



NavCom

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

Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Road, Lawrenceville, GA

Program at March Meeting on Aircraft Models Made by Columbia

Chapter VP John Reitz has arranged for Kristi Cherry, Sales Associate for Columbia Aircraft, to present a program on the various aircraft models made by Columbia at the March 9th Chapter 690 meeting.

The Columbia is an all composite, high performance aircraft which includes the Columbia 400 – arguably the world's fastest certified piston-single. The Columbia 350 is normally aspirated, four place aircraft with a cruise speed of 191 knots. The Columbia 400 is intercooled, twin-turbocharged, four-place aircraft certified to FL 250 with a cruise speed of 235 knots. In addition to providing legendary performance, both models are renowned for their high level of standard equipment, quality and safety features including dual electrical systems, dual wing spars and Utility Category certification.



Kristi covers GA, SC, & KY for Columbia Aircraft sales. Kristi is a CFII and a Columbia Factory Authorized Instructor. Kristi comes from a background of accounting and was a tax CPA for Ernst & Young, LLP. Once she had all she could stand, she made a career change to aviation (one of the best decisions she ever made). Kristi began selling the Columbia Aircraft summer of 2005 in the state of Kentucky. She just recently moved from Louisville, KY to Kennesaw, GA where she is based at McCollum Field (RYY). Weather permitting, Kristi will fly in with a Columbia 400 so we can "kick the tires" and give the plane a look-over.

Join your fellow pilots at Valentino's restaurant for dinner at 6:00PM and then at 7:30 at the EAA 690 hangar for hangar talk. Our business session starts at 8 P.M. with a break for refreshments and our program will start at about 8:45.

Saturday, March 24th – Annual Chili Cook-Off

The annual Chapter 690 CHILI COOK-OFF will be held Saturday, March 24th at the Chapter Building. All members and friends of the chapter and their families are invited to participate. Dinner will be served at 5 P.M.



What is a Chili Cook-off? Those who enjoy a cooking challenge and wish to compete in the contest will bring their favorite recipe of chili to be judged by a select group of judges and then devoured by all of us who are the real judges.

The chili will be judged in several categories: Antique (that old family recipe), Warbird (the hottest), Homebuilt (unusual ingredients and taste), Classic (best over-all) and Ultra-light (the one for the lighter taste). If making chili is not your thing, bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Drinks, condiments and table service will be provided. Please bring the chili to the Chapter Building *no later than 4:30* to be eligible for the contest.

Starting at 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.

The chili cook-off is a long standing tradition for Chapter 690 and provides fellowship, food and fun for all the family.

Chapter 690 Leadership List Updated

To contact your Chapter's Elected Officers, Board Members or Committee Chairpersons, please see list on page 5.

Chapter 690 Scenes



▲ Tuskegee Airman LeRoy Eley gave a thought provoking presentation.



▲ A large and attentive audience attended the February program on the Tuskegee Airmen.



▲ Some of the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen who attended the February program smiled for the camera after the presentation.



◀ Interested attendees of the February FAA Safety Meeting were invited to ask questions about the Atlanta Tracon.

Paul Diffenderfer's presentation on Atlanta Airspace was informative and well presented. ▶



▲ Mike Merritt's program on the Lockheed Martin F-22 kept the audience's interest.



▲ Steve Champness & Bill Bell watch John Reitz present the traditional 690 Coffee Mug to Mike.

▼ The project visit to Jamie Painter's RV7A was well attended. ▼



Tuskegee Airmen photos by Andrew Robinson. Other photos by Joel Levine.

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. Please submit articles in Word format and pictures in jpeg, or gif format via e-mail to: lnor_l@bellsouth.net.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. Please note that because of the holidays, the deadline for the April 2007 NavCom is Tuesday, March 20th.

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Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman



February proved to be a full month for our chapter, in many ways. It was very sad to lose two of our most beloved members. Margaret Wilcox and Elgin Wells both gave so much to our chapter. They will always have an honored place in our hearts and in our memories. Even in death, they continue to bless us as they have requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to EAA 690, for the Margaret Wilcox Aviatrix Scholarship Fund and for the chapter in general. Specifics are included in the NavCom.

In celebration of Black History Month, Roy Eley and several members of the Tuskegee Airmen presented the program at our pancake breakfast. The SEMAA Freshmen and Juniors came out to the airport for the event. They were talking about it when we met last Saturday! We have a great relationship with the TA, and they love to support our chapter activities.

