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EAA690 and Wings Weekend *by Joel Levine:*

First let me say that if you did not receive a "690 NOTAM" from me announcing last Saturday's breakfast and program, I'm sorry. Just another hard disk crash with an old back-up. I'm sure I heard someone say good – no more garbage e-mail. Don't bet on it - "I'll be back!" If you did not receive the NOTAM (and wish to), send me your current e-mail address and I will update the list.

Now on to the Georgia Wings Weekend. The First Annual Georgia Wings Weekend is only a month and a half away, May 13-14. The committee, made up of Chapter members from 690, 268, the War Bird Chapter, the 99's, CAP and the FAA, is working hard, none harder than our own Sue and Terry Adams, to make Georgia's first Wings Weekend a resounding success. If you have read any of the aviation rags you already know that FAA Wings Weekends are being held in many other states around the country. Recurrent training is key to Aviation Safety and the FAA is in full support of the program as are our major sponsors, Compaq, Mercedes Benz, Coca-Cola and the FAA. The Safety Seminars and the

three hours of airtime are all free to the pilot participant. Obviously the pilot participant must supply the plane. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are also free to the participant with a nominal fee for a guest. The Saturday and Sunday Safety Seminars and manufacturers' exhibits are open to all to attend, however, the minimum requirement to earn a FAA Wings Segment is a private pilot rating. One new Wing may be earned each year.

If you plan on participating, time is of the essence. There are a maximum number of flight slots available based on air space, the three hours of flight time required and the number of flight instructors donating their time. The registration forms are posted near the entrance to the Chapter Hangar or you can register at www.wingsweekend.com on the Internet.

The Wings Weekend planning and implementation has involved a lot of Chapter members with additional help from members and spouses being needed during the weekend. Although a large part of the weekend will focus on this activity, the Chapter has also committed to hosting the B-17 and our Annual Hangar Dance on the same weekend.

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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 encouraged. Submit articles in ASCII or Word format and pictures in any format via email to: jdreed@mindspring.com or mail to:

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Deadline for submissions is the Last Sunday of the Month

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President's NOTAM

by Chuck Miller

There is no Notam this month

The following is a request from Judy Hayes who is doing the Companion Course during the Wings Weekend. Her request speaks for itself. If you can help, bring your outdated sectionals to the April meeting or next Saturdays Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program. "I really need everyone's help in rounding up as many newly-expired Atlanta Sectionals as I can get my hands on (the one that expired today, and the one that expired before it in September, if anyone still has it. I have about 7 at present (counting my own personal ones), and need 33 more. I have contacted the FBOs that I deal with regularly and they are holding any they can find for me. If you have either one of these, or know anyone who does (and it is in reasonably good shape!), please hold it for me?"

Thanks so much!

Judy Hayes

North Georgia 99s

Instructor for Pilot's Companion Course Wings Weekend May 13-14, 2000

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Congratulation to Ed Stembridge

Ed passed his Private Pilot Checkride!!!! We will have the complete story in next month's NavCom

Georgia Aviation Camp 2000

at SciTrek for kids ages 9 - 12 will have hands-on aviation experiences while learning about the scientific principles behind flight. Related topics such as weather, navigation and careers will be discussed.

The camp is made possible through a partnership between Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems, Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers, Inc., and SciTrek.

Session one July 24 - July 28.

Session two July 31 - August 4.

Camp Hours: 9 am to 4 pm. Extended Hours: 7:30 am- 6:00 pm. \$170.00/\$150.00 per week. Call 404-522-5500 x217 for registration. Deadline is July 17th.

So, you think a gallon of gasoline is expensive?

This is what it costs to buy a gallon of...

Diet Snapple 16oz for \$1.29 = \$10.32 per gallon

Gatorade 20oz for \$1.59 = \$ 10.17 per gallon

Pint of milk 16oz for \$1.59 = \$12.72 per gallon

Pepto Bismol 4oz for \$3.85 = \$123.20 per gallon

> >> And this is the REAL KICKER.....

Evian water 9oz for \$1.49 = \$ 21.19 per gallon

\$21.19 FOR WATER!! You get the idea??

