

NavCom

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

Local Aviator Talks about "Coping with Cockpit Emergencies" By Joel Levine

On Saturday, February 2nd, Chapter 690 will host Mr. Dave Hirschman, Business News Reporter for the Atlanta Journal and Pulitzer Prize Nominee. In his presentation, Mr. Hirschman will discuss how pilots can help themselves analyze and work through emergencies that can occur in the confines of the cockpit.

In addition to his news reporting, Dave is a Master Aerobatic Instructor at Peachtree Dekalb Airport. In 1997 he wrote the book <u>Hijacked: The True Story of the Heroes of Flight 705</u>, the story of Captain Jim Tucker, who with his FedEX crew was hijacked by a disgruntled employee. Dave will use the tapes from the situation in his presentation. (Note: Capt. Tucker will be the featured speaker at the Saturday. May 4th dinner of this year's Wing's Weekend.)



Dave Hirschman flying his Russian Yak 55

Hirschman began flying in 1987 in Southern California. He has logged almost 3,000 hours, mostly in tailwheel and aerobatic craft such as the Pitts Special, Russian Yak 55, Stearman Biplane and AT-6 aircraft. He is a Certified Flight Instructor with a Commercial Rating in both single and multi-engine aircraft. Dave is a member of the International Acrobatic Club Chapter 3 located at PDK and enjoys competing as well as instructing. In 1998, Dave collaborated with his sister, Loree Draude Hirschman, in writing her autobiography. She's Just Another Navy Pilot is the story of her experience as the first female Navy combat pilot.

Come for breakfast and stay to see Dave Hirschman and his program on "Coping with Cockpit Emergencies."



G'day from Down Under

Steve and Holly Leonard's Adventure of a Lifetime!

In October 2001, Holly and Steve Leonard went on the adventure of a lifetime: a three week Flying Safari to Australia. Their hosts, Alan Miles and Bonnie Sleep, take groups of American pilots on a three-week aerial tour of their vast and beautiful country. In a caravan of five light aircraft, they went from the bustling Gold Coast near Brisbane, to fantastic tropical islands on the Great Barrier Reef, to a sprawling cattle ranch, rivers full of crocodiles, the huge expanse of the Outback, and much more, ending with a final, romantic dinner overlooking Sidney Harbor. They will tell us about their fantastic adventure at the regular Friday, February 8th meeting.

Also that night - Sneak Preview of the Centennial of Flight Celebration. Debi Huffman will share a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting this year-long celebration. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity of participating in a meaningful way. Bring your friends.

Friendship Flights for Fun

A new program suggested by Forrest Wilson and promoted by chapter president Duane Huff, has been warmly embraced by our members. Many of our members have planes that they enjoy flying, and they often participate in events like Young Eagles. But what

about the many other members who love aviation but do not have their own planes?

On Saturday, January 26th we had the first official "Friendship Flights for Fun." All were enjoying themselves too much to stop and count, but the estimate is that Chapter 690 plane owners gave rides to about 10 very happy non-owner chapter members.

OVER THE HILL GANG INTRODUCED

By Margaret Wilcox

The "Over the Hill Gang" - Who are they? These are the members of Chapter 690 who won the "Most Valuable Member(s) Award" for 2001. These six retired men have contributed many hours of labor towards the completion of the interior construction and renovation of the chapter building: Barney Barnes, Walter Deere, Duane Huff, Greg Jannakos, Dale Schonmeyer and Frank Wilcox. They meet regularly once a week, and little by little they are transforming a hangar into a first class chapter building, with a kitchen, tool room and large gathering hall on the first floor and a conference room, library

Barney Barnes is the electrical/electronics expert who brings to this project experience gained in working many years at Rockwell International as an electronics engineer. Barney is also the chapter librarian with custody of the videos, magazines, and books that the chapter owns. He got his pilot's license in 1994 with much persistence after overcoming innumerable odds. He does not own a plane, but is a faithful working member of the Smartie project, rebuilding a Barney¹s other interests include his church where he assumes many responsibilities.





