

# NavCom

**JUNE 2008** 

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

## A History of Hughes Electronics Co. - and Their Synchronous Communication Satellites

Chapter Vice President Lee has announced the program for the Friday, June 13th Chapter meeting. Bob Thomann will present what should be a most interesting program on the Hughes Electronics Company, and their Synchronous Communication Satellites. Bob will introduce an informative DVD, and will be available to answer questions after the film.

Bob is well qualified to present this program, as his work Biography shows. He received his BS Degree in Chemical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering, now known as The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

Bob worked in chemical manufacturing of fine organic chemicals for 8 years at Heyden Chemical Co. in New Jersey. He transferred to the Kidde Aerospace Division where he was Manager of the Engineering Materials and Kidde was subcontractor for a Processes Group. majority of our Aerospace Companies (Lockheed, Lockheed Sunnyvale, General Electric Jet Engine Division, Boeing Co. Northup Aviation, Hughes, Glen L Martin, Grumman Aircraft, US Military, et al.). Kidde designed, developed and manufactured a successful Attitude Propulsion Control System for Hughes' first successful Synchronous "Syncom" Communication The Hughes "Early Bird" Synchronous Satellite. Communication Satellite and all that followed used their attitude control system.

They also designed, developed and manufactured (for Lockheed Sunnyvale) a propulsion system for their P-95 program. This propulsion system turned out to be more sophisticated than the Hughes System. This program was classified Secret and the last time Bob spoke to Lockheed, it was still classified Secret.

According to Bob, "What made these programs most interesting was the fact that it was not a "cook book" approach to the problem. The problems were similar to Hughes efforts in their Syncom Development. Every step in the process was innovative."

They also provided GE Jet engine Systems with an actuation system for the afterburner on their J-85 jet engines. We developed a dry film lubricant capable of 500 hours operation without re-lubrication in an 500 degrees F environment for this system. This system was used by Northrop Aviation for their F-5 Freedom fighter and their T-38 trainer.

After 31 interesting years at Kidde, Bob transferred to the Morton Thiokol solid propellant motors plant in Elkton Maryland. His position there was Senior Engineer. Thiokol manufactured the staging and apogee motors for the Hughes communication satellites. In addition, Thiokol has long been involved in the development and production of both tactical and strategic missiles, like the Navy's Poseidon submarine launched missile, the Harm other endless number of and an missile Plant Wasatch. Utah Their accomplishments. manufacturers the two Space Shuttle Solid Rocket Boosters which are located on either side of the large orange external propellant tank.

After 10 great years at Thiokol, Bob Thomann retired, deciding to leave some room for the younger generation to enjoy.

Come join us for dinner at the Flying Machine at 6:00 P.M., and for 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.



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## Chapter 690 Scenes



Photo by Joel Levine

■ Atlanta moviemaker Steven Panayioto screened the digitally re-mastered production "Rare Vintage Air" for our program on Friday, May 9<sup>th.</sup> "Rare Vintage Air" is the second episode in the *Forgotten Wonder's Series*. Between World War I and II, the usefulness and reliability of airplanes in peacetime was questionable. To promote aviation, airplanes

from the 20's and 30's were enlisted to create the 1932 "National Air Tour." 70 years later, pilots with restored models of a number of the rare aircraft of the era visited 26 cities as a part of the Centennial of Aviation. "Rare Vintage Air" centers on the Atlanta stop of the Tour.

Tyler, Jaime and Jamie (L to R) Painter celebrated part of the Memorial Day weekend with a flight to Jekyll Island.



Photo by Jamie Painter



For the Chapter's first Fly-Out of 2008, our new Fly-Out Chairman, Jamie Painter, arranged for a special tour of the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, TN.

■ With good food and fellowship being an important part of many of our activities, arrangements were made for a hearty lunch prior to the start of the museum visit.



A special private tour conducted by museum curator John Parrish was the highlight of the Fly-Out.

Tullahoma pix on this page by Jamie Painter.

For more pictures from the Fly-Out, please turn to page 4.



## Some Things to Do Saturday, June 7th - After the Chapter's Pancake Breakfast & Program



"From Camp Gordon to the Future"
DeKalb Peachtree Airport's
Annual Good Neighbor Day
June 7, 2008 - 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM

No Admission Charge - Parking is \$3 Booths and exhibits in the Epps Hangar Restored antique planes, World War II warriors, & Commemorative Air Force airplanes including the vintage P-51.

