



**MARCH 2008**

# 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

## Amelia Earhart Disappearance Reviewed

Chapter Vice President Lee Olson has announced that the program for our Friday, March 14th Chapter 690 meeting will be presented by Thomas F. (Tom) King, Ph.D. Dr. King has researched the disappearance of Amelia Earhart's ill-fated transpacific flight of July 2, 1937 through his association with The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR).



Dr. King has worked in archaeology for some forty years. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside, and did substantial research in California prehistory in the 1960s and 70s. In the late 1970s he was responsible for establishing the Micronesian Archaeological Survey, which has sponsored research in the western Pacific islands of Micronesia, and helped develop historic preservation programs in the area's island nations.

Early in his career he became concerned about the destruction of archaeological sites, American Indian and Micronesian spiritual places, and other historic properties, and has spent most of his career working in cultural resource management, as a Federal government official, in academic programs, and in the private sector. Today he works as a private consultant, mediator, writer and editor, affiliated with the National Preservation Institute. His work with TIGHAR on the Amelia Earhart project is his recreation. Besides Amelia Earhart's Shoes, the account of TIGHAR's work, King is the author of three textbooks dealing with historic preservation issues and practice, all published by Altamira Press. King lives in

Silver Spring, Maryland, and travels widely in his teaching and consulting practice.

Come join us for dinner at The Flying Machine at 6:00 P.M. and hangar talk at 7:30 P.M. in the EAA 690 Hangar. The business meeting will start at 8:00 P.M. The program will begin following a brief break for refreshments.



## Saturday, March 22nd – Annual Chili Cook-Off

The annual Chapter 690 CHILI COOK-OFF will be held Saturday, March 24th at the Chapter Building. All members and friends of the chapter and their families are invited to participate. *Dinner will be served at 5 P.M.*

What is a Chili Cook-off? Those who enjoy a cooking challenge and wish to compete in the contest will bring their favorite recipe of chili to be judged by a select group of judges and then devoured by all of us who are the real judges.

The chili will be judged in several categories: Antique (that old family recipe), Warbird (the hottest), Homebuilt (unusual ingredients and taste), Classic (best over-all) and Ultra-light (the one for the lighter taste).



Photo by Joel Levine

*Above – The attendees at the 2007 Chili Cook-Off enjoyed a long standing tradition for Chapter 690 – an event that provides fellowship, food and fun for all the family.*

If making chili is not your thing, bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Drinks, condiments and table service will be provided. Please bring the chili to the Chapter Building *no later than 4:30* to be eligible for the contest.

Starting at 2 P.M. there will be Friendship Flights for those members who do not have an airplane but would welcome a ride. Members with planes will be available to provide the piloting - weather permitting.

## BREAKING NEWS –

The B-17 is returning to LZU – From Thursday, October 16th 'til Monday, October 20th. Mark your calendars now. Watch for info. Lend a hand!



Photo by Lee Craymer



## Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Joel Levine



Samuel Jones was one of the knowledgeable Speakers from the Tuskegee Airmen who participated in the February 2nd program.



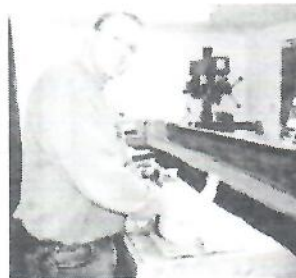
Tuskegee Airman Ron Ely shared his experiences as a Tuskegee Airman with the attendees.



On Friday, February 8th, Lee Olson gave a very interesting program entitled "Midway - The Rest of the Story."



Many of the Chapter's regular Young Eagle volunteers stayed after the February 16th Rally to participate in a critique and planning session.



Tyler's proud new Daddy, Jamie Painter, has found another use for the Chapter Tool Room.



Longtime Chapter 690 member Tom Wilson with his sons and new Chapter members Kevin & Brian solved our door lock problem.



Aviation and History come together at the WWII Heritage Days on April 26-27.

Go to [www.WWIIIdays.org](http://www.WWIIIdays.org) for more info.

## Reaction on ARC Report, Moratorium

Excerpt from <[www.eaa.org/news/2008/2008-02-21\\_reaction.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2008/2008-02-21_reaction.asp)>

**February 21, 2008** — Last week's story on the FAA's "51 percent List moratorium" and the Amateur-Built Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) report prompted some questions and comments from EAA members. The most-asked question regarding the moratorium was also the easiest to answer: "Does this moratorium affect previously accepted (approved) kits?"

As we indicate in our Questions and Answers page, no, it does not. The list will remain exactly as is until after FAA publishes its new process revision for determining the major portion (51 percent) for amateur-built. The FAA has left open the possibility that it may re-evaluate some approved kits after posting its new certification policy. EAA is advocating that all aircraft currently on the list should be grandfathered.

