

CHAPTER 690 NAVCOM

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At the next Meeting:

Is this getting to be a habit for Jeffrey?

EAA Holiday Party

by Margaret and Frank Wilcox

It is official. The Gwinnett County Airport Commissioners Building will be the scene of the December meeting **Friday, December 8th at 7 PM** (*note that this is 7, not 6:30 as previously set*). The new chapter building is not suitable yet; the Building Column explains the situation. We will do our best to transform the regular meeting room into a banquet hall decorated for the holidays. If we are somewhat crowded, just remember that next year our hall will be 50'x60'.

Dinner will be served at 7:30. The meat, beverages, rolls, and table service will be provided. You will each need to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to feed 12-15 people. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

Punch and coffee will be available during the social time from 7-7:30. No alcoholic beverages will be served according to the policy of the airport management.

The committee has announced the program theme will be "Art in Aviation" and the presentation will be by local aviation artists Vickie and Sam Lyons. Sam and Vickie are no strangers to Chapter 690. They have exhibited their artwork at many of our fly-ins. They also have been generous in donating works to us for fund raising. This program should be of interest to flyers and non-flyers.

Other programs for the evening will include the awarding of recognition to members for their contributions and accomplishments during the last year. The new officers will be installed and the outgoing officers recognized. The evening will conclude with a time for fellowship and exchange of Holiday greetings. Dress is informal. If you have not made your reservation, call Frank and Margaret Wilcox at 770-978-2403. If at the November meeting you signed up to come and your plans changed, please call also.

The annual Holiday Dinner is one of several Chapter 690 social events for members and families that provide us with an opportunity to become better acquainted. We encourage all members and spouses to attend, especially those who joined in 1995. Prospective members are also welcome. There promises to be lots of "hangar talk" this year.

Also at the Party, you can:

- Order your Chapter 690 badges. \$6⁵⁰ pin, \$8⁵⁰ magnetic clasp;
- Pay your 1996 (or heaven forbid, 1995 and 1996) dues;
- Buy a 1996 EAA calendar for \$9⁰⁰ cheap!
- Buy \$1 raffle tickets for a Sam Lyons print in support of the hangar fund;
- Jeer at our new officers!

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The Building Column

Frank Wilcox

Time flies when you're having fun, they say, but when we look at our hangar project, time is flying and we aren't having much fun!! The goal of holding our Holiday Party in our new home will not be achieved. The efforts by chapter members and individual hangar owners to vigorously push forward where possible have not been matched by the contractor's construction personnel. Very serious discussions with the contractor are underway to correct this situation.

Completed since the November report:

1. Connect sewer from test manhole to county main. Sewer line is now complete from each building to the county main.
2. Asphalt aprons joining hangar floors to ramp (hangars 1-5).
3. Restrooms framed (except hangar 4, which is an exception to building permit).
4. Rough plumbing installed (except in 4).

Partially completed:

1. Installation of bifold doors (operation is adjusted and skin is on three doors).
2. Installation of trim eaves and downspouts (completed except near front on sides of all hangars).
3. Installation of electrical systems (meter bases and circuit panels completed on all hangars; internal wiring started on four buildings).

4. Siding on front of each building (hangar 1 complete except trim; other awaiting completion of bifold doors).

Yet to be started:

1. Installation of water service from county main to each building (as weather permits).
2. Securing of Certificate of Development Conformance from the county.

Our dealings with the building contractor have been very disappointing as mentioned above, but the asphalt contractor was just the opposite. Not only did he voluntarily lower his original estimated price, but he started work on schedule and continued to work hard. This difficult job was completed in less than two days. The tapered slope required for hangars 1-5 turned out just as planned.

The light at the end of the tunnel is still there but progress is less than expected. When the problems with the building construction contractor are resolved, we should be very near completion—maybe by year's end. All members are encouraged to stop by and see the progress. Volunteers are needed the next few Saturday mornings to help with the electrical system installation and general clean up. Contact Frank Wilcox (770-978-2403) for further information.

Hangar Project First

by Duane Huff. Photos by Barney Barnes

An urgent call from Charlie "See-Him-GO" Sego this past Monday morning: Could I come to the hangar project with some others to do manual labor?

Anthony Johnson of Johnson Asphalt Co. was there at 9:00 AM with the equipment to pave the aprons in front of the hangars. We were needed to move loose gravel and dirt and dig to the proper depth between concrete and asphalt at each hangar.

