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Frank Wilcox, Wayne Whitaker and Frank Settle at the Wrens fly-in

Fly-out Number Two

An impromptu fly-out to Wrens, GA was conducted on Saturday, May 16. The Fly-In event was hosted by EAA Chapter 172 and a grand time was had by all.

Jim and Faye Garner, Chuck and Jeannie Roberts, Wayne Whitaker, Frank Settle, Frank Wilcox, April Talmadge, Dennis Angello and Joe Reed were the flyout group. Dennis was late in getting airborne due to an antenna malfunction but did arrive later at the fly-in.

We did the famous "flight of four" departure from LZU and flew in loose formation to Wrens. The haze was something to behold and the GPS came in handy. Upon arriving at the Wrens airport Joe Reed made one of his usual immaculate landings in the Cheetah and the others managed to get down without breaking anything.

We were greeted by Charles Barreras of Chapter 172—webmaster of their great website—and received a visitors package outlining the events. Charles said his wife was still talking about what a great time they had at our Hangar Dance. The chapter lunch wagon was set up and the hamburgers were great.

The airport was a regular beehive of activity after lunch with Paraplanes, Ultralights and other winged devices flying around.

This was the second of our "get up and go" flyouts. The first was our visit to Barnstormers field where everyone had a great time looking at old airplanes. Other flyouts are planned for the future. Everyone will be sent an email and given the date and time so plan to join us for the next one.

More pictures of the Wrens flyout can be found on the EAA690 web page.

The NavCom

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President's NOTAM

by Frank Wilcox

The hot summer weather seems to have arrived a month too soon. However these high 80 degree temperatures will seem pleasant in Sept. after the 90 to 100 degree days of August. Watch that density altitude when flying. Longer takeoffs, less gross weight, short strips, etc. - all the cautions about which our flight instructors warned us. It is like driving on the first snow of winter. Some rethinking of our driving and flying habits is in order with the changing weather.

A "well done" to Sue Adams for the colorful tribute to the ladies of 690 in the May NavCom. May and Mother's Day bring all our special ladies to mind. Chapter 690 is fortunate to have so many of our ladies as active members who contribute much support to our chapter events. We hope more will become involved. Do you suppose June and Father's Day may result in a similar NavCom article spotlighting 690 men? Naw!

Bill Curtis has accepted the chairmanship of the Program Committee. Vice President David Haskell will continue the responsibility for monthly meeting programs, but his present work assignment limits the time he can spend on chapter responsibilities.

Bill chaired our second annual Aero-mart Sale Day, April 4th. There were fewer sales booths and neither the Antique Car Club or the Ultralights were able to come this year. The publicity, however, was effective and brought a good attendance, both fly-in and drive-in, to enjoy breakfast and some shopping. Thanks, Bill. Planning has now started on the "EAA 690 Fall Classic Air Fair", previously known as the "Biplane Fall Classic", scheduled for October 3rd. This is our BIG fall event. So mark your calendars and expect to hear much more later.

Our monthly pancake breakfasts, followed by a program on some phase of aviation, have really caught on. Attendance continues to increase with many regular fly-in and drive-in customers. This is the major fund raising project that pays for our building operation and maintenance costs. It takes at least 6 people to prepare, cook and serve the food, take the money, and keep the dining room managed. The "regular crew" that has been

working each month need more help. With 12 persons, each working a one and a half hour shift, the work load could be shared and everyone would have time for breakfast and fellowship. How about signing up to help? The need is especially acute during the summer months when some are away on vacation.

An "Oshkosh Bound" registration board will be started at the June chapter meeting. All members planning to attend the convention are asked to enter the requested information. We would like to know who is planning to make the trip and who might have empty seats, both air or ground, for those who wishing to attend. This idea resulted from numerous calls asking about transportation to Sun 'n Fun. Two dates of importance to chapter members:

June 13 is the International Young Eagles Day when world wide emphasis is placed on flying "Eagles". Bill Coleman will be giving us details at the June chapter meeting, or you can call him at 770-978-0196.

