



The NAV-COM

Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690
September 1992



President's Message

I recently received the following letter and thought it appropriate and timely for my September message.

Congratulations to Jeff, again, and especially thanks and congratulations to Joel Levine and Sheryl Black for producing a great Chapter Directory. See you at the picnic! - Charlie.

There's an A.D. on the directory. The Kuntz phone number should be: 932-5964. Sorry!
Joel



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Mr. Charles Sego, President
EAA Chapter 690
3900 Morningview Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30244

Dear Charles:

I just received the August issue of EAA Chapter 690's newsletter and along with it, the 1992 EAA Chapter 690 membership directory. I wanted to take this opportunity to compliment you and all of the members of EAA Chapter 690 on the directory and also on the outstanding efforts of your newsletter. Jeff has done an outstanding job in producing an excellent newsletter. As he comments in the August issue, the support of the membership made a difference and he asked for additional support so that the newsletter can continue to grow. I endorse Jeff's comments 100%.

Whoever was responsible for the development of the directory, has done an excellent job. It will be a handy tool for the Chapter members to stay in touch with each other.

Please pass along our best wishes and congratulations to all the members of the Chapter. EAA Chapter 690 is a perfect example of what a Chapter can accomplish. Keep up the good work and please stay in touch. We look forward to hearing from you frequently.

Best regards,

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

Robert P. Mackey
Executive Director
EAA Chapters and Insurance

NAV - COM Moves!

Women faint; Strong men weep...

Claudia and I very recently closed on our first home. It's a long but familiar story--complications, delays, thick-headed loan officers. In any case, we now inhabit:

2293 Sanford Road
Decatur, GA 30033
315-6869

Now for the excuses...

Somehow in the move, my diskette with *all* the stuff for the September NavCom was misplaced. It is now Tuesday night (actually, Wednesday morning - that's right, the 9th of September, a couple of days ago). Nothing has been found, including all my little notes that I make to myself and ball up in my pockets.

SO, if you had something for the NavCom and it isn't in here, I apologize. Hopefully I will straighten out the new office so that it approximates the chaos of the previous den from which the NavCom was spawned. Sorry also for the tardiness of this issue. But, hey, the dog ate my homework. I was going to call, but a hurricane hit the power station. My sock count came up odd, and I'm still tracing the wayward stocking. And crazy glue really *does* stick your fingers together permanently.

Kuntz's Picnic a Success!

Champs battle their way out of a weather delay.

Chalk up another great post-Oshkosh bash! This year, as in the past, Linda and Reinhart Kuntz hosted the soiree. There was all types of food: meat, vegetables, drinks (being more of a gourmand than a gourmet, I've no idea exactly what was served - it was all good). Although the threatening clouds finally burst, just in time to soak poor Reinhart at the smoker, the affair was heavily attended. Folks that I haven't seen in months (or years!) popped up. We even had a few new faces (David Henderson, for one. See elsewhere.) There was also much camaraderie, picture-showing, and picture-taking.

The Kuntz home is rather majestic, and, well, *Germanic*--solid and built with great precision. Contrary to what Frank Flessel says, it is *not* in South Carolina. Yeah Frank, I used to own one of those little Hondas - getting up to the Kuntz's just *seems* like you're going to Carolina (isn't that a song? "In my mind, I'm goin' to Carolina...") Anyway, the party was loads of fun, and I'm sure we all thank the Kuntz's for being great hosts and sports. Next year, we get to tour Reinhart's new workshop as he rips overhead in his (by then) newly-completed Acro Sport II!

Chapter 690 Bar-B-Que

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more... "HENRY V, ACT III, SC. I.

It's that time of year again! That's right, time to assail Charlie and Kristie's place, overwhelm the defenses, and plunder all the Bar-B-Que we can stuff down! Things are heatin' up for the Chapter 690 Annual Bar-B-Que. In addition to the BBQ, there are sundry reasons to make a special effort to attend our annual pork and fowl feast.

First, this may be the last Chapter picnic held in the idyllic and serene environs that make up the Sego homestead; the property is for sale.

Second, it is the birthday of at least TWO of our members. One is Ken Sharp and the other wishes to remain anonymous. (However, a clue: He is the president of an EAA Chapter, and all in attendance will know where he lives.) Sheryl Black will bring a birthday cake to commemorate both borthdays.