Walter Deere is the utility man who can do most any assigned job, but is best known for cleaning up after the other guys. He has been an airplane enthusiast ever since he was a boy hanging over the fence at the Delta Maintenance facility at Hartsfield where his Dad was in charge of engine overhaul. After graduation from college, he served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years. Walter got his pilot¹s license in 1966. After retirement he attended 5 of Ron Alexander's workshops, learning skills and gaining enthusiasm for building his own plane. He is now building a Zenith Zodiac Model 601HDS in his home workshop. If not at the chapter building or his workshop, he is probably at his church where he is also a faithful volunteer.

Duane Huff, our president, is the sheet rock man. We only have to look around at all the walls to know that someone with skill was at the helm of this phase of the work. He has also been designated the "Onsite Supervisor," working under the direction of Tim Fulmer, the member who planned and engineered the interior renovation. Duane is a long time enthusiast of aviation and a long time member of Chapter 690, who continually provides leadership in many areas. He is particularly interested in getting young people interested in aviation, so heads up the Young Eagles program for the chapter and takes groups of young people from tots to teens on tours of the airport. He uses his award winning Aeronca Chief to introduce kids to an airplane or to give them their first flight. A retired music teacher, Duane loves to sing, especially in his church choir.





Greg Jannakos is a focused worker who quickly completes the many and varied assigned tasks and then moves on to some other of his many interests and building projects. He is very skilled and can do most any job. When not at the EAA building he can usually be found in his own hangar at the airport where he keeps his flying plane, a very early model Ercoupe which he completely restored. In that hangar he, like Walter Deere, is now building a Zenith Zodiac. Greg also built and flew a Sonari II which he later sold. If he is not in his hangar workshop, he is probably taking care of his grandchildren. Isn¹t that what retired people are supposed to do?



Dale Schonmeyer has done lots of construction work in his lifetime, so he has the skills to do most any project. He likes to take on a special project and see it through to completion. He took over the building of the "Levine's Latrine," installed the kitchen sink and more recently hung the doors between the rooms in the mezzanine. We also know Dale as the recently retired membership chairman, an office he held faithfully for three years. Dale has been a private pilot since 1963. He built a Pulsar 582 from kit, flew it and then sold it. Now he is ready to build another plane. Dale is also very active in his church and travels in a motor home with his wife Pat.

Frank Wilcox is the guy you will most often find at the top of the ladder doing the "high" jobs. He, like Barney is a retired engineer, and puts his years of experience to good use in the many construction jobs necessary for this project. As chairman of the Board of Trustees, the group responsible for all the chapter's possessions, he is often the one who secures the supplies and works with Duane in making plans and assignments. When not at the chapter building Frank can be found in his home hangar with his partners rebuilding and painting a Cessna 150, working on the Smartie Cessna 140, and once in a while rebuilding his own Ercoupe. He has a private pilot¹s license and is a licensed A and P mechanic. He and Margaret like to travel in their camper.



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 email to:

Inor@akorn.net

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the March 2002 NavCom is Friday, February 15th.

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The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



Chapter 690 has come through its (bi-)annual inspection and is ready to fly through 2002 and 2003. New spark plugs were put in the engine in the form of new officers and chairpersons. We still need some new avionics and maybe an autopilot (a Social Chairman) to keep us straight and level, and well balanced with technical and social events. A volunteer for this position would be greatly appreciated.

The year's first pancake breakfast and program on Aviation Insurance was very well attended and appreciated by all who were there. It also seemed like all who were at the January meeting had a good time and a learning experience.

The Board of Directors and Board of Trustees met twice in January. On the 2nd (the snow day) we did not have a quorum. There was a great discussion and some plans formulated for the year. Tuesday the 8th the boards reconvened. Officers were elected, plans made and dates set for upcoming events. Frank Wilcox was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees and Michael Stewart chairman of the Board of Directors.

New chairmanship appointments made were: Scott Solberg – Budget & Finance; David Posey – Technical Support; and Wendy Solberg – Hospitality.

Typical of 690, when starting something new that has to do with flying, our first scheduled "Friendship Flights for Fun" day was rained out on January 19th. On Saturday the 26th we will try again. After flying a small group of Young Eagles we will take fellow chapter members flying.