July 11 and 12 the Alexander Sport Air Workshops, co-sponsored by Chapter 690, will be held at our Sport Aviation Center. This is an excellent opportunity for learning about homebuilt aircraft construction with "hands on" experience. Additional information is included in this NavCom and at the chapter building.

Hope to see all members at the chapter meeting June 12th. Chuck Miller, one of our members, will be the speaker.

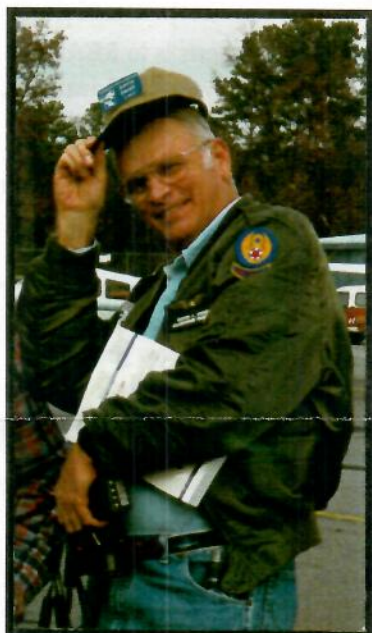


Thank You, Volunteers

By Sue Adams

To all of us June is the start of summer, i.e. graduations, summer vacations, weddings, cookouts, and Father's day celebrations all include family and loved ones. To the members of Chapter 690 it also means pancake breakfasts, fly-outs, airplane washing, hangar cleaning, and ground maintenance 690's EAA Sport Aviation Center. With Father's Day this month we're honoring all the men of 690. Without each and every one of you 690 wouldn't have made it this far with our wonderful aviation community right here at Gwinnett. **THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN!**

Here are only a few of our shining stars.



I first met Dave Posey at a Young Eagles Rally. I believe it was Cartersville. A rough and tough individual with a heart as big as the universe. Upon joining EAA in 1958, he then joined the Stone Mountain, GA Chapter 690 in 1992. His life was changed forever. In 1994 during the B-17 tour stop at PDK and Cartersville worked long hours assisting on the ramp or whatever was needed. He then chaired the B-17 tour stop in 95, 96, 97 at our own Sport Aviation Center. Co-chaired the first 690-hanger dance at the Gwinnett Civic Center.

Served on the hanger building committee. Secured and installed the electrical feed to the eight hangers. Is a Young Eagle pilot. Served as Vice President of Chapter 690 during 1996 & 1997. Is also a technical counselor and has conducted workshops on weight and balance and mag compass/ compass rose. Presently is chairman for hanger furnishings and equipment. With time to spare his project is a TEAM v-max.

He served in the USAF from 1954 to 1958, Air Guard until 1974. Learned to fly at taxpayer's expense in PA-18, T-6, T-28, T-33. Flew F-89 and RF84F in the Air Force and Air Guard.

Remember those days of the mobile kitchen? Setting up grills, tables, chairs in the night. Yet coffee was ready bright and early. Yes, we remember Mike North and his yellow truck with all the 'fixens' for breakfast parked what is now the chapter hangar. He often slept after setting up right on sight sometime in the back of the truck or if lucky in the cab. Look now where we hold our breakfasts.

And for the future the vision of a complete kitchen is in view. Thank you for all you do, Volunteer Mike.



Dale Schonmeyer, 72, a private pilot since 1963 and joined EAA-690 shortly after it moved to LZU. His dream was to build a Plusar 582 came true when in Nov., 1992 the kit arrived. After two years of its maiden flight took place October 1994

He has served as safety guru at several of the fly-ins and has worked the pancake breakfast a number of times. Was very much involved in the construction of the "Lnor's Latrine", with hammer,

nails, drywall, plumbing and trim. After hanging the door and installed the lock, then made sure it worked, because 'I had to go.' Presently, he is the membership chairman.

Dale quotes: 'So many work so hard to make EAA-690 what it is, that to single out one person for anything is difficult, but one thing is for sure, you can't be a member of EAA-690 without being involved. I guess that is why it is fun to be the chairman of the membership committee. The membership is GREAT.'



