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## More History is coming to LZU Thursday October 23-Sunday, October 26

It's going to be a very exciting October for EAA 690 and all the folks that are fortunate enough to come out to the airport during the visit of the **B-17**. Those special days are Thursday, October 23rd (for the press only) through Sunday, October 26th. **Friday-Sunday the plane will be open for tours and rides.**

The history that comes with the B-17 Bomber is like no other. This warbird's time of service was during World War II. This rare B-17 bomber, owned and operated by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is making a stop locally as part of its nationwide tour that salutes those veterans and helps the rest of us discover that history.

More than 12,000 of these bombers were built during the early 1940s. More than 4,000 were lost during the war, mostly in high-danger bombing missions over Europe. That made the odds not in favor of those 18 - to 25-year-olds who manned the airplane. Still, the airplane itself evokes strong memories for those who came back from the conflict.

"I love the airplane," said Capt. Bob Abresch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who piloted B-17s for the 398th Bomb Group during World War II. "It had a great record, was nice to fly and very well built."

This particular **B-17** currently on national tour is named Aluminum Overcast, in honor of a term coined by a wartime reporter who witnessed the flying armada of bombers overhead and remarked on the Aluminum Overcast that would soon be flying over Germany.

This particular airplane had an interesting life before arriving in 1981 at EAA, an international organization of more than 180,000 members dedicated to recreational flying. The bomber was built in 1944 and delivered to the U.S. Army at the end of World War II. It was eventually sold as surplus for just \$750, and spent nearly 40 years doing assorted jobs ranging from a firebomber in the western United States to a mapping aircraft over the Middle East.

In the late 1970s, the aircraft was purchased by an Oklahoma group to be restored as a World War II bomber. Time and finances were against the private group, though, so it donated the aircraft to EAA in 1981 with the provision it be restored to flying status. It took EAA more than a decade to fully restore the airplane, which then began its national tours in 1994. The aircraft is now more than 90 percent accurate to its wartime construction, with allowances for updated technology in such areas as navigation and brakes.



EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" is headed to KLZU

"It is a truly amazing airplane to fly," said Sean Elliott, an EAA vice president who regularly flies the aircraft on tour and gives flight tests to other B-17 pilots. "It's more than an airplane, however. It's a piece of living history that allows us to honor our veterans and talk about their sacrifices. It's a true privilege to be able to do that throughout the country."

More information about the airplane's history and how Lawrenceville area residents can tour and fly in this historic bomber is available at [www.B17.org](http://www.B17.org). The airplane's stop in this area is supported by the volunteer efforts of local EAA members and chapters who host the airplane during its national tours.

### Special points of interest:

- **Fri. 9/12**-Chapter Business Meeting @ 8pm followed by a Summer Aviation Camp **Presentation by the Campers**. Dinner at the Flying Machine starts at 6:00, join us for more fun if you can.
- **Sat. 9/20**-Young Eagles beginning @ 8:30am
- **Sat. 10/4**-Pancake Breakfast from 8-10:30

# We Soared and Soared some more Young Eagles August Update from Duane Huff-Young Eagles Coordinator

**WOW! WOW! WOW!** What a wonderful but very busy Young Eagle Rally. Where did they all come from? One family came all the way from Elizay and others came from long distances away. The large turn out (69) Young Eagles is probably the result of a rained out day in July, the TV segment on YE's, and the article in Atlanta Parent magazine. The air was glassy smooth at first and the weather stayed very nice for flying the whole time.

Fortunately, ten pilots were there to fly the sixty nine Young Eagles. Spencer Britenstine, a first time YE pilot, made 2 flights and flew 6 YE. Welcome aboard Spencer and I trust the experience was great and that you will continue to fly

Young Eagles with us. The other nine pilots and their flights are as follows; David Balthaser 4 flights, 8 YE, Bill Bell 5 flights, 8 YE, Pat Bratton 4 flights, 12 YE, Randy Epstein 4 flights, 12 YE, Duane Huff 3 flights, 3YE, Fred Huppertz 2 flights, 6 YE, Brian Michael 1 flight, 1 YE, John Morgan 4 flights, 4YE. and John Post 3 flights, 9 YE. Brian also flew an Eagle flight. Eighteen of the Young Eagles had flown as YE's before today's flight.

The Young Eagle Gals were kept very busy with all their duties. They are Jeanne Ferguson, Barbara Epstein, Shellie Kirk, Gay Roberts, and Karmen Sunshine. Come sometime to help and you will see all that these gals have do.

