

Lawrenceville, GA LZU



Presidents Pitch

FUTURE HOME OF EAA690 ???

By: John Morgan

Unless you have been living under a rock, you are probably aware that we have learned of a significant move from Gwinnett County to find someone to redevelop the entire north side of Briscoe field. This process was actually started by the previous county board of commissioners and explains a lot about why they would not negotiate a long term lease with us and why they did not lease the 8 hangar pads that they built to our west 2 years ago.

The request for proposal is due April 30 so our chapter meeting for May first after the pancake breakfast will not include any discussion about the bid results as we likely will not know any results that soon. We can certainly discuss any bright ideas that any of you may have on this topic.

Also any future negotiations with either the county or the successful bidder will not include the other 6 hanger owners in the EAA Hangar row. EAA national has a rule that says a chapter cannot own or lease any space in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. Although we only use 6000 sq. ft. presently we are obligated to the county for the entire 24,000 sq. ft. of hangar row. Previously we were grandfathered in because of our long term lease but that ends with any new lease negotiation with whomever we may be dealing.

This may well be an unsuccessful fishing expedition by the county to find someone to develop the airport with private funds. We will just have to wait and see.

We continue to get great turnouts for the Pancake Breakfast and our speaker will be Harry Ballance and his beautiful Stinson Reliant here for our May 1st breakfast.

If you have a story to tell or a presentation to make then please contact Kathi Parks to get on our speaker schedule.

The return of the B17 aluminum Overcast is on hold at the moment as the airplane is awaiting a part so it can be repaired in Florida.

I just returned from Sun n Fun and they had great weather and great crowds. Apparently the whole world has cabin fever and cannot wait to get out and mingle with like minded individuals. I spent 45 minutes with Jack Pelton at Sun n Fun and he is expecting a very large turnout for Airventure. The chapter attendance at Sun n Fun was the largest that I can remember.

In closing I would like to give this month's SHOUT OUT to Larry Wallace and Billy Stewart for repairing the broken water pipe to Hangar 6.

Please pay your dues and stay safe!

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Chapter Web Site: **WWW.EAA690.ORG**

Calendar May 2021

Current and future scheduled chapter activities should be viewed as "Tentative". Please check the chapter "Slack" application or, contact one of our chapter officers for updates on future activities.

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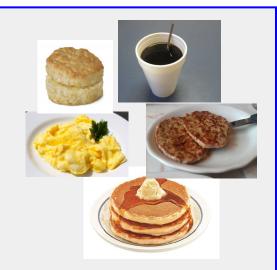
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Pancake Breakfast May 1st

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits and Coffee, All for just \$7.00

Come as you are and enjoy the company, hanger talk and comradery



Program: 10am. Our presenter is Retired Delta Capt. Harry Ballance. Harry owns the same Stinson SR5A Reliant purchased by his father, Harry Ballance, Sr. 72 years earlier. His airplane has been featured in articles for EAA and AOPA as well as at AirVenture. His careers include airline pilot, air show pilot, and homebuilder. Harry resides south of Atlanta on Alexander Memorial Field residential community. You will sure want to bring your camera Saturday morning.





Membership Meeting: 11am; Discussion of Airport Authority's RFP; Northside

Summary of RFP:

- 1. Airport authority has 9-11 different leases on the northside and wants to consolidate these leases into a single FBO/Management company.
- 2. The northside RFP encompasses approximately 45 acres of land, ramp space and hangars.
- 3. Gwinnett Aero, FBO on northside, is exploring the feasibility of pursing the RFP.
- 4. There may be one additional local and one national FBO/Management company pursuing the RFP.
- 5. Bids are due NLT (no later than) than April 30th.
- 6. We may know who the bidding companies are shortly after April 30th. We anticipate that it will be several months before we know the willing bid.
- 7. We plan on discussing the RFP at the next member meeting in May at the pancake breakfast. We look forward to receiving your comments/ideas with respect to the RFP.
- 8. Additional information, as it becomes known, will be posted on the "bod" Slack channel.
- 9. For those that want to explore the RFP in greater detail; below are the links to the original RFP and addendum:
- a. Original RFP- https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/static/upload/bid/748997/RP011-21%20INV.pdf
- b. Addendum link- https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/static/upload/bid/749062/RP011-21%20%20ADD1.pdf

Please Follow Our Covid-19 Breakfast Guidelines

As all of you are aware of the current Covid-19 situation that continues to affect our community and we have established some quidelines with respect to the breakfast and Covid-19. The breakfast will run from 8Am till 11am.

