



# NavCom

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Friday, December 10

NEWS AND  
INFORMATION  
FOR THE  
GWINNETT  
COUNTY  
CHAPTER OF  
THE  
EXPERIMENTAL  
AIRCRAFT  
ASSOCIATION

The annual Holiday Celebration for Chapter 690 will be at the chapter building on Friday December 10. This is a night for all the family. The social hour will begin at 6:30 with a punch bowl. The buffet line will open at 7:15. Ham and turkey, beverages and table service will be provided by the chapter. Each family is requested to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 12. Judging from past history of these events, this will be a feast. Adult members and guests are asked to contribute \$5 each to cover the costs.

Our speaker after our Christmas dinner will be Larry Lee, President of PlastiTech in Marietta. Larry and his wife are the people who flew the Piper Malibu in (GA Tech) "Buzz" paint scheme (as seen last April on our ramp at the B-17 day) who competed in the air race from Iceland to Turkey.

We heard some of the story back during the June Chapter meeting when Dr. Sam Shelton of Georgia Tech's Engineer-

ing Dept. filled us in on the formation of the team and the logistics of supporting the race. Don't forget that Larry's wife has a very interesting part of the story to tell in traveling the path to becoming the co-pilot required for this race - it involved an intense month at Emery-Riddle and a baby - all just prior to leaving for Iceland and the crazy Vikings who, facing the leg over the Med., chose to not refuel! Thank, Lars! No shortage of salted herring down below! This is an evening you will not want to miss.

The program will also include awards, recognition's and installation of the new officers. Social chairman Jeannie Miller, who is in charge of this evening, also promises some surprises. One of the surprises will be the transformation of the chapter building from a 'construction project in process' to a room filled with a delightful holiday spirit. Don't miss this event and the opportunity to express holiday greetings to all your EAA friends.

# The NavCom

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# President's NOTAM

by Frank Wilcox

Congratulations to Chuck (Miller), Joe (Friend), Tom (Dubrouillet) and Charlie (Sego), our incoming chapter officers for 2000 and 2001. All are well qualified and have been active members since they joined Chapter 690. Charlie is a past president (92-93). They will need support from all of us as we continue the tradition of creative and varied programs and projects. Joel (Levine) and Frank (Wilcox) were elected to the Board of Trustees, positions they have previously served.

In January 1998, at the beginning of my presidency, I suggested in my first Notam that the 'maturing years' for the chapter were ahead. We had completed our chapter building, developed several annual chapter projects and established a solid organizational structure. "Now on to utilize these assets", I said. In the past 2 years I believe we have. Our pancake breakfasts and programs have been well received, the annual fall Air Fair now includes all types of aircraft and provides an opportunity for the community to visit the airport, Young Eagles Ralleys are scheduled nearly every month, spring and fall Flying Start seminars have continued with an increased attendance and our spring Hangar Dance is so popular we needed to find a larger location this year. The first Leadership Workshop sponsored by EAA Oshkosh was hosted by 690. The chapter is the sponsoring institution for BSA Aviation Explorer Post 533 and our chapter building is used for pilot ground school, and youth groups such as Cub Scouts - even

birthday parties. And of course it is used by members for aircraft light maintenance.

A major chapter milestone was reached in February 1998 when the building construction underwriters were reimbursed and we 'burned the mortgage'. We were debt free. Facility improvements have included telephone service, computer installation and our current major interior construction project. The first phase funding (\$11,700) for this project was reached in Feb, 1999 and construction started in July. All steel and concrete work has been completed and the work will continue to completion. The chapter voted at the last meeting to transfer \$7500. from the general fund to the building fund to cover the additional costs for phase one that were created by increase in prices since the original estimate and requirements needed to meet the county codes. New equipment upgrade in the past 2 years included folding cafeteria tables, soft seat chairs and audio-visual and sound equipment.

The chapter closes the millenium with a record membership of 216 members, up from 147 in Dec. of 1997. We have a substantial bank balance, proven programs, an enthusiastic membership and a great future ahead of us. The new administration will continue this 'maturing process', I am sure. To paraphrase the words of long time member, Joel Levine, "we can't all be Chiefs but we can be involved Indians:".

