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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

From the FORSYTH HERALD

TEEN SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH INTEREST IN FLIGHT

**Eighth Grader Neilson Awarded
Scholarship To Aviation Camp**

August 21, 2007

Dakoda Neilson, an eighth grade Riverwatch Middle School student, was awarded a scholarship to attend aviation camp in Oshkosh, WI at the Experimental Aircraft Association, Air Academy. He is the son of Jann and Scott Neilson of South Forsyth.



Dakoda Neilson wants to fly commercial jets as a career.

While attending the camp Dakoda learned the fundamentals of flight. He also designed, constructed and tested airplane parts and practiced flying with flight simulators.

Dakoda completed the camp with numerous helicopter flights and finally a four-hour flight in a Cessna 172, with him at the controls flying over Lake Michigan and northern Wisconsin.

According to his parents, Dakoda's interest in aviation began a few years ago and he decided to build a computer from scratch to run Microsoft Flight Simulator. Dakoda entered the County Technology Fair and won 1st Place, and took 2nd place at the State Tech Fair. Since then he has spent hundreds of hours flying all types of aircraft to many different airports around the world on his simulator.

Last summer he attended Lockheed Martin Aviation Camp at Fernbank Science Center where he logged flight time in a full motion Class C Simulator and had a two-hour flight with him at the controls at the EAA 690 Chapter at Briscoe Field. Since then he has logged additional time while at the controls as a EAA Young Eagle and continues to fly his simulator and read or watch anything to do with aviation.

The 13-year-old wants to attend an aeronautical college once he graduates from high school. His goal is to own his own plane and fly commercial jets.

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Air Academy Scholars to Talk to Chapter



On Friday evening, September 14th, the seven recipients of this year's Chapter 690 scholarships to the Air Academy in Oshkosh will share their experiences, photos, hopes and aviation dreams with our members. Join us as we hear the enthusiastic youth talk about their aviation interests and aspirations, and see why we dedicate much of the Chapter's efforts to supporting the future of General Aviation through Youth programs and scholarships.

Chapter 690 Hosts EAA's Ford Tri-Motor



Photo by Dennis Crosgrove

The EAA's Ford Tri-Motor arrived at LZU on Monday afternoon, August 27th. It was hangared by the Aviation Institute of Maintenance until flights were to begin on Thursday, August 30th and throughout

its stay at Briscoe Field. The restored historic plane will be flying passengers here through Labor Day.



The Aluminum Overcast is Returning to Briscoe Field!

The EAA's B-17 will be returning to Lawrenceville's Briscoe Field from Thursday, October 11h to Monday, October 15th. Check www.B-17.org for a full schedule of flights and tours.

Plans are in progress for another WWII Roundtable and Low Country Boil on Saturday, October 13th. Seating is limited and early reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets are \$20 / person, and your

check is your reservation. Contact Lnor Levine at 678-770-1877 or via e-mail LNOR_L@BELLSOUTH.NET for reservations or additional information.

Watch for details, hope for good weather and plan to attend. Help make it another successful weekend for Chapter 690 and the Aluminum Overcast. Volunteer to be part of the event! JOIN US!!

USER FEES: WHAT YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS ARE SAYING

August 16, 2007 - Member response to EAA's call to action for contacting Congress and urging opposition to user fees has been terrific. "The entire aviation system doesn't need to adopt a new and ill-advised business model just because the airline industry can't make its own failed business models work," writes a member via e-mail. "They have shot themselves in the foot, and now they want to shoot general aviation in the head." A number of EAA chapters... are also going the extra mile by adding the "No User Fees" message to their websites.

Now is the time!

Congress goes back into session on September 7, 2007, and EAA fully expects both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate to begin final debate on the FAA Reauthorization Act. House Bill 2881 does not contain general aviation user fees, while the Senate version, Bill 1300, does.

Which bill will win? That is up to you, your family and friends, and your neighbors.

Now is the time to write your Congressional representatives and personally let them know how you feel about user fees and the impact they will have on your flying, your community, and your airport. **Write today - your letters must be on your Congressional leaders' desk when they return from vacation!** For more information, including sample letters you can customize to your particular situation, visit www.EAA.org/govt/index.html.

