



# NavCom

**JANUARY 2010**

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



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## January Program: "Large Aircraft Security Program - A Dilemma in the Making"

Our guest speaker this Friday evening, January 8th, needs no introduction to the Atlanta aviation scene. Alan Armstrong has presented educational and informational programs at both our EAA 690 1st Saturday breakfast meetings and our regular Chapter meetings over the years. Yet this presentation may raise a larger red flag than the "Red Rising Sun" on the sides of his Nakajima "Kate" torpedo bomber.

Early last year a far reaching piece of legislation began to circulate in Washington and beyond, known as the "Large Aircraft Security Program" or LASP. This program and its subsequent re-write(s) would impose "a host of security burdens on operators of aircraft weighing in excess of 12,500 pounds." Two months later the TSA said, in a then classified report, that there was little evidence to suggest terrorists were turning their attention to General Aviation. In addition, Security Directives employed by the TSA (to bypass due process rule making requirements imposed by the Administrative Procedure Act), under the auspices of "national security" interests would allow: TSA employees to appear at airports and subject pilots, their cars, their persons, their planes and their hangars to random searches; and Relax Fourth Amendment protections and uphold warrantless (administrative) searches at airports in



the interest of security. All this, after the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security in a report of May 27, 2009, found the threats TSA purports to combat with its initiatives are largely "hypothetical." <sup>1</sup>

In his presentation, Alan will review the LASP proposal as it currently stands and where it is heading in Congress. Of most importance, Alan will help us understand what we as an organization and as individuals can do to help minimize this attack to our freedom of flight.

This is sure to be an informative and thought provoking presentation that you will not want to miss, especially in light of events of this Christmas Holiday.

The monthly meeting and program will be held in the EAA Sport Aviation Building at Gwinnett County Airport, and is open to all. Come join us for an educational, informative program beginning at 8:00 P.M., with people gathering for some "hangar flying" around 7:30 P.M. For additional information contact Herb Rusk at <herbrusk@bellsouth.net> or 770-678-1051. Many members gather at The Flying Machine for dinner around 6:00-6:30.

1- From a presentation presented to the ICAS Convention, Las Vegas, NV by Alan Armstrong, Dec. 2009

## Chapter Election Results

Chapter elections were held at our November meeting. Debi Huffman was re-elected as President. Herb Rusk was voted in as our new Vice President. Larry Bishop was again elected Secretary and Mike Stewart was re-elected Treasurer. Barry Bates and Robin Drake were elected to the Board of Directors.

John Slomp was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Herb Rusk will serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

## Lee Olson Receives the 2009 EAA Chapter Member of The Year Award



The winner of the 2009 EAA Chapter 690 Member of The Year Award is outgoing Chapter Vice President Lee Olson. Lee, who has been a dedicated volunteer in many activities for years, received his award at the January 2nd Pancake Breakfast.



## Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Joel Levine



Michael Kiah appreciated the beautifully restored B-25 when we visited the bomber at AIM - including the nose art that was part of the magnificent plane. ▼



◀ Guest speaker Wayne Casey received the traditional "crystal" mug after his presentation to the Chapter. Lee Olson and Fred Huppertz were amongst the very appreciative attendees.

Debi Huffman and John Slomp were among the audience for the entertaining and informative program by Paul O'Mara, a talented photographer who spent three years with the Blue Angels. ▶



▲ Dan Miller gave an informative presentation on new technology for position lighting for aircraft that fascinated the audience.

Chuck Miller designed some fantastic table number signs for our many dinners. He said to be sure to thank John Slomp for printing the logos for him. We'll all appreciate them at our various fundraisers! ▶



◀ The planes were lined up, the ground crew was ready, the pilots were eager and the Young Eagles were excited when we finally had some good weather for our monthly Rally after 3 cancellations.

## Another Big Day Coming - Ron Alexander is Returning to LZU with His DC-3



Photo by John Slomp

Last August 29th was another banner day for EAA Chapter 690. Ron Alexander

brought his beautifully restored DC-3 to Briscoe Field for a memorable visit. Ron sold rides for a reasonable \$50/person, and helped us earn money towards our scholarship fund. The day concluded with our annual Spaghetti Dinner and entertainment by Elgin Wells and his trio. It was another success for our Chapter's hardworking volunteers.

