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News and Information for the Gwinnett County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association October 2001

Fall Air Fair

By Joel Levine

Today, October 6, 2001, Chapter 690 will host aircraft from around the area at the 18th Annual Fall AirFair. Planned activities include classic and antique aircraft and cars on static display as well as bi-plane rides. Special youth orientated aviation activities are planned as well as displays of aircraft under construction and restoration. A Special Event Amateur Radio Station operated by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society will be contacting other Ham Radio Stations around the world from the site. The Chapter needs your help. Plan on having breakfast and then giving an hour or so of your time. Contact Ron Mulvaney <mulvaney@ix.netcom.com> or see Duane Huff at the Chapter volunteer table in his hangar.

And don't forget, to put on your dancing shoes that evening, and dance to the nostalgic melodies of Glenn Miller, Harry James and Benny Goodman at the 6th Annual 690 Hangar Dance. Enjoy the music of Atlanta's fabulous Blue Notes, a nineteen-piece orchestra conducted by Bob Bailey. Period Uniforms and Dress are encouraged but not required when Lawrenceville Airport comes alive to the swinging sounds of Big Band Music. The cost for the dance is \$35/couple, \$20/single in advance and \$45/couple, \$25/single at the door. Non-alcoholic beverages and a dessert table are included. Doors open at 7:00 PM with music and dancing from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM in Aircraft Specialties and Jet Services (formerly GMD) hangar 8, 510 Briscoe Blvd., Lawrenceville Airport. Reservation's are strongly suggested. For more

information or to make reservations, volunteer to help move equipment, decorate or clean-up call 770-339-0804 or e-mail Jeanne Miller at jmmiller@bellsouth.net.

Once again, this is a big weekend for the Chapter and the Chapter needs both your help and your participation. Contact Ron and/or Jeanne and volunteer.. →

Current Flying

By Joel Levine

Mr. Jim Lyons will be presenting a special program following the breakfast as part of the Fall AirFair on the "The Current Status of our Air Space." In addition to being Chapter 690 Vice President, Jim is flying Lear Jets for JP Aviation at PDK and will be flying for Dale Strickland at Astron. Jim is CFI, CFII and ASMEL rated, flying everything from F-100's to F-4 in the Air Force prior to separation at the rank of Captain. →



by Lnor Levine

On Saturday, November 3rd we will host a Flying Start Seminar following our monthly First Saturday Pancake Breakfast (8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., rain or shine).

This free seminar is part of the national "Flying Start" program, which was introduced in 1997. Sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), the mission of the Flying

Start Program is to recruit new members and help individuals take their first step towards becoming a pilot.

The seminar is open to anyone who has ever thought of learning to fly, but does not know how or where to get started. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the one hour program will start at 11:00 a.m.

The brief, easy-to-understand presentations include "How High Can I Fly?" by Lanny Pruchnicki (CFI & Proprietor of The Flight School of Gwinnett), "Ground School" by George Steube (CFI & 690 member), "How to choose a Flight School," and explanation of "The New Recreational Pilot Certificate" by Chuck Miller (CFII & 690 member) as well as other key information.

Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, significant others, children, etc. Let's share with them how to get started in aviation. Let's share some of the love of flying that our members enjoy!

Participating seminar exhibitors will include Advanced Aviation, Astron Enterprises, Inc. and The Flight School of Gwinnett.

At the conclusion of the presentations there will be a drawing for Free EAA Memberships, and time to explore the display area and ask questions of the presenters.

Contact Info:

Sue Adams, Chairman
FAA Safety Councilor of the Year
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770-613-9501 hm/off/fax
770-616-1806 mobil →

Thomasville Fly-In!

Planning is well underway for this year's fly-in to be held on October 12, 13, & 14. Mark your calendars now so that you won't miss this event. We want all of our aviation friends to come and share this fun-filled exciting weekend with us. Our website has been updated with all new photographs from last year's event. Check it out and see if you can spot your airplane.