Bob Krone conducted our Safety Briefings and Hugh Colton, Wes Reddick, and Joel Levine instructed the students on the simulators. Our safety officers and loaders were Bill Ferguson, Steve Marlow, Mike Burns, Jerry Fisher, Michael Cartin, John Reitz, Herb Rusk and Stephen Elrod.

Thank You's are not enough to express our gratitude to all these volunteers that make a Young Eagles day like this one so successful. **Much appreciation to all!**

## More Membership Excitement and a Huge Welcome

We are extremely thrilled to report that our membership count is at 220 as of August 31st. The growth is very rewarding and we look forward to increasing those numbers even more over the next few months. A new goal of 250 seems very realistic.

With excitement, joy and open arms we welcome our newest and latest reactivated members.

They are:

Ron Jacob (new), family

Chris and Brenda Serra (reactivated),

Christopher and Nancy Capps (reactivated),

Charles and JoAnna Marks (new),

Paul and Beth Moore (new),

Spencer and Sheri Britenstine (new),

Chandler Brown (student)

It is especially amazing and rewarding when we have new and returning members jump right in to help. Spencer came to our Young Eagle Rally and asked to fly some kids, joined the chapter and started helping right away. Nancy Capps saw a need in the kitchen and went right to work. During young eagles, she cleaned the kitchen drawers and is helping with the pancake breakfasts. Randy met Chandler at the Flight School and he jumped in with marketing ideas for the B-17.

**We love new members that enjoy getting involved and assisting where they can.**

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## Celebrations and Congratulations!!!

We enjoy getting to know our members more and better and one way to do that is by knowing special events in their lives. This month, the following members are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries!!!

John Myers 10th

Lynn Stoudt 14th

John Post 15th

Jeanne Ferguson 18th



Billy and Lorraine Stewart  
16th

Also, thanks to all those that completed the sheets and shared their information. We appreciate you!!!

# Aluminum Overcast!!

## A Message from the President

Mark your calendars for **October 23 – 26**. The EAA's B-17, "Aluminum Overcast", will be in Lawrenceville. After many discussions with EAA in Oshkosh, the decision was made to host the B-17 at KLZU this year. The location will be at Gwinnett Aero where we set up for the Tri-Motor two years ago.

Media flight(s) will take place during the afternoon of Thursday, October 23rd with revenue flights taking place on October 24 – 26 at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 and 1:00. Ground tours will take place each day between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. The airplane will actually arrive at KLZU on Monday, October 20th from its prior weekend stop and will sit on the ramp through the week.

This is a great fund raising opportunity for the chapter. We have a lot of advance notice and that will allow us time to market this properly. We are currently waiting on the first shipment of marketing collateral from Oshkosh to arrive. We need everyone on board to help get the word out. **Our target areas are Gwinnett, Barrow, Hall, Jackson & Clarke counties.** There are many opportunities to help with this effort. There are a couple of ways for the chapter to earn money beyond the selling of seats, merchandise and tours of the aircraft itself.

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One of those is through the sale of sponsorships. There are three levels of sponsorship available. The first is a **\$5,000** sponsorship. A company that buys at this level will receive **five seats** on the B-17 **plus** have their **logo and name included in B-17 advertising and banners**. The second level is from **\$2,500 up to \$4,999** and includes **two seats** on the B-17 as well as **inclusion in our advertising**. The third level is for **\$1,000 up to \$2,499** and includes **one seat** on the B-17 plus being **listed in the advertising** and banners. These are important because the chapter gets 20% of this money. If you know of a company that would like to take advantage of one of these levels, please let us know. A company should treat this as advertising and not a charitable donation as the tax benefit will be better for them.

A second area the chapter can make additional money is by raffling seats. The cost of a seat for revenue passengers ranges from \$409 - \$475 depending on booking time and EAA membership status. The

chapter is allowed to buy up to ten seats at \$360 each to raffle. As an example, if we raffle one seat by selling 30 tickets at \$20.00 each, we make \$240 on that seat and someone is lucky enough to fly for \$20.00! If you feel you can sell 30 tickets, please let me know and we will set you up with the tickets.

As always we will need a group of volunteers to assist in setting up prior to and manning during the visit. I will be passing around sign-up sheets at our next two breakfasts and our Friday night business meetings. Please put your name on the list and support your chapter in this important effort. If you would like to fly or know someone that would like to fly, go to [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org) for details on pricing and booking.

## Programs and Activities

### Mark Your Calendars

**Friday, September 12th**-Presentation from the participants of the 2014 Summer Aviation Camp

**Tuesday, September 30th-4:30-7:30**-Snellville Public Safety Night (Our Young Eagle Ambassadors will have a booth sharing our fantastic program with even more young people)

**Saturday, October 4th**-Narayan Sengupta-Historian and Author-will share many insights from his studies of World War I and so much more. See his bio on page 4.

