



SUMMER 2009

# NavCom

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

## Air Academy Scholars to Talk to Chapter



On Friday evening, September 11th, the six recipients of this year's Chapter 690 scholarships to the Air Academy in Oshkosh will share their experiences, photos, hopes and aviation dreams with our members. Come welcome Robert Bruce, King Aaron Burns, Sam Cosner, Kara Lowry, Stefan Seville and Chloe Shroeder to our Chapter meeting. Join us as we hear these enthusiastic youth talk about their aviation interests and aspirations, and see why we dedicate much of the Chapter's efforts to supporting the future of General Aviation through Youth programs and scholarships.

## PARADE of PLANES

**FLYING Magazine's Parade of Planes is coming to Lawrenceville this weekend - Thursday, August 13th - Saturday, August 15th.**

The Parade of Planes is an aircraft expo, bringing you the chance to compare, contrast and demo America's most popular personal aircraft. Events include a representative sample of aircraft ranging from the exciting new light sport aircraft class to light turbines.

## No Chapter Meeting this Friday

Instead, come to our Annual "Post Oshkosh Bash" on Saturday, August 15th. Continuing a Chapter 690 tradition, there is no Friday night meeting in August. Instead, we will gather the next day for our annual "Post Oshkosh Bash." Members who have returned from AirVenture are invited to share their stories and photos with those of us who were not able to make the pilgrimage this year. Hangar Flying starts at 4:00 P.M. Food will be served at 5:00 P.M. The Chapter will provide the meat, beverages and tableware. Members and guests are asked to please bring a large side dish or a dessert - enough for 12 - to share.



**Tour & Fly  
Captain (Ret.)  
Ron Alexander's  
Beautifully Restored  
DC-3**

*Photo from Peach State Aerodrome Newsletter, June 2009*

## IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME -

**August 29th, 2009**

**9 A.M. - 6 P.M.**

Gwinnett County Airport - Briscoe Field  
Lawrenceville, GA

Ron Alexander is bringing his beautifully restored  
1940 Douglas DC-3 to EAA Chapter 690!

Flights are \$50

**Mark your calendar and reserve your seat at**

[www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

(Or just come to Briscoe Field / Gwinnett County Airport and follow the signs. Walk-Ups are welcome if space is available.)



**The DC-3 Visit will Feature  
Saturday Evening Spaghetti Dinner &  
Show by The Elgin Wells Group**

Limited Seating is available & reservations are required for our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Show to Benefit the Elgin Wells, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Authentic pasta sauce, good fellowship, and fantastic entertainment by The Elgin Wells Group will all be featured at the dinner on Saturday, August 29th.

Advance purchase tickets are \$20 per person. Tickets paid at the door, if available, will be \$25 per person. All tickets will be picked up at the hangar the evening of the event.

The Chapter 690 Hangar Doors will open at 6:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. Music starts at 8:30 P.M.

For tickets, contact Lnor Levine at: 678-770-1877 or [LNOR\\_L@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:LNOR_L@BELLSOUTH.NET) Reservations will be confirmed via e-mail.



## Chapter 690 Scenes



The Chapter hosted an enthusiastic and capable group of seven 7th - 9th Grade Students from Fernbank for a very successful Aircraft Construction Student Workshop.

They worked on assembling the Monerai sailplane that we inherited a few years ago.

In celebration of their hard work during the week of construction, the students pitched in to help wash airplanes as part of our fundraising for scholarships.

After washing a few planes, they were all treated to extended Young Eagle flights.



The annual Airplane Wash resumed with the official end of the drought. Members, family members and Aircraft Construction students got wet and dirty - but they had fun, and seven planes got clean!



Some playful participants got as wet as the planes!



Some of the washers had to inspect some of the equipment.



Volunteer airplane washers got a refreshing watermelon break.



Joel Levine thanks Tower Manager Jerry Poole and Controller Vince Olivedo for their presentation after the August Pancake Breakfast.

Lee Olson and Bill Ferguson present Ron Alexander with the traditional etched crystal coffee mug following his very interesting & informative presentation on the DC-3.





## 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](mailto:lnor_l@bellsouth.net).

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. The deadline for the September 2009 NavCom is Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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The NavCom is distributed to members via e-mail, and is available for download from the media gallery of the Chapter 690 web-site: [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org).

