



MAY 2003

# 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

## Russell Goutierez to Speak at May Meeting

The program at our May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be "Off the Airways: Oddities of Airline History." It will be presented by Russell Goutierez, who possesses over twenty years experience in aviation and who has an intense interest in airline history. He has held positions in Emergency Response, System Operations Control, Customer Service, Revenue Management, and Airport Services with TranStar, American, and Delta.

Russell will recount a few of the more unusual events and occurrences from an industry where "routine" is usually anything but. Highlights include: the "mooving" story of an emergency landing in a field of cows; a Douglas with a dance floor; an eerie precursor to the Aloha Airlines 737 fuselage rupture; and bizarre coincidences around a well-known aviation accident.

## Annual Poker Run to Be Held on June 7<sup>th</sup>



June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June - and rain or shine it's time for our monthly Pancake Breakfast and annual Poker Run.

As of press time, we still need a chairperson for this event. Pilots are needed to distribute cards to area airports in advance of June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please contact Joel Levine at 770-394-5466.

### Basic Guidelines

- Registration fee is \$10 / hand.
- No sharing of hands.
- If a pilot has empty seats, they can be occupied by another participant.
- Participants must return to Gwinnett County Airport by 2:30 PM to qualify for prizes.

For further details, please check the Chapter web-site [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org), the Bulletin Board in the hangar, & watch for NOTAM.

## EAA's "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" Program

In conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS), EAA will select one member pilot from each of the 50 states to fly their respective State Flag to the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk, during calendar year 2003. Each pilot will also carry a proclamation from that state's governor declaring the day of their flight "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk Day" for their respective state.

## By-Laws Change Proposed

An addition to the Chapter 690 By-Laws has been proposed. It was distributed and read at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and will be brought before the membership for a vote at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please read the proposed addition on page 5 and come to the meeting prepared to discuss the changes and vote on them.

## Pre-Meeting Dinner Changed

The pre-meeting dinners in the hangar have been suspended. For now, those who wish to "meet to eat" prior to the meeting will resume gathering for dinner at Valentino's, across 316 from the airport.

## Pancake Breakfast Price Increased

The Board of Directors has voted to increase the price of our Pancake Breakfast to \$5.00 (\$2.50 for children under 12). This is the first breakfast price increase since we have been in the hangar.



## ACE Program Presentation at Chapter Meeting



Photo by Frank Wilcox

⇐ Julius Alexander, CEO and founder of Aviation Career Enrichment (ACE) told the April meeting attendees about the non-profit program dedicated to youth. Brian Jordan Jack, a graduate of the program - and now ACE volunteer, joined Julius in the presentation. The Weekend Flight Academy at Atlanta's Fulton County Airport (Charlie Brown Field) is run by volunteer FAA certified pilots, mechanics and flight/ground instructors.

## WORTH QUOTING

From the EAA Web-Site



"What freedom lies in flying, what Godlike power it gives to men . . . I lose all consciousness in this strong unmortal space crowded with beauty, pierced with danger." — Charles A. Lindbergh

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." — Leonardo da Vinci

"The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport." — Orville Wright

"Aviation is proof, that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible." — Eddie Rickenbacker

"Flying was a very tangible freedom. In those days, it was beauty, adventure, discovery - the epitome of breaking into new worlds." — Anne Morrow Lindbergh

"I have often said that the lure of flying is the lure of beauty. That the reasons flyers fly, whether they know it or not, is the aesthetic appeal of flying." — Amelia Earhart

"I have known today a magnificent intoxication. I have learnt how it feels to be a bird. I have flown. Yes I have flown. I am still astonished at it, still deeply moved." — Le Figaro, 1908



"To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. To fly is everything." — Otto Lillenthal

"There is an art . . . to flying. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss." — Douglas Adams, 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy'



## Tailwind Group to Celebrate Aircraft's 50th Anniversary at AirVenture

The year was 1953, the Experimental Aircraft Association's first, and founder Paul Poberezny was outside the hangar at Curtiss-Wright Airport, Milwaukee, talking with Steve Wittman. Soon the discussion turned to picking a more suitable name for Wittman's two-year-old airplane design.

"He called it the Flying Carpet," Paul recalls. "I said, 'Well, it's fast,' and Steve said, 'Maybe like a tail wind?' Now that, I told him, would be the proper name for the airplane."

Fifty years later, the Tailwind Group, an Internet-formed group of owners, will celebrate the airplane's 50th birthday at — where else — EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Member Rick Crosslin and other Tailwind owners plan to get together at Jim Clement's hangar located at the Baraboo Wisconsin Dells Municipal (C85) Airport.



