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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 Road, Lawrenceville, GA

Rick Gullett to Present April Program

By John Reitz

Our EAA-690 meeting on April 9th will feature Rick Gullett, who will present a program of pictures and stories about the Centennial of Flight celebration at Kill Devil Hill from December 12 thru December 17, 2003.

Rick, an EAA-690 member, attended the University of Cincinnati and received a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked in the machine tool industry for 20 years, with jobs ranging from product manager to private label sales manager. Meanwhile, he attended classes in art and photography at Northern Kentucky University and worked for the Cincinnati Post newspaper photographing sporting events. He currently is a freelance photographer for the Rockdale Citizen, and also photographs activities such as air shows and other aviation events.

He received his private pilot rating in 1985 and followed

up with his instrument rating in 1987. He has logged over 2000 hours and currently flies a Cessna Cardinal based at LZU. Being involved in Angel Flight and flying Young Eagles adds to Rick's involvement in aviation.

Rick and his wife Michele have owned and operated the House of Embroidery in Lithonia, GA for 14 years. They provide corporate apparel and advertising items, and currently are making shirts and hats for a number of EAA chapters, including 690.

With his AP press card and an Aviation press photographer pass, Rick had access to the security area at Kill Devil Hill and the opportunity to photograph and speak with a number of celebrities, including General Chuck Yeager and President George W. Bush.

Rick took more than 300 pictures during the Kill Devil Hill celebration and will present about 30 of them for our enjoyment. Each has a story behind it, and we will be entertained with the description and story behind each picture. Time permitting, he may even show a few other interesting pictures taken over the last couple years.

Special Notice for May 1st!

In conjunction with the Georgia Wings Weekend

The regular Chapter 690

1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast

will move to the South Side of Briscoe Field

Please see page 7 for more info about the
5th Annual Wings Weekend.

Have you paid your chapter dues for 2004?

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1st - so chapter membership dues are due at the first of the year. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to our new Membership Chairman:

H. Glenn Clark
2143 Mountain Creek Dr.,
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Dues may also be paid on-line at www.eaa690.org through PayPal. Select the Membership Folder in Web Links.



Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In

The 30th Anniversary of the
Spring Celebration of Flight!

NEW DATES

April 13 - 19, 2004
(Tuesday - Monday)

Updated mailing address and e-mail addresses are needed. NavComs are being returned, and e-mails bouncing back. Please give changes to Joel Levine at jlevine@akorn.net.

Chapter 690 Scenes



⇐ Chapter 690 member Col. Fred Huppertz (USAF Ret..) presented a program entitled " The B-36 Bomber and Strategic Air Command (SAC)" at the March meeting.

Chapter President Larry Bishop presented Fred with a chapter mug as a token of our appreciation for his presentation. ➡



⇐ Fred brought a beautiful model of the B-36 Bomber to illustrate some points during his program.

After the program, members and guests had many questions and comments to share with Fred regarding the SAC, the B-17 and other parts of his presentation. ➡



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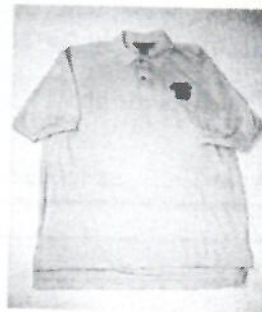
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Chapter members Rick & Michele Gullet have promised prompt delivery of these items. Samples are available to look at in the AeroShoppe. Orders placed at the Pancake Breakfast will be ready for pick-up at the next Friday night meeting. Names can be added for \$6.00. Great gift ideas – and Fathers Day is coming!

Some Aviation Web-Sites Worth Exploring

EAA Experimental Aircraft Association –
www.eaa.org
AOPA Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association –
www.aopa.org
EAA Young Eagles Logbook Search World's Largest
Logbook! –
www.youngeagles.org/100ye/FindPeople.asp

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The NavCom

The NavCom is the official monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, serving its members and other persons interested in the advancement of Aviation.

Original articles, art and photos are invited and welcome. Submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: lnor@akorn.net

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the April 2004 NavCom is Monday, March 15th.

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The President's Pitch

By Larry Bishop



It's time for Sun'n Fun 2004! I hope everyone has made their plans to visit Lakeland, Florida, for one of the best fly-ins anywhere. The official fly-in dates are April 13th to 19th. I always enjoy going a few days early before things get really busy and, although I have stayed at a motel in Plant City in recent years, I prefer camping at the fly-in. This year I am driving to Lakeland and will stay in the fly-in campground.

