

**APRIL 2005** 

# 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

#### Bob "Punchy" Powell to present his flying experiences during WWII By John Reitz

Chapter 690 's guest speaker at the Friday, April 8th meeting will be Bob Powell. If you missed him as the presenter several years ago at one of our First Saturday Pancake Breakfasts, this is your chance to hear some fascinating stories from a WWII veteran.

When a little West Virginia boy in the early 30s tells his Dad that he wants to be a fighter pilot when he grows

up, it may seem to be quite an impossible dream. But that is exactly what Bob "Punchy" Powell did become a World War II fighter pilot in the 8th Air Force, flying P47 Thunderbolts and P51 Mustangs, protecting the bombers as they flew over Europe.



Born in Wilcoe, West Virginia, Bob acquired the nickname "Punchy" in high school where, as a very small kid growing up with big rough and tough coal miner's sons, he was always defending himself. Someone suggested he had such a punch he should try out for boxing and he subsequently became the state champion in his class. He was in his second year at West Virginia University when WW II came along. A friend convinced him that they had a chance for the Air Corp, so the 2 boys hitch-hiked to the recruitment center and took the tests. He passed and after months of training his wings were awarded in January of 1943.

Bob was sent to an air base in Bodney, England in April 1943, where he was assigned to fly P-47 Thunderbolts. These aircraft were distinctive because of their blue noses and the outfit was dubbed the "Blue Nose Bastards of Bodney" by the Germans.

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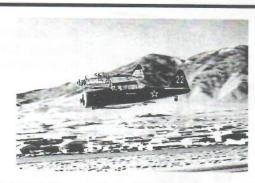
#### A Big Day for Greg Jannakos and his Zodiac 601HDS

Photos show a proud Greg receiving his Airworthiness Inspection by the Atlanta FISDO Dept on Thursday, Mar 24, 2005. The project took 4 1/4 years, with about 4000 hours, including research and gathering time. Greg said that Zenith Aircraft,





Missouri and Eastman, GA provided him with much needed support. Also, Matronics/Zodiac and FlyCorvair groups provided excellent information which helped him in making decisions.



Dr. Aaron King, author of The Golden Age of Air Racing, will present a program on the History of Air Racing at the First Saturday Pancake Breakfast on May 7th. Come hear a true expert give what promises to be a fascinating view of these exciting events.

King, is currently working on a full length book about Steve Wittman, who had an enormous impact on EAA, Oshkosh and aviation.

# **Chapter 690 Scenes**

Photos by Larry Bishop & Joel Levine



Alan Armstrong talks about the Kate after the March Pancake Breakfast.

The Ostergaards and Painters judged the chili at the annual Cook-Off. ⇒



The camaraderie and good food were enjoyed by the Cook-Off Attendees.



Cook-Off Attendees.









At our March meeting, experienced FAA Maintenance Inspector Dale Donegan told an interested audience about permissable owner maintainance.

March was a busy month for Chapter 690 Members.

We will have a Chapter 690 work day on Saturday April 9th. This will be the first of an annual Spring Cleaning Day. There will be cleaning, throwing away/giving away, organizing and cataloging things in and out of the Hangar. We will have lunch prepared at the hangar. Lots of work to be done, so-o-o-o we need your help.

Duane Huff Chairman, Board of Trustees

#### 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 email to: Inor@akorn.net

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the May 2005 NavCom is Wednesday, April 20th.

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## The President's Pitch

By Larry Bishop



It's Sun-n-Fun time! Load up your plane, car or RV and come on down to Lakeland. I'll be in the campground again this year and should be able to help if you buy something bigger than you can haul back home. You can reach me at the phone number shown below.

I placed several copies in the chapter hangar of both the FAA Sun-n-Fun NOTAM and the Quick Reference Book you will need if you fly into Lakeland this year. Everything is also available on the internet at <a href="https://www.faa.gov/fsdo/orl/snfland/arrivalphotos/">www.faa.gov/fsdo/orl/snfland/arrivalphotos/</a>. If you don't like standing in line to register for the convention, you can do it on-line this year at <a href="https://www.sun-n-fun.org/tickets">www.sun-n-fun.org/tickets</a>.