## 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. Submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: [lnor@akorn.net](mailto:lnor@akorn.net)

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. **The deadline for the June 2003 NavCom is Friday, May 16th.**

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## The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



Tess and I are in the middle of moving, so this article will be like a touch and go. Touch the subject and let it go.

Had a great time at Sun 'n Fun, flying the Wright Flyer Simulator, seeing the Beriot, seeing our own Larry King flying the Pits in the show, and watching Team RV fly formations. The fast trip down and back in the Mooney Ovation 2 was very enjoyable.

Frank Wilcox did a good job of emceeing the April pancake breakfast program on how to choose a restoration project. I was asked if there would be a follow-up program.

Julius Alexander presented the ACE program at our April meeting. What a great program this is, and it would be fantastic if in the future we could start a sister program.

Lou Friedman, citing personal reasons, has resigned as Chapter Secretary. Thanks Lou, for all you have done for Chapter 690. Again, let us thank you for the meals that you and Sally have prepared and provided for us on meeting nights. If you would take the job of secretary, please talk with Frank Wilcox, Greg Jannakos or me.

That's four quick times around the patch, and each one was a three point squeaker. Tail dragger, that is.

## Young Eagles Soar at LZU

By Debi Huffman



The Young Eagles were out in force in April. We flew 99 Young Eagles on April 12 and April 26! Both days were perfect and the kids had a great time, as usual. We couldn't have done it without the help of our dedicated volunteers.

Pilots were: Duane Huff, Larry Bishop, Frank Settle, Forrest Wilson, Ted Rabinko, Greg Jannakos, Rich Gorkes, Dale Spence and Jim Sweat. Load Masters included: Bill Ferguson, Charlie McCormick, Dave Haskell, Brad North, Maggie Minton and Lee Olsen. At the Registration desk were: Jeannie Ferguson, Maggie Minton and Debi Huffman. Lnor Levine staffed the AeroShope. A special thank you to the "Start Something" volunteers on April 26. Helping with Certificates and other areas were Beth Foden, Alicia Foden, Philip Miller and Chelsea Bishop.

As of the last posting on the EAA web-site (checked on May 1<sup>st</sup>), 894,795 Young Eagles have flown with 105,795 to go between now and December. If you know a young person between the ages of 8 and 18 who would be a prospective Young Eagle, contact Duane Huff [duanehuff@yahoo.com](mailto:duanehuff@yahoo.com) or Greg Jannakos [gpiann@juno.com](mailto:gpiann@juno.com). Our chapter's next scheduled Young Eagle event is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Come join the group as we participate in Young Eagles Flights - a wonderful way to introduce youths to the experience of flight!

### AIR ACADEMY



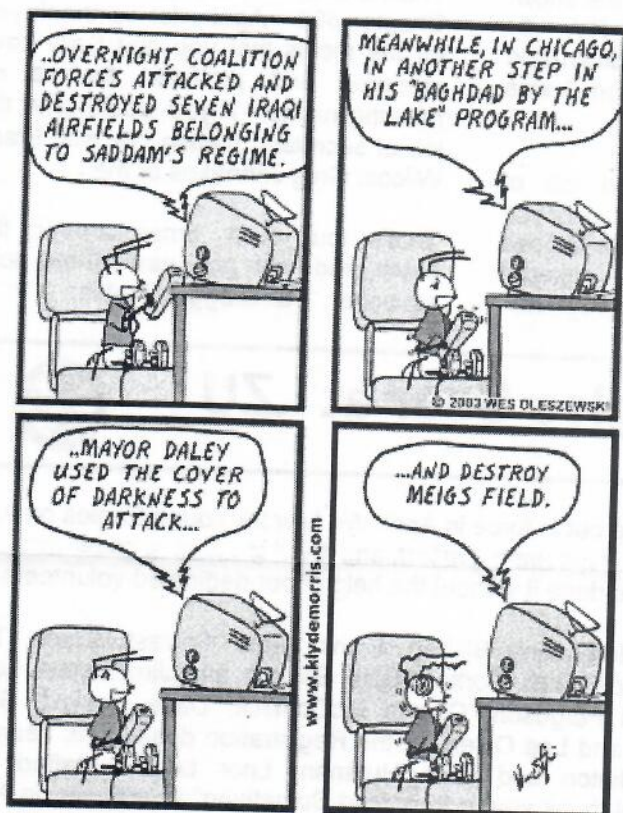
## Chapter 690 Awards Scholarships

Congratulations are in order for Wesley Hurley and Petra Ehlert! They are our two Air Academy Scholarship recipients for this summer. Wesley (son of Chapter member Michelle Hurley) and Petra will be at our September Chapter meeting to share their experiences with us. They will also join Paul Poberzney at Fernbank on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Centennial of Flight presentation "EAA - The Dream of Eagles."