**Thursday, October 23-Sunday, October 26th-B-17 @ KLZU**

**Saturday, November 1st**—Keith Chatten will talk about Superior Air Parts

**Friday, November 14th**—Carolyn Reaves will talk about the Freedom Flightz organization

**Saturday, December 6th**-Mike Stewart shares the Evolution of Aero Dynamics

More activities are in the planning stages and those dates will be announced soon.

# Our Campers are the September 12th Program

## A Note from Debi Huffman

On Friday, September 12, some of our student members will share their personal experiences with EAA 690 this past summer, and possibly beyond. We invite all young people in the area to come hear what these students have to share. You might not know it, but EAA 690 has a summer aviation camp, sends campers to

Air Academy at our Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, offers flight scholarships, and more! Join us to find the pathway to realize your own dreams of flight! Early birds meet at the Flying Machine for dinner at 6:00. Social time is at the EAA Hangar at 7:30, and the meeting

begins at 8:00.

We hope to see you at the Airport!

Blue Skies!

## Narayan Sengupta-Historian and Author

For our **October 4, 2014** program, historian/author Narayan Sengupta traces the evolution of aircraft carriers and naval aviation up to 1941 with a primary focus on the Tondern raid. Sengupta, an American of Franco-Indian heritage, has spent seven years researching American military aviation in World War I. He has traveled across France and the United States to visit airfields, air museums and archives after learning that America's first combat squadrons were based a few hundred yards from his mother's home in Saints, France. In 2008, he organized the 90th Anniversary Commemoration of the United States Air Force's first combat operations. He has written four books:

"American Eagles - The Illustrated History of American Aviation in World War I", "POW Stories", "Disaster at Dieppe" and "Lafayette Escadrille: America's Most Famous Squadron," all available on [www.USAWW1.com](http://www.USAWW1.com)

This is sure to be a program that will capture the interest of everyone in attendance. Mark your calendars now!!



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## Low Country Boil Dinner-October 25th

It's been years but the fabulous Low Country Boil dinner is coming back. It's true and it will coincide with the visit of the B-17. The dinner will be Saturday, October 25th with hangar talk starting at 6:00 and the boil being served at 7:00. It's sure to be a wonderful evening with the crew and numerous other guests joining us.

The cost of this special dinner will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. There's a great deal of planning and cooking involved with this dinner, so please make your reservations soon. Details will be provided as soon as they become available.

We are planning a Round Table Discus-

sion with pilots and other military personnel from World War I and II. It's sure to be an extraordinary evening and we look forward to having you join us.



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## Important Information to Remember

**Every Month our Pancake Breakfast is the 1st Saturday with serving starting at 8:00.**

**Our Business Meetings are the 2nd Friday of each month beginning at 8:00 with an aviation related program following an update on the activities of your chapter.**

**To send the Editor your birthday and/or anniversary information, to notify her of anything you wish to sell or a partnership you may have or want, to send her an article you'd like included in the NavCom please provide that information to her no later than the 20th of the month you wish the information to appear. Send your information to barbara\_epstein@hotmail.com**



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## Classifieds and More

### For Sale

Various Products available at the Aero Shoppe include:

**Large Coffee Mugs-\$15** These are extremely well made with a sectional on one side and Chapter 690 logo on the other.

**Water Bottles-\$12** These are perfect for adults and kids to enjoy while watching or participating in any type of sporting event. They're really great any time, any place.

**Personalized Large Coffee Mugs** are available upon special request by contacting Ronald Hlozansky @ skee5bell-south.net or by calling him @ 770-435-2104

**Gift Cards (set of 8) \$10 and Ceram-**

**ic Coasters (set of 4) \$10** featuring aviation photography by our own John Slemp.

**Child Related Products** including gliders, wooden airplanes and so much more.

**Oil Analysis Kits-\$12** Keep on hand for those very **important changes.**

Hangar Space Available

For a "Van's RV aircraft in the EAA Hangar #4. For details, call **Clyde Schnars @ 770-769-7177**

### Individual Sale

**Becker Transceiver AR4201**, just back from Becker USA, Yellow Tagged \$650, contact **Mike McKenna @ 770-962-7064**

### Ad Rates and Information

**Member Ads** run without charge for 3 months with a continuance available upon request to the Editor at barbara\_epstein@hotmail.com

**Commercial Ads** are: Business Card Size: \$10/issue, \$25/3 issues, 1/8 page:\$15/issue, \$40/3 issues, 1/4 page: \$25/issue, \$60/3 issues