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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

Start Off 2003 at Chapter 690 Events

January 4th - First Saturday Pancake Breakfast



Come hear about Georgia's Celebration of the Centennial of Flight. Debi Huffman will share news of the celebration after the First Saturday Pancake Breakfast on January 4th, 2003.

Charlie McCormick and Duane Huff will present a progress report on the chapter's Reconstruction Project - the New Standard's wing. All members are welcome to participate in this project.



Friday, January 10th - 1st Chapter Meeting of the New Year



Home of Friendly Folks & Flying Fun Since '91, the South East Regional Fly-In (SERFI) is held in Evergreen, Alabama in October. This fly-in is sanctioned by the EAA, and is put together

by fifteen local EAA chapters in the South East.

Some of our chapter members flew, and others drove to SERFI last fall and had a wonderful experience - just ask our own Chapter President, Duane Huff, whose Aeronca Chief 11AC (NC3420E) was the Classic Champion at the event. (Please see article and pictures by 690's Air Czar Tim Fulmer, who organized the fall Fly-Out, in the November NavCom. One highlight was the official EAA 690 Low Country Boil made possible by the efforts Tim's brother Todd and his wife Chere.)

Gerry Poltorak of Ft. Walton Beach, FL is the SERFI Fly-in Chairman of The Board. Gerry will be our guest speaker at our January 10th meeting, and will tell us about SERFI and ways in which Chapter 690 could become involved in this annual event.



Happy New Year

You're Invited to Join Us for Dinner

Thanks to all of the members and their families who made our first pre-meeting dinner such a success, we are having an encore prior to the January 10th meeting.

Come to the hangar a little early on Friday - around 6:30 would be good - and join us for a soup and salad buffet. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. **Y'all come!**



The Georgia Airports Association (GAA) Recognizes Both Corporate Members and Airports as Members.

Carl (Lee) Rummel, PDK's Airport Director and Past President of the GAA will be our speaker after the February 1st Pancake Breakfast.

Georgia's airport system is an extremely valuable transportation resource for the state. Currently, there are 103 publicly owned airports in what we call the Georgia Statewide Aviation System. Of these, 94 are General Aviation (GA) facilities that serve only private and corporate aviation. The other 9 airports provide for commercial or regularly scheduled airline service in addition to serving the interests of general aviation.

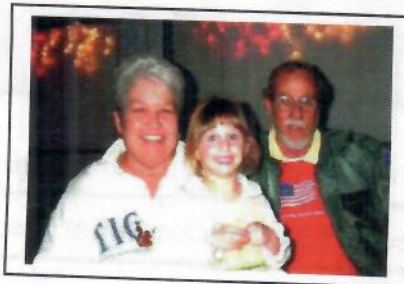
The Mission of the GAA, is "to provide, develop, and expand a safe and efficient airports system to meet the future economic growth of Georgia through the full implementation of the State Aviation System Plan (SASP)." The SASP recognizes that airports are an indispensable component of the state's total transportation system that strongly supports the state's economy.

Chapter 690 Annual Holiday Banquet - Another Fun Event



David & Jill Balthauser and granddaughter were amongst the guests. ⇒

⇐ Members & guests wait their turn to go through the buffet line.



↑ Mike & Jennifer North sat and ate like guests while Carol & Lee Craymer & their committee staffed the kitchen.



⇐ Tim Fulmer and Jeanne & Chuck Miller enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening.

The Central Gwinnett Chorus, under the direction of Todd Ferguson, provided musical entertainment to the attendees. ⇒



Laura, Jennifer and Larry Bishop attended the annual holiday banquet. ⇒



David Rowe, Frank Wilcox and Frank Settle were recognized for completion of their Cessna 150 project. ↓



⇐ Bryan Goggans and Deann Reid sampled the varied and delicious goodies from the buffet table.



Centennial of Flight Celebration in Georgia Off to Flying Start

The first event in the Centennial of Flight lecture series at the Fernbank Science Center was held in the Planetarium Theatre on December 6th.

Bob Ormsby presented an entertaining and informative program entitled "Slipping the surly bonds of earth... Pre-Wright Flight."

Celebration events in January and early February are:

Jan. 10 - Evolution of Flight: From Insects to the Space Shuttle

Jan. 17 - Troop Gliders Used in WWII

Feb. 7 - Historical Milestones of Flight - Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame

Feb 18 - Paul MacCready: Flight Efficiency - The Best is Yet to Come!

A complete schedule of the planned lectures is on page 7 of the December NavCom. All are open to the public and are free of charge. For additional information call 404-378-4311 or visit the web-site <http://www.fsc.fernbank.edu> for details.



Photo by George Guerin

↑ Joel Levine, Duane Huff and Lnor Levine were among the Chapter 690 members who attended the post-lecture reception.

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. Submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: lnor@akorn.net

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. **The deadline for the February 2003 NavCom is Wednesday, January 15th.**

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The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



One down and one year to go! I'm looking forward to 2003 being as exciting and successful as last year for EAA chapter 690. The new Board of Directors and Board of Trustees will be organized and challenged to continue the excellent programs and traditions of the chapter, as well as adding some new and innovative programs and activities.