Believing that any organization must be made up of both Chiefs and Indians, Joel Levine prefers to be an Indian.

In all the years he has been a member of 690 he has held only two elected posts, serving twice as Secretary, and currently sitting on the Board of Directors. For the past two years he has been the chapter's Publicity

Chairman as well as

planning many of the aviation activities that follow our "First Saturday" pancake breakfasts. Always active one way or another with all of our events, Joel has flown Young Eagles, helped park airplanes, cooked and eaten chili, washed airplanes, frequently mops the hangar floor and has even flipped a few pancakes.

Minutes of EAA Chapter 690

May 1998 meeting

Wayne Whitaker, Secretary

The program for the evening was held before the business meeting this time. Robert Richenbach told the chapter about the new A&P school opening on the airport. In 15 months you can be an A&P mechanic. Or, for a limited time, you can take individual courses on subjects that interest you.

Minutes of last meeting accepted as published in the chapter newsletter.

Treasurer Lnor Levine reported that the Aeromart made more than \$500, after all expenses were paid. Also, chapter has 150 members now.

Promotion and Publicity Committee Chairman Joel Levine has attractive flyers (posters), produced by Alan Langford, outlining upcoming chapter activities. Members are encouraged to distribute them during their daily travels. Joel also has hangar keys for members who want them.

President Frank Wilcox announced that Bill Curtis is the new chapter program chairman. Bill will be arranging for speakers and other activities for regular meetings, pancake breakfasts, etc.

Young Eagles Chairman Bill Coleman reminded chapter members of Young Eagles event the following day: Saturday, May 9, 1998. Pilots and ground crew needed for this event and upcoming events. Kids needed too, if members know of any individuals/groups who would want a free airplane ride. Next event will be June 13, which is International Young Eagle Day.

Frank announced that a welding workshop is planned as the activity for the next pancake breakfast (Saturday June 6).

Frank reminded members that Alexander Sportair Workshops will hold courses on various phases of aircraft construction on the weekend of July 11 - 12, right there at our own Sport Aviation Center.

Legislative Committee Chairman George Steube alerted members to the planned construction of a 1900' MSL tower approximately five miles SW of Winder. George handed out sample letters to the FAA for members to use to protest the tower. Some discussion of whether this is a fight we should pick. Letters must be received by May 14.

George reported on information he read via the Internet about a federal government project that inadvertently jammed GPS signals in the New York area. Points out the possibility of rendering GPS — currently a very popular means of navigation for general and commercial aviation — inoperative over wide areas, either accidentally or intentionally. FAA seems uncertain about which system, if any, to use as a backup to GPS (such as VORs, LORAN, etc).

George also reported that an individual has distributed letters strongly protesting aircraft noise from LZU, particularly from the aerobatic planes.

Phil Harcourt, who has been confronted by this individual, elaborated.

Newsletter Editor Joe Reed informed members of a planned fly-out to Wrens, GA ("Pea Patch" or 65J) on Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m. to participate in activities of local EAA chapter 172.

Joe also started discussion on the possibility of getting a computer and modem for the chapter meeting place, so members can check weather, do the DUATS thing, etc. Joe also pointed out that current sign over hangar door was meant to be temporary, and needs to be replaced with something more permanent.

Chapter Chef Mike North needs help with pancake breakfasts. New volunteers needed so pancake preparers can work in shifts.

Membership gave a round of applause for Jeanne Miller, who did an outstanding job on very successful hangar dance.

Greg Jannakos reminded members of a project visit to Charlie Sego's Skylite tomorrow.

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Joel loves to play devils advocate at committee and board meetings, and enjoys hangar flying and working on his half of the "yellow beast" as much as he loves to fly. Joel is quick to tell anyone, whether they ask or not, that it is more fun to belong to an organization if you participate than if you sit back and watch.

No man is an island, so they say. With a great support team, every challenge is graciously conquered. Frank Settle has always been a team player when it comes to 690. Frank joined the chapter the summer of '94.