On Saturday, June 26th, Ron and his plane will return for a repeat performance. We will be making plans soon for an evening event for this visit too - so mark your calendars now. This should be another memorable event that you won't want to miss. Better yet, come to a Board and/or committee meeting and help with the planning and be one of the volunteers for the Big Day. It really is fun to pitch in!



## The NavCom

The NavCom is the official monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, serving its members and other persons interested in the advancement of Aviation.

Original articles, art and photos are invited and welcome. Please submit articles in Word format and pictures in jpeg, or gif format via e-mail to: [lnor\\_l@bellsouth.net](mailto:lnor_l@bellsouth.net).

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the February 2010 NavCom is Wednesday, January 20th.

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The NavCom is distributed via e-mail, and is available for download on the Chapter 690 web-site ([www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)). Go to the Media Gallery at the top of the Home Page.

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## Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman, Chapter 690 President



Happy New Year! Hopefully the holidays were filled with blessings, friends and family, along with lots of great cooked favorites! EAA 690 is continually blessed with the camaraderie of our chapter members and guests. Because of the dedication of our membership, we have been blessed to host great events that reach out to the entire Metro area and beyond: the B-17, DC-3, and Parade of Planes, Pancake Breakfasts followed by exceptional programs, monthly meetings with fabulous speakers, Annual events such as our Chili Cook-off, Poker Run, Airplane Wash, and other events. If you've not been to the hangar lately, please plan to join us in 2010. We miss you!

### ATTENTION ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AIR ACADEMY THIS SUMMER:

**The deadline to turn in your application for consideration of an EAA 690 Scholarship was December 31. If you have an application, please send it by Friday, Jan 8 for any consideration. If you are waiting on letters of recommendation, hopefully you will have them by then. You can access a copy of the application at [EAA690.org](http://EAA690.org). Go to the "Media Gallery"**

**link at the top of the home page and select the November 2009 issue of the NavCom. Scroll to page 11 for the application. NOTICE that you must also apply to EAA for a scholarship by following the link on the application. Additional requirements are two letters of recommendation from someone not related to the applicant. Do Not Delay! The scholarship is worth up to \$1,000 depending on which session you attend. The benefits of attending last a lifetime, through peer networking. Past attendees have made friendships that span the continent. It's YOUR turn!**

Now that I have your attention, I would like to wish you the BEST Year ever! Remember to start off each month with the best breakfast on the planet... Jill's crew will be cooking up a fresh batch of their famous pancakes along with the other trimmings, sausage, biscuits, eggs, juice, coffee, etc. The programs are always excellent, so you won't want to miss a single one of them. I look forward to seeing you at the Hangar!

Blue Skies,  
Debi ☺

## March 31st Deadline for Plastic Pilot Certificate

Paper pilot certificates will no longer be valid after March 31st, so be sure to upgrade to an updated, tamperproof plastic version. The FAA mandated the change because it says the plastic certificates are more counterfeit resistant. Pilots can request the plastic certificate through the FAA's Web-site or by mail. The cost is \$2, but if you change your pilot certificate number from your Social Security number (recommended for personal identity security) the switch is free.



Temporary, student, and flight instructor certificates are not affected by the rule.



## Amended Airworthiness Certificates and Important Deadline

Mike Huffman, EAA 690 member and owner of Sport Aviation Specialties in Lawrenceville, has announced the availability of two new FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) services.

One of Mike's new DAR services is to issue amended airworthiness certificates and operating limitations for experimental light sport aircraft (ELSA) whose airworthiness certificates will otherwise expire in early 2010. During your original ELSA airworthiness certification, if you chose to have the privilege of doing flight training for compensation or hire, your airworthiness certificate will show an expiration date of January 31, 2010.

**WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO DO ELSA FLIGHT TRAINING FOR HIRE AFTER THE DEADLINE, YOU MUST OBTAIN A NEW AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE AND OPERATING LIMITATIONS. IF YOU WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE DEADLINE, YOUR AIRCRAFT WILL BE ILLEGAL TO FLY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE RE-CERTIFICATED!**

If you do NOT want to continue flight training for hire, all you will need is a new airworthiness certificate and a new set of operating limitations that removes the flight-training-for-hire privilege. In that case, Mike can issue the new paperwork without a physical inspection of your aircraft.

If you do want to continue flight training for hire, in addition to a new airworthiness certificate and operating limitations, you are required to apply for a Letter Of Deviation Authority (LODA) with your local FSDO. Note that DARs are not allowed to issue LODAs, so it is probably best to work through the FSDO in those cases.

Mike's other new DAR function allows him to perform conformity inspections of prototype aircraft, engines, propellers, and parts during FAA design approvals such as type certification and supplemental type certification programs.

Mike continues to provide his original DAR services, which include issuing airworthiness certificates for experimental amateur-built (EAB) aircraft, experimental light-sport aircraft (ELSA), and special light-sport aircraft (SLSA). He reiterates his offer to perform such services for EAA 690 chapter members at half price, with the proceeds being donated to the chapter treasury."

For more information, contact Mike at 904-206-0522 or [sportaviation@gmail.com](mailto:sportaviation@gmail.com).

## Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff, Chap. 690 YE Coord.  
YE Coordinator of the Year 2007



Thank Heaven for a great day for flying Young Eagles. After waiting three months with rain on our Young Eagles' days, we finally got to fly, and ended up flying sixty-one YEs.

Thirteen pilots flew two or more flights. The pilots were; David Balthaser, Bill Bell, John Patrick Batton, Larry Bishop, Nate Griffin, Duane Huff, Fred Huppertz, Michael Kiah, Joel Levine, John Morgan, Jamie Painter, Chuck Roberts and Frank Settles.

The Ground Crew worked diligently all morning getting the paper work completed and keeping everyone safe. Pat Phillips conducted the preflight briefings, Robert Bruce manned the simulators and Jeanne Ferguson, Lnor Levine, Gay Roberts and Debi Huffman registered the YEs and filled out Logbooks and Certificates. Herb Rusk, Bill Ferguson, Billy Stewart, Greg Jannakos and Bob Denny kept every safe on the flight line while loading and unloading the planes.

Many THANKS again to all who participated, for a great Young Eagles Day.

Pilots that have not flown 10 Young Eagles for 2009 will have one more opportunity to complete this on our Chapter's last Young Eagle Rally of the year, December 19, 2009.

At our Christmas/ Awards Banquet on December 11, all in attendance who participated in the Young Eagles' program in 2009 were recognized. Many that helped with the YE Program were present, and a few who were at the January Pancake Breakfast received their recognition there.

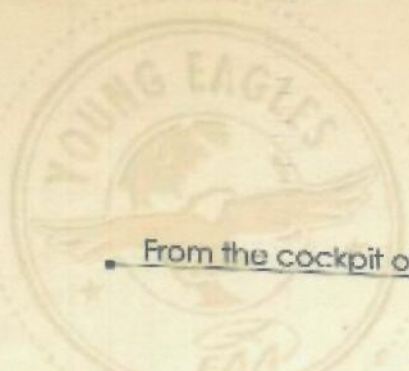
## SULLY AND JEFF "EXCITED" ABOUT NEW ROLES

In a heartfelt letter, new EAA Young Eagles Co-chairmen Sully Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles expressed eagerness for their new roles as leaders of the most successful youth aviation initiative in history. "We are honored and humbled to accept this position within the EAA organization and look forward to working with you all to further this great cause," the letter reads. "The two of us are eager to join with each and every one of you in making our mutual passion for flight the legacy we pass on to the aviators of tomorrow." Sully and Jeff succeeded former Chairman Harrison Ford last month. Read the entire letter on Page 5 of the NavCom.

