



# NavCom

OCTOBER 2003

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

## ANNUAL HANGAR DANCE

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**7 PM - 12 AM • MUSIC STARTS AT 8 PM**

Location - on the South Side of Briscoe Field  
500 Briscoe Blvd. - Hangar 7



Featuring the Fabulous Big Band Sounds of

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## Glider Add-On Ratings

The program at the Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting will be presented by David Reynolds. David will present his experiences in obtaining his Glider Add-On rating at Bermuda High Soaring School in Lancaster S.C., which he obtained about two years ago.

David has been interested in aviation all of his life and has been involved in General Aviation since high school when he soloed at 16 and got his Private License at 17. He has a Commercial License Airplane Single Engine Land and Sea, Multi-Engine Land, and Glider. He also is a Certified Flight Instructor - Instrument and Multi-Engine. (Please see the continuation of David's bio on page 7.)

**NOTE:** *If time permits and there is an interest, David will also present his experiences in obtaining his Single-Engine Sea rating this past August at Jack Brown's Seaplane Base in Winter Haven, FL.*

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## Thinking About Learning to Fly?

**Come to the Free Flying Start Seminar**

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**\$4.00 - All You Care to Eat**

**Seminar - 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

This seminar is part of the national "Flying Start" program, which has helped many people begin or complete their flight training since 1997. The program is sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association, its more than 165,000 members throughout the world, and the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

The program is an informative session for anyone with an interest in learning to fly for fun or professionally. Bring your non-flying spouse, significant other, child(ren), friends or work colleagues.

Registration for the free program begins at 10:00 AM. The presentations begin promptly at 10:30 AM, with a question and answer period to follow.

Advanced registration recommended by contacting Dave Haskell, (770) 717-1499 or [curly26@aol.com](mailto:curly26@aol.com).



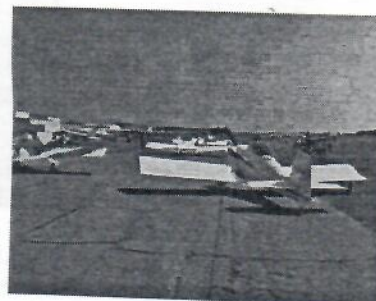
## Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Frank Wilcox



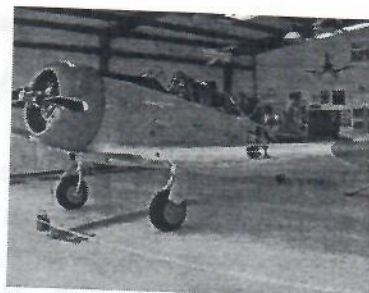
⇐ Scholarship recipients Wesley Hurley and Petra Ehlert told us about their experiences at The Air Academy in Oshkosh.

"Rush hour" traffic on the ramp at GAFI. ⇒

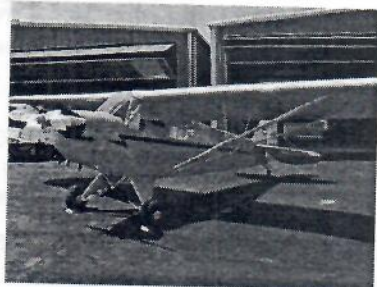


⇐ Fred Meyer's Atlantis makes an all too rare appearance on the ramp.

Terry Adams' T-6 was on display in the Adamses' hangar. ⇒



⇓ These two Grand Champion Award Winners were amongst the planes at GAFI. ⇓

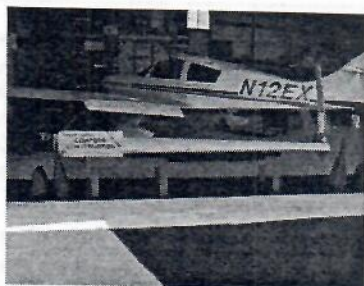


⇐ Joe Christian flew his Piper J-3 Cub all the way from Valdosta for GAFI.

