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

General Aviation TV Production Company & GPS Navigation SW Manufacturer to Share Stage

The first program following our March Pancake Breakfast 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 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 present the program, said "the show will feature aircraft designs, interesting pilots, advancements in technology, and unique places that cater to GA aircraft." In addition to its appeal to pilots, like the EAA's Flying Start Program, the series is a vehicle to foster the dreams of flight for people who have an interest in aviation, but are not sure how to pursue that interest. The show will be airing throughout the SE soon.

For our second program, Richard Herbs of Control Vision, Pittsburg, Kansas will provide a demonstration of one of the exciting new products now available to the General Aviation pilot. Herbs will be using one of the new, color, Personal Digital Assistants (PDA), an inexpensive GPS receiver and his new Control Vision "Anywhere Color Moving MAP™" Software. This software is a powerful tool to help you fly better, safer. Written by pilots, it is packed with unique features including continuous readout to nearby airports, an aeronautical moving map chart with the clarity of color, the convenience of a touch screen interface and the assurance of the "Personal Digital Co-pilot" flight management system. This new electronics and software brings General Aviation much of the functionality of a full color "Glass Cockpit."



On November 12, 2001 American Airlines flight 587, an Airbus A-300-600, crashed into a neighborhood in Belle Harbor, New York. 265 people lost their lives when the vertical stabilizer broke off the plane when it was at an altitude of approximately 2400 feet and traveling at 255 knots. This was the second deadliest aviation accident in United States history. The National Transportation Safety Board's investigation into the crash of flight 587 is continuing. The goal of this investigation - as in every investigation - is to determine the cause of the accident and prevent its reoccurrence. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is in the midst of a very disciplined and thorough investigative process.

Our guest speaker on Friday, March 8th will be George Washington Black of the NTSB. His program will be about this and other ongoing NTSB investigations. Join us for what should be a most interesting presentation. For a brief bio of Mr. Black, please see page 9.

ATTENTION ALL CHILI LOVERS! Chili Cook-Off Saturday, March 23rd

By Margaret Wilcox

The annual Chapter 690 CHILI COOK-OFF will be held at the Chapter Building on Saturday March 23rd starting at 3 P.M. All members and friends of the chapter and their families are invited to participate. The meal will be served at 5 P.M.

How do we do a chili cook-off? All who wish to compete in the contest will concoct their favorite recipe of chili and bring it to share with others. We will compete in several categories: Antique (that old family recipe), Warbird (the hottest), Homebuilt (unusual ingredients and taste), Classic (best over-all) and Ultra-light (for those conscious of nutritional standards). Prizes will be awarded. If making chili isn't your thing, bring a salad or dessert to share. Drinks, condiments and table service will be provided.



Starting earlier in the afternoon - 2 P.M. - there will be Friendship Flights for those members who do not have an airplane but would welcome a ride. Members with planes will be available to provide the piloting - weather permitting. After the meal there will be a program that will be of interest to all the family. This event, a long standing tradition for Chapter 690, provides Fellowship, Food and Fun. What more could you ask?

Getting to Know Your Chapter Officers



Duane Huff, our president, is a long time member of the Chapter who continually provides leadership in many areas. A retired music teacher, he is particularly interested in getting young people interested in aviation, so he heads up the Young Eagles program for Chapter 690.

He uses his award winning Aeronca Chief to introduce kids to an airplane or to give them their first flight. As a member of the "Over the Hill Gang" he shared in the Outstanding Member of the Year Award for 2001.



Debi Huffman is a true dynamo. As our Chapter's Vice President she is arranging a truly interesting lineup of programs for our meetings. As the Aeronautics Instructor at DeKalb's Fernbank Science Center, Debi is able to teach many of the youth in our community about potential careers

in science and aviation. We fly some of her students in our Young Eagle Rallies. A private pilot, along with other activities, Debi is one of the driving forces behind Georgia's Centennial of Flight celebration.

Lou Friedman is the new Secretary of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors. He brings a love of flying and great enthusiasm to the Chapter. Lou recently acquired part ownership in a '68 Cessna 172. His other interests include ham radio & scuba diving. Additionally, we will undoubtedly see some of his photos in the NavCom this year. Off on an Alaskan adventure with his wife Sally this month, we will try to get him to share that experience with us.