It has been very interesting watching Sun'n Fun grow over the years. It started in 1974 with a few hundred attendees. My first year was 1982 when 254 show planes registered and an attendance of just over 20,000. This event has grown rapidly to a recent total attendance of about 700,000 with almost 2000 show planes registered. Be sure to bring your walking shoes and check out the forums, workshops, museum and don't forget all the evening activities. I'll be somewhere in the campground and if you want to get together down there, give me a ring on the phone number shown below.

Our chili cook-off last month was a big success and I think everyone enjoyed the friendship flights. We actually started the flights a little early when four planes, (an Aeronca, Cirrus, RV, and Mooney) and about ten hungry aviators set out to tour north Georgia in search of food (lunch). After a ride to Jackson County and finding no food, we decided to fly to PDK for lunch at the Downwind. I want to tell you that EAA 690's Award Winning Aeronca mixed well with all the heavy jet traffic and was even

given priority on runway 20L, the 6000 foot runway, for his departure back to LZU. Friendship flights continued through the afternoon and after dinner, ending just after dark when a level four thunderstorm appeared just off the northeast corner of the airport.

If you have not renewed your chapter membership for 2004, please see Glenn Clark at the pancake breakfast on April 3, or at the monthly meeting on Friday, April 9.

Thanks to everyone who responded to the recent National Air Tour Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and Georgia House Resolution HR 527 regarding the elimination of Georgia Ad Valorem Tax on Antique Aircraft.

Wings Weekend

(www.wingsweekend.com) is April 30 thorough May 2 at the Jet Center on the south side of LZU. Also, don't forget our monthly Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, April 17.

Everyone is invited to the March Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 pm, and the Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 pm. Join us if you can at Valentinos for dinner prior to the Friday night monthly meeting, April 9. If you can make it for dinner, please let Duane know at (duanehuff@yahoo.com) and we will save a place for you.

Contact me if you want to talk about chapter stuff.

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Chapter 690 Young Eagle Update

By Duane Huff



Yes, the Young Eagles program is alive and well for Chapter 690 and EAA international. As of this date, Ch. 690 has had five Y.E. rallies. Thirty Young Eagles were flown on January 17th and Michael Kiah, Fred Kempster, Charlie Schobel, Larry Bishop, Glen Horn, Larry, Fussell, John Reitz, and Chuck Huber were the pilots who flew that day. Ground Crew were Charles McCormick, Bill Ferguson, Greg Jannakos, Walter Deere, Duane Huff, Frank Willcox, Bonnie McCormick, Maggie Minton, and Jeanne Ferguson.

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EAA 690 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Respectfully submitted by Lee Olson

Attending: D. Huff, T. Fulmer, F. Wilson, L. Olson, L. Bishop. Absent: C. McCormick, C. Lewis

The meeting started on time, and began with a review of action items listed in the previous minutes:

1) The suggestion box has been mounted next to the bulletin board. 2) Air flow, and positioning of vents has been completed for the 2nd floor. 3) HVAC timer is scheduled to be installed this Saturday. 4) Fountain drink dispenser will be disposed of by Mike North. 5) Entrance door will be reevaluated for disposition. 6) Grill cover will

be utilized to conceal computer when not in use when relocated to hangar deck.

New Business: 1) Disposition of "Moving sign" units (2), Duane will contact Chuck Miller for operating instructions. 2) Existing Tuesday night meeting date is causing hardships, date changed to the Monday prior to pancake breakfast. 3) Chapter sign at entrance to flightline. Duane will consult with Frank Wilcox on previous research that was done. Meeting adjourned.

Next BOT meeting March 29th @ 7:30 P.M.

FAA TEMPORARILY RETRACTS SPORT PILOT PROPOSAL

Action Allows FAA to Answer OMB Questions

March 25, 2004 - FAA Administrator Marion Blakey ordered an administrative move on Wednesday, March 24, that keeps the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rule on track for final approval this spring. She withdrew the proposal from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to answer several final questions about the rulemaking package.

That maneuver saves the rule from facing a potential significant delay in its approval. By bringing the proposal back to FAA, Blakey can address OMB's questions in the most expeditious manner and return it quickly for final approval.

March 24 marked the end of OMB's 90-day review period. Had FAA not retracted the rule, OMB could have rejected it, severely delaying issuance of a final rule.

While expressing disappointment in the 11th-hour development, EAA President Tom Poberezny commended FAA's decision and acknowledged it as the best way for the agency to address OMB's questions and secure a final rule as quickly as possible.