## The World-Wide Aviation Community's Reaction Against Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Destruction of Meigs Field Airport Has Been Universal.

To sum it all up, the AOPA commissioned Wes Oleszewski, creator of the Klyde Morris cartoon strip to create special cartoons for AOPA Online. Here is one of the strips.  
(See page 8 of April's NavCom for another.)



## A Note From the Editor:

There is lots to cover in the news, with the war in Iraq, the SARS virus scare, the end of the pro hockey and basketball seasons, the start of the baseball season, concerns about the economy, etc. But how can the media virtually ignore the illegal acts of a dictator-like mayor of a major city (Daley in Chicago) who destroyed under the cover of night, public property (a vital airport) that if done by Terrorists would rightfully bring outrage and retaliation by our government?

After last month's NavCom, several members let me know that they had not even heard about the closing of Meigs. Coverage of the story by mass media has been no better since then, so I have included some additional and updated info in this issue.

## New Web-Based Aviation Business Announced

Hello! My name is Larry Wallis, and I am a member of EAA chapter 690.

My son, Brian Wallis, has recently started a discount web-based business for aviation products. He buys wholesale from his suppliers, and will sell to you at less than retail. His motto is "FIND IT, PRICE IT, I'LL BEAT IT!!!"

For example, you can buy any AVERY TOOL or tool set from him at less than Avery's retail price. Likewise for products sold by Aircraft Spruce and Specialty.

As background information, Brian is an A&P mechanic, and recently finished his six year tour with the US Army, having served as a crew chief and mechanic on the Army's UH60 BLACKHAWK helicopters. He has attended many EAA functions with me, and some of you know him. His picture is included in the Christmas pictures posted next to the hangar kitchen. The photo is a left-side facial shot, and he is in a dark blue T-shirt, just under the picture of Mrs. Hal Weekley.

Brian lives in Syracuse, NY, and works from 1:00 PM to 9:30 PM at his day job, but you can leave him a phone message 24 hours per day. Some of the products he handles are:

### TOOLS

Avery Tools and tool sets

### AVIONICS AND INSTRUMENTS New And Refurbished

Garmin, UPS, Narco, Bendix-King, Collins, PS engineering, JP instruments, Electronics International, Avidyne, Terra, Micro Air, Millennia, David Clark, Bose, Lightspeed

### PILOT SUPPLIES

Headsets, Portable GPS, Intercoms, Software and Controls, Handheld Radios, Foggles, Pitot covers, Yoke clips, Flight guides-Airguide pubs, Avblend, Sic-sacs, Earplugs, Goggles, Protective gloves and suits

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Kershner, Rod Machado, Gleim, King

### SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Anything available from Aircraft Spruce and Specialty. The list includes manufacturers from Aeroshell oils to Whelen aircraft lighting.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## Proposed By-Laws Change

*The following is a proposed addition to the Chapter 690 By-Laws. It was distributed and read at the meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and will be brought before the membership for a vote at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

### Article XIV

#### Decorum at Chapter Meetings and Official Functions

A. The officer presiding over Chapter meetings shall oversee the decorum of attendees once a meeting has been called to order until the meeting is adjourned. If the presiding officer determines any attendee is exhibiting disruptive behavior, defined as disorderly or contemptuous conduct, the presiding officer may direct, or delegate to another officer or Board of Director Member to direct, the attendee to cease and desist the disruptive behavior. If the attendee does not comply with the directive, the attendee shall be required to leave the premises. If the disruptive behavior becomes repetitive, the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to take further action as is deemed necessary, including but not limited to: personal conference, formal written reprimand, recommendation for membership expulsion, and legal action.

B. For purposes of Article XIV, Chapter meetings shall include all official functions of the Chapter which have been approved by the Board of Directors.

C. For purposes of Article XIV, the presiding officer's discretion can be overruled by a 2/3 majority vote of the attendees at the function where the disruptive behavior is questioned.

D. For purposes of Article XIV, presiding officer shall be defined as the highest ranking officer conducting the Chapter function if applicable, or the member with the authority and approval of the Board of Directors to conduct the Chapter function.

