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NavCom

News and Information for the Gwinnett County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Road, Lawrenceville, GA



Nominations are Announced & Elections Scheduled - Come Vote on November 14th

By Margaret Wilcox

At the November meeting there will be an election of officers for the coming two years with terms starting January 2004. Offices to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. There will also be an election of two members of the Board of Trustees.

The following members have accepted nominations:

For President:

Larry Bishop - Has been an EAA member for 28 years and joined Chapter 690 in 1981 soon after moving to Atlanta. He has been an active member serving three terms on the Board of Directors, two as chairman, participating in Fly Ins, Wings Weekends and Flying Start as well as flying Young Eagles. He is an active pilot with Angel Flight/Air Lifeline providing transportation to persons in need of medical transportation.

He is a private pilot with instrument rating and 2500 hours flying time. His A&P license is only missing the practical exam. He learned to fly in Cessnas and has since owned a Luscombe 8A, a Stinson 108 which he rebuilt. Since moving to Atlanta he has owned a Cessna 172, a 1967 Mooney and his present Mooney Ovation, new last year. His current project is rebuilding a 1938 Aeronca C50.

Larry is an electrical engineer and his career has been split between NASA and the telecommunications industry. He recently retired as Senior Vice President of Conklin-Intracom, a world-wide supplier of telecommunications products. Too young to hang up his hat, he is now involved in two technology start-up companies.

Larry's primary interest in aviation is getting kids involved in aviation and building/rebuilding historical aircraft. He will continue to offer his airplane and his time to persons with medical transportation needs.

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The Development of Stealth At Lockheed Advanced Development Projects - the Skunk Works

Our guest speaker on Friday, November 14th will be Mike Merritt. You won't want to miss his presentation on Lockheed Advanced Development Projects - - the Skunk Works.

Mike spent 20 years in the Air Force flying fighters: the F-4, A-10, A-7, and F-117. He was one of the first operational pilots in the Stealth Fighter and came back to Command the 416th Fighter Squadron, the Ghost Riders, before his move to industry. He is currently a Lockheed Martin manager in F/A-22 Improvements and Derivatives in Marietta. Mike is



an Outstanding Graduate of the Fighter Weapons School and an active General Aviation Pilot.

Snapshot of Mike Merritt at the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk.

9th Annual Hangar Dance "Best Ever"

Dancers, wanabee dancers and dance observers alike had a marvelous time at this year's Hangar Dance. With a smoother dance floor, fantastic desserts, the always fabulous Atlanta Blue Notes, marvelous decorations and the all new Silent Auction all contributing



to the event, a grand time was had by all! (More photos by Michelle Hurley inside.)

Chapter 690 Scenes – The Annual Hangar Dance

Photos by Michelle Hurley



⇐ The tempting variety of delicious desserts were plentiful and attractively displayed.

Guests visited the Silent Auction table throughout the evening, placing their bids on a host of interesting items. ⇒



⇐ A view of the hangar, bedecked with balloons and flags.



Dave & Jeannie Ostergaard during a brief moment between their hosting duties. ⇒



⇐ Dexter Noble, who has attended all of our dances, had many dance partners that evening. (He and his wife won one of the best dancing couple prizes.)

One of the many tables of happy attendees, enjoying the Blue Notes. ⇒



⇐ Michelle Hurley put down her camera long enough to dance a few numbers with Mike Stewart. Joel Levine grabbed her camera to document the moment.



Another table of guests enjoying the evening. ⤴

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

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. Due to Thanksgiving, the deadline for the December 2003 NavCom is Monday, November 17th.

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The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



Hangar Dance number IX was a complete success. The Atlanta Blue Notes sounded great as usual. The Silent Auction, added this year, created some excitement and interest and was very well received. Using the larger hangar proved to be very beneficial. The smoother floor made a much better dance floor and was appreciated by dancers that have attended before. The decorations were beautiful and the airplanes created a great atmosphere for our WWII type Hangar dance. Thanks to the CAF and Dave Hirshman for bringing the Douglas Dauntless, and to Terry Adams for displaying his SNJ. (ED. Note: Thanks also to Duane for displaying his award winning Aeronca Chief.) We offer many thanks to Dave and Jeannie Ostergaard and Lee Olson for their work organizing the dance. Three days of hard work went into moving, setting up, decorating and moving back. Much appreciation goes to all those who helped with these tasks.

