



# NavCom Newsletter

May '21

Lawrenceville, GA LZU



## Presidents Pitch FULL SPEED AHEAD!

By: John Morgan

It would appear that we now have Covid 19 in our rear-view mirror as participation in our chapter activities continues to increase every month. We had a great turnout to hear Harry Balance and his Stinson Reliant at the May pancake breakfast and expect another big crowd in June for "Rosie the Riveter". (see page 3)



We flew 62 Young Eagles in May with a larger turnout of pilots. With June, July and August YE rallies offering double YE dollar credits for Young Eagle scholarships, we are hoping to fly even more kids. Speaking of scholarships; Max Kramer has soloed and is now using his \$2000 scholarship to earn his private pilot certificate. Alex Straka is now using his Harker-Advanced-EAA690 scholarship for 20 free flying hours while working towards his instrument rating.

We have been notified that we will host the Thursday July 29 Pancake Breakfast at Airventure in Oshkosh. This is an opportunity for us to earn significant money with no cost to the chapter other than the hard work for 6 hours from 12 volunteers from our chapter. As we have earned 2 weekly passes to Airventure by hosting a flying start in May, I will be making a proposal to the Board to have a drawing of our Oshkosh breakfast volunteers to see which 2 lucky individuals get free passes to the show.

Our Grumpy Old Pilots continue to meet for lunch in Hangar 1 at 11:30 every Tuesday. We usually see 15 to 20 grumpies each week and there is plenty of room for more. We might even consider letting in a few not so grumpies.

Fly outs continue almost every week and we are looking for more pilots willing to take passengers and share the fuel expenses.

We are looking for IFR rated pilots to participate in our monthly IMC-VMC club meetings. Chris Serra is doing a great job conducting these meetings and the scenarios presented are thought provoking. This also gives you an opportunity to attend our Thursday night dinner at a restaurant.

Please look for an update on our hangar lease situation in a different article in this NavCom. (see page 5)

In closing I would like to give this month's SHOUT OUT to Duane Huff for simply being Duane Huff as he rapidly approaches his 90<sup>TH</sup> birthday!

Please pay your dues and stay safe!

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Chapter Web Site: [WWW.EAA690.ORG](http://WWW.EAA690.ORG)

## Calendar June 2021

Current and future scheduled chapter activities should be viewed as **"Tentative"**. Please check the chapter "Slack" application or, contact one of our chapter officers for updates on future activities.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1-Jun	2	3	4	5
		11:30am GOP Picnic		9am Tuskegee YE Rally 5:30pm Thursday Night Dinner 7pm BOT Mtg. 7pm Ground School		8am Pancake Breakfast 11am Technology Committee Meeting 11:30am Slack Information Session 2pm Young Eagles Volunteer Workshop
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		11:30am GOP Picnic		5:30pm Thursday Night Dinner 7pm Board of Director's Meeting		9am Youth Aviation Program Session
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1:30pm GARS Ham Radio Exam	(9:00am) Summer Camp	11:30am GOP Picnic		5:30pm Thursday Night Dinner 7pm Ground School 7pm VMC/IMC Club		9am Young Eagles Rally 9am Youth Aviation Program Session
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Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday May 1st 8am to 10am

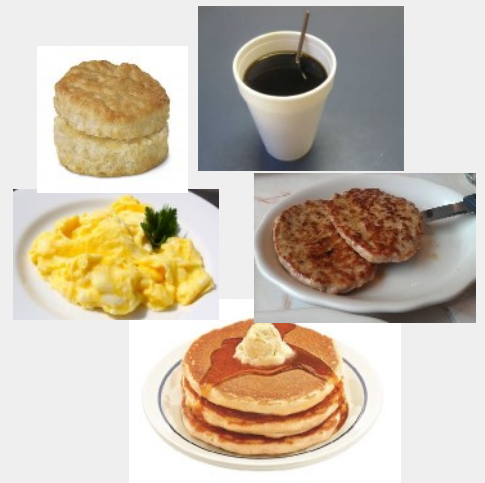
Young Eagles Rally (weather permitting)  
Saturday May 15th 10am to 1pm

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## **Pancake Breakfast May 1st**

**Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,  
Biscuits and Coffee,  
All for just \$7.00**

**Come as you are and enjoy the  
company, hanger talk and comradery**



### **Special Guest Speaker “Rosie the Riveter”**

For the past twenty-seven years, storyteller Carol Cain has performed as Rosie the Riveter at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia and other locations throughout the state and Southeast. As Rosie, Carol dons overalls, work boots, and the iconic head scarf to tell the story of women workers on the home front during World War II.