Clyde Schnars keeps a proud and protective eye on his RV6A ⇒



Static displays of projects were part of the GAFI scene.



David Rowe took time from the construction of his plane to set up a display of Composite Construction techniques.



An example of Metal Construction as used in Greg Jannakos' Zenair project.



Greg Jannakos' auto engine conversion project was on exhibit.



## 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 November 2003 NavCom is Friday, October 17th.

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## The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



The Greater Atlanta Fly-In was great last Saturday. Beautiful weather, lots of planes flying in, a good sized crowd enjoying the food, fellowship and flying - everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The debriefing notes indicate that there are improvements to be made for next year, as there are with any event of this magnitude. Since they started this GAFI thing, I am hoping that our fearless leaders Mike Stewart and Tim Fulmer will keep this going next year. Many thanks to all who volunteered and those who participated to make the First Annual GAFI Fly-In so successful.

Chapter 690 is certainly doing its part to help EAA reach the goal of one million Young Eagles by the 100 Year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight. On September 6th and 7th, 42 YEs took wing. At GAFI, four pilots flew forty. Yes, 40. Our chapter's three pilots Rick Gullet, Ted Rabenco, and John Rietz flew 39 YEs and a pilot from chapter 611 flew one. Please tell these pilots "Thanks," and give them a hand when you see them.

I have been busy as a little beaver conducting Airport Visits this month. The scouts theme for September is related to aviation. Nine groups have come already this month with nine to go and next month five groups have scheduled a visit. So far this year 26 groups have visited with 425 students and 148 adults. The simulator is getting a real work out, but keeps right on flying. Many of the adults get as much out of the visits as do the children.

The New Standard wings now have the trailing edges on. The inspector has been called and as soon as he can come and approve the work we will begin the covering process. We are hoping all our work will be approved. Progress on the wings is being made.

Last month I ended my article with two questions for you to contemplate. Have you thought about them? Are you ready to answer in the positive about what you would like to contribute to Chapter 690? This the year for the election of new officers and the appointment of new committee chairmen which will provide lots of opportunities for service. Let Frank Willcox, nominating committee chairman, any officer, or me know if you have a place that you would like to volunteer.

The Hangar Dance is coming soon, October 25th. Dave Ostergaard still needs items for the Silent Auction. Please give those to Dave. Dance tickets are on sale, and a sale of ten tickets gets you in free. Complete tables are also being offered. Posters are available to be displayed. This is a major fund raising event for the Chapter, so let's make it as successful as possible. It is a lot of fun, even if you are like me and have two left feet and don't dance.

Are you getting anything out of your membership in Chapter 690? Just remember, the more you put into something, the more you get out of it.

Let's keep 'em flying.

## 23,747 Young Eagles to Go!



As of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> the EAA web-site ([www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)) reports that we have flown 976,253 Young Eagles so far. The goal of flying 1,000,000 Young Eagles by December's Centennial of Flight Celebration is within our reach!

Weather permitting, EAA 690 members can add to that total on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can help fly or work as ground support, please join us as we try to contribute towards achievement of the 1,000,000.



## Chapter 690's Annual Hangar Dance to Feature Silent Auction

By Co-Chairmen, Dave Ostergaard and Lee Olson



An exciting new feature at this year's Annual Hangar Dance is the Silent Auction. The dance is being held in a larger hangar to accommodate this addition to the evening, thanks to the generosity of David & Kelly Zorger and Aircraft Specialists. A partial list of items is included below. If you are able to solicit or donate items (merchandise, services, dinners for two, gift certificates, artwork, airplane rides, etc.) for the auction, please contact Dave Ostergaard at 770-335-5501.