<http://www.thomasvilleflyin.com>

Please let us know what you think of the WWW site. Our e-mail address is:

flyin@rose.net →

YOUNG EAGLES GROUNDED

By Duane Huff

With LZU in the class B airspace and V.F.R. flights limited to flying with an instructor, the Young Eagles program is temporarily grounded. This really hurts especially with the weather so beautiful for flying. Instructors, you could give some young people flight instruction and make them Young Eagles at the same time. When you do, I have the forms and you can give them back to me and I will send them to Oshkosh.

Saturday, Sept. 8th. and Sunday, the 9th. were our last two YE events. On Sat. we flew two groups. One group was Debbie Huffman's group from the Fernbank Science Center, and the other a group of exchange students from Germany. For the past three or four years this has been the highlight of their visit to the U.S.A. Their director was very complimentary of the YE program and their visit to Ch. 690. Sunday afternoon Ch. 690 hosted a birthday party and treated them to a YE flight. A total of 58 YE. were given their certificates and

several Older Eagles were given rides also at these two events.

Pilots who flew were; Mike Stewart, Chuck Huber, Gary Moulson, Lou Friedman, Steve Jackobs, Lee Craymer, Joel Levine, Larry Bishop, and Duane Huff. The ground support team was; Lynn Zahner, David Hammock, Mike Kiah, Tim Settle, Jeff Gwathney, Larry Dickenson, Maggie Minton, Gordon Washburn, Lnor Levine, Debbie Huffman, and Walter Deere.

Many, many thanks to all who participated in these events. Especially to Greg Jannakos who is my right hand man in organizing pilots and ground workers for these events. →

September Chapter Meeting Program

by Margaret Wilcox

Two young aviation enthusiasts presented the September Chapter meeting program on Friday night Sept 14. Eric Washburn and Keenan Jackson who attended the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh this past summer gave a visual and verbal report of their two week experience.

These two high school students were chosen to receive the Chapter 690 scholarships to attend the academy based on their interest in aviation and Civil Air Patrol experiences. Eric has been a member of the Gwinnett CAP for two and a half years and has helped with Young Eagle programs. His father Gordon Washburn is a member of the chapter. Keenan Jackson is a Staff Sergeant in the DeKalb CAP. He is also the president of the Aviation Club at Stephenson High School.

The program at the Air Academy is designed to give the young people an opportunity to learn about all aspects

of aviation. Every day there were classes and workshops taught by experts who volunteer their time to pass on their knowledge and experience to these young people. Included are 30 hours of classes in aerodynamics. They learned about engines and rockets. Many hours were spent in the shop learning welding, wood working, metal craft and covering with fabric. Keenan and Eric brought with them examples of their work - a balsa wood glider and a covered wing section. Each participant was given a half hour flight in either a Piper Cub or an RV6A plane. They met President Tom Poberezny and learned from him about the EAA and also Sean Tucker, the aerobatic champion.

The boys lived with 41 other boys and girls from all over the country in the new dormitory near the Pioneer Airport. They were housed 4 to a room. No dining privileges if your room wasn't neat was the rule. Volley Ball was the entertainment most every evening. They also had use of the challenge course where they learned that cooperation is essential.

The two weeks at Oshkosh overlapped 3 days of the EAA Air Venture Fly-in and they had time to walk the flight line and were impressed by the many different types of aircraft on display. The boys were also impressed with the many exhibits at the EAA Museum where they had special privileges.

Eric was nick-named 'Big Red' for his tall stature and red hair and Keenan was dubbed 'Camera Man' as he carried his video camera with him and recorded their experiences. We were pleased to see the results - a video of many of their activities. At the end of the two weeks 6 participants were invited back next year to be Interns (camp counselors for next year's group) and both Eric and Keenan were chosen for this honor. The boys thanked the Chapter members for providing them with this wonderful experience. The members expressed appreciation to Eric and Keenan for their fine performance. →

2002 Nominees Update

By Michael Stewart

This years nominating committee is providing the following nominations for the 2002 elections to take place at the November Meeting.