Some dates to mark on your calendar:

Chili Cook Off - March 23rd

Aluminum Overcast - May 2nd - 6th @ LZU; May 7th - 8th PDK

Wings Weekend - May 4th, 5th and 6th

Fall AirFair/Fly-In – September 21st Hangar Dance – October ?

Christmas Party/Awards Banquet – December 13th

The basis for the Chapter 690's success has been the many volunteers who have been leaders and workers at past events. It is up YOU to make this year successful. We need a volunteer to direct our social events and someone to chair the Hangar Dance. Also, lots of help will be needed with the tours of the B-17 and our Fall AirFair. Please help Chapter 690 reach new heights this year. In the words of Espie "Butch" Joyce, "Lets all pull in the same direction for the good of aviation. Remember we are better together. Join us and have it all."



YOUNG EAGLES

Several Young Eagles dates have been set; Feb. 2nd., March 2nd., May 11th., and June 1st.. These will be large groups of 40-50 young people from the Fernbank aviation classes. We will also host and fly other smaller groups as requested. Greg Jannakos will contact pilots and ground crews.



Remember, Chapter 690 is offering tuition scholarships for up to three Air Academy students this summer. Begin the process to qualify for one of the scholarhips by getting an application form in early. Contact Duane Huff at a meeting or by phone 770-921-4423 or email at duanehuff@yahoo.com

BOD & Trustee Vacancies

A special election on January 11th filled the vacancies on the chapter's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

Terry Adams and Dave Ostergaard were elected for one year terms as members-at-large on the Board of Directors. They will complete the terms of Duane Huff (who remains on the Board as President) and Ed Stembridge, who has moved to Illinois.

Scott Solberg was elected to the Board of Trustees.

By-Laws Change Proposed

Debi Huffman read the BOD's recommended By-Laws change to the members at the January 11th meeting.

The proposed change will require only one signature on checks of \$500 for a single expenditure. This will make the day-to day payment of our regular expenses less complicated for the treasurer, while assuring that large payments of \$500 or more still require a second signature for security purposes.

Please plan to attend the February 8th meeting to vote on this important change to the By-Laws.

January Meeting Packed Full of Business - and Fun

Wendy Solberg, our new Hospitality Chairman, helped us all get to know each other better by having members and guests introduce someone else instead of themselves at the start of the business meeting. We all got to learn more about each other. This was even true for people we have known for quite awhile and perhaps even sat with at the different meetings and events. Great idea, Wendy!

Part of the evening's important business was the presentation of plaques to Mike Stewart and Dave Tulis (photo at right), recognizing the completion of their projects during 2001. Mike completed his RV6 (learn more about it on his web-site: http://www.mstewart.net/michael/rv/index.htm) and Dave completed the restoration of a 1946 Ercoupe (see article in January NavCom).



Terry Adams gave us a preview of the marvelous video produced by Jeff Patnaude to promote the 3rd Annual Wings Weekend and the 5th visit of the EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast to Lawrenceville. With the voice-over professionally done by Scott Slade, the video will be a great resource as the committee promotes the Safety Program to be held at Briscoe Field on May 3rd-5th. Special thanks to Sue Adams who was responsible for arranging for the B-17's visit to Georgia this year. (See additional information about the big weekend on page 7.)

The evening concluded with a fun contest presented by Scott Solberg, and assisted by Wendy Solberg, Debi Huffman and Joel Levine. Members had to try to identify some tools (some of which were <u>rather</u> obscure according to participants) and match them with their not-so-common **Nicknames**. (Would you be able to identify a crows foot, pork chop or FOD?) Dave Tulis was the winner of the contest and there was a tie for second place between Dave Ostergaard and Ray Minton. Note: for those of you who <u>might</u> be wondering, the tool pictured on the cover of the January NavCom was a Uni-bit.

For more info about business conducted at the meeting, read the minutes on page 6 or The President's Pitch on page 3.