Food and Soft Drinks for Sale For Security - All containers subject to search



Fly-In or Drive In. Everyone is Welcome.

Food will be served at Barnstormer's Grill Lunch - begins at 1130 AM — Chicken plate with dessert and tea for \$8.00. Hot dogs available instead, if you like. Same price.

Schedule of events: 1PM-2PM - Color Guard - Parade of Antique Cars - Aircraft Parade - Flyby of the DC-3, North American AT-6 and a host of others.

Notes for pilots flying into the event: For airport operation information: ww.peachstateaero.com/dotnetnuke/tabid/165/Default.aspx

D-Day Memorial June 7, 8, 2008 Lebanon Municipal Airport Lebanon TN

#### Free Admission

EAA Chapter 863 is hosting a FREE memorial to honor and remember those brave men and women of the "Greatest Generation."

WWII re-enactors will be encamped presenting a "Living History," equipped with preserved vehicles and armament. A tribute to "Rosie the Riveter" and the war effort will be on display. A large Army tent theater will be showing movies, Victory at Sea episodes, etc.

## 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: Inor\_I@bellsouth.net.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the July 2008 NavCom is Friday, June 20th.

Permission is hereby granted for the reproduction of NavCom articles by other EAA Chapters, provided that proper credit is given to the author and to the NavCom.

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



Summer is upon us! We are so blessed to be surrounded by active EAA chapters and members. There are always choices for the aviation enthusiast on any given weekend. We received an invitation from Chapter 1023 in Greenwood, SC to help fly 100 Young Eagles on June 14th. We flew nearly 50 Young Eagles in May at our chapter. We'll be flying 70 of our own Young Eagles from the Lockheed Martin Aviation Camp and the Tuskegee Airmen ACE Camp on June 21st. Just imagine, in one month, giving nearly 200 young people the experience of flight! Who knows how many of these young people will go on to make aviation an important part of their lives?

We have a special Young Eagle experience planned for the students in the Aviation and the Community class in July. It is co-hosted by Fernbank Science Center and EAA 690. These are older students who experience building techniques as well as flight planning. While we are hosting students at our hangar, our 5 Scholarship recipients will be attending Air Academy at Oshkosh.

Of course, you won't want to miss Emory Geiger, the Gwinnett County Airport AOPA Support Representative, on June 7th. Emory is also one of our chapter members. Come early and eat lots of pancakes!

Later in July, many of us will be en route to Air Venture! We're expecting a

large number of our members to go this year. If you're on the fence, this would be a great year to "just do it!" We always have a great time. There are many opportunities for volunteering, and if you just want to take it all in... you can do that, too. There are so many exhibits, forums, flight demonstrations, air shows, etc. You can't see them all in one week! If you've never been, let me warn you, you will become addicted! The people and atmosphere feed the aviator spirit. It is a very family-friendly place, and a place where you can learn anything you ever wanted to learn relative to aviation.

As I write this, I am a bit distracted. I'm leaving in a few hours to take 10 students on a tour of the NASA Johnson. Marshall and Kennedy Space Centers. We will be meeting with chief scientists and engineers, and going behind the scenes to see what they do every day. I promise I'll share with you what we learn in the next issue. While we are in Houston, we will meet with Astronaut Eric Boe. Eric is a former student of mine. He attended Evansdale Elementary and Henderson High Schools in DeKalb County. Eric will be the pilot on STS 126, set to launch this fall! I should get the latest on that while we're in Houston

I hope you are filling your summer with lots of aviation adventure! Let's get started with pancakes at EAA 690 on June 7th!

