



# NavCom

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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



## You're Invited...

...to our Annual Holiday Banquet



Don't miss our annual holiday festivities. Chapter 690 will celebrate the holiday season on Friday night December 9th (our regular meeting night) with the traditional dinner and a special entertainment program. The event, held in the Chapter Building, is for all the family - spouses, kids and significant others. Gathering time will begin at 7:00 with dinner served at 7:30. Each family is asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 12 or more. Our members always outdo themselves with the wonderful holiday dishes they prepare for our dinner! As usual, the chapter will provide the meat, drinks and table service. (For those who have not attended one of these banquets in the past, it is recommended that fasting for at least two days would be good preparation for this sumptuous banquet.)

The evening will feature entertainment by "Among Friends," a ladies barbershop quartet. The quartet's members are LEAD - Trayce Elenteny, BARITONE - Katie Anderson, TENOR - Cynthia Keyes, and BASS - Susan Wood. All four ladies are part of "The Georgia Connection," a barbershop chorus in Lilburn which is part of Harmony, Inc., an International Ladies Barbershop group. (For more info on the quartet members, please see page 8.)

The December program will include the installation of our newly elected officers, the annual presentation of awards (including the Member of the Year) and recognition to members who have completed and flown projects this year. Come participate in an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

### The Fascinating Story of Merlin

<http://www.angelflightse.org/wings/georgia-north/merlin2.htm>

Angel Flight Southeast Georgia Wing pilots, earth angels, and EAA 690 pilots have been working together to ready MERLIN for his 1st Angel Flight Southeast mission for The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade.

The salvaged plane was donated by Ronnie Powers, owner of Atlanta Air Exchange in Griffin, Georgia. At first curious, yet cautious, as to why a charity organization that flies people mostly seeking specialized medical treatment was

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### 2006 Chapter Dues are Due

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> - so chapter membership dues are due at the first of the year. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to Lnor Levine at 1340 Nerine Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338. Please include a completed membership profile form with your 2006 dues payment. We are trying to update our membership database, so please complete a new form this year. Please include current e-mail address and family information. This helps in our planning for activities and for scholarship candidates. Please note changes to project status, etc. There is a copy of the new Profile form on page 7 of this NavCom. Forms are also available at meetings or on the chapter web-site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org).

Chapter dues may also be paid on-line through PayPal. Select the Membership Folder in Web Links. Annual Chapter dues are \$30 and \$40 for a family membership. Checks may be made to EAA Chapter 690.



## Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Joel Levine



← "Punchy" Powell, a favorite with Chapter 690 members, presented another spellbinding program at the November Chapter meeting.



↑ Enthusiastic discussions continued after the program. Some participants were Duane Huff, Ernie Schnaak, Bill Bell, Punchy, Steve Ashby and Larry Bishop.



↑ Bill Bell donated a few unique aviation ties. Proceeds are for the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Punchy signed the ties featuring the P-51 like he flew.



← A large, attentive audience attended the November 10th FAA Safety Program, sponsored by Astron Enterprises and EAA Chapter 690.

John Dennis, Air Traffic Supervisor, Atlanta Tracon & ATCT presented info on the new Atlanta Tracon. →



### Red Wine And Your Vision

From Nov. 6th [www.AVweb.com](http://www.AVweb.com): Alcohol and flying don't mix, but if you're having a post-flight pop, reach for red wine if you can and you may extend your flying years. Dr. Ingrid Zimmer-Galler told a forum at AOPA Expo that the antioxidant properties of red wine (primarily resveratrol) have been shown to reduce the incidence of cataracts by up to 50 percent and may also help slow macular degeneration, the deterioration of the central area of the retina that we'll all get to a certain degree as we age. Zimmer-Galler said diet, exercise, healthy living and common-sense care of the eyes can go a long way to keeping them in shape for life and for flying. Cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration are the leading causes of vision problems for pilots and each has its own challenges. Cataracts can be fixed with surgery but it has to be the right type of surgery or a pilot will lose his or her medical. Only mono-focus lens implants are approved by the FAA and most eye surgeons don't know that and may, as a matter of course, put in more modern multi-focus lenses. The FAA is now looking at changing the regs to reflect the modern techniques but it hasn't happened yet. Zimmer-Galler also advised the regular use of sunglasses to ward off all types of eye problems, but they're more important outside the cockpit, she said. "The windscreen filters out most of the (damaging) UV rays," she said.