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Chili Cook-Off this year. This is an old EAA 690 tradition and we had a great turnout this year. We appreciate the efforts of Jennifer and Mike North who pulled it all together for us and our judges, Jamie and James Painter and Jeannie and Dave Ostergaard. Our winners are:

Antique – That Old Family Recipe Steve Pfeiffer Classic – Best Over-All Laura Bishop Homebuilt – Unusual Ingredients and

Taste - Scott and Robert Bruce Warbird - The Hottest Terry Stachur

Ultra-light - Jennifer North

When you are in the hangar, keep an eye on the upstairs library area for all the changes. Ted Rabenko and his recruits are installing new shelves that were recently donated and getting everything cataloged and in its place. When completed, you will be able to see a listing of all our tapes and books on our web site and then check out whatever you need when you are at the hangar. Through many generous donations from members and others, we have training material for private, instrument, commercial licenses and ratings, technical handbooks. aviation textbooks as well as many historical books and tapes.

Thanks to Greg Jannakos for organizing a project visit to Glen Clark's airplane factory last month. Glen is making great progress on his Kit Fox and we had a good turnout to see the results of all his skill and hard work. Aeroware Enterprises donated their KitLog Pro software (<a href="https://www.kitlog.com">www.kitlog.com</a>) as a door prize; congratulations to Joel Levine, the winner.

Alan Armstrong brought us his presentation on his Japanese Kate aircraft and it's operation at our March pancake breakfast. The none of the original Kates, the Japanese aircraft that led the attack on Pearl Harbor, exist today. Alan's Kate is a replica that was built for the movie Tora, Tora, Tora. Unfortunately, the airplane was in he shop and not available to be here. We hope Alan will be able to fly the Kate to one of our pancake breakfasts in the near future.

We are making good progress on the B-17 visit and fly-in in September. Duane Huff has volunteered to coordinate the B-17 visit. Jim Sweat and Debi Huffman are working on the fly-in which will include a dinner and program at the EAA hangar Saturday evening, September 24, featuring the B-17 parked at our hangar. Debi is already has commitments from two prominent aviators for our program. We need a few more EAA 690 volunteers to start working with us now for our big event; please let me know if you would be willing to help.

Our Young Eagle program is off to a great start this year. We flew about 75 kids in March and we are getting calls and e-mails for groups from all around the Atlanta area. Thanks to all our Young Eagle pilots and ground crew. We can use more help. Contact me or Duane if you can help us make a kids day. By the way, check out the new Young Eagles web site at www.youngeagles.org

As always, if you have ideas, suggestions or just want to talk about EAA Chapter stuff, please call or send me an e-mail.

Larry Bishop 770-263-7139 LDBishop@mindspring.com

## **Excuse our Dust – Library Construction in Progress!**

By Ted Rabenko

If you've been around the chapter hangar in the last few weeks you've noticed some changes in the chapter library and the conference area upstairs.

We've had a generous gift of library shelving and these have been installed upstairs. We are just waiting on yours truly to finish modification of some of the parts for the island-shelving unit.

We have close to 300 items in the library now. These items include lots of videos; hard and soft cover books and a few DVDs and CDs. The subjects range from flight training, construction techniques, aircraft maintenance to aviation novels, air show highlights and aviation coffee table books.

Only a small part of the collection has been cataloged. So, the next task is to catalog the items we have in our library collection and place them on the shelves. As items are cataloged we plan to put a PDF version of the catalog on the chapter web site for your use. There will be a searchable version of the catalog available on a computer in the library as well as a paper catalog.

Other plans include a TV and VCR in the library. Members can view tapes in the library without having to take them home. Of course 30 day honor check out of library items will continue.

Talking about library checkout, there are a number of items that have been checked out and not returned. Please check your home library for chapter library materials and return them.

There is a large collection of periodicals, including Sport Aviation, Experimenter, Vintage, AOPA, Aviation Consumer and others. We have thought about creating an index of these periodicals to make this collection useful to library users.