He's always ready to help no matter what the activity i.e. breakfasts—he loves to flip those flapjacks and he's not shy when it comes to clean up either. Has served ground support duty during the Young Eagles Events, BI-Plane Fall Classic, Hangar Sale, and more.

In 1970 after 4 years in the Air Force, he received his private pilot's license through the Navy Flying Club, Jacksonville, Florida. Thank you, Volunteer Frank.



May Meeting Reviewed

By Margaret Wilcox

Robert Reickenbach, Director of AIM (Aviation Institute of Maintenance) was the speaker at the May chapter meeting. He described the new aviation technician's school which will open at Briscoe Field in June. The 15 month program is designed to prepare the students to be licensed as A and P mechanics. It is modeled after their two successful schools, in Virginia and Philadelphia.

Mr. Reickenbach passed out copies of the curriculum which will be taught by a faculty of two and includes some basic courses plus an airframe unit and a powerplant unit. Avionics will come later. The school has been approved as a technical college, but it will take two years to become accredited. He said there is a growing need for persons qualified to work on aircraft and graduates will be almost guaranteed a job.

The good news for Chapter 690 members is that while the school is getting established, they will be willing to accept part time students interested in specific courses. He regards EAA very highly and is anxious to work with EAA members. Further information is available by calling (678) 377-5600. Copies of the brochure and curriculum are available at the chapter building.

Chapter 690 Co-sponsors Alexander Sportair Workshops

Chapter 690 is cosponsoring a two-day builder's workshop presented by the Alexander Sportair Center. The classes will be held at our Sport Aviation Center July 11 and 12, 1998.

Individual classes are:

1. Introduction to Aircraft Building
2. Fabric Covering
3. Composite Construction
4. Sheet Metal Basics
5. What is Involved in Kit Building (Saturday evening).

This is an excellent opportunity to learn or improve your aircraft construction skills. It also provides valuable information for members just starting a project or just thinking about one.

Sportair has a special fee program for members of EAA chapters. If an individual chapter has 6 members (minimum) sign up for workshops each will receive a discount of \$15. To receive this discount members must specify their chapter number when enrolling for the class. Questions can be answered by calling 1-800-967-5746 or EMail to workshops@sportair.com. Additional information is available at the chapter building and at the June chapter meeting.

Prop Tips....

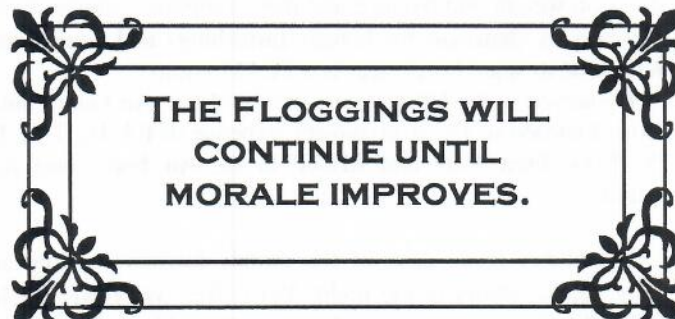
LOTS OF NON-TOWERED AIRPORTS - So.... use the following summary when operating into or around a non-towered airport.

1. Look.
2. Know before you go.
3. Fly defensively.
4. Fly the appropriate pattern.
5. Use the CTAF.
6. Use landing lights.
7. Yield the right of way.
8. Be courteous.
9. Keep a sterile cockpit in the pattern.
10. Fly quietly.

The way to fly safely at non-towered airports is to REACT.

- **Radio**-Listen to the automated wx observations, if available, and the common traffic advisory freq. (CTAF) for airport information and traffic advisories.
- **Eyes**-Use them! Look for other traffic. This is the top priority when operating in the vicinity of a non-towered airport. Use landing lights so other pilots can see you more easily.
- **Announce**-Report your position and intentions using standard phraseology.
- **Courtesy**-A little courtesy will smooth out most problems. the "me first" • Attitude can be dangerous and rude.
- **Traffic Pattern**-Follow the recommended procedures. (It's also required by FAR's Part 91.126 and .127). Prepare before you fly. Research the necessary information about your departure and destinations before you pull the chocks. From aviation safety program newsletter FSDO17.