### ITEM

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Autographed copies Three Books  
The Greatest Generation  
The greatest Generation Speaks  
Letters From The Greatest Generation  
Hotel, Dinner, AF Museum Warner Robbins  
Not Sure  
Ladies Dress Watch  
Ride in an RV6A

Several other changes are being made this year. Members selling 10 tickets (5 pairs) are eligible for a free ticket for his/her own use. Tables of ten sold tickets can be reserved. And the evening of the dance, complimentary dance lessons will be given from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for those who are attending and would like to brush up their dancing skills. (There will be plenty of us who just enjoy the music and watching others "trip the light fantastic," so don't let that intimidate you into missing out on a fun evening with great music!)

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## NATIONAL AIR TOUR

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RE-CREATING THE 1925-1931 NATIONAL AIR TOURS IN CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT

National Air Tour 2003 - Historic Flight Re-creation Stops in Peachtree City, Georgia.

The National Air Tour 2003 is the historic flight re-creation of the National Air Tours that took place from 1925 through 1931. In the mid-1920s, at a time when there was not even a single road reaching across the United States, the Tours were conceived to promote the safety and reliability of air travel. The original Tours received significant support from Edsel and Henry Ford. By supporting the Tours and lending the Ford trusted name, they helped convince a skeptical public that passenger flight was a sensible means of transportation. In this centennial year of powered flight, the Tour celebrates the legacy of the National Air Tours as well as the innovators and innovations from the era.

Departing Sept. 8th from the Dearborn, Mich. area, the National Air Tour 2003 flew a route that was

planned, but never flown for a 1932 tour because of The Depression. The National Air Tour 2003 brought living aviation history to people in 26 cities, through the media and over the Internet at [www.NationalAirTour.org](http://www.NationalAirTour.org). Stopping overnight in Lansing, IL, the tour was scheduled to make a luncheon stop in Chicago at Meigs Field on Tuesday, September 9. Instead, with the runway in a shambles, the tour flew over the famous-but-damaged airfield in a show of support. (See story on Page 11.) The 17 day Air Tour, included over two dozen historic aircraft, the likes of which have not been seen together in Chicago since the dedication of Meigs Field in 1950. (The airport opened in 1948.)

Peachtree City was the 17<sup>th</sup> stop on the tour, and the planes and pilots stayed there an extra day due to Hurricane Isabelle. Several Chapter 690 members were among those who visited the Tour stop on September 17<sup>th</sup>. (Please see photos on page 11.)



## This Kind Of Puts Things In Perspective

By Dale Schonmeyer

I sat in my seat of the Boeing 767 waiting for everyone to hurry and stow their carry-ons and grab a seat so we could start what I was sure to be a long, uneventful flight home. With the huge capacity and slow moving people taking their time to stuff luggage far too big for the overhead and never paying much attention to holding up the growing line behind them, I simply shook my head knowing that this flight was not starting out very well.

I was anxious to get home to see my loved ones so I was focused on "my" issues and just felt like standing up and yelling for some of these clowns to get their act together. I knew I couldn't say a word so I just thumbed through the "Sky Mall" magazine from the seat pocket in front of me. You know it's really getting rough when you resort to the over priced, useless sky mall crap to break the monotony. With everyone finally seated, we just sat there with the cabin door open and no one in any hurry to get us going although we were well past the scheduled take off time. No wonder the airline industry is in trouble I told myself.

Just then, the attendant came on the intercom to inform us all that we were being delayed. The entire plane let out a collective groan. She resumed speaking to say "We are holding the aircraft for some very special people who are on their way to the plane and the delay shouldn't be more than 5 minutes. The word came after waiting six times as long as we were promised that "I" was finally going to be on my way home. Why the hoopla over "these" folks? I was expecting some celebrity or sport figure to be the reason for the hold up... "Just get their butts in a seat and lets hit the gas," I thought.

The attendant came back on the speaker to announce in a loud and excited voice that we were being joined by several U. S. Marines returning home from Iraq!!! Just as they walked on board, the

entire plane erupted into applause. The men were a bit taken by surprise by the 340 people cheering for them as they searched for their seats. They were having their hands shook and touched by almost everyone who was within an arm's distance of them as they passed down the aisle. One elderly woman kissed the hand of one of the Marines as he passed by her. The applause, whistles and cheering didn't stop for a long time.