Bob Zahner had met them there and had already started shoveling—dressed in his business clothes, tie and all! Sue Adams, Barney Barnes, Dennis Kaas, Leonard Pace, Dale Schonmeyer, Frank Wilcox, and I worked hard to keep ahead of the pavers and get the job done.

Can you believe it!?! A contractor who kept his word and was on the job when he said he would be. A **Great First** for the project. Furthermore, the job was completed not in "two weeks," but in two days.

The aprons look wonderful. Thanks to Tony, crew, and all EAAers who worked very hard on this job. Well done!



From My Point of View...THANK YOU!

by Jim Estes.

While I have been president for the past two years, I have written several articles for the NavCom with the idea of looking at ourselves and emphasizing some of the very positive aspects of Chapter 690. Some of the topics have included subjects such as commitment, attainment, safety, accomplishment, and agreement. In looking back over the past two years, I can only see a strengthening of those traits. I hope you share the same feeling about our organization. We have a great club with wonderful members and it has been a privilege to be an officer for you.

Some old cliches come to mind such as "It has been a pleasure, a growing experience, rewarding, educational, and expanding for me" and they are all true. It has been all of those things. We have made great progress, had tremendous activities, obtained great rewards—but you would have done these things anyway without me. My being president was merely coincidental.

What next? What do I do now? One of the areas that I feel still needs work is the transition of new members into "old-timers." We have done a good job of getting new members and our hangar will continue to attract people. However, I feel that the chapter is still dependent on a relatively small core of "old-timers." Our new members do their part. They sign up, they pay dues and come to meetings. But, rarely are they asked to do more, even though I know many are willing. We need to get them involved, which means asking them to assume new responsibilities; maybe not a major committee chair right away, but a specific job to get them more involved.

Chapter 690 is at an important juncture. We are evolving from a small group at a limiting airport to a "moving ahead," expanding chapter with tremendous potential. I feel we owe it to the new members, ourselves, the chapter, and the EAA to make the most of this chance. In the coming months, I would like to establish a strategy for working with new members. I look forward to being a part of that group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Langford for his work as Secretary. He never missed recording our actions and was a great deal of help in getting out the NavCom on several occasions.

Thanks to Lnor Levine for her job as Treasurer. Her many tasks were above and beyond the call of duty. I will never know how she kept two sets of books during the past months, along with running the "company store."

My special thanks to Bob Zahner. I have had to ask him so many times to fulfill presidential duties. Bobbie and I have to be in Florida for a family wedding next weekend and will be unable to attend the Holiday Party, so I once again am asking Bob to be President. It has been a great feeling knowing I could depend on so many of you for support when I needed it.

Meanwhile, let me say thank you. It has been fun—challenging, but fun. If I may leave you with one last thought, let me encourage you to step up to a larger role in the chapter and to give the next administration the same support you gave me.

Thanks again.

Another Young Eagle Event

by Margaret Wilcox

Sometimes the sun shines brightly on Chapter 690 events. Such was the case Saturday, December 2nd when seven young Cub Scouts and eleven Girl Scouts went for their first airplane rides. This Young Eagle event, held at Lenora Field, was organized by president elect Duane Huff. The ground crew included Bill Coleman, Mike North, Wayne Whitaker, and Frank Wilcox.

The Scouts were especially eager as this was their second attempt at this group activity. They had been weathered out a few weeks ago. So, 18 more young people have been introduced to the joys of Sport aviation. Congratulations to us and them!



FOR SALE

For Sale: Van's RV-6A Empennage & Wing Kit:Wing inc. factory-assembled main spar. All plans and assmby video tapes incld. \$4700; Garmin 55 AVD GPS Receiver: Yoke mount with est. power plug, remote antenna cable. \$500; HobbyAir Power Fresh Air Respirator: Single mask system. Never used. 50' airline. \$275; All For Sale by Alan Langford, 339-3674

For Sale: 1968 Cessna 150, 230 hrsSMOH Approx. 5700TT, AT-50A XPDR + ACK Mode C; Intercom, ADF, MK-12B (360) King KX-145 (720), Audio Panel/MKR BCN REC, Wheel pants - red & white, has lots of TLC; 7/95 annual - \$15,500 Firm, N132 - based at Lenora, Reason: Need full 4 e; Ken Sharp (770) 979-4233 (H); (770)750-6025

WANTED

Greg Jannakas is looking for a space large enough for him to work on his Ercoupe's fuselage. Greg is doing fire-wall forward work, so the space required is fairly small. He needs it for about two weeks. If you have such a space (garage, shop, unused parlor, etc.), please contact him at 296-0937.



