be given enough to all who work so hard to make our Young Eagles program so successful.

## Special Thoughts

Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to Ruth Bruhns, one of our faithful Young Eagle Registration Ladies, who earlier this month lost her son, Tom Parkinson. After being seriously ill, Tom passed away

at the age of 53. He has two daughters in their twenty's that are truly missing their dad, please remember them as well. Per Tom's wishes, there will be a private memorial for his family. If you'd like to send a card or other form of concern, you can send

items to Ruth at 2621 Stokesley Way, Snellville, GA 30078

## Liability Protection For Airstrip Owners

On March 11th the Georgia House approved the Senate changes to HB494, which was amended in February to include the RUS amendment language from Senate Bill 127. HB494 was overwhelmingly adopted as amended and now goes to the Governor's office for signature!

HB494 includes provisions to amend Georgia's Recreational Use Statute to provide liability protection for airstrip owners who choose to let others use their facilities and to provide a means by which airstrip owners can have safety

markers installed on above ground utility lines that are within the approach to landing of airstrips.

Thanks to Senator Bill Heath and Representative Andrew Welch for supporting General Aviation in Georgia!

A copy of the bill can be found here: <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/display/20132014/HB/494>

## Amazing Program-Landing On An Aircraft Carrier

Our guest speaker at our Saturday morning Program on April 5th, is Stan Jessen. Stan graduated from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo with degrees in Aeronautical Engineering and Mathematics. After graduation, Stan worked at Boeing, Seattle, for two years as a flight test operations engineer on the 737 and 747 flight test programs. He left Boeing to join the US Navy where he spend 9 years as a Naval Aviator, flying T34, T2, TA4 and A7 aircraft. While in the Navy he taught: instruments, tactics (bombing, ACM [air combat maneuvering-- better known as dog fighting], low level flying, and carrier landings). Stan flew the A7 attack aircraft while assigned to the VA195 Dam-busters. His squadron deployed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk where he was quali-

fied for all missions including nuclear delivery. His last Navy assignment was as a TA4 adversary pilot trained to act as an opposing force in war games. After leaving the Navy, Stan moved to Atlanta where he worked in the technology industries for the past 30+ years. He currently lives in Cumming with his wife Linda. He is "mostly retired" and has two grown children.

Some of the topics that Stan will be covering include: Aircraft Carrier Features, Carrier Aircraft Features, Flight Operations, Pilot Training and so much more.

Stan is sure to have an amazing story to tell so be sure to join us for a very interesting program. As always, please join us prior to the program for a delicious Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is served

from 8:00-10:30. The program starts at 10:30.



## Membership Report

Membership is still growing as members pay their 2014 dues. Our 2014 membership has grown to 152 with our newest members being a family from South Africa.

Remember, if you have not picked up your Membership Card, please do so and save \$1.00 on Saturday Pancake Breakfast, as well as other membership specials that will be announced in the near future. You can get your membership card from Barbara Epstein or Jeanne Ferguson.

Membership in the National EAA Organization is also very important and highly recommended. The National Organization is very active in supporting various EAA activities and so much more. Check out [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org), click Join for benefits,

opportunities, and lots of aviation information. Or you can call: 800-564-6322; or e-mail: [membership@eaa.org](mailto:membership@eaa.org). EAA is an amazing organization, check it out!!!!

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## Celebrations and Congratulations

We want to get to know our members more and more and one way to do that is by knowing special events in their lives. In April, the following members are having birthdays and/or anniversaries. If you see them walking around, please share in their event. If you have a special date in April or any other month, please

let us know so we can celebrate with you.

*Randy Epstein 7th*

*Barbara and Randy Epstein 10th*

*Karmen Sunshine 23rd*



*Time flies when you're having fun!!!*

## April Means Sun N' Fun-A Message from the President

Hard to believe, but April is upon us. For a lot of pilots it means a trip south to Lakeland, Florida for Sun N Fun. If you've never been there, it is like a miniature Air Venture. It can be seen in a day or two depending on how many times you want to look at things. If you are planning on flying down and have an empty seat or two you can go to eaa690.net, log in, go to Fly out Events and add yourself as a pilot for Sun N Fun. This will allow others that would like to go to contact you.