"This is a temporary timing setback," he said. "EAA continues to champion and support the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rule, as evidenced by the considerable resources we've dedicated to developing programs and services for our members, including the introduction this week of EAA Sport Pilot & Light-Sport Aircraft magazine." Poberezny also noted an upcoming announcement regarding a major sport pilot and instructor training program.

FAA officials confirmed to EAA that answering OMB's questions about the proposed rule is a top priority.

HARRISON FORD NEW CHAIRMAN OF EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

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The new Chairman is the third in the history of the Young Eagles Program. Academy Award-winning actor Cliff Robertson served as Chairman from the program's founding in July 1992 through 1994, with Gen. Yeager serving 1995-2003. Under these two Chairmen, EAA's Young Eagles has grown into the largest youth aviation education program ever created.

Since 1992, Young Eagles flights have taken place on every continent except Antarctica and in aircraft ranging from business jets to blimps. Each year, EAA receives numerous reports of young people who have been inspired to pursue aviation as a career or as recreation because of their Young Eagles flights. Many of those early Young Eagles are now introducing flight to other Young Eagles as well. Every major university aviation program and all U.S. military academies also have current students who were inspired by a Young Eagles flight.

"As we launch the second century of powered flight, Young Eagles will also reach for new horizons," Poberezny said. "We have seen the impact that this program has made on young people, whether or not they pursue aviation. That inspires us to do even more."

The EAA President also announced new offerings as follow-ups to initial Young Eagles flights, including expanded web site activities and recognition levels for young people interested in aviation. Those specific activities will be announced as they are unveiled.

The Young Eagles Program was founded in 1992 and has provided more than 1 million free demonstration flights to young people. Through January 2004, young people around the world have participated in the program through the efforts of 35,000 volunteer pilots. Major support is provided by Jaguar Cars. More information is available at www.youngeagles.org.

EAA Chapter 690 Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2004

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Bell

The meeting was called to order by Larry Bishop. After the Pledge of Allegiance, several items of business and announcements were made.

Chapter Membership Chairman is Glenn Clark. If you have not renewed your membership for 2004, please see Glenn or log onto our web site at www.eaa690.org to renew via credit card.

Everyone is invited to join the Board of Directors meeting held the Tuesday evening prior to the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Also, the Board of Trustees meeting is held the Monday prior to our pancake breakfast at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of each monthly meeting, each Board of Directors meeting, and each Board of Trustees are printed in the NavCom. The membership present at this monthly meeting approved the minutes from February 13, 2004 as published in the NavCom.

The March project visit will be Saturday, March 13th. Join us at Hangar 6 for the Aeronca C50 project visit.

Additional activities this month are the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Young Eagle Rally, EAA 690 Friendship Flights and Chili Cook-off on March 20 and

another Pinewood Derby and YE Rally on March 27.

The April Pancake Breakfast is April 3 and the speaker is one of our own LZU tower controllers and "Believe it or Not - A View from the Tower."

Other announcements included Fly-ins at LaGrange on March 20, and at Plantation Air Park on May 1, 2004. Georgia Wings Weekend is April 30, May 1 and 2. Our 1st Saturday Pancake breakfast will be on the south side of LZU at the Jet Center, May 1.

Members were encouraged to respond to three proposed government changes regarding aviation issues. The National Air Tour NPRM, Homeland Security Act of 2002 (HR 3798) and Georgia House Resolution HR 527 concerning Ad Valorem Tax on antique airplanes concern us all. Hopefully the FAA and our representatives in Atlanta and Washington are listening.

After the break a program was presented by Fred Huppertz on the history of the B36 and about Fred's experiences as an Air Force SAC pilot flying this huge 10 engine pusher.

The meeting was adjourned after the program.

EAA Chapter 690 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2004

Mike Stewart called the meeting to order. The following Directors were present:

Mike Stewart	Mike North
Larry Bishop	John Reitz
Larry Dickinson	Jeff Gwathney
Duane Huff	

Review of open issues:

Membership renewals are slower than previous years. Duane is installing a box just inside the front door for new membership and membership renewals. A supply of membership forms are included in the box.

The Blue Notes will plan for the hangar dance again this year. Larry Bishop will sign the contract and send the deposit payment this week. The Hangar Dance will be October 23, 2004.

Mike North has requested 12 people to sign up to assist and run future pancake breakfasts. Had sufficient help for the breakfast last week.

Web-site feedback is positive. Everything is working well

with many web-site hits monthly.

The Board of Trustees reported on their active projects, which are outlined in their meeting minutes dated March 2, 2004.

