

The NavCom

Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, Gwinnett County, GA

Ho! Ho! Ho!

December 1993



Chapter 690 Holiday Party! *Frank & Margaret Wilcox*

You may not recognize our monthly meeting room—the Gwinnett County Airport Commission Building—when you come to the December meeting Friday, December 10th at 7 pm. It will be transformed into a banquet hall decorated for the holidays. Dinner will be at 7:30. The main course, beverages, rolls, and table service will be provided. You are requested to bring a vegetable, salad, or desert to feed 12-15 people. The cost is \$5.00 per person, and can be paid at the door.

Punch, tea, and coffee will be available during the social time from 7-7:30. The policy of the airport management is that alcoholic beverages are not to be served.

The program committee has returned to the topic of the two most interesting meetings ever presented

to Chapter 690—The Greenland Expedition. How do you recover aircraft buried in ice for 50 years? It is an ongoing saga—an unfinished tale. Dave Kauffman, one of the persons knowledgeable about this exciting adventure, will be our guest. Illustrated with slides and artifacts, he will bring us up to date on the project that is based right here in Atlanta. He will tell us what has been found in Greenland, how it has been recovered, the condition of the aircraft, and their restorability and value.

Other events for the evening will include the installation of the new officers for Chapter 690 for the 1994-95 term. There will be awards and recognition of members for their contributions during the past year. The evening will conclude with a time for fellowship and exchange of

holiday greetings. Dress is informal. Reservations are made with Frank and Margaret Wilcox at 978-2403. Leave a message on the machine if needs be.

The annual Holiday Dinner is one of Chapter 690's biggest social events for members and families. Over 80 people have already positively RSVPed for this one! These events provide us with an opportunity to become better acquainted. We encourage all members and spouses to attend, especially those who joined in 1993. Prospective members are also welcome, as are friends!

Dues for 1994 will be accepted at the party by Lnor Levine, our NEW treasurer!

1994-95 Officers Elected

The ballots for chapter officers for the 1994-95 term were cast and counted at November's meeting. According to Sheryl Black, one of the counters, all the contested races were close, practically down to a one or two vote difference! The winners (?) are:

- Secretary: Alan Langford
- Treasurer: Lnor Levine
- Vice-Pres.: Bob Zahner
- President: Jim Estes

The Chapter thanks the outgoing officers for all of their time and effort they applied in producing a very successful administration. Charlie Sego, John Goodman, Sheryl Black, and Joel Levine—take a bow!

A special thanks to Joel Levine, who for several years kept the NavCom cost next to nothing by providing us with free copy services. The copy baton recently passed to Alan Langford. Thanks to both of you from me and the chapter!

Calendar 690

Dec. 10 Chapter 690 Annual Holiday Party-Gwinnett Co. Airport Admin. Bldg. 7 pm. See notice this NavCom.

Dec. 11 - Project visit to Wayne Whitaker's and Steve Ashby's Nieuport Aerofactory (home of Steve Ashby). The Southern Dawn Patrol Lives!

March 19 - Second Southeast Regional Young Eagles Rally, hosted by Chapter 690 at Gwinnett County Airport.

November Minutes

The November 12, 1993 meeting of EAA Chapter 690 was called to order by the next past- President of the Chapter, Charles Sego at 8:05 PM. Forty-nine members and guests introduced themselves.

Margaret Wilcox circulated a sign-up sheet in preparation for next month's holiday celebration and last meeting of the year. Joel Levine made a final impassioned plea to sell the last of the extra small chapter shirts. Sheryl Black announced that she had only one 1994 EAA calendar left. Jeff Boatright, our illustrious Editor-in-Chief and Doctor of stamp licking announced that the next issue of the NAV-COM would have nothing but four syllable words taken from the unexpurgated version of the St. James Thesaurus and he would put all by-lines in 36 point Wingding font print if additional articles were not submitted by the membership.

Project Visits: Ken Sharp reminded the membership that a welding forum would be held the following Saturday at the hangar and sometimes home of Harold Stalcup. Harold was heard discussing the cost of fire insurance with Steve Ashby and Charlie Sego during the break. If no one burns down the Stalcup hangar, a visit to the Zahner Estate is scheduled for December 4th and the Southern Escadrille X-capade aerodrome will exhibit their wood working prowess on December 11th.

Reports: Lyle Kinnett reported that an NPRM is in the works to

change the Recreational Pilots Medical requirement to the possession of a valid driver's license. It's an interesting idea based on the number of "pilots" successfully flying around 285. I guess the operative word is successful. Atlanta could sanction its own "Goodyear" race around the perimeter highway.

Young Eagles: Theresa reminded all that Saturday the 13th would be the first Regional Young Eagle Fly-In. All pilots, including your soon to be ex-secretary would have to be up early to attend an 8:00 AM briefing. Oh, what some people won't do for a free meal! Plans are to fly between 350 and 500 kids after they attend a short ground school. On exhibit will be a B-24, B-17 a DC-3 and a Yellow Mushkateer.

Frank Wilcox reported that he, Duane Huff and Joel Levine had attended the grand opening of the Young Eagles Official Office and Inner Sanctum earlier that day. Through the good will of Pat Epps, the EAA has been given the use of office space at PDK airport for promoting the Young Eagles Project. Headquarters reports that 42,000 kids have been flown and that they are 2,000 behind in the logging effort. June 11, 1994 has been announced as the first International Young Eagles Day. YE activities will take place throughout the EAA Universe. Plans are in process for a stellar activity. Several YE pilots have flown over 100/200 kids. Steve Ashby reported flying 12 kids and 3 adults as a separate YE activity. YE

flights do not have to be part of an organized fly-in, but the proper paper work must be signed and submitted to Oshkosh. Theresa announced that the next Regional Fly-In would be hosted by Chapter 690 and take place on our home field.