One privilege of Chapter membership is access to the Chapter Hangar. Chapter Members may purchase a

hangar key for \$2.00. To get your key, see Joel Levine at meetings and breakfasts.





From the cockpit of Sully and Jeff



We would both like to express to everyone in the FAA community our excitement about our new roles as Co-chairmen of the FAA Young Eagles program. We are honored and humbled to accept this position within the FAA organization and look forward to working with you all to further this great cause.

Together, we share a kinship as aviators and a responsibility to inspire those who follow. Our passion for flight and our sense of family in the company of other aviators must be introduced to the pilots, aviation professionals and enthusiasts who will follow in our footsteps. The FAA and its many members have challenged themselves to take the lead in this effort. The Young Eagles program has harnessed the enthusiasm and drive of the entire FAA organization to promote aviation and encourage, inspire and enlighten the aviation leaders of tomorrow. The two of us share that commitment with you. Together we will move forward and build upon the solid foundation left by those that came before us, working to inspire youth into aviation and promote their many achievements.

The two of us come from different aviation backgrounds, but a passion for flight binds us together, as it binds us all within the FAA community. Through the Young Eagles program we look forward to partnering with you and sharing our passion with youth, both through our local EAA Chapters and our individual efforts. We are enthusiastic about moving forward with Harrison Ford's message that by applying themselves, being self disciplined and focusing on goals, a Young Eagle can "earn" the reward of flight. We would like to add our own emphasis on training, preparation and leadership to the EAA Young Eagles vocabulary. As professional pilots and through our experience on US Airways Flight 1549, the two of us know the value of these basic tenets of aviation and will promote and encourage their importance as our contribution to the EAA Young Eagle message.

To advance and ensure the future of general aviation, we must all join as ambassadors for flight and share our experiences with the generation that follows. As part of this effort, the EAA Young Eagles program has introduced many children and teenagers to a world they might never have had an opportunity to experience, and we are thrilled to join the EAA community in continuing this noble effort into the future. As pilots, we are united by our unique ability to break the bonds of earth and reach for the clouds. In partnership with the EAA Young Eagles and youth education programs, we can share in inspiring and grooming the next generation of aviation enthusiasts and leaders. The two of us are eager to join with each and every one of you in making our mutual passion for flight the legacy we pass on to the aviators of tomorrow.

*Sully & Jeff*



## FLYING THE NORTH AMERICAN B-25

By Fred Huppertz

Many of you will remember the story of the B-25 recovered from a field in a Cincinnati airport and eventually restored at Air Acres airfield in Cherokee County. Some of the work was done by David Posey and other EAA members. It was flown to Gwinnett

Airport where more restoration was completed in the A.I.M. hangar. After final work and new paint it returned to the A.I.M. hangar on November 15. Many 690 members were present to see it fully restored as a WWII bomber. As I walked around it, memories returned of my months of final flight training for the Air Force in B-25's.

I remembered the sound of those 1600 horsepower Curtis-Wright engines. In the cockpit the engines were so loud you could only communicate with your instructor on the interphone. My first take-off after months of flying in small single engine trainers was both exciting and frightening. The airplane is so pilot-friendly that after only six flights of air work, take-offs and landings we began instrument training. Did we use a hood? Not a chance, as the urge to peek is well known to all students and instructors. The Air Force had orange-colored isinglass panels that were placed in each window and windshield and the students wore goggles with blue lenses.

The instructor could see outside fine but we students could only see the instruments. Then the B-25 became a handful to fly. Some of my classmates met

the end of their training in the instrument phase. Flying by instruments was harder than in small trainers but the instrument take-off was very difficult. The B-25 had no nose-wheel steering, so you used differential braking on take-off until the rudders became effective.

That made take-offs on instruments difficult enough, but they had the old World War II directional gyro that swings in the horizontal plane like the free compass in your own airplane. It took a while to lose the urge to use the brake on the side to stop the gyro from turning since the airplane was turning the other way. Once I mastered the take-off, instrument training was a confidence builder.

