



# The NAV-COM

Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690  
January 1993



Happy New Year!

## Happy New Year!

By now the turkey should be picked clean and you should be stuffed. The chapter banquet was a good time to reminisce about the achievements and challenges we as a chapter faced and met in 1992. Now comes the time to look to the future. In this case, the very immediate future! One of the greatest (and funnest) challenges we will face in 1993 is refurbishing the Barn into a chapter Home. This project will be a challenge because, as noted in a previous Building Column, the floor, roof, and interior needs work. The project will be fun because the work is straight-forward yet requires many hands. Thus, we'll get to work with one another and possibly forge new friendships. Additionally, we may learn new skills. I'm planning on learning a little about dry-walling and maybe wiring. Finally, we'll have the immense satisfaction of establishing a permanent home for 690 while in the process turning an eyesore into an attraction. The first work session is scheduled for 9:00

690's 1993 won't just be the Barn, though. When I attended the Boshears Memorial Fly-In in Augusta, I met several Chapter 172 members. They told me that 172 has the reputation of being a "ground-bound" chapter - lots of projects but not enough flying. I don't think 690 will have much to worry about on this account. January 16 we have the Young Eagles Flight Rally and we plan to have more. Assuming Barn renovations proceed well, we will continue with fly-outs to various breakfasts and museums, etc., and our own fly-in pancake breakfasts, and of course we will have our big Fall Classic. In short, Chapter 690 has a busy and well-rounded 1993 calendar!

## A Christmas Party in Retrospect

by Frank & Margaret Wilcox and Joel Levine

Fifty-three members and guests attended the Chapter 690 Christmas Dinner at the Decatur Elks Club on December 11, 1992. It was an evening of good fellowship, delicious food, festive atmosphere, interesting speakers, and surprise awards. This annual dinner meeting is one of the few chapter events when spouses are as numerous as the members. Prospective new members and guests also attended.

Beginning right on time (6:30), guests were entertained during the fellowship hour by Oshkosh videos shown on a 50" TV provided by Frank Flessel. The Christmas spirit pervaded the room thanks to the beautiful table centerpieces designed and made by June and Barney Barnes and the favors made by Angela and Ed Tamas. Both carried out the airplane motif with runways, wind socks, and an armada of edible aircraft.

As is customary with good friends and holiday cheer, we all visited a little too warmly, and dinner started somewhat late. We were called to the pail by president Charlie Sego (*this year the Elks' PA system worked!*) Following an appropriate and thoughtful invocation by (Rev.) Duane Huff, the Elks Club staff efficiently served a good dinner of roast beef, chicken, and fish, finished off by a warm peach cobbler desert. Charlie then turned the meeting over to Frank Wilcox, Program Chairman, who then made the Chapter 690 year-end awards presentations.

The member recognized for outstanding contribution to Chapter 690 for 1992 was Steve Ashby. This annual

award is voted by the membership at the November meeting. Steve coordinated the very successful 1992 Biplane Fall Classic, and continues to provide legal advice to the chapter. Charlie presented the award.

The Frank Flessel Memorial Award, which includes the possession of the attractive (?) sculptured trophy for one year, was awarded to the surprised and dumbfounded duo of Charlie Sego and Harold Stalcup (the Frick and Frack Airplane Co.) for significantly improving their welding technique on their Fisher Skylite projects. Presentation was by Ben Jeffrey.

Joel Levine then gave a great and humorous review of the outstanding events of Chapter 690 in 1992.

The program continued with our guest speaker, Charles Giallanza, a local resident and pilot who flew combat glider in World War Two. Mr. Giallanza is a very active pilot, holding just about every rating, including glider instructor, and remains a member of the national WWII Glider Pilot's Association. Before introducing him, Frank Wilcox presented a history of the WWII glider program. Mr. Giallanza then gave a scintillating account of his WWII experiences, punctuated with a video of actual combat film footage covering the seven major Allied glider operations of WWII. He concluded with a Q/A period in which he awarded postcard prizes for correct answers from the audience! In appreciation, the chapter presented him with a glider model Waco CG-4A silhouette bank made by Mike North's father, George, and an EAA calendar. Mrs. Giallanza was presented with one of the Christmas

centerpieces.

Frank thanked his arrangement committee, **Dick Strand and Ed Tamas** and all those who helped in the success

of the 1992 banquet. The evening concluded with additional Oshkosh videos, fellowship, and dancing.

---

*For those of us who missed the banquet, the following is an excerpt from Joel's end o' the year summary.*

When Frank asked me to review the year for highlights I thought that I would have an easy job. After all, give a salesman a topic and ten minutes and he can put anyone to sleep. Chapter 690 had a year filled with highlights. Lets look back at the year in review...