Elections: Ballots were distributed and the results tallied by Sheryl Black and Joel Levine. The plan was for one to verify the count of the other. No one checked if either could count. The result were as follows:

President - Jim Estes
Vice President- Bob Zahner
Treasurer - Lnor Levine
Secretary- Alan Langford
Outstanding Member Award - to be announced.

Following the election and break, Mr. Asaf Degani, Doctoral Candidate from Georgia Tech presented an excellent talk on the Human Factors of Flight-Deck Checklists, or as Frank Flessel explained it to me, "why we shouldn't bother using checklists or is it a ritual or really necessary to walk around your airplane with a check list anyway." All agreed that Mr. Degani's presentation was most interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel "Won't someone please buy my shirts," Levine.

Directions to the Nieuport Aerofactory

On December 11 Chapter 690 is holding a project visit at Wayne Whitaker's and Steve Ashby's Nieuport Aerofactory (home of Steve Ashby). The Southern Dawn Patrol Lives!

Go down Memorial Drive to Rockbridge Road. Turn south onto Rockbridge (on the north side of the intersection, this street is North Decatur Road—don't go that way). Go some ways down,

passing North Hairston and Stone Mountain/Lithonia Roads (big intersections). The street before Steve's subdivision has a big wood sign that says "Stonewycke." The next street, which is around a small curve and sneaks up on you, has a small sign, "Chanterelle." Turn right onto Chanterelle. Turn left on second street, Panellus. The

Aerofactory is skillfully camouflaged as the garage in the second house on the right. HQ staffers can be reached at 469-0786.



Preferred tool of the Aerofactory

Experimental Aircraft Association

CHAPTER 690

Gwinnett County, Georgia

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Please mark ☒ appropriate boxes: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Data Changed

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ ☐ Unlisted Work Phone: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Children's Name(s) & Ages: _____

Occupation: _____

National EAA #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Project: _____

Skills: _____

Hobbies: _____

Remarks: _____

If you have paid your Building Assesment the dues are \$18.00. Those who have not pre-paid this amount should send a check for \$48.00 to the address below or bring your check to the Christmas Party. Either way please fill out this form and get it to Lnor Levine.

Lnor Levine
1340 Nerine Circle
Dunwoody, Ga. 30338

About the EAA...

The **Experimental Aircraft Association** was founded in 1953, with early meetings of a few stalwarts in the home of the founder, past President, and present Chairman, Paul Poberezny. From modest beginnings the movement has expanded to hundreds of thousands of members. The annual EAA convention in Oshkosh, WI hosts more than 800,000 people per year and is the premier aviation event in the world. Today, the EAA is headed by Tom Poberezny and exists to promote the world of amateur-built aircraft and sport aviation in general. EAA provides many services to its membership, from technical know-how to representation of membership concerns to federal entities. Membership is open to anyone who shares the interests of the association. Annual dues are \$35.00 per twelve month period of which \$20.00 is for a subscription to Sport Aviation. To join, see our Treasurer, Sheryl Black (979-4233) or write EAA Aviation Center, POB 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

About the NAV-COM...

The **NAV-COM** is the monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690. It comes free with the dues, and you get what you pay for. (Like sentences ending in prepositions). NAV-COM is for EAA members only. It is a compilation of ideas, opinions, and data from several sources. In presenting it, the Chapter and EAA HQ by no means recommend or sanction the stuff. In other words and for example, we are not responsible if you bust your keester at an event we list in the calendar. **Contributions are always welcomed**, whether they are facts, opinions, or exaggerations. I will gently edit for grammar and curse words, but what you send in is generally what I send out. Magnetic media is appreciated. Send your pearls of wisdom to: Jeff Boatright, 2293 Sanford Road, Decatur, GA 30033. Thanks to Alan Langford for production.

About Chapter 690...

The EAA is made up of hundreds of chapters world-wide. The local chapter for Dekalb and Gwinnett counties and vicinity (i.e., anyone else who wants IN) is **Chapter 690**. We're a raucous group with several projects, both restoration and amateur-built, in progress. Annual dues are \$48.00. See Sheryl Black, the Treasurer (979-4233) to sign up. You'll also need to join EAA National (see above). Write for the NavCom...Write for the NavCom...Write for the NavCom...You are getting sleepy...sleepy... **Our meetings are every second Friday of the month, 8:00 pm, at Gwinnett Co. Airport Administration Building.** In addition to the meetings, which often consist of excellent guest speakers from across the aviation world, the Chapter holds many functions, including workshops, fly-ins and -outs, and social gatherings.

Our officers and other luckless people are:

President: Charlie Sego - 923-9549

Vice-President: John Goodman - 972-2405

Secretary: Joel Levine - 394-5466

Treasurer: Sheryl Black - 979-4233

Videos and Books: Barney Barnes - 923-7896

Tools and Materials: John Henderson - 449-1946

Chapter Historian: LeRoy Stoutenburg - 981-6041

Technical Counselors:

Frank Wilcox - 978-2403

Jim Clarkson - 934-8971

Building Committee:

Chairman: Frank Wilcox - 978-2403

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Chapter Notes:

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\$\$1994 Dues are due in January! We'll take'em at the Party if you like.\$\$