**Jim Auman**, an AB DAR from Illinois, mentioned he had received some calls from kit aircraft builders who thought they would be unable to certificate their finished projects. Auman assured them that this was not the case, telling them, "It (moratorium) does not, in any way, suspend the initial airworthiness certification actions of completed amateur-built kit aircraft. FAA inspectors and DARs are ready to start the certification inspection process for your newly completed aircraft..."

**Jeremy Monnett**, CEO of Sonex Aircraft, LLC, stated in a recent open letter to the public, "Without necessarily intending it, these professional builders and companies building and selling completed and/or mostly completed aircraft are risking the entire set of Experimental Amateur-Built Rules by continuing to push them beyond their intended boundaries." He adds, "The key to the continued success of the Experimental-Amateur Built rules depends on the consistent enforcement of the rules already in place."



## 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. Please submit articles in Word format and pictures in jpeg, or gif format via e-mail to: [lnor\\_l@bellsouth.net](mailto:lnor_l@bellsouth.net).

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the April 2008 NavCom is Thursday, March 20th.

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Thanks to Jeanne Ferguson and the other members of the merry band who fold and label the NavCom, and to 690's interim "Postmaster" Greg Jannakos for mailing the newsletter.

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## Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman, Chapter 690 President



One does not have to look far to see that EAA 690 members are ready for spring! Jamie Painter, our Fly-Out Czar, has been working on several great places to fly for a day or overnight. As plans are finalized, information will be posted on our web-site and in the NavCom. You will also receive a NOTAM from Joel Levine with details. Be sure to leave some weekends available to join us for these exciting trips!

Mark your calendars and start getting ready for the return of The EAA Ford Tri-Motor and Aluminum Overcast B-17. Both will be back this fall! We will keep you posted on details as soon as the dates are confirmed. Right now, they are expected in August and October respectively. If you have contact information for any WWII veterans who are good storytellers, please forward it to me at [debi.huffman@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:debi.huffman@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us). I will be looking for guests to participate in our Hangar Talk event when Aluminum Overcast returns. As you know, we like to honor all of our veterans in a special way during this event. When the Ford Tri-Motor was here last fall, several former Eastern Airlines employees came out to see her. We would like to do something special for these folks as well. So, if you know any former Eastern folks who would like to join us for a special event, please let me know.

We traditionally like to say good-bye to winter with our Chili Cook-Off. This is a time when our members show off their culinary skills and the rest of us become expert chili tasters. So, why don't you dust off your Mom's old recipe and give it a try? We have varieties to suit all palates, both spicy and tasty!

If you want to get a head start on spring, you might consider a trip to Lakeland, Florida to attend Sun 'N Fun. Many of our Chapter members attend annually, and this year will be no exception. I plan to make my first trip this spring and hope to see you there!

Speaking of Florida, Milford Shirley, president of EAA 193 in Jacksonville,

Florida and fellow EAAer Brian Kraut, started an aviation centered radio show that airs 9a.m. on AM1320 WBOB. If you go to their web-site [<http://www.flighttimeradio.com>] [www.flighttimeradio.com](http://www.flighttimeradio.com) you can listen over your computer. Their goal is to have a show that talks about all aspects of flying while at the same time entertaining non-pilots with stories from guests. They hope to encourage more people to get involved in aviation through flight training, home building, or a new career choice.

By the time you read this, several young people will receive scholarships from EAA 690 to attend Air Academy this summer. A complete list of those recipients will appear in the April issue of the NavCom. We will also host activities for the Fernbank Science Center "Aviation in the Community" program in July. This program is for students in 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Applications will be in a later NavCom, as well as on the [www.fsc.fernbank.edu](http://www.fsc.fernbank.edu) web-site. As a Chapter, we are proud to provide activities that go beyond Young Eagle flights for those students who are interested in the joy of aviation. Be looking for a special section on our EAA 690 web-site highlighting activities and events especially for students.

Cliff Aiken, our Membership Chairman, reports that our number of current paid members continues to grow. Last month, at our Friday evening meeting, Tess Huff won the drawing for the Aircraft Spruce gift certificate. I wonder who she will give that to? Congratulations Duane, and thank you to Aircraft Spruce for getting us started on a new tradition! At this month's meeting, we will draw for two free cheeseburgers at the Flying Machine. Remember, only those members who are current and present are eligible to win. If you have any items that you would like to donate for our monthly drawings, please bring them with you to any of our events and give them to me or to Lnor Levine. This has been a fun way to encourage our members to be current and to attend our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing you at the airport!