Upon arrival we will take everyone's temperature; if you should have a temperature please refrain from coming to the breakfast. If your temperature is greater than 100.4 degrees, you may not enter the hangar. Sanitizer is available upon entering and we strongly encourage everyone to use it. All food, condiments, coffee etc., will be given to you by our staff. Masks are required when not eating. We will have a limited supply of masks available on a first come first basis. (Kindly donated by John Post). Please maintain the social distancing guidelines, with the exclusion of family units; while obtaining your breakfast and at the tables. If weather permits, table outside of the hangar are available. When a member is finished with breakfast and leaves the table that location is sanitized by one of our volunteers. Please be aware that any significant changes with the Covid-19 environment may result in cancellation of the pancake breakfast.

Please contact John Morgan or me if you have any questions.

Thanks, Louis Pucci

EAA Chapter 690 History A look Back in Pictures!











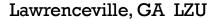






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Chapter 690 Youth Activity Report

By: Randy Epstein

All projects were in play during the month of April. Lynn Zahner rejoined the mentor ranks and we're glad to have her back. April was impacted by Spring break for the youth and Sun n Fun for the Mentors.

Since I last reported we have added nine new youth to the program, Bratton Blake, Zach Mitchell, Anthony Sanchez, Abraham (Matthew) Woldmichael, Josh Franklin, Luke Jordan, Elena Adrade, Katarina Andrade and Owen Bridger. Anthony's dad Carlo Sanchez also joined the mentor ranks

The Ultra-Lite Pietenpol continues to make good progress. Work on the BD-6 continues to focus on the horizontal stabilizer and control surface and the rudder is in progress. Andrew made contact with the Bede folks at Sun n Fun and they are promising to supply additional parts so the project can continue to move forward.

In R.C. Modeling project, work continues on the 1/4 scale Piper Cub. Lynn Zahner and Damian Morrissy ably assist Ken with the project.

The two things we will always need is more mentors and money. There is no requirement for a certain skill set to become a mentor. We're not going to bring you in and ask to lead anything, we need folks to assist in watching the youth and working with them.





As always, a heartfelt thank you to Joel Levine, Duane Huff, Keith Oliver, Ken Lightner, Damian Morrissy, Keith Oliver, Andrew Robinson, Paul Lindberg, Frank Borucki, Alex Straka, Peter Keller, Nicolas Hammond, Rich Hopkins, Carlo Sanchez, Lynn Zahner and Harrison Curry for their time mentoring. These folks are critical in keeping this program moving forward.

As far as funding, if you work for a company that makes charitable contributions or know a company that may do that, we would be glad to talk to them about our program and how it is benefiting these young folks. If you would like to donate, any donation you can make is helpful in keeping the program moving forward.

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Chapter 690 Youth Activity



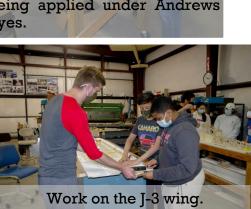
Ken and Damian demonstrating proper way to plank the leading edge of the giant scale R/C Piper J-3.



BD-6 part showing the sheet aluminum clecoed in place.



Cleco's being applied under Andrews watchful eyes.





The Ultra-Lite Piet gear has been removed, sanded and in the process of being sealed before the final assembly.





Chapter Connection to "Ham Radio"

By: Joel Levine

Most of you are aware that the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) meets in our building for their monthly meetings. They also use the facility for some special activities.

Just like in aviation, a certain amount of study is required before the FCC will issue a Amateur (ham) Radio licensee. GARS conducts periodic sessions to help prepare those interested for the licensee test. Previously morse code was required ranging in speed from 5 words per minute up to 20 words per minute. Much of the code requirement has been dropped. Electronic theory such as ohms law, antenna propagation and various circuits are still required as well as the FCC rules and regulations.

At one time the Chapter had 45 ham operators and we are currently licensed as W4LZU. If you, a spouse or a sibling is interesting check the board for the next GARS Ham-Cram session or check www.gars.org.





"POTUS Arrival at LZU April 29th"

By: Joel Levine
Three Ospreys and
two helicopters.
(not all in the shot)



Chapter Flyouts in April

By: Frederic Culletion April 2nd

Billy steward, Peter murphy, Fred Culleton, Chris Serra, Ron, Chris (new), Larry Wallace, John Marrow Lunch at Barnwoods - Anderson SC KAND







By: Frederic Culletion April 22nd

Nice flight to 9A5 this morning, 4 planes- 6 members, A little Bumpy on way back, but not terrible, Sorry for sparse breakfast but good company!







By: Joel Levine April 28th

The ceiling was just a couple of hundred feet above the tops of the mountain for the fly-out to Knoxville but it was a great trip. Believe it or not that was one meal. Bacon, eggs, home fries, French toast and gravy for \$7.99. Oh yes and two biscuits. Two turns from the airport to the restaurant and I lost count of the turns on the return drive but we made it.