Beautiful weather was the key to having a large number of aircraft for the South East Regional Fly-In at Evergreen Alabama last month. This was the first year that Chapter 690 was affiliated with the Fly-In, and I was very pleased with the number of our members who helped. A large number of our members attended and participated. Team RV, lead by Mike

Stewart, was a big part of the Air Show with their formation flying, and Mike created much excitement with his engine out landing. I participated by flying a couple of Young Eagles. **One of our members, Bernie Schaknowski**, came away with the top award for his Delta Dyke.

The Young Eagles count now exceeds 990,000. We will be flying Y.E. on November 1st and on December 6th. Would it not be fantastic if the 1,000,000th Young Eagle were flown by a Chapter 690 pilot? I know how excited I would be. Come help us be a part of reaching the goal.

The November meeting is an important meeting. We will be voting on new officers for the coming term. You will also have the opportunity to select the member of the year for that award, so please be thinking about the person that you think deserves that honor.

I have not heard of anyone who has completed a project this year. If you know of anyone who has, please let me know so that we can recognize their achievement at the Awards Banquet in December. I regret that I cannot attend this meeting as I have a family commitment. Chapter VP Debi Huffman will conduct the meeting.

Chapter 690 you're the GREATEST. Keep up the good work.

Only 6,384 Young Eagles to Go!



As of October 29th the EAA web-site (www.eaa.org) reports that we have flown 993,616 Young Eagles so far. It's no longer a question of if we will meet our Young Eagles goal – but when the 1,000,000th YE will be flown.

The child who becomes the millionth registered Young Eagle, and that flight's pilot, will be invited to the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, for the First Flight Centennial Celebration on December 12-17. That child will be selected on a random basis as the registrations are received at the Young Eagles office. That Young Eagle and pilot will represent all the Young Eagles and pilots who have participated in the program.

Weather permitting, EAA 690 members can add to that total on November 1st and December 6th. 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.

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For Vice President:

John Reitz - joined EAA in 1998 and Chapter 690 in 2000. He has been active flying Young Eagles as well as working the ramp during YE Rallies. An active promoter of aviation he has been active in the Wings program and Angel Flight.

John got his private pilot's license in 1959 flying Cessna 170 and 180s and continued flying until 1967. A move to Texas with a new job, family interests and such caused him to put flying on hold. After retirement in Atlanta in 1995 he started to attend our pancake breakfasts, took the Flying Start program and got hooked on aviation again. After a refresher ground school course he bought a Cessna 172 and is again flying local and cross country.

John retired after 30 years with GE and Ericsson-GE. His other life includes traveling and cruising with his wife and volunteering at WSB with Clark Howard and at the Gwinnett Senior Center.

For Secretary:

Jeff Gwathney - a member of EAA and Chapter 690 for three years has not had a leadership position in the chapter, but is a faithful attendee to meetings and pancake breakfasts. He served a secretary on the GAFI committee this year.

Jeff is working hard at polishing his flying skills with the aim of obtaining his private pilot's license very soon. He is also studying aircraft with intent of someday building a plane. To date he has not built or owned an aircraft.

James Welch - a member since the summer of 2002 (both 690 and national). Never owned or built an airplane - yet! No FAA certifications - yet! - but is no stranger to certifications: Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) by the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE). No position of leadership in EAA or 690 - yet!

Currently between careers, James has held positions as a Program Manager, Informations Systems Manager, Technical Systems Engineer, Inventory Manager, Product Manager, and Structural Analyst. A lifelong aviation enthusiast, James has built models, collected books, subscribed to magazines, visited museums and attended airshows. He even managed to hitch a ride on the USS Independence as a guest of the air wing. Has taken hundreds of photographs of anything with wings. Knows more about military aircraft than civilian, but that's one of the reasons he joined EAA. James says that "Holding down the secretary's job is a way to give back to others and to help the chapter maintain its winning ways."