When we were finally airborne, "I" was not the only civilian checking his conscience as to the delays in "me" getting home, finding my easy chair, a cold beverage and the remote in my hand. These men had sacrificed for all of us and I had been complaining silently about "me" and "my" issues. I took for granted the everyday freedoms I enjoy and the conveniences of the American way of life. I took for granted (that) others paid the price for my ability to moan and complain about a few minutes delay to "me" for those Heroes going home to their loved ones.

I attempted to get my selfish outlook back in order and minutes before we landed I suggested to the attendant that she announce over the speaker a request for everyone to remain in their seats until our heroes were allowed to gather their things and be first off the plane. The cheers and applause continued until the last Marine stepped off and we all rose to go about our too often taken for granted everyday freedoms... I felt proud of them. I felt it an honor and a privilege to be among the first to welcome them home and say "Thank You for a job well done."

I vowed that I will never forget that flight nor the lesson learned. I can't say it enough, "THANK YOU" to those Veterans and active servicemen and women who may read this and a prayer for those who cannot because they are no longer with us. GOD BLESS AMERICA! WELCOME HOME! AND THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE !!!!!

## Centennial of Flight Grand Finale Dinner Dance, Raffles & Silent Auction



Delta Air Lines will be hosting our Grand Finale to raise scholarship funds. The event will be at the Delta Heritage Museum Hangar on December 13. This is an evening for adults in an atmosphere reminiscent of the last 100 years of aviation. That means you can come in period clothing or casual!

We'll have the DC-3 as a backdrop, surrounded by fog, similar to "Casa Blanca." The evening will include complimentary swing dance lessons, dinner, dancing to "The Modernaires," a silent auction and 4 small raffles. The winner of the "DC-3 for a day" raffle

drawing will also be announced. (\$50 buys you a chance to travel with 9 of your closest friends to a SE destination of your choice -*certain restrictions apply*. A limo will take you to a nearby point of interest or to a restaurant for lunch.)

Dinner Dance tickets are \$50 each, or \$500 for a table of ten. Tickets are available from the web site, <http://fsc.fernbank.edu/flight>. Or you may use the ticket in AutoPILOT Magazine and return the reply portion. The ticket portion will be required to gain admittance at the Delta security gate.



## Chapter 690 to Hold Bi-Annual Elections in November

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers to serve for the next two years at the October 10<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. The floor will be open for additional nominations at that time.

The nominees names and brief bios info will be in the November NavCom. Elections will be held at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and our new officers will be installed at the annual Holiday Dinner Meeting in December.

## Outstanding Member to be Selected

**Plan Now to Come to the November Meeting - and Cast Your Vote for the 2003 Member of the Year.** We have many dedicated and hardworking members from whom to choose.

The balloting is secret and the recipient will be presented the award at the December Holiday Banquet. Need an idea? Here's a list of our previous honorees.

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| 1984 | Harold Stalcup  |
| 1985 | Harold Stalcup  |
| 1986 | Frank Wilcox  |
| 1987 | Harold Stalcup  |
| 1988 | Donna Forbes  |
| 1989 | Mac Forbes & Ken Sharp  |
| 1990 | John Henderson  |
| 1991 | Jeff Boatright  |
| 1992 | Steve Ashby   |
| 1993 | Charles Sego  |
| 1994 | Mike & Jennifer North   |
| 1995 | Duane K. Huff   |
| 1996 | David L. Posey  |
| 1997 | Sue Adams   |
| 1998 | Joel Levine   |
| 1999 | Lnor Levine & Frank Wilcox  |
| 2000 | Tim Fulmer  |
| 2001 | The "Over-the-Hill Gang" - Barney Barnes, Walter Deere, Duane Huff, Greg Jannakos, Dale Schonmeyer & Frank Wilcox |
| 2002 | Mike Stewart  |

## A New Source for Annual Inspections at LZU

Good deals are hard to come by. When they are in our own backyard it makes it even better. Former Chapter 690 member Robert Starnes operates Flight Maintenance, Inc. at LZU behind Piedmont Hawthorne which caters to General Aviation aircraft. Robert is EAA savvy, doing restorations as well as the normal wrench turning type of "stuff." He's offering an interesting special - \$50 off or a free Biplane Ride with an Annual Inspection. If nothing else, stop by and see the two neat Chinese basic trainers that frequent his hangar.

