



SEPTEMBER 2004

NavCom

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



EAA Chapter 690 Scholarship Winners to Present a Program about Oshkosh At the September Chapter Meeting

This year's recipients of the Chapter 690 Scholarships to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh will be our guest speakers at the regular Friday night meeting on September 10th. This year's winners (rising 9th and 10th graders) were Cameron Huppertz, grandson of Chapter member Fred Huppertz, and Stefan Seville. They will tell us about their experiences at Oshkosh and show us some of the projects from their programs.

Let's welcome the boys warmly, and encourage their interest in aviation. And let any young people you know who might be candidates for next year's scholarships know about this opportunity. For more information, please contact Duane Huff at 770-962-3117 or duanehuff@yahoo.com or Debi Huffman at 770-483-0245 or debi.huffman@fernbank.edu.



Big Young Eagle Rally - Saturday, September 18th

As available space on our ramp at LZU has diminished, so has the ability to put on a growing fly-in. Rather than lose sight of the public outreach objective, the board has decided to transition this year's activity into a large Young Eagle rally, complete with an appropriate ground school and activities.

On September 18 we are expecting in excess of 100 Young Eagles. The rally will be on the south-west side of the field, where there is plenty of parking for both cars and aircraft plus class space. To reach our goal, we will need the equivalent of 20 pilots and sufficient ground crew to run this event safely and efficiently.

If you have never participated, flying Young Eagles is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Come on out and lend a hand. For information or to volunteer, contact Duane Huff at duanehuff@yahoo.com (770-962-3117) or Larry Bishop at ldbishop@mindspring.com (770-263-7139).

When a Cross-Country Flight Really Means Cross Country

A program change has been announced for the September 4th Pancake Breakfast.

Mr. Spencer Grant, with his good friend Kathy, set off to discover the meaning of cross-country flying in a general aviation aircraft. Their adventure took them from Grant's Christmas Tree Farm, located in Stockbridge, Georgia south of Atlanta to the northwestern corner of the country. From there they took a cruise ship up the Canadian coast to Alaska. Their video program will highlight their experience. Adequate time for questions and answers will be provided for those wishing to learn more about planning and executing a long cross country flight



as well as about their Alaskan experience. Grant has owned the Maule they flew for 25 years.

Chapter 690 Scenes



The annual Post Oshkosh Bash was enjoyed by all who attended.

▲ Members and guests relaxed and visited, enjoying the camaraderie.

Hugh Colton shares his pictures and stories of this year's AirVenture with Bash attendees. ►



Ray Minton man's the air tank while others observe Derric Lee's frustration in trying to start the Sukoi's big radial engine. ►



▲ The crew who made the Bash such a success included Bill & Jeannie Ferguson, Jill Balthaser, Frank Settle, Isabel Vicini and Bonnie & Charles Cormick.



Mike Stewart's Project Visit Tuesday, Aug 10th

By Greg Janakos

Well, if you missed Mike's project visit, you not only missed reviewing an RV Super 8 project, but you missed a chance to get your hands dirty. Mike, as usual, was well prepared to present his project, and also his shop, setup and tools. Mike even gave everyone a chance to try their hands by having parts and materials ready so that the brave ones could drill, dipple, rivet, cut, etc.

Michelle, as usual, was also well prepared for wining and dining everyone. I stopped head counting at 25 and I know there were at least 10 more visitors who came in later. Many thanks to Michelle and Mike for a fine evening.

Mike demonstrates riveting techniques to some of the people who came to the Project Visit. ►



◀ Andrew Levine, grandson of Joel and Lnor, critiques a sample of Mike's riveting.

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 October 2004 NavCom is Monday, September 20th.

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The President's Pitch

By Larry Bishop



We getting close to my favorite time of year for flying. As the morning air gets cooler and the afternoon thunderstorms are behind us, "unrestricted visibility" means 100 miles rather than 5 miles as it does today. Whether it's low and slow over the mountains or up high on a long trip, it just doesn't get any better.