President, Duane Huff
Vice President, Robert Casey and
Debbie Huffman
Secretary, Lou Friedman
Treasurer, Michael Stewart
Trustees, Terry Adams and Forest
Wilson

Many members were contacted to accept nominations, only these individuals agreed to be on the ballot. Nominations can be made on the floor during the October meeting. Accepting member must be present during the October Meeting to accept the nomination.

I want to thank the following members for their support on the nominating committee; Duane Huff, Greg Jannakos, LNor Levine, and Mike North. →

Construction Update

By Duane Huff

At this time the electrical wire is in the ceiling for the grills, hood and stove. Hopefully by the time you receive your NavCom the stove and grills will be connected and ready for use. We need a duct that goes through the wall connecting the hood and the fan, and then that can be installed. A large work crew will probably be needed to put the hood in place.

Please thank Bob Zahner for the donation of the beautiful, almost like new stove, that we have in the kitchen.

Tim Fulmer is to contact his carpet man about installing the carpet upstairs. When the carpet is installed we can then put in doors, ceiling and

lights. We then can move in upstairs freeing up some of the main floor. CAN'T WAIT! ("In Two Weeks")

A Note From a Friend!

By Joe Friend

A one hour's flight in my SeaRey puddle jumper due west from Daytona Beach, FL brings me to Ocala where there is a very unusual airport called Grey Stone. It was built a few of decades ago by a man named Jones who started the Nautilus exercise equipment company. He had a jetliner he used as personal transportation and to bring back to the US endangered animals from Africa for care on his farm. Jones young wife, Terry, still lives at the farm but opens it up for the public to fly or drive in on the first Sunday of each month for a grand buffet brunch in their ballroom/dining hall. Cost is \$20 for all you can eat. The food is great. The site was recently chosen by John Travolta to be his new home site because he has a Boeing 707 and a Gulfstream bizjet that he needs a big runway for. The runway is concrete and 7000 ft. long and about 200 feet wide. His new house will be off to the side of the runway with a taxiway for the 707, 3 feet thick to handle the weight. His house will have an attached hangar large enough for the 707 to taxi in and turn so the planes cabin door faces his living room. A ramp will extend from his living room to the 707's cabin door for convenient access. The plane has a crew of four plus two cabin assistants and a mechanic (who I got this info from.) The whole entourage, family including two nannies are off at 3 PM today to go to Bangor Maine for a couple of days where he has another home. Then they go to CA. The crew has to follow the family around. It's a 24x7 job and they don't get home much. The 707 just returned home from an around-the-world tour promoting John's new movie. It's a life of imaginative excess. Oh, another anecdote, when John got the 707, he wanted the registration number to be "N707JT" but it was in use by someone else. Oprah Winfrey flexed

some influential muscle to get it for him. It's all about money and power. My 20 bucks and 80 horsepower got me lunch and an opportunity to send you this note. I don't need no stinkin 707. I had a fun day and hope you did too. →

YJFC

By Dr. Randal Ablor

As a former YJFC'er (see note at end), thought I would pass on a short flying story. Ian Dutton, another former YJFC'er now flying for Continental Express out of Newark, NJ, met up with me for a short but fun flying adventure.