A little nipper readies himself for a flight in Duane's Chief.

Late breaking!
OSKOSH '95
ESP 2
Dec 18, 2:30pm
Dec 27, 5:30pm

Larry Bishop
6527 Rosecommon Drive
Norcross, Ga 30092



Chapter Calendar
December 8 - Chapter 690 monthly meeting at Gwinnett County Admin. Bldg. 7 pm. Topic: Holiday Party!
THAT'S 7:00 PM!!!



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BIOGRAPHY

Sam Lyons, Jr. is a native and resident of Atlanta, GA. His interest in aviation was prompted at an early age by his father, who was a B-24 pilot during WW II.

Upon graduation from Presbyterian College with a degree in biology, Sam served two years as an officer in the Chemical Corps and after his release he began teaching at his alma mater, Woodward Academy (Georgia Military Academy).

His early interest in aviation led him into modeling when he was very young. Later, his interest turned to more detailed efforts and eventually custom work. He owned a hobby shop, *Historical Hobbies*, in Atlanta for ten years. He won many national modeling awards over the years and is well respected in hobbyist circles. Sam currently serves as judge in national competition for the International Plastic Modelers Society, of which he is a member. Throughout these years Sam always had a fascination for art. In the fall of 1985 he decided to close his hobby shop and pursue his dream of becoming a full time artist and since this time Sam has developed his own unique super realistic style, which he continues to perfect daily.

Through the Air Force Art Program, Sam's painting, *LEAD SOLO*, graces the Air Force Art Hall in the Pentagon. Other prints and paintings can be found at military bases, museums, and gift shops throughout the country, Canada, Great Britain and Europe, including the Blue Angels' headquarters, the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, the Air Force Museum, the Naval Aviation Museum, the Royal Air Force Museum and Disney. His paintings have graced the covers of numerous magazines and catalogs, including *Porsche Panorama*, *Sunshine Artists*, *Western Flyer*, *Pacific Flyer*, *Georgia Sports Hall of Fame*, *Aviation Heritage*, *Great Battles*, *World War II*, *Antique Airplane*, *Aviation Art*, *Ag Pilot*, *Wright Brothers*, *Sporty's*, *Aviation*, and *Airline Supply*. He has produced works of art for Barron Hilton of the Hilton Corp., Brig. Gen. C. W. Taylor, Dobbins AFB, the Blue Angels, the U. S. Army, the U. S. Parks Dept., The Sportsman's Market (Sporty's Pilot Shop), AT&T, Bell South, Lockheed Aeronautical Systems, as well as many other corporations, institutions and collectors from all over the world. His memberships include the American Society of Aviation Artists, of which he has served two years as secretary; the Air Force Art Program, that has several of his paintings in their collection; the EAA; Warbirds of America; the Society of Illustrators; the 8th Air Force Historical Society; and the Atlanta Artists' Club. Often he is requested to exhibit his work and be guest speaker at club meetings, dinners, forums and prestigious functions that include the presence of military personnel and dignitaries from all over the world.

Many of his paintings have been juried into national and international shows, including 'The Best of Aviation Art' exhibition at the Air Force Museum, the Colorado Springs ASAA Aviation Art exhibit, the 1990 and 1991 Aviation Art Shows at Champlin Fighter Museum in Mesa, AZ, the RAF Museum's 'A Grand Alliance' exhibit in England, the Midway Commemorative Exhibition at the Virginia Air & Space Center in Hampton, VA, the EAA Sport Aviation Art Competition in Oshkosh, WI, and the Southern Bell headquarters in Atlanta. Several of his works are featured in the ASAA's "coffee table" book titled, *Aviation, A History through Art*, and published by Howell Press.

Sam enjoys soaring and obtained his sail plane license while in college. Today, he still loves flying and has flown with Air Force pilots dog-fighting in the F-15 Eagle, flown in the F-16 Falcon and with the Navy in the Blue Angels' F-18 Hornet. He continues to get in as much second seat time as he can in aircraft including: the Piper Cub, Tiger Moth, Stearman, L-5, L-19, T-6, T-28, T-34, P-51, T-37, and the B-25.

His other interests include jogging, sailing and SCUBA diving as an assistant instructor with PADI.