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## Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman, Chapter 690 President



EAA 690 didn't earn our reputation for being the best chapter in the country for no reason... We continue to grow and attract visitors of all ages because we offer a diverse range of programs and opportunities. In June we continued the WWII theme with the return of our good friend, "Punchy" Powell. Punchy flew the P-51 on the European front during the War and has a plethora of stories to keep any audience riveted to the front of their chairs.

The Aircraft Construction Student Workshop for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students was a huge success. We had seven eager and capable young people assembling the Monerai sailplane that we inherited a few years ago. With the guidance of our own David Rowe and David Posey, we prepared to fit and mount the wings and prep her for paint. Chapter member Doug Ripley has graciously offered to help us with the final paint design. We are planning to celebrate with glider flights later this year.

In celebration of their hard work during the week of construction, the students pitched in to help wash airplanes, as part of our fundraising for scholarships. Of course, we hope the students will all apply for Air Academy scholarships for next summer! After washing a few planes, they were all treated to extended Young Eagle flights. Needless to say, we have seven young people who are very enthusiastic about EAA!

Ron Alexander treated us to a fabulous program about the theme of Peach State Aerodrome, Candler Field, or the Hartsfield Airport of the 1920's and '30's! He shared some wonderful slides and stories to back them up! We can't wait to attend "Vintage Day at Candler Field" on September 12. Not only will they feature vintage aircraft, but the automobiles and people will take you back in time as well.

Our latest "friend for life" is WSB Radio Reporter, Pete Combs. Pete featured Oshkosh from an Atlanta perspective for special broadcasts during AirVenture. He traveled to Oshkosh in style with Ron Alexander in his DC-3. Of course the trip up was planned as a major highlight of one of the broadcasts. Pete joined us at our July meeting for Ron's presentation to the chapter. He has some exciting ideas for his broadcasts, and EAA 690 will be front and center! When we return for the Post Oshkosh Bash on August 15, Pete will be our Master of Ceremonies. Be

sure to mark your calendar to be with us that day. The chapter will supply brats, Oshkosh style, compliments of David Posey and beverages, and members bring the rest. It's a great way to experience Air Venture vicariously through our stories. It'll make you want to be at Oshkosh in person for sure!

The Epsilon Alpha Alpha House was scheduled to capacity again this year. Steve Ashby treated our friends, old and new, to his authentic spaghetti dinner. David Posey prepared brats and burgers, Wisconsin style, for another evening of fun and fellowship. Of course there will be the usual breakfasts at LaSure's and ice cream at Artie & Ed's. Last year over 40 chapter members were at Oshkosh. We had no "official tally" but may have surpassed that number this year.

Dan Linehan, author of SpaceShip One, An Illustrated History, and past



EAA 690 guest speaker, will be featured at Author's Corner several days during Air Venture. He is currently working on his new book, featuring Burt Rutan.

When he completes it, we hope to invite him back to share the highlights with the Chapter.

Of course, we are looking forward to the Flying Magazine "Parade of Planes" August 13-15. This should be a huge day at LZU, so come on out and bring your friends and neighbors.

Then plan to come back on August 29 for a rare flight opportunity in the DC-3! At the end of the day we will have our 3rd annual fundraiser for the Elgin Wells, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Steve Ashby will treat us to his famous spaghetti supper. Rumor has it that Jill is planning a special dessert, so get your tickets early! And of course, our own Elgin Wells will be there with his fabulous trio to entertain us in style!

So, until next month, I bid you Blue Skies!

Debi ☺



## This 'n' That

Plans are getting started for the B-17's visit over the first weekend in October - and for the now traditional Low Country Boil and WWII Round-Table, featuring area vets and their colorful memories - to be held on Saturday, October 3rd. Join in the fun, help to make this visit of the EAA's Aluminum Overcast a huge success. Watch for details and volunteer opportunities.

Watch for details on Chapter 690 logo embroidered shirts and jackets, and printed shirts. Two great sources for a nice selection from which to choose.

Badges for Chapter members are available at meetings and Chapter events from Duane Huff.

Members can get their hangar keys from Joel Levine at meetings and Pancake Breakfasts.

Give your e-mail address to Joel if you want to receive the Chapter NOTAMS - Keep up with the latest plans.

NavComs are bouncing back - From temporarily full mailboxes - or from old addresses. If you are not receiving your NavCom - please contact Lnor Levine with updated info: Call 678-770-1877 or send to [LNOR\\_L@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:LNOR_L@BELLSOUTH.NET)

Please DO NOT leave items in the AeroShopee or on the Young Eagle Desk. It makes it very difficult to keep those areas presentable and usable.