The Fernbank LINKS Engineering team has begun drawing parts to build the wing jig for the Monerai on AutoDesk Inventor. We will be cutting out the parts using a C&C router at a cabinet shop that belongs to one of the alumni of the group. Then we'll be ready to begin covering the wings with the help of chapter member Ken Lilja. The students are thoroughly enjoying their work! They're making noises about wanting to build an airplane next! And there is the possibility that we may have a Build-A-Plane project!

During all this excitement, I was traveling to far away places working on related projects. The EAA Aeroscholars team met for a training session at EAA Chapter 1, at Flabob Airport in Riverside, California. We had a

wonderful pizza and movie reception when we arrived, and spent Saturday going over changes in the Aeroscholars program. Dr. Lee Siudzinski, VP of Education at HQ organized the meeting. We had a great turnout, and the group visited the museum at Chino before being treated to dinner and a program by Dick Rutan. It was an awesome experience!

The next week, I went to Houston to attend the NASA Space Exploration Educator's Conference. It is one of my all time favorite conferences in the whole world! The sessions are second to none, including tours of Johnson Space Center facilities, presentations by NASA personnel, and hands-on workshops presented by master teachers from all over the country. Astronauts are everywhere, and several are keynote speakers each day. My favorite part of the week was when I got to have dinner with my former student, Shuttle Pilot, Eric Boe, and his family. It is always a joy to catch up with him and his life at NASA. He and his family recently returned from a year in Moscow where Eric worked at Star City.

The end of February was the deadline to receive applications for Air Academy scholarships. We hope to send two or more students to Oshkosh to ignite their interest in aviation. We will also have the Margaret Wilcox Aviatrix Scholarship to award an applicant who is interested in pursuing the joy of flight.

The weather will be warming up as spring is just around the corner. I'm personally looking forward to a season of flying fun and fellowship with fellow 690 members. Enjoy the pictures!

Blue Skies!
Debi :-)



EAA Chapter 1 at
Flabob Airport



The Aeroscholars Group

(More Photos on Page 11)



Debi with Eric, Maddie
and Tony Boe

GOOD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON ON YOUNG EAGLES

FAA reaffirms Young Eagles flights not subject to new Air Tour Rule.

February 22, 2007 - A week of work by EAA and FAA have ensured the future vitality and success of the Young Eagles program, by removing possible barriers that were part of the new Air Tour Rule announced earlier this month.

EAA President Tom Poberezny, along with EAA's Earl Lawrence and Doug Macnair, met Thursday with FAA's senior leadership, including Administrator Marion Blakey. They discussed the Air Tour Rule's possible effect on Young Eagles, especially limits on what aircraft could be used for Young Eagles flights, plus additional restrictions on pilot qualifications and frequency of Young Eagles activities.

"Everyone we met with at FAA assured us that there was no intent to harm the Young Eagles program in any manner through the air tour rule," Poberezny said. "FAA's staff showed true concern for the program and immediately moved toward a positive solution" ... (To read more, please go to www.eaa.org)

Chapter 690 Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff
Chapter YE Coordinator



Saturday, February 17, 2007, was a very cold day. In spite of the cold, thirteen young eagles were flown and completed their Young Eagle experience. The three pilots that flew kids were Chuck Huber, 3 flights - 3 Y.E... Mike Kiah 1 flight - 2 Y.E. and Jerry Shingleton 4 flights - 8 Y.E.

Ground crew included Bill Ferguson, Steve Pfeiffer, Lee Hockman and Walter Deere. Jamie Painter conducted the pre-flight briefing and entertained those waiting for their flights with the computer simulator that he set up. Jaime Painter, Susan Pfeiffer and Jeanne Ferguson handled registration and certificates.

Scholarship Donations came from the sale of soft drinks and the Donation Jar.

A large group of forty + is expected for our March Young Eagles. It is hoped that the weather will be better for that event on the 17th.

Many thanks to all our Young Eagle volunteers who donate their time and efforts to a successful Young Eagles program.

Flight Simulation

By Jim Garner

The weather was absolutely lousy as I had to make a GPS approach into McKinnon Airport in Las Vegas. Flying a Cessna Caravan and running low on fuel it was necessary that I make it the first time. 2 miles from the runway the telephone rang. I pressed the pause key and took care of business before returning to the difficult approach successfully landing with a 200 foot ceiling and a quarter mile visibility.