For her work at the Little White House, Carol received The Carolyn Carter Award for most outstanding volunteer for the year 2013-2014. Additionally, the Little White House earned a Georgia State Parks award for the most innovative special program at a historic site in 1996 and 2010 for Carol's performance. In March of 2016, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter of the NSDAR, presented Carol with the Women in American History award.

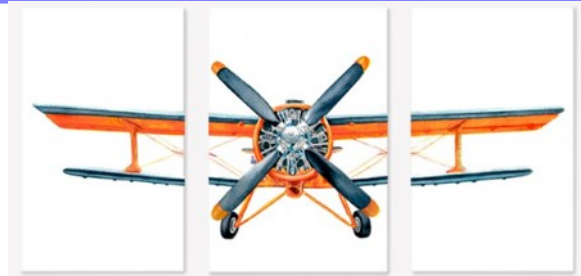
Carol is a “Rosebud” affiliate member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, joining to honor her grandmother who rolled bandages for the Red Cross and her grandfather who worked at Bell Aircraft in Marietta, Georgia. In August of 2007, she performed as Rosie for the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary in Reno, Nevada and has been featured at events at Fort Benning, World War II Heritage Days, the Atlanta World War II Roundtable, the National History Bee, and the Atlanta History Center.

In addition to her work as Rosie the Riveter, Carol has been an active storyteller for nearly 30 years, performing for audiences at libraries, museums, churches, schools, and festivals across the state, the Southeast, in Ohio and Utah. For 16 of the past 17 years, she has been the emcee at the Azalea Storytelling Festival in LaGrange, Georgia, taking one year off to be a featured teller at the 2015 festival. She will also be a featured teller at the 2022 25th anniversary Azalea Storytelling Festival. In October 2016, Carol was one of six tellers from across the nation performing in the Exchange Place concert at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN.





## *EAA Chapter 690 History A look Back in Pictures!*



*Butch Combs presented the plaque to Fred while a beaming Anne watched. Fred and Anne each also received a pin commemorating the occasion.*



*Drew and Steve Ashby and Charlie and Anne Patterson stand in front of Charlie's just-finished RV-6A.*



## EAA690 CHAPTER HANGAR LEASE UPDATE

*By: John Morgan - EAA 690 President*

As you should know by now, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has put out a bid proposal (RFP) for someone to redevelop the north side of Briscoe Field in Lawrenceville. This includes the entire north side from Gwinnett Aero at the east end and all the properties extending to the end of the new hangar pads at the far west end of KLZU. This of course includes our 2 hangars and the six privately held hangars in our row. Our current one year lease extension expires December 31, 2021.

The bids were accepted at the end of April with 2 bidders. One of the bidders is Avflight which owns multiple FBO's in the Midwest and is the parent company of Avfuel which supplies fuel to Aircraft Specialists on the other side of the airport. The second bidder is an airport architecture firm headed by Mercer Dye here in Atlanta. His letter of interest was submitted on behalf of Millionaire which has multiple FBO's around the country.

Kathi Parks and I had a meeting last week with Pat Epps of Epps Aviation and he included Mercer Dye in our meeting. The comments from Mercer were that it would take 10 to 20 years to completely redevelop the north side. What would happen to our hangar row and when it might happen was not discussed. Mercer felt that if we were to remain where we are, the rent would increase significantly and we need to greatly increase our outreach to aviation related companies for contributions to offset our leasing costs.

Louis Pucci attended the May Airport Board meeting where a representative was chosen to help the Gwinnett Commissioners review the proposals. No time frame has been set to accept or reject any proposals.

That is all the information that I have at this time. I will advise you when we hear of any further development.

## BIRTHDAY BOY

A very (belated) Happy Birthday to our chapter President John Morgan.