Minutes of EAA Chapter 690

March 2000 Meeting

Tom Dubrouillet, Secretary

President Miller called the meeting to order and led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then issued a welcome to all visitors especially the 99's and CAP cadets in attendance. The secretary's report was the minutes of the Feb meeting as published in the Nav/Com. Motion made and seconded to accept as printed. Motion passed.

Tim Fulmer has been leading the Hangar Building project work teams. If you haven't seen the progress in the last couple of weeks you really need to come out to the next work party. It's really coming together. There is someone working almost every Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Publicity Chair Joel Levine did a great job promoting the March speaker. The event made the Atlanta Journal. We had 80 or 90 people at the meeting and most of them came to see our speaker. Joel reminded the Chapter about the Wings Weekend May 13, 14 "Free" BFR!! See www.wingsweekend.com for details. The B-17 is coming on May 12-15 we will need volunteers. See Joel for keys to the Chapter Hangar. The April 1 Pancake breakfast will have a speaker from Macon FSS the topic is Aviation Weather.

The Hangar Dance is on! Thanks to Tim & Paula Fulmer for taking on the planning for the event. We have a 19pc orchestra and sounds like it will be fun.

Young Eagles Chair Duane Huff says the next scheduled YE event is April 15th. You can also talk to Duane for packets containing required forms and information to fly YE's at anytime during the year. You don't have to wait for 690 to schedule it for you. EAA is at around 590,000 YE's toward the goal of 1,000,000 before Dec of 1993.

Membership Chair Dale Schonmeyer reports that we have 158 paid up members as of the March meeting. We're still a few short of the 218 from last year.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS – Chuck Miller reported that

Young Eagles Pilots earn 1 EAA credit for each YE flown. Chuck suggested that the Chapter might want to pool their points, select a worthy youngster, and send him/her to the EAA Air Academy. Chuck asked for a volunteer to coordinate this effort. Duane Huff offered to collect the points.

Next Chuck reported that several members have requested or suggested that the meeting be moved to a different day of the week, or time of the month. Chuck suggested that we put a ballot in the next Nav/Com to solicit suggestions, then publish a ballot at a later date.

Did you see the movie "The Right Stuff"? Did you know that women were going through exactly the same training at the same time? If you were in that boat with me, you missed your chance to meet one of the women who lived it. We watched a brief documentary on the events, then Myrtle "Kay" Cagle from Macon, charmed members and visitors alike with her tales of the early days of women in aviation.

Wings Weekend *Continued from page 1*

It's a monumental, energetic endeavor, but with the active and large membership we have, it is well within our grasp.

One of the first items that must be addressed is getting the word out about the Hangar Dance. For our new members, let me say that this is a terrific evening with the 19 piece Blue Note Orchestra playing the music of the 40's and 50's. Here is an opportunity to get the spouse or significant other who turns their nose up at the thought of going to the airport to see a completely different aspect of aviation. Don't just take my word for it – ask anyone who has attended one of the four previous dances for their opinion and then get a group of friends together. Be prepared to step back to a time when music was music and you held on to your partner when you danced!

Please do not wait to be asked to help – volunteer. There is no better way to get to know and enjoy the friendship of the members of the Chapter than to participate.

March Meeting Speaker Brings Large Crowd by Margaret Wilcox

Myrtle Thompson ³Kay² Cagle was the speaker who drew a record crowd (over 90) to the Chapter building for the March 10th meeting. Kay was one of the 13 'secret' female Mercury astronauts chosen by NASA in 1960 to be tested and evaluated for possible selection as the first persons to fly in space.

History tells us that there were no American women in space until Sally Ride flew in 1983. What happened? Kay told the story through a video provided by The History Channel and her own interpretation as she shared her life story and answered questions.

Now in her mid 70s, Kay, small of stature, but full of energy and enthusiasm, seems to be a woman who knows no fear and has the confidence to do anything she makes up her mind to do. She started flying when only 12 years old - trying to keep up with her older brothers and was licensed at 14. At 36 years she was a flight, instrument and ground instructor with 4,300 hours of flying time, when she learned of the astronaut tests and wrote asking to be included. The women passed the same physical exams as John Glenn and the other Mercury astronauts. They surpassed the men in their ability to withstand heat, cold, monotony and pain, required less food and oxygen. Most of them had registered more flying time than had the men. But they were victims of their time. Politicians, bureaucrats and the American public were not ready in 1960 for women to assume leadership roles, even if we could have beaten the Russians by putting the first woman in space. Having fallen behind the Russians in other firsts, it happened again when they sent the first woman in space in 1963. She was not even a pilot - she was textile factory worker. Kay is not bitter about the disappointment she and the other women felt. She continued her career as a pilot and took advantage of all the opportunities made available as a result of her success in being chosen one of the 13 women. She told about riding home from the tests in Texas in a C130. She visited Israel and China, met Charles Lindberg, many of the astronauts and much later Eileen Collins, the first woman to pilot the Space