Would that the real world worked this way. I was using the just on the market Microsoft Flight Simulator X. This is one of the more realistic flight simulators that I have seen. The airplane performance is quite realistic and the graphics are just as real as real can be. More later on this.

Not only this but with a modem hookup you can fly formation with someone else or cavort all over the sky with him or her. Pick your flying machine. Boeing 747 or Extra 500 or J-3 Cub or a Trike ultra light or whatever in between. It will humble you. If I had 50 pages of the NavCom I could begin to scratch the surface of what FS X brings to the table.

Practice IFR flight into KLZU or IFR into ATL with real world weather or whatever you want it to be. Add ATC traffic and other airplanes and it gets pretty real. Expensive fuel is not a consideration.

But as good as MS Flight Simulator X is it still pales when compared with X-Plane. Austin Meyer over in Charlotte has been determined to present the aviation public with the most realistic flight simulator possible. Popular Mechanics has rated X-Plane the most

realistic simulation program yet. You can download a demo version of the latest version at www.x-plane.com or read the Popular Mechanics article about it.

Austin has programmed the airplane performances of the various airplanes in the simulation to perform just as the real airplanes do. He has captured the performance data from the various airplane handbooks and duplicated them in the program.

And the graphics are beyond belief. This is a big program. It takes about 60 gigabytes of hard drive space to accommodate the program and graphics. Plan on several hours just to load it onto the hard drive. But when you get it there it is worth it.

Want a full motion simulator? There is one on the market driven by the X-Plane program. Not cheap but it is available. That is how far this simulation can go. This is probably the ultimate flight simulation program available without going to the ultra expensive types used by the professional simulation concerns.

Take a look at the website. Then join me in flying without spending money for gasoline or making loud expensive noises when the flight just doesn't work out the way you had planned. Add a CH Products control wheel and rudder pedals and I will guarantee that this program will cause you to break out into a sweat from stress and concentration.

Fly for fun or use either of these programs to keep your skills honed to a sharp edge and you will be rewarded beyond what you would expect.

Elgin Wells, Sr. - Final Approach

The following is from an e-mail sent by Elgin, Jr. after his Dad passed away on February 19th.

Dear Friends,

I had hoped that this update would bring you continuing good news about my Dad, Elgin, Sr. However, it saddens me to tell you that he died, Monday evening, at Hospice Atlanta.

With the love, prayers and support of so many friends and family, plus the extraordinary care he received at St. Joseph's, Dad had beaten all the odds. As of February 11, he was free of infection or fever, had been taken off pain meds and sedation and didn't need his ventilator any more. However, as he became more focused and lucid, and contemplated the two major surgeries he would still face in order to come home, he made a

decision to "take the alternate." He had made his wishes clear in his Living Will prior to his illness and, with Steve Ashby (great friend and attorney), his supervising doctor and myself in attendance, he gave instructions to be removed from all support. That night, he was moved to Hospice Atlanta, where he was kept comfortable, for the most part, until his passing quietly, Monday night.

Dad wanted you to know how much he loved you, and how much he appreciated your good wishes, love, prayers and support. Throughout his terrible illness and near recovery, he maintained amazingly high spirits, winning over all of his caregivers, who came to see the beautiful person that all of us have known for so many years. I know that Dad would be pained to know how sad we are at his passing, but it is impossible not to miss him.

His cremation took place Tuesday night, and his wishes were that his ashes be co-mingled with those of his wife, Gerry, in her wildflower garden at their Dahlonga place. Leonard Pace and I plan to save a few of his ashes to sprinkle them, from high overhead that garden, from his Decathlon, while flying aerobatics. He'd love that, I'm sure.

Please plan to attend his Memorial Service, if you can. We are currently scheduling it for 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 10, at the EAA 690 Hangar at Briscoe Field (Lawrenceville Airport). Dad disliked excesses of ceremony, and we plan to make the service as he would have wanted - brief, heartfelt and as a celebration of a wonderful life.

In lieu of flowers, Dad requested that any remembrance you may wish to make be in the form of either a contribution to the Salvation Army, or a donation to EAA Chapter 690, which made it possible for him to have his hangar, where we spent so many happy hours among great friends.