Treasurer Mike Stewart is also busy wearing multiple hats in the Chapter's leadership. As an officer he is a member of the BOD, and was elected to serve as its President this year. A former NavCom editor, he is also our chapter's webmaster. Mike is very active with the Young Eagles and our new Friendship Flights. Mike is responsible for most of the furniture in our new mezzanine. He is the proud owner of a recently completed RV6 and is restoring an Aeronca Chief.



The 690 Fly-Out to Moultrie

By John Embleton

February 9th arrived as a beautiful cloudless morning in Atlanta. This was the day for 690's fly-out to Moultrie, Georgia for a tour of the Maule aircraft factory. We were hosted by Chapter 1082 who provided a wonderful pancake breakfast. Fourteen members traveled to Spence Field, which included nine pilots. Although the day started out gorgeous, we had some delays arriving at our destination. The airplanes were covered with ice, which required a sunrise to assist with melting and removal before takeoff. Once airborne, the flock of South bounders discovered a strong headwind in addition to a layer of clouds about half way there. The last group of airplanes arrived just in time to savor some wonderful breakfast and visit with the friendly folks of 1082. As the second group toured the factory, the first group introduced the members of 1082 to the Georgia Wings Weekend by showing the new Wings video.

The Maule factory is a fascinating facility. Our chapter homebuilders were in awe over the many tools and presses throughout the hangars. The factory employs about 100 workers and the attention to detail is apparent in every step.

Maule has a contract with the Civil Air Patrol, and we were able to see several CAP aircraft at different stages of the building process. Maule is still a family owned business. Their fleet contains several models from tail dragger to tricycle gear and 160 to 260hp engines. Maule is experimenting with a Polish engine, which they expect to incorporate in the future.

This was my first fly-out with the chapter, and it was a terrific experience. A big thanks goes to Lee Craymer who organized the trip, placing those looking for a ride with pilots who had seats available. For me the trip was a wonderful opportunity to introduce a co-worker to flying and get to know a 690 member I hadn't met, Harry Hooper. Traveling as a group of airplanes was something new. Listening to fellow chapter members on the radio on the way down and seeing the members line up in the pattern on arrival really adds a new element to the fun of flying.



The group begins to gather for departure from Briscoe Field.



Harry Hooper, John Embleton (front) and guest Alan Cummings on the return flight from Moultrie.

The NavCom

The NavCom is the official monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, serving its members and other persons interested in the advancement of Aviation.

Original articles, art and photos are invited and welcome. Submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: lnor@akorn.net

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

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The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



WOW! What a great day we had at our last pancake breakfast. Mike said it was the largest number of breakfasts sold, except at a Wings Weekend. Over 250 breakfasts. Many thanks to Mike North and the kitchen crew who work so diligently for all our pancake breakfasts.

Dave Hirschman's program "Coping with Cockpit Emergencies" was enjoyed and appreciated by over 100 who attended. For those who missed his presentation (some of us were flying Young Eagles), Dave will do it again during the Wings Weekend. Thank you Dave, for a tremendous program. Throughout the morning and early afternoon, thirty-four Young Eagles were given their flights and certificates. Pilots who flew were Chuck Roberts, Rich Grayson, Chuck Huber, Ted Rabenko, Greg Bitzer and Duane Huff. Loadmasters were Bill Andrews, Bill Ferguson, Doug Noris (from Canada) and Charles McCormack. Dave Ostergard and Jeff Patnaude printed the YE certificates and Debi Huffman and Lnor Levine did the registration.

If you missed your Chapter 690 February meeting you missed an excellent, exciting program. Steve and Holly Leonard showed pictures and gave descriptions of their three week Flying Safari in Australia.

Thanks to Margaret Wilcox and Wendy Solberg for volunteering to organize the "Chili Cook-Off". It is scheduled for the afternoon of March 23rd. We will fly a few YE that morning and give some chapter members "Friendship Flights" that afternoon. We will have some great chili and fixin's for our evening meal. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Flights, and Food.