Shuttle. Though married at the time she was chosen, she had no children. But after the program folded, she had a daughter who has become a nurse, a career that Kay herself once considered.

Kay retired in 1996 from many years in aviation which in addition to flying and instructing, included working as an aircraft mechanic. Kay gives credit to the early women in aviation, on whose shoulders she stands and is grateful that women today give her and her generation praise for establishing the credibility which enable them to become leaders in aviation.

Visitors who came to the Chapter meeting to hear Kay speak included several '99s' (Women Pilot's Organization), Civil Air Patrol Cadets and members of the general public.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

(or the Construction Project Moves Ahead)

By Margaret Wilcox

"A room with a view!" That is what everyone says who has climbed the stairs to the mezzanine lounge of the Chapter building since Saturday March 18th.

That is the day that a large storefront six pane window was installed in the wall of the mezzanine facing the runway. The window is approximately 12 feet wide and 6 1/2 feet high so large is an understatement since the wall is only 16 feet wide. When completed the lounge is sure to be the central gathering place for airplane watching with such good runway visibility.

We need to thank Tim Fulmer for securing and engineering the installation of this amenity. Be sure to check it out. All of the sheetrock has been installed on the fire rated wall so it is ready for the first inspection. But before the inspector comes, the mezzanine level exterior door must be installed along with the small deck and stairs which will be the egress for the upper level. Work continues on Saturdays. Watch for Joel's E-Mail NOTAMS or call Charlie Sego at 770-736-9300 if you have questions. A group of retirees work on Thursdays. Call Frank Wilcox at 770-978-2403 or the Chapter Building after 9:30 A.M. On Thursdays at 770-339-0804 for information.

April Meeting Notes

Post WWII and Cold War Aviation History

The program for the April meeting on Friday the 14th will be Joe Anastasia, a resident of Sandy Springs, who flew a number of the then modern transports during the Berlin Airlift and later flew the B-36 and the B-52 during the height of the Cold War. Joe's charts and pictures are fascinating along with his stories of the conditions he flew in and the extraordinary lengthy flights the long range bombers did regularly keeping our nuclear weapons in the air continuously over the top of the world.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS HELP CHAPTERS FORGE A SOLID FUTURE

The Experimental Aircraft Association has always been more than just a bunch of guys getting together and talking about airplanes.

In some ways it's an almost evangelical group that spreads the word about recreational aviation among themselves and non-members. By uniting diverse interests ranging from homebuilts to warbirds, it becomes an umbrella organization that shares its gathered knowledge in an effort to improve the aviation community.

But EAA depends on its Chapters to remain strong, which is the reasoning behind the regional leadership workshops sponsored by the Chapter Office.

Members of the Chapter Advisory Council and EAA staff present the workshops, which are designed to be teambuilding, not cheerleading, sessions.

"We talk with them about the future of their organizations," said Troy Toelle, EAA Chapter Field Administrator. "But more importantly, we put them in contact with other Chapter leaders in their area so they can synergize. They build a network that they

can use to co-sponsor events, to ask for help or to lend help. That's the core of it."

The most recent regional workshop was held March 6 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Seventy EAA Chapter leaders gathered from all over the Northeast U.S. and Canada for the one-day event.

Toelle said that Chapter leaders learned about building a dynamic Chapter structure, Chapter fundraising, and creating Chapter missions, visions, and goals.

The exercises cover goal building, strategic planning, and identifying Chapter strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Subject matter at the workshops varies from location to location, as well as from year to year.

This is the second year that the Chapter Office has gone on the road to conduct the workshops.