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The announcement that the EAA Foundation's B-17 Aluminum Overcast will revisit our chapter May 11 to 14th was good news. The visit coincides with our annual Hangar Dance and the 1st annual Wings Weekend. These are all major projects of Chapter 690 and will require significant involvement by all members. The Trustees will continually need member support in the completion of the chapter building project as well as general upkeep of the building and grounds. All will need to be ready for this big weekend.

Construction of the new airport taxiway past our building has started. Every effort has been made to preserve the auto parking space we now use for chapter events. Members are asked to cooperate with the contractors as this project progresses. A major change in taxiway routing from our ramp to the runway will soon be in effect. Taxiway Xray is now permanently closed. This construction will continue for several years due to fiscal year funding appropriations. Please be alert to the significant changes in aircraft ground operations.

I encourage all members to attend the final social event of the year - our annual Holiday Dinner Party, Dec. 10th. This is traditionally the time when we bring all the family to enjoy good food, fellowship, recognition of member service to the chapter and an outstanding program. We will also be installing our new officers. We look forward to a good time for all the family.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation during the past two years. The chapter has 'matured' and will continue to do so under the leadership of Chuck and the other new officers. I have been impressed with the interest and active participation of our newer members. You are the people that we need to help make Chapter 690 a place where persons interested in aviation will want to gather. And with our growth and active program the national recognition that we have already achieved will continue.

## Meet the New President.

At the November meeting Chuck Miller was elected president of Chapter 690 to serve a 2 year term beginning Jan. 1st, 2000. Chuck and his wife Jeanne joined the chapter three years ago and have been active members from the beginning. They have served as Social Committee chairpersons for the past two years.

This is Chuck's first involvement with EAA, but he has loved airplanes since he was ten years old and lived near the Detroit City Airport. He could lie in bed and watch the airplanes landing and taking off against the night time sky. His boyhood dream of flying became a reality when he obtained his private pilot's license in 1968.

Today he and Jeanne, who is also a pilot, own and fly a 1976 Cessna Cardinal 177RG. Two trips related to EAA in the past year were to Sun-n-Fun in April and to South Carolina to a Wings Weekend such as will be held at Gwinnett County Airport in May.

Chuck is an entrepreneur. He operates Computer and Monitor Maintenance Inc. and manages the Monitor Depot store in Norcross. He also invented and patented an Altitude Tracking Module, a small instrument which placed in the cockpit of an airplane provides constant information about altitude. Chuck spoke about this safety instrument at a chapter meeting. See him if you are interested in purchasing one.

Chuck is also an actor and has preformed in several local theater productions.

When asked about his goals for the chapter, he said he hopes that the extra-ordinary growth of the chapter will continue. He supports and encourages the completion of the chapter building project. He wants to promote more flying activities, especially fly-outs to other airports and EAA events and will encourage those with planes to find room for other members as passengers.

Chuck said he is pleased that the chapter members had confidence in him to be their president. He knows he has big shoes to fill following the presidencies of Duane and Frank. He will enjoy working with so many persons who share a common interest in aviation.

*Editor's Note: See future issues for profiles of the other officers.*

# Minutes of EAA Chapter 690 November 1999 meeting

Wayne Whitaker, Secretary

Membership Chair Dale Schonmeyer announced that as of meeting night the chapter has 215 members.

Special meeting for "Vision of Eagles" announcement will be held Friday November 19 at 8 p.m. at the hangar.

The chapter will hold a Young Eagles rally in conjunction with the next pancake breakfast, Saturday December 4.

The annual chapter 690 holiday party will be held Friday December 10, in place of the regular monthly meeting.

Vice President David Haskell announced that May 13 the chapter 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.

Secretary's report accepted as published in the NavCom. Treasurer's report: The chapter collected \$13,025 for the hangar interior fund. The chapter has spent \$11,451.44 so far for materials, leaving approximately \$1573.56 in the fund. Treasurer's report accepted.

Board of Directors recommended that chapter transfer money from general fund to building fund to allow completion of mezzanine level in hangar through signoff by the county. Charlie Segó and Tim Fullmer explained that to get the mezzanine to the permit phase will cost an additional \$7000 to \$7500.