The library team needs your feedback! The task of making the periodical collection searchable and available in our library will require an investment in time and money. Money, to purchase commercially

available indexes from the individual publishers and time, because the purchased indexes are not complete and we must enter the remainder ourselves. Then there is also periodic maintenance required to keep the collection up to date.

All of the periodicals listed above except for Experimenter and Vintage have indexes available on line. The EAA has the complete library of Sport Aviation back to 1953 on-line. EAA charges a small fee for downloading each article from this library. AOPA has the complete text of all articles for the past 10 years on-line free for AOPA members.

There is a considerable effort required to do a quality job of making the collection available. The periodical collection can be searched and is available through other sources. For this reason, the initial assessment is to discard the entire periodical collection and rely on outside sources.

Please answer the following regarding how you think you would use the chapter periodical collection, check all that apply to you:

- I will use the periodical collection for research, a local index is important to me to find articles of interest.
  - o I am willing to help with the initial index creation
  - I am willing to help in the on going maintenance of the index.
- I don't mind using other index resources to find an article, just organize the periodicals in a way that I can easily find the month and year of an issue that I'm looking for.
- I do not expect to use the periodical collection at all.

Thanks in advance for your survey participation. Also, if you have any other thoughts, or comments about our library, send them along too.

Send your comments about the EAA 690 library to ted.rabenko@usa.net.

#### ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1st - so chapter membership dues are due at the first of the year. They can be paid to membership chairman Glenn Clark at meetings or mailed to Lnor Levine at 1340 Nerine Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338. There is an application form on page 9 of the January NavCom. Forms are also available at meetings or on the chapter web-site: www.eaa690.org.

Please include e-mail address and family information. Renewing members are requested to complete a form if there are changes to your e-mail, address, phone, project status, etc. Chapter dues may also be paid on-line through PayPal. Select the Membership Folder in Web Links. Annual Chapter dues are \$30 and \$40 for a family membership. Checks may be made to EAA Chapter 690.

# **Chapter 690 Young Eagle Update**

By Duane Huff, Chapter YE Coordinator



There were two Young Eagles events in the month of March. March 12th. proved to be very windy and two much for the Chief. But, John Kimmons flew two, taking them to Gainesville where they swapped seats and came back to LZU. Each got to fly the 172 a little bit. Chuck Huber flew the third YE Bill Ferguson and Charlie McCormick were the ground crew and Jeanne Ferguson and Bonnie McCormick registered the kids and printed their Certificates.

March 19th was an overcast day but good visibility. With the Pine Wood Derby being held in the hangar, seven pilots flew a total of 63 Young Eagles. Following is a list of personal that worked very hard to complete a very successful YE day.

#### Pilots:

Bill Bell Larry Bishop Chuck Huber Duane Huff

Michael Kiah John Kimmons John Reitz Ground Crew Walter Deere Lee Hockman

Greg Jannakos Charlie McCormick

Registration and Certificates

Kristin Corley Rachael Dennis

Bonnie McCormick

Many Thanks to each one who helps make our Young Eagles program the success that it is.

We continually receive requests for young people to participate in the Young Eagle program. Next month we have 4 to 6 scheduled for April 2nd, our pancake breakfast day. On the 16th, we could have another large group approaching the numbers that we flew this month on our Young Eagle day. Come help as a pilot or part of the ground, and you will find out why we enjoy working the YE program. Their smiles, joy and excitement is worth everything. Thanks!



#### **UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS**





Thursday, April 7- Lawrenceville, GA - FAA Safety Seminar at EAA 690 Hangar at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 8 – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting – Briscoe Field (LZU) – Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8:00 p.m. – Program: Bob "Punchy" Powell talks about his WWII flying experiences. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at Valentino's.

Saturday April 9th - First annual Chapter 690 Hangar Spring Cleaning Day

Sunday, April 10 - Georgia Flyers Program and Dinner at EAA 690 - For info: www.georgiaflyers.org

Tuesday, April 12 - Monday, April 18 - Lakeland, FL - Sun-n-Fun - For more info: http://www.sun-n-fun.org

Saturday, April 16 - 9:00 a.m. - Lawrenceville, GA - Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally

Saturday, April 23 - 9:00 a.m. - Lawrenceville, GA - Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Workshop

Saturday, April 23 - Sunday, April 24 - Lawrenceville, GA - Mooney Maintenance Course www.mooneypilots.com

Saturday, May 7 — EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Program History of Air Racing by Dr. Aaron King - Contact Joel Levine, 770/394-5466 - Web-Site: www.eaa690.org

Friday, May 13 — EAA Chapter 690 Meeting – Briscoe Field (LZU) – Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8:00 p.m. – Program by Weather Service. Informal pre-meeting dinner gathering 6:00 – 6:15 at Valentino's.