Instrument approaches in those days were limited to ground controlled approaches (GCA) and ADF using an old crank-frequency receiver. The rest of the time in training included several cross-country flights, along with more instrument practice. One was a three day

which was a treat after flying only from Lubbock, Texas. After 10 or 11 flights we were soloed with another student. One would fly about an hour and a half, land and change seats so the other guy could fly the same amount.

The final challenge was to pass an instrument flight test with another instructor. After this I only had to fly a few more solo flights to complete the minimum requirement of 65 hours in the TB-25 to graduate and

receive my Air Force pilot wings, which I wear proudly to this day. The B-25 was fun to fly, a true combat airplane and certainly a favorite of all I've flown.



### Congratulations to Chapter 690's President Debi Huffman for a Well Deserved Award

#### *Atlanta Aero Club 1st Annual "EPPS" Award Dinner*

(Limited Seating Available)

**WHERE:** 57th Fighter Group Restaurant  
Atlanta, GA

**WHEN:** January 28, 2010  
6-9 p.m.

**COST:** \$40 per person / \$75 per couple  
Payable at the door

**RSVP:** [cc@atlantaeroclub.org](mailto:cc@atlantaeroclub.org) or 770.451.2095  
You must RSVP if you plan to attend

*Please join us at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant for the first awarding of the "Epps Award" for outstanding aviation achievement to Dr. Debi Huffman*

- \* Cocktails in the Bunker Room
- \* 6-7 p.m.
- \* Dinner/Speaker/Award Presentation 7-9
- \* p.m.
- \* Dinner: "Surf & Turf"
- \* Featured guest speaker:
- \* Darrell M. Collins, Aviation Historian and
- \* Park Ranger, Kitty Hawk National Park, Kill
- \* Devil Hills, NC
- \* [www.firstflightcentennial.org/pdf/bios/Collins](http://www.firstflightcentennial.org/pdf/bios/CollinsBio.pdf)
- \* [www.the57threstaurant.com/](http://www.the57threstaurant.com/)
- \* Business attire, please.





## UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS



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**Saturday, January 20th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, February 6th — EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – Alaska Bush Flying Presentation, Book Signing by C. Jay Baldwin, "The "Piper Poet."**

**Friday, February 12th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, February 20th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, March 6th — EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – "Behind the Scenes of the Gwinnett County Aviation Unit" with Marcus Head, Aviation Manager.**

**Friday, March 12th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, March 13th – WILLIAMSON, GA - Candler Field Museum at PEACHSTATE AERODROME – An invitation from Ron Alexander to Chapter 690 members to Fly/Drive - In to tour the museum, and enjoy lunch at the Barnstormer's Grill.**

**Saturday, March 20th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, March 20th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Annual Chili Cook-Off. Dinner at 5 O'Clock. Chili must be at hangar kitchen by 4:30 to be judged.**

**Saturday, April 3rd — EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Annual "Getting A Flying Start" Seminar**

**Friday, April 9th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Tuesday, April 13 - Sunday, April 18 - Lakeland, Florida - Annual Sun 'n' Fun Fly-In – "Spring Break for Pilots" - This year the USAF Thunderbirds will be featured. For more info, go to [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)**

**Saturday, April 17th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, May 1st — EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Annual Poker Run.**

**Friday, May 14th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, May 15th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, June 5th — EAA Chapter 690 - Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity – "Heaven on Earth - Living with Your Airplane" - Mike Ciochetti, Jr., Heaven's Landing**

**Saturday, June 5th — Chamblee, GA - Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK) - Annual Good Neighbor Day and Air Show**

**Friday, June 11th - Saturday, June 12th — 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Parade of Planes - Aircraft Specialists Jet Center, Lawrenceville, GA - Sales expo featuring new personal aircraft ranging from light sport to light turbine. A Buyer's Resources team of finance, tax and insurance specialists will be available to answer questions. For more info. go to: [www.paradeofplanes.com](http://www.paradeofplanes.com) Contact: Susan at 218-525-6228.**

**Friday, June 11th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner at Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, June 19th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, June 26th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Chapter 690 hosts Ron Alexander and his DC-3. Rides available. Watch the NavCom and check [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) for event and ride details, evening program info. Lots of volunteer help needed!!**