## STRESS POINTS

There are hundred's of thousands of pilots within the USA whose very heart and soul was attacked with the closing of Meigs Field in Chicago. The shutting of Meigs Field in this fashion sets a dangerous precedent that will allow local governments to shutdown small, heartland airports without any warning to the FAA, the ruling aviation authority. Let Mayor Daley know how you feel by signing the Keep Meigs Open Petition.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/meigs/>

## EAA RESPONDS ANGRILY TO BOSTON GLOBE EDITORIAL

From the EAA Web-Site [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

April 18 - EAA reacted strongly today to an editorial in this morning's Boston Globe ("Terror from small planes") that depicted small aircraft as a primary terrorist threat. EAA is responding directly to the Globe and encouraging pilots and other aviation enthusiasts to do the same at [letter@globe.com](mailto:letter@globe.com).

The Globe used the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) issued for downtown Chicago and the closure of Meigs Field in that city as a sensible response to curtail the threat of terrorism in that city, and suggested that Boston should consider banning general aviation near the city. The Globe ignored the facts, however, that Chicago mayor Richard Daley asked for his city's TFR as a political maneuver after Washington, D.C. and New York received them in March, and Daley himself has now admitted that the closing of Meigs had nothing to do with his earlier reason of a security threat.

"Your misperceptions of general aviation, unfortunately, have created a doomsday scenario that unnecessarily alarms the public," EAA President Tom Poberezny wrote to the Globe's editors. "Your theory that a small aircraft could carry some type of destructive weapon also holds true for every car, truck, boat, boxcar or pedestrian that arrives in the city. Yet nowhere do you indicate that these should be banned from the city center. To spotlight general aviation as the primary threat is misguided and myopic."

Poberezny continued that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has developed TFRs for specific areas in response to credible threats, not on blanket "what if" scenarios, so vital time and resources are not wasted.

He added that EAA has spent countless hours supporting its members. EAA is working with federal agencies as they develop security procedures, ensuring that any restrictions are common-sense actions actually enhance security, while not strangling aviation and freedom of mobility for our citizens.

## LIMITED OFFER

### 4 Gallons (only) of JetSol

The fantastic professional cleaner that we use for our annual airplane wash - will be available in the AeroShoppe for \$35 each.



## Chapter Fly-Outs

By Greg Jannakos

The fly-out to visit the AMD Factory was postponed because of weather. In planning for June is a fly-out to The Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Airforce Museum in Savannah. There is a possibility of making this an overnight trip and visiting some of the areas fine restaurants.

Also planned for June 21<sup>st</sup> is a fly-out to Chilhowee Gliderport and white water rafting trip. We plan to arrive at the gliderport by 9:00 a.m. and will be picked up by Adventures Unlimited for a day of rafting along the Ocoee River. Rapids are class 3 and 4. If we get a group of 10 the cost will be \$82/person. This includes all equipment, taxes, transportation and lunch. All plans are subject to getting landing permission from Chilhowee Gliderport. We are also checking on the possibility of camping out Saturday night at Chilhowee.

Keep a watch on the Chapter 690 web-site for dates and updated information - [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org).

If you have any questions - e-mail me at [gpiann@juno.com](mailto:gpiann@juno.com) or call 770-277-1637

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Airplane Wash Planned for July 5<sup>th</sup> - *Your Help is Needed!*

By Joel Levine

We need 4 volunteers to serve as "Team Captains" at the Annual Airplane Wash on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Also needed, at least 12 volunteer "Crew Members" to join in washing the planes. It is definitely a fun way to raise money for the Chapter! The kids have especially enjoyed past washes - they're hot and wet - so dress accordingly or bring a change of clothes. The chapter provides the soap, water and manpower - the sun does the drying!

Reservations are not required but they are recommended for plane owners who want to have their planes washed. Early RSVPs will help in the planning. Last year we had to turn a couple of late arrivals away - we just couldn't do all of the planes with the crews on hand!

Please let me know by e-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net) or call 770-394-5466 if you can help out, and/or to reserve a wash slot for your plane.

Single Engine - \$30

Twin Engine - \$45 (Up to 4 Place)

Larger Planes - Will Quote - and Haggle

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Help continue a fun Chapter 690 tradition.

## Meigs Backers Win Another Round In Court

From The EAA Web-Site [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

April 17, 2003 - The Friends of Meigs Field (FOM) won another court battle this week when Cook County Circuit Court Judge William Maki denied the City of Chicago and Chicago Park District's motion to stay discovery in its attempt to overturn a temporary restraining order preventing further destruction of the lakefront airport. The TRO is in effect through at least May 16. The Wednesday (April 16) ruling means the city must provide all relevant documents and answer written questions about the March 30-31 midnight Meigs raid.