There are two goals that I would like to challenge the chapter to accept and complete this year. The first would be the setting up and furnishing of the tool room. Included in this will be the set up of the compressor, with a line to the main part of the building. The second is to complete the construction of the hangar, including the ceiling upstairs, the deep washing sink and a water line to the front of the hangar.

Work on the New Standard wings is coming along very nicely and should be complete this spring. They will be displayed at the next breakfast and monthly meeting.

The B.O.D. has discussed the possibility of the Chapter joining the South East Regional Fly-In (SERFI). Hopefully we will have someone at

our January meeting to inform us of the responsibilities of joining this group. Also, the B.O.D. has given its approval to pursue the possibility of having an Aviation Day Camp this coming summer. This would be similar to the Air Academy at Oshkosh. Chapter 690 has the perfect facility for an Aviation Day Camp, and I believe the personnel to conduct it. Please give me some feedback on this idea as well as your willingness to help. This could be a great extension of our Y.E. program.

The Chapter is offering two scholarships for the Air Academy this summer. Debi Huffman and I have applications for these scholarships. Help us find two candidates for these scholarships. The chapter flew 386 Young Eagles in 2002 and has 314 credits toward the two scholarships.

This year is the Centennial of Flight. Let me encourage each of you to support our own Debi Huffman by attending as many of the Centennial of Flight activities as you can. The first program was excellent.

Let us all work together to promote Recreational Aviation and have lots of Fun, Food, Fellowship, and Flying in 2003.

Young Eagles Update

By Debi Huffman



December 7th was a fine day for Young Eagle flights at LZU! Thirty-three YEs were flown in all on that gorgeous, winter day. We had several planes that could only carry one passenger, including Duane's Chief and four RV's. Larry flew ten YEs in his brand new Mooney, and Forrest made one flight in his Defiant. There were the usual 172's and a 182, faithful and true. We registered three new national EAA members as pilots so they could participate in the fun!

A huge **Thank You** to the pilots: Mike Stewart, Duane Huff, Jim Lawrence, Larry Bishop, Dennis Linnekin, Steve Thornton, Bob Goodman, Forrest Wilson and Clay Smith. Also, **Thanks** to the ground team: Bill Ferguson, Greg Jannakos, Reinhart Kuntz and Charlie McCormick as well as our registration team: Lnor Levine, Jeannie Ferguson and Debi Huffman and YE Certificate printer Dave Ostergaard.

For Young Eagle Flight updates, contact debi.huffman@fernbank.edu.

Another good "Rule of Thumb" overheard at Sun 'n Fun:

Cessna 123: Tower, I have a load of Young Eagles on board. Do you have any idea how long I should keep them up here?

Tower: Cessna 123, ahhh, until the second one throws up... that should just about do it.

The Communicator Awards

An International Competition Honoring
Excellence In Visual Communications

Congratulations to Chapter 690 member Jeff Patnaude, recipient of an "Award Of Distinction" for last Years "Georgia Wings Weekend" video. Out of some 3000 participants from the US and 9 other countries, Jeff won in the "Non-profit" category.

As contained in the letter sent by the committee, "The Award of Distinction is awarded for projects that exceed industry standards in production or communication skills. Approximately 18 percent of the entries won this award." It read further, "as a winner of The Communicator Awards you join an exclusive list of video professionals who are recognized as the best within your industry."

Fundraising for Robert North

Robert and his family are continuing to hold yard sales and selling items to help raise the minimum of \$50,000 needed for his post-op medication fund. He has to raise at least \$10,000 prior to the transplant surgery, an amount that will be matched by the Kidney Foundation. Profits from sales of the Teddy Bears (\$10), Cookbooks (\$12), Red Ribbon Pins and Variety Entertainment Coupon Books (\$15) all go toward that goal. Checks for donations and purchases may be made to The National Foundation for Transplants, and Robert's name should be in the memo section. Donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be available for cash donations.

Joel and Lnor Levine, Larry Bishop and Ron Mulvaney have agreed to help see what our Chapter members might be able to do to assist in the raising of the needed funds. Several members have said that they would be willing to help, and a few have donated some cash already. Some ideas that are being considered are a "Fly Market" at one or more Pancake Breakfast Saturdays, a dinner and a Silent Auction. Your other ideas, your expertise and your help are needed if we are to be successful in this endeavor. Please speak to one of the above members at a chapter meeting or activity, call Lnor at 770-394-5466 or contact her by e-mail lnor@akorn.net.

Any and all assistance that you can give in this effort will be greatly appreciated by Robert and his family.

EAA Offers Centennial Package for Completed Projects

Any EAA member who completes a homebuilt aircraft between December 17, 2002 and December 31, 2003, will receive a centennial dataplate and certificate of accomplishment from EAA as part of the commemoration of powered flight's 100th anniversary. Both of these items signify the homebuilder's link to the legacy of the powered flight's original homebuilders—the Wright brothers. EAA will also display a picture of the proud homebuilder with his or her completed aircraft on a special section of the EAA web-site. For more information, visit www.eaa.org.