Thanks to Sue Adams for this months "Prop Tip"





Events Calendar



-  **Saturday, June 13 Lawrenceville, GA**
International Young Eagles Day Celebration Flights Gwinnett County Airport (LZU) . For information call Bill Coleman 770-978-0196 or Duane Huff 770-921-4423.
-  **Saturday, June 13 McMinnville, TN**
Fly-in country ham breakfast at Warren County Memorial Airport (RNC). Call Joe Howard at (615) 668-4806 for more information.
-  **Saturday, June 13 Peachtree City, GA**
Fly-In Food & Fun Falcon Field. (FFC) 770-487-2225
-  **Saturday, June 13 Rome, GA**
EAA Chapter 709 Fly-In Breakfast Russell Field. (RMG) 706-235-0644
-  **Sunday, June 14 Russellville, AL**
Monthly fly-in at Russellville Municipal Airport (M22). Call Hans Pauli of Quad City Aviation at (205) 331-9000, 332-9906 or 486-3170 for more information.
-  **Saturday, June 20 Chattanooga, TN**
Collegedale Pilots Club monthly fly-in breakfast at Collegedale Airport (3M3). Call the airport at (615) 236-5008 for more information.
-  **Sunday, June 21 Summerville, SC**
South Carolina Breakfast Club meeting at Summerville Airport (DYB). Call Anne Hawkins at (803) 432-9595 for more information.
-  **Saturday , June 27 Cartersville, GA. (VPC)**
EAA Chapter 268 Pancake Breakfast Air Acres Museum 770-928-9064
-  **Saturday, June 27 Toccoa, GA. (TOC)**
EAA Chapter 1011 Pancake Breakfast 706-779-3446</Saturday,
-  **Saturday, June 27 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 (615) 775-8407 for more information.
-  **Saturday, June 27 Memphis, TN**
EAA Chapter 182 monthly fly-in breakfast at General Dewitt Spain Airport (M01). Contact Gilbert Pierce at (901) 755-3060 or gilpierce@aol.com for more information.
-  **Saturday, June 27 Alma Bacon County Airport, GA (AMG)**
Blueberry Festival and Golf Tour. Golf course is adjacent to airport. Don't golf? Then join in and fly the poker run. Grand Prize is an ICOM Radio. Contact Skip Jenkins 912-632-7915 at Rebel Air, Inc. or home 912-632-0526.
-  **Saturday, July 4 Lawrenceville, GA (LZU)**
EAA Chapter 690 pancake breakfast and ANNUAL AIRPLANE WASH. Bring your bird in for a wash job while you enjoy great pancakes. Contact Sue Adams. msadams@mindspring.com

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



Technical Corner

by Clyde Schnars

May's project visit to Charlie and Kristi Sego's Airplane factory was very worth while. This was the first time I had a good look at Charlie's project and it is very interesting to see how the different projects solve construction problems. Also the workshop is second to none. The floor is even painted. Charlie made us take off our shoes before we entered. (Just kidding). Charlie love to talk airplanes, so we all got our monies worth. Thanks Charlie and Kristi.

June's project will be to get the last look at Larry Seeholtz's Lancair 320 project before he retires to Orlando. We will miss Larry and his wife as they both are good chapter supporters. The visit will be Saturday June 13, at 10:00. As usual Coffee and donuts will be there for the hungry. Following is directions.

521 Belgrave Lane
Tucker, Ga.
770.381.6421

From I-85 take Jimmy Carter exit, going east to Lawrenceville Hwy route 29. Turn left onto Lawrenceville Hwy, go about 1 mile to Jordan Drive on the left. Take a left onto Jordan, and then take the first left. Go to the stop sign and turn right and then an immediate left onto Andover Way. Take the next right which is Belgrave Lane. House is 521 Belgrave Lane... If you get lost call...

Congratulations to Sue.....

From the Editors Desk

Let's let Sue tell us in her own words..