Salvation Army:
www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn.nsf/vw-dynamic-arrays/85256DDC007274DF80256B80003C15BB?openDocument

EAA 690: <http://www.eaa690.org/>

Again, let me thank you for your kindnesses and support over the last month. Dad always tried to teach me that friendships are the fabric of a life well lived, and because of you, he considered himself the luckiest of people.

Elgin, Jr.

Excerpts from the Atlanta Journal, Feb. 27, 2007

DULUTH: Elgin Miles Wells Sr., 89 Thrill Of Flying A Lifelong Love

By HOLLY GRENSHAW

After 30 years of piloting planes for Delta Air Lines, Elgin Wells Sr. hadn't lost his taste for the breathtaking expansiveness of the open sky. He still wanted to shake off his earthly bonds and soar. Which is why — at an age

when many would have preferred the gravitational pull of a La-Z-Boy recliner — the retired Delta captain took up aerobatics and started putting his plane through stomach-churning maneuvers that would have made his commercial passengers cringe.

"This is just exhilarating, moving in three dimensions," he said in a 1997 Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, when he was 79.



After three decades of flying passenger jets as uneventfully as possible, he faced an endless blue canvas ready to be filled with loops, rolls and spins. "That three-dimensional freedom was his favorite thing," said his son, Elgin Wells, Jr.

The Jackson, Miss., native graduated from Mississippi College in 1938, did graduate work in physics at Duke University, enlisted in the Army Air Corps and earned his wings in 1941... He trained pilots stateside for several years, then served as a fighter pilot and photo reconnaissance squadron commander in World War II.

At Delta, he started flying DC-3s in 1947 and retired in 1977, having witnessed "the transition from the propeller age to the jet age," his son said.

His favorite route was to the West Coast. "He always said he was a cloud freak," his son said. "That long flight allowed him plenty of time for that coast-to-coast panoramic view, where he could see the entire mid-belt of the country in a whole afternoon."

"Dad commented that most pilots really love what they do, but occasionally there are some who are just punching the clock, and he just could not understand that," his son said. "The glorious visuals, the fact that people are actually leaving the ground and going great distances — that awe never left him."

One night in 1993, every ounce of his piloting skills came into play when he was forced to make an emergency landing on Ga. 316. When his yellow 1976 Bellanca Decathlon's engine suddenly cut out, Mr. Wells — then 76 — followed the lights below, aimed for a traffic-free lane, dodged power lines and landed safely.

"He hit a traffic light with the left wing, but because it was green, they couldn't even give us a traffic ticket," his son said. Still, the elder Mr. Wells exclaimed, "Damn, 50 years of flying and that's the first time I've scratched a plane."

Until recently, Mr. Wells was still lifting weights and completing an aerobic workout before heading to Briscoe Field to fly with his son, also an aerobatic pilot.

He took photographs of wildflowers and butterflies that his late wife, Girl Scout executive Geraldine Wells, used in nature lectures, and he tinkered and schemed with dozens of inventions.

With his flying buddies, "we'd be discussing the physics of aeronautics and he'd bring up an equation from 50 years ago," said his friend Dr. Leonard Pace of Lilburn. "The man was just amazing, and not just mentally but physically. I mean, I didn't meet him until he was 74, when most people are in their waning years, but he would come out there and fly aerobatics with us all day long. There was no one sharper than Elgin Wells."

Other survivors include his two granddaughters.

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A Loving Tribute – By Lnor Levine

Frank Wilcox was instrumental in the formation and organization of EAA Chapter 690. Without his guidance and many contributions of time and expertise, it would have been much more difficult to accomplish all that we have achieved through the years, allowing us to become, through the efforts of many, one of the most active and successful EAA Chapters in the U.S.A. But even more so, without the contributions of Frank's beloved wife Margaret, the direction of the Chapter as one that welcomes and encourages the participation of women in our activities might not have come to be. We have always included spouses and significant others, families, and women with their own interest in aviation in our events. The Chapter has, from its inception, included social activities that encouraged families to be involved. I can't help but believe that it is because of Margaret (and the other women who supported their husbands activities on behalf of EAA 690) that our Chapter's "character" was formed. We have come to be known by visitors and guests as one of the most welcoming Chapters around the country. The reason for this lies at the heart of Chapter 690 – a heart that holds Margaret's warmth and caring at its core.