Blue Skies!  
Debi ☺



## Chapter 690 Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff, Chapter 690 YE Coordinator  
Young Eagle Coordinator of the year 2007



February 2008

Saturday was a beautiful day for flying. It was disappointing to have only about half of the kids show up that had been anticipated. Eleven Young Eagles registered, completed the Pre-Flight briefing, their flight, and received their certificate, bracelet and pin.

Six pilots flew one flight each. Steve Ashby had two YEs, Chuck Huber and Mike Stewart each flew one YE, Duane Huff flew one YE and two on the preceding Thursday, Fred Huppertz and John Kimmons each flew 3 YEs. David Balthaser and Bill Bell were available for YE flights, but no more young people arrived.

Dennis Crosgrove conducted the Pre-Flight briefings and Jamie Painter set up the flight simulator and worked with the students while they were waiting for their flights. Jeanne Ferguson, Jaime Painter, Georgia Mills and Lnor Levine handled the registration and printing the certificates. Bill Ferguson, Walter Deere and Greg Jannakos were our load masters and safety officers.

A donation for our Scholarship fund was received.

The round table discussion of the Young Eagle Program was very positive. The organization of our Young Eagle rallies is working and makes them run very smoothly. Jaime Painter is going to work on a handout that will give suggestions of follow-up activities for Young Eagles after their Young Eagle experience. Pilots are encouraged to fly Young Eagles at every opportunity they have. Be sure to sign the release form before each flight and turn them into Duane Huff. You may leave them in the hangar on the YE desk, and let me know so we will have a record of them and I can send them into Oshkosh. Also, if you know of any groups that would like to attend a rally, please have them call 770-962-3117 for a scheduled date, directions, forms etc.

Keep Em' Flying  
Duane Huff  
Chapter 690 Young Eagle Coordinator

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

...and Returning Members,  
and New Family Members too!

Gary Austin	John Morgan
Sam Beale	Bill Nickerson
Willard Chastain	Virginia Nickerson
Marie Chastain	Nick Oswald
Rachel Ashley Childress	Roger Pickett
Ty Connell	John Pittinger
John Durkin	Jimmie Rickerson
Larrid Henderson	Herbert Rusk
William Johnson	Allen Seymour
Linda Johnson	Mark Susca
Russell Lowry	John Taylor
Kimberly Lowry	Tim Young
Kylie Lowry	Marsha Young

Kara Lowry

### WANTED: Ideas for Chapter Fly-Outs

Plans are now being formulated for several trips – maybe even an over-nighter. Please send your suggestions to me at [painterjd@gmail.com](mailto:painterjd@gmail.com).

Thanks! Jamie Painter

### Updated E-Mail Addresses Needed for 690 NOTAMS

The following people's Chapter e-mails are bouncing back. Please send correct e-mail address to Joel Levine at: [jlevine@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlevine@bellsouth.net). Thank You!

Alan Adamson	William & Kaye Pardue
Bill & Virginia Nickerson	Roger Pickett
	John & Linna Zile

## CONGRAT LAT ONS!!

Brian Wallis, who had already achieved his fixed wing Commercial Ticket, earned his Helicopter Commercial Ticket in a Schweizer 300CBI on February 16th, 2008.



Best of luck to Chapter member Dave Hirschman, new Senior Editor " at AOPA Pilot. Dave will also be writing for Flight Training and other AOPA publications. Check out his articles in the latest issue of "Pilot."

Bon Voyage to Bill and Janet Bell, who will soon be off to see their first grandchild. William Franklin Bell IV, to be called William, was born on Feb. 15th at 11:00 am EST in Hong Kong, China to Billy Bell and his wife, Megan.



## A Work in Process

Chapter 690 member Ty Connell started construction of the tail of his Van's RV project on Saturday, November 10th. He has not decided yet whether it will be a RV-7 or -7A – Ty says he probably



Photo by Brian Wallis

won't decide until he orders the fuse, but he's "leaning towards the 7".

## PHOTOS WANTED:

The Chapter is looking for pictures of member's from those carefree days when we were in our late teens to mid twenties. We would like these photos so we can put together a slide show for the break period at the next Monthly meeting.

Specifically, we would like a picture of you with an airplane, in your military service uniform, or any other "classic" recollection of your youth!

If you have any that have been converted to digital, please send it to [leemolson@bellsouth.net](mailto:leemolson@bellsouth.net). All others can be scanned if you will bring them to the next Pancake breakfast.



## Gas Discounts



Chapter 690 Members –  
\$1.00 Off / Gal. on Weekends  
Pilots Flying Young Eagles –  
\$1.50 Off / Gal.

