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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

Bob "Punchy" Powell Returns

By Chapter 690 V.P. Lee Olson

"Punchy", who was one of our speakers twice during 2005, will return for the EAA Chapter 690 program on Friday June 12th at the Chapter 690 Hangar at Gwinnett airport. During his previous visits he told of his experiences in England and Germany during WWII. About a year ago he wrote a new book, not of his own experiences, but that of other Army Air Corp personnel who have sent their stories to him. He has compiled them into his new book and these are just as interesting and some of them just as funny as his own stories.

The program will include some film clips and PowerPoint pictures of combat. Punchy will comment as they are shown and then will answer questions from the audience about any subject having to do with the air war in Europe, and particularly the fighter segment, i.e. aircraft, air to air and ground support tactics, escort, D-Day, escape and evasion, strafing, personal experiences, whatever, you name it.

Between November 11, 1943 and August 4, 1944 "Punchy" flew 89 missions with the 352nd FG. About half of his missions were in flown in P-47s and the other half in the P-51. He claimed 5.333 enemy aircraft destroyed, 2 probables and 5 damaged. He was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, The Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, a Presidential Unit Citation, and the European Theater Award with three Battle Stars.

Meet your fellow Chapter members at The Flying Machine for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and then meet for hangar talk at about 7:30 p.m. in the hangar. The business meeting will be at 8 p.m. and the program will start at about 8:45. Refreshments will be served.

Change of Zip Code for Chapter 690

Effective Immediately, New Hangar Address:
EAA Chapter 690
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

June 6th Pancake Breakfast To be Followed by Annual Poker Run

June 6th is the 1st Saturday in June - and rain or shine it's time for our monthly Pancake Breakfast and Annual Poker Run. Proceeds support the 690 Scholarship Fund.



Basic Guidelines –

- ➔ Run will be a course of approximately 100 NM round trip.
- ➔ Registration fee is \$10 / hand.
- ➔ No sharing of hands. You can play as many hands as you wish.
- ➔ If a pilot has empty seats, they can be occupied by another participant.
- ➔ Participants must return to Gwinnett Airport by 1:30 PM to qualify for prizes.
- ➔ Envelopes must be unopened upon return to Gwinnett airport.

If the pilot and/or passengers are unable to complete the course for any reason, please IMMEDIATELY notify the committee at the EAA Hangar (770-339-0804) or Joel Levine's Cell (404-314-7573).

For further details, please check Bulletin Board in hangar, Chapter web-site & watch for NOTAM.

Contact Joel Levine at 404-314-7573 or via e-mail at jlevine@bellsouth.net for more info.

Mark Your Calendars - Saturday, August 29th is a Big Day for Chapter 690

Ron Alexander's DC-3 will visit LZU during the day, and will be available for rides by the public.

That evening, we will hold our 3rd Annual Special Spaghetti Dinner by Steve Ashby - and enjoy entertainment by the Fabulous Elgin Wells and his Trio. There is limited seating for this fundraiser, so watch for details and plan to get your tickets early.

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. The deadline for the July 2009 NavCom is Saturday, June 20th.

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Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman, Chapter 690 President



Greetings Fellow EAAers!

EAA 690 is helping send six students to Air Academy this summer! We are so excited for these young people and eager to help them realize their dreams of aviation. There was a change implemented this year, and although it took us by surprise, it ended up making it possible for all of our applicants to receive full scholarships to attend. Chevron/Texaco is sponsoring all four of our advanced students! One of our Basic Air Academy students received a partial scholarship from Headquarters. A few special donations and funds raised last year made up the difference. A major part of the Chevron/Texaco scholarship is endorsement from a local FBO. Richard Thacker at Atlantic Air at PDK was pleased to endorse all four of our advanced campers. When we met, I told him a little about each applicant and assured him that these young people will include aviation in their futures one way or another. Let me share with you a little about each camper.