For Treasurer:

Mike Stewart - an active member of Chapter 690 for several years and the present treasurer, has consented to be a candidate for the office for another term.

During the past 2 years he has also been the chairman of the Board of Directors and Web-Master. He formerly served the chapter as Newsletter editor. His contributions to the chapter were recognized with the Outstanding Member Award in 2002.

Mike's pride and joy is his RV6 which he built and has flown over 1000 hours in the 2+ years since completion. He has been instrumental in developing a group of RV6 owners dedicated to formation flying. They have given demonstrations all over the country. He also flies a restored Aeronca chief co-owned with Scott Solberg.

For Membership on the Board of Trustees:

(The Board of Trustees are responsible for all the property owned by Chapter 690. We will elect 2 new members to the BOT this year.)

Chip Lewis - has been an EAA member for 4 years and Chapter 690 member for three years. He has made significant contribution in the restoration of the New Standard Wings, a chapter project. He is interested in becoming more active in the chapter by assuming a position of leadership.

Chip is a pilot with Air Transport Pilot's Certification, plus Certified Flight Instructor with Instrument rating and flies for US Airways. He is also a certified A&P mechanic. While in the past he has been part owner of C-210 and C-182, he is now deprived of aircraft ownership, but continues very active in general aviation as he has since the early 1970s.

Duane Huff - as retiring president of chapter 690, Duane is willing to continue active leadership in the chapter. We all know of his interest, love and devotion to aviation evidenced by his winning of one of 10 Annual Outstanding Achievement Awards given by EAA National at Oshkosh this past summer. A long time member of EAA and Chapter 690, Duane has held innumerable leadership roles.

Duane loves to fly Young Eagles in his award winning Aeronca Chief which he restored. He has not only headed the Young Eagle program for ten years, but has personally flown more youth than any other Chapter 690 member, and all one at a time. He also leads many airport tours for youngsters. He is active in the restoration of the New Standard Wings and has contributed countless hours to the interior development of the chapter building. His expertise will be valuable as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Reminder – Come Vote for The Member of the Year

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.

1984	Harold Stalcup
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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

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences to Harriet Strand and her family on the death Dick Strand, longtime Chapter Member and member of the Smartie Group. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

WANTED: Chapter member to assume the responsibilities of Membership Chairman. Lee Craymer will not be able to continue in this position due to changing job responsibilities. Please contact Lee at 770-995-0735 or Duane Huff at 770-962-3117 if you are willing to accept this position.

Correction: The letter attributed to Dale Schonmeyer in the October NavCom was contributed by Dale. The author is unknown.

A Web-Site Worth Visiting:

The "Save the Concorde" Chat Page
www.saveconcorde.co.uk

UPS LOANS RADIO BASE STATIONS TO OPERATION MIGRATION

Late last week EAA put out the word that the Operation Migration (OM) team, which is poised to begin another ultralight-led migration of whooping cranes from Wisconsin to Florida, was in need of aircraft radios to help with ground-to-air communication along their journey. We're happy to report that someone (United Parcel Service) has come through for them.

John Mahanna, an EAA member who works for UPS out of Louisville, Kentucky, read about the request in last week's e-HOT LINE newsletter and decided to see if his company could help. A pilot, one-time instructor, and current homebuilder (he's in the process of building a Pober Junior Ace which he purchased from the designer-EAA Founder and Chairman Paul Poberezny), Mahanna noticed Operation Migration's request for radios in the Friday, October 10 edition.

"That's what I do for UPS," said Mahanna, whose title is telecommunications technical analyst. "I decided, what the heck, I'll touch base with upper management and see if we might be able to help them out."

After forwarding the newsletter up the chain of command, he got the go-ahead to offer the OM team the use of two battery-operated UPS SL-40 base stations for the duration of the trip, potentially 50-60 days. Now the OM pilots can be in continuous communication with the ground, rather than having to relay info sporadically as in the past.

"We're shipping the radios this afternoon (October 15), via UPS of course," Mahanna quipped.