The Chapter Office schedules six regional workshops every year. Sessions are also held at Sun 'N' Fun and AirVenture Oshkosh. Future regional workshops will be held at:

Aurora, Ill., April 24
Independence, Ore., May 1
Placerville, Calif., May 15

To make a reservation for a nearby leadership workshop, contact the EAA Chapter Office at 920.426.4876, e-mail ttoelle@eaa.org, or fax 920.426.6560.

Chattanooga Air Show *by Gary Jackson*

We would also like to get the word out that Chattanooga is having one of the biggest air shows in the Southeast on April 15 and 16. We have the Thunderbirds, Starfighters (F104s), B24, B17, Jugg, P-51, Knights, Military displays and fly-overs. Should be the best show ever. If someone would like to put a plane on display they should contact Ken Miller at (423) 667 7240. They would need to arrive Friday and could depart Sunday after the show.

If you have volunteers who would like to help out during the show, I can be contacted at gljackson@compuserve.com or 423.344.2761.



Events Calendar



Saturday, April 15, 2000

Collegedale, TN

Collegedale Pilots Club/EAA monthly fly-in breakfast at Collegedale Airport (3M3). Call the airport at 423-236-5008 for more information.



Saturday, April 15, 2000

Dawson, GA

EAA Chapter 354 monthly pancake breakfast fly-in at Dawson Municipal Airport (16J). Call Ron Acker at 912-888-2828 for more information.



Sunday, April 29, 2000

Salisbury, NC

EAA Chapter 1083 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Fun Fly-In at Rowan County Airport (RUQ). Begins at 7:30 a.m. Contact Jack Neubacher at 704-636-1864 or fly4fun@salisbury.net for more information.



Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, 2000

Pinehurst, NC

VAA Chapter 3 Spring Fly-In at Moore County Airport (SOP). Vintage aircraft. Call 910-947-1853 for more information.



Saturday, May 6, 2000

Lawrenceville, GA

EAA Chapter 690 poker run and pancake breakfast fly-in at Gwinnett County-Briscoe Field (LZU). Contact Joel Levine at 770-394-5466 or jlevine@akorn.net for more information.



Saturday, May 13, 2000

Morristown, TN

Second Annual Wings & Wheels Fly-In and Car Show at Moore-Murrell (MOR). Static displays, food. Contact Mitch at jrbuckman@usit.net for more information.



Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, 2000

Atlanta, GA

Wings over Dixie 2000 Air Show and Festival at Peachtree City-Falcon Field (FFC). Canadian Snowbirds, aerobatics, more. Call Jim Friday at 770-631-2460 for more information.

Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, 2000



May 13, 2000

Lawrenceville, GA

EAA690 will host a Wings Weekend. That will also be the weekend of the annual Hangar Dance, and the EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" will be there. The B-17 will be at LZU May 11 - 15.

Visit the EAA 690 Website at: <http://eaa690.home.mindspring.com>



Technical Corner

By Greg Jannakos

Saturday, May 13, 2000

Mike Stewart, RV6A

Mike is building an RV6A and should be working on his fuse. Mike also has a very good Web Site where he is documenting notes, pictures, suggestions, and other words of wisdom. Also, he is building an itemized expense list. Try it, you'll like it.....

Directions:

I85 to Sugarloaf Pky., turn right go about 3 miles and turn left on R29 Second stop light, right on Johnson 1st stop light, left on Five Forks Trickum Rd third left, Leigh Kay Drive 270 Leigh Kay Dr. 770-277-9686

Saturday, May 20, 2000

Time: 10:00AM til Noon

Dick Seiders' RV6A & his New Hanger

Location: Covington Airport

This project visit is for looking into a nearly completed RV6A before the final assembly, and see Dick's new hanger. See what goes on inside before finishing an airplane. Also, on this very date, take advantage of EAA1025's pancake breakfast at the airfield.

July 8, 2000

10:00am to Noon

Jim Walsh project is a Sonex, a two place metal, low wing, 80 to 120 HP airplane. The plans and building instructions are second to none. This is the second home built for Jim, the first being a Lancair. Directions are to follow in May and June's NavCom.