**PLEASE NOTE – Customer must request the discount at the time of the fueling request in order to receive the discount.**



**Thank You –**  
to Aircraft Spruce for the Gift Certificates.

We were able to use them as a promotion to encourage prompt dues payment and meeting attendance.

Aircraft Spruce has partnered with EAA on many programs over the years including Young Eagles and the EAA Sportair Workshops

Aircraft Spruce is a Preferred Partner of EAA. As a Preferred Partner, Aircraft Spruce provides discounts on orders placed by EAA members using the new EAA credit card.

For more information, contact Aircraft Spruce at (951) 372-9555, by e-mail at [info@aircraftspruce.com](mailto:info@aircraftspruce.com), or visit the company website at [www.aircraftspruce.com](http://www.aircraftspruce.com).

## Changes, Corrections & Additions

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Doug Mills  
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**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**WANTED:** Members and spouses to participate in chapter events. It's a lot more fun when you join the activities and help make 690 the great Chapter it is. Lend a hand. You'll be welcomed and appreciated.

### WANTED:

Articles and photos by Chapter members are welcome for publication in the NavCom. They will be published on a space available basis at the discretion of the editor. Content of submissions is subject to editing.

Please submit articles in Word or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: [lnorl@bellsouth.net](mailto:lnorl@bellsouth.net)

## Procedure for Donating Material to the Chapter

All donated material must be accepted by the Board of Trustees, and not simply dropped off at the chapter hangar. Among other things it will enable us to account for the items or material.

To arrange for donations, please contact Duane Huff at 770-962-3117.

## Aircraft Spruce EAST Open House / Fly-In

### SUPER SALE!

Saturday May 17th, 2008 8:00 am to 4:00 PM  
452 Dividend Drive, Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

**Fly in to Falcon Field Airport!**  
KFFC Unicom 123.05

Please call us at 877-477-7823 or 770-487-2310 with any questions.  
[www.aircraftspruce.com](http://www.aircraftspruce.com)



## Aviation Art

By Lnor Levine

Our chapter has been blessed with the friendship of several talented artists through the years. They have presented some interesting programs to the membership, attended Fly-Ins and generously given us prints that we have used for fundraisers for the Chapter and the Scholarship Fund.

This month new Chapter member John Slemp is going to share some of his expertise as an aviation photographer at the 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program / Activity.

John will be exhibiting at Sun 'n Fun for the first time this year. If you attend, visit him in booth N-17. Otherwise, plan to visit his midtown Atlanta studio and gallery at the Tula Arts Center, at Suite H2, 75 Bennett Street, NW Atlanta 30309. Or check his work out on the web at: [www.johnslemp.com](http://www.johnslemp.com) or [www.aviationfineart.com](http://www.aviationfineart.com)

Sam Lyons has been a long-time friend of EAA 690. His paintings are beautiful, realistic and amazing, and Joel and I have several of his prints.

A native of Atlanta, Sam was selected to be inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. He's the first artist to be honored in this way. Originally the induction ceremony was going to be held in April 2008. Because of construction at the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins, the black tie affair is being rescheduled and will take place in towards the end of August 2008.

Sam's painting, LEAD SOLO, graces the Air Force Art Hall in the Pentagon. Other prints and paintings can be found at places like Blue Angels headquarters, The Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, Air Force Museum, Naval Aviation Museum, Royal Air Force Museum, and Disney. His paintings have graced the covers of numerous magazines and catalogs. He's been commissioned to create works of art for Barron Hilton of the Hilton Corp., Brig. Gen. C. W. Taylor, Dobbins AFB, Blue Angels, U.S. Army, U.S. Parks Dept., AT&T, Bell South, Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems and the Danbury Mint... just to name a few. Sam's greatest source of pride is the reaction he gets from pilots and aviation enthusiasts of every age and experience. Sam has also won many awards and gained recognition in military and civilian arenas.

You can see some of Sam's work at [www.lyonsstudio.com](http://www.lyonsstudio.com), but the best way to appreciate it is in person. He is a "regular" at Sun 'n Fun, so stop in and see Sam and Mindy at Building A (for Artist), Booth 22-23. At AirVenture you can visit Sam and Mindy in Building B, Booth 2025. You are also welcome to visit his Studio at Air Acres, located in Woodstock, Georgia. Just call 770-928-8050 to make an appointment.