Again we offer a big thanks to Jill and her team for the August pancake breakfast. Everything went very smoothly in spite of the missing skillet. I think master chef Mike North and everyone involved over the years has really redefined the meaning of "pancake breakfast." At EAA 690 it means pancakes, sausage, biscuits, eggs, homemade gravy, juice, milk and coffee! Join us, you will see a great program and never go away hungry.

It is our chapter tradition to move our August monthly meeting one day from the 2nd Friday to the following Saturday. We call this our annual Post Oshkosh Bash and join for dinner followed by discussions, pictures, slides and stories about this year's AirVenture at Oshkosh. We had a good turnout this year; sorry if you missed it. Thanks to Jeanne and Bonnie and their drivers Bill and Charlie for taking care of the dinner for us. Also thanks to our chief hamburger and hot dog chef, Frank Settle. Everything was great.

If you have been by the hangar in the last few days you may have noticed that the New Standard wings are gone. The EAA 690 project team rebuilt both lower wings after an accident a couple years ago. We covered one wing and started rib stitching. This aircraft is owned by the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York and the restoration for the entire airplane will be completed by a full time crew in Griffin, GA. Thanks to the following EAA 690 members for their participation in this project:

Partrick Bell

Walter Deere

Bill Ferguson

Duane Huff

Joel Levine

Skip Lewis

Ken Lilja

Charlie McCormick

Jim Neely

Lee Olsen

Dave Ostergaard

Jim Sweat

Dale Swenson

Thanks guys, I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Hangar Dance on Saturday evening, October 23. See details elsewhere in this issue of the NavCom

Most of you have heard by now about the new Sport Pilot license, created specifically for individuals who want to fly for recreational purposes only. A sport pilot may have either a standard third class medical certificate or a valid US driver's license in most cases. I will have a handout from the EAA and we'll watch a brief sport pilot video prepared by EAA and FAA describing the license, limitation and eligible aircraft at our monthly Friday night meeting on September 10, 2004.

Everyone is invited to our Board of Trustees and Board of Directors meetings. Due to AirVenture and travel schedules neither group met last month. Also, we had the Oshkosh Bash rather than our regular monthly meeting in August. Therefore, we have no meeting minutes to publish in this NavCom.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss chapter issues or to volunteer to help with our upcoming events.

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A 50 Horsepower Warbird

By Larry Bishop

Early in World War II, just six weeks after Pearl Harbor, Nazi submarines were actively sailing just off the east coast of the US sinking both civilian and military ships; many within sight of our eastern shore. Total sinkings increased from 12 in January, 1942, to 52 in May, threatening our ability to safely move military personnel, equipment and fuel to Europe. This was at a time when our Navy was focused on the Pacific which left our Atlantic coast unprotected. We desperately needed a solution.

As early as 1939, planning was started for a possible operation in which civilian aircraft and pilots may be used for patrol duty in the event of war. Just six days before Pearl Harbor, the Civil Air Patrol was formed (December 1, 1941). Through the winter months and as ships off our east coast were being destroyed, the CAP organized and opened New Jersey Base One near Atlantic City and Base Two at Rehoboth Beach, Maryland, in February 1942. Civilian pilots and aircraft were recruited and by late summer 21 bases were open from Bar Harbor, Maine, around the east coast of Florida and around the gulf coast to Brownsville, Texas. Base personnel received a per diem of \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day and pilots also received approximately \$10 per hour of flight time.

Most of the planes were Stinson 10's or Ryan SCW's. Also, several Fairchild 24's, Stinson Reliants, older flat wing Stinsons, Aeroncas and cabin Wacos were used for shore patrol. A major concern of flying low over the ocean and as far as 50 miles out was engine reliability. They had mandatory overhaul requirements to improve reliability. CAP also had a policy that I personally endorse especially after all my engine problems this year. After a mechanic worked on a CAP plane, the mechanic had to fly the next mission in that airplane with the pilot.

Many of the Stinsons, Ryans and Fairchilds were equipped with 100 pound bombs and most aircraft were had a small one watt battery powered radio. Even without bombs, our little airplanes were successful. On one mission, an unarmed aircraft chased a submarine until he was stuck on a sandbar and unable to escape.