The OM team is thrilled with the donation. "Our pilots must be able to communicate effectively with the ground team," said spokesperson Heather Ray. "This will be a huge help in keeping our ground crew in contact with our pilots. When we have to change the location of a planned stop, it's a logistical nightmare to keep everyone informed. It will be much easier with 2 more radios. We're glad EAA helped us get the word out."

Pilot Joe Duff explained the donated radios will also help in-flight. "Our handheld radios are good for about 2-3 miles and that's it. With the base stations we should be much better off."

During the migration flight, biologists on the ground release the cranes, which then follow the three airborne ultralights. If the aircraft encounter headwinds, they have to turn around, but by that time their handheld radios are out of range of the ground crews. On past flights, the pilots relayed information through other pilots flying top-cover in a Cessna 182, who would then communicate to the ground—a logistical mess that should be alleviated with the UPS radio base stations. For updated info, check www.operationmigration.org.



Countdown to Kitty Hawk

The EAA Countdown to Kitty Hawk is a centennial celebration of the Wright brothers' first powered flight - an innovation that forever changed our world. Led by EAA, presented by Ford Motor Company and supported by Microsoft Flight Simulator, Eclipse Aviation and Northrop Grumman Corp., this yearlong series of inspirational events honors the innovation and determination it takes to make world-changing dreams a reality. Countdown to Kitty Hawk features an interactive touring pavilion and the world's most-accurate 1903 Wright flyer reproduction built by The Wright Experience that will exclusively re-enact the Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on Dec. 17, 2003 - exactly 100 years later.

A Nationwide Tour

EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk Touring Pavilion is an impressive interactive exhibit visiting U.S. cities and events throughout 2003 and into 2004. The exposition celebrates the invention of first flight and the ensuing possibilities that wondrous achievement launched.

The touring pavilion showcases EAA's accurately reproduced 1903 Wright Flyer, while documents on display are drawn entirely from the Library of Congress collections. This story is further brought to life through a theatrical re-enactment with actors portraying 1903 Kitty Hawk resident, Bill Tate and fictional flying machine inventor, Travis Fowler, to give visitors spirited insight into the remarkable discovery of flight.

The tour concludes at the First Flight Centennial Celebration at Kitty Hawk, NC, Dec. 13 - 17.



First Flight Centennial Celebration - December 17, 2003

Reenactment of the Wright Brothers' first flight at 10:35 a.m. on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kill Devil Hills, NC, exactly 100 years to the minute after the historic event. The pilot and participants will wear authentic dress of the period.

EAA's 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction will be the only plane permitted by the National Park Service to fly at the Wright Brothers National Monument on that day and time.

Ceremonial flight of the 1 millionth Young Eagle.

Women and Flight Exhibit

Fernbank Announces Major Photographic Exhibition

Title: Women and Flight

When: October 18 - November 30, 2003

Who: Photographs of women aviators and astronauts

What: Exhibition on loan from the Smithsonian Institution

Where: Fernbank Science Center, 156 Heaton park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307

Admission: There is no charge for admission to the Science Center.

Parking: There is ample free parking.

Hours: Mon. 8:30 - 5, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 - 10, Sat: 10 - 5, Sun 1 - 5

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27th

"Women and Flight," a Smithsonian traveling exhibition, will be on view at Fernbank Science Center from October 18 through November 30, 2003.

This is one stop on a five-year national tour. The exhibition is part of Fernbank Science Center's year-long celebration of 100 years since the Wright Brothers. This Centennial of Flight Celebration features evening talks and a variety of other happenings, and is coordinated with events throughout Georgia and the entire nation.

The exhibition features 75 black-and-white photographs of contemporary women pilots. The photographer is Carolyn J. Russo, on staff at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C. The photographs, accompanied by quotes and biographical sketches, profile 37 women aviators and astronauts. The number for public information is 678-874-7102. Media info 678-874-7131.

Full version of this story with photos at <http://fsc.fernbank.edu/press/women.html>

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 9-29-03.**

October 18 – November 30

Women in Flight Exhibit

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

Keeping Aviation Safe for All of Us

"Learning from Tragedy – Aviation Accident Investigations"

A commercial aviation accident is usually the result of a complex confluence of events. The aftermath is no less dynamic, centered on assisting those aboard the aircraft and/or their families and discovering the probable cause.

