



# 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



## Season's Greetings



### 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 10<sup>th</sup> (our regular meeting night) with the traditional dinner and 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. *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 also feature entertainment and the annual presentation of awards, including the Member of the Year and recognition to members who have completed projects this year. Come participate in an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

#### Request for Help

The hangar needs to be cleaned, set up and decorated on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday Banquet. Volunteers will also be needed to clean up after the dinner on Friday. Please call Lnor Levine at 770-394-5466.



#### SpaceShipOne is Time's 'Coolest Invention' of 2004

Congratulations to Burt Rutan and the Scaled Composites team for the outstanding recognition received this week as Time magazine's "Coolest Invention of 2004." Burt is featured on the cover of the news magazine's current issue (November 29). Explaining its choice, Time says: "For solving the problems of suborbital flight and re-entry with ingenious design, for boldly going where NASA now fears to tread and returning without a scratch, but most of all for reigniting the moon-shot-era dream of zero gravity for everyone, SpaceShipOne is Time's Coolest Invention of 2004."

EAAers can be extremely proud of the accomplishments of their fellow members, Burt Rutan and Mike Melvill.

## EAA Scenes



← A good many chapter members gathered for dinner at Valentino's before the November chapter meeting. You're invited to come join the group before the January meeting.



Chapter 690 Member Steve Haslup used a model to demonstrate aerobatic maneuvers during his presentation "Flying and Judging Competition Aerobatics" at the November chapter meeting. The program was both informative and entertaining. →



← Rebecca Flynn, the 1.1 millionth EAA Young Eagle, and her pilot Kevin McCue.



## Flapjack Fly-Ins!



**EAA 690 - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Program**  
**Gwinnett Co. Airport (LZU)**  
**Breakfast - 8:00 - 10:30 am; Program - 10:30**

### 2005 Program Calendar

- January 1 — New Years Day Social
- February 5 — A Look at General Aviation Security
- March 5 — Japanese Kate (Nakajima) - The Story of a Movie Star
- April 2 — Aviation Photography — A Professional Talks About How to Improve Your Results
- May 7 — The History of Air Racing
- June 4 — Annual 690 Poker Run
- July 2 — Annual 690 Airplane Wash



For more information, please contact Joel Levine at 770-394-5466, or jlevine@bellsouth.net, or visit our website at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

## Chapter 690 Dues Reminder

The Chapter's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1st — so Chapter dues are due as of the first of the year. Dues can be paid to Glenn Clark at Chapter meetings or mailed to Lnor Levine at 1340 Nerine Circle, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

Dues may also be paid on-line through PayPal at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org). Go to Web Links and select the Membership Folder.

**New This Year** — All members who have paid their dues by the January 14th meeting will be eligible for a special prize drawing.



## 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 2005 NavCom is Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## The President's Pitch

By Larry Bishop



We are completing an exciting year in aviation and at EAA 690 starting with the Wright Brothers Centennial Celebration in December and continuing through the first private flight in space by EAA member Mike Melvill and award of the X-Prize for two flights into space within two weeks with the same spacecraft to EAA Member Burt Rutan and his staff at Scaled Composites.

Thanks to our officers, committee members and volunteers for helping us make this another successful year. Our monthly meeting programs and the Saturday Pancake Breakfast and programs have been outstanding, as are the NavCom and Chapter Web Site. We continue to fly record numbers of Young Eagles, and our members provide airport tours to more than 600 visitors each year. Everyone enjoyed the Hangar Dance; the Atlanta Blue Notes were great and we never ran out of all those "low calorie" desserts. Our increasing focus on youth activities and aviation education this year included the Aerospace in the Community program, a joint EAA and Fernbank Science Center activity for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and the announcement of our new scholarship program in honor of Margaret Wilcox. Our membership is strong with many new members this year. Sadly, we must say "so long" to the Barnes, Schonmeyer and Wilcox families, long time members

and supporters of this chapter as they have moved out of the Atlanta area this year.