About 2 years ago I purchased a turbo 210 (imagine 54B with 2 more seats, and another 100+ HP), and Ian helped me ferry it back from Wyoming. This time we decided that a flight up the east coast would be fun. Not that we saw a whole lot of coast, as things worked out. After a short flight from Savannah to Augusta for some practice approaches, and a few touch-n-gos, we topped up the tanks and headed for Newark. Due to less than perfect weather, we climbed up to 17,000 (with oxygen) on an IFR flight plan for Atlantic City. About 150miles before there we canceled IFR, and proceed VFR into the New York area. Newark (EWR), NY Kennedy, and LaGuardia are all part of a "three-ring" monster class-B airspace. Fortunately I had a not-so-secret device on board to help - Ian, who flies into there regularly. We did a tour of the Hudson River, over the statue of liberty, Ellis island, ..., (despite a less than helpful approach controller), then over the approach end of the active parallel runways at EWR and short approach for intersecting RW 11, just making it in before the 5pm "rush-hour" \$100 landing fee (ouch). After spending an interesting evening touring NY, I headed out to the airport the next day to launch VFR for the return trip. I did notice that all of rest of the airplanes parked on the GA ramp were defective, none of them had propellers. Ian and I discussed the "Verazzano Bridge" departure, basically a low level route

out of the TCA (erh, Class B). I made the mistake of requesting the Verazzano departure with a climb to 16,500, and the very helpful clearance controller volunteered that I could have one or the other, the verazzano departure, or a vectored climb to 16,500. I opted for the vectored climb to 16,500 which they were fortunately able to accommodate quickly (i.e., non-stop climb with only a couple of turns), which left Ian on the ramp wondering what in the world I'd done. I made the 620+nm flight back to Savannah nonstop at 16,500 in just under 4 hours, a little longer than I prefer to go non-stop (usually I pick about 3 hours legs) but it didn't seem worthwhile to stop for a day-VFR refueling. That model 210 has 90 gallons (.5 gallons per side unusable), and I burn 20 GPH in climb, and 14gph in cruise, and 30gph for a couple of minutes for take-off. Overall that works out to about 6 hours of fuel until the propeller stops. That 210 also doesn't have a "both" position on the fuel selector.

Overall, it was quite a fun trip. NY approach control was pretty cooperative. Atlanta still seems to be one of the more inhospitable airspaces in the country, although having Ian along made all the difference. happy flying!

Side Note/Introduction:

I learned to fly with the YJFC in 1991 in a 150HP Cessna 172 N7111G, although due to mechanical problems I took my private check ride in N55218 (now 552GT). I added instrument privileges soon after. I spent 2 years as VP of maintenance, during which time we refitted 7111G into N711GT, new paint, new interior, engine overhaul. I also was YJFC treasurer for one term (1994 perhaps). I added a commercial rating using a C172rg at an FBO at FTY. We then sold N711GT in pursuit of a C172rg for the club. I flew out to Waco, Tx to test fly & pick up 54B (now 975GT), which involved a cracked cylinder and landing gear extension problem. I used 54B to get a CFI and CFII, and did some occasional instructing with the

club until 1999 when my wife and I purchased a Cessna T210. We moved to Savannah in 2000 to take faculty positions at the Georgia Tech extension that just opened. I've built up about 1200 hours of flying in 10 years, most of it in club planes.

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September Minutes

by Michael Stewart, substituting for Tom Dubrouillet

The meeting called to order by President Miller, led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the lives lost in the September 11th bombings followed by customary introductions where each member present introduces themselves and reports on the aviation activities. The Secretaries Report was accepted unanimously as published in the Nav Com for August.

Membership Chair Dale Schonmeyer's report 186 Members were paid up. Treasurer Charlie Sego reports the chapter is solvent.

Publicity Chair Joel Levine reports – Joel reported that he is beginning to look for speakers for the 2002 season of programs for both meetings as well as Saturday pancake breakfasts. Please contact Joel if you have any ideas.

Duane Huff reported that the kitchen equipment has arrived. Fan, grill, and, hood. Also the upstairs is nearly complete. Awaiting Tim Fulmer's help for installation. Also the Air Conditioning is fully functional now.

Young Eagles Chair Duane Huff reports that the chapter flew 58 young Eagles, and some German foreign exchange students, on Saturday September 8. Also the following Sunday, the chapter flew 8 young eagles for a birthday party.

Jeannie Miller gave an update on the upcoming hanger dance. Jim Lyons, substituting for Ron Mulvaney, gave an airfair update.

