



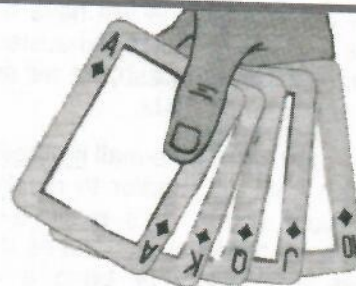
# NavCom

**JUNE 2002**

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

## June Pancake Breakfast To be Followed by 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run

*By Joel Levine*



Another fun activity is on Chapter 690's schedule of activities. June 1st is the 1st Saturday in June - and rain or shine it's time for our monthly Pancake Breakfast and annual Poker Run.

Chairperson for this event is Mike Stewart.

### Basic Guidelines -

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

For further details, please check Bulletin Board in hangar, Chapter web-site & watch for NOTAM.



## Mike McCarty to Present Program at June 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting

In 1984, the Lockheed Georgia Company (now Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company) began the High Technology Test Bed (HTTB) program to perform in-flight validation of many technologies required for future tactical transport aircraft. This Independent Research and Development (IRAD) program was open to many different engineering disciplines and covered virtually every aspect of aircraft design: from improved landing capability to advanced flight controls; from improved cargo handling to advanced avionics and flight station concepts. A Model 382E/L-100-20 (commercial stretched Hercules) aircraft supported the program and served as the integration focal point. The research aircraft with its real time data system was literally a flying laboratory.

Extensive changes were required to the HTTB aircraft to enable performance of the short-takeoff-and-landing mission. To reduce the runway lengths required, the aircraft approach profile involves an approach speed of approximately 80 knots, a glide slope of six degrees, and a sink rate of 15 feet per second, which is arrested to 10 feet per second at touchdown by ground effects, resulting in a no-flare landing. This presentation will review the development of that capability.

*Please see bio info on Mike McCarty on page 5.*

## B-17 Visit and Wings Weekend are Huge Successes

The elements conspired to wash out a year of planning and thousands of hours of volunteer labor, but nothing could dampen the spirits of hundreds of enthusiastic pilots, CFIs and aviation aficionados who gathered to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Georgia Wings Weekend. A "rain or shine" event, seminars and other events were well attended. Though the prevailing rain, winds, low ceilings and poor visibility kept actual flying to a minimum, the camaraderie and opportunity for extended "hangar flying" made this year's event another success. (See P 7.)



Photo by George Guerin



## Coming Your Way July 6<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Airplane Wash

By Joel Levine

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Airplane Wash will take place on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 during the Chapter's "First Saturday" Pancake Breakfast. Our "all you care to eat" Pancake breakfast is served from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM, rain or shine.

The plan, as in previous years, is to wash two planes at a time, one crew per plane. PLEASE LEND A HAND. Crews 1 & 2 - 9:00 - 10:30. Crews 3 & 4 - 10:30 - noon. With four, four member crews everyone will have time to eat, socialize and not go home exhausted. If more planes register for the wash, we will set up more crews - watch for NOTAM.

Please let me know by e-mail [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net) if you can help out, and/or to reserve a wash slot for your plane. It's really a lot of fun (especially for the kids), hot and no doubt wet -- so dress accordingly or bring a change of clothes. The Chapter provides the soap, water and manpower while the sun makes everything dry again.

In the past the airplane wash has been one of the most successful Chapter activities. Your help is needed to continue the tradition!

**Note:** Reservations not required but are greatly appreciated to assure enough wash crews.



Don Roberts, Joel Levine & Duane Huff at a previous airplane wash.

Single Engine - \$30  
Twin Engine - \$45 (Up to 4 Place)  
Larger Planes - Will Quote - and Haggle  
Proceeds Benefit 690 Kitchen Improvements



### Share-A-Ride To Oshkosh

Tim Fulmer has agreed to help coordinate ride sharing - in cars & planes. Contact Tim at [thefulmers@mindspring.com](mailto:thefulmers@mindspring.com)



## Young Eagles Take to the Air on May 11<sup>th</sup>

By Debi Huffman

If the weather had cooperated, we would have flown around fifty Young Eagles! However, the ceiling dropped and the winds picked up such that the Tower shut us down after flying twenty-two eager Young Eagles. The other thirty are coming back for their rides on June 8<sup>th</sup>, which is also International Young Eagles Day.