A Special Invitation - Come Visit Ben Epps' 30's Restoration Shop

On Tuesday evening, February 12 at 7:30 PM, our chapter is invited to visit Ben Epps' and Dick Rank's aircraft restoration shop at PDK. Unfortunately, Ben passed away before we could set up this visit, but Dick Rank, now the owner, has invited us to come for a builders' field trip.

Ben had an appreciation for old things, and so the shop has many interesting aviation artifacts, including a JN-4 Jennie steering wheel, OX-5 parts, and several thousand miscellaneous parts stored here and there. During WW II, the shop was part of the navy maintenance hangar where many Stearmans and SNJ's were being flown by naval cadets. Dick restored a 1950 Mooney Mite several years ago, built two Kitfoxes, and is currently restoring two more Mites. With wooden wings, metal cockpit cage and covered with plywood and fabric, there is something for everyone to look at.

To get to the shop, turn off Clairmont Road at the big PDK sign. (The main entrance to PDK is approximately half way between Buford Hwy and Peachtree Industrial in Chamblee.) Drive toward the control tower - one long block. The shop is on the left, just before you get to the Downwind Restaurant parking lot. There will be a sign put out to help guide us. Sorrv. there's no "street address" or shop name. Dick is looking forward to our visit!

Board of Trustees Report

By Frank Wilcox, Chairman of Board of Trustees

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2002 was held January 8th at the chapter building. The responsibilities of the board were reviewed for the benefit of two newly elected members, Forest Wilson and Scott Solberg, and for the old members as well: Lee Craymer, Joel Levine, David Posey and Frank Wilcox. As directed by the chapter bylaws, they elected officers as follows: Chairman, Frank Wilcox; Vice Chairman, Scott Solberg; and Secretary, Lee Craymer.

The board is divided into committees to facilitate their responsibilities which are to care for all of the chapter's possessions. The following are committee assignments for this year: Grounds Maintenance, Joel Levine and Frank Wilcox; Building Maintenance, Lee Craymer and Forest Wilson; Equipment, Tools and Furnishings Maintenance, David Posey and Scott Solberg; Policies and Procedures Development, Frank Wilcox. These committee responsibilities were discussed briefly before the meeting adjourned to join with the Board of Directors in planning for the chapter activities and events for 2002.

Board of Directors Meets

By Lou Friedman, Secretary of BOD

The new Board of Directors held their first meeting on Jan. 8th at the chapter building. Board responsibilities were reviewed. Mike Stewart was elected Chairman of the BOD, Larry Bishop was chosen Vice Chairman, and Lou Friedman was elected Secretary. The other 2002 Board members are: Duane Huff, Debi Huffman, Tim Fulmer, Terry Adams and Dave Ostergaard.

Meeting and Pancake Breakfast programs were reviewed and approved, other activities discussed and scheduled for the coming year. The Fall AirFair / Fly-In date will be moved to Sept. 21st to avoid conflict w/ Evergreen. The Hangar Dance will be in October, exact date TBA. B-17 visit plans were begun.

Scott Solberg will head the Budget & Finance Comm., proposed budget to be presented at next BOD meeting. Scott will also be scheduling Project visits. Tim Fulmer will be planning Fly-Out activities. "Friendship Flights for Fun" to begin this month. Ron Mulvaney will Chair the AirFair Committee. The membership Chmn. will maintain the membership database. Members will be invited to meet for dinner at Valentino's before Feb. meeting.

A Leadership Task Force of 3-5 people will be formed to identify members with leadership abilities who will be willing to assume positions in the future. Chairmanships that need to be filled: B-17 Tours, Social, Holiday Party, Chili Cook-Off & Hangar Dance.

For the present, the BOD plans to meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month. BOD meetings are open to members.

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.

For Sale: Garmin GPS 195 \$695.00 Includes manuals, carrying case, external antenna, yoke mount.

Alan Langford (770) 339-3674 alang@mindspring.com 09/01

For Sale:

RV-8 Wing & Tail Kits

Tail kit is complete except for installing fiberglass tips. Left Wing is about 80% complete including fuel tank, Duckworks landing light and Gretz Aero pitot tube mount installed. Skins ready to be riveted on.