Just as Margaret and Wendy have stepped up to the plate to do our "Chili Cook-Off", we need volunteers to head up the Post Oshkosh Bash August 10th and the

Hangar Dance on October 26th. It is not too early to begin planning for these events and it certainly would be wonderful to have these chairmen in place and working toward these two functions. Please see me or a member of the Board of Directors if you would volunteer to accept either of these positions.

The Aluminum Overcast is coming May 2nd - 8th. Terry Adams, B-17 host chairman for Chapter 690 is selling flights on the Flying Fortress. Frank Wilcox is organizing the workers for conducting the tours. Help make this the best Aluminum Overcast visit and Wings Weekend by lending a hand and helping with the work during that weekend.

Our Fall AirFair Fly-In is scheduled for September 21st. Ron Mulvaney began the AirFair organization and was on the agenda for the February meeting but I had a complete brain stall and did not give him time during the meeting. My sincere and humble apology, Ron. Several activities are planned for the Fall AirFair / Fly-In and we will need people to head up the different aspects of the event. Dave Haskell will be taking over the chairmanship of this event. Please be thinking of how you would like to help with the AirFair and give Dave your support by volunteering to help.

Tim Fulmer has done a superb job of planning several Fly-Outs for the year. Look for announcements (in the NavCom and on our web-site) and notams of these events. The first one is on March 16th to Middlesboro, KY to see the P-38. Weather date is the 30th.

You may have noticed that my philosophy for Chapter 690 is to provide many varied activities for our members to enjoy. It is not expected that everyone will be able to participate in everything, but that there will be several things that everyone can enjoy.

Remember we are recreational pilots who fly for Fun, Fellowship and Food.



Chapter 690 is offering tuition scholarships for up to three Air Academy students this summer. Candidates can begin the process to qualify for a scholarship by getting an application form in by May 1st. Contact Duane Huff at a meeting or by phone 770-921-4423 or e-mail at duanehuff@yahoo.com

EAA 690 Fall AirFair 2002

The following is a list of committees needing chairpersons for the upcoming AirFair on Saturday, September 21, 2002. The committees will participate in a series of meetings pulling together the needed information and making plans with their own committees. The 690 Fall AirFair will be advertised to the local community.

Committees	Chairmen
Ground Operations/Field Safety/Airplane Rides	Dave Haskell
Static Displays-Aircraft/Antique Autos/Chapter Projects	
Vendor Contact & Displays	
Entertainment/Choral Groups	Duane Huff
Static Display Judging/Prizes/Merchandise Sales/Plane Ride Tickets	
Public Relations/Advertising	
Public Parking/Signs	
Children's Activities	
Volunteers	
Food Service	

The proposed AirFair hours are from 10:00 AM 'til 3:00 PM



Share-A-Ride

Tim Fulmer will help organize a ride-sharing effort for April's Sun 'N Fun.

If you are flying to Lakeland and have room in your plane, let Tim know, and he will try to match you up with someone who would like to hitch a ride and share expenses.

Contact Tim at 770-962-7837 or e-mail him at [<thefulmers@mindspring.com>](mailto:thefulmers@mindspring.com) or find him at the next chapter breakfast or meeting.

Welcome New Members

We're glad you joined us!

Raphael (Jesse) Dooman
Wayne Hood
Steve Lockhart

Larry Maynard
Lee Olson
Jim Stacey

Hmm Hmm Good!

Jennifer North has had many people request recipes from the Holiday Dinner this year. There were so many scrumptious dishes. If you were there, and have a recipe you're willing to share, please send it to Jennifer at mikeorjen@Go.com Jennifer will get them organized for distribution.

Available for Sale In the Chapter 690 Aero Shoppe

The Lost Squadron – by David Hayes
The story of the Greenland Expedition & the recovery of a P-38. Signed by Pat Epps. \$40.00

Thunder in the Tummy – by Joel Elman
“...The Hilarious Flying Adventures of a Private Pilot”
by the humor editor for the Southern Aviator. \$15.00

FLYBOY – By Robert L. Belt
A novel about history, relationships, flying and fate. FLYBOY is about the process of a boy of adventure becoming a man of confidence. Signed copies for \$13.00

Top quality NYPD and NYFD hats. A limited number available @ \$15.