ZIP CODE CHANGE - Effective immediately, our new hangar address is:

EAA Chapter 690  
690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046



Guess it had to be in his blood, with all of the flying he did before he was born and has done since - but when Master Tyler Painter sees or hears a plane - he wants up - and preferably up and away!

## Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff, Chap. 690 YE Coord.  
YE Coordinator of the Year 2007



### June 2009

Our Young Eagles rally on Saturday June 20, 2009 was shortened by bad cross winds and very rough air. This made for difficult flying and a very rough ride for the kids. Not much fun! In keeping I will shorten this report.

Eleven pilots; Dave Balthaser, Larry Bishop, Nate Griffin, Don Hall, Duane Huff, Fred Huppertz, John Kimmons, John Morgan, Jamie Painter, Frank Settle, and Mike Stewart, flew forty three Young Eagles.

Ground crew included Bill Bell, Robert Bruce, Walter Deere, Art Farmer, Jeanne and Bill Ferguson, Joel and Lnor Levine, Jim McElroy, Georgia Mills, Jim Monaghan, Jaime Painter, John Reitz, Gay Roberts, Harry Robinson, Jim Rowan, Herb Rusk, and Jennifer Wood.

A lunch of Hot Dogs, Chips and Drink was enjoyed by the Young Eagle pilots and ground crew volunteers.

Thanks to all who helped with this rally. It was good to have President Debi Huffman with us, who arranged for the Lockheed Martin Aviation day camp kids to be our Young Eagles.

### July 2009

A beautiful day for flying on the 18th. Clear, cool and smooth air for awhile that morning. Nine pilots flew thirty-one (31) Young Eagles. The pilots that flew were Jerry Fischer, Nate Griffin, Duane Huff, Fred Huppertz, Joel Levine, John Morgan, Jamie Painter, John Reitz, and Chuck Roberts. We are glad to have Jerry Fischer join us as a new pilot in our Young Eagles program.

Ground crew for the day included Robert Bruce, Walter Deere, Bill Ferguson, Jeanne Ferguson, Lnor Levine, Jim Mc Elroy, Jim Monaghan, Jaime Painter, Gay Roberts, Harry Robinson, Jim Rowan, Pat Rowan, Herb Rusk, Lee Hockman, Bill Stewart, Cliff Simmons, and Harry Robinson. (See photos below.)

Every thing went smoothly, no ground loops, except for the van in the parking lot that ended up in the ditch. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Many Thanks to these folks who make our Young Eagles program so successful.





# DC-3 FLIGHTS!

Come experience living history as Delta Captain Ron Alexander brings his Douglas DC-3 to Lawrenceville's Briscoe Field. Re-live the early days of passenger flight for just \$50.



Saturday, August 29th, 2009 from 9 am to 5:30 pm  
Gwinnett County Airport, Briscoe Field (LZU)  
Aircraft Specialist Jet Center Ramp (Southside)  
500 Briscoe Boulevard, Lawrenceville, Georgia

Book all flights online at  
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Spaghetti Dinner & Jazz with the Elgin Wells Group- August 29th, 7:30 pm  
Live Entertainment Provided by the Elgin Wells Group, featuring Elgin Wells, Jr.  
\$20/person in advance, \$25 at the door with reservations. Reservations requested  
as seating is limited. Proceeds support Youth Aviation Scholarships.  
Visit [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org), or call (678) 770-1877 for more information.



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Mark your calendar - You won't want to miss out on any of Chapter 690's meetings and activities.

Our regular 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfasts feature aviation programs or activities. Our meetings, on the 2nd Friday of each month, include programs on a variety of topics.

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For more info, please contact Larrid Henderson

Cell: 678-644-8629

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## Aluminum Sheets Available

My father (Brad Broadwell) and I built a flying wing ultralight that we entered at Oshkosh back in 1983. I now have our single seat self design low wing aircraft at my mother's house. My father passed last year, and I have a full rack of 4X12 Aluminum sheets of 2024 and 7075 in various thicknesses. I won't be finishing the design or the airplane as I am learning that I would rather spend my life flying than building.

I am looking for a good home for the material which is in Savannah. The price will be well worth the effort even if someone wants to pick it up. There is also a trailer that could haul it in Savannah.

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**Airframe:** Excellent condition. Complete restoration in 2008 with new poly fiber covering. New leather interior with powder coated control sticks. New metal spar wings by American Champion with new covering.