A special thanks to Charlie McCormick and Forrest Wilson who have completed their six-year terms on the Board of Trustees and to Larry Dickinson, Bill Ferguson and Dave Ostergaard for their service on the Board of Directors for the last two years. We appreciate your dedication to the chapter. Congratulations to Bill Ferguson and Larry Wallis, new members of the Board of Trustees, and to Lnor Levine, Mike North, Jamie Painter and Jim Sweat, new members of our Board of Directors.

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 10, our regular monthly meeting night. This is a family event and everyone is welcomed. We start at 7:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Following dinner we have planned an outstanding program of entertainment and chapter awards. See the details on page 1 of this NavCom

Thanks again for everyone's hard work and support. Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any chapter 690 matters.

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## 1.1 MILLIONTH YOUNG EAGLE REGISTERED



From [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org): Nearly one year to the day after it reached 1 million Young Eagles flown, EAA entered Young Eagle No. 1.1 million as the world's most popular youth aviation program continues to reach new heights. On November 6, Kevin McCue, EAA 678364, of Tucson, Arizona, piloted his 1947 Luscombe 8E with 16-year-old Rebecca Flynn of Sahuarita, Arizona, on board. Five days later, Rebecca, a Navy ROTC Cadet, was entered into the world's largest logbook as Young Eagle No. 1.1 million.

EAA registered the 1 millionth Young Eagle, Andrew Grant, on November 10, 2003, so the program is solidly on track for meeting EAA's primary goal for its Chapters and members to fly 100,000 kids per year. For an update on Chapter 690's YE events, please see page 9.

## Minutes of the November 12, 2004 Chapter 690 Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by Larry Bishop, President
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introductions of Guests
- Approval of the October 8, monthly meeting minutes as published in the NavCom.
- Thanks to Lee Olson and all the members who helped us clean, move, decorate and serve at the Hangar Dance on October 23. Thanks to the Jet Center Staff for their support and the use of their hangar again this year.
- The next Pancake Breakfast and Program will be Saturday, December 4, 2004. Member Hugh Colton is our speaker. Join us for a program on Flying the Southern Alps of New Zealand.
- January Pancake Breakfast will be a New Year's Day Social. We will not have a program. Friendship Flights are planned.
- Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting are published in the NavCom. The next Board meeting is Tuesday, January 11.
- The next meeting if the Board of Trustees is Monday, November 12
- The next Young Eagle Rally is Saturday, November 20, with approximately 50 kids expected.
- Committee Reports were presented.
- Local Fly-in schedule was discussed. Cliff Aiken will be posting known local fly-in info on the chapter web-site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)
- Election was held to fill two positions for a six-year term on the Board of Trustees and four at-large members of the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Thanks to Charlie McCormick and Forrest Wilson who have completed their terms and are rotating off their current assignment and congratulations to Bill Ferguson and Larry Wallis, our newest members of the Board of Trustees. Also, thanks to Larry Dickinson, Bill Ferguson, Dave Ostergaard for serving on the Board of Directors for the last two years and congratulations to Lnor Levine, Mike North, Jamie Painter and Jim Sweat on their election to the Board of Directors.
- The 2004 Member of the Year was selected by secret ballot and award will be presented at the Holiday Dinner.
- The program "Flying and Judging Competition Aerobatics" was presented by chapter member Steve Haslup.
- The meeting was adjourned.

## Your EAA Membership Benefits What They Are & How They've Changed

Part 2 (For Part 1, see page 4 of the November NavCom.)

From the EAA National Office:

With the new Sport Pilot movement, EAA's technical team is the leader in helping all aviators understand what the new ruling means and how it helps reduce the traditional time and cost barriers associated with training and aircraft ownership. We have a special brochure series that answers many of the questions members have on this topic. If you'd like to receive this information or have a question on Sport Pilot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or visit the website at [www.sportpilot.org](http://www.sportpilot.org).