Before we built our wonderful "Chapter Building" at Briscoe Field, some of the early Chapter members hosted some of the larger social events in their homes. One of the earliest events, and one that continues to this day, is the Annual Chili Cook-Off. The Wilcoxes hosted this event for many years. We were fortunate that as the Chapter grew in size, they moved to a large home on Lenora Airport that allowed the event to grow too! Many of us have wonderful memories of these gatherings, and even though it is still a fun event, I must say that the warmth of the Cook-Offs that were held at the Wilcoxes can't quite be matched! This was due in large part to the wonderful hospitality of a most gracious hostess.

Margaret worked on many EAA committees through the years, and was a regular contributor to the NavCom. She was a tireless kitchen crew member until illness sapped her strength, but she participated as much as her health allowed until the Wilcoxes moved to Portland to be near some of their children and grandchildren. Representative of this is the wonderful picture of a gracious Margaret offering a plate of pancakes at one of our (now monthly) Pancake Breakfasts. It has graced the Chapter web-site since its inception, and represents the hospitality with which we welcome our breakfast attendees.



Margaret was also a loving and giving friend and member of the community at large, volunteering her time to many other worthwhile causes. She earned the love and respect of every one I know who had occasion to have Margaret as part of their lives.

Many of us were sad to say goodbye to our wonderful friends when they moved to the West Coast. We showed them a little of the love and esteem in which they were held by having a farewell dinner for them on October 1st, 2004. One of their longtime Chapter friends, David Posey, came up with a wonderful way to show them how much we valued their friendship and membership. He proposed the establishment of the "Margaret Wilcox Aviatrix Scholarship Fund" in her honor. David challenged the Chapter to raise funds to allow a young woman to get assistance as she furthered her interest and possibly pursued a career in aviation, and said that he would match the funds up to \$500 for the first five years. Last year we awarded the first scholarship from this fund to DeKalb teacher Christy Garvin, and recently she completed her quest to become a private pilot with the assistance of the scholarship. (Christy was a marvelous choice, because as a teacher she gets to share her enthusiasm for aviation with many young women – and men!) It was good news about which Margaret was happy to learn - and we now have a second candidate applying for this scholarship.

We miss the tireless participation of Margaret and Frank in the Chapter, are happy that they had the chance to spend more time with their children and young grandchildren since they moved to Portland, are glad that they kept in touch with us since their move. Now we mourn the passing of Margaret as she has lost her long battle with cancer. We hope that Frank and their family know that she will long be remembered as a loving and giving friend by those of us who were fortunate of us to know her through the years. She was one of life's treasures to so many who are grateful for her having been a part of our lives.

Excerpts from Frank's E-Mail re: Margaret's Passing

It is with a sad heart that I must tell you of Margaret's passing at 1:00 PM PST Saturday, February 3rd.

A Little But Important Aside. Several weeks ago Aniya, Cate's 4 yr old little girl, had found a decal 4 inches square with a large purple butterfly on it. She took it to her grandma. Margaret told her that that would be her ticket to heaven. It was kept on Margaret's bedside stand and they would often talk about it-Grandma's ticket to heaven. Shortly before 1:00 Aniya put the butterfly between Margaret's motionless fingers and it stayed there even while she was taken from the house. Aniya doesn't seem to feel lonely or miss her Grandma because "Grandma is in heaven". We all went to church Sun morning and Aniya went up front for the children's time. The minister, knowing about the ticket to heaven, asked Aniya about Grandma's butterfly. Aniya told the whole story. The minister then gave all the children purple butterfly stickers to take home. I thought you would like to hear a 4 year old's way of dealing with a sad situation.

The family has designated the Experimental Aircraft Assn. (EAA) Chapter 690's "Margaret Wilcox Aviatrix Scholarship Fund" as a suggested recipient for donations honoring Margaret.

Best wishes,
Frank

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

February 9th, 2007

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held Friday, February 9th, 2007, was called to order by John Reitz, Vice President.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, members and guests were introduced.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held on January 12th, 2007 were published in the NavCom. A motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to adopt the minutes for the last meeting as published.

Young Eagles - Duane Huff – On Saturday, February 17th we expect 15-30 students from Fernbank for their Young Eagle flights. A scout group from Lithonia wants to bring 40 Scouts for flights on March 17th. As usual we will need pilots and ground crew.