A Note from the Editor: Thanks to Alan Langford and Minolta Corporation for printing the NavCom this past year. It has truly been appreciated. Due to Alan's new job responsibilities he will not be able to continue to print our newsletter. If any members have the means to assist with this - either occasionally or on a regular monthly basis - please contact me at 770-394-5466 or via e-mail lnor@akorn.net.

Start Planning Ahead For '03 Aviation Events

Wednesday, April 2 to Tuesday, April 8 - Lakeland, Florida. Sun' n Fun EAA Fly-In, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL). Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight. Additional info at:

www.sun-n-fun.org

Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4 - Lawrenceville, GA. Georgia Wings Weekend - The FAA's Wings Pilot Proficiency Award Program at Briscoe Field (LZU) - Check info at web-site: www.wingsweekend.com

Tuesday, July 29 - Monday, August 4, 2003 - Oshkosh, Wisconsin. EAA's Annual AirVenture at Wittman Field. Current info available at www.eaa.org.



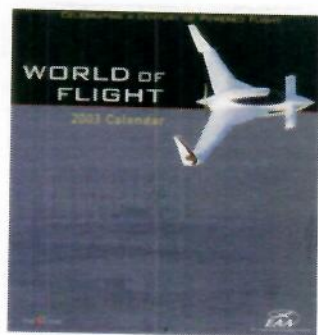
Thanks a Bunch!

...to Holiday Banquet Chairpersons Carol & Lee Craymer and all of the members who helped to make the annual event another winner.

AVIATION HUMOR -

Submitted by Larry Watson

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down. "Ah," the pilot remarked, "the dreaded seven-engine approach".



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AIRCRAFT PAINTING

The Art & the Science



Photos by Mike North

A large and
attentive crowd
attended. ⇒

⇒ After the December 7th
Pancake Breakfast Ron
Alexander presented a
program filled with good
information about painting
your aircraft.



Have You Visited the EAA 690 Web-Site Lately?

Web Master Mike Stewart has made a lot of
changes to the Chapter 690 Web-Site - And they
are well worth checking out.

The site has a new look, new features, and it's
interactive! Please check it out at your first
opportunity, and let Mike know what you think
about the changes.

www.eaa690.org

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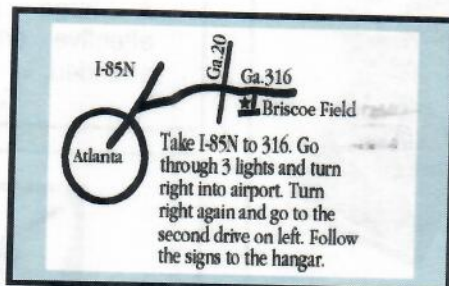
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Come Join Us!

Regular monthly meetings — On the 2nd Friday of every month (except for August's Post Oshkosh Bash). In the Chapter Building at 8:00 p.m. Hangar flying before & after!

Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity — On the 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.



JANUARY MEETING -

Friday, Jan. 10, 2003 at 8:00 PM

Our guest speaker will be Gerry Poltorak, Fly-in Chairman of The Board of the South Eastern Regional Fly-In (SERFI).

Visit the EAA 690 Website at <http://www.eaa690.org>

Mike Stewart Named EAA 690's 2002 Member of the Year



Photo by Frank Wilcox

At the November meeting our members, in a secret ballot, selected Mike Stewart as the 2002 Outstanding Chapter Member. Mike is currently the Chapter Treasurer, Chairman of The Board of Directors and web-master. Here Mike is presented his plaque by President Duane Huff.

In the past Mike has served as newsletter editor and publisher. He is an active participant in our Young Eagles and Friendship Flights for Fun programs. He was responsible for furnishing much of the new mezzanine.

Mike's beautiful RV-6, finished a little over a year ago, has hundreds of hours on it. He and fellow 690 member Bob Goodman are co-founders of "Team RV," a group of experimental aircraft builders and flyers dedicated to the preservation of demonstration formation flight. Mike and Bob presented an excellent and very well attended program on formation flying safety after the September Pancake Breakfast. In his "spare" time, Mike is restoring an Aeronca Chief.

Congratulations on the award, Mike. It is well deserved!

DUES ARE DUE -

A Reminder from Membership Chairman Lee Craymer

Chapter 690's Fiscal and Membership Years begin on January 1st - so chapter membership dues are due at the first of the year. They can be paid at the January 4th Pancake Breakfast, at the January 10th meeting, or mailed to Lee:

2200 Ewing Chapel Road
Dacula, GA 30019

New option this year - Pay your dues on-line at the chapter web-site www.eaa690.org using PayPal. (Click the Forms/Docs Section)

YE Events Scheduled...

Following is a list of YE Events for the Fernbank Science Center. Please mark your calendars. As always, pilots and ground crew will be needed.

January 18	April 26
February 15	May 31
March 22	

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