Promotion and Publicity Chair Joel Levine announced that EAA President Tom Poberezny will visit chapter 419 at Murfreesboro, TN and be the subject of a "roast." Special guest will be astronaut Hoot Gibson. Info on attending is posted on chapter bulletin board.

Chapter 690's next pancake breakfast is December 4. The topic of the presentation is avionics and designing an instrument panel. Breakfast programs planned for 2000 include: January 1, a Y2K Social; February 5, using GPS navigation; March 4 will be a vintage fly-in, along with a Flying Start program; April 1 will be on weather; May 6 is a Poker Run; June 3

will cover owner-assisted aircraft maintenance.

EAA Chapter Advisory Council member Sue Adams reported that 35 attendees of last week's Flying Start Program have started ground school.

NavCom Editor and Webmaster Joe Reed reminded the chapter that it voted last year to have quarterly audits of chapter funds; thus far no audits have been done. Much discussion over need for audits, definition of "audit," and frequency of same. After some amendments, a motion was made and seconded to amend last year's audit proposition: Instead of quarterly audits, have an annual audit, done by the chapter treasurer, due at the February chapter meeting. Motion passed.

Charlie Segó asked for volunteers to help clean hangar in preparation for pouring concrete.

Motion made and seconded to transfer \$7500 from chapter general fund to hangar interior fund to complete hangar work up through permit stage. Discussion. Motion passed.

Election of new officers held. Votes, including absentee ballots, counted. Results: President Chuck Miller. Vice President Joe Friend. Treasurer Charlie Segó. Secretary Tom Dubrouillet. Board of Directors, Joe Levine and Frank Wilcox. Member of the Year to be announced at holiday gathering in December.

Speaker for the evening had to cancel, so members had a hangar-flying session.

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## The Construction Project Moves Ahead

On November 19th starting at 7:30 A.M. a concrete pump truck and hose were in place to move concrete to the mezzanine floor for the professional cement finishers to spread and finish. During the morning three concrete trucks arrived with their loads. When the finishers left about 5 P.M. not only was the floor poured, but the stairway steps were filled with concrete, the support column pads on the main floor were leveled, there was a 6 foot wide pad across the back of the building from just outside the back door to the corner of the building and a walk from the pad to the auto parking area were all in place.

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## **Construction Project.....Continued**

The pad will be the location of an outside stairway to the mezzanine level. The walk was a bonus, not planned, but a good use of the surplus concrete on the last truck.

The Chapter 690 members, under the direction of Tim Fulmer and Charlie Sego, have constructed the partition between the food preparation area and the builder's tool / material storage room.

The project is now ready for the electrical installation, the construction of the in walls of the mezzanine level and the rear outside stairway. Work will resume on Saturday December 4th. **Help is needed!**

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## **Neill Goltz of EAA Foundation Visits Chapter 690.**

Friday evening November 19th, Neill Goltz, representing the EAA Aviation Foundation, in Oshkosh, visited Chapter 690 to present the Vision of Eagles program. This is not one program but a series of EAA programs, activities and experiences which establish the long-term infrastructure needed to take a child's initial interest in flight and fuel it into a passion. The Young Eagles program is one of these. Others are the Air Academy residence programs which are held at Oshkosh every summer. Under development are classroom aviation programs focusing on science, math and technology for ages 9 to 14. These are being tested in select schools in preparation for future release. In addition there are plans for similar programs on the local level to be developed by chapters with EAA funding and programming assistance which focus on building, flying and academic experiences for youth ages 12 to 17. Included in the plan are youth programs in partnership with the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scout Aviation Explorers, aviation museums and programs such as Atlanta's SciTrek youth aviation summer program.

Mr. Goltz is the Director of Planned Gifts for the EAA Foundation. He stressed that the Foundation's financial resources come principally from donations

and are not part of our annual EAA membership dues. His presentation was centered on encouraging financial gifts to the Foundation to aid in the develop and promotion of the Vision of Eagles programs, many of which are designed to reach the local level. He stressed the importance of programs on the local level since the number of youth who can attend the residence programs at Oshkosh is limited.