FOM, the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport, Chicago By Air, and other plaintiffs opposed the city's stay discovery motion last week, which would have suppressed their ability to gather key facts about the situation. The judge also reserved the right for the plaintiffs to question Daley and other high-ranking officials in depositions after the results of a May 16 hearing. The judge also scheduled oral arguments for Monday, April 21, on a new motion by the Friends of Meigs to throw out the city's motion to dismiss the case. For more details check out the Friends of Meigs web-site: [www.friendsofmeigs.org](http://www.friendsofmeigs.org)

## Robert North Received Kidney Transplant April 27th

An afternoon call on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> notified Robert that they had a kidney for him, and that he needed to be at Emory by 6:30 p.m. After additional tests and evaluations, he was taken into surgery on Sunday morning. A call to see how he was doing the next morning was answered by Robert himself.

Robert is doing so well that he will probably have the dialysis tube removed and be going home Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. He said he'd like to be at the Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike says that on immunosuppressive drugs, Robert will have to be a little more careful about shaking hands, hugs, etc. He will have to go to the clinic twice a week for several weeks and then they will set up a schedule so they can keep a close eye on him in case of any rejection episodes.

The Norths all thank everyone for their prayers and support, and will keep us posted on Robert's progress. They will still be involved in fund-raising for the expensive medications that Robert will need to take from now on.

## Happy Mothers Day





## UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS

**Friday, May 9 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program: "Off the Airways: Oddities of Airline History"** presented by Russell Goutierez

**Saturday, May 31 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.** Contact Greg Jannakos [gpiann@juno.com](mailto:gpiann@juno.com)

**Saturday, June 7 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Activity - Annual Poker Run.** For info E-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net)

**Saturday, June 7 – Frederick, MD - Frederick Municipal (FDK) 13th Annual AOPA Fly-in & Open House.** The largest fly-in event on the East Coast. Contact Information: Andrea Berry [www.aopa.org/flyin](http://www.aopa.org/flyin) Phone: 888-462-3976

**Friday, June 13 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program "Military Aviation"** presented by Major General George Harrison.

**Saturday, July 5 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Activity - Annual Airplane Wash.** For info E-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net)

**Tuesday - Sunday, July 8-13 – Huntsville, Alabama - The Ninety-Nines International Conference** -Contact Lisa Cotham

**Friday, July 11 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program TBA**

**Saturday, July 12 - Gainesville, GA - 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Cracker Fly-In**

**Monday - Thursday, July 14 -17 — Brunswick, GA. - Malcolm McKinnon Airport (SSI).** American Yankee Assoc. Convention. Annual gathering for owners of American, Grumman American, American General & new Tiger aircraft. Fran Levy: 443-260-2390

**Tuesday, July 29 – Monday, August 4 – Oshkosh, WI - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.** For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-564-6322 or visit the EAA web-site at: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

**Saturday, August 2 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program "Insurance for the Non-Owner Pilot"** For info E-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net)

**Saturday, August 9 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690, Annual Post Oshkosh Bash - NOTE: No regular Friday night meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Saturday, September 6 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Program: "What Makes Round Engines Go 'Round?'"**

**Friday, September 12 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program TBA**

**Saturday, September 20 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, Greater Atlanta Fly-In (GAFI)** For Info Contact: Duane Huff or Mike Stewart Phone: 770-339-0804 Fax: 770-392-0203 Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

**Saturday, October 4 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Program: "Have You Forgotten Your Dead Reckoning?"** - E-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net)

**Friday - Sunday, October 3 - 5 – Evergreen, Alabama - EAA Southeast Regional Fly-In (SERFI)** Middleton Field - For info: Phone: 334-578-1707 Web Site: [www.geocities.com/~serfi](http://www.geocities.com/~serfi)

**Friday, October 10 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program TBA**

**Wednesday - Sunday, October 15 - 19 – Tullahoma, TN - Staggerwing Museum.** Beach Party 2003, A Celebration. Sponsored by the Staggerwing Museum, Twin Beech 18 Society, and Beech Owners Group. For Info: 931/455-1974.