Russell Goutierez, an experienced airline emergency responder and CARE Team leader, will explore accident response with a focus on developments over the last ten years and the lasting lessons the industry has learned from tragedy.

Goutierez is an airline professional whose experience spans nearly fourteen years with American Airlines and two years with Delta. He has held key positions in emergency response, operations control, revenue management, and customer service.

In 1993, he volunteered for the airline's Customer

Assistance Relief Effort (CARE) Team, which responds to emergencies and accidents, and was soon selected as a Team Leader, assisting survivors and families following four fatal accidents.

Following a promotion to manager of the CARE Program, Russell authored the airline's Survivor/Family Assistance Plan for submission under the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act and later testified before the Department of Transportation's Task Force on Assistance to Families of Aviation Disasters. He also took a leading role in industry working groups and directed the CARE Team's response to the June 1, 1999 accident involving American Flight 1420 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Today, he is a senior pricing analyst for Delta Air Lines and a volunteer member of Delta's accident response team.

Russell's presentation will be on Friday November 7th, from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM, in the Jim Cherry Memorial Planetarium at Fernbank Science Center, 156 Heaton Park Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Georgia's Centennial of Flight Celebration Concludes with a Grand Finale

A Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be held at the Delta Airlines Heritage Museum Hangar on Saturday, December 13th. The evening's music will be by the Modernaires and dinner will be provided by Low Country Barbecue. Attire for the evening is period clothing or casual. Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. Groups can reserve tables of ten for \$500. Profits from the evening will go to the Wingman Scholarship Program.

The winner of the "DC-3 for a Day" Raffle will be announced at the dance. \$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 the winner and guests to a nearby point of interest or to a restaurant for lunch. Contact Debi Huffman at 678-874-7136 or debi.huffman@fernbank.edu for info or to purchase raffles or dance tickets.



First Flight Centennial Update

www.firstflightcentennial.org

TRAVOLTA TO EMCEE FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL

John Travolta will serve as master of ceremonies for the program on December 17. Travolta, a licensed jet pilot who serves as Qantas' Ambassador-at-Large, will also fly his Boeing 707 as part of the day's ceremonial fly-over. He has logged close to 5,000 hours since earning his wings in 1974.



"John Travolta has served as an ambassador for flight around the world," said Lawrence A. Belli, National Park Service. "It is fitting that he will join us in honoring the Wright brothers' achievements 100 years later."

"I was thrilled to kick-off the national celebration last December," said Travolta. "It is an even bigger honor to be asked to participate in the activities of the day 100 years later on the very ground where it all began."

SOMETHING FOR ALL AT THE CELEBRATION

In addition to aviation-related activities, daily musical entertainment will be provided at 1 p.m. on the Main Stage. The line-up of entertainment includes:

- The Beach Boys (December 13)
- The Temptations (December 14)
- Aaron Tippin (December 15) and
- Lee Greenwood (December 16).

Tickets are still available for purchase for December 13-16 at \$10 per day until the 35,000-ticket limit has been reached for each of those days. Tickets for December 17 are sold out. Tickets are currently available on-line between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET at www.wrightbrothers.reserveworld.com, or by calling 1-800-973-7327, or (301) 722-1257 for callers outside of the United States.

NOVA PRESENTS WRIGHT BROTHERS' FLYING MACHINE

Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at 8PM ET
on PBS - www.pbs.org/nova/wright

To bring the Wrights' technological genius to life, NOVA features authentic replicas of their brilliantly conceived craft, as shown in thrilling test flights. The climax is the construction and maiden flight of a replica Wright 1911 Model B, the pinnacle of the brothers' accomplishments and the world's first practical passenger-carrying flying machine, with all the essential technical features of today's aircraft.

Commissioned exclusively for the program, the Model B is the handiwork of Ken Hyde and The Wright Experience. Also participating in the program are some of the world's foremost Wright experts, including Tom Crouch, Senior Curator of the Aeronautics Division at the National Air and Space Museum (NASM) and author of *The Bishop's Boys: A Life of Wilbur and Orville Wright*; and John D. Anderson, Jr., Curator of Aerodynamics at NASM and author of leading books on aeronautical engineering.