Stefan Seville will attend for his fifth time! EAA 690 has helped him with four of these times, and one was on his own. Stefan is graduating from Wheeler High School in Cobb County, where he currently interns at Epps Aviation at PDK. Among his duties are working the Customer Service Desk, fueling/marshalling aircraft and assisting crews and passengers. Stefan's final project is a report on bird strikes and the hazard they present to aviation. Through his research, Stefan is network and connecting with people on all sides of the airport. Stefan credits his experiences at Air Academy with his ability to meet the challenges involved in his present internship at Epps.

Our most recent pilot to solo an airplane, Robert Bruce, is returning to the Air Academy for his third time. Robert, a soon to be graduate of Collins Hill High School, was smitten with the dream of flight at the tender young age of five, and it continues to grow. Robert is a chapter member who attends meetings and special events regularly. He has also participated in Delta's ACE Academy, Aviation Career Enrichment, the NASA SEMAA program at Fernbank Science Center. His science fair project this year was, "The Aerodynamic Effects of Varying Propeller Chord Length." When he has free time, he builds model airplanes, flies the simulator, studies his aviation materials and

occasionally logs time flying the real deal! Last month, you read about his solo flight on his sixteenth birthday! We look forward to having Robert in our midst for decades to come.

King Aaron Burns, a senior at Tech High School in Atlanta, will be making his third trip to Air Academy. King Aaron has been in the NASA SEMAA program at Fernbank since it began in 1999. He also joined the Redtail Foundation and Fernbank's Aviation and the Community summer program sponsored by Fernbank and hosted at EAA 690. When Astronaut Eric Boe spoke at a SEMAA closing ceremony, he inspired King Aaron to participate in Civil Air Patrol at PDK. Other aviation opportunities include Delta Dream Flight, the Georgia Aviation & Technical College summer camp and Tuskegee University Aviation Camp. He will be attending Reinhardt College in the fall, preparing for a career with the FBI as a special agent. By the age of thirty, King Aaron hopes to be a private pilot.

Chloe Shroeder, recruited by Stefan Seville, will be attending Air Academy as an advanced camper for the very first time. Chloe is a senior at Harrison High School in Cobb County. Her parents both worked in the aviation industry and exposed her to aviation early in life. Although this sparked a curiosity for aviation, her only flight experiences have been in commercial aviation. She is looking forward to learning more about general aviation and hopes to begin flight instruction soon. Chloe's passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics provides a strong background for her aviation future.

Sam Cosner of Woodstock, Georgia will return to the Air Academy for his second trip. Last year he attended the Young Eagles Camp, and this year he will attend the Basic Air Academy. Sam's grandfather, Stan Collins, former Marine fighter pilot and retired Delta pilot, is a friend of EAA 690 and a strong influence on Sam's interest in aviation. They won't be booking an airline flight to Oshkosh. Instead, Stan will fly Sam in his own private aircraft. I imagine Sam will log some flight time of his own on that trip!

Kara Lowry, a freshman at Collins Hill High School, is making her debut at Air Academy this summer. Kara's sister, Kylie, attended last year. Her experience was so positive that she inspired Kara to want to go and experience it for herself! (Continued on Page 4)



EAA Info Sheet

EAA Young Eagles Program

Basic Facts:

- ▶ EAA launched the program in 1992 to give young people ages 8-17 an opportunity to fly in a general aviation airplane.
- ▶ Flights are offered free of charge and made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.
- ▶ A major objective of the program upon its founding in 1992 was to inspire a million young people with introductory general aviation flights before the centennial of powered flight, a major nationwide celebration on Dec. 17, 2003, marking the Wright brothers' historic first at Kitty Hawk, NC. The EAA community rallied and met this objective on Nov. 13, 2003.
- ▶ More than 1.4 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight through the program. Young Eagles have been registered in more than 90 different countries and have been flown by more than 42,000 volunteer pilots.
- ▶ Actor, pilot, and aviation enthusiast Harrison Ford has served as the EAA Young Eagles Program's chairman since early 2004. The program's founding chairman in 1992 was actor Cliff Robertson, also an avid pilot. Two years later, aviation legend Chuck Yeager succeeded Robertson and served in the post through the end of 2003.