New Business:

Lnor supplied information about a new chapter patch but she could not be at the meeting. After a brief discussion the subject was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting so Lnor can be involved.

The Board approved an Aviation Day Camp, coordinated with Debi Huffman's aviation program, and scheduled for July 1, 2, and 3 at the chapter hangar. Duane Huff is coordinating this program for EAA 690.

The Board approved new electrical timers to be purchased and installed by the food committee for use on our two large coffee pots.

The Greater Atlanta Fly-In (GAFI) sponsored by EAA 690 is approved this year on Saturday, September 19, 2004. A chairman for this year's fly-in has not been named.

Young Eagles Update (Continued)

Our second YE event of the year was on February 21st. Mike Stewart, Chuck Huber Jr., Patrick Bell, Michael Kiah, and Fred Huppertz flew a total 24 Young Eagles. The ground crew that day were Charles and Bonnie McCormick, Dave Haskell, and Joel and Lnor Levine.

March has been busy with three different rallies. On Saturday, the 20th, the chapter hosted a Pine Wood derby and took some of the participants for their Y.E. flights. Nine Scouts received their Certificates and declared Young Eagles. The ground crew of Bill Ferguson and Walter Deere assisted Chuck Huber, Fred Huppertz, Larry Bishop and Duane Huff who flew that event. An unusual day for Young Eagles was Tuesday

the 23rd of March. Bobby Staton, who works for Astron, asked if we could fly a Home Schooled group on a week day. We were delayed a week but, Fred Huppertz, Juan Perez, from Astron and Duane Huff flew 19 Young Eagles. Bill and Jeanne Ferguson and Bobby Staton were the ground crew. Last Saturday, while another Pine Wood derby was being held in the Hangar, we were also flying some of them for their Y.E. experience. This was very successful. Though some of them were second time Y.E., twenty-one were given a flight. Also, some of the parents were taken for a ride. Larry Bishop, Ted Rabenko, Mike Stewart, and Duane Huff were the pilots. Bonnie and Charlie McCormick needed some help as they were the only ground crew. Many thanks to all who have participated in the YE program so far this year.

Classifieds

Ads run for 3 months. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 3 months you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.

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2004

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NEW THIS YEAR!

First Responders Course: When Seconds Count, A Post Aircraft Accident Response

This one day (8 Hours) accredited continuing education course is a must for all emergency services, law enforcement, and medical personnel. Class size is limited. The First Responders Course is an FAA Post Accident program and participants are required to pre-register at www.wingsweekend.com.

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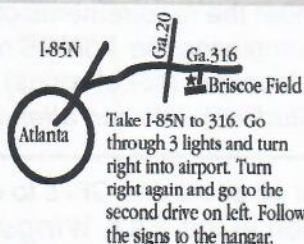
Come Join Us!

Regular monthly meetings — On the 2nd Friday of every month (except for August's Post Oshkosh Bash). In the Chapter Building at 8:00 p.m. Hangar flying before & after!

Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity — On the 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Free programs start at 10:30 a.m.



APRIL MEETING –

Friday, April 9th, 2004 at 8:00 PM

Program – Rick Gullett presents "Interesting sights and stories at Kill Devil Hill on December 17, 2003."

Visit the EAA 690 Website at <http://www.eaa690.org>

HARRISON FORD NEW CHAIRMAN OF EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

VAN NUYS, Calif. - (March 8, 2004) - Harrison Ford, best known as a renowned actor in more than three dozen films but also an extremely active pilot and member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), was introduced today as the new Chairman of the EAA Young Eagles Program, which has flown more than 1 million young people since 1992.

During a welcoming program with EAA President Tom Poberezny, Ford said "It's daunting to step into General Yeager's shoes, but aviation is about learning new skills and the satisfaction that comes with practicing them and doing better."

Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, who has served as Young Eagles Chairman since 1994, has been named the program's Chairman Emeritus and will continue to participate as one of more than 35,000 volunteer pilots who have been involved since Young Eagles was founded.

"Harrison Ford's passion for flight has grown through the years, as he has achieved several pilot certificates and ratings, and made aviation a major part of his life," Poberezny said. "He discovered Young Eagles on his own several years ago and quietly started flying young people.



He now has flown 81 Young Eagles. He is a natural fit to help lead us to even greater achievements as EAA members prepare the next generation of aviators."

"Young Eagles gives kids a view of the world they've never seen before," Ford said. "Each Young Eagle flight is an opportunity to excite kids by sharing your passion for flight and to show them that they, too, can learn the skills to participate in aviation."

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