In January Sheryl Black endeavored to explain the dues structure and three prospective new members joined AA. Duane Huff became our "official greeter" and proposed that we invest in a welcome wagon and Ed Macdonough, designer of the Piper Malibu and Questar Venture spoke to the chapter about his new design.

In February our own John Tumblin showed us what it would be like flying in and getting the runs out of Mexico.

Frank Wilcox kept the chapter rivetted to their seats as he demonstrated the art of lecturing in April. April also took us to the home of Frank and Margaret Wilcox for our annual chili cook-off. Margaret showed what a special hostess she is by providing milanta to go.

In May I was thwarted in my attempt to become a rabbi and perform the wedding ceremony for Sheryl Black and Ken Sharp. The chapter celebrated their wedding by not insisting that Ken cook the pancakes for the most unusual pancake breakfast on chapter records. The chapter was treated to a fine program by Jim Buckley of the Fernbank Science Center. Jim reminded us all why we enjoyed Mr. Wizard on TV. Harold Stalcup buckled under during the month of may to the verbal abuse he so justly deserved and sold the oldest project in the chapter back to Orville W. Brothers. Orville promised to keep Harold up to date on his progress . . .

Year by year by year.

An announcement in July was richly deserved. Jeff Boatright disproved the adage "if it fits . . . Print it" by winning third place in the world of EAA chapter newsletters. We now know what a lifetime of going to school can earn you. Third place and a PhD all in the same year. Our program was John Goodman explaining to the group why tuned pipes won't function as well as jato bombs when your crankshaft breaks.

To this point I haven't mentioned the chapter hangar. It certainly was on our minds and list of chapter activities. During July we decided to concentrate our efforts on the old barn. It offers the potential of a cozier location for the chapter to meet, work and socialize. Following Oshkosh, the chapter gathered at the estate of Linda and Reinhart Kuntz for the August meeting. The weather and a terrorist neighbor attack proved one more time that the sword is mightier than ma bell.

September saw the chapter gather at the Sego's for the pre-Great Biplane Fall Classic social. With that great lake in Charlie and Kristy's backyard, maybe we should plan on a fish fry next year. You had better start catching those fish soon Charlie.

At the September meeting Dr. Marvin Marchman confirmed that touching your toes is not a prerequisite for a third class medical.

October was the great, and I do mean great, Biplane Fall Classic. Steve Ashby, with the help of the entire chapter, proved that with a little planning and the right people, Stone Mountain Airport can rival Oshkosh.

The November meeting proved very interesting. The FAA truly came to help us by sending Debbie Raudman, Bill Joyner, and Larry Johnson to explain the new airspace classification. I think Frank Flessel taught them a bunch! And finally, Steve Ashby announced that he had the final draft of the lease agreement almost ready to present to the airport.

So ends a very active and successful year in review for Chapter 690. Those who participated enjoyed the fellowship of the most active aviation orientated, socially compatible group of men and women in the South. Lets look to '93 for blue skies and tail winds.

## Calendar of Events

---

**Jan. 8 - Chapter 690 January Meeting, 8:00 pm, Operations Hut, Stone Mountain Airport,.**

**Jan. 9 - First work day on the Barn. 9:00 am at Stone Mountain Airport. More information, Frank Wilcox 978-2403.**

**Jan. 16 - Tentative Young Eagles Flight Rally!!**

**March 9 - Atlanta, GA - Results Aviation Seminars. 602/443-0424.**

**April 18-24 - Lakeland, FL - "The Gift of Flight" - 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sun'N'Fun EAA Fly-In and International Convention. 813/644-2431.**

---

## Fly Buys

---

**For Rent: One-bedroom apartment on private airstrip. Separate entrance, kitchen, den, furnished/unfurnished. Reasonable. 978-2403 or 921-4423.**

**Wanted: Garage space . RANS S-12 kit in the mail, but lost my work space. Can you help out a fellow 690er? Jim Estes 938-3515 (H); 885-8625(O).**

**Shared hangar space available for small A/C at Winder/Barrow Co. Airport. Reinhart Kuntz: (404) 932-5964.**

**For Sale: 1/2 share in '66 Beech Musketeer, N5997S. 2464 TT; 325 SMOH. King LC8001 Loran, Valcom 760 digital com (flip/flop freq.), Narco MK 12B Nav/Com, Narco 12A Nav/Com, trspdr. New tires, brakes and windsheild,. Ann. 10/91. Very airworthy!! Based St. Mt. on grass. \$7500 or trade ?? Selling due to relocation. Call Jim 979-7242.**

# Dues Are Due!

It's that time of year. Cold, short days; long, cold nights. New resolutions to keep, old ones to ponder. Time to pay your dues. From the official EAA Chapter 690 Membership Information Manual:

## "A Word About Our Dues Structure"

### History

Our dues structure deserves some discussion. From the beginning of the existence of the Chapter, the dues were \$1.00 per month, or \$12.00 for a year. Individuals who joined in July of a given year were assessed dues of \$6.00. The dues basically paid for the expense of producing and mailing the Chapter newsletter, NAV-COM.