Visit the Newly Improved Chapter 690 Web-Site

Mike Stewart is constantly updating & changing it. It has new features, including a calendar and the new membership photo directory that Tim Fulmer is organizing. With the growth of the chapter, it is hard to remember every name and match it to a face - so this is sure to be a popular feature. Let Tim snap your photo at the next meeting and you can be part of the photo directory. Check for on-line registration for events coming soon at [<www.eaa690.org>](http://www.eaa690.org)

A Note From the NavCom Editor:

The center section of this NavCom is packed with lots of good reference info - from how to contact chapter leaders to coming events - both Chapter and around the Southeast. Keep those pages for reference before you toss the NavCom.

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EAA Chapter 690 2002 FLY-OUT ACTIVITIES

By Tim Fulmer

ACTIVITY	DESTINATION	DATE	RAIN DATE
<u>A Too Cool Trip</u> <u>Visit the P-38 "Glacier Girl" Restoration</u>	Bell County A/P (1A6) Middlesboro, KY LZU to 1A6 = 158 nm	March 16, 2002	None
<i>Glacier Girl, the P-38 removed from the Greenland Icecap is undergoing restoration in Middlesboro, KY at the "Lost Squadron Museum." Reports are that the airplane will be ready to fly by the end of April 2002. This aircraft will be the most original of its type in the world as 80% of the parts are original, including the engines and props. The nice people at Avenue Café & Antiques have agreed to pick our group up at the airport, take us into town for lunch and return us to the airport. No cost for admission, but they do accept donations.</i>			
<u>Fly and Float Trip to</u> <u>Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge</u>	David Field (3J6) Folkston, GA LZU to 3J6 = 215 nm	April 27, 2002	None
<i>Plans are to fly down early, canoe through the Okefenokee Swamp. The canoe trails are reported to be well marked, the scenery spectacular and unique. Bring your cameras! The folks at the recreation center have agreed to pick us up at the airport in their 15-passenger van and return us at the end of the day. Lunch is available at the recreation area. For those not wishing to canoe, there are bike trails and bicycles rent for \$15 / day. There is also a ½-mile long boardwalk into the swamp that terminates at an observation platform. Canoe, paddle and life vests are \$23 / day total.</i>			
<u>Quite a Ride</u> <u>Chilhowee Glider Port Outing</u>	Chilhowee Glider Port (92A) Benton, TN LZU to 92A = 81 nm	May 25, 2002	None
<i>If you have never been in a glider you certainly don't want to miss this opportunity (and if you have been in a glider, I am sure wild horses cannot keep you away). A short 90-mile flight will bring us to the grass strip known as the Chilhowee Glider Port where we will spend the day taking turns soaring with one of the Chilhowee instructors in their gliders. The kind people at the Farmhouse Family Restaurant are willing to pick us up at the airport and transport us the 7 miles to their restaurant for lunch, then return us to the airport. The costs for the glider rides are \$99 for 30-minute ride to 5000', or \$69 for 20-minute ride to 3000'. They have agreed to give us a 10% discount for 10 rides or more.</i>			
<u>A ReConn Flight to</u> <u>Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum</u>	East Cooper A/P (8S5) Mount Pleasant, SC LZU to 8S5 = 219 nm	July 13, 2002	None
<i>Patriots Point is the home of the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, the destroyer USS Laffey, submarine USS Clamagore, and USCG cutter Ingham. The hangar deck of the Yorktown is filled with fighter aircraft and bombers. Lunch is available on site. Admission is \$12.50 each. There may be an additional charge for ground transportation from the airport. Interested parties may also take the ferry to Fort Sumpter for an additional cost of \$11.00 each.</i>			
<u>To Be Announced</u> <u>You Don't Want to Miss This!</u>		October 19, 2002	
<i>We are not yet ready to unveil this particular event, but it is going to be great. Keep this Saturday open and begin preparing yourself for loads of fun.</i>			
<u>Fly In & Camp Out</u> <u>SERFI (Southeastern Regional Fly-In)</u>	Middleton Field (GZH) Evergreen, AL LZU to GZH = 219 nm	Oct 4 th , 5 th & 6 th 2002	None
<i>We plan to make our debut in mass at the Southeastern Regional Fly-In. This will be an overnight camp-out event. We will camp as a group under the wings of our planes. Ground transportation will be available from LZU to SERFI for your camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, coolers, eats, etc) so you will not have to cram these items into your plane. <u>Fill all</u> available space with eager EAA690 members, the more the merrier! Equipment leaves Friday 10-4-02 @ 9:00 a.m. and should be in Evergreen 6 hours later. Equipment returns Sunday, 10-6-02. Dining and shower facilities are available. (There are hotels for the less adventurous and can be accessed via shuttle from SERFI. RSVP asap -they fill up fast, in fact may already be gone.) Admission \$5 /day or \$10 entire event. Camping \$20, Equip. transport \$5 (possibly less).</i>			