Benefits of the EAA Young Eagles Program:

- The EAA Young Eagles Program fulfills five important purposes:
- ▶ **It inspires youth and promotes their achievement.** Young Eagles flight experiences with EAA volunteer pilots reinforce the message of earned reward. The youngster sees firsthand that pilots — by applying themselves and being self-disciplined and focused on a goal — earn the reward of flight. The experience is also educational, reinforcing principles of math, physics, and mechanical engineering.
- ▶ **It builds a future for aviation.** Although not all youth inspired by an EAA Young Eagles experience will further pursue an interest in aviation, many of them will. The EAA Young Eagles program plants seeds that will reap the pilots, aeronautical engineers, and other aviation leaders of tomorrow.
- ▶ **It provides a highly rewarding way to participate in aviation.** Promoting participation in aviation is a major part of EAA's mission. EAA Young Eagles rallies and fly-ins help to keep our members active in pursuing their passion. These events give pilots another good reason to fly, present many other volunteering opportunities, and bring chapter members together, strengthening the community of aviation enthusiasts.
- ▶ **It sustains regional and local airports.** Many small airports struggle to remain solvent. EAA Young Eagles rallies and fly-ins provide local airports a much-needed boost in publicity and business. The vitality of these airports, in turn, promotes commerce and the economic activity in the surrounding local communities.
- ▶ **It serves as an ambassador for general aviation.** In many ways, particularly in the post-9/11 era, general aviation has been misunderstood and, consequently, "under attack." Policymakers and other public figures have assailed general aviation as a nuisance or a security threat. The EAA Young Eagles Program can help to dispel those misconceptions and show people in communities all across the nation the commercial, economic, educational, inspirational, and recreational value of general aviation.



ENROLL NOW FOR EAA'S WOMEN SOAR YOU SOAR 2009

Ever wonder what it's like to fly a plane? Or soar into space? EAA's Women Soar You Soar is the ideal place for high school girls to find out. Young women in grades 9-12 are eligible to enroll in EAA's Women Soar You Soar 2009 program.

Now in its fifth year, the unique program introduces enrollees to more than 20 outstanding female mentors, from engineers to fighter pilots, working in a variety of aviation and aerospace fields.

The three-day event, July 26-28, 2009, will be filled with educational and fun activities such as flight simulation, workshops, discovery, career exploration, and mentor sessions - aimed at engaging, inspiring, and educating young women to pursue their dreams in aviation and beyond.

The enrollment deadline is July 10, 2009, or until all spaces are filled. Find out more about Women Soar You Soar 2009 at www.airventure.org/womensoar or call 800-236-1025.

The New York Times

Saturday, April 25, 2009

F.A.A. Data Show Multiple Bird Strikes Every Day By MATTHEW L. WALD



Vasily Baziuk/Daily Messenger, via Associated Press

A Plane Taking Off in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Twenty times a day, pilots nationwide report that birds have hit their airplanes, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

LaHood Snubs Plan to Keep Data on Bird Strikes Secret

In a policy shift, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced the FAA will now make records of bird strikes near airports open to the public.

By Lois Romano
Washington Post Staff Writer
Thursday, April 23, 2009

www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/22/AR2009042202057.html?wpisrc=newsletter&wpisrc=newsletter

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood yesterday rejected a proposal by the Federal Aviation Administration to keep reports about bird strikes on airplanes secret.

Voices of Power: Bird Strikes to Be Made Public

The FAA quietly posted the proposal in the Federal Register last month and requested public comment. The agency immediately came under fire for the proposal, which came on the heels of an incident in January in which a flock of geese brought down a US Airways flight, forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing on the Hudson River.

LaHood, whose agency oversees the FAA, said that public comments ran "99.9 percent" in favor of making such information accessible.



“1st Saturday” Pancake Breakfast & Airplane Wash

**Hosted by Gwinnett EAA Chapter 690 of the
Experimental Aircraft Association**

at the

EAA Sport Aviation Center

690 Airport Road ➔ Lawrenceville, GA

Rain or Shine, Fly or Drive

Saturday, July 4th, 2009

Breakfast Served 8:00 - 10:30 AM



Proceeds to Youth Aviation Scholarship Fund

➔ **Single Engine - \$40**

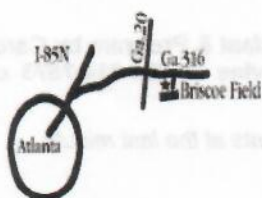
➔ **Twins (Up to 4 place) - \$55**

➔ **Larger Planes - Will Quote - and Haggle**

Sorry, No DC-3's or Aircraft of Like Type

Wash reservations not required – but are recommended and appreciated.