The Board of Directors meeting was held Tuesday, February 6th, meeting minutes to be published in the NavCom. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Our Board of Trustees meeting was held January 30th and the minutes of this meeting will be printed in the NavCom. David Rowe is the new Chairman of the BOT, and Bob Zahner the Vice Chairman. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the EAA 690 hangar. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Joel Levine -Hangar keys are available to members for \$1.50. Our next 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast will be March 3rd and the program will be on "Skydiving and Parachute Operations," presented by Chapter 690 member Charles Throckmorton.

Lnor Levine - NavCom I AeroShoppe – New 2007 EAA calendars are still available – only a few left. Oil Analysis kits are on sale for \$12. Chapter logo merchandise makes great gifts. The next NavCom deadline is February 20th.

John Reitz said that we owe thanks to web-master Mike Stewart, responsible for one of the best Chapter sites in the country. (www.eaa690.org)

Membership Chairman Cliff Aiken said that we had about 207 paid members at the end of 2006. About 100 members have renewed so far this year.

Jill Balthaser - Food Committee Chairperson - Crew usually serves 75-100 people. This month we served a substantially larger number, including a large group of students from Fernbank who attended the Tuskegee Airmen's program.

Fly-Out Chairman - Barry Bates – Nothing scheduled at this time. Watch for future announcements.

Greg Jannakos – Project Visits – The next project visit will be tomorrow - Saturday, February 10th from 10 A.M. until noon at the home of Jamie and Jaime Painter. Jamie's RV7A project is in the final stages. (He's currently 3 years, 1 month and 23 days into the project – but who's counting?) Directions to the Painter home are in the NavCom.

The EAA Air Academy scholarship application was in the November issue of the NavCom. Completed applications are due by February 28th, 2007.

Jerry Fischer said that the 1st Annual Safety Meeting prior to the annual Sun 'n' Fun event was held last week. A major change for this year – Flight line access will be open for all attendees. EAA members are needed to volunteer for this year's event.

AirVenture is coming up – July 24th – 30th in Oshkosh.

The March 9th meeting program will be on Columbia Aircraft. Kristi Cherry (and possibly Mark Okkerse) will be the presenters. As usual, members may join the group for dinner at Valentino's starting at 6:00 P.M. Hangar flying starts at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

Because of the passing of longtime Chapter member Margaret Wilcox, the Board voted to change the name of the Scholarship established in her honor to the "Margaret Wilcox Memorial Aviatrix Scholarship Fund." The Chapter has prepared a certificate to send to her family to acknowledge donations made in Margaret's memory.

Program - After a brief break for coffee and snacks our speaker, Mike Merritt of Lockheed, the Director of F-22 Improvements and Derivatives, presented a very informative talk on the F-22 Raptor. Following his talk, Mike remained to answer questions. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lnor Levine, Acting Secretary

February 2007 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for February, 2007 was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 P.M.

Attending were:

Larry Bishop	EAA 690 Chapter Secretary
Bill Ferguson	BOT member
Lee Hockman	BOT member
Duane Huff	BOT outgoing Chairman
Debi Huffman	EAA 690 Chapter President

Joel Levine	EAA 690 Chapter member
Lnor Levine	EAA 690 newsletter publisher
David Rowe	BOT incoming member
Larry Wallis	BOT Secretary
Wayne Whitaker	BOT member
Bob Zahner	BOT incoming member

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by outgoing BOT chairman Duane Huff.

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 February 6, 2007

Attending Members:

Cliff Aiken	Jamie Painter, Chmn. BoD
Larry Bishop, Ch. Sec.	John Reitz, Ch. V.P.
Debi Huffman, Ch. Pres.	Jerry Shingleton
Lnor Levine	Mike Stewart, Ch. Treas.

Absent Members:

David Rowe

Visitors:

Duane Huff	Joel Levine
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A quorum was present.

The Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order by Jamie Painter, Chairman.

The following reports were made by chapter officers and committee chairmen:

Newsletter – Lnor Levine – Our expanded winter edition of the NavCom has been distributed. Please send all information for the March NavCom to Lnor by February 20.

Membership – Cliff Aiken – Chapter membership renewals are going very well. Cliff estimates that we have between 80 and 100 members renewed as of February 6.

