



The B-17 Majestic and Magnificent



Those are just two of the expletives that describe the plane and the visit. The entire stay, from Thursday, October 23-Sunday, October 26, was marvelous and wondrous.

The plane actually arrived at LZU on Monday, October 20th but sat to be admired until Thursday. We had a small showing of media folks on Thursday but the day was highlighted and enjoyed by all in attendance because of the visit by a very special veteran, John Tarabula and his wife, Amelia, who were celebrating 69 years of marriage. He was a ball turret gunner on a B-17 that was shot down on it's 17th mission. For that reason, he wasn't interested in flying it again but his wife, daughter and great grandson completely enjoyed their flight. After the flight, those on sight shared in a cake that was supplied by the family. 11 Alive News came out to cover the event and we will keep you posted when we find out the date their story will air. Fri-

"The visit by a very special veteran, John Tarabula and his wife, Amelia made Thursday extra meaningful."

day was another beautiful day with the pilots making three flights between 10 am and 2 pm. From 2 to 5, folks enjoyed touring the plane. We are extremely pleased with the number of individuals that flew on the plane and toured the plane on Saturday and Sunday. The extras included a group from the Ham Radio Club, a group of Remote Control Plane Enthusiasts and the Civil Air Patrol group. There was a bounce house for the younger kids that got it's share of activity.

All of this would not have been possible without the complete and total support from EAA 690's many wonderful members, Gwinnett Aero and other airport support teams and our many sponsors. They include: U S Auto Sales who provided us

with excellent advertising on their gigantic electronic billboard facing Hwy 316 and a van for the crew to use while they were here; Nash Chevrolet for the extra special information they put up about our event on the very large electronic sign in front of their dealership and 92.9 "The Game" for their radio spots.

We also give a huge shout out to the amazing crew from EAA National that provided us with the extraordinary flights and exemplary service and support. Each and every member of their team made the whole event very enjoyable.

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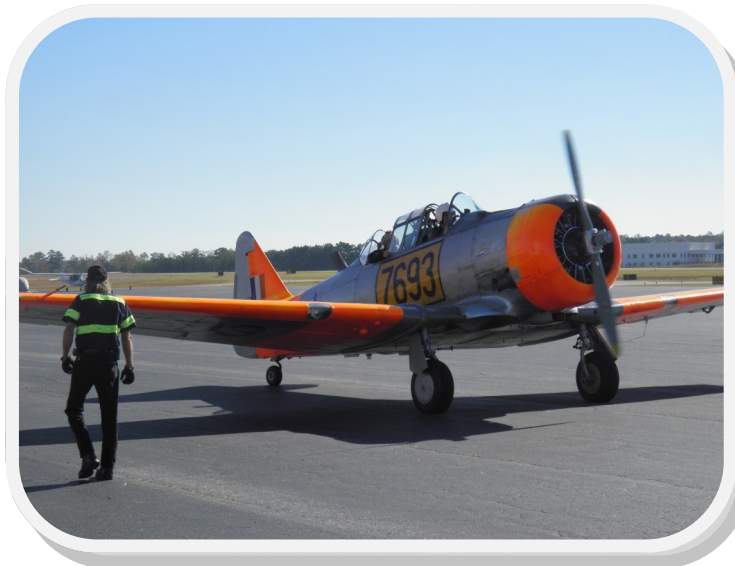
- **Mon.12/8**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri.12/12**-Holiday Dinner Party See page 7 for details!!
- **Sat.12/20**-Young Eagles beginning @ 8:30am

The B-17 Visit in Pictures

Pictures Provided by Randy and Joel



More Beautiful Views



It's Holiday Time

Message from the President

That time of year is upon us. It seems as if the year just began!! It's been a wonderful year for our chapter. Our membership has grown over the year and we've had some wonderful events during the year. Our Young Eagles program has continued to be strong and along the way we got some great publicity by 11Alive and CBS46 as well as an article in Atlanta Parents magazine. We are grateful for the leadership of Duane Huff in that program and for all of those that volunteer their time to assist so we can see the smile on these young folks faces each month and hear the word **"awesome"** when we ask what they thought of their flight experience.