Frank Wilcox reported that the chapter had gone over budget by \$3177.00 for the HVAC work from the original estimates years ago. A motion was made and past unanimously to allocate the monies from the general fund to cover the expenditures.

The evening program featured our own Airventure cadets whom the chapter sponsored for the Oshkosh camp. They spoke about their trip and all they experienced and learned. →

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 encouraged. Submit articles preferably in an MS Word format, however ASCII format will also be accepted. Pictures can be in almost any format. Submit via email to: willow55@atl.mediaone.net or mail to:

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Deadline for submissions is the **SUNDAY BEFORE THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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Chapter Information & Misc. Items of Interest

By Lnor Levine

2001 Raffle Garmin 195 GPS

Donated by Joe Friend

The raffle proceeds will pay to sponsor one young person to the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh.

DONATION \$10.00 –
Limited to 90 tickets!

Drawing will be held upon the completion of ticket sales.

**WINNER NEED NOT
BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

See Lnor Levine at the regular monthly meeting, pancake breakfast or other chapter events.

Come Join Us

Regular monthly meetings – Held 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 and after!

Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity –
In the Chapter Building.
Breakfast served 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Programs start at 10:30.

Available for sale in the Chapter 690 Aero Shoppe

The Lost Squadron – by David Hayes

The story of the Greenland Expedition & the recovery of a P-38. Signed by expedition member Pat Epps. Handsome hardcover books for \$40.00

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FLYBOY – By Robert L. Belt

FLYBOY is a novel about history, relationships, flying and fate. FLYBOY is about the process of a boy of adventure becoming a man of confidence.
Signed copies for \$13.00

first Saturday

Monthly Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 690
Lawrenceville Airport
8:00 to 10:30 AM



- (Oct. 6 – Annual Fall Fly In & Hangar Dance
- (Nov. 3 – Flying Start Program
- (Dec. 1 – Introduction to Aerobatics

Watch for announcement of next year's First Saturday programs and activities.

Monthly Membership Meetings are held on the second Friday of every month at 8:00 PM.

An invitation to EAA 690 Members, both longtime and new –

The strength of any volunteer organization is its membership. All of you joined Chapter 690 because of an interest in aviation. Many of the newer members were attracted because we have a strong chapter that has had many successes, including:

- promotion of general aviation to the public and mentoring – from aspiring pilots with our Young Eagle and Flying Start programs – through homebuilders guidance through project visits, "hands on" seminars and assistance from our chapter's technical advisors – to events such as our annual fall fly-in and hosting of special events like B-17 visits;
- education about aviation topics - from programs on weather to maintenance of equipment – through pilot medical information and presentations on new technology - to the promotion of pilot safety through informational seminars and support of the FAA's Wing's program;
- social events - from hangar flying prior to and after our monthly meetings and at our "First Saturday" Pancake Breakfasts - to our annual hangar dance; and of course
- the great facility which we have built to use for many of these activities.

At the core of our success you will find our active members. At most events and scheduled workdays you will find the same faces - again and again. This invitation is to the rest of our members to join in. All members are welcome - to work on committees, to participate at individual events, to contribute their special skills to ongoing or new projects. Why not start with our upcoming fly-in and hangar dance? The chapter will be stronger for the "new hands" and you just might have fun in the process!