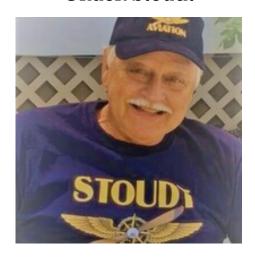








Chuck Stoudt



Chuck Stoudt, 77, of Suwanee, GA, passed away on Friday March 26, 2021 at home with family.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Lynn Stoudt, his mother Vivian Grimes, brother Kevin Grimes, children Steve (Emie) Stoudt, Scott (Sue) Stoudt, Candice (Michael) Krogh, Tori Stoudt and grandchildren Amelia, Jason, Shelby and Scotty.



William B Gardner (Gandrud, at birth) Aug 18, 1939 - Jan 29, 2021

William "Bill" Bentley Gardner (Gandrud, last name at birth), age 81 of Duluth, Georgia in the metro Atlanta area, passed away peacefully Friday, January 29, 2021, at Emory St. Joseph's Hospital only two days after an advanced cancer diagnosis.

Bill was born on August 18, 1939 to Pauline "Polly" Myra (Jones) and Bennie William Gandrud in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Though quiet and unassuming, Bill focused powerfully on his priorities, both professional and personal.

Bill went through the public schools of Tuscaloosa, AL. In May 1961 he received a B.S. in phys ics from the University of Alabama. In January 1968 he received a Ph.D. in physics from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He then joined Bell Laboratories, the research and development arm of AT&T, in Whippany, NJ.

In 1972, he was transferred to a new location of Bell Laboratories in Atlanta, GA, whose mission was to develop a manufacturing facility for optical fibers for AT&T. He became part of the R&D management team that developed optical fibers into a practical communications medium to compete with copper cables. This is the technology that makes our global broadband communications possible today. He was the recipient of a half dozen patents, and served as a columnist for the trade journal Lightwave

In March 1977, he helped install AT&T's first optical fiber cable under the streets of Chicago. During the decade of the 1990s, he chaired the International Telecommunication Union's subcommittee in Geneva, Switzerland, that established standards for opti-

cal fibers worldwide.

As a retiree in the 2010s, he established the William Gardner Graduate Fellowship in physics at the Johns Hopkins University. His primary chosen legacy will be the endowed fellowship at Johns Hopkins University and an endowed professorship at the University of Alabama.

Bill was a pilot, an avid reader, a devoted Alabama football fan, and a runner, still winning races at age 80. He could talk knowledgeably about a multitude of subjects and explain technical topics in a way that almost everybody could understand. He loved to hike, travel, and sing with a local choral group. Bill's many favorite weekends were spent flying somewhere in the Southeast for a race and concerts, as well as a good dinner. Over the last 40 plus years he hiked many times in the Alps. He summited Mont Blanc in France, Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, and several 14ers in Colorado. Other travels took him to the Galapagos, Europe, China, the Rockies, Alaska, and his favorite, Dog Island, Florida. With his chosen family, the Delaplaines and the Salmons, he spent many days in Mobile and Point Clear, Alabama.

Bill is survived by his first cousins—Warren Jones, Ray Jones (Libby), Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones Lowe (Peter), and Carolyn Jones Blue (John) of Huntsville, AL, and Richard "Dick" Gandrud (Lorraine) of Glenwood, MN. Also, by numerous other family members and his longtime friend and traveling companion, Amy Delaplaine, of Fairhope, AL

With Covid concerns in mind, a graveside service will be scheduled at a later date at Tuscaloosa Memorial Park Cemetery in Tuscaloosa, AL, and a separate memorial service is being planned.

In honor of Bill's life, please consider a contribution to the University of Alabama, Johns Hopkins University, or the Nature Conservancy.



Faster, Farther: Mars Ingenuity Helicopter Completes Third Flight

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"...It Was Nothing Short Of Amazing"

NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter continues to set records, flying faster and farther on Sunday, April 25, 2021 than in any tests it went through on Earth. The helicopter took off at 0431 EDT, rising 16 feet – the same altitude as its second flight. Then it zipped downrange 164 feet, just over half the length of a football field, reaching a top speed of 6.6 feet per second.

After data came back from Mars starting at 1016 EDT, Ingenuity's team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California was ecstatic to see the helicopter soaring out of view. They're already digging through a trove of information gathered during this third flight that will inform not just additional Ingenuity flights but possible Mars rotorcraft in the future.

"Today's flight was what we planned for, and yet it was nothing short of amazing," said Dave Lavery, the project's program executive for Ingenuity Mars Helicopter at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "With this flight, we are demonstrating critical capabilities that will enable the addition of an aerial dimension to future Mars missions."