We had our annual Chili Supper and combined it, this year, with a Trivia contest emceed by Brian Michael. We saw Ron Alexander come to town with his DC-3 and watched 76 people ride on his beautiful bird. We thank Herb Rusk for his leadership with that effort. Just weeks ago we hosted the EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" in a successful weekend. We had seventy folks ride aboard this WWII era aircraft and saw many veterans come out and relive a bit of their life in that time. Along with the B-17, we had a wonderful Low Country Boil organized by Lnor Levine and cooked and served by our wonderful kitchen volunteers led by Jill Balthaser. To hear Albert and Henry tell their stories after dinner was incredible and we could have sat for hours and

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listened. It was a magnificent evening.

I want to thank each and every one of you that has volunteered through the year to assist with the various events. You are what makes EAA 690 great and will continue to make it great down the road. It has been my pleasure to have been a part of this year and I look forward to next year and the possibilities that exist. I am already in contact with Oshkosh to schedule the Ford Tri-Motor for next year. We will begin to work on sponsorship for that event so we can maximize our fund raising efforts when it comes to LZU.

Speaking of sponsors, we had help with the B-17 from Nash Chevrolet, U.S. Auto Sales, 92.9 The Game, Gwinnett Aero and Aeroshell. Please keep that in mind. We've also had help from King Steel, Jackson EMC, Ernst Concrete and Larry's Machine on our glider monument project, which we hope to wrap up before the New Year.

In 2015 we will celebrate our **35th** year as a chapter. The chapter was founded in August of 1980 and over the years has accomplished some great and wonderful

things. As we move forward, we will work hard to keep things moving in an upward direction. We have begun a youth program and hope to grow that in the coming year. As we bring 2014 to a close, we will be electing some new members to our Board of Directors and to our Board of Trustees.

Billy Stewart and Brian Michael have served on our Trustees and will be leaving that body. We have a great list of nominees for these two positions. We will also be electing four At-Large Members to our Board. The election will take place during our Christmas party event Friday, December 12th. I hope you will join us and be a part of the process of selecting those that will serve you in the coming years.

In conclusion, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to a successful and rewarding 2015 with EAA Chapter 690!

Upcoming Elections-The Candidates

It's that time of year again, time to elect four new At Large Members to the Board of Directors and two new members to the Board of Trustees.

The four chapter members that have volunteered to run for the Board positions are:

Joel Levine

Brian Michael

John Post

Chuck Roberts

The chapter members running for the two opening on the Board of Trustees are:

Mike Burns

Chris Capps

Ron Freed

Rich Hopkins

Chuck Stoudt

We greatly appreciate these members stepping up to the plate and expressing a desire to be more involved in the life of our amazing chapter.

The voting will take place during our Holiday Party on Friday, December 12th. Please pick up a ballot on the way in the door and vote before getting started with your meal. There will be baskets to put your ballots in and the nominating committee will count the votes and provide the results before the end of the night.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday and getting your vote.

Young Eagles Recaps for October and November

From Duane Huff-Young Eagles Coordinator

October 18th was a bright, clear, cool morning to begin our Young Eagle rally. When number thirty one (31) was flying, the ride had changed to quite bumpy with strong cross winds with gusts. Over all, it was a very good day.

Pilots included Steve Ashby 6 YE, 2 flights; Bill Bell 4YE, 2 flights; Steven Elrod 6 YE, 2 flights; Duane Huff 3 YE, 3 flights; Fred Huppertz 6 YE, 2 flights; and John Morgan 6 YE 2 flights. Nine Young Eagles had flown before this day.

Our Young Eagles Gals were Jeanne Ferguson, Barbara Epstein, Shellie Kirk, Lnor Levine, Gay Roberts and Karmen Sunshine.

Ground Crew workers were Bob Krone (Safety Briefing), Wes Reddick and Joel Levine (Simulators), Bill Ferguson, Steve Marlow and Chris Capps (Safety Officers and Loaders).

When you see these hard working people, tell them **Thanks** for their time and dedication that make the Young Eagles program the success that it has achieved.

On November 15th, thirty (30) Young Eagles were given their flight experience. Twelve had flown as Young Eagles previously.

Jeanne Ferguson, Lnor Levine, Mary Jane Polizzotto and Gay Roberts were our Young Eagles Gals for the day.

Bob Krone did the Safety Briefings. Hugh Colton, Joel Levine and Wes Riddick instructed on the simulators. John Reitz,

Chris Capps, Bill Ferguson, Rich Hopkins, Lee Olson and Ron Childress were the safety officers and loaders.