### It's Time to Think "Scholarships"

Start thinking about scholarships for next summer's Air Academy. Application forms are on pages 6, 7 and 8 of the October issue of the NavCom. If you know of someone who would enjoy the opportunity to attend one of next summer's sessions – a neighbor, a co-worker's child, or perhaps your own child or grandchild, look at the forms so that you'll know what is involved in the process. February 28th is the deadline for submission of completed applications.

A Scholarship is also available for up to \$1000 to a young woman who is interested in an aviation career. The Margaret Wilcox Scholarship can be used for any accredited aviation program. Check with Duane Huff (770-962-3117) or Debi Huffman (678-874-7136) for more information.



## 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 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the January 2006 NavCom is Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## The President's Pitch

By Larry Bishop



The old English proverb says all good things must come to an end. I must tell you that I have certainly enjoyed being your President for the last two years. For several years, I had told the nominating committee that I could not run for any of the officer positions until I retired and had more time available. Just a matter of weeks after hanging up my slide rule and announcing my retirement it was election time and Frank Wilcox (also known then as the official nominating committee arm twister) called me and I just could not say "No."

We've had a good two years and you have made my job easy and enjoyable. I thank each of you who have made this chapter so successful and who have helped us grow and enjoy our position as one of the largest and most active EAA Chapters in the country. Just look around the chapter at the members, the leadership, the smiles on the kids faces after their first flight, the can-do attitude, the airplanes we build and fly and especially our facility. All of our members can be proud of what we have accomplished since those early days in the early 1980's at the old Stone Mountain airport. The EAA Chapter Office in Oshkosh often refers other Chapters to us for information, suggestions and help in establishing their goals and plans. This year, George Cowan and I were honored to be asked to lead a discussion along with the president of another chapter, Troy Toelle from the

Chapter Office at Oshkosh and Tom Tom Poberezny at the Sun-n Fun Chapter Leadership Forum.

Thanks to John Reitz and Joel Levine for providing a never ending schedule of monthly meeting programs and pancake breakfast programs. It's been great this year with good attendance. Our planned 2006 programs are even better.

Please take a few minutes to say thanks to those who serve on our Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Young Eagles team. Thanks also to Jill Balthaser for taking over all the food services activities this year and to Lnor Levine for all she does for us, especially with her work with the NavCom. She is very patient even when she receives this article for the NavCom late for the last 24 consecutive months!

The good news is that we will be installing our new President, Debi Huffman, at our Holiday Banquet this month. Debi is a pilot, has served as Vice President of EAA 690 and has been involved in numerous EAA activities both on a local and national basis. The rest of her team of officers are: Vice President John Reitz, Treasurer Mike Stewart and I will serve as your Chapter Secretary.

Congratulations Debi.

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## Chapter 690 Young Eagle Update

By Duane Huff



EAA Chapter 690's November Young Eagles rally was held on Saturday the 19th. Of the 40+ that were scheduled for that day, 13 came for their YE flights. This made it easy, as we had more planes and pilots than were necessary. Thanks to Jim Sweat for bring his Bonanza over, even though he did not get to fly any kids. The other pilots flew one

flight each and they were Jerry Shingleton, John Kimmons, John Reitz, Duane Huff, Chuck Huber, and Steve Pfeiffer who flew his first Young Eagle mission with us. The Ground crew consisted of Lee Hockman, Bill Ferguson, Walter Deer, Susan Pfeiffer, Ann Bates, Jeanne Ferguson and

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# The Night Before Christmas – Aviation Style

Author Unknown. Reprinted from AVweb, December 22, 2004



Photo by Seth Hancock. Photo is of Stu and Diana McCurdy flying his beautiful, award winning RV-8 which he built in 14 months and which is the lead aircraft in the Falcon Flight Formation Demonstration Team.

*A retelling of the 19th-century story, especially for aviators. This has been floating around the Internet for years in various forms -- and probably was passed around as photocopies for years before that..*

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,  
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.  
The aircraft were fastened to tiedowns with care,  
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,  
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.  
I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,  
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.

When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,  
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.  
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,  
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked his transmission so lively and quick,  
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick".  
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,  
The better to welcome this magical flight.