After their successful flight of December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers knew they had just begun, and devoted the rest of the decade to honing and perfecting their invention to make it practical. By 1910 they had the Model B, an airplane that was modified to make the first air crossing of the continental U.S. in 1911. Wright-trained pilot Cal Rodgers was at the controls for that flight, which took 49 days and was punctuated by numerous stops and crash landings. Since then, aviation has advanced by astonishing leaps and bounds.



It has been seven decades since a wood, wire, and cloth Wright machine took to the skies with its distinctive warping wings and dual-chain driven propellers -- that is, until now. NOVA shows that the Wright technology is still an impressive, awe-inspiring sight.

FLIGHT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION'S FINAL DAY SOLD OUT - From www.eaa.org

If you planned to attend the final day of December 12-17's First Flight Centennial Celebration at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and have yet to order your tickets, you might want to try eBay.

Organizers have declared December 17 a sell out and expect 35,000 people to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the world's first manned, powered flights by Orville and Wilbur Wright. EAA's 1903 Wright Flyer authentic reproduction will recreate those first flights at 10:35 a.m., precisely 100 years later to the minute (weather permitting). EAA Young Eagles Chairman and aviation legend General Chuck Yeager will follow the commemoration with a ceremonial flight with the one millionth EAA Young Eagle.

The National Park Service has sold 137,276 tickets for the week. Individual one-day tickets for Dec. 13-16 are \$10 per day. (December 12 is a non-ticketed day.)

Tickets for senior citizens, age 62 and older, and disabled individuals are \$5 each, while available. Children age 12 and under are free, but will need a ticket to enter the park.

Remaining tickets for December 13-16 can be ordered online at www.wrightbrothers.reserveworld.com, or by calling 800/973-7327, (301) 722-1257 outside of the U.S.).

For the latest info on the First Flight Centennial Celebration, visit www.firstflightcentennial.org. For accommodations info, check the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau: www.outerbanks.org or call their toll-free number at 877/298-4373.

EAA Chapter 690 Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2003

Respectfully Submitted by James Welsh, EAA #705644

Chapter President Duane Huff called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and members and guests were asked to introduce themselves. We all wished Mike North a big "Happy Birthday!" today.

Last month's minutes were "missing in action" and could not be formally approved.

Mike Stewart was at a funeral of a close flying friend and was unable to give us a Treasurer's Report. Debi Huffman told us the program for next month features Mike Merritt of Lockheed's famed "Skunk Works." Upcoming programs include magician Tom Kelly, and the Callenwolde Singers with a special flight theme composition for the December Holiday Party. Debi also had a press release and applications for the Centennial of Flight Wingman Aerospace Education Scholarship Program. Debi is investigating how the chapter can work with the Dekalb County Board of Education to further enhance this program.

Dave Ostergaard gave an update on the annual Hangar Dance. Ticket sales are slow, but expected to pick up. Dave has arranged an impressive group of items donated for the Silent Auction, including autographed copies of Tom Brokaw's *Greatest Generation* book series and flights in WWII trainers. The CAF has agreed to have their SBD on display. Dave has come up with several new ideas to increase attendance. One is to negotiate with a dance studio that has a competing event the same evening - that would cost the chapter \$10 per ticket in lost revenue, but could increase attendance. A motion was made and seconded for Dave to negotiate with the studio. Dave also asked the chapter to consider senior discounts for next year's event. Other promotional efforts were made by Frank Settle (contacting CBS Morning News for a "plug" during their Coffee Quiz segment) and Joel Levine (working with local radio stations for promotional air time). Dave will coordinate with Joel on a NOTAM for rounding up help to get the hangar ready for the event. The chapter applauded Dave for his outstanding efforts to make the Annual Hangar Dance a success.

Joel Levine announced the Flying Start program for November 1, and the FAA Advisor program for December 6. Joel thanked Jeff Patnaude and Xerox for their help with hangar posters. Duane suggested the chapter acquire a video camera to assist with publicity efforts, and Frank Wilcox requested the motion be put before the Board.