Pilots for the day were; Mike Fisher 6 YE, 2 flights, Duane Huff 3 YE, 3 flights, Fred Huppertz 3 YE, 1 flight, Brian Michael 3 YE, 1 flight, John Morgan 6 YE, 2 flights, John Post 5 YE 2 flights and Chuck Roberts 6 YE, 2 flights.

Much appreciation and many thanks to these dedicated volunteers for the Young Eagles program.

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Eagle Flights

Starting in January, on the 3rd, we would like to try adding some structure to the Eagle Flight Program. We are going to try doing Eagle Flights at NOON on the First Saturday of the month after the Pancake Breakfast and Program. The thought being that the pilots and planes are already there for the breakfast. If you have an Eagle Flight candidate, invite them to

the Breakfast, on the Chapter, and Program followed with an amazing 45 minute introductory flight. What more could anyone ask for!!!! Great Food, Great Fun!!

As always, thanks for your support.

John Morgan

Membership Update

From Jeanne Ferguson-Membership Chairperson

This is **very** exciting news; as of November 22nd, our membership total was **237!!!** Our total for the year is even higher now because we added new members on Saturday at the Pancake Breakfast. Those names will be included in the next newsletter.

Our newest members for the remainder of 2014 and **2015** are:

Erica D'Amico
Heather Chandler
Adam Davidson
Kyler Elliston
Marina Yorish
Ron Childress

We are very happy to have you and look forward to seeing you and working with you throughout the coming year.

AND it is time to pay 2015 membership dues.

Many current members have started to renew their memberships and we appreciate them.

2015 dues can be paid in a variety of ways. Jeanne Ferguson and Barbara Epstein will be at the Pancake Breakfast and Monthly Meeting for the next several months accepting payments. New Membership cards will be available after the first of the year.

Payment of dues can be done in a variety

of ways: Payment by cash or check at meetings and credit card payment at www.mkt.com/ea690. We are thrilled with plans for 2015 and hope you will all want to be part of everything.

Glider Update

Our Glider Guys were busy again last month doing some heavy lifting and getting some of the final steps taken care of for the supporting parts that will safely hold the Glider.

They are looking forward to doing the

finishing touches on the glider itself and then getting it mounted will be the step we've all been looking forward to.

As our President mentioned, we would be extremely happy to complete this project

before the end of the year. (What a great Christmas present to the Airport and to Us!!!)

Celebrations and Congratulations!!!

We enjoy getting to know our member more and better and one way to do that is by know special events in their lives. We want to wish Belated Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jill Balthaser October 6th
Mike North October 10th
Joel Levine October 27th
Shellie Kirk November 4th
Laura Bishop November 10th
Paul Kelley November 11th
Barbara Epstein December 2nd
Kathy Doswell December 6th
Happy Belated Anniversary Wishes go out



to:

Shellie and Keith Kirk October 11th
RJ & Maria Carmen Schramm October 21st
Christian & Barbara Uress Nov. 1st
John & Nancy Houston Morgan November 26th
John and Marietta Slemp Dec 8th

Our Annual Holiday Party-December 12th

We are ready to gather and have a wonderful time with special friends and some tasty eats!! **7:00 pm is the time!! Hangar #1 is the place!!**

As in the past, the chapter is providing the meat and drinks. We ask our family, friends and guests to bring a side dish to share. If possible, it would be great if you could bring enough to feed 10-12 people. We always have the most delicious dishes provided by our members and guests. Some folks make their special dish for this party and we always look forward to those every year. We will sit down to eat at approximately **7:30**.

This is the event where certificates and awards are handed out to the many folks that have helped our chapter be the best

chapter ever over the past 12 months !!!

As mentioned on page 4, we will be having the election of several positions. Again, please pick up your ballot at the door, complete it and put it in one of the baskets provided before you begin eating.

The highlight of the night will be the caroling provided by our very own "**Chapter 690 Carolers**". They're a misfit bunch but they sure can sing. And of course there'll be a special reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and the sing-along will be fun for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday!!!



Picture provided by Joel Levine

Property and Beautiful Home for Sale

Airpark home for sale in Whispering Pines Airpark, 12 miles south of Gwinnett County airport with 2600 ft. paved and parallel grass runways, 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms with a basement on 3.6 acres. See all information on home and airpark at www.whisperingpinesairpark.com. \$390,000 by owner, **Dale Mastley 770-855 3367**





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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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For Sale

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Large Coffee Mugs-\$15 Theses 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 Ceramic Coasters (set of 4) \$10 featuring aviation photography by our own John Slemph.

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

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