**Engine Specs:** Lycoming O235-C1B, S/N 6841-15. Engine overhauled with TSO 25 hours. All engine AD's and SB's complied with thru 2008.

**Aircraft Location:** Athens, GA

**Contact:** Sam Humbles at 770-540-8185

## 2009 Chapter Directory

Chapter 690 Member John Slomp, who as most of you are now well aware is a most talented professional photographer, has agreed to take photos of Chapter members for an on-line Chapter Directory.

As our Chapter has grown in size, it is harder to remember all the new faces we see at events. To help us get to know each other, the new Directory will list members with a photo. John has graciously volunteered to assemble this directory, and to take photos of our members at no charge. If you can't make a meeting, you can send a picture to John to include.



## EAA Chapter 683 2009 Gala

Friday, 23 October 2009  
5:00 – 8:00 pm  
Guntersville State Park Lodge  
Guntersville, Alabama

**Keynote Speaker – Brig. General Dan Cherry** will give a compelling recount of an event as a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, as seen on the History Channel.



We are now accepting pre-registration for our first annual Gala banquet event at the Guntersville State Park Lodge. Presentation by Brig. General Cherry will be followed by a book signing of his recent hardback *My Enemy, My Friend*.

Gala banquet costs are \$50 per person. There will also be a cocktail reception (cash bar) starting at 5:00 p.m. For more info and to pre-register go to our web-site [www.eaa683.org](http://www.eaa683.org).

Mark Cherry, Pres. EAA 683

Note: Ground transportation can be arranged between the Guntersville Municipal Airport and the Lodge for those who plan to fly in. We have a room block at the lodge for those who might want to stay overnight.

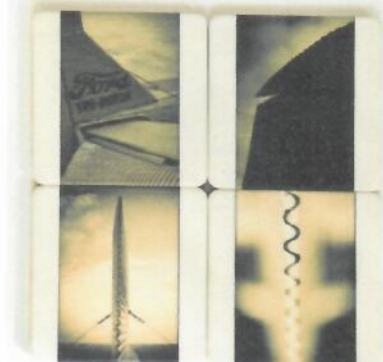
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A link to John Slemple's latest newsletter with a couple of great photo's -

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



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See more coaster sets at [www.aerographs.com](http://www.aerographs.com)

### The Chapter 90 AeroShope

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

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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## Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690

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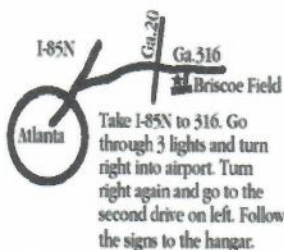
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## Come Join Us!

**Regular monthly meetings** — On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 - 10:30 am



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 11, 2009 -  
8:00 p.m.

The evening's program will be presented by our 2009 AirVenture Scholarship winners.

Visit the EAA 690 Web-Site at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)

## A Call for a Congressional Inquiry

Alan Armstrong, Esq. will return to Chapter 690 to present a program on his recently written white paper - "Call for Congressional Inquiry Into the Arbitrary and Capricious Decisions of the National Transportation Safety Board." Armstrong believes that the NTSB has created a crisis by its arbitrary and capricious conduct in the administration of justice to airmen. He says that, "This is important. If it were not, I would not have spent a week writing this paper when I could have been working on cases. I have received continuous complaints from other aviation lawyers about the NTSB's decisions and decided someone should do something about it. This white paper is the manifestation of that decision."

On Saturday, September 5th, plan to join us for the usual delicious "all you care to eat" breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage & biscuits, (with orange juice and coffee of course), to be followed by Alan Armstrong's heartfelt presentation.

## Your Help Is Needed

We have lots of events planned, lots of volunteer opportunities. One easy thing you can help with is to print out a copy (or 2 or 3) of the DC-3 Poster inside this issue of the NavCom, and post them at work, in your neighborhood stores, local libraries, etc. We'll appreciate your assistance.

## EAA Chapter 690 Pancake Breakfasts - The Place to Be on the 1st Saturday



Georgia Mills, Larry Bishop & Walter Deere can really serve up those flapjacks.

Food Chairperson Jill East knows her way around a kitchen - can do everything from mixing the pancake batter to fancy desserts for our special fundraiser events.



Lee Olson handles grill duties like a real pro.



Mark Loeser is starting 3 month old son Nathan out right - attending a great EAA Chapter 690 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast.

