



## Presidents Pitch

### VACCINATION VACILATION!

**By: John Morgan**

I remember as a small boy almost 70 years ago, my mother saying these words to me:” Go across the street and play with Billy because he has the mumps.” For those of you who wonder why my mother would do such a thing, you must understand that the mumps were no big deal for a young boy but a very big deal for an adult male. The disease would not kill you but it would make you wish that you were dead.

So how did our public healthcare epidemic become such a political football?

For me as a grumpy old white Midwest conservative; the best time in America was from the mid 1950’s to the mid 1960’s or right after the Korean War to the beginning of the escalation of the Vietnam War. During that period, we all got smallpox vaccinations when they became available and as kids, we all took the Salk vaccine when it became available to ward off polio. We did not question it, we just did it!

I was able to get my vaccinations for Covid very early through the VA hospital. So when I left for Oshkosh early before Airventure started I was not concerned about being around thousands of unmasked people. My handle as a volunteer in Homebuilt Camping was “Iceman” because my primary job was to sell 10 lb. bags of ice to many hundreds of campers staying with us in homebuilt. For the record I did not see either “Maverick” or “Goose” while I was in Oshkosh. We have about a dozen volunteers in our area and almost all were vaccinated. The one who was not vaccinated got sick after 5 days and flew back home from Oshkosh on Tuesday before he became too sick to fly. He did end up having Covid but fortunately did not die. I for one cannot comprehend attending an event like that without being vaccinated.

So I feel that I must say this to our unvaccinated members. “Why are you waiting?”

Donald Trump? It can’t be for him because he got Covid and got hospitalized and he got vaccinated so he is not your example.

We have had 8 months of results now to prove the vaccine will not kill you.

We have huge blocks of data that prove the vaccination won’t keep you from getting Covid but it vastly improves your chances of survival and minimizes your symptoms.

Your constitutional rights? Yes I would argue that for gun control etc. but not for your obligation to protect both yourself and others from this very real disease.

God told you not to? Reminds me of the joke about the guy who drowns in the flood after God sent him a boat and a helicopter.

Am I going to get the booster vaccine when it is available? You bet!

As the leader of an organization such as EAA690 it is neither my right or my obligation to tell any member how to live their lives. But it is my obligation to set guidelines for our members safety; especially those members who deal with people outside our membership such as breakfast cooks and Young Eagle Volunteers and Youth Build Mentors to protect both them and the general public that they interact with each month. If the situation does not improve then I will make the decision as to how we will deal with this ongoing mess. I do not wish to use draconian measures to deal with the situation but I will if I must. If you do not like it then please run for my position as President in November.

In closing I would like to give this month’s SHOUT OUT to Larry Wallace for his incredible job of selling more than \$5000 in unwanted aircraft parts for the chapter at the Aeromart at Oshkosh!

Please pay your dues and stay safe!

PS: I never got the mumps!

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# NavCom Newsletter August '21

## Calendar September 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
29	30	31	1-Sep	2	3	4
		11:30am GOP Picnic		5:30pm Thursday Night Dinner 7pm BOT Mtg. 7pm Ground School		8am Pancake Breakfast 10am Presentation and Business Mtg 11am Technology Committee Meeting 11:30am Slack Information Session 2pm Young Eagles Volunteer Workshop
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Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday September 4th 8am to 10am

Young Eagles Rally (weather permitting)  
Saturday September 18th 10am to 1pm

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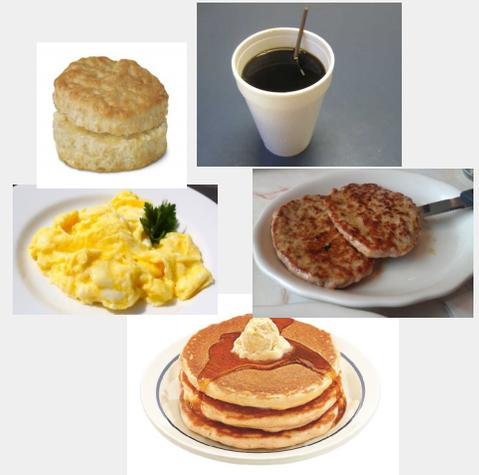
## Pancake Breakfast September 4th.

**Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,  
Biscuits and Coffee,**

**All for just \$7.00** (donation)

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

**Breakfast: 8am to 10am**



### 10AM Presentation

#### **Charlie Churchman, Joe Armas: Building a RANS-6**

Charlie has been in the EAA for fifty years, and soloed in 1970. He's been a past president of Chapter 1415 (now inactive).

He has about 1600 hours of single engine, VFR flying, and puts on 30-75 hours a year. He's a retired chemical engineer, a Fellow in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and used to design chemical plants. He still has his PE license in four states, including Georgia. He's owned a Cherokee 140 and a Piper Dakota, where he got most of his hours.

In 2014, Charlie did a talk at 690 on his Jefferson Gyrodyne, which he has two patents on, for a VTOL aircraft. It is still in progress at a hangar out at the Jackson County airport, where the RANS S6; he'll be talking about at the September Pancake Breakfast, is based. He also builds a variety of RC aircraft of unusual designs, a few of which have actually flown!

The RANS S6 Charlie will be talking about was built over about a six-year period by a team of six people, mostly drinking coffee on Saturday mornings while they pulled a rivet or two. Only two of the original builders are still active with the project Charlie and Joe. The plane first flew in 2014, and now has about 200 hours on it. This past April, Charlie and his wife Alsie flew the RANS down to Key West and back, uneventfully, if a tad slowly. Charlie's partner, Joe Armao, just finished flying the RANS to Oshkosh and back, and camped out in the Homebuilt area in his one-man tent! He's planning on taking his son along with him next year!

**Membership Meeting: 11am Nov. 6th, 2021**

**Attention**

### **November Chapter Elections**

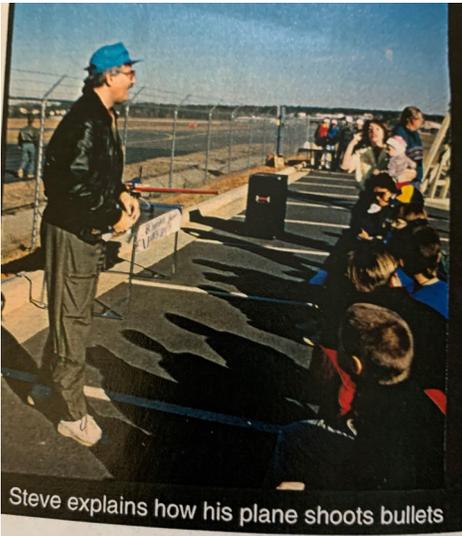
Elections are scheduled for November for all four officer positions: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary**. Additionally, we will be electing two **Board of Trustees** positions.

Gay Roberts and Kathi Parks are on the nominating committee and would look forward to discussion any one of the aforementioned positions as well as any of the current officers.

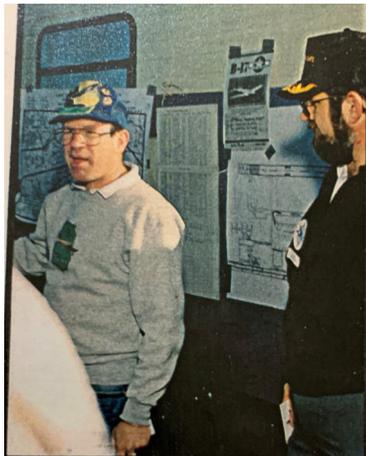
Now is the time for you to become more engaged with EAA 690 by volunteering for one of these positions.

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

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



Steve explains how his plane shoots bullets



Joel Levine briefing pilots. Due to his and Frank Wilcox's efforts, the kids had fun and safe rides because pilots were given specific goals.