Marc Stewart is another renowned aviation artist who has been to 690 events in the past, accompanied by his wife Robin. He has always had an interest in flying and of aircraft (WWII aircraft in particular). As a teenager he earned his pilots license. In college Marc became involved in sail-plane flying and was an active member of the West Georgia College Sport Parachute Team. After college, he joined the U.S. Navy and graduated from Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola. During his Naval career Marc flew several aircraft including the T-34C, T-2C, US-2B, C-12, C-131, and the TA-4J Skyhawk. In 1995, he retired from the Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander.

Marc has exhibited his art in many shows and competitions, and currently has original paintings

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## A Report from the Georgia Aviation Expo & Conference

I attended one conference session on Friday (Feb. 22) which was an overview of the Georgia Airport system. The presenter was Carol Comer of GDOT ([ccomer@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ccomer@dot.ga.gov)). Their web-site covers most of what was discussed in the meeting - (<http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/Aviation/Home/index.cfm>)

One point has come up that may be of interest to the 690 membership regarding legislation before the Georgia House this session that has the potential to affect aviation programs in the state:

HB1019 - Establishes a transportation infrastructure bank. Aviation projects would be included. Allows local airport sponsors to borrow their matching funds and repay with a low interest loan.

HB 1139 - Statewide 1 cent sales and use tax to be used for transportation projects statewide. Would include funding for airport projects.

HR 228 provide that funds derived from sales and use and motor fuel taxes with respect to jet fuel and aviation gasoline shall be allocated for activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public-use airports in this state;

The text of the bill can be searched on the Georgia Assembly website: [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov)

The site also has a way for members to find their state senators and legislators.

Some of these bills are on the schedule for the coming week.

Best Regards  
Ted Rabenko

## Aviation Art (Cont. from Previous Column)

and prints on display in over 20 aviation museums worldwide including the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, England & the new National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA. He has completed many commissioned works including pieces for Tidewater Tech Aviation, Numerous Individual Clients, Marine Corps Heritage Fdn., Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Engine Manufacturers, and Accurate Miniatures Fine Scale Model Co.

Marc has received numerous awards, including Best In Show, for "Hell Over the Hadley" at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, 2006 International Juried Exhibition, and "First Place Military", Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine award, 2002 International Juried Aerospace Art Exhibition.

The National Museum of Naval Aviation recently announced Marc Stewart as the recipient of the 2008 R.G. Smith Award for "excellence in naval aviation art." The prestigious honor is awarded annually to a single artist. The Museum's Foundation chooses the recipient. When told of his selection, Marc said "I feel honored to be so recognized for my work. It means a lot to me... For an aviation artist, there's simply no higher honor. It just doesn't get any bigger or better than this. I'm thrilled!"

Unlike a competition or a juried exhibit that may recognize one piece of artwork, the R.G. Smith Award is a career honor, similar to a lifetime achievement award. It will be presented to Marc in Pensacola in May. His work may be viewed online at [www.AviationArtbyMarcStewart.com](http://www.AviationArtbyMarcStewart.com).





## UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS



**Friday, March 14 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program on Amelia Earhart by Thomas F. King, Ph.D. - Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, March 15 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, March 22 - EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Annual Chili Cook-Off. Afternoon Friendship Flights and Hangar Flying. Chili Judging at 4:00 p.m. – Dinner is Served at 5:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, March 29 - Macon Cherry Blossom Festival - Macon Jetport, Macon, GA - 1000 - 2100 - Annual Airshow/Balloon Glow. Fly / Drive In. Check notams for airfield closure and opening times. Aerobatics \* Airshow \* Food \* Gliders \* Homebuilts \* Lighter-Than-Air \* Museum & History \* Seaplanes \* Vintage Aircraft \* Warbirds. For Info: BobHamilton at 478-987-7807**

**Saturday, April 5 - EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. - Flying Start Seminar at 10:30 a.m. – Getting Started in Learning to Fly. Info includes Sport Pilot License and Soaring. Watch for details in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Tuesday-Sunday, April 8-13 - Sun 'n Fun 2008 Fly-In - Lakeland, FL - Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (KLAL) For info [www.sun-n-fun.org/](http://www.sun-n-fun.org/)**

**Friday, April 11 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program on Light Sport Airplanes & Baby Ace by Bill Wood. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, April 19 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, April 26 - Wright Army Airfield / MidCoast Regional Airport Fly-In (LHW) Hinesville, GA - 10 A.M. till 3 P.M. - See NEW Facility. FREE Lunch from 11- 1 p.m. Please r.s.v.p. at 912- 877- 4359. Fuel Discounts, Contest and prizes.**

**Saturday, May 3 - EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Annual Rain or Shine Spring Poker Run. Watch for details in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Friday, May 9 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program on National Air Tour by Steve Panayiotis. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, May 17 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, June 7 – EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. - Program: The AOPA is Here to Help Us - Speaker TBA**