**Saturday, July 3rd — EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity - Rain or Shine - Fly or Drive - Annual Airplane Wash - Reservations recommended and appreciated - Contact Joel Levine, 404-314-7573 or [jlevine@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlevine@bellsouth.net) - Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**

**Friday, July 9th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. – Program TBA. Informal pre-meeting dinner 6:00 - 6:15 at The Flying Machine.**

**Saturday, July 17th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

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Please confirm with sponsoring organization.*

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Monday, July 26th – Sunday, August 1 – Oshkosh, WI – EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport OSH – Daily airshows – exhibitors – aircraft displays – and more. Contact Information: EAA Convention HQ 920-426-4800, Website: [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)

**Saturday, August 7th – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity –** For more info contact Joel Levine, 404-314-7573 or [jlevine@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlevine@bellsouth.net) - - Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

**Saturday, August 14th – EAA Chapter 690's Annual Post Oshkosh Bash –** Watch for details in NavCom and at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) – **NOTE: There is no Friday night meeting in August due to AirVenture and Annual Post Oshkosh Bash.**

**Saturday, August 21st – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, September 4th – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity - Program TBA -** Visit the Chapter 690 Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

**Friday, September 10th – EAA Chapter 690 Meeting - Briscoe Field (LZU) - Hangar Flying 7:30 p.m., Meeting 8 p.m. –** Program: Our 2010 Scholarship Winners will tell us about their aviation educational experiences from the Air Academy this summer. Informal pre-meeting dinner at 6:00 - 6:15 at The Flying Machine.

**Saturday, September 18th – Lawrenceville, GA - Briscoe Field (LZU) – Third Saturday Chapter 690 Young Eagle Rally.**

**Saturday, October 2nd – EAA Chapter 690 - Briscoe Field (LZU) - 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Activity.** Watch for Details in NavCom and check Web-Site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

*We are waiting to hear if and when the EAA's B-17 and / or Ford Tri-Motor will be returning to Chapter 690 this year. Watch for details in the NavCom, at [www.EAA690.org](http://www.EAA690.org) and in NOTAMs from [jlevine@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlevine@bellsouth.net)*

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## PARADE of PLANES

Friday, June 11th - Saturday, June 12th –  
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Sales Expo returns to  
Lawrenceville. For more info. go to:  
[www.paradeofplanes.com](http://www.paradeofplanes.com)

Letters to the Editor  
USA Today  
7950 Jones Branch Road  
McLean, VA 22108-0606

To the Editor:

EAA was disappointed to again see USA Today's failure to present the total picture when it comes to airport funding, in regards to Thomas Frank's November 2 articles.

The stories failed to acknowledge that each airport, whether or not it has airline service, is an important link within the nation's transportation infrastructure. The continuing inference that the only airports that are worthy of support are those with commercial service is similar to saying the only roads worth maintaining are those used by passenger buses.

Airlines are vital and serve dozens of communities, but general aviation serves hundreds more – places where air carriers cannot or will not make passenger service viable. Support for local airports makes economic development a greater possibility for those communities, and also serves as a necessary network of facilities that takes pressure off major metropolitan commercial airports.

According to FAA's own figures, airports with airline services already receive the vast majority of funding – seven times the amount that each general aviation airport receives on a yearly basis. Aviation fuel taxes paid by general aviation users have also annually exceeded the grants distributed for all airport improvements.

GA users also pay five times more fuel taxes as the airlines to support the air traffic control system – of which the airlines are the overwhelming primary user.

We know the reporters and editors at USA Today have been supplied with this information. Why it has not been included to present the full picture is a disservice to the newspaper's readers.

Sincerely,

Earl Lawrence  
Vice President, Industry and Regulatory Affairs  
Experimental Aircraft Association  
Oshkosh, Wis.