During this program, the CAP flew over 86,000 missions in 244,000 hours. Missions were flown between 500 and 1000 feet, usually in haze with no visible horizon and to a distance of 50 miles off shore. Air Medals were presented to pilots who logged 300 or more hours of activity duty at the end of the war.

CAP pilots are credited with 173 submarine sightings, 82 bombs dropped and two known submarine kills. Historians believe this number is low due to undocumented sunken submarines found since the war. They also assisted 91 vessels in distress, spotted 17 floating mines, reported 363 survivors, and rescued 129 at sea. There were 26 CAP fatalities, most resulting from engine failure at sea.

So what does all this have to do with EAA 690 and a 50 horsepower warbird? Well, I backed into all this when I purchased my 1938 Aeronca 50-C project. It was in good shape but the early log books were missing. I was also a CAP pilot about 20 years ago. My phone rang one day and it was Col. Lester Hopper, the National Historian from the CAP headquarters. He advised me that his research confirmed that my little airplane was based at CAP Base One at Atlantic City in 1942 and flew submarine patrol. Even though I knew that the original owner of the plane lived in Allentown, PA, I was unaware of the CAP program and would never have known that my plane was involved in war time activity. I learned that many of the planes that served lost their early log books due to records keeping problems near the end of the war. FAA records in Oklahoma City show that my plane had a radio transmitter, receiver, power supply, battery, wind generator, trailing wire antenna and position lights installed for a weight increase of 35 pounds in November 1942. If you have an airplane that was built before 1942 and either have missing logbooks from the 1940's or if you find odd looking welded attach points on the bottom of the fuselage near the landing gear, you may also have a warbird.

Perhaps one of the most impressive complements made about the CAP regarding this program came at the end of the war from a German POW who had been a submarine captain. When asked about his biggest problem in the war, being so far from home, submerged most of the time and now a POW, he replied: "It was those #1&* little red and yellow airplanes."

E-Mail Address Updates Needed

As you can see from articles throughout this issue of the NavCom, Chapter 690 has a full schedule of activities planned for the fall. One way we keep you informed of the events, and any changes or

additions that are made, is through our chapter NOTAMS.

If you are not receiving these reminders and updates, and would like to be kept abreast of what's happening in the Chapter, please send your current e-mail address to Joel Levine at jlevine@akorn.net.

New EAA Aviation Courses Announced

The new EAA online high school aviation courses are in place for the 2004-5 school year, and teachers will be compensated for monitoring enrolled students at their school. An online demonstration to the new EAA Aeroscholars Course, Fundamentals of Aviation Science, can be found at:

www.aeroscholars.com

This online demonstration shows how the course is laid out, provides purchase information, and offers a complete course lesson on flight instruments for students to try out.

This new innovative semester course was developed to provide students with an outstanding science experience through the excitement of aviation. Content follows National Education Standards for high school science and the course provides a quality introductory experience to online learning. The content has also been supplemented with 50 years of aviation history that has been captured by EAA photography, in our Boeing Library, and at our exciting annual event, AirVenture.

Contact the following or me if you have any questions or require additional information about this exciting opportunity for high school students in your area:

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Vice President of Education
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The courses are may be started as early as September 7, 2004. Specific course times, course fees, and college credit information can be found on the web site purchase forms. I am hoping that you still have high school teachers that are interested in bringing aviation into their classrooms. Some schools have used the course as an actual science class and some monitor students that do course work outside of class. Please share this information with teachers and students in your area that may wish to become part of the Aeroscholar Program.

Sincerely,

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"Education Through Living History"

Dixie Wing CAF Education Program

"Never has so much been owed by so many to so few"
- Winston Churchill, 1941

285 million Americans today owe their freedom to the sacrifices of a generation that defeated tyranny and fascism over 50 years ago. The world was transformed during World War II and America was at the center of that monumental event. The entire nation - every home and family - rallied to the cause that General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the "Great Crusade". Men and women traveled far from home, many leaving the town of their birth for the first time, to fight on foreign soil or distant seas. Battles were fought in the skies of the world, from the coast of the United States to the great cities of Europe and Asia to tiny atolls in the South Pacific. Nearly a half-million Americans were lost.