Blue Skies! Debi ©

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



It was a beautiful day for flying and pilots rained from the skies. Fifteen pilots were present at our May 17, 2008 Young Eagles Day. This must be a record for a regular Y.E. day. These pilots flew a total of forty-six Young Eagles. They were; John Kimmons, Fred Huppertz, Duane Huff, Jamie Painter, Larry Bishop, John Reitz, Charlie Schobel, Pete Joslin,\* Steve Ashby, David Balthaser, Bill Bell, John Patrick Bratton,\* Joel Levine, Craig Chastney,\* and Gary Moulson. (The \* indicates first time Chapter 690 Young Eagles pilots.) We thank them for helping and hope that they had so much fun that they will come back and fly with

Ground crew included Pat Phillips, who

conducted the pre-flight briefings, Jaime Painter, Melissa Minton, Georgia Mills, and Lnor Levine, who handled YE and Pilot registration and YE certificates. Greg Jannakos, Bill Ferguson, Ray Minton, Robin Drake, and Herb Rusk served as our load masters. We may have missed someone who helped our ground crew, and if we did we are sorry. We also missed Jeanne Ferguson who was not able to attend.

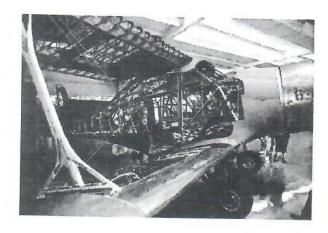
Next month we will have another large group to fly. It would be great to have this many pilots and ground crew or more helping on June 21st. Much gratitude goes out to all who make our EAA Chapter 690 Young Eagles program successful.

## **Tullahoma Fly-Out Photos**

By John Slemp



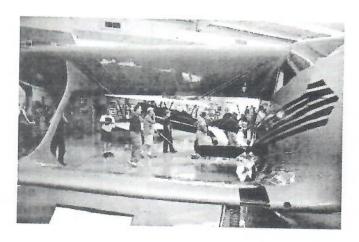
These marvelous photos were taken by Chapter 690 member and professional photographer John Slemp.





John was featured in the Georgia edition of the May/June 2008 issue of AutoPilot magazine. On page 54 is a double page spread that discusses his aviation work, and shows off a few of his images.

Too see more of John's photos go to: www.aviationfineart.com and www.johnslemp.com





John has created 4 new sets of aviation greeting cards - a set of DC-3 cards, and set of the Ryan ST, a set of the Ford Tri-Motor, and also an "Airshow" set. There are 4 different images per set (2 of each), for a total of 8 cards, with envelopes. EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh recently purchased the Tri-Motor Sets and will sell them with their merchandise on the plane's tour.

If you like what you've seen of John's photos, you may want to attend his seminar on photography at the Chapter 690 Hangar later this month. Details are on the next page.

# One More Thing to Do Saturday, June 7th - After the Chapter's Pancake Breakfast & Program - and on the 8th



Come join EAA Chapter 683 at the Will Rogers Heritage Festival Fly-In activities at the Guntersville, AL Airport on June 7th. <a href="https://www.eaa683.org">www.eaa683.org</a>

Festival Activities continue Sunday, June 8th. www.willrogersheritagefestival.com

Fly In Includes: Free lunch and fuel at cost for pilots flying in and staying for most of the day.

- U.S. Space and Rocket Center Display
- Raffle for FREE airplane rides

Bus transportation to all city venues. Park/tie down at the AP and ride in comfort to other venues.

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## **PHOTO 101**

COME JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, AS WE SPEND A DAY (FROM 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.) IMMERSED IN A FUN AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION ON PHOTOGRAPHY. CHAPTER 690 MEMBER (AND COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER) JOHN SLEMP WILL SHED SOME LIGHT ON HOW TO USE YOUR CAMERA TO CREATE BETTER PHOTOGRAPHS. WE'LL DISCUSS MAKING PICTURES OF AIRPLANES, BUT WE'LL ALSO DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF PHOTOGRAPHY, INCLUDING PORTRAITS, LANDSCAPES, AND SO ON.

## THE DAY WILL PROGRESS AS FOLLOWS:

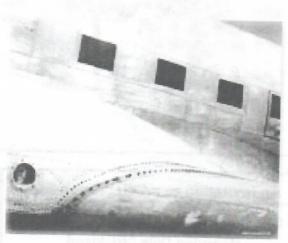
- 1. MAKE A FEW SAMPLE IMAGES, PRIOR TO THE CLASS
- 2. UNDERSTANDING THE BELLS AND WHISTLES ON YOUR CAMERA
- 3. WHAT YOUR CAMERA WILL, AND WON'T, DO
- 4. PROBLEM SOLVING, OR OVERCOMING YOUR FRUSTRATIONS
- 5. PROCESSING DIGITAL FILES, AND PREPARING THEM FOR THE WEB
- 6. ORGANIZING (AND SAVING) THE WHOLE MESS
- 7. CREATIVE CONSIDERATIONS, OR, HOW CAN I IMPROVE?
- 8. MAKE A FEW MORE IMAGES WITH YOUR NEW KNOWLEDGE
- 9. GROUP SLIDE SHOW AT THE END OF THE DAY