Here are just a few samples of comments we've (EAA Oshkosh) received:

User fees have proven time and again to be expensive, inefficient, and damaging to general aviation in every country in which they have been introduced. Canada, Germany, Australia, the U.K., the Netherlands, the Philippines, Austria, Israel, and many other nations have implemented user fees in one form or another — all with disastrous results for their general aviation communities.

Kansas City, Missouri

User fees were implemented in Australia and General Aviation decreased 28% in only 4 years and will likely decline further

Garland, Texas

User fees are something that every pilot should be concerned with. As we know flying already is expensive. If we add user fees, then just imagine the costs. Consider what you pay for training, fuel, insurance, charts, etc., then add user fees. What you will get in return is less money to do what you enjoy: "flying the plane."

Via e-mail

The entire aviation system doesn't need to adopt a new and ill-advised business model just because the airline industry can't make its own failed business models work. They have shot themselves in the foot, and now they want to shoot general aviation in the head.

Via e-mail

Large aircraft impose a much higher burden than small general aviation aircraft on the airport infrastructure such as runway lengths, thickness of concrete to carry the loads, airport terminal size to handle large numbers of people, large fuel farms, and so on. Fuel consumption is an excellent measure of the overall impact of an aircraft since the more people you carry over a long distance, then more fuel the aircraft burns. I strongly urge you to oppose the regressive "user fee" promoted by the airlines and the FAA and to support the continued use of the aviation fuel tax as the fairest method to fund our future aviation system.

Tyrone, Georgia

I firmly believe you are doing everything in your power to represent us fairly and in a manner I approve of. However, I am forced to write this letter as I see this GA fee structure to be the beginning of the end of General Aviation as we know it. You know as well as I do that something like this is always just the first step, in a few years the fees will be 2 to 3 times what is currently proposed. Plus the fact that small time flyers like me are finding it more and more difficult to maintain a place to fly, this just adds another layer of costs and bureaucracy to what already is a daunting chore.

Stockton, Illinois

If user fees become law I will be forced to curtail my flying due to the extreme increase in the cost of flying. All of general aviation will be hit hard and will dwindle to next to nothing for pilots such as I just as this has taken place in all the countries that have installed the "user fee" system of financing the airways.

Morro Bay, California

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.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. Please note that because of the holidays, the deadline for the October 2007 NavCom is Thursday, September 20th.

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Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman



What an exciting time it is to be an educator! I'm so excited; I can hardly wait to share! STS 118 was successfully launched from Kennedy Space Center on August 8. I was there with other Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers in support of Barbara Morgan, Educator Astronaut/Mission Specialist. Barbara was back-up to Christa McAuliffe, who was aboard the ill-fated Challenger when it exploded just after launch on January 28, 1986. Christa was selected as a result of the Teacher in Space program. Barbara became a Mission Specialist Astronaut in 1998. During the last nine years, she has been training along side the other Mission Specialists in preparation of the STS 118 mission. An important part of the mission was to carry radish seeds to space aboard Endeavor that would then be used in a NASA Engineering Challenge to design a lunar plant growth chamber. In addition to using space to help inspire students and teachers alike, Barbara trained to help complete the International Space Station.



Barbara operated both the shuttle and ISS robotic arms to help install new supports to the structure, and she also helped on the flight deck during re-entry. After concern about some damaged tiles on the belly of Endeavor, the crew safely returned to KSC on August 21. NASA selected three more Educator Astronauts in 2004, Ricky Arnold, Joe Acaba, and Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger. I know they are anxiously awaiting their opportunity to work in space as well! They are all examples of, "If you can dream it, you can do it!"

Fall is a time of new beginnings for students and teachers. Those of us in Georgia have a lot to be excited about! The new Georgia high school Aviation curriculum is now available, and it has created a lot of interest. In support of the new curriculum, the Transportation Education Foundation of Georgia, TEFGA has been established. The goal of TEFGA is to promote transportation education among educators, administrators, students and industry. Georgia SKILLS USA is also coming to the Gwinnett County Airport April 24 and 25, 2008. The competition will involve aviation, automotive, rail and logistics challenges. This will be a huge first for Georgia! Please visit skillsusageorgia.org to learn more about the objectives of SKILLS USA. Also, the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia, CEFGA, website, www.cefga.org, will give you an idea about the types of activities that are part of SKILLS USA.