**On Tour Across America - Jan. - Feb. 2010**  
**Alaska's Premier Tail Dragger Instructor**  
**GA & Story Teller**  
**Lawrenceville GA. (KLZU)**  
**EAA Hangar**

**Feb. 6 - EAA Breakfast 8:00 AM**  
**Program at 10:30**

**Survival Flying Training Sorties**  
**Feb. 6 - 11 by Appointment**

**C. Jay Baldwin**

**"The Piper Poet"**

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Mark your calendar - You won't want to miss out on any of 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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## The Chapter 690 AeroShopper

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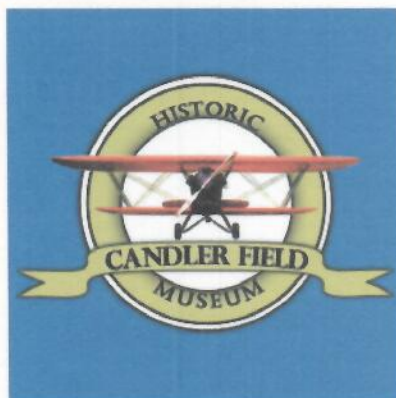
Contact Eric Broadwell - EAA member since 1987 #0299337  
Phone: 678.520.7337 c/bt E-mail: [eric@atlantapro.com](mailto:eric@atlantapro.com)

## 2009 Chapter Directory

Chapter 690 Member John Slemp, who as most of you are now well aware is a most talented professional photographer, has agreed to take photos of Chapter members for an on-line Chapter Directory.

As our Chapter has grown in size, it is harder to remember all the new faces we see at events. To help us get to know each other, the new Directory will list members with a photo. John has graciously volunteered to assemble this directory, and to take photos of our members at no charge. If you can't make a meeting, you can send a picture to John to include.

## A Special Invitation to Chapter 690 Members - Mark Your Calendars



Ron Alexander has graciously extended a special invitation to Chapter 690 members to visit the new Candler Field Museum on Saturday, March 13th.

Chapter members can fly or drive to the facility at The Peach State Aerodrome on 349 Johnson's Roost Rd. in Williamson, Georgia 30292. Make plans to fly with a friend or carpool. There's plenty of parking. For more info about the museum, visit their web-site at:  
[www.peachstateaero.com](http://www.peachstateaero.com).



After the tour members are invited to enjoy lunch in the Barnstormer's Grill, which will have a completely new menu beginning January 20th. The new menu will be posted on their web-site at that time. Check it out at: [www.barnstormersgrill.com](http://www.barnstormersgrill.com)





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## Ford Narrates Documentary about Sully, Flight 1549

**December 10, 2009** — Former EAA Young Eagles Chairman, actor Harrison Ford, provided the narration for a new documentary that features one of the new co-chairmen who succeeded him. "Brace for Impact," scheduled to premiere on **January 10** on The Learning Channel (TLC), examines the landing of US Airways Flight 1549 in New York's Hudson River in which Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, III, safely ditched the Airbus A320 airliner on the river after a bird strike caused the plane to lose power in both engines on January 15, 2009.

The one-hour program features interviews with Sullenberger, passengers, air traffic controllers, and first responders who assisted in the extraordinary landing in which no fatalities occurred.

"I'm honored and gratified by the attention I've received as a result of this event. On January 15, we had a remarkably good day, and I'm proud that my crew and I were up to the task," Sullenberger said in a statement. "I am sure that this documentary will convey the ongoing power of this story and its ability to touch and inspire people around the world."

## EAA, Members Critical of FAA's New TTF Policy

**December 22, 2009** — The general aviation community has responded strongly to the proposed FAA policy on residential through the fence (TTF) agreements at public-use airports. EAA has been collecting comments from members and has compiled them in a letter to the FAA asking the agency to abandon its proposed one-size-fits-all policy.

"The prior FAA policy, which allowed adjacent residential property through-the-fence agreements on a case-by-case basis based on the economic and operational needs of the public airport, and when safety, security, and equitable compensation issues were addressed, must be continued," EAA wrote in a December 21 letter to Charles Erhard, FAA's manager of airport compliance and field operations. EAA wrote that the new policy tries to address a few isolated instances by imposing an inflexible set of rules to cover all situations. EAA also asserts that the FAA's stated goal of making airports economically self-sufficient would be hampered by the new policy since TTF agreements serve as funding sources for many general aviation airports.