Duane expects 6-8 YE's to fly tomorrow, and another 25 or so on October 25. This group represents a volunteer organization based in Buford, GA that holds promise for a reciprocal agreement. Thanks to Wendy Solberg for the lead.

GAFI was a big hit. The weather was great and attendance good. Although no total has been arrived at yet for the funds raised, activity was brisk. Frank Wilcox defined the judging process/scoring system for the aircraft that made it to the show. Three judges scored each entry independently, with a maximum possible score of 70 points. All but three of the following winners scored 60 points or higher:

Grand Champion - Amateur Built - Van's RV-6A - N41CS - Clyde Schnars

Reserve Grand Champion - Amateur Built - Van's RV-8 - N563SH - Jeffrey A. Hawkins

Grand Champion - Warbirds - DeHaviland DHC-1 - N8342 - Aurelio Donato

Reserve Grand Champion - Warbirds - Fairchild PT-26 - N26GA - Jim Friday

Grand Champion - Classic - Cessna 195 - N195EL - Jay McClure

Reserve Grand Champion - Classic - Aeronca Chief - N3700E - Michael Stewart

Grand Champion - Antique - Piper J-3C - N42651 - Joe L. Christian

Grand Champion - Contemporary - Cessna 150F - N3527L - Cliff Aiken

Winners will receive a plaque commemorating the event.

SERFI was a success, according to Duane. A large group of 690 members attended, including Team RV on Saturday. Everybody had a good time, and 690 did well in bringing home prizes, including Bernie Schaknowski's Delta Dyke, which took top honors.

Lnor Levine needs *NavCom* contributions quickly, as Thanksgiving approaches.

Lee Craymer reported that the chapter now has 224 members, 40 of which are new. Many old members failed to renew. Lee has asked to be replaced, as he believes he will no longer be able to give the position adequate attention due to outside circumstances. If no one volunteers for the position, he asked that a notice to be placed in the *NavCom* seeking a willing candidate.

Frank Wilcox, as chairman of the nominating committee, offered the following for consideration by the chapter.

For chapter officers, serving a two year term:

President - Larry Bishop

Vice President - John Reitz

Secretary - Jeff Gwathney, James Welsh

Treasurer - Mike Stewart

For the Board of Trustees, serving a three year term:

Chip Lewis and Duane Huff

Candidates are requested to provide biographical information to Lnor Levine for inclusion in the next issue of the *NavCom*. The election will be held at the November chapter meeting and those selected will begin their terms January 1, 2004.

Other news includes:

- LZU continues its repaving efforts. To keep everyone informed, Joel Levine will issue NOTAMs to the membership as we get them from the airport authorities.
- Chapter 1025 in Covington, is holding their first annual fly-in on October 18.
- The Wright Flyer simulator will be on exhibit at SciTrek on October 18 from 9:30 to 11:00.

The meeting was adjourned. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Mike North, and enjoyed cake (served by Michelle and Amanda Hurley) and refreshments prior to the program by David Reynolds. David spoke of his experiences in obtaining a Glider Add-On rating.

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>
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More Chapter 690 Scenes

Dance Photos by Michelle Hurley – Meeting Photos by Frank Wilcox



↑ David Rowe and daughter Amanda posed by Lee Olson's Model T at the Hangar Dance.



↑ Costume prize winner "Rosie the Riveter" takes a turn on the dance floor.



↑ Tess and Susan Huff, in great period attire, smiled for the photographer by the Model T.



⇒ Ken Sharp presented an informative program to an attentive audience after the 1st Saturday in October Pancake Breakfast.

David Reynolds was our guest speaker at the October 10th meeting. He told us of his experiences in getting his Glider Add-On and Single Engine Sea Ratings. ⇒



Book Review By Dave Ostergaard

Queen Bess Daredevil Aviator

I am too ignorant to know what drives people to do the things they do. Bessie Coleman lived a short life by any standards. She was born in January of 1892 and died at the controls of a Curtis JN4D (Jenny) in April of 1926. That makes thirty-five short years.