He called his position, no room for denial,  
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."  
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a Monnett-built sleigh, with eight AeroV Reindeer!

With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,  
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:  
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!  
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?

While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their head,  
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,  
The message they left was both urgent and dour:  
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."

He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,  
Then I heard "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."  
He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh  
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho-ho..."

He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,  
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.  
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost  
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,  
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.  
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,  
His boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.

He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,  
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low-lead."  
He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,  
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,  
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.  
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,  
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.

And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,  
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.  
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,  
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"

And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,  
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.  
"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,  
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion"

He sped down the runway, the best of the best,  
"Your traffic's Team RV, inbound from the west."  
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed thru the night,  
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."

## Chapter 690 Young Eagle Update

By Duane Huff – Continued from page 3



Jamie Painter who conducted the pre-flight briefing with the students.

So far this year we have accumulated 312 Young Eagle credits, (\$1:00 each) toward a scholarship to the Academy this next summer. If these pilots, Barry Bates (9), Steve Haslup (8), Gary Moulson (6), and Charlie Schobel (6), fly up to ten Young Eagles this year, we would have 40 more credits added to the 312. Perhaps we could give these pilots the first flights at our last

rally of the year which will be held on Saturday, December 17th. At this time we have fifty-nine YEs signed up to come to the rally. If you talk to any of these pilots encourage them to complete their 10 YE missions.

All Young Eagle volunteers, pilots and ground crew, mark your calendars for our Christmas/ Awards banquet on the evening of December 9th. Come and be recognized for all the time that you have given to make the Young Eagles Program the outstanding success that it has become. Many thanks to all that have participated this year.



## ITS GREAT TO BE ALIVE!

By Elgin Wells, Jr. Photos by Joel Levine

*Last week an invitation was extended to Chapter 690 members to join in the Celebration of Life by members of the 316-Club. Those of who attended the event at The Flying Machine on November 29th had a marvelous evening. Highlight of the gathering – two fantastic sets performed by a most gifted musician and singer, Elgin Wells, Jr. Thanks for the invite! For the NavCom, I have re-printed the info from the Program about 316-Club members who are also current or former Chapter 690 members, or who are pilots regularly seen at Chapter 690 functions. NavCom Editor, Lnor Levine.*



The annual "316-Club" celebration and photo album commemorate the adventures of Elgin Wells, Sr., and his son and a number of extraordinary people, mostly pilots, who have enriched their lives. On November 29, 1993, the Elgins were indulging in some night aerobatics. On the way home, the engine quit, necessitating a hard (some called it a "crash") landing on Highway 316, in Dacula, just east of Gwinnett County Airport. Elgin (Green Light) Wells Sr. put the airplane down without injuries to anyone, but the airplane was "totaled," and the attendant emergency personnel marveled that he had artfully landed "dead stick" under high tension lines while taking out a traffic light, which was green at the time.

Each year, on the anniversary of that excellent, death-cheating landing, it is our custom to celebrate the simple fact that it's Great to be Alive! In the mean time, a number of other outstanding pilots have joined the ranks of the very good and the very lucky:

**Leonard "Fumes" Pace**, no stranger to small plane mishaps before beginning aerobatics, landed his Sukhoi, which was experiencing fuel system problems, in the median of Highway 316 with minimal damage to the aircraft and no damage to anyone or anything else (except a well hidden concrete drain). He simultaneously raised the bar for future aspirants by making it even closer to the airport than Elgin (Green Light) Wells, Sr., did before landing short.

**Phil "Propless" Harcourt** has the distinction of having landed an otherwise perfectly good Lancair

after the prop separated. In addition, he has demonstrated that a Pitts S-1S is capable of more than one "three point" attitude, but at the expense of the prop. He since has upgraded to a beautiful Extra 300. It should be noted that Phil is really just an honorary 316-Club member, since he actually made it back to the airfield (a 100-point deduction).

**Fred "Short Field" Meyer** created a retractable version of the Atlantis while demonstrating short field landing technique to Elgin Jr. at Smisson Field. The next year, he proved that some airplanes require only one aileron by landing the Meyer 360 with panache when the right aileron bell crank failed. Since then, he has deftly proved, repeatedly, that "spades" can double as brakes while landing simultaneously earning the "Most Frequently Glad to be Alive" award. In 2005, he is awarded the "Great To Be Alive" award with Oak Leaf Clusters, since having accomplished his own 316 landing in his Meyer 360. He also receives a "Style" award, since eyewitnesses reported that, once Fred had the airplane safely on the highway, he blithely taxied into the queue in the left turn lane, opened the canopy and signaled his left turn with his outstretched left arm. He also established the record for making it closest to the airport before landing short.