Young Eagle Report

Threatening weather was not enough to stop a very successful Young Eagles event on March 11, 2000. The sky was overcast but ceilings were high enough and visibility good enough to fly safely and to see Stone Mountain and the Atlanta skyline most of the time. Thirty-five were presented with their Young Eagle Certificates after completing a memorable and exciting first flight in a light plane. Scouts were holding a Pinewood Derby in the hangar, so many of the Young Eagles came from this group. The combination of Y.E. rally and Derby seemed to work well and was an excellent use of our 690 facility.

Thanks to Steve Ashby and Chuck Miller, pilots (I flew some too), and Frank Wilcox and Greg Jannakos ground crew. Greg is in the process of updating our pilot pool. If you would enjoy some fun flying Young Eagles, be sure to give him your e-mail address and/or your telephone number.

Mark your calendars on April 15th. for our next Y.E. rally. Get your taxes completed early, come relax and do some fun flying. But, don't wait for a rally to fly Young Eagles, do it every chance you get. I have pilot packets of Y.E. materials. Ask me for them.

Any pilot that has Young Eagle credits from last year, please turn them in to me so we can put them to good use.

Keep 'Em Flying.

Duane Huff Young Eagles Coordinator



Classifieds

For Sale: 2 - David Clark H10-60 Headsets - \$225.00 each 1 - Sigtronics Transcom II 4 way Portable Intercom - \$140.00 Alan Langford 770-339-3674 alang@mindspring.com

For Sale: 1978N Cessna 172 Skyhawk. Very nice, well maintained (TLC). Hangared last four years (unsure before six years ago, but look at it and decide for yourself). 2950 total time. 900 since major overhaul. 0-320, 160 hp, runs perfect. Paint is a 9. Interior 81/2. Fully IFR equipped (Bendix King coms, Navcoms. DME, ADF, Loran, CDI w/ lideslope, & CDI VOR). Century II Autopilot w/ heading bug, and wing leveler. Fresh Annual in Oct. '99. Based at Covington, Hanger N. Hull value this model is \$48,000, this one is worth \$50,000, and that is what I'm asking. Dick Seiders -phone 770-972-3727, or avdub@mindspring.com.

For Sale: New Maule Tailwheel 8" Solid Rubber, New wind driven generator, whiskey compass, Old style AH and DG, Cessna 328 T 720 Channel, Misc instruments. Contact Dave Ostergaard, 678-482-0491.

For Sale NAV AID DEVICE (Auto Pilot) and Directional Gyro (DG) - Has all Mods through 11/99 \$950 IFR DG - \$250 Price for Both Units \$1,100. Currently Installed In RV-6A Call Clyde Schnars 770/442-0624

For Sale: Complete (new) hydraulic disc brake and wheel kit for A/C up to 1100 lb. gross. Includes tires, tubes & mounting hdwr; \$200. Tail wheel, axle, glass rod spring and mounting bracket (new) ; \$100. Frank Wilcox 770-978-2403 or frankwil@mindspring.com

For Sale: One set 150 Cessna type wheel pants, \$75.00 OBO. Jones Webb, 770963-4580, 770963-3423.



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FLYING FORTRESS TOURS & RIDES MAY 12-15, 2000

HANGAR DANCE MAY 13, 2000 8:00PM - 12:00AM



RE-LIVE HISTORY IN ONE OF AMERICA'S
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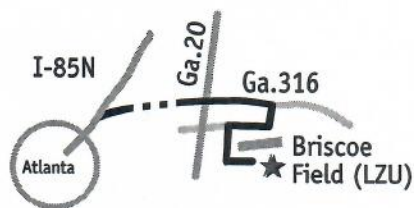
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For complete flight and fee information, or to reserve
your flight, call Terry Adams at 770-613-9501,
Bill Curtis at 770-339-9346 or visit www.b17.org.

DIRECTIONS



Take I-85N to 316. Turn right at 3rd light onto
High Hope Rd. Turn left at Hosea Rd. (1/2 mile).
Turn left at top of hill onto Briscoe Blvd. Follow signs
to the GMD hangar on left. EAA Chapter 690 thanks
GMD Aviation for the use of their spacious hangar!



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THE ATLANTA BLUE NOTES

BEVERAGES & DESSERTS

UNIFORMS & PERIOD DRESS
ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED

\$20/SINGLE, \$35/COUPLE (IN ADVANCE)
\$30/SINGLE, \$45/COUPLE (AT THE DOOR)

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