## LZU Weekend Closings Update

**Matt Smith, Airport Director has e-mailed the following update as of 9-26-03:**

FYI. The work on the runway will be done in three phases. Phase I will be to remove the center 25 feet of pavement completely, repair the underlying sub-base (gravel that supports the asphalt), and then repave to the height of the bordering pavement (so the runway is usable during the week).

Phase II will be to put down a 2 ½ inch overlayment of pavement over the entire runway. We will also be doing things like repainting the runway markings, etc.

Phase III is to groove the runway, which removes water from the runway quicker to prevent hydroplaning.

Our current plan is to have the airport closed this weekend, (9:00 p.m. on 9-26-03 through 7:00 a.m. on 9-29-03). We expect that the runway will be open promptly at 7:00 a.m. The first weekend should complete Phase I.

The contract calls for a \$3,000 dollar penalty if the runway is not available at 7:00 a.m. If the runway is not available at 8:00 a.m. the contract calls for an additional \$3,000 penalty (total of \$6,000). If the runway is still not available at 9:00 a.m. the contract calls for a \$4,000 penalty (total of \$10,000). We included the high dollar penalty to show we were serious about re-opening the runway on time.

Weather permitting, and contractor availability permitting, the runway will be closed at the same times mentioned above starting 10-3-03 and going through the morning of 10-06-03. The intention is this will complete Phase II.

If for some reason the contractor cannot finish Phase II over this weekend, there is a provision to allow a third weekend of closure for Phase II. The entire time the runway is closed during that additional weekend it is a penalty for the contractor and will cost them \$200 per hour. So, if we need to use the additional weekend, I would expect the closure will not last the entire time but only a portion (i.e., Friday night though Saturday afternoon and then we would reopen).

After the final pavement is put down, we are required to wait 30 days for it to cure. After 30 days we will schedule the last weekend closure (Friday night through Monday morning) to cut the grooves in the asphalt. This weekend would have the same penalties at the first two weekends (\$3,000 1st hour, \$3,000 2nd hour, \$4,000 3rd hour). The very first weekend we could schedule for Phase III would be November 7-10th. If we use the 3rd "penalty" weekend for Phase II, the Phase III weekend would be pushed back to November 14th -17th.

That is the best information I have available right now. Hope it helps everyone with planning.

-Matthew Smith  
Airport Director, Gwinnett County Airport



## One Chapter Member's Memorable First Trip to AirVenture in Oshkosh

Submitted by David Tulis

On Saturday July 26, I flew my WWII-era vintage Ercoupe, a two-passenger 85hp airplane built in 1946, from Atlanta to Oshkosh, WI for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AirVenture airshow at Oshkosh. It's one of the biggest airshows in the country and pilots have been telling me it's just one of those things you have to do.

It took 3 fuel stops and two-days to get there, but included an overnight for burgers and beer with my brother-in-law in Madison, WI. The plane flies at about 110-115 mph so I spent about 10-hours each way in the air. My 'Coupe was restored in 2000-2001 while I took my private pilot lessons and learned the ways of the skies. I intended to use the Ercoupe for my lessons, but it really needed a lot of work to bring it up to snuff and fly safely in the busy Atlanta area.

It's an unusual airplane because it's the only plane built without rudder pedals, which normally help steer the plane. The Ercoupe does have rudders, in fact two of them, but they are simply interconnected to the control wheel so it steers in the air and on the ground like a car. The plane's designer was way ahead of his time and thought everybody would have an airplane in their garage (or farm, don't forget this was the late 1940's). Fred Weick, the designer, went on to design the very popular low-wing Piper Cherokee line of light planes, which you can see at most small airports.