Publicity – Joel Levine – Our February pancake breakfast was possibly our best attended event in our 25 plus year history of EAA 690 with 165 attendees. Thanks to Joel and Tuskegee Airman LeRoy Eley. Our speaker for the March pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 3, is Mr. Chuck Throckmorton presenting a program entitled "Skydiving for the Fun of It or What Every Pilot Needs to Know."

Scholarships – Debi Huffman – Debi made a motion the we change the name of our "Margaret Wilcox Scholarship" program to the "Margaret Wilcox Memorial Scholarship." The

motion was seconded and approved by all members present. Debi also reported that we have an applicant for the Margaret Wilcox Memorial Scholarship. She also reported that the deadline for applications for our EAA 690 Air Academy scholarships is February 28.

Friday Programs – John Reitz, Chapter Vice President, reported that a representative from Columbia Aircraft will be our speaker at our March 9 monthly meeting. Also, the celebration of 100 years of aviation in Georgia will be held in October.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Stewart presented our 2006 year end financial results. In his presentation, Mike request board approval to change banks. Larry Bishop made the motion and Debi Huffman seconded to accept and approve the financials as reported and to approve changing banks. Further, Larry Bishop made the motion and Debi Huffman seconded that a routine annual audit be preformed starting at our March Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved by all Board members present.

Board of Trustees – Duane Huff – Estimates have been requested for three new signs to be used at the EAA 690 facility. Quotes should be received by the Board of Trustees and presented to the Board of Directors next month.

Election of Officers for EAA 690 Board of Directors - The following members were elected for the 2007 term:

Chairman - Jamie Painter
Vice Chairman – Jerry Shingleton
Secretary - Larry Bishop

There was no further business to come before the board; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bishop, Secretary
EAA Chapter 690 Bd of Trustees

February 2007 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690 (Cont. from Page 8)

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

BOT Chairman	David Rowe
BOT Vice-chairman	Bob Zahner
BOT Secretary	Larry Wallis

The remainder of the meeting was presided over by newly elected chairman David Rowe, and the following items on the action item list were discussed:

Item 2. Dave Rowe will replace Duane Huff as the person responsible for granting access for use of the vertical milling machine.

Item 5. We need a sign or banner in the parking area (on the west side of the chapter hangar) to direct persons to the preferred path from the parking area around to the front of the chapter hangar. A large and highly visible corrugated plastic sign with directional arrow would do nicely for this.

Item 10. Duane and David will look into repairing the HVAC duct system that feeds the upstairs area.

Item 13. To improve the value of the tools and toolroom, the BOT will purchase a set of helicoil tools. Joel will donate some #8 helicoils that he has.

Item 14. The Monerai sailplane will be moved from the toolroom to the Aviation Institute of Maintenance in February.

Item 15. In reference to the organization of the chapter library, we can report that entry of library contents into a database is in process.

Item 19. The weight and balance scales have arrived. David Posey will fabricate some ramps for use with the scales.

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting. If I have omitted anything of significance, please let me know and I will reissue.

The March meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Attached to this e-mail is the latest version of the Action Item Log, dated 01/31/2007, and a list of e-mail addresses and phone numbers for the board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Wallis, Secretary EAA Chapter 690 Bd of Trustees
Home Phone 770-394-5764

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Publisher of the EAA Chapter 690 NavCom

I'm on the lookout for a Continental O-200 engine for the aeroplane (See picture on Page 2 of Nov. '06 NavCom). If any members know the whereabouts of one for sale then I'd be grateful (it could slip into the hold of the jumbo along with my suitcase!)

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More Pix from Debi's Trips to Flabob & Houston



Dick Rutan poses with Flat Stanley and Debi.



Educator Astronaut Barbara Morgan, Flat Stanley & Debi.



In the Chino B-17 with Flat Stanley.

Airlines Keep Up User-Fee Offensive

ATA Chief Says Increased GA Fuel Taxes, User Fees Not Enough

February 19, 2007 - Lest any recreational aviator wonders why EAA and other general aviation groups are vigorously opposing the FAA's proposed budget bill, look no further than comments by the leader of the nation's airline lobby.