Thank you to our faithful crew who worked diligently to make the flights smooth and safe. Chuck Roberts, Duane Huff, Mike Stewart, "Subaru Bob" Goodman, Greg Bitzer, Joel Levine, Fred Hupertz and Jim Erler were our pilots for the morning. Load Masters were Bill Ferguson, Dave Haskell, Charlie McCormick, Harry Hooper, Walter Deere, Greg Jannakos and Gary Moulson. Kristin Corley, Greg Jannakos' granddaughter printed certificates and sold souvenirs, and Lnor and Debi worked registration.

Mark your calendars for June 8<sup>th</sup>, because we're expecting a big turnout!



Photo by Harry Hooper

Flight Line for YE Flights on May 11th

Ed Note: EAA's Young Eagles program posted the strongest January, February, and March in its 10-year history -- more than 10,000 kids aged eight to seventeen were taken on a free demonstration flight. Since 1992, more than 780,000 Young Eagles have taken flight.

**Note from Chapter 690 YE Coordinator Duane Huff -** YE Flights have also been scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to assist us as we help towards achieving the goals of this great program!



## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Jordan Dunbar, Stephen Gorkes and Jeremy Sampson have been selected to receive scholarships from our chapter to attend the Air Academy at Oshkosh this summer. Our young friends will be our guests at our next chapter meeting, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Come meet these fine young aviation enthusiasts.



## The NavCom

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

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

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. **The deadline for the July 2002 NavCom is Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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## The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



"Wow!" What hit me? This past month has been extremely busy, both for me personally and with Chapter activities. Four weeks ago Tess was knocked down by an over-friendly, stray, black Lab while she was out walking. She suffered a fractured pelvic bone, but is healing very nicely and is doing very well. As a result, I have had to assume the extra duties of caregiver, chief cook and bottle washer, etc... which have kept me moving at home. Chapter activities have included regular meetings, hosting the B-17, Wings Weekend, two Young Eagles rallies, four groups for an airport visit and a Board of Director's meeting.

Many thanks to Terry Adams for heading up the hosting of the B-17 and to all who volunteered their time to conduct the tours of the plane and selling the "Aluminum Overcast" merchandise. My list is not complete at this time so I will refrain from trying to name those who worked. Twenty-nine flights were made and the trailer was nearly sold out, so the event was financially successful. We will let you know how successful when the check comes from Oshkosh.

Congratulations to Sue Adams and the WW committee on a very successful Wings Weekend safety program, despite the non-flying weather. My thanks and appreciation to all who worked, attended seminars, and got to fly at the WW. Lisa Mozer's program at the pancake breakfast was quite informative and well received.

Scott Barland, our May meeting speaker, made a very technical subject interesting and easily understood. Even I could comprehend as he explained their study of wind sheer, downburst, and microburst, and their effects on transport - category aircraft.

Four groups of students have visited the airport and the EAA Sport Aviation Complex this month. They have learned about the parts of an airplane, the forces acting on an airplane in flight, construction of airplanes, radio communications, and navigation. It is a privilege to work with these young people and give them an introduction to the world of aviation.

Remember, we are in this to do some flying, have fun, eat food, and enjoy the fellowship.

## Centennial of Flight Celebration at Fernbank Science Center

By Debi Huffman

A group of aviation enthusiasts, several of whom are members of our own chapter, got together and started planning something special for the 100th Anniversary of powered flight. It has turned out to be a year-long aviation party! Fernbank will be hosting a series of evenings, typically the first and third Fridays of each month, that will be dedicated to topics of aviation interest. Dynamic hour-long presentations are planned for each event. Efforts are being made to connect events to local aviation activities around the state. They're free and open to the public. The itinerary will be printed in a future NavCom. You won't want to miss a single event!