Both aileron and flaps are complete. All parts are internally primed. Included is second Duckworks landing light kit and fuel sending unit for right wing and electric elevator trim servo and mounting kit.

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FOR SALE – Lyc. 0235 CI (with logs). Approx. 1520 Hrs. T.T. Needs: pistons & rings & cyl. O.H. Bottom end rebuilt by Piedmont Aviation, but needs to be opened due to expired shelf time. Complete with mags. on motor mount, but no carb. Asking \$2500. Tom Wilson (770) 279-1161 or (770) 925-2764 – Lilburn. 02/02.

Welcome New Members

By Lee Craymer, Membership Chmn.

We're glad you joined us!

David Balthauser Charles R. Black Ray Clark George Cowan Mike & Donna Dance James Erler John & Susan Graham Harry Hooper Ted Rabenko Chip Williams

S.E. Aviation Happenings

Saturday, February 16, 2002 Rome, GA - EAA Chap. 709 -Homebuilt Homemade Hamburger Fly-in - 11AM to 1PM

Saturday, February 23, 2002 -Marietta, GA - EAA Chapter 268 Fly-In Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally. 770-529-9023

Saturday, March 23 - 1st Annual Palmetto Air Classic - Moncks Corner, SC - The Berkeley County Pilots Assn. & EAA Chap. 477 host event at Berkeley County Airport (50J) near Moncks Corner - A revival of the "Old South Fly In"

Sunday - Saturday, April 7-13, 2002 - Lakeland, FL - 27th Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. For information contact 863-644-2431or www.sun-nfun.org.

It's All In Your Point Of View

A pilot departing La Crosse, Wis. contacted Minneapolis center. After initial contact, the following transmission was heard:

"Attention all aircraft on this frequency, this controller position will no longer be manned." Perplexed, the captain and first officer looked at each other with amazement. After 15 seconds another transmission -- a woman's voice -said... "That wasn't funny."

Minutes of January 2002 Meeting

Respectfully Submitted by Lou Friedman

The January meeting was bought to order by President Duane Huff who led the group of about 50 in the Pledge of Allegiance. The new chapter officers were introduced:

Duane Huff - President Debi Huffman - Vice-President Mike Stewart - Treasurer Lou Friedman - Secretary

Wendy Solberg guided us in a new introduction program. Everyone was asked to meet someone new and find out enough about that person to introduce them to the members.

Dave Tulis & Mike Stewart were recognized for completion of their projects and were presented with plaques. Dave completed the restoration of his 1946 Aerocoupe, N2404H. His first flight was November 3, 2001. Mike completed his RV6A, N686MS. Mike's first flight was December 21, 2001. Mike completed his 40 hours in about 1 week and had logged over 60 hours by this meeting.

Duane reported that the new Board of Directors and the new Board of Trustees held their first meeting on Tuesday, January 8. A previous attempt to meet was unsuccessful due to snow.

A new program, Friendship Flights for Fun (FFF) was suggested by Forrest Wilson. We will attempt to give adults a "young eagles" experience. The first FFF will be held on the19th of January, weather permitting, and on the 26th of January if weather delayed. We hope to repeat this program several times during the year.

Dates for other planned programs were announced. There will be a Chili Cook-Off on March 23. We will sponsor the Aluminum Overcast at LZU & PDK around the Wings Weekend (May 3,4,5&6). Reservations will be booked through an 800 number directly through Oshkosh. The Fall AirFair was set for September 21 to avoid other conflicts. Dale Schonmeyer made a motion to accept the programs. Lnor Levine seconded and the Chapter voted to accept the motion.

At the February meeting the membership is invited to get together for dinner prior to the meeting (6-6:30) at Valentino's, which is located directly across Highway 316 from the airport.

Joel Levine reported that the programs for the next few Pancake Breakfasts are Aviation Insurance, Cockpit Emergencies, and Wing-N-It.

Lnor Levine asked for timely submissions for articles for the newsletter.

Barry Barnes reported that the technical library has been moved upstairs and now has twice as many videos as before.

We are still looking for a volunteer for Social Chairman!

Mark your calendars for the following dates for Young Eagles: Jan 26, Feb 2, March 2, May 4, and June 1.