Saturday, May 14 - Lawrenceville, GA - Wild Blue Wonders Competition - - Watch for Details in NavCom

Saturday, May 21 - 9:00 a.m. - Lawrenceville, GA - Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally

Saturday, June 4 — Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Program – Annual Poker Run – Watch for Details in NavCom and at www.EAA690.org

Friday, June 10 — EAA Chapter 690 Meeting – Briscoe Field (LZU) – Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8:00 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner gathering 6:00 – 6:15 at Valentino's.

Saturday, July 2 — EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity Annual Airplane Wash - Reservations Recommended - Contact Joel Levine, 770/394-5466 - Web-Site: www.eaa690.org

Thursday, July 7 - Saturday, July 9 - Aviation Day Camp - Lawrenceville, GA - Watch for Details in NavCom

Friday, July 8 - EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. - Program TBA

Monday, July 25 - Sunday, July 31 - AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI - For more info - www.eaa.org

Saturday, August 13 - EAA Chapter 690's Annual Post Oshkosh Bash. Watch for Details in NavCom and at www.EAA690.org

Thursday, September 22 - Sunday, September 25 - Lawrenceville, GA - EAA Chapter 690 Hosts the B-17 - Rides and Tours

Saturday, September 24 – Lawrenceville, GA – Special Event Celebrating the return of the B-17 to Georgia - Evening WWII Roundtable and Low Country Boil – Watch for Details in NavCom and at www.EAA690.org



#### A STORY ABOUT ONE AIRPLANE

By Henry L. Gauntt, EAA 12165

When I started attending meetings of EAA chapter 37 in Miami ,Florida, there were discussions amongst the members about building a chapter owned and built airplane. Several members were building or had built homebuilts and heated arguments occurred frequently about what design to follow.

Someone offered a low-time Continental 65 hp engine for \$200. The chapter voted to buy it, and that was the kick-in-the-pants we needed. After much discussion we decided to build a Pietenpol. Jim Ingram drew a set of working drawings from the original Modem Mechanix magazine and we were on our way.

Ribs are always the first items to be made. We were given the wing tank and the internal bracing from a Fairchild 24 wing. The fuselage and tail feathers went together in Al Prentice's garage. An organized group spliced the wing-halves into a wonderful monstrous wing with all the correct dimensions. It was taken to my garage for covering, stitching, and doping.

The worst problem was the landing gear. Nobody wanted a fixed gear - even with air wheels. Some one came up with a well-wrecked Cub J5 fuselage. The complete main-gear was removed - it amounted to a square of tubing with all the pieces attached. It was wider than the Piet fuselage, and when it was cut to size, the wheels moved outboard, making lousy geometry, but it held a heading. This might make you think it was easy. Far from it - and this covers more than two years of haggling, cussing, and trading. Charlie Lasher was the spark plug - he had kept all the records and was our pipeline to the FAA. At the end of building, he ran the weight-balance data and filed the paperwork for the license.

I don't remember who flew the initial test hop, but it was a happy day. We named it "ForFun" and painted the name with show card paint. We didn't have

much trouble getting the restricted hours flown off. One accident — Dick Nafe tried a wheel landing, and when the prop started hitting the runway he firewalled the throttle and yanked the stick. The plane had no thrust from what was left of the prop and it pancaked from an estimated 10-15 feet. Now Dick is a very hefty guy, and as the plywood seat crushed beneath him, a hundred or so small nails penetrated his butt. Dick lived bard over that one, but the plane got a durable seat during repairs.

The repairs improved the plane considerably. The landing gear geometry was corrected and I installed a bungee type pitch trim system that worked real good. Things were going well.