EAA members have been unequivocal in their displeasure of the policy in comments submitted to a thread on Oshkosh365.

<[http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365\\_DiscussionBoard/Topic.aspx?id=1235&boardid=147&forumid=175&topicid=3326&page=1](http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_DiscussionBoard/Topic.aspx?id=1235&boardid=147&forumid=175&topicid=3326&page=1)> More than 40 comments are posted the thread, including the following:

*I live and operate through the fence and I feel that my operations are an asset to the airports safety, security, and promote the city's fine airport. My property is located immediately adjacent to the airport taxiway, and the hangar (is) located on my property which has been used to house transient aircraft in need of shelter from storms, etc.*

*All pilots have the opportunity to be great ambassadors of aviation and we all have an obligation to help with safety, security, and airport promotion to the general public at every opportunity. Please do not restrict us from our ability to help. - John Glynn, Bloyer Field, Tomah, Wisconsin*

Jerry and Barbara Norcia of Creswell, Oregon, live adjacent to Hobby Field Airport (77S) and submitted their comments via a simple and poignant video <[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DasruT0Qu7w&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DasruT0Qu7w&feature=player_embedded)> about how the new policy will disrupt their lives.

In hoping to draw on the positive past working relationship it's had with the FAA in resolving this contentious issue, EAA wrote, "We are confident that working together, we can find a way to allow for residential through-the-fence operations while addressing the need to protect the future vitality of general aviation airports." EAA also looks forward to working closely with the Airports Division at the upcoming annual EAA/FAA Winter Summit meeting "to address the concerns of the aviation community."



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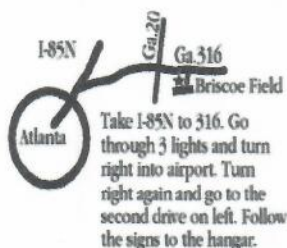
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## Come Join Us!

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

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

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am



## JANUARY MEETING

Friday, January 8, 2010 -  
8:00 p.m.

The evening's program on the  
"Large Aircraft Security Program  
- A Dilemma in the Making" will  
be presented by noted aviation  
attorney Alan Armstrong.

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

## February Pancake Breakfast Program

On Saturday, February 6th Chapter 690 will hold its monthly 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast. Food service is from 8:00 until 10:30 a.m., and includes orange juice, coffee, pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy. Breakfast will be followed by a program by C. Jay Baldwin, "The Piper Poet" and Owner of Alaska's Cub Training Specialists, LLC (ACTS). Jay will present what should prove to be a very interesting program on "Survival Flying," including Bush Flying Challenges and Techniques, Pictures of the Alaskan Bush and an opportunity to get Answers to your Questions on Off Field & Tail Dragger Issues.

Jay will be conducting Survival Flying Training Sorties from Landmark Aviation while he is in Lawrenceville. For more information about his instruction and for flight scheduling contact info, see the poster on page 9 of this NavCom.

## 2010 Chapter 690 Dues are Due

Chapter dues are due on January 1st. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to Membership Chairman Cliff Aiken at: 4132 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 110-107, Loganville, GA 30052. Please, if you did not complete a membership profile form with your 2008 or 20089 dues payment, include one with your 2010 dues and update e-mail, address, phone number and any current project or flight certification info.

Annual Chapter dues are \$30 for a single member, \$40 for a family membership, and \$10 for a student membership. Checks should be made to EAA Chapter 690.

To encourage prompt payment of Chapter 690 dues, we are holding a prize drawing at the January meeting. All chapter members who have paid their 2010 dues by the January 8th meeting are eligible. *You must be present to win!*

## Your Help Is Needed

We have lots of events planned, lots of volunteer opportunities. One easy thing you can help with is to print out a copy (or 2 or 3) of the Bush Program Poster on Page 9 of this NavCom, and post them at work, in your neighborhood stores, local libraries, etc. We'll appreciate your assistance.

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