Some of the airshow attendees ribbed me for not entering my plane in the judging events but I just didn't think it would pass muster. After all I flew about 1000 miles, some oil dripped here and there and I've spent more time flying than polishing and sprucing it up. I do have to admit it's a real nice airplane and the interior and instrument panel rivals more modern planes while still keeping the art-deco look of the 1940's.



I was finally convinced to enter the 'Coupe into the judging at the urging of a retired Delta pilot who I met while hanging out and watching the daily aerobatic airshow from the shade under my wing. Sure enough, some judges came by in their golf carts and began checking things off a list and snooping around a bit. I asked if I should clean things up but they chuckled and said I wasn't headed for that high of a category.

There were some really beautiful airplanes at Oshkosh. It brings out the best of the best, including a few Ercoupes similar to mine that were so clean you could use their fuselages as mirrors.

I didn't think any more about the airplane judging and elected to cut out of the week-long event mid-week due to incoming weather, because it was another two-day flight back to Atlanta.

When I got back home my cell phone rang on Sunday night and it was a fellow 'Couper at the awards ceremony. With applause in the background I could hear his excitement as he told me that I won the 2003 Most Outstanding Ercoupe Award! There were several dozen really nice examples of the Ercoupe up there so I didn't even believe it until I saw the plaque.

The trip was spectacular even before the award and I'm proud that I helped bring a little bit of aviation history back into the air.

## Welcome New Members

We're so glad you joined us!

Mike Crow

Moices Gerardino

Larry Jordan

William Marsh

Jeff Shetterly

Let's make them feel welcome!

## Glider Add-On Ratings (Cont. from Page 1)

David is a certified Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic. He obtained this rating based on his 13 years experience in the United States Marine Corps Reserve where he was an Aviation Structural Mechanic and QA Representative.

David has been involved in the Civil Air Patrol for over twenty years, and has held numerous squadron positions including Aerospace Education Officer, Air Operations Officer, Standardization and Evaluation Officer, Cadet Orientation Pilot, Check Pilot and Mission Check Pilot.

David received his Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1970 under the Co-operative Education plan. His work experience as a "co-op" was with The Lockheed Georgia Company where he was involved on the C-5A program and the little known Hummingbird VTOL project.





## UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS



**Friday, October 10 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting – Chapter Bi-Annual Nomination of Officers. Program: Add-On Glider Rating with David Reynolds**

**Saturday, October 11 – Washington, GA – Washington – Wilkes County Airport – Please see details below.**

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

**Friday, October 17- Sunday, October 19, 2003 - Rome, GA - The Great American Coosa Valley Fly-In at Rome GA (RMG) Sponsored by EAA Chapter #709 (120 Owner & Assoc. member C.F. Callahan, Prez.). Camping for aircraft arrivals and RVs will be available beginning Friday evening, 10/17 @ EAA campground on airport. Weekend highlights include a '40s-style hangar dance to the music of the Sentimental Journey. Food & showers available throughout at reasonable cost. All 120/140 folks are welcome!! Contact C.F. or Carol Callahan (706) 235-0644**

**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)**

**Thursday, October 30 – Sunday, November 2 – Atlanta, GA - 368th Fighter Group, WWII, 9th Air Force Reunion, Contact Information: Randolph Goulding 678-333-0241**

**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**

**Saturday, November, 8, 2003 – Millen, GA - Chapter 172 Low-Country Boil Fly-In, Millen, George Airport 215 Contact Information: John Magnan 706-547-3607 Email Address: [jcm2@earthlink.net](mailto:jcm2@earthlink.net)**

**Friday, November 14 – Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting – Chapter Bi-Annual Election of Officers. Program: Lockheed Advanced Development Programs with Mike Merritt**