Subcommittee chairs and a derelict. L-R, back: Duane Huff, Charlie Sego, Ben Jeffrey, Lnor Levine, Jim Estes, Bobbie Estes, Bob Zahner, Theresa, Bill, & KE Coleman, Sherry & Alan Langford, Mike North, Steve Ashby. Front: Frank Wilcox, Joel Levine, Sue Adams, Jeff Boatright, Greg Jannakos.



**CHAPTER HAPPENING**

**Low County Boil- October 16, 2021**

Gathering at 6pm; Dinner at 6:30 Cost- \$15 (Donation) Pre-registration; \$20 at the door.

SurveyMonkey will be used for the registration process. Watch your email!



Please respond to the RSVP request. This helps greatly for food quantity planning purposes.

**Triple Tree Fly-In**

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## Chapter Member Milestone & Occasions

LZU had a visitor blimp tail #N618LG scheduled to overnight at LZU Monday PM/Tuesday AM August 22-23 on it's way to FL.

By: Mike Sumrell



## Chapter Flyouts in August

*By: Frederic Culleton Aug. 6th*

Nice flight to KTHA today Small group (3planes and 7people) Nice Museum visit and lunch in town.



*By: Frederic Culleton Aug. 13th*

Not Bad turn out today 9 planes (?) and 17 people for lunch at KAND. I believe this may be the Biggest turnout to date !



## Chapter Flyouts in May cont. from page 7

*By: Frederic Culleton Aug. 27th*

Nice morning flight to 8A1 for great breakfast at Huddle House Me, Peter M, John K and John M.



### Young Eagles Report August 2021

*Duane Huff, Brian Michael & Wes Riddick, Young Eagle Coordinators*

**YET AGAIN LOW CLOUDS AND UNPRIDICTABLE WEATHER CANCELLED OUR YOUNG EAGLE RALLY. HOPEFULLY, SEPTEMBER WILL BE BETTER...**

### EAA 690 Ground School

Ground school is schedule on Thursday 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 gong to this link:

[https://join.slack.com/t/ea690/shared\\_invite/zt-4y85xsgx-oyLTtp8M8SZAYVBml5i0vw](https://join.slack.com/t/ea690/shared_invite/zt-4y85xsgx-oyLTtp8M8SZAYVBml5i0vw)

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!**



# Gone West

*Not alone into the sunset but  
into the company of friends who  
have gone before them*

## Robert Lee Parks

McKinney, TX

Robert Lee Parks passed away suddenly on August 12, 2021 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 68. He is survived by Kathleen, his wife of 39 years, loving father of Robert (Jena) and Megan, and proud grandfather of Ella.

Growing up in El Monte, CA "Captain Bob" earned his wings at the age of 17. His passion for aviation evolved into a 38 year career as a Corporate Pilot, ultimately achieving Senior Captain status with Kimberly Clark. In this position, Bob was able to travel around the world where he accumulated many fond memories and lifelong friendships. Bob was an active member of AOPA, EAA, QB, and the Cessna 120-140 Association. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his aviation friends and family.

The family will be announcing the details of the Memorial Services to be held in Dallas and Atlanta as soon as the arrangements are finalized.



## NavCom Feature "AEROGRAPHS"

Photo courtesy of John Slemp, "AEROGRAPHS Media Productions"

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This corporate jet was photographed just before a June dawn at Atlanta's Fulton County Airport. Two small LED lights, with blue light showing, were placed on the trailing edges of the wing to illuminate the engine nacelles and the surrounding area. My car headlights illuminated the left side of the nose, and the tug's LED light illuminated the right side of the nose. The exposure was 4 seconds at F8, ISO 160, at 51 mm on a Canon 24-70 F2.8L ISM lens, on a tripod-mounted Canon 5D MKIV body.



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## BIG Mooney Fly-In

Saturday, Sep 25, 2021 Dalton GA (KDNN)

BIG Mooney Fly-In on September 25th 2021! Free t-shirt and food, bring your family! Great opportunity for a free clinic with Joe!