**Saturday, June 7 – WILLIAMSON, GA - PEACHSTATE AERODROME – Fly/Drive In – Museum Building Dedication - The building is a replica of the American Airways building as it existed on Candler Field in 1933. Details will be announced.**

**Saturday, June 7 – Frederick, MD - Frederick Municipal (FDK). 18th annual AOPA Fly-In & Open House – More than 100 aviation exhibits, free aviation safety seminars, Q & A with AOPA President Phil Boyer, and more.**

**Friday, June 13 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program on ELT's & SAR - Speaker TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, June 21 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, July 5 – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. - Annual Airplane Wash - Contact Joel Levine, 678-770-1877 - Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Friday, July 11 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Flying Machine. – Watch for info in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Saturday, July 19 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Monday, July 28 – Sunday, August 3 – Oshkosh, WI – EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport OSH – Daily Airshows - Exhibitors - Aircraft Displays - and more. Info: EAA Convention HQ 920-426-4800, Website: [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)**

**Saturday, August 2 – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Program TBA – Watch for info in NavCom and on Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Saturday, August 9 – EAA Chapter 690's Annual Post Oshkosh Bash – Watch for details in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) – NOTE: There is no Friday night meeting in August due to AirVenture and Annual Post Oshkosh Bash.**

**Saturday, August 16 – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Friday, September 12 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program: Our 2008 Scholarship Winners will tell us about their aviation educational experiences from the Air Academy this summer. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Flying Machine.**

*Tentative Dates and Open Dates – Watch for Updates in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)*

**Mid to Late August (After AirVenture) – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Chapter 690 Hosts EAA's Tri-Motor. Watch the NavCom and check [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) for event and ride details. - Lots of volunteer help needed!!**

**Saturday Night in August – During Visit of Tri-Motor – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Special Evening Event – Spaghetti Dinner by Steve Ashby & Entertainment by Elgin Wells, Jr. and his Fabulous Trio – Limited Seating – Proceeds Benefit Elgin Wells Memorial Scholarship Fund. Watch for Details in NavCom and check Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Thursday, October 16 – Monday, October 20 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Chapter 690 Hosts EAA's B-17. Plans are already under way for the visit - and for another great Low Country Boil and WWII Roundtable on Saturday, October 18th. Watch for Details in NavCom and check Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

*Events and schedules subject to change – factors such as weather can postpone or cancel events at the last minute. Please confirm with sponsoring organization.*

**NOTE: Chapter 690 Activities are in Bold.**



## Minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, was called to order by Debi Huffman, President at 8:00 P.M.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, an announcement was made about tonight's prize drawing for paid up members. The prize tonight is a gift certificate from Aircraft Spruce, and you must be present to win. This new prize drawing has proven popular and successful, and will be continued next month, with a prize donated by The Flying Machine Restaurant.

Members and guests were introduced.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held on January 11<sup>th</sup> were published in the NavCom. Lee Olson made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Bob Zahner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those present.

EAA 690 Board of Directors meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. on the Tuesday evening prior to our regular monthly meeting. The BoD is made up of the Chapter officers and at-large members who are elected for 2 year terms. The January BoD meeting was held on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and the minutes are in the February NavCom. The minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be published in the March NavCom. The next BoD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

EAA 690 Board of Trustees meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. on the Tuesday evening prior to our First Saturday Pancake Breakfast. The minutes from the Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were published in the February NavCom. The February BoT meeting was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the minutes will be published in the March NavCom. BoT Chairman David Rowe reported that the next major plan is to re-do the hangar floor, with Chapter members to provide the labor. Our next Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. EAA 690 membership is invited to attend all of our meetings.

### Committee Reports

Publicity – Joel Levine – The Pancake Breakfast and Program is on the first Saturday of every month. Breakfast is a great value at \$5 per person, and \$2 for children under 12 years. Our next Breakfast and Program is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The program, which starts at 10:30 A.M., will be "Through the Artist's Eyes," presented by Chapter member John Slomp, who is an amazing photographer. John has a booth reserved at this year's Sun 'n' Fun. The Saturday morning programs are scheduled for the first half of 2008. April's program will be the annual Flying Start, with an emphasis on the new Light Sport license. May will be the Annual Poker Run, which has been changed this year to avoid conflict with PDK's Good Neighbor Day. Posters are available for members to post at work and at stores throughout the community. Please continue to send any photos that you have for the Chapter web-site, and please try to keep them under 1 meg.

Chapter Vice President Lee Olson announced that Alan Armstrong, the speaker scheduled for tonight, had to cancel

due to a family commitment. In his stead, Lee will present a program on "Midway – The Rest of the Story." Also, Lee will have a slide show running during the refreshment break. The speaker for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Thomas F. (Tom) King, Ph.D., who will give a presentation on his research into the disappearance of Amelia Earhart.