Young Eagles Take to the Skies Once More!
By Debi Huffman

On Groundhog Day, our Young Eagles were not at all concerned about six more weeks of winter. It was a gorgeous day for flying! Our gracious pilots flew a total of thirty-eight Young Eagles on their maiden flights that day. Many of the families participated in

our famous pancake breakfast prepared by our talented chefs. They make the best pancakes on this planet! Some of the families even stayed to hear Dave Hirschman's program.

Upcoming Young Eagles dates are; March 2nd, May 11th, and June 8th (Date Change!). These will be large groups of 40-50 young people from the Fernbank aviation classes. We will host and fly other smaller groups as requested. Greg Jannakos will contact pilots and ground crews.

Monthly Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 690
Lawrenceville Airport
8:00 to 10:30 AM



first Saturday

Free Program at 10:30 AM

- **March 2** – Wing-n-It – General Aviation on TV, Jeff Tate
- **April 6** – Sport Pilot Review (**Sun-n-Fun Week starts next day**)
- **May 4** – The Weather Channel - Presentation is part of 2002 Georgia Wings Weekend. Also B-17 Flights and Tours from May 2nd - 6th
- **June 1** – Poker Run
- **July 6** – Annual Airplane Wash

Watch for announcement of additional First Saturday programs and activities.

Come Join Us!

Regular monthly meetings – Held on the 2nd Friday of every month (except for August's Post Oshkosh Bash). In the Chapter Building at 8:00 p.m. Hangar flying before and after!

← Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity – First Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.
 Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Programs start at 10:30 a.m.



Mark Your Calendars Now- Major Chapter 690 Events For 2002

March 23rd	2:00 - Friendship Flights
	3:00 - Chili Cook-Off
May 2nd-9th	B-17 Flights and Tours
May 4 th - 6 th	Wings Week-End
August 10th	Post Oshkosh Bash
September 21st	Fall AirFair Fly-In
October 26	Hangar Dance

Project Visit Scheduled

By Scott Solberg

Zodiac project visit with Greg Jannakos -
 April 16th at 7:30 PM

More project visits to be announced soon

Chapter Badges Available

Purchase your EAA Chapter 690 Badges from Dave Haskell at our Pancake Breakfasts or at our regular meetings. Payment is required with your order.

Bring your empty aluminum cans to the hangar. Place them in the can receptacles & they will be re-cycled. It's good for the environment & EAA!

Friday Night Meeting Speakers Announced

By Debi Huffman

April 12th	Bob Powell, Silver Wings
	WWII Fighter Gun Camera Film
May 10th	Scott Barland, Lockheed
	Wind Shear Flight Criteria
June 7th	Mike McCarty, Lockheed
	Flight Control Specialist
July 12th	Sam Lyons - Aviation Art
August 9th	No Friday Meeting -
	Instead - Post OshKosh Bash on Sat., August 10th
September 13th	Jim Gerard, Nasa Spinoffs
October 11th	Robert Starnes - P40's
November 8th	Duane & Tess Huff's
	Alaskan Adventure

We Need Our Members

As you can see from this NavCom's center section, our officers and chairmen have planned a full schedule of activities for this year. With so many programs and events, hopefully everyone will find something of interest to them. We hope that you will participate whenever possible, and volunteer to help with some of the activities. Let's continue to build an ever stronger Chapter.



