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President's Pitch by Duane Huff

The July meeting of EAA Chapter 690 was excellent. The videos of the Super Decathlon and the Atlantis produced by Elgin Wells Jr. were very exciting. Chapter 690 is privileged to have these aerobatic pilots as a part of our chapter.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on the evening of July 1, 1996 in the air conditioned work room of David Rowe in Hangar 3. The Executive Committee is made up of the elected officers and all the chairpersons of the committees who do the leg work of the chapter. I am impressed with the large number of members who are working to carry out the purposes of Chapter 690. This was an organizational meeting and a time for evaluation of the chapter. One outcome of the meeting was a new impetus to plan for the Bi-Plane Fall Classic early.

I would like to personally thank all those who helped put up the walls in the hangar. By the end of the work day July 13th, the walls were up and the taping finished. During the next week the finishing of the sheet rock was completed and sanded. Jim Garner and Joe Reed painted the walls the next two weekends. Thanks to all.

The Bi-Plane Fall Classic is rapidly approaching. Since the Balloon Festival was canceled and we had no money maker during the Olympics, the Bi Plane Classic will be an important fund raiser. Steve Ashby and David Posey have selected their chairpersons and are in the process of contacting these persons. David is coordinating all the volunteers. If you would like to work in a particular area, please contact him.

Oshkosh and then fishing in Canada with my grandson Matthew Huff of California are on my agenda for August. I won't be back in time for the picnic and post-Oshkosh bash at Linda and Reinhardt Kuntz on August 17, 1996. I'll miss y'all and the great food.

Congratulations to Dennis Kaas (Wheeler Express) and Clyde Schnars (RV-6) for completing and flying their aircraft. Stories coming soon in the NavCom-Ed.

Board of Trustees Report

Hangar Wall Completion Report

Our chapter work day, Saturday July 13th, was an outstanding success. Nearly 100 feet of metal studded wall was installed on the interior of the hangar. The dry wall surface joints were taped and the first application of spackling compound applied. This was our goal for the day and for once in this building program our goals were met Hats off to the twelve chapter members that were responsible. If you were not among those twelve we look forward to your help on future projects. The rest of the spackling was applied by Duane Huff and the painting is being done by Jim Garner and his helpers. This is a major improvement to our hangar interior.

The next major project is the construction of a mezzanine storage area along the back wall. Planning and material procurement is underway, but because of the Olympics, Oshkosh, vacations and summer heat, this project will not get started until September. There will be a need for more chapter member work sessions then.

by Frank Wilcox

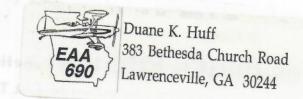
Taxiway Marking Lines

With the opening of the Astron Aircraft Rental facility at the north side of the ramp, there have been some concerns regarding the edges of the taxiway adjacent to our hangar ramp. Taxiing aircraft, of course follow the centerline of the taxiway, but how much clear area must be provided on either side for the wings? By lease agreement a clear area must be provided on our side even though it includes some of our leased ramp area. According to the airport marking requirements two yellow parallel lines similar to the no-pass center lines on highways designate the boundary of taxiways.. Arrangements are being made to have these lines painted on our rampside. Besides providing a designated clear area for taxiing aircraft, this line will provide a visual boundary for vehicle and pedestrian movement in our ramp area and for parking when we have chapter activities.

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Trustees Report continued

With regard to vehicle movement or parking in our leased ramp area, there is no restriction imposed by the airport management as long as we do not restrict or impede the ingress or egress to connecting taxiways or roadways used in common with others. Our leased area could become involved in two locations. The first is the already discussed taxiway. The other is the auto gate at the north end of our ramp. This will not present a problem as long as common courtesy is observed by all users of the gate. The gate is a pain, but it is necessary to comply with the security requirements of the airport. We have requested that a pedestrian gate be installed near the auto gate to make entrance easier for those who park outside the fence.

Post-Oshkosh Bash at the Kuntz Home August 17!

Linda and Reinhardt Kuntz are graciously hosting the Chapter 690 Post-Oshkosh Bash at their beautiful home. There is always good food and lots of goofiness. Please bring one dish, lawn chairs, and most importantly, your Oshkosh experiences! Show up at 3:00, eat at 5:00.