During the Summer of '64 (I think), it was decided to fly ForFun to the EAA National Convention at Rockford, IL and hopefully have the first chapter project to attend a National Convention. We hoped to get some recognition and a big "ATTABOY" for the feat. WRONG. The national HQ actively discourages chapter owned airplanes. Fred Peachey flew it to Rockford and I returned it to Miami in a 3 day trip.

After the Rockford experience things became normal. Members flew it, carried passengers, got tail dragger competency and other normal activities. Bill Stultz and I flew to the air races at St Petersburg and returned. Fred Peachey won first-place in a spot-landing contest in it. It's performance was about equal to the 6S hp Champ.

I had left my employment at EAL and was living in Vero Beach, FL when I heard of the end of ForFun. A member named George Chambers allowed a stall to develop into a spin and the spin became a flat spin. He crashed into a tomato field and got out with no serious injuries.

I learned a lot about people and airplanes from my years associating with EAA Chapter 37 and with ForFun.

# **Exciting News-**

Chapter 690 will once again host the B-17!

The B-17 tour will once again come to the Gwinnett County Airport in Lawrenceville. Details of the September 22nd-25th visit have not yet been finalized. Watch the NavCom and visit the Chapter web-site for information as it becomes available. Come to the next planning meeting on Tuesday, April 19th and join the adventure.



#### EAA 690 Crossword Puzzle

By Jeanne Miller

## Answers to puzzle from page 6 of March '05 NavCom

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# Bob "Punchy" Powell to present his flying experiences during WWII - (Cont. from Page 1)

These were great airplanes but they had no range. They flew with the bombers as far as possible before they had to head back home. Many times they crossed the 100 miles of the North Sea with the gas gage



reading empty. Bob flew half of his 87 missions in the Thunderbolt and then in April of 1944 a fleet of P-51 Mustangs arrived at the field. They came one day and were slated for missions the next. Without tech orders or any instruction, the pilots had 30 minutes flying time to figure out how to fly this new aircraft before they headed out to surprise the Germans. The German fighters knew the range of the P-47 Thunderbolts so they would lie in waiting just beyond that range and then attack the long range bombers. What a surprise when the P-51s kept on

coming, for instead of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours these new aircraft had  $6\frac{1}{2}$  hours flying time.

After flying over 300 combat hours he returned to the states on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1944 and married Betty, his high school sweetheart, and has three children, five grandchildren and two great grandsons. He became involved with research and testing at Wright Patterson Airfield until the end of the war. He returned to college where he got a degree in journalism. Because of his experience with Mustangs he was called back into service in the Korean conflict and tested new equipment on these aircraft.

During his long journalism career and especially after retirement in 1987, "BlueNose Bob," as he was also nicknamed, has been active in keeping the fighter pilot group together to continue the friendship they formed 60 years ago. Bob was very instrumental in the development and completion of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum that opened in 1995 in Savannah, Georgia. Bob has also written a book entitled "Bluenosed Bastards of Bodney" describing his WWII experiences.

# Minutes of the March 8, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Gwathney

Attending Members

Larry Bishop Jeff Gwathney **Duane Huff** 

Jamie Painter John Reitz Jim Sweat

**Lnor Levine** 

**Absent Members** Mike North

Mike Stewart

Visitors

Cliff Aiken

Debi Huffman

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Painter,

The following reports were made:

- Financial
- **Board of Trustees** 
  - o See BoT meeting minutes
  - o Door closer installed on hangar front door
  - o Dance ball is up
  - o The stove has been moved
  - Rear outside light worked on
- Food Services No report
- Programs
- Monthly meeting programs scheduled through May
  - Pat Donegan is the March speaker
  - o Punchy Powell is the April Speaker
  - Speaker from the Weather Service
  - o Pancake breakfast programs are scheduled through July
- Membership
  - Total renewals are a bit ahead of last year
- Library
  - Ted Rabenko is updating / organizing library
    - Database
    - New material
    - New shelves (donated)
- Newsletter Will push for e-mail distribution
- Web-site PayPal for renewals is currently not working
- Young Eagles Flights scheduled for the March 12 and 19, April 16, June 18, July 16