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF), Dixie Wing is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to the restoration and preservation in flying condition the great planes of World War II. More importantly, the CAF Dixie Wing believes, like George Santanya, that "those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." As a result, the CAF Dixie Wing is committed to perpetuating in the memory and hearts of all Americans - and especially school-age children - the contributions made by millions of Americans as they built and flew the great planes of World War II.

The CAF Dixie Wing Education Program can bring that era alive for your students and is available to assist you in achieving your WWII History curriculum objectives. The CAF Dixie Wing Historic Airpower Facility at Falcon Field, Peachtree City,

Georgia provides a unique blend of academic instruction, interaction with WWII survivors, and rare examples of WWII aircraft. The CAF Dixie Wing provides "education through living history."

Please contact us at dixiewingcafeducation@yahoo.com to schedule an education program presentation or visit our website at www.dixiewing.org to learn more about the Commemorative Air Force, Dixie Wing.

Program Overview

The CAF Dixie Wing Education Program is conducted at the Historic Airpower Facility, located at Falcon Field, Peachtree City, GA. Presentations are conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-5pm, however other dates and times are available by appointment.

The CAF Dixie Wing Education Program is comprised of:

Prepared topics selected by teachers or scout leaders. Ad hoc topics can be developed upon teacher request. (Please see a list of topics offered on page 6.)

A tour of the hangar facility, including aircraft.

Prepared Materials. Each presentation is 45-60 minutes and is delivered by a CAF Dixie Wing Education Program Volunteer followed by a tour of the Historic Airpower Facility. Each presentation provides a student with the "cause, conduct and consequence" of the presentation topic. You can schedule a presentation by email dixiewingcafeducation@yahoo.com or by calling Bill Baldwin, Dixie Wing Education Program Coordinator, at 770-719-8131.

"Education Through Living History"

Dixie Wing CAF Education Program Topics

Air War Over Europe	Battle of Britain	Tuskegee Airmen
Air War Over the Pacific	Childhood in WWII Germany	WASPs
Arsenal of Democracy	German Slave Labor in WWII	Berlin Airlift
Battle of Midway	Pearl Harbor	Korean War

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PLAN AHEAD NOW -

You won't want to miss Chapter 690's annual Flying Start Program on Saturday, November 14th. Details will be in the October NavCom. An informative event for family, friends & co-workers who have an interest in aviation, but don't exactly know how to get started.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Lots of events are planned in the coming months. We hope that you will attend and enjoy the camaraderie of our chapter. To make it even more enjoyable, we hope that you will consider joining in on the planning and participate on a committee.



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07/04

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Greg Janakos, who has agreed to serve as our "interim" Chapter Postmaster, until we find a replacement for long-time Chapter Postmaster Barney Barnes. For years, Barney and his crew were responsible for assembling and preparing the NavCom for distribution and mailing. This year Barney and his wife June relocated to Westerville, Ohio, creating a vacancy in this important position. If you are willing to assume this responsibility, please contact Larry Bishop at 770-263-7139.

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PS includes other (+s)

06/04

An Open Letter To Larry Bishop

It has been a little hectic getting settled in a new - smaller - house, but it really is nice here in Arizona. I have really appreciated getting the NavCom to keep in touch, but wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the articles you have provided. We could always rely on some good stuff from Margaret Wilcox, and losing her to the west coast will be a real loss, but the interest and quality you have put into both the "President's Pitch" and your coverage on AirVenture 2004 are very much enjoyed. Please keep up the good work, and by the way, you still owe me a ride in the Mooney, if you ever get out this way!

Dale Schonmeyer

Just in case someone would like to e-mail or snailmail something to Dale - here's his new contact info .

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Annual Hangar Dance

October 23rd, 2004

7 p.m. 'til Midnight • Music Starts at 8 PM

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FLY THE FORTRESS

Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Aircraft to Join Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) B-17 "Fuddy Duddy" at Atlanta Tour Stop

As featured in the August issue of the NavCom, the "Salute to Veterans" Tour comes to the Fulton County Airport on Sept. 9 - 14th.