If you would like to work on any of the planning, contact Debi Huffman: 404-378-4311 [debi.huffman@fernbank.edu](mailto:debi.huffman@fernbank.edu)

## FAA To Stop Using SSNs as Pilot Certificate Numbers on June 1

Recent security and identity theft concerns have led the FAA to cease its policy of using Social Security Numbers (SSN) as airman certificate numbers. Effective June 1, 2002, all original airman certificates will be issued by the Airman Certification Branch (AFS-760) with unique certificate numbers. Pilots with existing SSN certificate numbers can complete a form and have the FAA assign them a unique certificate number. Through June 1, new Airman Certificates will continue to be issued using the SSN unless the airman requests a unique number.

The FAA's Request For Change of Certificate Number form is available for download at [http://registry.faa.gov/docs/SSN\\_Change.pdf](http://registry.faa.gov/docs/SSN_Change.pdf)



# Fly-Out Activities for 2002

By Tim Fulmer, Chapter 690 Air Czar

ACTIVITY	DESTINATION	DATE	RAIN DATE
<b>A Too Cool Trip, Visit the P-38 "Glacier Girl" Restoration</b>	Bell County A/P (1A6) Middlesboro, KY LZU to 1A6 = 158 nm	Currently being rescheduled for June after being rained out on two previous dates...	

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Glacier Girl, the P-38 removed from the Greenland Icecap is currently undergoing restoration in Middlesboro, KY at the "Lost Squadron Museum". The airplane will be ready to fly very soon. This aircraft will be the most original of its type in the world once completed as 80% of the parts are the original, including the engines and props. The nice people at Avenue Café & Antiques have agreed to pick our group up at the airport, take us into town for lunch and return us to the airport.

## COSTS:

- No cost for admission, but they do accept donations which are gratefully appreciated.
- The costs of the airplane flight will be strictly between you and your pilot.
- The cost for lunch will depend entirely on how much you eat.
- Ground transportation is expected to be free (just eat a lot to help the restaurant offset the cost)

## SCHEDULE:

- Plan your flight so that we are all on the ground in Middlesboro no later than 10:30 a.m.
- Departure for the return flight will be early afternoon to allow adequate time for all participants to return to LZU prior to sunset.

<b>A Recon Flight to, Patriots Point Naval &amp; Maritime Museum</b>	East Cooper A/P (8S5) Mount Pleasant, SC LZU to 8S5 = 219 nm	July 13, 2002	None
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Patriots Point is the home of the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, the destroyer USS Laffey, submarine USS Clamagore, and USCG cutter Ingham. The hangar deck of the Yorktown is filled with fighter aircraft and bombers. Lunch is available on site.

## COSTS:

- Admission is \$12.50 each.
- We are currently trying to work out ground transportation with EAA Chapter 477 in North Charleston, so not only may we get a ride, we may make some new friends as well. Do not as yet know what the costs will be, but at the very least would suggest that we pay the admission for the Chapter 477 folks and invite them to spend the day with us.
- Interested parties may also take the ferry to Fort Sumpter for an additional cost of \$11.00 each.
- The costs of the airplane flight will be strictly between you and your pilot.
- The cost for lunch will depend entirely on how much you eat.

## SCHEDULE:

- As this is one of our longer trips, and one that promises a full plate of things to see and do, we need an early departure. We will trust those in the lower speed ranges to make a dawn departure so that we can all join up at East Cooper at 10:00 a.m.
- Charleston is a beautiful town. Think about an overnight trip with a return on Sunday. This will make the day less hectic and give you a chance to see some of the best the south has to offer. Contact Tim Fulmer for some thoughts on where to stay, eat, and even go on a ghost hunt in this charming town (and so he can attempt to make arrangements to get you back out to the airport Sunday).

Anyone not wishing to make this an extended trip should plan to depart Patriot's Point for the airport at 4:30 p.m. (Anybody that needs to depart sooner, please contact Tim as soon as possible.)

## Special BONUS:

You will all be delighted to learn that **Frank Settle**, co-chair for fly-out activities, will serve as acting Air Czar for this trip (Tim Fulmer is basking in the company of his wife on an Alaskan Cruise during this period). Tim will be involved with the planning up until his departure on July 6th after which time Frank is your man. He will surely help to make this outing one of the highlights of the 2002 fly-out activities.