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## Chapter Youth Build Activity

By: Joel Levine

As can be seen from the photo's, August was a busy month in the Youth Build program. Space has been made and the hangar re-organized once again to make room for the Zenith 601 to be moved from "Fred-3s" hangar. Under Billy's guidance the fuselage, wings and tail members where loaded aboard the trailer for the short ride to the hangar. Not shown but the fuselage is now on it's gear and work has begun to mount the engine.

At the same time work continues on the ¼ scale Piper J-3 under Ken and Lynn's guidance. The wings are almost complete and the fuselage is taking shape. The first two R/C trainers are complete and waiting to be flown by the youth participants and if you're interested, by adult members of the Chapter. Reach out to Ken to schedule some instruction and stick time at the Stone mountain R/C Flyer's field. It's a lot of fun and several of our members are well on their way to solo!

Also not shown but the Ultra-Piet has been completed, as far as time allows and is awaiting hanging from the rafters of the BEH.



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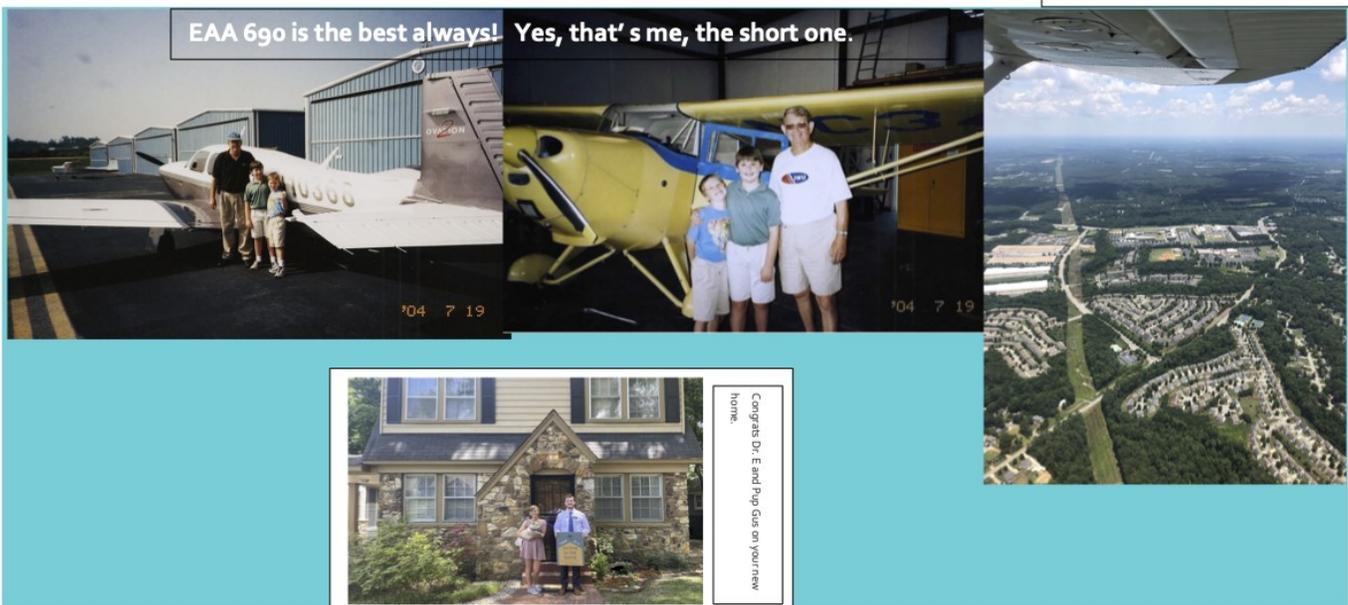
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## Quote of the Month

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– Wilbur Wright

## AERO TERM

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### Scheduled Time Of Arrival (STA)

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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**

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