Saturday, March 9, 2002 - Augusta, GA - Chapter 172 Poker Run & Fish Fry at (61GA), 706-547-3607, jcm2@earthlink.net

Wednesday - Friday, March 13-15, 2002 - Nashville, TN - 13th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference at the Opryland Hotel. For more information contact 740-452-6462, www.wiai.org

Saturday - Sunday, March 23 - 24, 2002 - Macon, GA - EAA Chapter 38 of Warner Robins, GA - Fly-In at Herbert Smart Airport - 9 AM - 5 PM - Free Admission - Pancake Breakfast, BBQ Chicken & Ribs - Aircraft judging, YE Flights, Airplane Rides, RC Models, Project Exhibits, Aircraft Static Displays

Saturday - Sunday, March 23 - 24, 2002 - CHARLESTON, SC - EAA Chapter 477, Berkeley County Airport 50-J, Moncks Corner, SC, Name: 1st Annual Palmetto Air Classic. Contact info: Jim Fleming, Chapter 477 President, Ph: 843-953-6794, e-mail: jfleming@cofc.edu Web Page: <http://www.palmettoairclassic.org>

Sunday - Saturday, April 7-13, 2002 - Lakeland, FL - 28th Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. For information contact 863-644-2431 or www.sun-n-fun.org. Annual Spring Celebration of Flight. You're invited to enjoy and experience a week of aviation, learn a new skill, make new friends and even become a volunteer. This annual convention has something for the aviation enthusiast in everyone.

Saturday, April 27, 2002 - Stockbridge, GA - Chapter 468 Pancake Breakfast/Parts Swap, 706-646-3835

Friday - Sunday, May 3-5, 2002 - Lawrenceville, GA - 3rd Annual Georgia Wings Weekend at Briscoe Field. For more information, www.wingsweekend@mindspring.com or contact Sue Adams at 770-613-9501.

Thursday - Thursday, May 2-9, 2002 - Lawrenceville, GA - EAA's B-17 Bomber, Aluminum Overcast, visit to Gwinnett County Airport (LZU) and PDK.

Saturday, May 11 - Burgaw, NC - Chapter 297 Spring Fly-In and Pig Pickin, 910-392-9141, spicer@wilmington.net

Friday - Saturday, May 17-18, 2002 - Wrens, GA - Chapter 172 Seventh Annual Wrens Fly-In at (65J), 706-547-3607, jcm2@earthlink.net

Saturday, June 8, 2002 - INTERNATIONALLY - International Young Eagles Day, 920-426-4831, www.youngeagles.org

PLANNING AHEAD:

Tuesday - Monday, July 23-29, 2002 - 50th AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI to feature special Theme Days with special events and activities. Visit www.airventure.org or call 920-426-4800 for updated information.

Sunday - Saturday, April 6-12, 2003 - Lakeland, FL - 28th Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. For information contact 863-644-2431 or www.sun-n-fun.org

August 1-30, 2003 - Kill Devil Hills, NC - Aviation Worlds Fair at First Flight Airport. For information call 201-251-2600.

Why Join EAA

EAA is an international membership organization focusing on aviation and the broad range of activities it offers. Areas of interest within EAA's growing membership include: designing - building - restoring - maintaining - flying - simply enjoying airplanes and the people who fly them.

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GEORGE W. BLACK, JR. NTSB MEMBER

George W. Black, Jr., P.E., became a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board on February 22, 1996.

He is a 1968 graduate of Georgia Tech, with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. While at Tech, Mr. Black worked in one of the original Multi-Disciplinary Traffic Crash Investigation Teams funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Black was an Air Force ROTC graduate and served as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer while stationed in Texas and southeast Asia. He was assigned to the supervision of flight line maintenance of B-52D and KC-135A aircraft.

Returning to traffic safety engineering in 1973, he became the first traffic engineer for Gwinnett County. He retired as Director of Transportation in 1996. Mr. Black helped found the County Police Department's fatal accident investigation unit in 1974. He also

taught accident investigation and reconstruction in the County and State Police Academies for 23 years.

Mr. Black was the recipient of the 1991 Institute of Transportation Engineers' Karl Bevins Award and the 1997 Transportation Professional of the Year Award, the American Society of Civil Engineers' 1996 National Civil Government Award and its 2001 President's Award. In August 1998 he received the International Institute of Transportation Engineer's Edmund R. Ricker Traffic Safety Award and in April 1999 he received an Aviation Week and Space Technology "Laurels Award" for his work on the 1994 crash of US Air Flight 427 near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Black has been on-scene board member for several accidents including Delta Flight 1288 at Pensacola, Florida, United Express Flight 5926 at Quincy, Illinois, Korean Air Flight 801 on Guam and American Flight 1420 in Little Rock, Arkansas. In other modes of transportation: a propane gas explosion in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a fatal interstate bus crash in Cheesequake, New Jersey and school bus accidents in Monticello, MN and Holmdel, N.J.