IF YOU HAVE A LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH IMAGE PROCESSING SOFTWARE, PLEASE BRING IT! MAKE SURE YOUR CAMERA HAS FRESH BATTERIES, AND BRING THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL. BRING YOUR FLASH TOO, IF IT'S NOT BUILT IN.

WE'LL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF INTERNET RESOURCES FOR FURTHER REFERENCE.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS! IF I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, I BET I KNOW PEOPLE WHO DO!

THE LOCATION FOR THE CLASS (RAIN OR SHINE) IS THE EAA 690 CHAPTER HANGER, LOCATED AT LAWRENCEVILLE'S BRISCOE FIELD.



COST OF THE CLASS IS \$50, PAYABLE BY CHECK OR CASH AT THE DOOR. LUNCH IS INCLUDED.

PLEASE CALL JOHN FOR MORE INFORMATION AT (770) 493-9727, OR VISIT HIS WEBSITE AT WWW.AVIATIONFINEART.COM. HIS COMMERCIAL WORK CAN BE SEEN AT WWW.JOHNSLEMP.COM.

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## Young Eagles Soar at Chapter 690

Photos by Kathy Nellis



After registering for their flights, the prospective Young Eagles go upstairs for Ground School.

■ Pat Phillips briefed the YEs and some of their parents.





▼ YE Pilot Joel Levine and the YEs during the pre-flight.

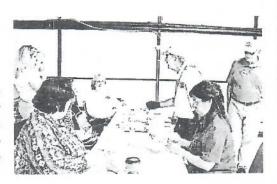
YE Pilot Craig Chastney does a pre-flight "walk around" with his YE passengers.





▼ YE Pilot Bill Bell
with one of his very
happy passengers.

The Ground Crew catches a respite after all of the YEs are assigned to a pilot – and does some prep for the next rally.



## An Invitation to a Celebration

#### A CELEBRATION OF LIFE'S SUCCESSES!

## **Honoring Dale Strickland**

Date: Saturday, July 19th Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or until the last person leaves.

Place: EAA Chapter 690 Hangar

Gifts: No gift is necessary. However, plan a few words (if you so desire) to ROAST him, a funny tale about your relationship with him, etc.

What to Bring:

If possible, bring a covered dish and/or a dessert.

RSVP: to Sue Adams, msadams1@mac.com

## EAA Sport Aviation Archive Available Online!

Access Complete Content from 1953-2006

May 22, 2008 — This week marks the official launch of the complete EAA Sport Aviation online archive (1953-2006) at <a href="http://members.eaa.org/home/saarchive/">http://members.eaa.org/home/saarchive/</a>. This a new benefit available exclusively for EAA members. Now you have access to more than 50 years of history, knowledge and information contained in 59,000-plus pages of EAA's flagship publication! The online archive provide endless hours of entertaining and educational reading. Going forward, Sport Aviations from 2007 will be added. Eventually, issues will be available with just a three-month lag.

You can search for particular content by key-word, year, month, author, and article title. Or get an entire issue by clicking "Browse." A full-text search is available by clicking "search" and then typing in what you're looking for. Or narrow your search through a wide array of options. To access the archive simply log onto the Members Only website with your username and password.

## Paul Poberezny Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

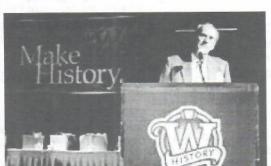
May 15, 2008 — EAA Founder and Chairman Paul Poberezny received the Seymour Cray Award for Distinction in Technology Wednesday, May 14, at the

Wisconsin Historical Society's Third Annual Wisconsin History Makers Gala in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

After he was introduced by EAA Director Emeritus Verne Jobst, Poberezny paid tribute to his wife, Audrey, as well as the many thousands of members and volunteers who helped build and grow EAA. "Over the years, I've learned more about people than airplanes," he said.