EAA Chapter 268 has secured an agreement from the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force for them to bring their famous North American P-51 Mustang, rare Douglas SBD Dauntless, and Fairchild PT-26 trainer to Hill Aircraft at Fulton County Airport to display alongside the EAA B-17 bomber "Fuddy Duddy", currently touring the Eastern U.S.

All of these planes will be available to the public for flights, presenting the opportunity for many long-held dreams to be realized.

Booking of flights in the B-17 can be made on the web at www.b17.org, or by calling 800-359-6217. There will be limited availability for walk-up flights. Advanced booking is encouraged. Price of the B-17

mission is \$355 for EAA members, and membership is \$40 for those who wish to join or \$395 for those who choose not to accept the membership.

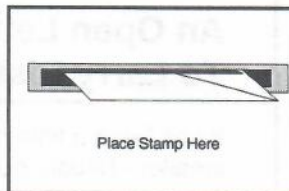
Rides in any of the other planes can be reserved via the CAF Dixie Wing website at www.dixiewing.org, or by calling 770-262-5685. Price of the PT-26 ride is \$100, while the SBD ride is \$400, with the P-51 ride priced at \$750.

Aircraft Operations (flights) will begin at 10 AM, and the planes will be on display until 4 PM daily, Friday September 10th thru Sunday September 12th. For those just interested in seeing the planes, ground tours are available (fee for B-17 tour, except for veterans).

Both EAA and CAF are non-profit organizations, dedicated to the preservation of civil aviation, aerospace education and military history. There are over 20 EAA Chapters in Georgia, including nine in the Greater Atlanta area. For more information about Chapters and activities, including the EAA Young Eagle Program for youth, visit the national EAA website, www.eaa.org

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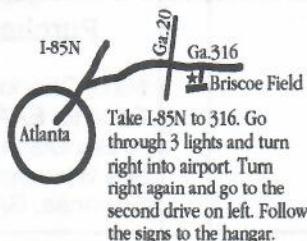
Come Join Us!

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.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 10th, 2004

Program — This year's Air Academy Scholarship Winners will tell us about their Oshkosh experiences.

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

Is Lasik Surgery in Your Flying Future?

The program at the October 2nd Pancake Breakfast will be presented by Chapter 690 member Burt Carlisle, M.D.

Lasik surgery and other corrective procedures have evolved through the years, and hold the promise of being able to pilot a plane without wearing glasses or contact lenses. Come hear about the procedures, the benefits, and of course the risks involved, so that you can decide if this is a procedure that you want to consider for yourself.

Who is a good candidate for lasik surgery? What kind of results can I expect? How long is the recovery period? Why isn't it covered by insurance? How do I choose the surgeon and/or the facility? These and other topics will be covered. Adequate time for questions will be provided.

Farewell Dinner Planned for Frank & Margaret Wilcox

By Sheryl Black

As most of you know by now, Frank and Margaret Wilcox are leaving us and moving to Oregon. They have been invaluable to EAA Chapter 690 from it's very beginning, and we'd like to let them know how much we appreciate and love them and how much we will miss them.

Plans are to have a "Bring your Own Dish – Pictures – Wilcox Story" Dinner at the Hangar on Saturday, October 9th, at 7PM. Bring your best side dish or dessert - enough to feed 12 people or more.

We will make Frank and Margaret a Scrapbook to remember us by during the dinner. So dig out and copy some pictures of Frank and Margaret, and think and write up stories to put in the scrapbook. Plan on "Roasting" Frank and Margaret with your stories... and let's have some fun!

Join us as we honor and celebrate Frank and Margaret, who have both been such a vital part of our chapter, and who have given to us so tirelessly. Please call any former members and any others you know who would like to have this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to Frank and Margaret. Please watch for updates of these plans in the next NavCom, at www.eaa690.org and via NOTAMS.

Chicken, beverages and tableware will be provided, so please RSVP as we'll need to know how much to get... we don't want anyone to go hungry or thirsty! RSVP via email to: sherylblack@bellsouth.net or call Lnor Levine at 770-394-5466.