During the discussion period Chapter 690 members offered several suggestions for improving EAA programs for youth, such as better follow-up after the Young Eagle flights. They also described our chapter's significant involvement with youth programs including Young Eagle flights, Aviation Explorer Post 533 sponsorship, our use of Civil Air Patrol Cadets during our many activities and special programs for kids such as Duane Huff's airport tours and Junior Homebuilders Workshop at the Air Fair. Mr. Goltz, promised to pass on these thoughts on to the appropriate people at Oshkosh and he appreciated our suggestions.

## **New Officers Elected**

At the November 12th Chapter meeting the following officers were elected.:

President : Chuck Miller  
Vice President: Joe Friend  
Secretary: Tom Dubrouillet  
Treasurer: Charlie Sego

Board of Trustees (3 year terms): Joel Levine and Frank Wilcox

Outstanding Member of 1999: Announcement to be made at the Holiday Dinner Party

**A warm Thank You to Bob Welch for all his help as tower manager and good luck to you and yours in Detroit, Michigan.**

**A hardy welcome to Gary Johnson our new tower manager. We all at EAA Chapter 690 look forward to working with you.**



# Events Calendar



**Friday, Dec. 10, 1999**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

**Chapter 690 Annual Christmas Bash. Come to the Hangar, Bring a side dish to feed 12 people. A great dinner is planned and an outstanding program.**



**Friday, Dec. 17, 1999**

**Kill Devil Hills, NC**

96th Anniversary of the First Powered Flight at Kill Devil Hills. Ceremony at Wright Brothers National Memorial followed with luncheon and black-tie ball. On Dec. 16, Man Will Never Fly Society International social and banquet at Comfort Inn Nags Head. Call 919-840-2003 for more information.



**Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999**

**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.



**Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999**

**Dayton, TN**

Rhea County Civil Air Patrol monthly fly-in breakfast at Mark Anton Airport (2A0), 7:30-11 a.m. Call Wanda Fulmer at 423-775-8407 for more information.



**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000**

**Garfield, GA**

Monthly fly-in at Hacienda de Gay Airstrip (Pvt). Food served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fly market. Call Don Gay at 912-982-3421 for more information.



**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

**Y2K Pancake Breakfast**

Yes, there is going to be a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday in January even if it is New Year's Day - the first day of the new Century. Can you think of a better way for airplane enthusiasts to celebrate than over a hot stack of pancakes and sausage washed down with hot coffee and juice while trading hangar talk with EAA friends? Because it is such a special day, the breakfast will be FREE (with donations gratefully accepted). The entertainment will be Aviation Trivia, a good way to test your knowledge about your favorite subject. There will even be prizes for the most knowledgeable contestants. So come and join in the fun. You can easily get home in time for the rosebowl parade or the football games - or stay and watch them on the chapter's TV.



**March 4, 2000**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

**EAA 690 Vintage Airplane Flyin featuring Aeronca, Ercoupe, Cessna, Pietenpol, Piper, and any air plane that is vintage. Breakfast & Lunch available Short program Lots of hanger flying For more information contact: Coordinator: Greg Jannakos, 1921 McConnell Rd. Grayson, Ga. 30017 770.277.1637 gpjann@mindspring.com**

**May 13, 2000**

**Lawrenceville, GA**

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



## Technical Corner

Robert Everett is a new member to EA690 and has offered to host a project visit. Robert's project is a Kitfox IV.

### Project visit set for Feb. 12, 2000

**Time: 10:00AM till noon**

Directions are as follows:

I live near Bogart about 4 miles from the Hwy 78/ Hwy 316 crossing.

To get to my house take Hwy 316 east towards Athens, turn right on Hwy 53 (to Watkinsville). Remain on Hwy 53 and cross Hwy 78 (traffic light).

Continue 2.5 miles from traffic light on Hwy 53 to Clotfelter Rd. Turn left on Clotfelter road and go 0.8 miles to Clotfelter Ln, turn right. Stay straight on Clotfelter Ln and follow the signs to my house. Note Clotfelter Ln is my driveway and there are only 2 houses on it. I will put up signs to direct members.