Another new benefit of EAA membership this year is unlimited admission to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. That's right all members can visit the museum as often as they like-- at no additional charge.

The EAA membership umbrella includes the wonderful ability to join a local chapter and participate in all of its activities. Plus, EAA members also have the opportunity to join one or all of EAA's affiliate organizations: EAA Warbirds of America, EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association, and the International Aerobatic Club division of EAA. Plus, an affiliate of EAA is the National Association of Flight Instructors. The EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council reaffirms EAA's commitment to its homebuilding roots. There's something for everyone!

With the EAA Flight Planner, EAA members can easily plan a VFR flight, view a route on current maps (including Sectional, WACs and other) check NOTAMs and weather, file with DUATs and many other functions. This \$50 value is free for EAA members, just check out the website at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) for more information.

For individual services, EAA provides a wealth of educational and technical benefits. Access to pilot programs such as EAA Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Aeromedical Advisors, and Aviation Information Services representatives are ready to answer your aviation questions at 888/322-4636. EAA's education opportunities include SportAir workshops held around the country – the perfect place to learn about aircraft building and restoration. Call 800/967-5746 for all the details.

Working with kids via the EAA Young Eagles program gives the next generation of aviation enthusiasts the chance to take to the sky. EAA members provide an introductory flight experience for kids aged 8-17 – members have flown more than 1,100,000 Young Eagles since the program's inception. Call 877/806-8902 for more information. EAA's Air Academy aviation camps provide a resident camp at Oshkosh headquarters for youth who are aged 12-18 interested in aviation. Reach the Air Academy at 888/322-3229.

Finally, the discounts! Great deals and discounts for EAA members abound: you can save on everything from member discounts on Ford vehicles, John Deere equipment, Hertz car rentals, travel services, and even a preferred rate on the EAA VISA® credit card.

For more information on any of your EAA membership benefits, we're at your assistance on-line at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) or in person at 800/JOIN EAA (800/564-6322.)

## Minutes of the November 9, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

### Attending:

Larry Bishop	Duane Huff
Larry Dickinson	Mike North
Bill Ferguson	Dave Ostergaard
Jeff Gwathney	John Reitz
	Mike Stewart

### Absent: None

### Visitors:

Joel Levine	Lee Olsen
Lnor Levine	Jennifer North

The meeting was called to Order by Mike Stewart, Chairman

- Calendars have been ordered and are expected to arrive prior to the monthly meeting November 12.
- Treasurers report – we are approximately \$1000 under budget year to date.
- Financial audit of chapter records for the past three years has been completed. No problems or discrepancies of any kind were found. Recommend this be done yearly.
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- The different flight schools have expressed an interest in the flying start program at a different time of the year.
- Forms should be submitted to Oshkosh to get events on the published calendar.
- Text file list for library titles, tool list added to web page.
- Board of Trustees report was presented. See Minutes from the November 1, 2004, meeting for details.
- The heating systems in the hangar are being serviced and repaired and will be back in operation soon.
- The trustees are working on the roof issues and hangar use guidelines, with a focus on final condition after use of hangar and ramp area.
- A new door handle with a working lock has been added to the bathroom.
- We had a high water bill again this month. Board of Trustees needs to investigate. A timer system will be considered.
- Aviation scholarship for young ladies on honor of Margaret Wilcox was discussed and a planning meeting to establish the criteria and details of the program is scheduled.
- The Hangar Dance held on October 23 was profitable. However, attendance was down this year, as was participation by chapter members. The discussion will be continued at the next Board of Directors meeting. All interested members are invited to attend this meeting.
- Duane reported that 22 Young Eagles were flown last Saturday. 40 to 50 kids are expected at our Young Eagle Rally on November 20. Duane has received his award for flying 300 Young Eagles.
- Raising the energy and activity level of the chapter was discussed by the board. Looking for suggestions.
- There will not be a Board of Directors Meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Minutes of the November 1, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

