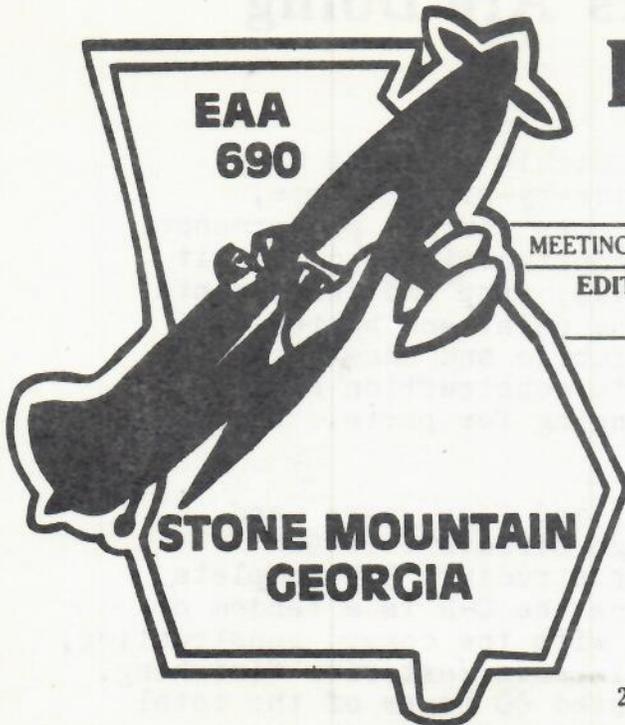


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What Our Members Are Doing

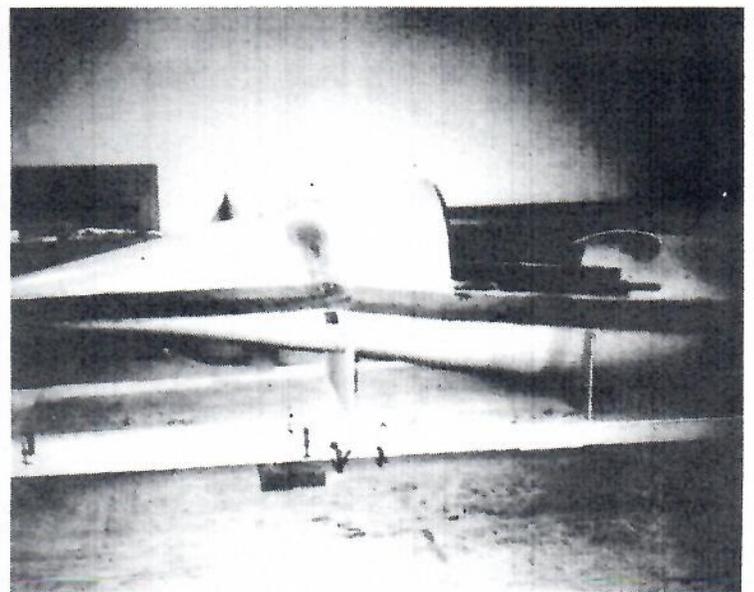
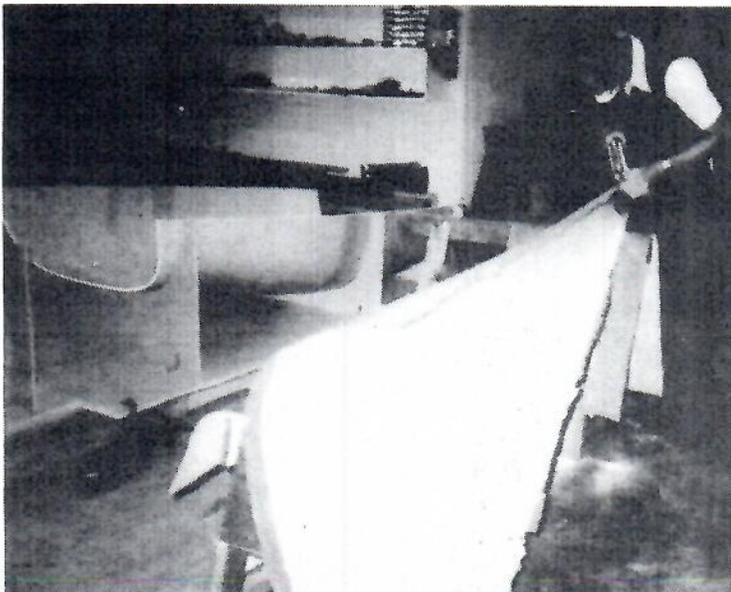
BY: FRANK WILCOX

I am building a Q-2 Kit marketed by Quickie Aircraft Corp. This was my choice because the Q-2 is side-by-side 2 place, will not stall/spin (?), has excellent cross country performance, outstanding fuel economy, is composite construction and the kit is complete including engine (modified VW), prop and instruments (VFR). The builder must provide only the paint and battery. I have an A&E license, have rebuilt tube/fabric and sheet metal aircraft, and wanted to develop composite construction skills. I also did not want to spend time scrounging for parts. Nearly 1000 Q-2 kits have been sold worldwide.

Construction started in March of 1981 and four years and 735 construction hours later the fuselage structure is 90% complete, the vertical stabilizer/rudder structure 90% complete and the main wing is 90% complete. Since the Q-2 is a tandem or conard winged aircraft, I am still left with the conard construction, the installation of systems/engine and interior/exterior finishing. By the way, Margaret, my wife, has invested 60 hours of the total in helping with the large layups. QAC claims 500 hours construction time and I believe an experienced person could meet this claim.