Aviation Youth Camp will be July 5 - 9

- Project Visit Glen Clark's on March 12th at Noon
- Fly-outs
  - None scheduled at this time

#### Old Business

- Need more traffic cones for traffic control / parking on pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally
- Soda machine problems have been solved

#### **New Business**

- B-17/Fly-In Status
  - o B17 will be at LZU September 22 25
  - o 8 flights each morning
  - o 8 passengers per flight
  - Tours each afternoon
  - Duane Huff will be coordinator
  - Limited Fly-In will be Saturday, September 24
  - Next planning meeting is Tuesday, March 15
- EAA Air Academy Scholarships Approved two student positions this year
  - Application deadline March 15
  - Debi has applications now
  - o EAA 690 has \$264 credit for YE flights in 2004
- Margaret Wilcox Woman's Scholarship fully funded for this year
- Also approved donation of \$100 each for two Fernbank Aeroscholar scholarships
- Wild Blue Wonders Competition to be held in hangar on Saturday, May 14th
  - o 4 Teams
  - We will assist a team, arrange for lunch
- Einstein Project: hands on science projects for kids was discussed
- EAA 690 land lease is currently 25 years; we are now in year 11. It was announced at a recent Airport Authority meeting that the standard lease at LZU is now 40 years (25 years with three extensions of five years each). A letter was written to the Airport Manager requesting the longer lease.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

## Aerospace in the Community - A Program for Rising 7th-9th Graders

Explore the local aerospace community in a way you have never imagined, with hands-on activities and visits to aviation and space-related resources in the Atlanta Community. Students will construct models, including a wing rib for an airplane. They will be invited to go on an optional Young Eagle short cross-country flight on Saturday, July 9th.

Dr. Deborah J. Huffman, Aeronautics Instructor **DeKalb County Schools** Fernbank Science Center

Mornings at Fernbank from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 156 Heaton Park Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30307

Week 3 - July 5-8 (July 9 optional)

fee: \$200

http://www.FernbankScienceCenter.org has the camp brochure and application as well as info about our other camps.

Or call: 678.874.7136 - office 678-874-7110 - fax

# Minutes of the March 11, 2005 Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

- The meeting was called to order by Larry Bishop, President
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions of Guests and Members
- Approval of the February 11, 2004 meeting minutes as published in the December NavCom.
- The next Pancake Breakfast program on April 2.
   Program is on Aviation Photography to be presented by Rick Gullett.
- The next monthly meeting is Friday, April 8, 2005.
   Program presentation by Bob "Punchy" Powell, P-51 WW II Pilot.
- Upcoming events were announced:
  - Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Everyone is invited to attend.
  - Board of Directors Tuesday, April 5, 2005.
     Everyone is invited.
  - Young Eagle Rallies March 12 and 19
  - Project Visit at Glenn Clark's home March 12
  - Next B-17/Fly-In planning meeting March 15
  - o EAA 690 Annual Chili Cook-off March 19
  - o FAA Safety Seminar at EAA Hangar April 7
  - Georgia Flyers at EAA 690 Dinner April 10
     Sun-n-Fun at Lakeland, FL April 12 18
  - Wild Blue Wonders State competition at EAA hangar – May 14

- Youth Aviation Day Camp, Fernbank / EAA July 5 9
- EAA B-17 at EAA 690 / LZU September 22 -25
- Committee Reports
  - o Publicity Joel Levine
  - Food Services Mike North
  - o Finance Mike Stewart
  - Board of Directors Jamie Painter
  - NavCom Lnor Levine
  - o Project Visit Greg Jannakos
  - Board of Trustees Duane Huff
  - Young Eagles Duane Huff
  - Youth Activities Debi Huffman & Duane Huff
- The new EAA Chapter forming at Mathis Airport was discussed; has support of EAA and EAA 690
- New Air Park planning for GA 400 North
- An extension to the EAA 690 Lease with LZU has been requested
- George Cowan, our senior Technical Counselor led a discussion of aircraft safety and inspections.
- After a brief break for coffee and snacks we had an presentation by Dale Donegan, FAA Maintenance Inspector, regarding Maintenance of your Certificated or Homebuilt Aircraft.
- The meeting was adjourned.