"On May 16 I had the privilege of being asked to attend the Chapter Advisory Council meeting in Oshkosh, WI by Bob Mackey, EAA Chapter Executive Director in order to be nominated, interviewed, then accepted to fill the vacancy of one retiring council member. I am excited and honored to be part of this team".

Below is the mission statement for that council.

'Assist in the development of chapters and their role in sport aviation including the identification of goals and programs that support and provide feedback to the mission and vision of EAA.'

Young Eagles Report *by Bill Coleman*

This time, the weather cooperated for our Young Eagles rally held on May 9 at the EAA Chapter hangar. With fine VFR weather (OK, maybe a little hazy), eight new young eagles took flight. Thanks to our pilots Larry Bishop, Chuck Miller, and Chuck Roberts for donating their time and airplanes. And our ground crew, Dave Haskell, Tom Dubrouillet and Larry's friend Ryan. I only wish there were more kids present to participate. For this event, we used a computer program to print the certificates. My, did they look nice. Thanks, Joe, for putting that together.

Our next Young Eagle Rally is International Young Eagle day, June 13 at the EAA Chapter hangar 9am to noon. But, I need your help. We need youngsters to participate. Anyone age 8 to 17 with an interest in aviation can become a Young Eagle.

If you know any kids or group of kids who might be interested, please, tell them about our event. Invite them to come. And let me know how many plan to come, so we will have an appropriate number of airplanes.

As always, interested kids, pilots or ground crew can contact me at 770 978-0196, or electronic mail: aa4lr@radio.org.

Oshkosh Bound??

Want to learn more about the warbirds? Or formation qualifications? Or just have fun and make new friends? Then this is for you! Every year during the Oshkosh Airshow Warbirds of America hosts a daylong series of seminars and lectures. This year's seminars include topics such as fabric, maintenance, and many many more.

In the past those in attendance received their Certificate of Participation a few weeks later via mail. This year EAA would like to handout the certificates at the end of the lecture to each person.

On Friday, July 31 at the Holiday Inn, the Warbird Headquarters in Fond du lac, WI these seminars will once again be held. I'm looking for a volunteer or two who can help on site input the names of the attendees in the computer.

If you have a day, or just a few hours you would like to experience the 'inside' of Oshkosh, please let me know. This is one more opportunity that YOU can make the difference.

Call Sue Adams 770-613-9501 or e-mail: msadams@mindspring.com.

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Classifieds

For Sale: Anyone interested in Lycoming 0-320 cylinders please let me know. I am changing the present ones for a 160 hp conversion. Bill Bailey 770-934-7756

For Sale: Lycoming 0-235-C1B 1608 Hrs TTTFN , Mags and Carb \$4000 OBO Don Glasser 770-975-0977

Wanted: Does anyone have a CD of North America sectional charts that I could borrow for a few days?? Ted Brombak 770-867-5848

For Sale: Bowers Flybaby 90-95% completed. Includes A-65 engine. All instruments mounted. Lots of extras included with sale. \$6000 OBO. Call John 912-272-7718

Wanted: Good, low cost, panel mount 360/720 radio, 12 volts. Greg Jannakos 770-277-1637 gpjann@mindspring.com

Wanted: I am interested in buying a complete set of A&P hand tools as specified by Delta Airlines for their mechanics. Joe Cox 770-393-2193

For Sale: Complete Q2 kit, all parts, supplies and avionics for sale. Asking price \$2500.00. Bob (770) 656-5346 goldnhome@prodigy.net

For Sale: BRAND NEW 0-320 A2D 150 hp with lots of accessories like starter, baffles, oil cooler and lines, carb with all AD updates, fuel pump, mags and harnesses. This is a conical mount. COMES WITH factory fresh metal SENSENICH prop 74/58 and prop bolts. Will sell the whole caboodle for 15,750. Gary Polizzotto 770-507-9050 w-404-523-1000

For Sale - Steel pallet storage racks, perfect for storing large items in a hangar. Each section is 4' x 8'. I have enough end frames and stringers to assemble three sections. \$50/section or \$100 for all of it. Mike- 404-705-5164 weekdays, 770-381-6379 evenings/weekends, or email me: mhuffman@bwsys.com



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