Events Calendar



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

October 5-7 - Evergreen, AL - Southeast EAA Fly-In, www.geocities.com/~serfi, 334-578-1707
October 6 - LAWRENCEVILLE, GA - Gwinnet County Airport Open House, 770-613-9501
October 13 - PUNTA GORDA, FL - Chapter 565 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, Charlotte County Airport, 941-627-1700, thayerv@earthlink.net
October 13 - CLARKSVILLE, TN - Chapter 1284 & Outlaw Field Celebration sponsored Fly-In, ggregory@clarksville.com, 931-358-9862
October 13 - PELL CITY, AL - Chapter 1320 Fly-In Breakfast, 205-338-9500
October 17-21 - TULLAHOMA, TN - Staggerwing Beech Museum & Twin Beech 18 Society sponsored "Beech Party 2001, A Family Affair," 931-455-1974
October 24 - MARIETTA, GA - Chapter 268 Fly-In Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, 770-529-9023
October 27 - NEW BERN, NC - Chapter 1171 Fly-In & FAA Seminars at Craven Regional Airport (EWN), 252-638-4729
November 2-4 - LAKE LAND, FL - Wings 'n Things, 863-644-2431
November 3 - LAWRENCEVILLE, GA - EAA Chapter 690, Flying Start Program & Pancake Breakfast. 770-613-9501.
November 8-10 - FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc. sponsored AOPA EXPO 2001, 301-695-2162, warren.morningstar@aopa.org
November 10 - MILLEN, GA - Chapter 172 Low-Country Boil Fly-In, 706-547-3607, icm2@earthlink.net
November 10 - PUNTA GORDA, FL - Chapter 565 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, Charlotte County Airport, 941-627-1700, thayerv@earthlink.net
November 10 - PELL CITY, AL - Chapter 1320 Fly-In Breakfast, 205-338-9500
November 17 - MARIETTA, GA - Chapter 268 Fly-In Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, 770-529-9023

Classifieds

Ads run for a total of 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. There is no problem with keeping them running, but we need to get old ads weeded out or the new ads will become ineffective. All ads will be

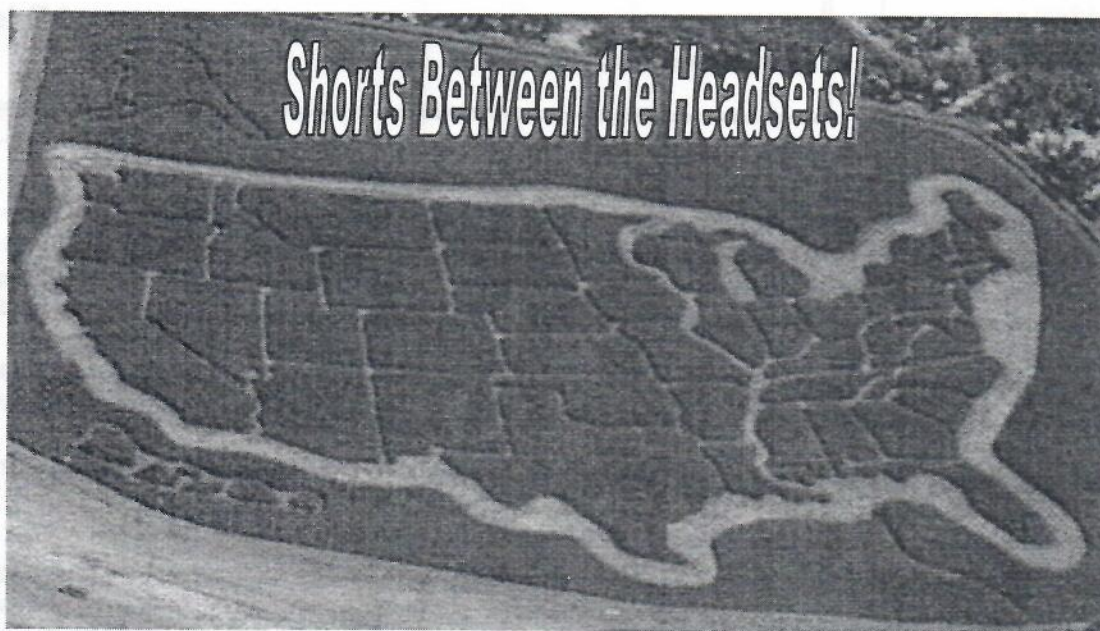
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ovscott@mindspring.com 08/01

For Sale: Garmin GPS 195 - \$695.00 Includes manuals, carrying case, external antenna, yoke mount. Alan Langford (770) 339-3674
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