The photographs of her in the book show us that she was a small, perfectly proportioned attractive young black woman. She had two overwhelming desires. She wanted to be famous and she wanted to fly. To achieve these goals she had to overcome the obstacles of ignorance, sexism, and racism. To learn to fly at all she had to leave the U.S. and travel to France just to find an instructor who would deem to take her on as a student. Her fortitude, courage, and passion in the face of such huge monuments of hatred is completely beyond my ability to understand. People complain today about how hard it is to overcome prejudice. How hard it is to accomplish things in the face of adversity. Read this book folks, and learn that the biggest obstacles are the ones we impose on ourselves. Neal Loving teaches us the

same lesson. Bessie preceded Neal by 20 years. This was a time in our country when the KKK was a respected organization. Women couldn't even vote for a good part of her life. Surely her notoriety and efforts influenced people who later became Tuskegee airman and the like.

Bessie prevailed and succeeded. She Barnstormed. She sought out and obtained sponsorship, and stunted her way into the limelight. Her notoriety earned her the ability to lecture groups during her travels. Her talks were filled with hope and positive messages to her peers and children. In my view she was a Giant.

I have a fantasy about Bessie Coleman. It is a fact that my Grandfather, Brauner Jens Ostergaard made a living by buying JN-4's from the government, assembling, and reselling them. Bessie bought her first Jenny in Chicago around that time. My fantasy is that she purchased an aircraft from him and that he treated her with respect, dignity and fairness. She deserved it. Please read this book.

Her story was told by Doris L. Rich. and was published by the Smithsonian Institution Press. I purchased my copy at Barnes and Noble in paperback.

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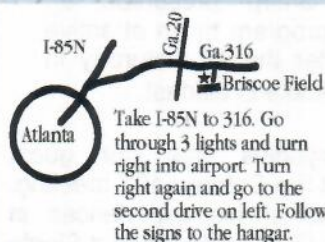
Come Join Us!

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

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

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Free programs start at 10:30 a.m.



NOVEMBER MEETING -

Friday, Nov 14th, 2003 at 8:00PM

Election of Officers, Trustees

Program - Lockheed Advanced Development Projects - - the Skunk Works — Presented by Mike Merritt.

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

STEVE FOSSETT TO ATTEMPT SOLO, NONSTOP WORLD FLIGHT - From WWW.EAA.ORG

Adventurist Steve Fossett, EAA 562868, the first and only man to circumnavigate Earth solo in a balloon, will attempt to do by himself what Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager accomplished together in 1986: pilot an aircraft nonstop around the world without refueling. Fossett, in collaboration with Virgin Atlantic Chairman Sir Richard Branson, will make his attempt in the jet-powered Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer. Rutan and Yeager accomplished their feat in the legendary, propeller-driven Voyager designed and built by Dick's brother, Burt Rutan.

Burt is also designing and building GlobalFlyer at his Scaled Composites Inc., Mojave, California. It measures 38.7 feet long, has a 114-foot wingspan, and an empty weight just under 4,000 pounds. Gross weight with 18,000 pounds of fuel (carried in 17 tanks) registers just over 22,000 pounds. Power will be supplied by a single 2,300-pound thrust Williams FJ44-3 ATW turbofan engine.

Plans are to take-off from a central U.S. location sometime in 2004, cruise 250 knots at altitudes up to 52,000 ASL, and complete the approximate 23,000-mile journey in 80 hours.

"Flying an aircraft solo around the world without stopping or refueling in mid-flight is the last great aviation record left inside the Earth's atmosphere," Branson said at a Thursday press conference. "At a time when BA (British Airways) is retiring Concorde, the greatest achievement in aviation of the last century, it is fitting that Virgin Atlantic should unveil a plane which is designed to make the first great aviation achievement of this century."

Fossett remarked, "The first solo nonstop is a grand endeavor. Flying around the world has always been a great romance and adventure. To do it first by airplane alone and nonstop will be very special. If successful I hope to earn a place in aviation history in the legacy of Wiley Post who was first to fly round the world solo.

"This will require all of my abilities as a pilot, it will test my endurance, and it will demonstrate the finest in lightweight aircraft construction and improvements in jet engine fuel efficiency that have never before been achieved. I am supported by a team and the technology to pull it off."

To follow developments of the project, visit www.virginatlanticglobalflyer.com.