**Elgin "Hopalong" Wells, Jr.** landed the Atlantis prototype in a 4,000 knot crosswind in a raging thunderstorm at the Ohio Open Acrobatic Championships, and then later managed to bounce the same airplane safely to the ground in spite of the elevator being stuck in a "down only" configuration, moments before the start of the Southeastern

Championships. A similar problem occurred later in a Decathlon, but with the elevator stuck in the opposite (up only) configuration, demonstrating once again that "up" is usually better. On April 21, 2005, Elgin Jr. tried to duplicate his father's 316 landing technique, but missed the traffic light, altogether, and failed miserably at trying to best Fred Meyer's "closest to the airport" record.

**Larry "Chop-Chop" King** received our "Closest Call" award, after attempting to stop Keith Campbell's turning propeller with his own body. Luckily, he's a pretty tough bird, and won the contest, but we hope he won't try that again. He also gets credit for letting a student rearrange some runway lights for a Pitts Model 12, but he'll have to be a little more creative if he aspires to the 316 Award with "Oak Leaf Clusters."

**Joe "Twinkle Toes" Tate** has been known to rearrange the approach lights to runway 25 with

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## ITS GREAT TO BE ALIVE!

By Elgin Wells, Jr. Photos by Joel Levine

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the Atlantis landing gear, obviously trying to emulate Elgin Jr's landing technique in an SP-95. It's debatable whether this constitutes touching down closer to the airfield than Fred Meyer - especially with the 100-point deduction for actually making it to the runway.



**Steve "Woops" Haslup** attempted to emulate Fred Meyer's short field landing technique in his Atlantis at Rick Porter's airstrip, by running off an embankment. Sony, Steve, Fred still holds the record!

**IN MEMORIAM:** Chris Smisson, much loved friend and superb pilot, lost his life in an airshow accident. It is with great regret that we never got to induct him into our little informal club, since he didn't survive the crash, but he will always be in our hearts and memories.

Although we will welcome any future qualified applicants to this elite, eccentric group with open arms and a glass of wine, we wouldn't wish the initiation on anyone. Meanwhile, thanks to all for helping us celebrate.

**It's Great to be Alive!**

## Chapter Communications

Some of the strengths of Chapter 690 are the open Board of Directors and Trustees meetings, and lots of varied activities. A key to these is communication with our members, to keep them aware of all that's going on and updates and changes as needed. The NavCom and Chapter web-site <[www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)> are vital to this - and so are the NOTAMS that are sent as meeting and program reminders and for distribution of current news events. There are about 40 people who's e-mails are bouncing back.

If you are not currently receiving 690's NOTAMS and would like to keep abreast of current news, updates about activities and periodic reminders, please send your current e-mail address to Joel at [JLEVINE@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:JLEVINE@BELLSOUTH.NET)

The following names are some of those whose e-mails have been bouncing back: Scott Solberg - William Clark - Barry Britt - Lou Friedman - Joe Stroup - Larry Bohannon - John Horton - John Grumbrecht - Harry Hooper - Larry Dyson - Karen Whitlock - Glen Harvey - David Cunningham Kerry Bedsworth - Mac Secord - Tom Butler - Tim Kreider - Robert Volk - Cal Andrews - Craig Cardell - Gene Chancy - Bill Watson

## Aircraft Parts & Hardware

A large number of aircraft parts and hardware, some AN and some not, has been donated to the Chapter. The parts, available in the Chapter Workshop, are not certified. They are available for members to use, at their own risk. (Donations for use of these parts are gladly accepted.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barry Bates	John Dunphy
Ann Bates	Ernie Schnaak
Robert Bruhns	Ed Sullivan
Ruth Bruhns	James Sullivan
Robert Butler	Charles Vaughn



### Don't Let On-Line Scams Lure You Into Losing Your Identity

Phishing (pronounced "fishing") is the slang term for junk e-mail scams designed to steal your identity online. Phishers will often send an e-mail containing a link to a Web site appearing to be valid (like your bank or mortgage company), urging you to click the link and enter your personal data. Once you've responded, thieves use the information to access your credit accounts or create new accounts using your good name. Be alert and look out for their hooks and learn more about phishing and other online risks at <http://safety.msn.com>.