**Saturday, December 6 – Lawrenceville, GA – EAA Chapter 690, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Program: "Using the Flight Advisor as a Resource" – Young Eagle Rally – 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 — Washington Dulles International Airport, VA - Smithsonian - Grand Opening: National Air & Space Museum - Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center - <http://www.nasm.si.edu/>**

**Saturday, December 13 – Georgia Centennial of Flight Celebration Grand Finale: Dinner Dance and Silent Auction at Delta Airlines' Heritage Museum Hangar – Please see details on Page 7.**

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

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

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## 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 8-31-03.**

### October 3

Impact of Aviation On the  
Community: Being A Good  
Neighbor

Lee Remel

### October 17

Looking Ahead, Back to the  
Future....

Bob Cassanova

### October 18 – November 30

Women in Flight Exhibit

### October 24

Experimental Aviation  
by Col. Mike Merritt and C.P. "Pat"  
Moore

### November 7

Keeping Aviation Safe for All of Us  
Russell Goutierez

### November 21

Learning to Fly  
Julius Alexander

### December 5

Pearl Harbor: Awakening  
The Sleeping Giant

### **Grand Finale:**

December 13 - Saturday  
Dinner Dance and Silent Auction at  
Delta Airline's Heritage Museum

## On with the Celebration –

### Information Updates Will Continue While Community Recovers from Isabel

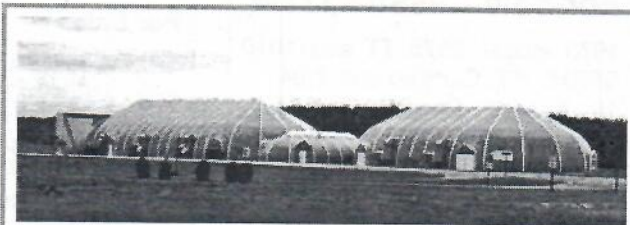
Despite significant damage to much of the Outer Banks community and Northeastern North Carolina, the December 12-17 event will occur as planned. The National Park Service and First Flight Centennial planning team express optimism for the local hurricane recovery efforts as well as the upcoming centennial celebration.

"Our thoughts are with our neighbors here in Dare County and throughout the region who were impacted by Hurricane Isabel," says Lawrence A. Belli, superintendent, Outer Banks Group, National Park Service. "Right now we are focused on clean up efforts in our communities, parks, and taking care of our people. At the same time, our centennial planning team is committed to continue plans for the December 12-17 for the First Flight Centennial Celebration at Wright Brothers National Memorial."

Wright Brothers National Memorial sustained minimal impact from the storm. No structural damage was reported to the monument, Visitor Center, new Pilot Facility sponsored by AOPA, or to the 20,000 square foot First Flight Centennial Pavilion.

The Foundation invites you to join us in celebrating the upcoming centennial. All advance tickets must be purchased on-line –

[www.wrightbrothers.reserveworld.com](http://www.wrightbrothers.reserveworld.com) -- or by



The First Flight Centennial Pavilion, above, stood up to Hurricane Isabel. The above photo was taken by Sibley Fleming, Outer Banks Sentinel and Lola Hilton, media team lead with the National Park Service.

calling 1-800-973-7327. From outside the United States, call 301-722-1257.

The proceeds from ticket sales are being collected under the authority of the National Park Service fee demonstration program. A percentage of each ticket will go to the reservations contractor. Of the remaining amount 80% of the fees will be retained for Wright Brothers National Memorial. These funds will be used to pay for the administrative costs. Anything left will go to defray the cost of the celebration. The other 20% of the fees collected go to parks that do not have a fee program.

For more info visit [www.firstflightcentennial.org](http://www.firstflightcentennial.org).



### Classifieds

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.