# Minutes of the March 1, 2005 EAA 690 Board of Trustee Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Lee Olson

Attending: D. Huff, L. Bishop, L. Wallis, B. Ferguson, J. Shingleton, & L. Olson

The first order of business was the election of officers for 2005. The new officers elected were:

Chairman: D. Huff Vice Chairman: L. Olson Secretary: L. Wallis

Next order of business was a review of the open action items:

- The dance ball has been relocated to the Chapter hangar, and suspended from a purling. Item closed.
- The bifold hangar door has been inspected, and all cables, hinges, etc have been adjusted & lubricated, item closed.
- Fire bottles must be inspected by outside firm every 12 months, or immediately after seal is broken. Due to fee's associated with this activity it has been referred to the B.O.D. for their review.
- Lights on rear staircase repaired. Item closed.

New business:

- 2 new sweeps were added to front door
- Heating unit above front door requires repair
- Copies of Hangar Use" guidelines are needed, J. Shingleton will provide
- Estimate of cost for 4x8 Chapter sign required, J. Shingleton will research
- Airport manager must approve installation of 4x8 Chapter sign,
- Coke machine requires up to date products installed, D. Huff will obtain key to machine & resupply
- More light needed in corner areas, members will investigate alternative lighting sources.

A CHAPTER WORK DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 9th at 10 AM

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting, but if I have omitted anything you believe needs to be included please let me know and I will reissue.

#### 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.

#### E-Mail Address Changes

To contact NavCom editor Lnor Levine, please send info and articles to LNOR\_L@BELLSOUTH.NET

To contact Publicity Chairman Joel Levine, please send your info to JLEVINE@BELLSOUTH.NET

Over time, many chapter members have changed e-mail addresses. Notices of Chapter activities are bouncing back. If you are not currently receiving 690's NOTAMS and would like to keep abreast of current news, updates about activities and periodic reminders, please send your current e-mail address to Joel at JLEVINE@BELLSOUTH.NET



#### PLAN AHEAD NOW -

You won't want to miss Chapter 690's meetings and activities.

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfasts feature aviation programs or activities. Our meetings, on the 2nd Friday of each month, include programs on a variety of topics.



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#### **WANTED - HANGAR SPACE**

Trying to potentially find space in one of the large chapter hangers for my nearly completed RV6A. Expecting it to be complete this Spring.

Kaeye Wehrell 2556 Old Orchard Trail Marietta, GA 30062 770-993-9421 kwehrell@zakhug.com

#### The NavCom is Available On-Line

The current issue of the NavCom, and the archived issues from January 2002 forward, are available for download - in full color at www.eaa690.org.

We are hoping to save substantial postage costs by distributing the chapter newsletter by e-mail or download. Please notify me if this will be a possible mode of delivery for you.

Lnor Levine, NavCom Editor LNOR L@BELLSOUTH.NET

I have a 25 gal fuel tank, never used, professionally welded. I also have assorted pieces of aircraft spruce (clear). These items are what remains of an aborted project. I would like to dispose of these items should anyone be interested in having them. I also have some ceramic cloth to be used as firewall. Should you know of someone who could use such items I would appreciate hearing from them. Thank you.

Don M. Alspaugh 196 Comstock Court Lawrenceville, GA 30044 770-995-5286 or donalspa1@bellsouth.net

#### Engine For Sale:

Lyc 200HP IO-360-A3B6D with accessories.

Engine log included and available for review.

3944 TT, 1716 SMOH \$8500.

Mike Mckenna 770-962-7064 mmckenna@bellsouth.net New door panels New headliner

New Nose Bowl

Plane stripped and repainted

Front Strut rebuilt

New Steering Rods and Boots New Tach Rebuilt starter and generator

New air box.

New vacuum pump Oil filter added

New baffling. Annual in Oct or Nov.

New carpeting installed.

If you are interested in look-see... Contact Frank 770 923-6149 PS includes other (+s)

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EAA AirVenture Oshkosh offers once-in-a-lifetime aviation experiences, such as the world's only exhibition of White Knight and SpaceShipOne together, the paired air/space vehicles that made history last fall. Additional plans envision bringing GlobalFlyer, which circled the Earth to complete a record-setting flight on March 3.