Attendance: D. Huff, F. Wilson, F. Wilcox, L. Bishop, L. Olson

Duane reviewed the minutes from the October meeting, and the following items were discussed:

1. Sky lights: BOD did not approve permanent covering, spare sheet metal panels will be installed.
2. New hangar lighting was tabled by BOD
3. Hangar use guidelines: Frank presented comprehensive draft he had prepared some time ago. Lee will provide general "draft" for review at December meeting.
4. Security for Drill & Welder: Lee will research container to lock power cords in.
5. HVAC: heating Section #2 is now operational
6. Restroom lock: Duane replaced lock assembly. Item closed.
7. Main entrance: Duane installed new sweep. Item closed.
8. Tool keys: Sign's are required to notify members that Duane has tool keys.
9. Non AN Hardware: All non AN hardware must be in separate area from main supply of AN parts.
10. Fountain machine disposition: Duane will contact Mike North.
11. Ice machine: Final installation pending disposition of fountain machine.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.M. Olson, Secretary

## CROP-DUSTER OWNERS ARE PUT ON GUARD

From AVweb's AVflash (Visit [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com))

Meanwhile, an old threat is gaining new attention in the U.S. as federal authorities urge crop-duster owners and pilots to keep an eye out for anything strange. A crop duster was reported stolen in Mexico on Nov. 1, provoking a TSA advisory. Robert Jordan, the FBI's top agent in Oregon, confirmed to the Associated Press that al Qaeda may be taking a fresh look at the use of crop dusters to spread biological or chemical agents in the U.S. And that puts those who fly and maintain the aircraft on the front line of defense ...

and on the front lines of federal scrutiny. (Expect visits from the FBI.) Wayne Seitz, who owns a crop-dusting business in Heppner, Ore., said he's getting used to the periodic security alerts affecting his industry and actually welcomes the resulting federal attention. Seitz has been visited by the FBI and FAA in recent months, both checking to make sure his plane is securely stored. The FBI's Jordan said Seitz and his colleagues had better get used to the scrutiny. "I don't anticipate us losing our interest in that type of industry in the foreseeable future."

### Classifieds

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

### E-Mail Address Changes

To contact NavCom editor Lnor Levine, please send info and articles to [LNOR\\_L@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:LNOR_L@BELLSOUTH.NET)

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

### The NavCom is Available On-Line

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

Just visit the Chapter's web-site at:  
[www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)



### PLAN AHEAD NOW -

You won't want to miss Chapter 690's New Year's Day Social.

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast falls on January 1st of 2005. We will hangar fly, have some fun activities, and weather permitting, we'll have Friendship Flights.

### Scholarships Offered

This year, Chapter 690 will again be offering scholarships to young people with an interest in aviation. Details about eligibility, requirements for application, and deadlines will be available soon. Please notify any young person who might be interested - your child, relative, neighbor, etc. It's one way Chapter 690 reaches out to our community.



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## "What Did I Do?"

by Michael Stewart

The 2004 Camden Celebrate Freedom Airshow was a huge success. Incredible weather, great flying, and some once in a lifetime memories. Team RV, along with Falcon Flight and OVRV, flew 4 spots AFTER the Thunderbirds. That's right... they opened for us. (Well as it turns out they had 2 shows to do and had to run off for another event.) No matter, they warmed the crowd up for us as we performed our 6+4 opposing routine, followed by some 10 ship passes.

Sunday morning is where the trip really turned for us. It started with this story which I encourage you to read - "Today We Made A Difference" on page 8 - about a missing man formation we did. Get your Kleenex ready, you're gonna need it.

The day only got better from there. If you still have a few Kleenex's left, then read on.

After landing, Falcon Flight lead Stu McCurdy had just completed a brief of the Tuskegee flight that was planned for an 11:30 mission. As a refresher, the Tuskegee's were a group of black pilots, the first in fact, who trained in Alabama as WWII fighter pilots. These brave men were known for their skill and for their very low bomber loss rate. NONE to enemy fighters! Late in the war, they were sought after by the bomber pilots for protection, putting their prejudices aside. Funny how life and death will do that to you, huh? While these men were fighting for their country, their country was fighting against them with racism and bigotry that only someone from that era can understand. It suffices to say that these are the men heroes are made from and they are only now getting the recognition they deserve.