Jim May, president of the Air Transport Association, called FAA's reauthorization and funding proposals a "good step forward." May continued by saying that the current proposal, which includes a drastic increase in GA fuel taxes and creating a framework for future user fee charges, does not charge general aviation users enough in higher fees and taxes ... (To read more:

www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/070219_userfee_offensive.html>)

AIRCRAFT HULL INSURANCE: YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS

By Bob Mackey, VP, Falcon Insurance Agency

Between 60 percent and 80 percent of your overall aircraft insurance premium is for aircraft hull coverage. In fact, you pay more for hull insurance for \$30,000 of coverage than for the liability insurance, normally a limit of \$1 million combined single limit with \$100,000 per passenger. That's simply because the insurance company pays a lot more in hull claims than they pay in liability claims.

Since you're paying this much for hull insurance, exactly how much do you know about it and do you know your options? To read more, go to: www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/060824_insurance.html

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GENERAL AVIATION UNITED AGAINST USER FEES

EAA has always been actively involved in government advocacy efforts on behalf of everyone who enjoys aviation. But user fees threaten the freedom to fly at the very core of recreational aviation. Help EAA and other general aviation groups by becoming informed about the user fee issue and participating in efforts to stop this legislation. (To read more, including the EAA Briefing Paper and lists of your Senators and Congressional Reps - with contact info - please go to: www.eaa.org/govt/index.html>)

Poberezny Briefs Petri on GA's Opposition to User Fees

February 21, 2007 - EAA President Tom Poberezny reinforced EAA's strong opposition to the Bush Administration's user fee/fuel tax hike proposal during a meeting Wednesday morning in Oshkosh with Congressman Tom Petri, ranking member of the House Aviation Subcommittee. Petri (R-WI) represents the state's 6th congressional district, home to EAA headquarters ... (To read more, please go to: www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/070221_petri.html>)

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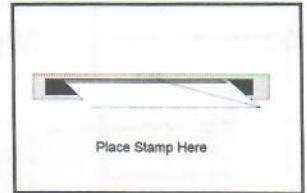
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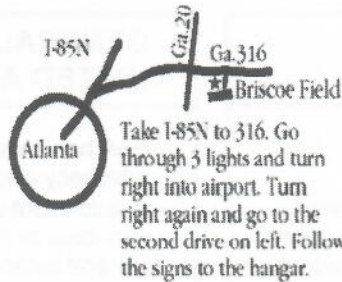


Come Join Us!

Regular monthly meetings – 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 & after!

Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity – On the 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am

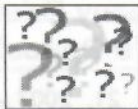


MARCH MEETING Friday, March 9th, 2007

Program – Columbia Sales Associate Kristi Cherry will talk about the various composite, high performance aircraft models made by Columbia.

Visit the EAA 690 Web-Site at www.eaa690.org

What's In Your Oil?



After the Pancake breakfast on April 7th, a representative from Exxon Oil will talk about oil – and will answer your questions about oil and your airplane's engine. Come learn what you need to know for optimum care of your plane's engine. Thanks to Tim Blake of Pike Oil for arranging for this informative program.

2007 Chapter Dues are Due

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1st - so chapter membership dues are due at the first of the year. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to our new Chapter Membership Chairman, Cliff Aiken at 4132 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 110-107, Loganville, GA 30052.

Annual Chapter dues are \$30 and \$40 for a family membership. Checks may be made to EAA Chapter 690. Member Profile Forms are available at meetings or on the chapter web-site: www.eaa690.org. Please update e-mail, address, phone number and any current project or flight certification info.



BREAKING NEWS!!

Just in - The EAA's Ford Tri-Motor is coming to Chapter 690!

Watch the NavCom for details as we learn more about the visit of a genuine 1929 Ford Tri-Motor. Help the chapter plan and hold a fun weekend of events around the just announced stop on the airplane's tour. The Tri-Motor is scheduled to arrive August 28th and offer flights from August 30th until September 3rd. Mark your calendars and make your plans to fly in this remarkable plane.

What is the cost of a flight?

Flights in EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor are \$40 for EAA members and \$50 for non-EAA members.

How many people does the Tri-Motor carry?

The Tri-Motor carries up to 9 passengers at a time, and every seat on the aircraft has a window. It is possible to reserve an entire flight of 9 passengers.

How accessible is the airplane?

Access to the airplane is easy and not normally a problem for elderly, large or mobility-limited people. Two normal-sized steps are used to enter the cabin. Seats are individual (no double seats) and separated by an aisle. Seatbelt extensions are available.