During the last few weeks, I have been involved in at least two different meetings where Aviation Career Academies have been the focus. This is an exciting time for our students. There are so many opportunities available to them. It makes me wonder just how many of us would be pursuing a different career path if we had had the same opportunities when we were young.

Fall at EAA 690 is taking off on a path of its own. We are happy to host the EAA Ford Tri-Motor over the Labor Day holiday weekend. We hope to have hundreds of passengers while she is with us. Then, just long enough for us to catch our breaths, the Aluminum Overcast, EAA's B-17 will be here over Columbus Day weekend. Both events will host a special Saturday evening dinner and entertainment. Elgin Wells and his band will entertain us at our spaghetti dinner September 1, and we will bring back a favorite on October 13. While the B-17 is with us, we will host another Low Country Boil and Hangar Talk, featuring local WWII veterans. The story-telling doesn't get much better than this. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! I hope your fall is going as well as ours.

Blue Skies!
Debi ;-)

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Chapter 690 Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff, Chapter YE Coordinator



Our Young Eagles day, August 18, 2007, was one of those hot, hot, hot, August days. We started early and flew all 17 kids that came to fly. Three pilots, Bill Bell, Lee Craymer and Duane Huff made a total of nine flights: Bill 3 flights and 7 Y.E.; Lee 3 flights and 7 Y.E.; and Duane 3 flights and 3 Y.E.

As usual, Jamie Painter conducted the pre-flight briefings. Jeanne Ferguson, Anne Bates and Jaime Painter did the registration and printed the certificates. Bill Ferguson and Greg Jannakos, safety officers, loaded and unloaded the Young Eagles.

It was a great honor to receive the Young Eagle Coordinator of the year award for 2007. Being on the same stage as Cliff Robertson, Chuck Yeager, and Tom and Paul Poberezny was awesome. The Fifteenth Anniversary Young Eagles program and evening was beautifully done by Steve Buss. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of the chapter who nominated me and wrote letters of support for the nomination. Thank You! And I could not have achieved this award without all the pilots and ground crew who give of their time and efforts to the Young Eagles. Thanks again!

Members of Congress also Oppose User Fees

By Ric Reynolds

Seven members of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Aviation met at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007 Saturday for a special panel discussion and Q&A session about the issue on the minds of most aviation enthusiasts: user fees. Attending were Rep. Thomas Petri, in whose district AirVenture resides (R-Wisconsin); Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii); Candace Miller (R-Michigan); Jerry Costello, subcommittee chairman (D-Illinois); Vern Ehlers (R-Michigan); Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa); and Sam Graves (R-Missouri).

All wore buttons professing "EAAers Unite: Say No to User Fees," and they backed those sentiments with their words.

"This is my first visit here, but I can tell you, this will not be my last visit to Oshkosh," Costello said in his opening remarks. "Every member here and those who serve on the committee unanimously rejected user fees in the House bill. We think the current structure adequately funds not only the air traffic control system, but future technology. We will fight very hard for one, no user fees, and two, safeguards so that we continue to have the safest aviation system in the world."

The House bill, H.R. 2881, enjoys broad bipartisan support, and is the bill GA industry organizations, including EAA, back strongly for funding the nation's aviation system. Boswell applauded the work done by EAA and the other leading GA organizations in mobilizing support for the House bill. "All of you are here for a reason," he said. "It's a big challenge, and you can thank these (GA organizations) guys—they are on the job." Miller, whose husband built an RV-8, said the silver lining in the user fee issue is that the GA community has presented a unified front against it. "It's so important to have the people on the front lines working on this," she said.

Hirono said the financial burden shifting advocated by the user-fee proposals would be very harmful to general aviation. "Hawaii is a state that's very dependent on aviation. At the same time, I understand where general aviation is coming from," she said. "I get correspondence from the airlines wanting user fees, but I think that would wreak havoc on general aviation." She also is very impressed by the innovation and creativity on display at Oshkosh, particularly the light-sport aircraft. "It's great to see what's going on here."