So with that small background, these 85+ year old veteran fighter pilots, having flown P-51C models known to them as the Red Tails for their markings, were at this air show to commemorate their 60th anniversary. With wheel chairs, oxygen, walkers and so forth, these men were still making things happen. There are only a few left now, but those few left are representing a group of heroes who have passed on. They would be honored by their patriotism, stick-to-itiveness, and tireless efforts.



Today's mission, to get the remaining Tuskegee's into the RV's, and fly a formation off the only

remaining P-51C model flying, owned by Kermit Weeks. (Surely you know him.)



We started gathering around the Red Tail for some photo's. There were hordes of photographers, news media, and so forth. Organized by James "Foggy" Clark, picture after picture was taken with us, the Tuskegee's, the Red Tail, and of course, Kermit. It was pretty cool. Foggy spent months organizing this event and you can bet he was one proud organizer on this day.

We pulled the Tuskegee's away from the crowd and to the fence line to brief them on the mission. Stu led them through the flight and let them know what to expect. Then we began pairing off the Tuskegee's with the RV pilots by weight. Tandems get the light weights, side-by-sides get the big boys. I grabbed the biggest guy near me.

"Sir, my name is Michael Stewart. I'm going to be your pilot today."

"Charles Lane son," as he shook my hand. I looked him right in the eyes. "This man has got character," I said to myself.

"Mr. Lane it is truly an honor to be flying you today..." and the conversation continued to include his interest in Long-EZ's and other homebuilts. I briefed him on the plane. There was no need however, he knew all about the RV and was clearly an aviation nut right from the get go. I looked around to see if the other pilots were climbing aboard or what. As I looked across the ramp they were all doing exactly what I was doing, having conversations with their once in a lifetime passengers. No one was ready to get in yet. We were all savoring the rare moment to converse with a war hero and fighter pilot. I watched as the barrage of folks accompanying the Tuskegee's moved in to help get them into the planes. Charles did not need any help from me, he was getting around pretty good, but some of the others needed help for sure.

We fired up, taxied to runway 6 for run-up. The Red Tail needed time to get that Packard V engine oil up to temperature. I had an opportunity to chat with Charles as the flight of 12 held for the Red Tail to warm up.

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## "What Did I Do?" (Cont. from Page 7)

by Michael Stewart

"Charles... Did you know back then that what you were doing was important, that you were changing things for our country and your race forever?"

"No not really" he said. "I was 19 don't forget, I didn't know much of anything" he said with a laugh. "What we did know was that our group was chosen to protect the bombers"

As I throttled up, I went for the check list. Charlie hollered out "Fuel Pressure?"

"Ahhh.. 26!"

"Is that good?" He asked

"Yep"

"Gear?"

"ahhhh, Fixed" I blurted.

"Huh?"

"Fixed... You know"

"Oh yeah, right. Fixed" he said

He pressed on with a complete reciting of the P-51 checklist. I was just blurring out the word "check." I had no idea what half the stuff was he was saying.

We rolled out onto the runway, for a three ship VIC departure, Nomad in the lead.

"Your flaps are up" Charlie said.

"Yeah we don't need those now"

"You would in the Mustang" he recalled, looking at every detail as we lined up. I wondered how a man 85 years old could possibly be so attentive. It became clear during the takeoff roll that he was not 85. Right then he was 19 all over again.

During the roll, things got really crazy.

"Come on, Come on, Come on" he hollered like a jockey on a race horse. "Get in there!"

"I'm in, I'm in..." I replied as I tried to get as close as I could to Nomad, keeping my line with Dick "Frogman" Sipp.