"I am pleased that so many people have recognized EAA and AirVenture. It's a real honor."

Poberezny was among five distinguished honorees that also included retired Green Bay Packers President and CEO Bob Harlan; philanthropists Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern; and renowned thoracic transplant surgeon, Dr. Alfred J. Tector of Milwaukee.



Paul Poberezny addresses the crowd after receiving an award from the Wisconsin Historical Society this week.

Poberezny's idea - EAA - has often been described as the world's most dynamic aviation organization. Each year, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh draws more than

500,000 people and 10,000 airplanes to Oshkosh for the world's premier general aviation event. Poberezny is one of the most decorated men in the international aviation community, having received literally hundreds of trophies, awards and honors for his countless contributions to the world of flight.

He is a 1999 inductee to the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, America's place of honor for its most legendary aviators. In 2002 he also

received the prestigious Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association.

The Wisconsin Historical Society <a href="http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/">http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/</a> produced a video tribute to Paul Poberezny for the May 14 award presentation. You can view the video at <a href="http://www.eaa.org/video/eaa.html?videoId=1556072322">http://www.eaa.org/video/eaa.html?videoId=1556072322</a>>



## KIDVENTURE MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2008!

From <a href="http://www.airventure.org/2008/news/080508\_kidventure.html">http://www.airventure.org/2008/news/080508\_kidventure.html</a>

May 8, 2008 - Kids still love airplanes! The proof is in EAA AirVenture's KidVenture area, which in 10 years has grown eleven-fold since first opening in 1999. Organizers are looking to build on that success at KidVenture's home on EAA's Pioneer Airport this year.

Hours: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily, except for Sunday, August 3, where things close down at 2 p.m.

Getting there: A dedicated bus goes to and from AirVenture from the main bus tower area during operating hours. Another transportation option: take the museum shuttle and walk across the Pioneer Airport turf runway, which is inactive for the convention.



Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation is narrated by actor Harrison Ford, an EAA member, pilot, and chairman of the EAA Young Eagles program. The 17-minute video presents an insider's look at people who share the passion for aviation as they participate in "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." To view the video, go to: <a href="http://www.eaa.org/spiritmovie/">http://www.eaa.org/spiritmovie/</a>

# SPORT AVIATION SPECIALTIES MOVES TO ATLANTA AREA

Sport Aviation Specialties will change its location from Jacksonville, Florida, to the Atlanta area on June 1. The company will provide the same services, which include light-sport repairman courses, special light-sport aircraft consulting, DAR and sport pilot services, and pre-purchase inspection. If you would like a course in your area, call them at 904-206-0522 or visit <a href="http://www.sportaviationspecialties.com">http://www.sportaviationspecialties.com</a>.

# Minutes of the May 9th, 2008 Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, was called to order by Lee Olson, our Vice President.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, members and guests were introduced.

The minutes of the monthly Board of Directors meeting (April 8<sup>th</sup>) and the Chapter's monthly meeting (April 11<sup>th</sup>) are published in the NavCom. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. The minutes were approved by those present.

## **Committee Reports**

Publicity – Joel Levine – The pancake breakfast program for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, will be presented by Emory Geiger, our local AOPA Airport Support Network Representative.

Last month's poker run was cancelled due to weather. The event will be rescheduled in the fall.

NavCom – Lnor Levine - Lnor requested that all material for the NavCom be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Joel announced that the new Georgia airport directory books have arrived and everyone is welcome to take a copy.

Our Chapter member, John Slemp, is featured in the current AutoPilot Magazine. John is a photographer with an aviation interest and is planning a "hands on" photography seminar at EAA 690 on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chapter members are invited to Winder on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, for lunch at John Downing's hangar. Also, the Rome, GA, fly-in is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Announcements

Our monthly meeting is the second Friday of the month. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, June 13th, at 8:00 p.m. The program, to be presented by Bob Thomann, will be the Hughes Tool Story from the beginning of Hughes Tool through the Howard Hughes Spruce Goose time.