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See pix of restoration at: <http://www.thisoldplane.com/whatsnew.htm>  
pix of Ad at: <http://www.thisoldplane.com/ERCOUPE.pdf> 10/03

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### For Sale:

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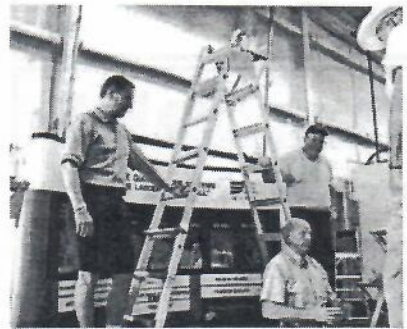


## 690 Members Traveled to Oshkosh – and to Peachtree City's Falcon Field

⇐ The "comforts of home" at AirVenture?  
David Tulis' campsite has them all! ⇒



John Embleton snapped this photo of John Sageder, and Bruce Lamb - who got roped into assisting in the demo of the ladder salesman in one of the hangars at Oshkosh. ⇒



Lori Guerin & Debi Huffman enjoyed the planes in the Tour. ⇓



George Guerin gets credit for these two snapshots taken when the National Air Tour stopped in Peachtree City in September.



Greenland Expedition members Neil Estes and Patt Epps visit with Pete Acevedo of the FAA while at Falcon Field. ⇒

## Banners Welcomed (Such As They Were Able) The National Air Tour to Chicago



The National Air Tour ([www.nationalairtour.org](http://www.nationalairtour.org)) visited "The Coolest Little Airport on the Planet" Tuesday, September 9th, coming as close as it could to landing, but ultimately having to bypass Chicago. Members of the Executive Committee of the Friends of Meigs Field were on the ground at Meigs with banners welcoming the tour to Chicago. Tour pilots planned to drop flower petals over the lake adjacent to Meigs in solidarity with the Friends of Meigs Field's efforts to re-open the famous airport, but were "dissuaded" by representatives of the FAA at the last moment. Sentiment for Meigs was high among the pilots of the historic craft.

It's OK," said Ed Hoit, flight planner for the group. "The symbolism is what counts; we want to see that airport reopened so we can share these types of historic aircraft with Chicago in the future." Original plans were to offer the public an opportunity to view these marvelous flying machines "up close and personal." Instead, the tour aircraft flew the length of the runway.

Here the tri-motors were photographed flying over Adler. ⇒



The demolition of the runways near the terminal was executed in the middle of the night on March 31st – April 1st making it impossible for the Air Tour to land at Meigs. Nevertheless, dozens of Meigs supporters made their way to the airport to watch the "sky parade," including members of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Transit Authority employees, and employees of the nearby museums. The Friends of Meigs Field are working on win-win proposals to re-open the airport and also benefit local Chicago parks. The Friends group thanked all of the participants in the National Air Tour and its sponsors for their support of Meigs Field. It was a bittersweet day. For more info visit: <http://friendsofmeigs.org>.





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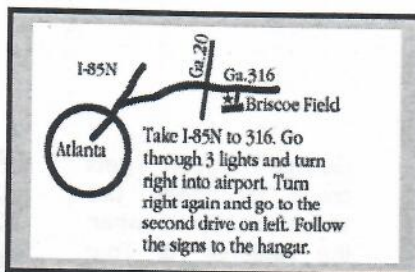
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## Come Join Us!

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

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.



**OCTOBER MEETING -**  
Friday, Oct. 10, 2003 at 8:00PM

Program – "Add-On Glider Ratings" by David Reynolds

Nominations for 2004-05 Officers

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

## 1st Annual GAFI Fly-In A Big Success

Photos by Frank Wilcox



↑ The registration tent was a hive of activity.

Thanks to the committee, our chapter volunteers, the weather, the pilots and the public, GAFI was a very successful 1<sup>st</sup> regional Fly-In Event.

Seminars, static displays, good food and Young Eagle flights all contributed to the events success.

Please see Page 2 for more GAFI photos.



↑ Formation flights added to the excitement for spectators.



The ramp was filled with aircraft on static display. ⇒

⇐ MC Steve Ashby kept the crowd informed and entertained.