I have found Q-2 construction plans and instructions very complete. To date there have been no really serious problems. Many have been avoided by reading Quickie Builder Association Newsletter, a publication independent of QAC. Composite construction is easy and fast once you get the hang of it. It is easily repaired, mistakes corrected and modified. I have, however developed a mild sensitivity to the epoxy - a caution to potential builders. Special gloves and mask let me continue the work.

There are several Q-2s being built or flying in the Atlanta area and the builders/fliers are happy to talk with potential Q-2 builders.



HAPPENINGS

AIR FAIR 85 - Tom Ferraro

In mid April, we mailed out the Air Fair posters to approximately 70 different airport FBO's and local newspapers. Prospective new member Mark Ducharme who is employed by an Ad Agency, wrote up a press release for us to attach to the Air Fair posters. A special thanks to Mark for helping to add that "professional" touch to our advertising of the Air Fair.

We are still in need of everyone's help to work for the Air Fair. Please try and attend the Friday (May 10th) meeting. We will be trying to finalize the plans and assign people to work at the various jobs during the Air Fair.

Gordon made initial contact with the crew of the Stinson Tri-Motor while at Sun and Fun. They have again expressed an interest in attending our Fly-In. Tentatively it looks like the big black bird will once again fill up the runway at Stone Mountain Airport. In addition, several vendors have indicated they would be interested in coming to our event. We are encouraging participation by all aviation related groups.

EAA 690 AT PDK OPEN HOUSE - Tom Ferraro

Tom Ferraro recently had a meeting with officials from Peachtree Dekalb Airport regarding participation of EAA 690 in their open house and Fly-In. The PDK event is an annual airport and general aviation promotion that includes demonstrations, static displays and aviation related promotions. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 8, 1985. EAA Chapter 690 has been asked to participate to represent "Sport Aviation" aspect of general aviation. We are planning on setting up a display with chapter member's aircraft, our booth with literature, and at the same time try to introduce prospective new members to our chapter. Anyone willing to display their aircraft (complete or under construction), or spend a little time helping to man the booth, please contact Tom at the next meeting or call him at 923-1849.

AIR FAIR 1985 - Harold Stalcup

Preparations are well under way! Our pancake grill has been welded and we are ready for the "First-Burn" on our burners.

Ken Sharp & Martha Wilcox are our pancake "Chefs".

John Henderson is the Sausage "Chef".

John Owens is our Iceman and Waterboy.

Eugenia Calk, Harriet Strand, and the Fredericks will manage O.J., coffee, and the other odds and ends.

Jim Crunkleton, our resident sign artist, will make signs for the breakfast and drink stands.

We hope to have a good crowd turnout and plan to sell 250 hotdogs and 600 cold drinks.



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President's Message

MAY 1985

Our annual Chili Cook-Off was once again a great success. The weather cooperated nicely and by early afternoon approximately 50 members and friends of Chapter 690 had gathered to sample the many varieties of chili, salads, and other treats. These events always turn out to be a great opportunity to meet new people and socialize with our friends. The award for the most popular chili went to our two Long-eze drivers, Gerald and Helen Collins. Maybe next year Harold!

This late breaking story just in from Lenora Airport. After four years of hard work, (maybe its more like three and a half years of work and six months of stalling), Pacer 25TJ has flown its maiden voyage. With a little help from Ed Booth, we were able to complete the installation of the fairings, wheel pants, etc. in time to take advantage of a beautiful Sunday afternoon. On the first flight I never left the airport area, but I did manage to complete some slow flight, a stall and generally checked out the trim of the airplane. Hands off was straight and level with the ball centered! I guess you get lucky sometimes! Ed kept in touch the entire flight via the radio in his C-170. He informed me earlier in the day the main reason they had the Cessna 170 Association was to help out "Stubby Wing" Piper guys. All I know for sure about that is, STUBBY WINGS = LESS DRAG!!!

The next meeting will be at the Stone Mountain Airport on Friday, May 10th, at 8:00 PM. We will be working on finalizing plans and events for the Air Fair that evening. We still need help in all areas; please try to attend and plan to help make Saturday, May 18th the biggest and best Air Fair yet. See you Friday.

Tom

RECRUIT A FRIEND



I have found that there are always those who by their unselfishness stand tall when the Chapter has need for help on a project. (Air Fair 1985).

David Thomas once said, "The actions of men are like the index of a book; they point out what is most remarkable in them".

At the suggestion of Henry and others we will be compiling questions for a "survey" page to be made a part of a future newsletter (June or July). Any suggestions you might have on questions - - pass them on to me. (469-1444).

It's not said often enough so I'll say it here and now. Thanks and gratitude go to all who have contributed to the content of this newsletter over the past year, especially those who regularly participate monthly so willingly. If our newsletter has any merit to the membership, it's because of the news and notices contributions given me each month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10th	8:00PM	EAA 690-Stn. Mtn.
May 11-12th	all day	Dobbins AFB Air-Show
May 18th	8:00-4:00	Air Fair-Stn. Mtn.
June 8th	all day	PDK Open-House (EAA 690 to have booth)
June 14th	8:00PM	EAA 690-Stn. Mtn.

Mark your calendar NOW---there is a lot going on out there you'll not want to miss!!!

Let's all have a safe and enjoyable outing at all of these events.

John

**Have You A Story
To Tell — Tell It**