Third, Harold Stalcup is debuting as head pork parboiler and chicken chaser. John Henderson's Carolina-style delicassies will be missed, but we'll give ol' Harold's recipes a whirl. (Thanks, John, for all those years of really great BBQ.)

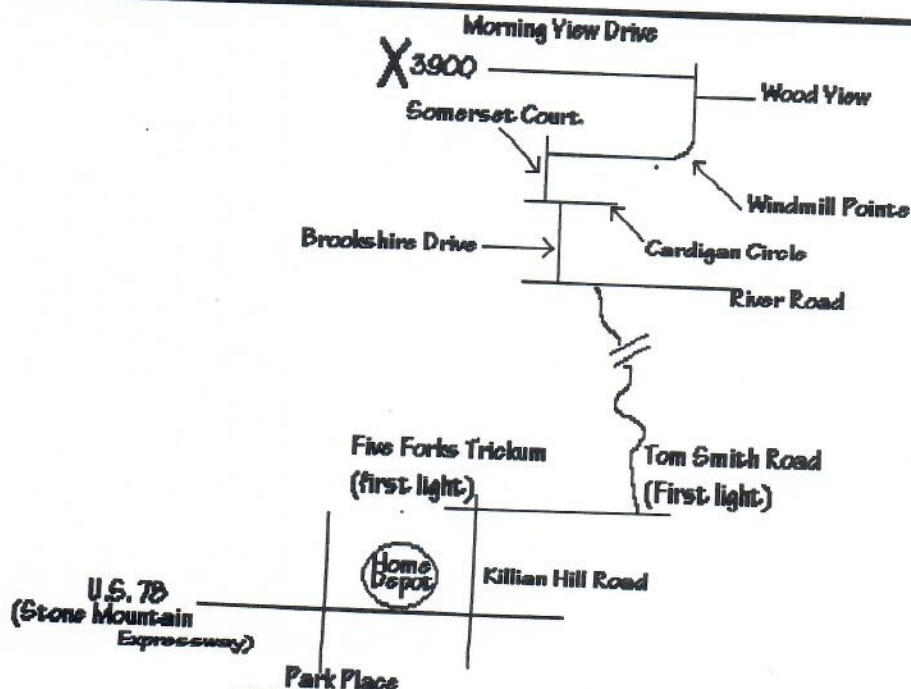
Fourth, this is our BIG opportunity to see Harold and Charlie's Skylite projects! That's right, airplanes in all but name, these little jewels are coming right along. I won't spill the beans too much, but there are wheels and tires involved...

Finally, and possibly the most important reason to attend: *It's where the elite meet to eat!*

When: September 19th, 3 p.m.

Where: The Sego home:
3900 Morningview Drive,
Lawrenceville, GA
923-9549

Weaponry required:
Chairs, covered side-dishes, longbows...



Chapter 690 Fly-Out/Visit a Limited Success

Rain cause of poor attendance; blame set on election-year woes.

The flyout to Peach State Airport and visit to Alexander Aeroplane Store on August 15th saw little attendance, probably due to rain brought on by confusion and mass hysteria induced by political pandering and/or a general, nationwide malaise. Said one uninterested bystander, "It just blew up in mid-air - right there over granpappy's possum ranch."

Actually, there were several moral victories. **Sheryl Black** hitched a ride in a very flashy AT-6. **Steve Ashby** had a few disparaging words to say about the innate unfairness of life in general (c'mon, Steve, most of us have never piloted a chopper, either, tee-hee). **Ken Sharp** just beamed—he's used to this kind of thing.

But, there were other moral victories that day that Steve did share. This Oshkosh, **Wayne Whitaker** took a big step towards realizing a lifelong dream by buying plans for Graham Lee's 7/8 scale Nieuport. I called Steve before the flyout to bum a ride for Wayne and me in Steve's looonng Cherokee so as to haul aluminum back. When I told Steve *why* we needed a clear space of twelve feet, he went ballistic telling me that *he* had just bought plans to the Nieuport, too! Now, lot's of folks buy plans and don't get much further. But, when you've got this kind of karma, you just go with the flow. Last I heard, the vertical tail members were framed—more on these guys and the twin bipes in a later NavCom.

The tour of Alexander's was OK. The folks there are nice, efficient, and realistic about their market niche. Of course, I had to keep wiping up drool everytime Steve and Wayne walked by aluminum tubing. Worse than kids in a candy factory.