The Board of Trustees meeting is the Tuesday evening before the Pancake Breakfast. Everyone is invited; the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for refinishing the hangar floor and walls. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors meets the Tuesday evening before the Friday night monthly meeting. Most of the chapter

business issues are addressed at this meeting. Members are invited to attend the meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Young Eagles Coordinator, Duane Huff, reported that about 60 kids are scheduled to fly with us on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, we have large groups scheduled for June and July. We need as many ground volunteers and pilots as we can get.

Our next monthly EAA 690 Chapter meeting will be Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m.

A Fly-Out is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> to Tullahoma, TN, for lunch and a visit to the Beechcraft Heritage Museum. Details will be included in a NOTAM.

Project Visits - Jim Sweat - Jim is looking for a non-RV project for an upcoming project visit. No project visits are scheduled at this time.

Lockheed Martin Aviation Camp at the Fernbank Science Center and supported by EAA Chapter 690 will be help June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual Fernbank and EAA 690 Aviation in the Community classes for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will be working at the EAA hangar on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We at EAA 690 are fortunate to again host both the "Aluminum Overcast" the EAA B-17, and the EAA Ford Tri-Motor this year. Our EAA 690 chairman for the Tri-Motor visit is Dennis Crosgrove and John Kimmons is the chairman of the B-17 event. Both chairmen will soon begin looking for volunteers and scheduling planning meetings.

### Meeting Program

After a brief break for coffee and snacks our speaker, moviemaker Steve Panayito, presented the production "Rare Vintage Air." Airplane types from the 20s and 30s were used to create the production.

The Paid-Up Membership Drawing was held. – A copy of the "Rare Vintage Air" DVD was generously donated by our speaker. Remember you must be a paid-up member and present at the end of the meeting to win.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Bishop, Secretary

## May 2008 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

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

Attending were:

Dennis Crosgrove Debi Huffman

BOT Member Chapter President John Kimmons Wayne Whitaker

BOT Secretary BOT Member

Absent:

David Rowe Lee Hockman Bob Zahner BOT Chairman BOT Member BOT Vice Chairman

The meeting was called to order by BOT Member Wayne Whitaker. (Cont. on Page 9)

# Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

Attending Members:

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

Fred Huppertz

Absent Members: David Rowe

Mike Stewart

Visitors:

Duane Huff John Kimmons Joel Levine Doug Mills Georgia Mills John Reitz

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:

Treasurer's Report - No report this month.

B-17 Visit – John Kimmons – John announced the B-17 visit to EAA 690 scheduled for October 16th through October 21st. Also, the EAA Ford Tri-Motor will be at EAA 690 in August; the actual dates have not been confirmed.

Board of Trustees – John Kimmons - The project to refinish the hangar floor and paint the walls is complete. Everything looks great. Hanging the pictures is an ongoing project.

Publicity – Joel Levine - Joel reported that Dennis Crosgrove will be arranging Saturday morning programs starting in July. The June 7<sup>th</sup> program will be presented by Emory Geiger, our local AOPA Airport Representative.

The airplane simulator recently donated to the chapter has a computer problem. We should have it operational soon.

Newsletter - NavCom - Lnor Levine - Lnor reminded all that NavCom material must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, the AeroShoppe is being reorganized now that the hangar floor and walls have been refinished.

President – Debi Huffman – Debi announced that EAA 268 has donated their YE credits to assist us in supporting our five EAA Air Academy scholarship recipients.

Membership - Cliff Aiken - Cliff reported that we currently have 163 paid members for 2008.

Young Eagles – Duane Huff - Duane reported that we have 61 Young Eagles scheduled to fly on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Also we expect approximately 60 to 70 Young Eagles in June.

Chairman & Fly-Out Chief – Jamie Painter – Jamie reported that our first 2008 fly-out will be Saturday, May 24th, to Tullahoma, TN. We will have lunch at a nearby restaurant and then tour the Beechcraft Heritage Museum.

Old Business: - None

#### **New Business:**

John Reitz announced that our new tower chief in Jerry Pool. Also, tours and visits to the tower may be requested via telephone call Monday through Friday.