<b>Fly In &amp; Camp Out, SERFI (Southeastern Regional Fly In)</b>	Middleton Field (GZH) Evergreen, AL LZU to GZH = 219 nm	Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 2002	None
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We plan to make our debut en masse at the Southeastern Regional Fly In. This will be an overnight camp-out event. We will camp as a group under the wings of our planes. Tim Fulmer will be driving down in order to provide transportation from LZU to SERFI for your camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, coolers, eats, etc) so you will not have to cram these items into your plane. Fill all available space with eager EAA690 members, the more the merrier! Dining and shower facilities are available. Admission \$5 /day or \$10 entire event, Camping \$20. Equipment transport will be the cost of a lockable U-Haul trailer divided between all of us. Tim needs no reimbursement for fuel. If we can borrow a lockable trailer, then there will be no cost for this service.

## SEASON FINALE:

Tim Fulmer's brother Todd lives in nearby Mobile and has graciously agreed to join us at SERFI with a whole bunch of fresh gulf shrimp and a big 'ol cooker. We will fire up the cooker at approximately 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening. It will be up to Chapter 690 to provide the 'taters, sausage, onions, a few ears of corn to complete the requirements of a true Low Country Boil, and donations of a couple of bucks each for Todd and his shrimping buddies. Festivities are scheduled for Saturday evening. Count on eating well and on making several new friends (as is always the case when you start cooking up a Low Country Boil... they just show up out of nowhere).

## OTHER COSTS

- The costs of the airplane flight will be strictly between you and your pilot.
- The cost for all of your meals will depend entirely on how well you eat.

## SCHEDULE

- Equipment leaves Friday 10-4-02 @ 9:00 a.m. and should be in Evergreen 6 hours later.
- Equipment returns Wednesday, 10-9-02. (Tim who will travel to Mobile for a couple days, so make sure you cooler is empty and clean before leaving it and your gear with Tim).

If you are not into camping, hotels are available in the town of Evergreen and SERFI is reported to have shuttle service to select hotels. Please contact the Evergreen Alabama Chamber of Commerce or the SERFI web-site for a listing of hotels.



## Mike McCarty

Manager, Air Vehicle Sciences & Systems  
Marietta Site Integrator  
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

Mr. McCarty is broadly experienced in the interdisciplinary skills required for the development of state-of-the-art flight control systems. He has over thirty-five years experience in flight control system design at the Marietta site of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. He pioneered Fly-By-Wire Flight Controls for the XV-4B Hummingbird VTOL research aircraft (1968) and the Active Lift Distribution Control System for the C-5A (1976-78), the first production active controls system.

He led the development of the Integrated Digital Flight Controls for the Lockheed High Technology Test Bed (1988-93), including,

- High Pressure Hydraulics (8,000 psi)
- Non-Flammable Hydraulic Fluid (CTFE)
- Direct-Drive Valves
- Holographic Heads Up Display
- Multivariable Controls Design Process
- ElectroHydrostatic Actuation

His team of designers has been doing research and development into Power-By-Wire Flight Controls (eliminating centralized hydraulic power for flight control actuation) since 1981. This work was brought to fruition with the Electric Starlifter Program (1992-96) and the JSF/Integrated Subsystems Technology (J/IST) Program (1996-2001), which won the Flight International Award for Engineering in 2001. Mr. McCarty also served in the US Navy with VRF-31 at NAS Norfolk (1964-66). He received his BS in Electrical Engineering from Christian Brothers University in 1964. He is an associate member of Silver Wings. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Acworth.

## Welcome New Members

Patrick Bell  
Tim Blake  
Lester Davis  
Gerda Meirtiz  
Gary Moulson  
William Reister  
Jim Walsh

*We're so happy you've joined us!*

## This'n That

Congratulations to Mike & Jennifer North, who proudly announced arrival of a grandson, Hayden Austin North, born on May 4<sup>th</sup> to Stephanie & Steven.