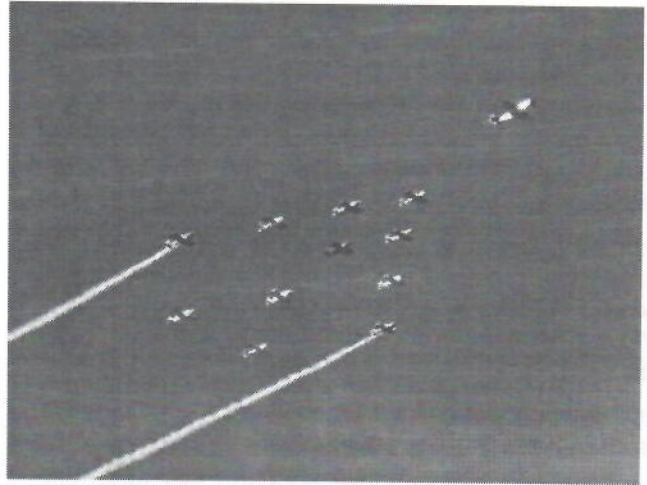
Down the runway we went. "On the numbers! On the Numbers" He was hollering away. Still I was clueless as to what he was talking about.

We rotated in a perfect 3 ship takeoff. Charlie smiled. "This is amazing. Not in 60 years. Oh Man..." He went on and kept talking. I sure wish I had a tape recorder because everything that was coming out of his mouth was something to be remembered. As we brought the 12 ship together, Glenn "Dogg" Miller and I were the outside wingman since we had smoke.

Kermit keyed in. "Team RV, Red Tails in on your left, 150mph closing" Our briefed join speed. Right then Charlie turned his head left looking over my shoulder.

"There she is... There she is... WOW" Charlie continued, in awe over the formation and the Red Tail

sliding to the front. Tears rolled down his cheek, as Kermit made his way right in front of us, that big four blade pulling him out to the lead.



Stu "Falcon" McCurdy keyed up, "Mustang's got the lead"

"Roger, Mustangs got the lead" Kermit replied as we all settled into our positions for the first pass.

Our goal was to form up in the shape of a B-17 and let Kermit lead us into show center as escort, just like he would have in 1944.

"Oh Man, this is unbelievable." Charlie just could not believe the roar of the engines, the precision of the formation, thousands of on-lookers below waving up at him, his friends in the planes next to us... It was a moment he will never forget I assure you.

We made a second pass, this time with Kermit in trail, smoke on. Smokers are Dogg and Kahuna. Man that looks good huh?

As we set up for the initial pitchout, I briefed Charlie on what to expect. Again there was no need. I asked him if he wanted an easy break or a hard one.

"Gimmie all you got," he said. So I did. I broke and he cut loose, "Wooooohooooooo. Wooooooo. Yeehaaaa, Oh Man," is all I heard till the wheels touched down.



As we taxied back in staggered formation, the crowd was waving, soldiers saluting him, kids climbing up on the fence to get a glimpse of a Tuskegee. They were all honoring him for his achievement. Another moment to never forget. Here is a shot from Rick "Smoozer" Gray's award winning RV as we taxied back. Those salutes say it all.  
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- Text file list for library titles, tool list added to web page.
- Board of Trustees report was presented. See Minutes from the November 1, 2004, meeting for details.
- The heating systems in the hangar are being serviced and repaired and will be back in operation soon.
- The trustees are working on the roof issues and hangar use guidelines, with a focus on final condition after use of hangar and ramp area.
- A new door handle with a working lock has been added to the bathroom.
- We had a high water bill again this month. Board of Trustees needs to investigate. A timer system will be considered.
- Aviation scholarship for young ladies on honor of Margaret Wilcox was discussed and a planning meeting to establish the criteria and details of the program is scheduled.
- The Hangar Dance held on October 23 was profitable. However, attendance was down this year, as was participation by chapter members. The discussion will be continued at the next Board of Directors meeting. All interested members are invited to attend this meeting.
- Duane reported that 22 Young Eagles were flown last Saturday. 40 to 50 kids are expected at our Young Eagle Rally on November 20. Duane has received his award for flying 300 Young Eagles.
- Raising the energy and activity level of the chapter was discussed by the board. Looking for suggestions.
- There will not be a Board of Directors Meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Minutes of the November 1, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