John also announced that 22 EAA 690 members have participated in the Dobbins tour. We expect to schedule another tour in a couple of months.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Larry Bishop Secretary, EAA Chapter 690

## May 2008 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 - (Cont. from Page 8)

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

- MOVING SIGN DISPLAY. Still in process; need to find a place to store or hang on the wall to free up the workbench in the tool room.
- NEED TO REFINISH HANGAR FLOOR Drying nicely; great job by David Rowe & helpers to prepare the surfaces properly and lay down 2 coats of polyurethane.
- 2A. ADDED WHITE WALLS NEED PAINTING, TOO. Walls looks great; Done.
- HONDA MOWER REPAIRED. Will repair the one which was donated sometime this spring.
- 10. INSTALL SLING / SYSTEM FOR HANGING PROJECT GLIDER: Identified location toward front of hangar, across from entrance door; also method for hanging Sailplane project; bicycle system to be purchased and rope added to make it work; weight is no problem.

11. Pedestrian DIRECTION SIGN from parking lot will be reinstalled over fence posts prior to this month's Pancake Breakfast.

#### **New Business Discussed:**

13. Paint Entrance Door; started prep work to paint the door.

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

The June meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Attached to this email is the latest version of the BOT Action Item Log, dated May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, John Kimmons, Secretary EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees Cell # 770-289-3020

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If interested, please contact us asap.

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Photo courtesy of Lee Depkin, Rockdale Citizen

The Committee held its first planning session after the June 3rd Board of Trustees meeting. There are many opportunities for Chapter 690 members (new and old) to participate for this welcome major fundraising event. Please contact Jeanne Ferguson to volunteer. You're welcome to attend the next committee meeting — watch for announcements on our web-site calendar or for NOTAMs.



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#### Comedy Sensation (And EAA Member / Helicopter Builder) Jeff Dunham To Perform At EAA AirVenture 2008!

Jeff Dunham and his wild cast of characters have entertained thousands of comedy fans in concert and tens of millions more through his DVD, online and television appearances. Now Dunham, an aircraft builder and pilot in his own right, is bringing his hilarious performances to EAA AirVenture 2008!

Dunham will be performing at EAA's Theater in the Woods on Wednesday evening, July 30, presented by Rotorway International. Rotorway is proud to bring Dunham to EAA AirVenture - The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration - as he has built Rotorway helicopters and is a helicopter pilot.

The DVDs of Dunham performances have sold more than 2 million copies in little more than two years, and most of his national tour dates have sold out well in advance. His video clips on You Tube have drawn an estimated 100 million views worldwide and no less an authority as Tonight Show host Jay Leno has called Dunham, "The best there is."

Admission to Jeff Dunham's performance and all EAA evening programs at Theater in the Woods are included with regular AirVenture admission.

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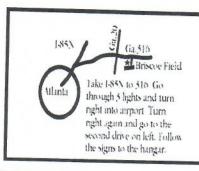
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# **Come Join Us!**

Regular monthly meetings — On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am



## JUNE MEETING

Friday, June 13th, 2008

Bob Thomann will present an informative program - Hughes Tool. Co. and Their Synchronous Communication Satellites.

# Visit the EAA 690 Web-Site at www.eaa690.org

## Hot Air Ballooning - For the Fun of It!

Dennis Crosgrove has planned an entertaining and informative program to follow our 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast next month. On Saturday, July 5th, Stuart Enloe will again share his love of ballooning with us.



Stuart, a commercial balloon pilot who flies the Remax hot air balloon, has been playing with balloons since 1984, and fixed wing aircraft since 1977. He holds a Commercial / Instructor license in Hot Air and Helium balloons, and he has flown all over the U.S., parts of Canada, and Mexico. Competing in National Championships and local festivals all over the country has given him a wealth of aeronautical knowledge about micrometeorology.

Stuart is owner of Atlanta Aerosports, offering hot air balloon rides, corporate promotions, and sales of Lindstrand Balloons. He is a member of AOPA, EAA, Warbirds17, the Balloon Federation of America, and the Georgia Balloon Association. A dedicated Young Eagle pilot, he loves sharing his infatuation with flight. He also flies for Angel Flight of Georgia, helping kids get to the medical treatment they need.

Living on a grass strip (Air Acres) near Woodstock, he is close to his passion (and his toys.) Flying from his back yard is a dream come true.

## And for Your Afternoon Plans . . .

After you've had you're fill of delicious pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, etc. – and enjoyed Stuart Enloe's program on Hot Air Ballooning – here's a suggestion on what to do for lunch and to fill the afternoon.

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