**Saturday, October 25 - Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Annual Big Band Hangar Dance at LZU - 8PM - Midnight.** 770-339-0804 (Leave Message) E-mail: [dave.o@earthlink.net](mailto:dave.o@earthlink.net) - Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

**Saturday, November 1 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & "Flying Start"** - For info contact Dave Haskell: [curly26@aol.com](mailto:curly26@aol.com)

**Saturday - Sunday, Nov 1 - 2 — Perry, GA, Perry/Houston County Airport (PXE).** - Wings Over Georgia. The premiere airshow in middle Georgia is in its 4th year at PXE. Warbirds, Military, Aerobatic, and Classic Aircraft, Static displays, R/C demonstrations. Web-Site: [www.wingsovergeorgia.com](http://www.wingsovergeorgia.com) E-mail: [info@wingsovergeorgia.com](mailto:info@wingsovergeorgia.com) Info Contacts: Steve Weigandt at 478/987-8501 or Jason Riley at 478-987-5422

**Friday, November 10 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Program TBA**

**Saturday, December 6 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Program: "Using the Flight Advisor as a Resource"** - For info E-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net)

**Friday, December 12 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Annual Holiday and Awards Banquet.**

**Saturday - Wednesday, December 13 - 17 – Kill Devil Hills, NC - First Flight Centennial Celebration**

**Monday, December 15, 2003 — Washington Dulles International Airport, VA - Smithsonian - Grand Opening: National Air & Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** - <http://www.nasm.si.edu/>

Events and schedules subject to change. Please confirm with sponsoring organization.

**Note: Chapter 690 Activities are in bold**



## Ford's 100th Anniversary Celebration June 12-16

From the [www.countdowntokittyhawk.com](http://www.countdowntokittyhawk.com) Web-Site



*Join in the Celebration of Ford Motor Company's Past, Present and Exciting Future in Dearborn, Michigan*

Join in the Celebration of Ford Motor Company's Past, Present and Exciting Future. Ford is proud of its long-standing relationship with EAA and excited to be the presenting sponsor of EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk, the centennial celebration of the Wright Brothers' first flight in 1903 - the same year the Ford Motor Company was founded.

Henry Ford was fascinated by flight and shared a vision with the fellow inventors of his era including his friends Orville and Wilbur Wright. They shared a passion for innovation and a limitless approach to inventing and advancing personal mobility.

It's only fitting that EAA's 24,000-square-foot Countdown to Kitty Hawk Touring Pavilion be included in THE ROAD IS OURS 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Don't miss your chance to view an exact reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer, as well as:

Several interactive flight simulator stations of the

1903 Wright Flyer developed by Microsoft

An Education/Youth area with hands-on activities for children.

Actors who will perform a play specifically written for the 100th anniversary of flight and assume the roles of Orville and Wilbur.

A large digital countdown clock counting down the minutes to the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight.

Opportunities to vote for the greatest aviators and aviation advances of the last 100 years.

An interactive exhibit featuring Ford's 100 years of innovation and its history in aviation.

For more information or to purchase tickets to THE ROAD IS OURS 100th Anniversary Celebration, log on to [www.celebrateford100.com](http://www.celebrateford100.com) or call 1-866-4-100-FORD.



Book Review By Dave Ostergaard

### **POBEREZNEY: The Story Begins...**

When this book was published I had been waiting to read it for at least ten years. The anticipation felt when I learned that this book was finally in print was almost a physical buzz. I wanted to know how our organization came into being, how it grew to such prominence, and what it was like in the very beginning. I wanted to know about EAA pioneers: People like Ray Stits, Neil Loving, Carl Schultz, Ray Scholler, Bob Bushby, Pete Bowers and the like. I was not disappointed. But the book goes farther than that. It takes us back to Paul's infancy, his childhood, teaching himself to fly, his schooling, his courtship, his military experience, his marriage - its all wonderful. I savored every word. Believe it or not I read this book while on a cruise in the West Indies to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. For me,

while on one of the most exciting adventures of my life, there was every bit as exciting an adventure taking place on the pages before me.

Paul's story was co-authored by his daughter Audrey and Chuck Parnell, a long time friend of Paul and his family. Chuck is an accomplished pilot, author, and aircraft restorer. The book is told in narrative form from various people's perspectives and from Paul himself. Each person is assigned a specific type style so that the reader can easily keep track of just whom is speaking. I guess you might call it a user friendly, narrated, semi-autobiography. Paul and his family share their personal experiences in their own words. We are privileged to gain the perspective not only of Paul, but Tom, Audrey, and Bonnie as well. It was clear the history of EAA was an adventure shared by Paul and his wonderful family.

The book ends in 1958 and clearly implies that there will be more to follow. Reading enjoyment is enhanced by anticipation. I can't wait for the next installment.

It can be purchased through Red One Publishing in Oshkosh via Sport Aviation magazine.

### **POBEREZNEY: The Story Continues...**

As listed on the Centennial of Flight Calendar (page 9), Paul Poberezny will be in Atlanta on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The program that evening will be "EAA - The Dream of Eagles."

