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 Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Rd, Lawrenceville, GA

February 2012

Special points of interest:

- Fri. 2/10- Business Meeting @ 8pm
- Michael O'Neal brings Friday Program
- Sat. 2/11-Chapter Planning Meeting @ 10am
- Sat. 2/18/12 @ 9am- Young Eagles next fly date
- Friday 2/10/12 @ 7pm and Wed. 2/15/12 @ 7pm-Explorer Meetings

Is Spring Here Already?

It's hard to believe that it's February already, time **FLYS** when you're having fun or so they say. And all the beautiful weather we've been having makes us think it's the beginning of spring rather than the middle of winter. What a wonderful contrast from last year.

The Chapter has gotten off the ground with the propellers turning and is headed for a fantastic year with new ideas and new programs. One of the new events will be **Saturday, Febru-**

ary 11th at 10am. Please plan to be at this very important planning meeting that is open to every Chapter member.

We are very happy to be keeping some of our favorite things like our monthly Pancake Breakfast and our amazing Young Eagles program. The weather wasn't on our side for the January YE event. We're looking forward to a beautiful day on February 18th that is bound to have many, many excited and interested kids ready to fly.

A Fun Pancake Breakfast Was Had By All

As always the pancakes were great as was all the other delicious food that was served. The thing that made it really fun was all the people. We had a very large turnout that made for lots of great hangar talk and also made it even more "fun" for the cooks. It's always nice to see old and new friends and we look forward to many more well attended Breakfasts. We look forward to seeing you there. I understand the picture to the right is John Slemp "**hanging**" Duane Huff. How cute is that!!!

Friendly Reminder-We hope you can join us on the first Saturday of every month for wonderful food and fellowship. Food is served from 8-10:30 followed by a guest speaker or special event. The cost is: Adults \$6, Children \$3, Explorers \$4.



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Young Eagles January Update From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

Bad weather kept us from flying Young Eagles on the regular day. Decided to try a rain date on the next Saturday the 28th. Two YE came that day, so the question is "How many ground crew and pilots does it take to fly two Young Eagles?" As it turned out there were three pilots and eight ground crew. Nate Griffin and Duane Huff flew the Young Eagles supported by Art Farmer, Bill Ferguson, Jeanne Ferguson, Sheila Denny, Ruth

Bruhns, Dave Reynolds, Walter Deere and Jerry Fisher. John Morgan was the other pilot. We did have a good time and thanks to all who came to help.

Pray for good weather for Young Eagles on the 18th February as we have thirty five (35) Sea Cadets signed up to fly.

"Burt Rutan-Reinventing the Airplane"

The Chapter was given a **large** quantity of Vera Foster Rollo's book about Burt Rutan. He is the designer and pilot of the Voyager. His life is full of many amazing accomplishments and this book shares several of those with you, including designing aircrafts, rocket control surfaces, catamaran sails and balloon gondolas. This

interesting book is free to anyone that would like one; please find them available at the EAA 690 Hangar. Please consider sharing one with friends and family as well as groups that may enjoy learning more about aviation and this amazing individual.

Michael J. O'Neal Friday, Feb. 10th Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker

Michael J. O'Neal will tell us about his various experiences as a Flight Instructor. He has over 27,000 hours of flight time with almost 18,000 as an instructor, and has been a CFI since October 1979. He also has worked as a Corporate pilot, flown air freight out of

Hartsfield, and logged about 6,000 hours of aerial photography. During his CFI career he has instructed in about a dozen different experimental and home-built aircraft which included numerous taildraggers.

Dream, Build, Fly Submitted by Randy Epstein

The dream of many is to build their own plane someday. Three years ago, I followed the quest of Brady Lane, Multimedia Journalist, EAA in pursuit of his Sport Pilot Certificate. Brady kept a video journal on the EAA website of his lessons as he progressed toward his goal of becoming a pilot. Now Brady and friend Caleb Ihrig have undertaken a project to build a plane. Once again Brady has decided to document the project

through the use of video, including live videocasts on Tuesday evenings. This past Tuesday they were joined by Jeffrey Skiles. If you're interested in seeing some very interesting footage, you can find all the details at DreamBuildFly.com

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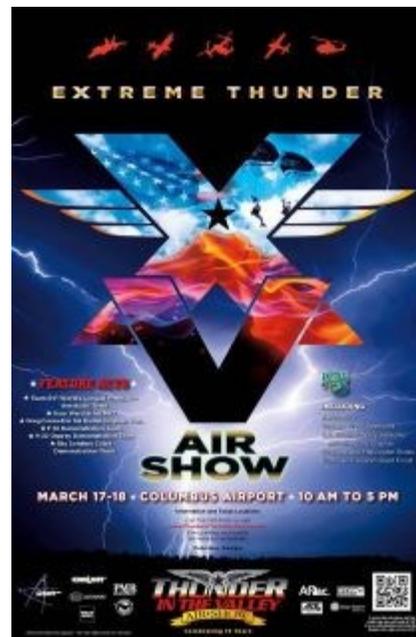
Thunder in the Valley Air Show Celebrates 15th Anniversary with “Xtreme Thunder”

Exciting Mix of Aerobatic and Military Aircraft, Static and Participatory Displays

Columbus, Ga., January 10, 2012 – Thunder in the Valley Air Show today announced it has finalized the majority of its acts and displays for 2012, all chosen specifically for how they will work with the milestone fifteenth anniversary of the event. The 15th Annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show, themed as “Xtreme Thunder,” will be **Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Columbus Airport.**



Will be a performer at this show and is directed by **Mike Stewart**, a long standing friend of the Chapter.



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Mark your calendar - You won't want to **miss out on any of Chapter 690's meetings and activities.**

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfasts feature aviation programs or activities. Our meetings, on the 2nd Friday of each month, include programs on a variety of topics.

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2011 Chapter Web-Site

Most of you know that the new Chapter web-site (www.eaa690.org) is up and running.

Please go ahead and register for the secure members only portion. The new features will be rolled out shortly. While you're at it, up-load your photo.

Speaking about photos, if you have photos of Chapter events, send them to [John Slemp](mailto:John.Slemp) or Joel Levine, jlevine@bellsouth.net for posting to the website's photo gallery.