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Minutes of February 2002 Meeting

Respectfully Submitted by Lou Friedman, Secretary

The chapter held its February meeting on February 8th, 2002. Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as published in the NavCom. The treasurer reported that, "We have money, we're good." (A detailed budget was approved by the Board of Directors.) The Board of Trustees met Tuesday night and reported that the chapter needs a donation of a vacuum cleaner for cleaning the second level of the hangar. The building committee reported that the curtain should be up soon for the kitchen. The Board of Directors also held their monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

The Pancake Breakfast held last Saturday was a huge success, serving more than 250 people. Margaret Wilcox and Wendy Solberg will chair the Chili Cook-Off on March 23rd at 5:00. If you don't want to bring chili, please bring a salad or a dessert.

Fly-Outs for the year were discussed and a detailed schedule was passed out. Details of the fly-outs can be found on our web page. The chapter will be flying Young Eagles on February 16th and March 2nd. The planes will be loaded further away from the hangar to lessen congestion. The chapter has reserved the Blue Notes for the Hangar Dance. A volunteer is needed to chair the event.

The program for the February Pancake Breakfast was cockpit emergencies and will be repeated again during Wings Weekend. In March the program will be Wing-N-It, and in April will feature a sport pilot update. Registration is open for the Wings Program. The speaker for our Pancake Breakfast in May will be from the Weather Channel and the topic will be safety. On Saturday, February 9th, we will tour the Maule factory in Moultrie. Please have all submissions to the NavCom in by the 15th of the month. The annual Post Oshkosh Bash will be held August 10th. As usual, there will be no regular Friday night meeting in August.

One scholarship application has been turned in for Oshkosh. The chapter still needs 3 more people to be on the Leadership Task Force. A motion to change the By-Laws was passed to require only one signature on checks written for a single expenditure of less than \$500.00. Chapter 690 was invited to a Fly-In for the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon and a Fly-In at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Wings Weekend will be held the first weekend in May. Volunteers are needed for shifts from 12:00-2:30 and 2:30-5:00 to help with tours of the B-17 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at LZU, and Monday and Tuesday at PDK. See Frank Wilcox to volunteer to conduct tours. The February program featured memories, pictures and stories of a recent trip flying around Australia in a C-172 by Dr. Stephen D. Leonard and his wife Holly.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2002

The board approved the Fly-Out plan. It will be presented to the membership-at-large at the February meeting. A discussion was held concerning parking problems associated with flying Young Eagles during the Pancake Breakfasts. A proposal was made to move the loading of planes further away from the 690 hangar to lessen congestion. Columbia, SC's chapter asked for our participation in their Fly-In. We will promote it in the NavCom, list it on our web site and announce it at our meetings. The building committee reported that we need the curtain installed in the kitchen.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Fall AirFair Fly-In. We need help with ground operations, safety, static displays, judges, public relations, signs, parking, food, etc.

The fees for riding the B-17 have been changed by Oshkosh. A chairperson is needed to organize the Wings Weekend Food Service and the Hangar Dance on October 26th. The Post Oshkosh Bash is set for August 10th.

The budget was reviewed and approved. Tools for the tool bin were discussed. Articles for the NavCom are requested to be turned in by the 15th of the month. Project visits were discussed. Members will be encouraged to attend as attendance in the past has been sparse. Tim will take pictures of members for a Directory to be published on our web-site.

Chapter 38's Fly-In at Macon will be held during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Mike Stewart discussed issues regarding nonprofit incorporation and agreed to have a proposal ready for the next Board meeting. Mike Stewart will find a new laser printer for the chapter. Trash needs to be removed after the pancake breakfast.