We plan to send 3 students to aviation camp. Available sessions are:

Ages 12-13 June 13-17 & June 19-23 Ages14-15 June 25-30, July 2-7, & July 9-14 Ages 16-18 July 16-25 & July 26 - Aug 4

The Academy will also offer a First Flight Seminar for ages 18 and older which will cost \$1900. The seminar will include ground school and 6 hours of dual instruction.

We plan to establish a Leadership Task Force to seek and develop qualified individuals for offices and committees.

Debbie read a recommendation from the Board of Directors for a modification to the by-laws concerning our check signing policy. Currently two signatures are required for all checks. The new recommendation calls



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Friday's SPEAKER

Robert (Hoot)
G I B S O N

CAPTAIN USN (RET) AND NASA ASTRONAU



Hoot Gibson has 18,000+ hours in over 50 types of aircraft. He is a Test Pilot, F-14 Pilot, and has 300+ Carrier Trap Landings. Hoot graduated. Naval. Fighter Weapons School Top Gun.

On the STS-71 Shuttle Mission, Hoot was the first space commander to dock with the Russian Space Station Mir Gibson accumulated a total of 36 1/2 days in space in 5 missions.

Saturday's SPEAKER

Jim TUCKER

FEDERAL EXPRESS CAPTAIN



Jim Tiicker will speak about the hijacked DC 10 FedEx Flight 705 A disgruntled FedEx employee who wanted to crash the plane into FedEx Headquarters attacked the crew with a framing hammer. Tucker and the crew were severely wounded. Jim fought

back with the only weapon he had, the DC-10. When in the Navy Tucker taught air combat maneuvering and used these techniques to knock the attacker off balance while the crew subdued him.

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for only one signature on checks under \$500.00.

Terry Adams presented a program on the planned visit of the Aluminum Overcast and previewed a video describing the Wings Weekend that was produced by Jeff Patnaude.

An election was held during the break for members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors. Scott Solberg was elected to the Board of Trustees. Terry Adams and Dave Ostergaard were elected to the Board of Directors.

This month's program, Name that Tool, was a contest to see who could guess the unusual names of about 20 tools provided by Scott Solberg and Delta maintenance.



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Reminder - Dues are Due

690's Fiscal Chapter Membership Years begin in January. To continue enjoying all of the benefits of chapter membership (including NavCom), now is the time to send in your renewal checks. (\$30/ Individual, \$40/ Family) Also, at the request of membership chairman Craymer, please complete a new membership information form to submit with your dues.

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February Meeting -

Adventure of a Lifetime"

Friday, February 8, 2002 at 8:00PM In the Chapter Hangar Program – "Steve & Holly Leonard's

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

Planning Ahead to March 2nd -

By Joel Levine

The program following our Pancake Breakfast in March is about a new General Aviation series for television being produced by Columbus, GA based Power Communications. "Wing-N-It" is designed to show that General Aviation is a safe and fun mode of transportation.

Executive Producer Jeff Tate (cousin of Chapter 690's own Joe Tate) and his partner J.C. Jones began planning two years ago for a show that would dispel myths, and "put the true world of flight in grasp for all viewers."

Jeff, who will be presenting the program for Chapter 690, said "the show will feature aircraft designs, interesting pilots, advancement in aviation technology, and unique places that cater to General Aviation aircraft." 49 year old Jeff has been a licensed pilot since 1970. He is multi-engine and instrument rated, and currently owns a Beechcraft Sundowner.

The show is hosted by Crystal Snow of Columbus. Initial filming has been completed in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee, and the show will be airing throughout the Southeast soon.

Come for breakfast on March 2nd and stay to hear about this exciting new venture.



The EAA Aviation Foundation Announces the B-17 Spring "Freedom Tour"

The Aluminum Overcast will launch its spring tour with a series of one-day stops in Florida following Lakeland's Sun n' Fun Fly-In (April 7-13). Aluminum Overcast then makes its way north to Oshkosh with stops in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois.

To reserve a flight on the Spring Freedom Tour, visit the B-17 website or call 800 –Fly In B17 or **800-359-6217**.