John says he is only 10 1/2 in dog years!





## Chapter Member Milestone & Occasions

*Editors Note,*

Member and former Chapter President Billy Stewart celebrated his 1st Young Eagle flight during our chapters April YE Rally. Billy made the flight in his recently completed, corvair powered, Zenith 601. Congratulations Billy, now you have to try and catch Duane!



*P.S. Apologies to Billy for not getting this milestone noted in the April NavCom. Sorry for the delay.*



Max's shirt tail cutting ceremony held during the YE rally on Saturday May 15th, conducted by John Post. Congratulations Max on your solo flight.



Here we have Chris Serra modeling the Lightspeed head seat he was awarding by EAA Oshkosh for being selected the Young Eagle Pilot of the quarter. Congrats Chris.



Another Milestone was achieved during the May YE Rally. Brian Michael flew his first Young Eagle in the "Aeronca" formerly owned by Duane Huff. Congrats to Brian for getting his Tail Wheel endorsement as well as his first tail dragger YE flight.



## Chapter 690 Youth Activity Report

*Photos By:  
Joel Levine*



Pictures cont. on page 7



## Chapter Meeting May 1st

*Editors notes,*

Chapter President John Morgan conducting a Chapter members meeting after the standing room only pancake breakfast May 1st. A lot of ground was covered including a financial report, the proposed sale of the "George Strobel, Smith Miniplane wing", the Zodiac 601 we have for sale, Chapter flight simulator update and the status of Gwinnett Counties plan to develop the airport.



Here we have John presenting the rare and coveted "Chapter 690 Guest Speakers Mug" to Mr. Harry Balance. Harry was kind enough to make a presentation to our members and guest on the restoration of his fabulous aircraft, a 1934 Stinson SR5A Reliant. Many thanks for bringing your beautiful bird to LZU for all of us to see. *(see page 13 for a great picture of this fabulous Stinson)*





## Chapter Flyouts in May

May 6th to KLUX, Laurens County SC

Photos By: Fred Culleton



Photos By: Peter Murphy



# AVIATION SUMMMER CAMP

**June 14 – 18, 2021**

*I'm thrilled to say we have had excellent enrollment  
in our camp this year!*

We currently have 9 campers in Alpha Group,  
12 in Bravo Group and 9 in Charlie Group!

I think that is a record enrollment  
for Summer Camp.

We have all session leaders in place,  
but we always need assistants.

If you can help during that week, please contact Gay  
Roberts at: [summercamp@eaa690.org](mailto:summercamp@eaa690.org)

## Local Activities of Interest RC Fun for the whole family

**June 19<sup>th</sup>  
10a - 10p**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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## Chapter Member Activity

**By: Fred Culleton**

L-39 checkout speeds to 454kts, 4300'+/- rpm drive from 17,k . What a ride- nice way to travel until they need fuel....



# AVIATION SUMMER CAMP

June 14 – 18, 2021

**Enroll now to save your spot!**

Alpha Group for ages 12 & 13

Bravo Group for ages 14 & 15

We still have openings in Alpha (4) and Bravo (2) Groups.

Charlie Group for ages 16, 17 & 18

Charlie Group has (1) opening left.

Deposit \$50.00 for all Groups

Balance \$250.00 for Alpha and Bravo

Balance \$325.00 for Charlie

Contact Gay Roberts cell: 770-630-8567 email: [research\\_er.r@comcast.net](mailto:research_er.r@comcast.net)



## NavCom Feature "AEROGRAPHS"

Photo courtesy of John Slemp, "AEROGRAPHS Media Productions"

<https://www.aerographs.com>



This aircraft is the fully restored 1934 Stinson SR5A Reliant on the ramp at EAA 690, owned by Mr. Harry Balance.



## AERO TERM

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### IFR Military Training Routes (IR)

Routes used by the Department of Defense and associated Reserve and Air Guard units for the purpose of conducting low-altitude navigation and tactical training in both IFR and VFR weather conditions below 10,000 feet MSL at airspeeds in excess of 250 knots IAS.