Contact Joel Levine at 404-314-7573 or jlevine@bellsouth.net.



Directions from Atlanta:

Go North on I-85. Stay right after Pleasant Hill and take 316 East. Turn right at main airport entrance. Take next right. Turn left at EAA Pancake Breakfast Sign.

Breakfast Menu:

Pancakes, eggs,
sausage, biscuits,
orange juice &
coffee or milk

Tom Wilson Flies West

Chapter member Tom Wilson succumbed to Cancer on April 9th, after a valiant 6 year battle. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Mary Ann Slutts Wilson, three sons Kerry Lance (Joyce), Kevin Ray (Catherine) and Brian Andrew (Amy), a brother Ron Wilson, a sister Adda Lou Gaylord, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Born July 18, 1932 in Waukeee, Iowa, Tom was a loving husband dedicated to his family's needs, a first-class father, a faithful friend, a patriot and a servant to his fellow man. Multi-talented, Tom loved people and was unselfish in his service to his fellow human beings. He was generous with his time and with his talents. He had a passion for classical music, which revealed itself in the early 1970's when Tom took violin lessons for three years in order to practice with his son, and he excelled at it. He proudly waved Old Glory. He loved God, Country and his wife's apple pie.

In 1954, when Tom was drafted by the US Army, the woman who ran the local draft board in Seymour, Iowa, signed him up into the Air Force, fulfilling a long time dream. He served one year as an Airman First Class before being medically discharged due to heart damage from a childhood bout with rheumatic fever. Proud of his military service, had he realized his dream, he would have become an Air Force pilot.

Tom attended Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Missouri, and later Baptist Bible College of Denver, Colorado. Following his service in the Air Force, Tom attended Emily

Griffith Trade School in Denver, Colorado for four years, where he learned the watch making trade and from which he received an Associate's Degree in Engineering.

He employed his engineering skills in watch making, in the aeronautics industry, repairing instruments for Continental Airlines and TWA, and at Bendix Corp. in the research and development of high altitude aircraft computers and instrumentation. During his time working for the airlines, Tom was able to travel the globe with his bride and family. After leaving Continental Airlines the family moved to Davenport, Iowa, and in 1971, they moved to a farm near Downing, Missouri. Tom owned and operated a jewelry business in Memphis, MO during that time. In 1977 Tom joined the Westclox Corp. and the family moved to Charlotte, NC. Less than two years later he was transferred to Norcross, GA, and his wife Mary Ann worked for Westclox in the same facility for approximately two years during that time.

Later Tom worked for a few other engineering firms including Nordson and the Duracell Corporation. Tom rounded out a full and fruitful career spending twenty years in the Keystone Lock Service, Inc. of Lilburn, GA working for and with his son, Kevin.

Outside of his faith and family, Tom will be remembered for his love of flight. He had dreamed of flying the plane that he had built, but though his health did not permit that dream, he took great satisfaction in putting that aircraft into the hands of a seasoned, active military pilot from Oklahoma.

A man of exemplary character, devout in his faith, and fiercely patriotic to his country, Tom was gentle and kind. Intelligent and patient, he was devoted and caring, living his life for others.

Protecting and Growing General Aviation: AOPA and EAA Collaborating on Mutual Issues

The two organizations will jointly host major general aviation roundtable in 2010 (From www.EAA.org)

June 4, 2009 — Two of the nation's largest aviation associations, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be collaborating on issues and programs that protect, support and grow general aviation as the result of a June 3 working session at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh, WI. EAA chairman / president Tom Poberezny and AOPA president Craig Fuller, along with senior staff from each organization, met to discuss how they can work more closely to support general aviation (GA). They agreed to a collaborative, three-pronged commitment to protect general aviation interests, promote GA safety, and grow the general aviation community in the United States.