One of Metro Atlanta's biggest air shows has been given a new name. Wings Over Dixie will now be called the Great Georgia Air Show. The air show will be held Sept. 14-15 at Falcon Field in Peachtree City.

Check out new features on our Chapter web-site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

### Classifieds

Ads run for 3 months. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 3 months you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.

I am a subscriber to the "Experimenter" periodical that is published monthly by the EAA. I have a complete collection of this magazine going back to the mid '80's. I would like to trade with somebody (for the purpose of reading only) who subscribes to the Vintage Aircraft magazine that is also published by the EAA.

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## Minutes of May 10, 2002 Meeting

Respectfully Submitted by Lou Friedman, Secretary

The general meeting of the chapter was called to order on Friday, May 10 at 8:05 p.m. by Chapter President Duane Huff. Mike Stewart gave the treasurer's report, stating the financial state of the chapter was good. A Board of Director's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. During the Wings Weekend the chapter hosted a continental breakfast and a light lunch on Sunday and on Saturday the world famous Pancake Breakfast, for which there was a good turnout.

Please check the web-site for details regarding the upcoming Fly-Outs and to register if you plan to participate. The next fly-out, scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>, is to the Chilhowee Glider Port (92A) Benton, TN. "Turbo" Tom will give tips, etc. Tim Fulmer reported that "no one was eaten" when the chapter went on the Fly and Float Trip to the National Wildlife Refuge in the Okefenokee Swamp, David Field (3J6) Folkston, GA.

The annual Fall AirFair will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Volunteers are needed for committees, some of which will be: ground operations; static displays; vendor contacts and presentations; entertainment and choral; merchandise sales; kids activities; volunteer table and food functions. The New Standard, which was at the Wings Weekend, will be offering rides for \$40.00. Four can ride in the front seat and perhaps one in the back with the pilot.

V.P. Debi Huffman reported that Fernbank and the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will be participating in Georgia's Centennial of Flight Celebration. Some of the planned activities will include programs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month in the planetarium of Fernbank from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The year long celebration will include: the evolution of flight from insects to rockets; 1<sup>st</sup> man powered flight across the English Channel; Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame; the golden age of aviation; Around Georgia Wings; Tuskegee Airmen; an air show at Dobbins Air Force Base featuring a jet

demonstration team; the Wright Experience and the Charles Taylor Award; NASA and Neil Armstrong; Corporate, Commercial and Civil aspects of aviation; EAA; Aviation management and safety; WWII; Warner Robbins; careers; learning to fly; the impact of aviation on communities; Angel Flight; and the Greenland Expedition. Nothing has been scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> yet. A web-site will be available soon for more information on these topics from Fernbank. You can visit <[www.centennialofflight.gov](http://www.centennialofflight.gov)> now for information on national events.

The next project visit is to Tom Dubrouillet's. Check the Chapter web-site for his information. The Young Eagles flew 42 kids in April and 50 - 70 are scheduled for May. There will be a Poker Run on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Publicity and Pancake Breakfast Program Chairman Joel Levine promises a lot of fun and says that in this event, even if you have a slow airplane, you can still come in first. The annual airplane wash is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring the kids! In August, Shell Oil will present a program on oil analysis. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, AOPA President Phil Boyer, one of the best speakers on general aviation, will appear at the Cobb Galleria. Check NOTAM for details. Currently we have approximately 190 members! We still need volunteers for the Post Oshkosh Bash. The EAA's Air Academy's roster is almost full. Our chapter will be sending 3 kids if open slots can be found. Next year the deadline for scholarship applications will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. Address any questions to Debbie or Duane.

Sharon Rothwell won a beautiful Sensenich propeller at the Wings Banquet. She and her husband Rocky generously donated it to our chapter for the Hangar. Many thanks! We are making it a tradition: eating at Valentino's prior to the monthly general meeting. They are located across Highway 316 from the main entrance of the airport.

After the business meeting, Scott Borland, a retired engineer from Lockheed, assisted by Bernie Dvorscak, gave an interesting and informative presentation on wind shears.