NavCom – Lnor Levine requested that material for the March NavCom be submitted by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Chapter logo mugs, EAA calendars and autographed aviation neckties are amongst the merchandise available in the AeroShopper. Also, we have oil analysis kits for \$12.00.

Membership – Cliff reported that we currently have approximately 115 membership renewals (for 2008) including renewals received at this meeting.

Georgia Mills has accepted the position of Chapter Hospitality Chairperson. Her correct new e-mail address is <ga76peach@yahoo.com>.

Dennis Crosgrrove will be taking over from Joel as custodian of the hangar keys. Kevin Williams has volunteered to repair the door lock.

Young Eagles – Duane Huff – We fly the third Saturday of every month. We need pilots and volunteers for our February 16<sup>th</sup> Young Eagle Rally. This month's rally will be followed by a meeting of YE pilots and ground support personnel.

Debi Huffman reported that so far we have received three applications for Air Academy scholarships for this summer. Applications are due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. She announced that the rising 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders who attend the Fernbank Lockheed Aviation Camp (an academic camp) will end their activities here at the Chapter hangar, culminating with YE flights which the students will help to plan.

Project Visits – none scheduled at this time.

Tool Room – Chapter tools are available to loan to members. David Rowe said that David Posey will be scheduling a training session on the lathe this spring. We will also have a weight and balance training session to show members how to use our scales.

There were no reports from Food Service or Chapter Historian.

Fly Out – Jamie Painter is our Fly-Chairman for 2008.

### New Business –

After tonight's program we need to set the hangar up for this weekend's AeroElectric seminar. Duane needs someone to open the gates and put out the signs for parking. Georgia and Doug Mills will do this, since they will be assisting with the food and the sound for the sessions.

After a brief break for coffee and snacks our speaker was Lee Olson.

Tess Huff was the winner of the Aircraft Spruce Gift Certificate in the Paid-Up Membership Drawing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lnor Levine, Acting Secretary

## February 2008 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

### To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for February 2008 was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 PM.

### Attending were:

David Rowe	BOT Chairman
Dennis Crosgrrove	BOT Member
Lee Hockman	BOT Member

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## Minutes of the February 5th, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

### Attending Members:

Cliff Aiken	Lnor Levine
Larry Bishop	Lee Olson
Debi Huffman	Jamie Painter
Fred Huppertz	

### Absent Members:

David Rowe	Mike Stewart
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### Visitors:

Dennis Crosgrove	Doug Mills
Duane Huff	Georgia Mills
Joel Levine	

A quorum was present.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Jamie Painter, Chairman.

**Reports** -The following reports were made by chapter officers and committee chairmen:

**Membership** – Cliff Aiken - More than 107 members have renewed 2008 Chapter 690 membership. This is substantially ahead of 2007 renewals as of February 1.

**Publicity** – Joel Levine – The January program was very good and the February program, presented by John Slomp, an Artist and Professional Photographer will discuss Aviation Photography.

**Newsletter** – Lnor Levine – Please send all information for the NavCom to Lnor by the 20th of the month.

**Treasurer's Report** – No report this month.

**Board of Trustees** – Debi Huffman reported that the Board of Trustees has received a quote for refinishing the Hangar a floor and made a motion of behalf of the Board of Trustees seeking approval for this project. The motion was seconded by Lnor

Levine and the motion passed unanimously. The floor will be refinished in late April and will be ready for use by April 25.

**Vice President** – Lee Olson reported that our speaker for the February meeting had to cancel. Lee will now be our speaker continuing the January program regarding the battle of Midway.

**President** – Debi Huffman discussed the various scholarships sponsored by EAA 690 including the Elgin Wells Sr. scholarship. She plans to gather additional information for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

A discussion about the possibility of obtaining 501 (c) (3) non-profit status was discussed briefly. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting using the EAA Headquarters handouts from the 501 (c) (3) seminar in Oshkosh last summer.

The Mooney Airplane Pilots Association requested the use of EAA 690 facilities for their annual maintenance seminar for pilots. They held this event at EAA 690 about five years ago. The Board approved this request for the May 10 and 11 event. Lnor will notify the Association.

**Young Eagles** – Duane Huff could not be at the meeting and asked Larry Bishop to make a motion approving our annual Young Eagle volunteers lunch and meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Huppertz and passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

Last fall, the Board discussed the possibility of changing the time or day for our monthly meetings. We decided to table this discussion until early 2008. When discussed again at the meeting, the Board agreed to table the discussion for six months.