The Mastcam-Z imager aboard NASA's Perseverance Mars rover, which is parked at "Van Zyl Overlook" and serving as a communications base station, captured video of Ingenuity. In the days ahead, segments of that video will be sent back to Earth showing most of the helicopter's 80-second journey across its flight zone.

The Ingenuity team has been pushing the helicopter's limits by adding instructions to capture more photos of its own – including from the color camera, which captured its first images on Flight Two. As with everything else about these flights, the additional steps are meant to provide insights that could be used by future aerial missions.

The helicopter's black-and-white navigation camera, meanwhile, tracks surface features below, and this flight put the onboard processing of these images to the test. Ingenuity's flight computer, which autonomously flies the craft based on instructions sent up hours before data is received back on Earth, utilizes the same resources as the cameras. Over greater distances, more images are taken. If Ingenuity flies too fast, the flight algorithm can't track surface features.

"This is the first time we've seen the algorithm for the camera running over a long distance," said MiMi Aung, the helicopter's project manager at JPL. "You can't do this inside a test chamber."

Vacuum chambers at JPL are filled with wispy air, primarily carbon dioxide, to simulate the thin Martian atmosphere; they don't have room for even a tiny helicopter to move more than about 1.6 feet in any direction.

That posed a challenge: Would the camera track the ground as designed while moving at higher speed on the Red Planet?

Lots of things have to go just right for the camera to do that, said Gerik Kubiak, a JPL software engineer. Aside from focusing on the algorithm that tracks surface features, the team needs the correct image exposures: Dust can obscure the images and interfere with camera performance. And the software must perform consistently.

"When you're in the test chamber, you have an emergency land button right there and all these safety features," Kubiak said. "We have done all we can to prepare Ingenuity to fly free without these features." With this third flight in the history books, the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter team is looking ahead to planning its fourth flight in a few days' time.



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Dick Cole (LTC. Ret.)

Dick Cole was Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot for the raid on Tokyo in April, 1942. Cole remained in China after the raid until June, 1943, and served again in the China Burma India (CBI) Theatre form October 1943 until June 1944, flying supplies over the Himalayan mountains to the Chinese.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966, and was photographed at 101 years of age at Dekalb Peachtree Airport. He lived two more years, passing away on 9 April, 2019, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



AERO TERM

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Land And Hold Short Operations

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Young Eagles Report April 2021

Duane Huff & Wes Riddick, Young Eagle Coordinators

By: Brian Michael

In April we attempted some changes in how the YE rally was run. Mostly, the changes were along the lines of the ground crew (flight line specifically) not needing to handle pilot clipboards. An extra emphasis was placed on flight line safety, and we will continue to emphasize safety. Additionally, we've started placing various activities for the kids and parents to engage in while they wait for their flight. Brian expects more of these activities as it is seen how the crowd interacts with them.

Final Young Eagles Pilot Report

Pilot Name	Flights	Total	Girls	Boys
Alex Kirkland	3	7	2	5
Brian Michael	2	4	1	3
John Post	1	3	1	2
Charles Roberts	2	3	1	2
Chris Serra	2	5	4	1
William Stewart	2	2	0	2
Alex Straka	3	3	0	3
	15	27	9	18



EAA 690 Ground School

Up until the end of July, Brian has been hosting an online ground school every Mon, Wed, and Fri from 8-9pm. As of Aug 1, the new ground school schedule is Wed evenings from 7 to 9pm (posted on chapter calendar). The best way to keep in touch on the schedule is to join Slack, if you are not already on it. You can join Slack by gong to this link

https://join.slack.com/t/eaa690/shared_invite/zt-4y85xsgx-oyLTtp8M8SZAYVBml5i0vw

Once on Slack you should join the #ground school channel. The link for the ground school session is posted in the channel. The link to join is https://join.freeconferencecall.com/eaa690 but you should check on the channel in case Brain needs to change the schedule.

See you online!

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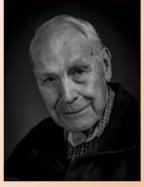
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Source: Dave Lavery, the project's program executive for Ingenuity Mars Helicopter at NASA Headquarters in Washington, discussing the vehicle's third flight.



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Come join us on the first Saturday of every month at the hangar to enjoy a \$7 Pancake Breakfast and, to learn more about EAA 690 please visit our web site: www.eaa690.org

DUE TO COVED-19 PLEASE CONFIRM ALL CHAPTER ACTIVITY BEFORE ATTENDING

Directions to EAA 690

From Atlanta, I-85 North to GA-316, Take GA-316 to Hurricane Shoals Rd NE and Turn Right Go to Airport Rd and Turn Left, Go to 690 Airport Road on your right



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