## EAA CONTINUES EFFORTS TO SUPPORT SP/LSA IMPLEMENTATION

Dec. 1, 2005 - EAA's Earl Lawrence and Joe Norris represented the interests of EAA members and other potential light-sport aircraft owners and operators this

week during discussions held at the FAA Small Airplane Directorate headquarters in Kansas City. For more info on this topic go to [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) and click on "Read More."



# Gwinnett Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 690  
Lawrenceville, Georgia

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

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Family Membership \$40

After July 1st: Single Membership \$15

Family Membership \$20

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Based At \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Project \_\_\_\_\_

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Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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## Minutes of the Board of Trustees of EAA Chapter 690 - Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for November was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 PM.

### Attending Were:

Larry Bishop	Jerry Shingleton
Bill Ferguson	Rita Shingleton - Visitor
Duane Huff	Larry Wallis

The items discussed at the meeting were:

1. The rubber seal at the top of the hangar door has developed leaks, allowing rain water to come in where the hinge points have perforated the rubber seal material.
2. The four steel cables used to lift the main hangar door have begun to show their age, and require replacement.
3. The doorknob lock on the hangar front entrance door is not operating correctly, and requires maintenance or replacement.
4. There is a problem with the water hose arrangement at the hangar. Some users forget to

turn off the valve at the rear of the hangar after using the hose, and the leakage that occurs over a period of days is a significant problem. A proposed permanent solution involves a timer to shut off the water after a user-set interval of time. As a temporary solution, we will remove the hose and the valve handle.

5. Duane Huff has completed the required annual test of the water backflow prevention valve that is in the common potable water supply line for the hangars in the EAA complex.

6. The overhead light on the front of the EAA hangar, whose function is to illuminate the ramp area, is just barely turning on and needs repair.

The updated excel spreadsheet of open action items (dated 11/02/2005) is attached to this email.

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting. If I have omitted anything of significance, please let me know and I will reissue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Wallis

## Ladies Barbershop Quartet "Among Friends" to Perform at Chapter Holiday Banquet

LEAD - Trayce Elenteny  
BARITONE - Katie Anderson  
TENOR - Cynthia Keyes  
BASS - Susan Wood

All four ladies are part of "The Georgia Connection," a barbershop chorus in Lilburn which is part of Harmony, Inc., an International Ladies Barbershop group.

Trayce Elenteny started in barbershop in 1997. She started out singing bass then went to baritone and finally settled on lead. She has sung in 5 quartets and has competed every year since 1998. Before singing barbershop, Trayce sang in a black gospel group in Chicago. Other than music, most of her time is taken up with her husband, 5 kids, 2 dogs, a chinchilla, a bunny and a cockatiel. She also loves to write and work on genealogy. On Thursdays she spends 3 hours with John Reitz at Clark Howard's Consumer Action Center answering phones.

Susan Wood has recently taken a break from her optometric practice to take on the roll of "Mom" to daughters Olivia and Gracie. Susan has sung in 2 other quartets, one of which has been Area 6 Quartet Champions 3 times and finished 6th at the Harmony, Inc. International Quartet Contest. Susan has sung bass and lead in Georgia Connection.

Katie Anderson has been singing barbershop for 20+ years. She has sung in several quartets (one

of which won area contest.) She has always sung baritone. She has served as section leader, choreographer and music chair. She has directed church choirs for all ages. Katie is married with 4 grown children, 9 grandchildren and (GASP!!!) 2 great grandchildren due in March. Her other hobbies are crafts, gardening and reading, none of which get much attention because of barbershop.

Cynthia Keyes has been in barbershop since 1987 (not continuously) with Song of Atlanta, Atlanta A Capella, and Georgia Connection. She sang with Katie in Song of Atlanta, with Trayce in Atlanta A Capella, and with all three in Georgia Connection. Cynthia also plays the flute and has since high school. She used to play in the Gwinnett Community Band. In addition to barbershop, she likes to sing show tunes and any other music she hears on the radio. You'll quite often hear her whistling, humming or singing to herself most of the day. In her real life, she's a 4th grade teacher in Duluth. She has twin boys who will soon be 13 and in the terrible teen years.