Paul will be joined that evening by our Chapter 690's Air Academy scholarship recipients. We hope that all EAAers will make a special effort to come to Fernbank that evening, and welcome Paul to Atlanta. There will be an opportunity to meet with him at the reception after the program.



## 2003 Centennial of Flight Lecture Series at



156 Heaton Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307



The year 2003 marks a full century since the Wright brothers' first powered flight. To recognize this milestone in the history of civilization, the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission has organized a national celebration.

Fernbank Science Center, along with the local aerospace industry and aerospace enthusiasts throughout Georgia, proudly hosts a series of special events throughout 2003. All are open to the public and free of charge.

The Fernbank Science Center Centennial of Flight Lecture Series is scheduled for the Planetarium Theatre on Fridays (unless otherwise noted) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. There will be a reception and opportunity to meet the speakers afterwards. Call 404-378-4311 or visit the web-site <http://fsc.fernbank.edu> for details. **NOTE: The listing below includes the latest event and program changes known as of 4-3-03.**

### **May 1 – 14**

Wright Flyer and Spirit of St.  
Louis Exhibits at FSC

### **May 9 - NOTE CHANGE**

Hank Myers: First  
Presidential Pilot and Aviation  
Pioneer  
*Tift Myers*

### **May 16**

*Three Winners From Lockheed  
Georgia  
Bernie Dvorscak*

### **May 20 – Tuesday**

Last of the Gentle Giants:  
USS Macon  
*Tom Ray*

### **May 30**

Hypersonic Vehicles  
*Chuck Kettering*

### **June 6**

Nothing "General" About  
General Aviation

### **June 14 - Saturday**

PDK Neighbor Day

### **June 20**

Media Aviators  
*Scott Slade, Miles O'Brien, Dave  
Hirschman, Dan Ronan, Steve  
Craig, David Lee, & Jack Barker*

### **July 11**

Legacy of Apollo  
NASA Astronaut

### **July 18**

NASA Spinoffs:  
From Space Into Your Home  
*Jim Gerard*

### **August 1**

Careers: What's Out There For You?

### **August 9-10 - Saturday - Sunday**

**(Saturday - Silent Auction)**

**Incredible Age of Aviation Air  
Show at Atlanta Motor Speedway**

### **August 15**

EAA - The Dream of Eagles:  
Vintage Warbirds  
Aerobatics Homebuilts  
Seaplanes Ultralights  
Kids Programs  
*Paul Poberezney  
Air Academy Kids*

### **August 29**

100 Years of Aviation History Right  
Here in Georgia

## **Poberezny, Boyer Videotape "Airport Watch" Segments**

EAA President Tom Poberezny was joined by Phil Boyer, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh to videotape segments to be included in the "AOPA Airport Watch" video being distributed to EAA Chapters nationwide.

Both Poberezny and Boyer emphasized the vital role pilots play in helping enhance security at their local airports. They asked pilots to be particularly vigilant of their surroundings when they are at the airport and report anything unusual. They also reiterated the need to practice the highest levels of responsibility and airmanship in their own flight planning and piloting skills.

## **Tips on Selecting an Aircraft Restoration Project**

After the April 5<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, Richard Rank, Duane Huff, Greg Jannakos and panel moderator Frank Wilcox, all successful constructors and/or restorers of Antique or Classic Aircraft, discussed some of the finer points of selecting an aircraft project for restoration.

Some considerations should be: the availability of parts, trained people to work on the plane, and costs such as the plane itself, the engine, the parts and insurance. Resources for help include users groups and associations for particular aircraft. They noted that the value of the airplane after completion may not be equal to what you have put into it.

A few key points were: There is a difference between "skill" and "care;" a lot of skillful people are careless; a lot of careful people aren't skilled.

Summation: Don't be afraid. If you really want to do it - you can!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**We're so glad you joined us!**

Larry Bohannon  
Hugh Colton  
Emory Geiger  
Col. Howard "Goldie" Golden  
Les Hazelwood  
Douglas Klaucke  
Robert Van

**And welcome to our new  
"family" member (and new  
Chapter Hospitality  
Chairperson!)**...

Michelle Hurley

**Let's make them feel welcome!**

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Contact: Mark Napier (day) 770-236-6980 (evening) 770-682-3725  
3/03

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Contact John or Scott for details @ 404-365-3578

4/03

### BOD Minutes 4-15-03

Meeting brought to order.

We will be having Friendship Flights for Fun along with the post Oshkosh Bash.