Peach State Airport was having a birthday party for the FBO. After the weather settled, there were several interesting arrivals. As mentioned, the Sharps flew in in their pearlescent (not!) Cessna 150. The T-6 was snorting around. Two Wacos, a cabin and an open-cockpit, made it. Several other fun planes visited, too. The atmosphere was relaxed and the company good—we all need more of this. The Sullivan's are great hosts, and I recommend their monthly fly-ins to you (Lunch, third Saturday of the month). The semi-sod strip is delineated by white tires.

Fly-Buys

Half share in 1966 Beech Musketeer, N5997S. 2464 TT; 325 SMOH. King LC8001 Loran, Valcom 760 digital com (flip/flop freq.), Narco MK 12B Nav/Com, Narco 12A Vav/Com, transponder. New tires, fairly new brakes and windshield. Ann. 10/91. Overall very airworthy!! Based St. Mt. on grass. \$7500 or trade ?? Selling due to relocation. Call Jim 979-7242 eve.

A Trip to Theater in the Woods

Margaret Wilcox

"And the second runner-up is Jeff Boatright, editor of the NAV-COM, newsletter of Chapter 690, Stone Mountain, Georgia." This announcement came from the stage of the Theater in the Woods on Sunday night at Oshkosh '92. Jeff, dressed in his Chapter 690 golf shirt and sweat shirt (it was chilly!), came to the stage to receive a plaque commemorating his third place finish in the 1992 M'Killop Awards newsletter editor competition.

In presenting the award, Bob Mackey, Executive Director of EAA Chapters, described the NAV-COM as a good newsletter that became outstanding with revised format and improved presentation.

Mr. Mackey, the sole judge, reads 8000 newsletters a year. During the first six months, he stars those he feels are worthy of recognition each month. The more stars a newsletter accumulates, the better. As Oshkosh nears, he re-reads the best samples many times over, slowly narrowing down the selection to just a few. In the last week of scoring, he closests himself with the best, and comes out days later with the winners.

The first runner-up was a newsletter editor from South Africa. The winner was the editor of a 300+ member chapter in Columbia, South Carolina. Both are women. The editor from South Carolina is a previous third place winner.

Jeff would probably be the first to give credit to Richard Robison for creative assistance and computer layout, to Joel Levine for production and duplication assistance, and to the many chapter members whose literary contributions make the NAV-COM an internationally recognized publication. But we know the hard work, dedication, and many personal contributions from Jeff have made this award possible. Congratulations, Jeff.

Chapter Tools

The following is a list of tools and materials that Chapter 690 owns. The use of tools is free to chapter members. The materials are not free, but are inexpensive. John Henderson (449-1946) is keeper of the tools, and has kindly provided this updated list.

Rivet squeezer
Nicoress tool
Spark plug cleaner and capping tool
Piston ring compressor pliers and ring bands
Set cylinder base wrenches
Timing indicator
Torque wrench
Instrument hole cutter, (2-1/2" & 3-1/8")
Tube bending tool, set plier type
Cable tension tester
Tachometer checker
Compression tester
Spark plug lead tester
Magneto timing light and magneto lock tool,
Bendix
Coaxial cable (antenna)
Wire—20 & 22 g. (light and radio)

Calendar of Events

September

11 - Chapter 690 monthly meeting, 8 pm, Operations Hut of Stone Mountain Airport. Marvin Marchman, M.D. speaks on hypoxia.

15 - Williamson, GA. Peach State Airport Fly-In. (404) 227-8282.

24-26 - Tulsa, OK. 35th Annual Tulsa Regional Fly-In. (918) 742-7311.

26 - Carrollton, GA - 3rd Annual EAA Chapter 976 Festival Fly-In. West Georgia Airport. Rain date: 10/3. (404) 942-6433.

October

9 - Chapter 690 monthly meeting, 8 pm, Operations Hut of Stone Mountain Airport.

10 - Chapter 690 Air Fair!! - What are you doing for it RIGHT NOW!?

6-18 - Hampton, GA. Wings and Wheels Motor Fair/Fly-In/Air Show. Henry Co. Airport. (404) 946-3910.

24-25 - Augusta, GA. Boshears Memorial Fly-In. (404) 738-8377.

24-25 - Warner Robins, GA: Robins AFB Open House; Col Lawrence Stone, 912-926-2177

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 Gwinnett county 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, especially if you can get the editor out of last minute jams. **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 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

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Chapter Historian: LeRoy Stoutenburg - 981-6041

Technical Counselors:
John Popps - 939-6610
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Building Committee:
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