Ehlers, who pronounced the original FAA proposal "dead on arrival" at the first subcommittee meeting on user fees, said that he meant what he said. "Not as a political statement, but as a scientific reality," he clarified. Ehlers

urged those present to contact their elected officials—senators and representatives—to make their positions known on the issue. "That is the power you have," he said.

Graves, who has been among the most outspoken members on the issue, emphasized the importance of the GA organizations at the forefront. "It means a lot to be in those organizations, and I am proud to be associated with all of them," he said.

EAA President Tom Poberezny, who moderated the Q&A session, stressed the battle is about votes. "The people who come to Oshkosh every year are passionate about aviation. Aviation makes many great contributions; it's important to the economic growth in this country, and we need to grow, not constrict, the industry. We can't slow aviation, we have to grow aviation," Poberezny added.

All the legislators attending Saturday's session agreed the most important point AirVenture attendees and others with an interest in the issue should take from the forum is to contact the people who represent them in Washington, including President Bush, to emphasize their stance against user fees.

They suggested sending letters, calling, e-mailing—whatever it takes—to let legislators know that user fees are not only unnecessary, but they do not provide as much needed revenue for the future of aviation as does the current, tax-based system. User fees also will create a need for a costly new revenue collection system.

Time is also becoming a factor. Costello stressed that there is lot of pressure to get appropriations legislation on the floor, and that the existing FAA authorization expires on September 30, 2007. That means both houses need to pass their bills, then a conference committee will be required to hammer out a final version.

Together, we can defeat user fees in Congress. Here's how...

We can defeat the user fees proposal," U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) told a crowd of about 150 Saturday afternoon... There are two bills in Congress, he reminded attendees. The House bill, H.R. 2881, would impose a modest fuel tax increase on piston aircraft (an additional 4.8 cents per gallon) and turbine aircraft (up 8.8 cents per gallon) and leave the airline fuel tax unchanged (at 4.3 cents a gallon). The House bill, said Inhofe, is a good one, and he urged attendees to call their U.S. representatives next week, asking them to support H.R. 2881.

The Senate bill, S. 1300, is bad for GA, he said, because it would leave the fuel tax for piston aircraft unchanged (19.3 cents/gallon), increase the turbine fuel tax by 27.2 cents per gallon (to 49.1 cents/gal), and add a surcharge of \$25 per flight for turbine aircraft. It would also eliminate the airlines' 4.3 cent/gallon fuel tax and replace it with a \$25/flight surcharge.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

August 7, 2007

Attending Members:

Cliff Aiken	Lnor Levine
Larry Bishop, Chap. Sec.	Jamie Painter, Chmn. BoD
Debi Huffman, Chap. Pres.	Jerry Shingleton

Absent Members:

John Reitz, Chap. V.P.	Mike Stewart, Chap. Treas.
David Rowe	

Visitors:

Duane Huff	Joel Levine
Ford Tri-Motor and B17 Volunteers	

A quorum was present.

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

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

Treasurer's Report – No report this month.

Membership – Cliff Aiken - We have three new members from last Saturday bringing our membership total to 173.

Young Eagles – Duane Huff - The Young Eagles Rally scheduled last month was a success with 23 kids participating. Our next Young Rally is August 18.

Newsletter – Lnor Levine – Please send all information for the NavCom to Lnor by the 20th of the month. New merchandise will be available in the AeroShop for the Ford Tri-Motor visit.

Publicity – Joel Levine reported that publicity is under way

for both our Ford Tri-Motor (August 28 to September 3) and the EAA B-17 visit in October.

Publicity – We are having discussions with folks at Oshkosh to get more of our EAA 690 events listed on the EAA Web-Site.

EAA B-17 Visit - Larry Dickinson and Duane Huff are co-chairmen for the B-17 visit October 11 to October 15. Planning meetings for this event will begin later in August.