Attendance: D. Huff, F. Wilson, F. Wilcox, L. Bishop, L. Olson

Duane reviewed the minutes from the October meeting, and the following items were discussed:

1. Sky lights: BOD did not approve permanent covering, spare sheet metal panels will be installed.
2. New hangar lighting was tabled by BOD
3. Hangar use guidelines: Frank presented comprehensive draft he had prepared some time ago. Lee will provide general "draft" for review at December meeting.
4. Security for Drill & Welder: Lee will research container to lock power cords in.
5. HVAC: heating Section #2 is now operational

6. Restroom lock: Duane replaced lock assembly. Item closed.
7. Main entrance: Duane installed new sweep. Item closed.
8. Tool keys: Sign's are required to notify members that Duane has tool keys.
9. Non AN Hardware: All non AN hardware must be in separate area from main supply of AN parts.
10. Fountain machine disposition: Duane will contact Mike North.
11. Ice machine: Final installation pending disposition of fountain machine.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.M. Olson, Secretary

## CROP-DUSTER OWNERS ARE PUT ON GUARD

From AVweb's AVflash (Visit [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com))

Meanwhile, an old threat is gaining new attention in the U.S. as federal authorities urge crop-duster owners and pilots to keep an eye out for anything strange. A crop duster was reported stolen in Mexico on Nov. 1, provoking a TSA advisory. Robert Jordan, the FBI's top agent in Oregon, confirmed to the Associated Press that al Qaeda may be taking a fresh look at the use of crop dusters to spread biological or chemical agents in the U.S. And that puts those who fly and maintain the aircraft on the front line of defense ...

and on the front lines of federal scrutiny. (Expect visits from the FBI.) Wayne Seitz, who owns a crop-dusting business in Heppner, Ore., said he's getting used to the periodic security alerts affecting his industry and actually welcomes the resulting federal attention. Seitz has been visited by the FBI and FAA in recent months, both checking to make sure his plane is securely stored. The FBI's Jordan said Seitz and his colleagues had better get used to the scrutiny. "I don't anticipate us losing our interest in that type of industry in the foreseeable future."

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### The NavCom is Available On-Line

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

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### PLAN AHEAD NOW -

You won't want to miss Chapter 690's New Year's Day Social.

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast falls on January 1st of 2005. We will hangar fly, have some fun activities, and weather permitting, we'll have Friendship Flights.

### Scholarships Offered

This year, Chapter 690 will again be offering scholarships to young people with an interest in aviation. Details about eligibility, requirements for application, and deadlines will be available soon. Please notify any young person who might be interested - your child, relative, neighbor, etc. It's one way Chapter 690 reaches out to our community.



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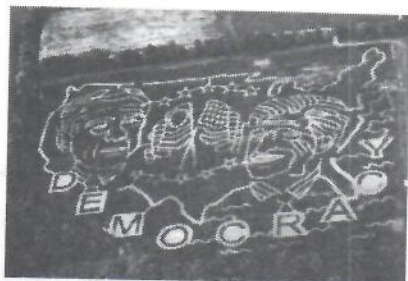
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## A-Mazing Views An Aerial Perspective On Crop Art



The December issue of AOPA magazine featured fantastic photos of mazes created "down on the farm."

If you're a member of AOPA you can log on to [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org) and see more of these neat photos.