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## HELP!!!!

During one of the hangar work parties on Saturday, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6 or Nov 13, Barney Barnes took in a Membership Application with cash and put it into a car I thought was Joel Levine's car. It was a black or very dark sporty car with a console or parking brake housing between the front seats. The car was parked in front of the hangar close to hangar No 2. If you have a car of that description, please look alongside the console for these important papers. Thanks, Barney Barnes



## Big weekend for Chapter 690- May 11 to 14, 2000

Vice President Dave Haskell announced at the November meeting the return visit of the EAA Foundation's B-17, Aluminum Overcast, to Gwinnett County Airport - Briscoe Field from May 11th to the 14th next year. This is the same weekend and same location as the Wings Weekend, a special opportunity for all pilots to gain proficiency through seminars, flight instruction, biennial flight reviews and flying companion courses. And to make the weekend even more special, our 5th annual Hangar Dance will be on Saturday night May 13th. Will we be busy or will we be busy! What an opportunity for Chapter 690 to host all three of these events which will bring together a large number of aviation enthusiasts! All chapter members should immediately block out these dates and plan to be present to help facilitate and enjoy these great events.

## Vintage Aircraft Fly-in

LZU - Saturday, March 4, 2000 EAA690 is hosting a fly-in for Vintage Aircraft. This event will replace the Ercoupe Fly-in in hopes to attract more pilots, aircraft, and drive-in visitors. This fly-in will not be aimed at the general public, but for pilots and aviation enthusiasts. The general public is welcome but advertising will be through EAA Type Clubs, aviation publications and notices.

The chapter is also hosting an EAA Flying Start program the same day. It is my hopes that the two events will compliment each other. So not to interfere with or distract the Early Start program, the Vintage fly-in people will meet in EAA Hanger 6 until the Flying Start formal program is over, or about noon/lunch.

Volunteers will be needed for the kitchen and other jobs. Contact me to volunteer for this fun event. We will place you in the right job!! Call me—it is not too early to start planning.

Greg Jannakos - 770.277.1637  
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# Classifieds

**Wanted:** One or two partners for my Ercoupe. If interested call Greg Jannakos 770.277.1637 after 5:00PM or gpjann@mindspring.com ALSO  
**Wanted:** 12V Transponder and encoder.

**For Sale:** Lycoming O-235-C1 Engine with 1190 Hours since new. Includes Bendix Mags, Harness, Plugs, Starter, Alternator, Fuel pump, Exhaust stacks, and baffeling. Also included is an engine stand. \$5,500.00. Contact Earl Evans after 6:00 pm or E-Mail to AvmtEarl@aol.com. 770-229-8670.

**For Sale:** RV6A 0-320 C/S prop 100 hrs. total time engine and airframe. Can be seen in EAA hanger #4. Charlie Patterson 770 9384131 or [charliepatterson@mindspring.com](mailto:charliepatterson@mindspring.com), price negotiable. Possible trade for J-3 etc.

**For sale,** perfectly built RV8 empnenge with electric trim and Variprime interior (600\$). Also for sale 28 years of Sport Aviation (300\$) less then a 1\$ each. Call Carl Bell 770 263 7998 for information or inspection

**For Sale:** Zero time Jabiru 2200 cc 4 cylinder motor.. 80 Hp @ 3300 rpm and complete weight is 123# with alternator, starter, and exhaust. Certificated in Europe. \$7000 HAPI VW 1834 cc aero converted motor. Never run. Has one Mag and one CDI ignition plus dual plugs. 60 HP. \$2500 Help me clear out the basement.. Consider trades. email for digital pictures. Ron DeWees 404 876 3481 rdewees@avana.net

**Wanted:** Project Cub, Chief, or Champ. Flying (But Needing Work) or Non-flying ok. Leave a message at 678-376-0482 or email SaundersJS@aol.com

**For Rent:** One bedroom apartment on airstrip near Snellville. Tie down available Utilities and cable TV included with rent No smokers No pets No children \$450 / mo. unfurnished ; \$475 / mo. furnished. Frank Wilcox 770-978-2403

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