There was no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned.

Larry Bishop  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 690

## February 2008 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 – (Cont. from Page 8)

John Kimmons	BOT Secretary
Debi Huffman	Chapter President
Wayne Whitaker	BOT Member

### Absent:

Bob Zahner	BOT Vice Chairman
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### Visitors:

Duane Huff	Board Member
Doug & Georgia Mills	Members
Lee Olson	Chapter VP

The meeting was called to order by BOT Chairman David Rowe; discussed the need to have an EAA690 representative to advise groups using the Chapter Hangar on set-up and tear-down; Duane Huff volunteered and Lee Olson agreed to be his backup; idea is to have the group using the Hangar to do their own setup, unless they are paying, in which case we would handle the set-up and tear-down.

**The following items on the 2008 BOT Action Item list were discussed:**

1. **MOVING SIGN DISPLAY.** Dave Rowe is making progress with testing (really!).

2. **NEED TO REFINISH HANGAR FLOOR** – Dave Rowe is checking into high quality paint; discussed the logistics and looks like we'll use volunteers. The target date for finishing the work is by April 25-26, which is the fourth weekend in April of 2008.

2A. **ADDED WHITE WALLS NEED PAINTING, TOO.** Will try to coordinate with the floor.

5. **HONDA MOWER REPAIRED.** Dennis has acquired a 2nd Honda mower; will evaluate compatibility of parts for making 1 of the 2 operational this spring.

6. **UPDATED AUDIO DESIGN / EQUIPMENT FOR HANGAR.** Doug Mills presented several short-term improvements that can be implemented without cost; will try those and continue evaluation of cost effective improvements.

7. **REPLACE SOME FOLDING TABLES** – We have approximately 20 folding tables of various lengths stored in the hangar. Will set the tables out beginning with the February Pancake Breakfast and make them available to members with request for a donation.

8. **INSTALL AIR FILTERS ON HVAC UNITS** – will do as soon as a ladder is available; also need to change a few fluorescent bulbs.

Need to confirm that EAA 690 is an IRS-qualified Charity; found out we are not a 501(c)(3) charity; continue investigation into whether other EAA Chapters qualify.

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting. If I have omitted anything of significance, please let me know and I will reissue.

The March meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted, John Kimmons, Secretary  
EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees

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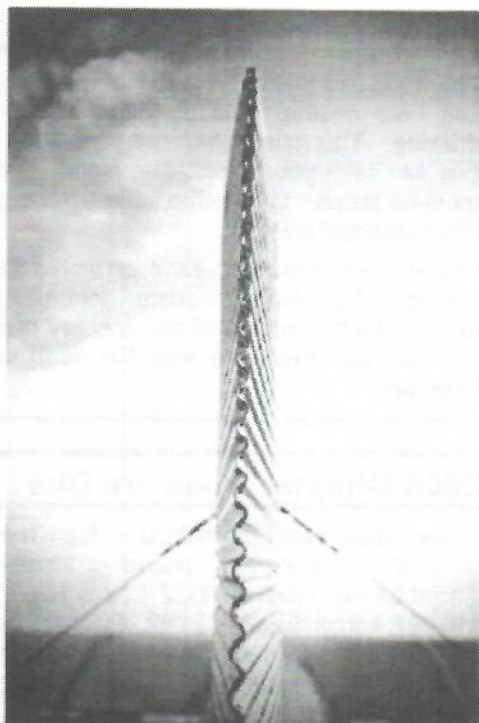
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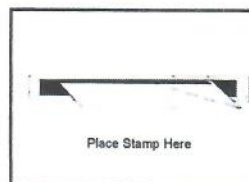
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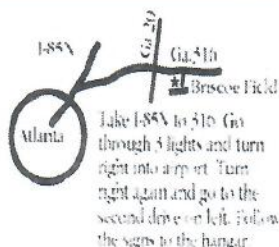


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**Friday, March 14th, 2008**

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Thanks to Joy & Hoke at the Flying Machine, we can hold another paid up membership prize drawing. You must have paid your 2008 dues (we can take your check that night!) and you must be present to win. The lucky winner gets 2 Cheeseburger plates.

The winners so far this year each won a \$25 gift certificate from Aircraft Spruce. Congratulations to John Slemp, winner of the January drawing, and to Tess Huff who won the certificate in February.

## 2008 Chapter Dues are Due

Chapter dues were due on January 1st. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to Membership Chairman Cliff Aiken at: 4132 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 110-107, Loganville, GA 30052. Please, if you did not complete a membership profile form with your 2006 or 2007 dues payment, include one with your 2008 dues.

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