We had a GAFI, SEREFI and Hangar Dance update.

Discussions on attending the CAF hangar Dance May 10<sup>th</sup>.

2 young people have been selected for the Air Academy and our Young Eagles credit will be used.

We may begin the ACE program next year. The aviation day camp program is on hold.

22 young Eagles were flown the past Saturday.

For personal reasons, Lou Friedman has resigned as Secretary of the chapter.

Tim gave fly-outs updates. He needs to get info to Lnor.

Discussed the Holiday Awards Banquet, Library, Flying Start, Chapter Historian.

Discussed the need to get the trash out at all events. Event coordinator is responsible for seeing it gets done.

Frank Wilcox and Greg Jannakos will head the nominating committee for 2003 for officers, including the replacement of the secretary vacancy.

Lee Craymer reported we have a leaky roof and will look to resolve that soon.

Pre-meeting meal service has been suspended. We will resume the informal gatherings at Valentino's at 6:30.

Pancake breakfast price will be increased to \$5.

Duane will work on the EAA paperwork for Web-Master and Newsletter Editor awards, Frank on the outstanding member.

Duane will be printing stickers to be placed on magazines in public places. Details given during monthly meeting.

Lee reminded us of the Pancake breakfast to be held for Wings Weekend. Duane to determine with Sue about equipment moves.

The BOD approved the purchase of the CD collection of Sport Aviation for addition to the library.

Discussions resumed on the proposed amendment.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Stewart



## Air Traffic Controller Commemorative Stamp Petition

Info from [www.atcstamp.com](http://www.atcstamp.com)



The nation's tens of thousands of air traffic controllers have made it possible for the U.S. to lay claim to the safest skies in the world. The hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children who fly in our crowded skies depend on the skillful work of the air traffic controller to guide them safely to their destinations. Controllers from airport towers from coast to coast, and 22 enroute control centers nationwide, are faced with the unnerving reality that hundreds of lives are at stake with each decision they make. For a controller there is no room for error. Few professions are so vitally important to the safety and financial success of this country's citizens.

Controllers understand they must do their extraordinary jobs with little recognition or fanfare. However, we believe the U.S. Postal Service can perform a great public service by drawing attention to these unsung professionals. While many passengers have the opportunity to see and thank the pilot as they get off a plane, few ever see - or even know about - an air traffic controller. Yet the job they do is every bit as important to the safety and well being of the flying public.

In the U.S. Postal Service's long standing tradition of recognizing and honoring selected professions, we propose a stamp be produced honoring the air traffic controller.

We ask you as an aviation professional or enthusiast to write a personal letter to the Chairman of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee explaining what benefit the air traffic control system has had on this country and any individual experiences that you may have had. We also ask that you ask your U.S. Senator and Representative to send a note on your behalf to the Chairman of the

Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. On the [www.atcstamp.com](http://www.atcstamp.com) web-site, please click on the link "How to help" for more information.

If you would like to see a commemorative stamp issued honoring the air traffic control profession, please forward this web site to all your friends in the aviation community. Getting a stamp issued is a very competitive process. The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee receives thousands of ideas a year and will only select between 30 and 40 of them. The committee works about 2 to 3 years in advance of issuance.

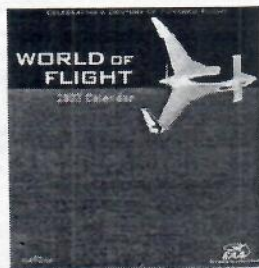
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Sincerely,

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Air Traffic Control Commemorative Stamp Petition Chmn.

While on the [www.atcstamp.com](http://www.atcstamp.com) web-site, you can click on the ATC Mailout icon for a sample letter that you can download to send to show your support of the stamp.

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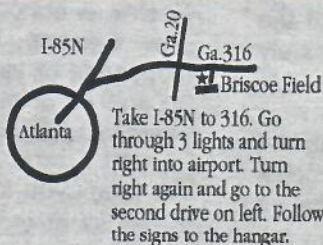
## Come Join Us!

**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 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Free programs start at 10:30 a.m.**



### MAY MEETING -

Friday, May 9, 2003 at 8:00PM

Program - "Off the Airways: Oddities of Airline History" - Presented by Russell Goutierez

**Visit the EAA 690 Web-Site at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

## ANNUAL HANGAR DANCE

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**Mark your calendars -**

**Make your plans now to attend two  
Chapter 690 events  
coming your way this fall**



**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Gwinnett County Briscoe Field (LZU)  
Lawrenceville, GA

Antiques → Warbirds → Homebuilts  
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