These attractions and so much more await you: from ultralight aircraft to WWII bombers, from antiques to state-of-the-art aircraft, from the best tools to the best how-tos, from aerobats to astronauts, from forums for adults to KidVenture, from the newest products to timeless treasures.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh brings aviation to life and makes you an active part of aviation's family. Give wings to your aviation dreams this summer: Go to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005!

Use Chapter meetings and events as an opportunity to plan ride and accommodation sharing. And then attend the Chapter 690 Post Oshkosh Bash and share stories and pictures with those who attended AirVenture.

Vintage Airplane Association, Chapter 3

# Spring Fly-In May 6, 7 & 8, 2005 Burlington, North Carolina

- Awards in all categories
- Friday Early Bird Barbecue
- Saturday Flying & Competition for Awards
- Major Speaker at Saturday Awards Dinner
- Hotel: Best Western Burlington (336-584-0151)

#### Additional Info:

Morton Lester, Box 3747 Martinsville, VA 24115

Phone: 276-638-8783

E-Mail: eiwilson@homexpressway.net

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Please submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: Inor\_l@bellsouth.net

# WELCOME NEW

Charles & Nancy Bartlett, Jr.

Raquel Batista

Scott & Laura Bruce

David & Beth Carroll

Henry Gauntt

Anne Huppertz

Dennis Ingle

Mark & Lana Jimenez

Mrs. James Lawrence

John Morrow

William & Kaye Pardue Susan & Stephen Pfeiffer

Patrick Phillips

George & Teresa Powell

Steven Rausch

William Stewart

George & Joannie Strobel

Charles Throckmorton

Paul & Tania Ziegler

#### 2005 Jim Shafer Memorial Tournament of Angels

# Monday, May 9th The Woodlands Course at Chateau Elan

Entry fees for the golf tournament will benefit Angel Flight of Georgia. Tee off, enjoy a great round, and help Angel Flight get people to the hope of potentially life saving treatments! For fees and additional information call 770-452-7958 or go to www.angelflight-ga.org

### On Sale in the AeroShoppe -



World of Flight 2005 Calendar features selected works from a 20-year retrospective of EAA Chief Photographer Jim Koepnick.

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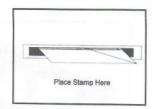
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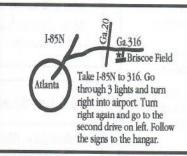


# Come Join Us!

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

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

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am



#### **APRIL MEETING**

Friday, APRIL 8tth, 2005

Program - "Flying In WWII" presentation by pilot, journalist and author Bob "Punchy" Powell.

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

### **Pilots' Safety Seminar**

Astron Enterprises, Inc. and EAA Chapter 690 will sponsor a Safety Seminar -

Date: Thursday April 7, 2005 Place: EAA Chapter 690 Hangar

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

**Topic: Runway Incursions and Traffic Patterns** Speaker: Astron's Chief Pilot, Ernie Schnaak CFII

For more information contact: Ernie Schnaak 770-682-9949 or Safety Counselor Sue Adams 770-237-0019

This seminar fills the requirements of the Wings

Program.

#### NEW!! NEW!! NEW!! NEW!!

Chapter logo decals are now available for \$3 each in the AeroShoppe. These high quality decals are perfect for cars, windows, and anyplace that you want to show your Chapter 690 colors! Get yours at the next meeting or pancake breakfast.



Chapter 690 Member Elgin Wells, Jr. will be flying the Decathlon in the Sun 'n Fun airshows Wednesday bthe 13th, Thursday the 14thand Friday the 15th. He will also be giving the "Introduction to Aerobatics" forum at the annual Spring Southeast Regional Fly-In.

For events schedules, maps, arrival procedures and other information, and to purchase tickets on-line, visit: http://www.sun-n-fun.org/

Visit with members at coming chapter events to arrange to share rides to this great Southeast Spring Aviation Event. Example: Forrest Wilson is trying to find someone who wants a ride to Lakeland. Contact him at: 16fw@bellsouth.net