### Recent Changes

In late summer 1991, events conspired to allow the Chapter to begin planning for a permanent home. Plans included the purchase and erection of a metal hangar structure at Stone Mountain Airport. It was not possible to undertake such a financial endeavor using out historical dues structure.

Therefore, it was discussed, and the membership voted, an "assessment" of \$100.00 per member, to provide funding. At the same time, the dues were increased to \$48.00 per year, for a period of at least 3 years. Members who paid the assessment received a reduction of \$30.00 per year for that 3 year period. Thus, those members who paid the \$100 assessment pay dues of \$18.00 per year, and new members pay \$48.00 per year.

This structure was chosen to allow the project to begin immediately, and allow new members to share the expense. It is anticipated that the dues will again be readjusted after the 3 year period is completed."

Please send dues to Sheryl Black, 3762 Holland Drive, Lithonia, GA 30058, or bring payment to this Friday's meeting. Please make checks payable to EAA Chapter 690.

# November Meeting Minutes

by Joel Levine

*(Editor's Note: This contribution was not squeezed into the December NavCom due to layout constraints.)*

President Charles Sego called the November meeting of Chapter 690 to order with forty five members and guests in attendance. After introductions, Ms. Debbie Raudman, PDK Tower Controller, Bill Jayne, Charlie Brown Tower Controller and Larry Johnson, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector presented the chapter with a very informative program on the new airspace classifications. Larry works in the Atlanta FSDO and can be reached at 994-5294.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Sheryl Black reported that the chapter treasury contained \$2147.97. Sheryl reminded the membership that dues were due as of January 1, 1993 and that she would be collecting for the December Christmas Party.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** It was announced that Jim Clarkson is now officially a Technical Counselor. The Christmas Party will take the place of the December meeting. John Henderson announced that the chapter has two new tools, a rivet removal tool and an angle drill. Theresa Coleman announced that she had successfully pared down her initial ninety-seven kids for the Saturday Young Eagle activity to a more manageable thirty four. Theresa, a teacher by profession, deals with kids by the gross better than most. Obviously she didn't have to buy the barf bags. Plans are for the airport to supply lunch for \$2.00 per child and Steve Ashby to speak to the group. No one thought to ask if Steve planned to speak before or after lunch or if he would explain the use of the barf bag? Thirty four rides were given the weekend before at Lenora. The activity was to run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Steve Ashby has the final, final draft of the lease agreement and expects to present it to the airport management within 7-30 days.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The chapter was asked to vote for the Most Outstanding Chapter Member Award. The secret ballots were unceremoniously presented to Joel Levine, Chapter Secretary for counting. The results to be kept from all, under penalty of being run over by a J-3 replica, until the Christmas Party.

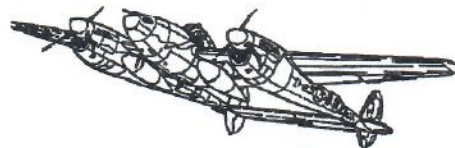
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel M. Levine  
Chapter 690 Secretary

## The Lone Eagle Ponders

Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life? Aviation combined all of the elements I loved. There was science in each curve of an airfoil, in each angle between strut and wire, in the gap of a spark plug or the color of the exhaust flame. There was freedom in the unlimited horizon, on the open fields where one landed. A pilot was surrounded by beauty of earth and sky. He brushed the treetops with the birds, leapt valleys and rivers, explored the cloud canyons he had gazed at as a child. Adventure lay in each puff of wind.

Charles A. Lindbergh  
*The Spirit of St. Louis*  
(Scribner's)



## 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.

## 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). Membership is open to anyone, provided they can figure out our dues structure. **Our meetings are every second Friday of the month, 8:00 pm, at Stone Mountain Airport operations 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 socials.

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 -

### Building Committee:

Chairman: Frank Wilcox - 978-2403

Treasurer: John Connelly - 294-4050

## The NAV-COM

Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690

Editor: Jeff Boatright

2293 Sanford Road

Decatur, GA 30033

Duane K. Huff  
383 Bethesda Church Road  
Lawrenceville GA 30244