Our annual Post Oshkosh Bash covered dish dinner will be Saturday, August 11, 2007. Friendship/Orientation flights will be available with details to follow regarding insurance requirements for pilots planning to fly. A motion was made and unanimously approved passing a resolution approving orientation rides to be given at the EAA Chapter 690 at this event starting at 2:00 p.m. on August 11, 2007.

Old Business:

Board of Trustees – Approved signs have been purchased and installed. Also, the Board of Trustees will install a snow fence to help direct foot traffic from the parking lot to the EAA hangar.

The large 10 x 20 foot tent for use at both the Tri-Motor and B17 events was authorized by the Board of Directors last month has been purchased and is ready for the Tri-Motor visit. Thanks to John Reitz.

There was no further business to come before the board; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bishop, Secretary
EAA Chapter 690

August 2007 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for August, 2007 was held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 PM.

Attending were:

Larry Bishop	Chapter Secretary
Bill Ferguson	BOT member
Duane Huff	BOT Past Chairman
Debi Huffman	Chapter President
John Reitz	Chapter vice president
David Rowe	BOT Chairman
Larry Wallis	BOT Secretary
Bob Zahner	BOT Vice Chairman

Absent:

Lee Hockman	BOT member
Wayne Whitaker	BOT member

The meeting was called to order by BOT Chairman David Rowe, and the following items on the action item list were discussed:

Item 2. SIGNS REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY KEYHOLDER TO MILLING MACHINE – Larry Bishop and David Rowe attended the class given by David Posey, and thus have been trained in the use of the milling machine. Members who wish to use the milling machine should contact either of them. Duane will bring in a pair of goggles and mark them as "EAA 690 Tool Room". Dave Rowe will make four signs with text "Safety glasses must be worn for any drilling, milling, grinding, etc."

Item 4. 2 FT X 4 FT SIGN ON AIRPORT ROAD AT THE GATE ENTRANCE TO THE WEST PARKING AREA – Complete.

Item 5. BANNER WITH TEXT "EAA 690" AND ARROW TO DIRECT FOOT TRAFFIC TO THE EAA HANGAR – Debi will buy five stakes to mount "no entry" signs to better direct the pedestrian traffic.

Item 9. RAIN PROTECTION ENCLOSURE FOR AIR COMPRESSOR – Complete..

Item 11. NEED TO REFINISH HANGAR FLOOR – A work party will be scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2007 to clean the floor.

Item 12. IMPROVE THE TOOL ROOM IN THE CHAPTER HANGAR – Duane Huff will assume responsibility for keeping up with who is using the Chapter's weight and balance scales. Dave Rowe will attach notices to the scales to request that the member wishing to use the scales should leave a message with Duane Huff, in addition to signing the tool check-out book.

Item 16. REFURBISH THE SIGN THAT IS ON THE FRONT OF THE CHAPTER HANGAR – Duane will follow up with procuring the letters from SIGN-A-RAMA.

Item 18. MICE AND RAT DAMAGE TO THE HANGAR CONTENTS – Strategically placed traps have reduced the rodent population.

Item 22. JEFF BOATRIGHT HAS VOLUNTEERED TO DONATE A METAL BRAKE TO THE CHAPTER – Bob Zahner will call Jeff Boatright to accept the metal brake.

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Classifieds

Members ads run for 3 months. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 3 months you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.



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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Nancy Champness	Robin Phillips
Steve Champness	Chely Reitz
Alsie Churchman	David Reynolds
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David McGirt	James Weed
Doug Mills	Scott Will
Georgia Mills	John Zile

Linna Zile

It's been a long time since we published a welcome list – Glad to have you as members. Hope you'll join right in with activities and events – we are a great chapter due to our members!

August 2007 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 - (Continued from Page 5)

Item 23 - HOT WATER DISPENSER FOR KITCHEN – Duane spoke with Ken Sharp on 7/13. Ken will examine the installation area in preparation for the installation.

Item 24. MUD PUDDLES IN THE DRIVEWAY FROM AIRPORT ROAD TO THE WEST PARKING LOT – Duane, Greg, and Dave moved some gravel by wheelbarrow to fill in most of the mud puddles. Marcus Strickland has agreed to let us use his Bobcat grader to smooth the road surface.