We are thrilled to be able to share our love of music and our hobby with you. Thank you for allowing us to entertain you for the evening. We hope you enjoy our music and learn something new this evening.

Trayce, Susan, Katie and Cynthia  
"AMONG FRIENDS"



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

- The meeting was called to order by Larry Bishop, president
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions of Guests and Members
- Approval of the October 14, monthly meeting minutes as published in the October NavCom.
- Young Eagles Rally
  - Saturday, November 19 - 45 kids
  - Saturday, December 17 - Large Group
- Board of Trustees meeting was held November 1 and the meeting minutes will be published in the NavCom. The Next Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, November 29, 2005. Everyone is welcomed.
- The next Pancake Breakfast program in December 3. Our speaker is Fred Meyer, Airplane Designer
- Board of Directors meeting was held November 8, minutes of this meeting will be published in the NavCom. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 6, at 7:30 pm
- The next monthly meeting is our Annual Holiday Banquet starting at 7:00 pm, Friday, December 9. Dinner will be served starting at 7:30

P.M., followed by entertainment, the annual awards program and the installation of officers.

- Our monthly 1st Saturday pancake breakfast and program schedule for the first half of 2006 was announced.
- Election for chapter officers, members of the Board of Trustees and our 2005 member of the year was held. The following were elected and will be installed at the Holiday Dinner. Our 2006 Member of the Year will be announced at the Holiday Dinner.
  - Chapter Officers (2 year term)
    - Debi Huffman - President
    - John Reitz - Vice President
    - Larry Bishop - Secretary
    - Mike Stewart - Treasurer
  - Board of Trustees (3 year term)
    - Lee Hockman
    - Wayne Whitaker
- After a brief break for coffee and snacks or speaker was Bob "Punchy" Powell, WW II P-47 and P-51 Pilot who flew 89 missions. He presented and narrated actual aircraft gun camera film.
- The meeting was adjourned.

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 November 8, 2005

### Attending Members:

Larry Bishop	Jamie Painter
Duane Huff	Mike Stewart
Lnor Levine	Jim Sweat

### Absent Members:

Jeff Gwathney	John Reitz
Mike North	

### Visitors:

Cliff Aiken	Joel Levine
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The following reports were made:

- Financial - Mike Stewart reported that we are tracking to plan for 2005 assuming the B-17 commission is paid this year.
- Board of Trustees - Duane Huff reported that the meeting was held Tuesday, November 1, 2005. Several routine issues were addressed and the minutes of this meeting will be published in the November NavCom.
- Young Eagles - We flew approximately 48 kids

last month and have approximately 50 scheduled for Saturday, November 19th.

- Membership - Lnor reported that we currently have 195 members.
- NavCom - We need articles and photos early next month.
- Food Services - All is well with Jill and staff; nothing to report.
- Programs for 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday monthly meetings - report next month from John Reitz
- Publicity - Joel Levine reported that the schedule and flyers for our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday pancake breakfasts is complete for the first half of 2006.
- Fly-outs - None scheduled at this time. These destinations were proposed and discussed:
  - Tullahoma, TN - Staggerwing Museum
  - Augusta, GA - 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum
  - Birmingham, AL - Museum
  - Pigeon Forge, TN - Tennessee Aviation Museum
- There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



EAA Chapter 1415's chapter meeting will be held on Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the SportAir Hangar in the back of Mathis airport. The agenda includes election of officers for 2006, plans for next year's events and a discussion focusing on the Mathis Sport Aviators Flying Club group

and how to assist their efforts in building the new Rans S-6 Coyote. The program for the evening will be presented by Doug Ripley of SportAir. Doug will cover the process of setting up and preparing a plane for the paint booth. Topics will include proper temperatures, mixtures, sanding techniques, coatings and environments.



## 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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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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Please contact Bob Woolley at:  
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### WANTED:

Articles and photos by Chapter members are welcome for publication in the NavCom. They will be published on a space available basis at the discretion of the editor. Content of submissions is subject to editing.