## FSDOs Officially Authorized to Issue Sport Pilot Certificates

December 2, 2004 – From [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

The FAA has released specific instructions to its Flight Standards District Offices (FSDOs) outlining procedures for issuing student pilot certificates to sport pilot candidates. The document, N 8700.34, Issuance of Student Pilot Certificates to Sport Pilot Candidates, should clear up any confusion in the field regarding issuance of student pilot certificates, says Martin Weaver, FAA's Light Sport Aviation Branch manager. Questions regarding the notice should be directed to the Certification and Flight Training Branch, AFS-840, at 202/267-9374.

Joel Levine thought you might like to visit the following site: <http://flyguides.com>

There is a free but fast registration to get full access to the site.

## On Sale in the AeroShopper - World of Flight 2005 Calendar

The new EAA Calendar for 2005 features selected works from a 20-year retrospective of EAA Chief Photographer Jim Koepnick.

The calendar lists for \$12.99, and is being sold in the AeroShopper for \$10.00. Get one for yourself and one for a gift. Quantities are limited!

Other great gift items include our chapter mugs, and signed copies of The Lost Squadron – the story of the Greenland Expedition by David Hayes.



## Chapter 690 Logo Clothing Available High Quality Items Make great Gifts – Order Yours Now

Chapter members Rick & Michele Gullet offer prompt delivery of these items. Samples are available to look at in the AeroShopper. 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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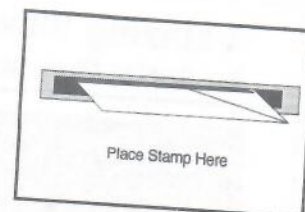
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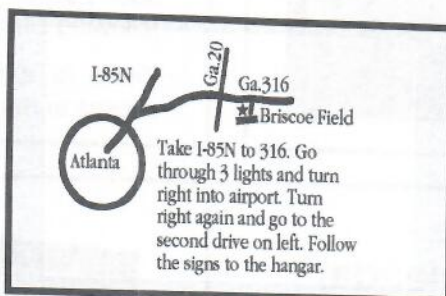
## Come Join Us!

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

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

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Free programs start at 10:30 a.m.**



## DECEMBER MEETING

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Program — Annual holiday party featuring scrumptious food, entertainment and awards.

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

### LIVE WEBCASTS BRING EAA EVENTS TO THE WORLD

November 30, 2004 – From WWW.EAA.ORG  
The EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh plays host to two very special events in December, and EAA members throughout the world are invited to "attend" through the EAA Members only website. Live webcasts are planned for the December 7 commemoration, "Remember Pearl Harbor: Was Admiral Kimmel to Blame?" and the gala Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet on December 17 featuring pilot and astronaut of SpaceShipOne, Mike Melvill.

The Pearl Harbor program webcast features Thomas Kimmel, grandson of Adm. H.E. Kimmel and begins at 6:15 p.m. CST. The Wright brothers banquet comes on-line at 7:30 p.m. CST. To see either program, log in at <http://members.eaa.org>, and follow the link. Either Windows Media Player or Real Player is required to view the programs.

EAA's live video webcasts are made possible by a grant from the Wright Family Foundation, with which EAA installed live-feed technology. The first webcast took place last year on December 17, recapping Centennial of Flight activities from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Archived webcasts can be accessed through the EAA AirVenture Museum website.

### EAA New Year's Day Social

Chapter 690 is noted is noted for Fun, Food, Fellowship and Flying. And that is how we will start off 2005.

The January 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast will be on New Year's Day. Come join us for our New Year's Celebration. In addition to our usual delicious pancakes & sausage, eggs & biscuits, orange juice and coffee, we will serve up a generous helping of camaraderie.

At our New Year's Day Social we will hangar fly, have some fun activities, and weather permitting, we'll have Friendship Flights. See you there!

### Hangar Use Protocol

One benefit of membership in Chapter 690 is the opportunity to rent the Chapter building for minor maintenance on your airplane, annual inspections, etc. At the current rate of \$10 a day, it's a true bargain. Use is limited to times when the hangar is not needed for Chapter functions, and is on a first-come first-served basis. You can sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board. The hangar must be cleaned and prepared for the next Chapter function on a timely basis.