Item 26. New Item - FIRE ANT CONTROL – Debi Huffman will buy some fire ant killer.

Item 27. New item – GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICE – David Rowe suggested that we need to reimburse Astron for the garbage that the chapter dumps into the Astron garbage disposal bin after pancake breakfasts and other special events. David will present this suggestion to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

The September meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Attached to this e-mail is the latest version of the Action Item Log, dated August 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Wallis, Secretary
EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees
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More about John Tumblin, our speaker for October's Pancake Breakfast

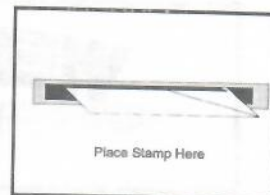
A number of you already know John Tumblin, who flew his C170 out of Skid Row at Stone Mountain Airport for twenty-some of the years he taught anthropology and sociology at Agnes Scott College. He and his wife now live in a retirement community in North Carolina, near where they began their life together nearly sixty years ago.

John was born and reared in Brazil, spoke Brazilian Portuguese as his first language, served in the American Navy for over three years during WWII, and after the war met his wife Alice while they were students at Wake Forest College. Both of them were elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa society as undergraduates, and John went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.

A well-known Georgia aircraft restoration expert, Dr. Gerald Wicker, now deceased, was a blimp pilot before transitioning into F6F fighters. John was a flight engineer and interpreter/instructor in a program for training Brazilian Air Force personnel to handle K-ships along their own coastline.

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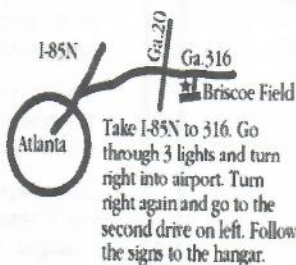


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Regular monthly meetings — On the 2nd Friday of every month (except for August's Post Oshkosh Bash). In the Chapter Building at 8:00 p.m. Hangar flying before & after!

Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity — On the 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 14th —

Come meet the seven young recipients of this year's Air Academy Scholarships. They will share stories and show us pictures from their summer's aviation camp experience.

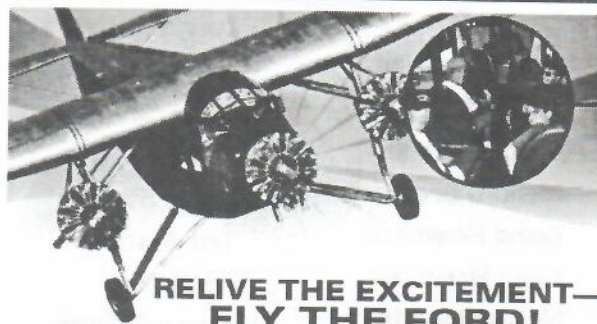
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October 6th Pancake Breakfast Program — Blimps and U-Boats in World War Two

John Tumblin served in the Navy's LTA (lighter than air) service in 1944 and 1945, and will draw on that experience and considerable reading to speak on the topic, "Blimps and U-Boats in World War Two." He will point out that the Navy's LTA service was one of the major, under-reported, and virtually unknown success stories of WWII.

The ten-man aircrews of the Navy's Type K airships (think Goodyear Blimps on steroids) escorted more than eighty thousand ships under convoy with a total loss of only one ship! Blimps helped to put an end to the horrendous U-boat scourge that sank more than five hundred ships and killed more than five thousand seamen off the East Coast of the United States during the first half of 1942, and went on to serve on both Coasts, the Caribbean Basin, Brazil, and the Western Mediterranean.

John will briefly describe the structure, propulsion, armament, handling, and tactics of the craft that was affectionately called the King ship by crewmembers and derided by the heavier-than-air Naval Aviators as a poop-bag. (Read more about John on page 7.)



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**Limited Seating Available
for The Spaghetti Dinner -
to Benefit Scholarship Fund**

Authentic pasta sauce, good fellowship, a presentation on the Ford Tri-Motor and fantastic entertainment by The Elgin Wells Group will all be featured at the dinner on Saturday, September 1st. For tickets, call Lnor Levine at 678-770-1877.