## Young Eagles Report May 2021

*Duane Huff & Wes Riddick, Young Eagle Coordinators*

*By: Brian Michael*

Many thanks to everyone who came out to help yesterday! We flew 62 kids with 10 pilots, Bill Bell, Brian Michael, John Morgan, John Murtagh, Chuck Roberts, Chris Serra, Mark Sirull, Billy Stewart, Alex Straka, Bill Thomasson and 12 ground crew, Allen Maynard, Shirley Oliver, Johnny Morrow, Larry Wallace, Jason Hilborn, Tom Hilborn, Rich Hopkins, Kathi Parks, Frankie Rodriguez, Gay Roberts, Wes Riddick and Jeanne Ferguson!

I heard several compliments from the parents of our participants. Our YE rallies are great because of our excellent volunteers. Thank you. It certainly was a great day to fly!



## EAA 690 Ground School

Up until the end of July, Brian has been hosting an online ground school every Mon, Wed, and Fri from 8-9pm. As of Aug 1, the new ground school schedule is Wed evenings from 7 to 9pm (posted on chapter calendar). The best way to keep in touch on the schedule is to join Slack, if you are not already on it. You can join Slack by going to this link

[https://join.slack.com/t/ea690/shared\\_invite/zt-4y85xsgx-oyLTp8M8SZAYVBml5i0vw](https://join.slack.com/t/ea690/shared_invite/zt-4y85xsgx-oyLTp8M8SZAYVBml5i0vw)

Once on Slack you should join the #ground school channel. The link for the ground school session is posted in the channel. The link to join is <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ea690> but you should check on the channel in case Brain needs to change the schedule.

**See you online!**



## 2021 Chapter Officers and Board Members

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**John Morgan**

**VP/Chair BoD**



**Louis Pucci**

**Secretary**



**Rich Hopkins**

**Treasurer**



**Ben Davis**

**BoT Chair**



**Charles Harker**

**Member at Large**



**Fred Huppertz**

**Member at Large**



**Frankie Rodrigues**

**Member at Large**



**Gay Roberts**

**Member at Large**



**Kathi Parks**

## **Love to fly (or want to learn)? Join AeroVentures Flying Club!**

You don't need to own a plane to enjoy flying! By joining AeroVentures Flying Club, you'll have access to the club's well-maintained fleet as well as to training from our certified flight instructors.

Founded in 2012 at Gwinnett County airport (LZU), the club now has over 60 members of all ages and backgrounds — from student pilots to certified flight instructors — to those who simply enjoy flying.



Our Cessna 172 planes are popular trainers

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- Convenient Lawrenceville, GA location; easy access from anywhere in metro Atlanta
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The Cessna 150 is an affordable rental

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## Quote of the Day

*From: AOPA AVIATIONeBRIEF, May 11th, 2021*

***“Remember, every treasure comes with a price.”***

*Kevin Kwan, writer*

*May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

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Your contact info: Name, Phone Number and Email address

**A Donation to EAA 690 for your listing would be appreciated**



# NavCom Newsletter May '21

EAA 690 is a chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, located at Briscoe Field (LZU) in Lawrenceville, Georgia. A diverse chapter with over 250 members we offer a wide range of aviation-related activities. While the Pancake Breakfast and our monthly meetings are the norm we regularly conduct fly-ins and are heavily involved in youth education through EAA's Young Eagles program, youth aircraft build projects, summer camps, ground schools and simulator instruction. We frequently host historical aircraft such as EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast", the Ford Tri-Motor and DC-3 to benefit, educate and entertain the local community. Our technical counselors are some of the best in the industry, and willingly donate their time to our youth builder programs and homebuilders as they progress through the various phases of constructing an aircraft. We have pilots with a wide variety of experience from former airline and military pilots to general aviation pilots with private pilot certificates. "Hangar flying" is a fun part of the mix and our facility is often used for aircraft annual inspections, meetings, special events, and training. We also have an extensive array of aviation tools for loan to members and, a library full of aviation information.

Come join us on the first Saturday of every month at the hangar to enjoy a \$7 Pancake Breakfast and, to learn more about EAA 690 please visit our web site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

**DUE TO COVID-19 PLEASE CONFIRM ALL CHAPTER ACTIVITY BEFORE ATTENDING**

## Directions to EAA 690

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