## Noise Impact Study

The city of Burbank, CA has started an FAA-mandated Part 161 study of the noise impact and cost benefit needed for the airport to request a curfew. City and airport officials are thinking of banning all flight operations between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Before this drastic action can take place, the city and airport managers must go through a FAR Part 150 and FAR Part 161 study, commonly referred to as a "cost-benefit analysis". This is the first Part 150/161 study in the nation requesting a total curfew on all flights.

EAA is recommending that all EAA members visit the airport's noise web site -

[www.burbankpart161.org/index.shtml](http://www.burbankpart161.org/index.shtml) - study the information, then comment by clicking on the "comment form" button or by going directly to the form at [www.burbankpart161.org/comment.shtml](http://www.burbankpart161.org/comment.shtml). Once all comments and input are received, the FAA will review the data and public comments to determine what the cost benefit is for a curfew.

EAA recommends you send an additional copy of your comments to the FAA Western-Pacific Regional Headquarters so they'll know how you feel. Use this site: [www.awp.faa.gov/feedback/feedback.cfm](http://www.awp.faa.gov/feedback/feedback.cfm) and on the subject line write: "Attn: Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600", then for the first line of the comment section write: "Comments to Burbank Airports Part 150/161 Noise/Curfew Study."



# Scenes at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Georgia Wings Weekend - Photos by Wings Weekend Photo Team



Photo by George Guerin

← Duane Huff, Pilar Kornegay, Sue Adams & Pete Acevedo at Wings Registration area.

Michael Kiah was in charge of Concierge Booth. →



Photo by George Guerin



Photo by Jeff Patnaude

← Ron Alexander flew passengers in the Olde Rhinebeck New Standard. The beautifully restored bi-plane will be at our Fall AirFair September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Hoot Gibson with Terry & Sue Adams and Pete Acevedo. ↓



Photo by George Guerin



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← The line at Friday night's Mexican Buffet dinner.



Photo by Lee Craymer

↑ Sharon and Rocky Rothwell present Sensenich propeller to Duane Huff for the Chapter Hangar.



Photo by George Guerin

Jim Tucker signs poster for Dale Strickland. ↑



Photo by Lee Craymer

← Hal Weekley and George Guerin engage in some animated "hangar flying."

View of Atlanta... and Sue... from the B-17. →



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## June Meeting -

Friday, June 14, 2002 at 8:00PM

Mike McCarty of the Lockheed  
Martin Aeronautics Company will  
present a program on the  
development of STOL aircraft.

**Visit the EAA 690 Website at <http://www.eaa690.org>**

## Okefanokee or Bust

By Tim Fulmer, Photos by Michelle McMahan

Finally the weather cooperated long enough for us to get off the group and make a run to the swamp in lower Georgia for some canoeing and gator chasing.

4 planes left, only 3 made it. Clyde Schnars in his RV-6A had a EGT sensor run away and had to return to base with a very upset grandson in the right seat. I left early in a rented 172 with my plane full, while Wiley Scharnhorst and Mike Stewart in their RV's brought up the rear. The 172 did beat the RV's down to the swamp. but... while I was flying, the RV pilots were eating breakfast. HA!

Once we arrived it was off into the swamp. The weather was great and amazingly, no bugs. No sooner did we get 100yards down the canal and we saw our first native, a blue heron. Standing tall, looking proud.

Then our first sight of gators. Quite friendly and obviously used to the weirdo's canoeing through their swamp to catch a glimpse.

They were all friendly, except for one who was a bit upset at me for getting too close to her den. I approached, she growled, like a lion, and began pursuit. As the gator scooted me away, and I was paddling pretty fast, this reptile proceeded to cut us off. The old divide and conquer trick. We had seen this before in the movies. Strategy?... Wait for a motorized boat to come by and set a pick for us. The strategy worked. The Crocodile Hunter would have been proud of us. We made it by safely, but not before getting a renewed respect for these big animals.

Only one thing we would do differently next time. Rent a motorized boat so we could see more. After 4 miles of canoeing we were pretty worn out and wished we had more energy to paddle some more. But that left us a reason for another trip out.