Please submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: [lnor\\_l@bellsouth.net](mailto:lnor_l@bellsouth.net)



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**WANTED:** Members and spouses to participate in chapter events. It's a lot more fun when you join the activities and help make 690 the great Chapter it is. Lend a hand. You'll be welcomed and appreciated.

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EAA 690  
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I am interested in a part-time position — permanent / temporary. My background is in Market Research and Marketing but I am open to different challenges. I have a MBA in Marketing.

Please contact Laura 770/822-9143.

Having a son who is an aviation nut gets expensive!

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seeking such an aircraft — Powers was soon caught up in the parade enthusiasm himself.



Larry Bishop and Al Nixon

"Take Merlin and do anything you want with him," he said. And the volunteers with Angel Flight have certainly done that and more.

Merlin, in his Extreme Makeover, is magically taking on the appearance of an Angel plane, complete with Angel wings and halo. This mission

for Angel Flight Southeast will be like no other, as Merlin carries excited children, pilots, earth angels, and the Angel Flight Southeast aviator bear mascot through the streets of

downtown Atlanta. Sprinkled with a little angel dust, Merlin just might soar.

The 25th Anniversary Of The Annual Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade is



Greg Jannakos

Saturday December 3 at 10:30a.m. 300,000+ street spectators are expected with a live two-hour television broadcast by WSB-TV from downtown



Patty Stanton, Duane Huff and Sheryl Brandt

Atlanta beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a 30-minute pre-parade show. The parade, which is the official kick-off of the annual Festival of Lights, starts at Peachtree Street near Baker Street,

heads south to Marietta St., then west to Centennial Olympic Park Drive. Come see the many marching bands, antique cars, dance groups, colorful and animated floats, giant helium balloons, cheerleaders, clowns, and the grand finale — Santa Claus.

Proceeds from this event and The Festival of Trees, Atlanta's largest holiday extravaganza, will benefit

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Neonatal Center. And after the parade, please visit [www.angelflightse.org](http://www.angelflightse.org) to see a picture of how MERLIN came out. (Photos by Scarlett Auten.)



David Rowe & Frank Settle

## Chapter 690 AeroShoppe has Great Gift Items

### World of Flight 2006 Calendar

View some of the world's finest aviation photography all year long in EAA's 2006 World of Flight calendar. Each month features a stunning aircraft photographed in the style made famous by EAA. This calendar highlights EAA's regional fly-ins. Large format is perfect for penciling in your appointments. Makes a great gift for any aviation enthusiast. A limited number are on sale in the AeroShoppe for \$11.00. After that, they're \$12.99 plus shipping and handling from EAA in Oshkosh.



Chapter members Rick & Michele Gullet offer prompt delivery on embroidered logo items. Samples are available to look at in the AeroShoppe. Orders placed at the Pancake Breakfast will be ready for pick-up at the next Friday night meeting. Names can be added for \$6.00. Great gift ideas — and Christmas and Chanukah are coming!



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\$12.50



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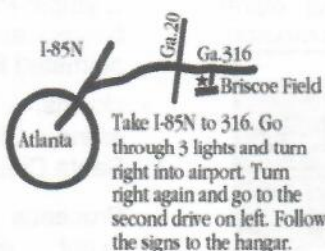
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## Come Join Us!

**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 a.m.



## DECEMBER MEETING

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Annual Holiday Banquet –  
Installation of Officers,  
Musical entertainment by  
“Among Friends,” Annual  
Awards, Member of the Year

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

## January Program on RV West Coast Trip With Michelle & Mike Stewart

The program after the January 7, 2006 Pancake Breakfast will be presented by Mike and Michelle Stewart. It should be a great way to start the New Year!



Crater Lake

On June 17, 2005, seven planes carrying 13 pilots and passengers, some friends, some unknown to each other, met in Snyder, TX for the beginning of an incredible Western United States RV tour and adventure.

The route brought them to many beautiful locales – where they landed for meals and overnight stays, or in some

cases were just able to over-fly. They included Monument Valley, “THE” Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley, past Mt. Shasta, the Puget Sound, past Mt. Rainier, over the Snake River Canyon, and on to Denver for a 2-day air show at the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, they all scattered for their various home bases.

You can get more info and see more of Michelle's beautiful pictures on her new web-site. To get to her web-site go to [mstewart.net](http://mstewart.net) and select “Michelle's web site is now up.”



Yosemite National Park

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