"This is a logical collaboration that makes sense for the greater good of general aviation," Fuller said. "Each of our associations has been an effective advocate for GA. But now I look forward to EAA and AOPA

working more closely together at all levels to protect and grow general aviation, and to keep it safe."

AOPA and EAA leaders identified a significant number of near-term opportunities for collaboration, which will be evaluated over the next few weeks. In addition, the organizations agreed to jointly host a general aviation roundtable in early 2010 that would include a wide spectrum of the GA community.

"What evolved during the meeting was the mutual respect for the strengths of each organization, which will be used in ways that are mutually beneficial and address aviation growth and preservation," Poberezny said. "The majority of our nation's pilots belong to one or both of these organizations, so our members expect us to utilize these strengths in a way that addresses the long-term vitality of general aviation."

Additional information regarding future collaborative efforts will be announced in coming weeks as details are finalized. To read more, go to www.eaa.org



EAA and AOPA leaders gather at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh, WI on June 3. Shown in front of the Cirrus VK-30 prototype are (from left): Andy Cebula, AOPA executive VP of government affairs; Karen Gardinier, EAA VP of human resources; Rick Larsen, EAA VP of marketing and communications; Elissa Lines, EAA VP of development; Craig Fuller, AOPA president; Tom Poberezny, EAA chairman/president; Karen Gebhart, AOPA executive VP of communications; Bruce Landsberg, president of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation; Earl Lawrence, EAA VP of industry and regulatory affairs; Adam Smith, EAA vice president, membership.

Need a Hotel during Oshkosh AirVenture??

I have a 2-bedroom suite at the Residence Inn in Appleton, WI available on 7/31 and 8/1 (Fri./Sat.) that I need to sub-lease. I am using the room for 3-nights but they have a 5 night minimum...so the last 2 nights are vacant. The suite is 2-bdrm, 2-bath with a sleeper sofa...so it will hold at least 6 people. There is a full kitchen with living room area along with (3) TV's!

Appleton is 20 minutes north of AirVenture. Price is \$259.99 per night -

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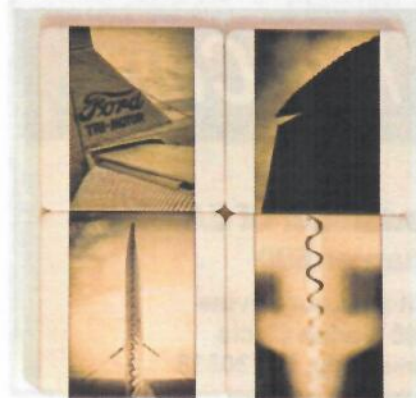
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A link to John Slemp's latest newsletter with a couple of great photo's -

<http://www.aerographs.com/notams/Aerographs%20NOTAM%20-%20May%202009.pdf>



Another great gift idea from John Slemp –
High quality 4.25" sq. ceramic coasters with some of John's great photos – \$28 / set of 4.
See more coaster sets at aerographs.com

The Chapter 90 AeroShoppe

is a great place to find some unique & high quality gifts.

Gift cards (sets of 8) and ceramic coasters (sets of 4) featuring aviation photography by our own John Slemp.

Signed, hand colored (suitable for framing) prints of the B-17 by local artist Bill Eyke, III.

See Lnor Levine to order high quality shirts, vests and jackets with our chapter logo.

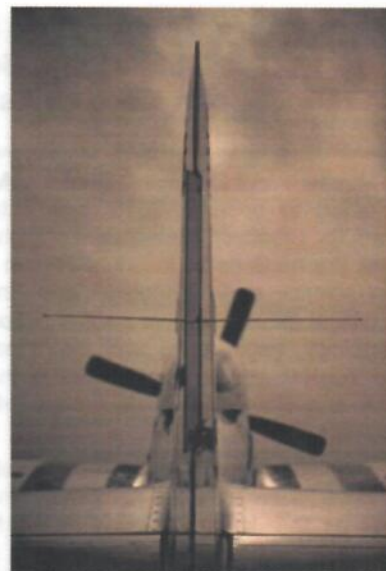
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...and Returning Members,
and New Student & Family Members too!

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