FLYING in the OUTBACK of AUSTRALIA

By Margaret Wilcox

Steve and Holly Leonard took us on a vicarious aviation safari down-under at the February chapter meeting. From October 2 to 18, 2001 they traveled by air over the vast continent of Australia with a group called Australian Outback Safaris. The planes, facilities, food and all expenses were provided, but the guests had to do the piloting. After arriving at Coolengatta, the starting point, Steve and the other pilots spent three days getting checked out in their planes and learning how to follow the charts and fly according to Australian "FAA" rules. Steve said it required him to get back to the basics using dead reckoning and piloting skills. They flew over huge areas of open, empty country with few landmarks, hard to find dirt runways and very few facilities. They had to keep in constant communication with the authorities.

Their gracious hosts planned a wonderful trip that took them first to islands off the Barrier Reefs where they stayed in luxury motels. They then flew over Queensland to the Northern Territories where they visited a couple with 2 pre-teen children who own and operate a 100,000 acre farm on which they had 10,000 Brahman cattle. Their nearest neighbors were 150 miles away. They flew to a funky truck stop and roadhouse called Hell's Gate. They visited a wildlife sanctuary and stayed in a luxury hotel shaped like a crocodile. They took a riverboat ride at Katherine's

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**ALUMINUM
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The EAA Aviation Foundation has Announced the B-17s Spring "Freedom Tour" Schedule

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). The B-17 Flying Fortress will be at Lawrenceville's Briscoe Field from May 2nd - 6th for tours and flights. This coincides with the 3rd Annual Wings Weekend. The B-17 is then scheduled to be at PDK for tours and flights through May 9th.

Flight Experience Costs: \$350 for current EAA members and \$395 for non-EAA members. Those who fly in the B-17 may purchase a B-17 Flight Jacket for \$150.

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

Chapter 690 will host the Aluminum Overcast and her crew. We need chapter members to assist with tours and flights. This is a major fundraising opportunity for Chapter 690, so please plan to assist with this event.

Ground tours will be available after mission flights are complete. Costs for ground tours:

\$5.00 Adults (18 years +)

\$4.00 Children (8 - 17)

Children under 8, FREE (must be accompanied by a paying adult)

\$10.00 per family (Adults and children 17 & under)

Past Flight Experience Participants and 398th Bomb Group members, FREE

NOTE: All flight dates and locations are subject to change due to weather or other conditions.

Flying in the Outback (Cont. from page 10)



Steve & Holly at Australia's famous Ayer's Rock.



Steve feeds a treat to a tame kangaroo on a ranch where they spent some time during their safari.

Gorge where the river level may vary by 100 ft. depending on the season. They learned about Howard's Royal Flying Doctor medical service that has been in operation since the 30s. They went to Alice Springs where they rode camels and Ayer's Rock, a red outcropping similar to Stone Mt. and sacred to the aborigine people who live mostly in the interior. 300 miles south of the Rock they visited an area famous for Opal Mining where the houses are largely underground to avoid the terrible heat of the interior. There is so little vegetation that the golf courses use black gravel for the greens and players are allowed to rake the green before putting. From there they went to the wine country, a lush agricultural area with lots of rain, where they stayed on a houseboat for two nights. On the trip they became acquainted with new forms of animal life - kangaroos, everywhere including the golf courses; tree bats; geckos; huge pelicans and colorful parrots.

They found the Australian people to be independent, a bit rebellious, funny, very friendly, kind and staunch allies of the U.S. Both Steve and Holly agreed that it was an experience of a life time made more wonderful because of their generous hosts who provided all that was promised when Steve first learned of this travel opportunity at Oshkosh.

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Reminder – Dues are Due

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

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March Meeting -

Friday, March 8, 2002 at 8:00PM

George Black of the NTSB will present a program on ongoing NTSB investigations, including AA Flight 587

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



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The Program following our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 6th will be presented by Chuck Miller on the timely topic of "Sport Pilot Licensing."

It's Official! The Sport Pilot NPRM titled "Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light - Sport Aircraft" has been

Published in the Federal Register. Publication of the document officially opens the 90-day comment period, which will end on May 6, 2002.

The EAA recommends that sport pilot enthusiasts review their Executive Summary, which highlights the hows and whys of the rule, and take the time to become more familiar with the rule and its impact prior to commenting.

The document is viewable on EAA's sport pilot web-site, www.sportpilot.org. Click on the "View the NPRM" button in the upper left-hand corner.