At our April Pancake Breakfast we're looking forward to hearing Stan Jessen tell us about his experiences as a carrier based Naval pilot. We hope to see you at the hangar for some great food and social time with your fellow chapter members.

If you missed the Chili Cook-off, you missed a great assortment of Chilies to choose from and the trivia contest after dinner. We look forward to having more trivia contests before the year is over.

Over the past month we've made great progress on the Glider Monument project. It is exciting to see members working on this project as we move toward the phase of pouring concrete and getting the glider in the air, so to speak. We've also had several new members join over the last month and are glad to have them as a part of EAA 690.

In May Ron Alexander's DC-3 will be at the airport. In the coming weeks, you can expect to hear more about this and several volunteer opportunities that go along

with it. We hope you'll be ready to pitch in where you can and help make this a great fund raising event for the chapter.

## Chili and Trivia-A Terrific Combination

An extra delicious evening was had by all with a plethora of reasons to come out on a Saturday night-March 22nd. The fellowship was special as always and the chilies were better than ever (that may be due to the excitement in the room looking forward to what was coming after we ate).

There is always a contest that accompanies the chilies. The judges are always tasteful and brutally honest, (Ha! Ha!), with their picks of the winners. This year the winners were:

Ultra Light-Marietta and John Slempp

Classic-Jill Balthaser

Home Built-Pam Freed

Antique-Anne and Fred Huppertz

War Bird-Barbara and Randy Epstein (Randy had fun participating but was shown no partiality)

The Overall Winner was Jill

As always, those that didn't bring chili brought absolutely mouth-watering corn breads, salads, desserts and so much more.

The extra special event was an **aviation related trivia contest**. Brian Michael was the announcer and leader of the game and did an excellent job of providing interesting, challenging and fun questions for us to strain our brains on. The people that were having a fabulous time numbered approximately 45. These folks divided up into 4 to 6 member teams and gave themselves names. For example-our group with Duane Huff, Jeanne and Bill Ferguson, and Barbara Epstein named themselves the Young Eagles. It just so happened that the team with the most points named themselves and Winners. The format was that used by numerous

trivia game spots around the metro area. Brain is a huge player of the game, often two or three times a week with his parents at local restaurants. So it was natural to have him conduct the event. It was a great deal of fun and the 1st and 2nd place teams even received prizes.

We are planning on having trivia nights approximately once a quarter with specially planned meals and more great prizes. We definitely hope more people will come out and join in the fun.

See pictures of the fabulous night on page 5.

*Chili and Trivia-a winning combination!!!*

## New Board Members

At the March Membership Meeting, a vote was conducted that approved John Post and Carmen Sunshine as the two new Members At Large. The reason for the special election was due to the resignations of Naji Malek and Peter DiTomaso. Their service to the chapter is

greatly appreciated and we look forward to having them participate in other activities that will not conflict with their busy travel schedules.

# Chili and Trivia Pictures

Pictures courtesy of John Slemph of Aerographs



On Left

## Chili Cook Off Winners

Jill Balthaser, Anne Huppertz, Marietta Slemph, Pam Freed, and Randy Epstein



On Right

## Trivia Contest Winners

Pam and Ron Freed, Lisa and Jimmy Rickerson



On Right

In addition to the chilies, there was more cornbread, salads, desserts and more than any group could want

Program speakers: Gordon Clement, Jerry Fischer, Steve Ashby, Brian Michael & Martin Walker

# Beautiful Pictures from the RV

We had 11 beautiful RVs on the Ramp



Beautifully painted RV-10 of Brian & Brandi Unrein



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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](mailto:barbara_epstein@hotmail.com)**



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### For Sale

#### Various Products available at the Aero Shoppe included:

**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 @ [skee5bell-south.net](mailto:skee5bell-south.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 Slemper.

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

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

#### Spaces Available

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

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