



# NavCom

**MARCH 2009**

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

## Chapter 690 Celebrates with Robert Bruce and his Proud Family

Chapter 690 member Robert Bruce got his wish – and soloed on February 26th - on his 16th birthday. That evening, Chapter members and some family friends were invited to help the Bruce family celebrate at a dinner party (featuring Laura Bruce's delicious homemade lasagna!) in the Chapter Hangar.



Photos by Joel Levine

this is a young man who has his priorities right!

Many of you know Robert, and have seen him and his family at various Chapter functions. Their first involvement with Chapter 690 came when Larry Bishop flew a very eager 11 year old Robert on his Young Eagle Flight.

The Bruce's assist with food service at some Chapter events. Robert supervises Young Eagles on the simulators at our monthly Rallies.



And Robert, who has attended the Air Academy in Oshkosh twice before, hopes to get a Chapter 690 scholarship to attend again this summer.

Last that we heard, Robert still hadn't gone to fulfill the typical teenager's 16th birthday desire – to get his Georgia driver's license. Clearly

## Saturday, March 28th – Annual Chili Cook-Off

The annual Chapter 690 CHILI COOK-OFF will be held Saturday, March 28th at the Chapter Building. All members and friends of the chapter and their families are invited to participate. *Dinner will be served at 5 P.M.*

What is a Chili Cook-off? Those who enjoy a cooking challenge and wish to compete in the contest will bring their favorite recipe of chili to be judged by a select group of judges - and then devoured by all of us who are the real judges.

The chili will be judged in several categories: Antique (that old family recipe), Warbird ( the hottest), Homebuilt (unusual ingredients and taste), Classic (best over-all) and Ultra-light (the one for the lighter taste).



If making chili is not your thing, then please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Drinks, condiments and table service will be provided. Please note that you must bring your chili to the Chapter Building *no later than 4:30* to be eligible for the contest.

For pilots, aviation buffs, wanabee "Airport Bums," and others who just love being at the Airport – Hangar Flying starts around 2 P.M. – *after* the Cessna Open House and Lunch at the Flight School of Gwinnett (Page 2).

## BREAKING NEWS –

*The B-17 is returning to LZU!*

The Aluminum Overcast will be in Lawrenceville from Thursday, October 1st 'til Monday, October 5th. Mark your calendars now. Watch for info. Lend a hand!



Photo by Lee Craymer

## More Activities for a Busy Spring Day

Another activity scheduled for March 28th - The Dixie Wing of the CAF will have several warbirds on display and available for flights at PDK. For info: [www.dixiewing.org](http://www.dixiewing.org)



## Chapter 690 Scenes



◀ Robert Bruce was clearly happy with the special birthday cake his family provided for the birthday party and first solo celebration. The remnants of the shirt he wore earlier that day were proudly displayed on the lectern.

Robert's brother Jeff watched as Robert opened his congratulatory gifts. ▶



Carlton Joyce entertained and informed a large and attentive audience with another informative program on World War II after our March Chapter meeting. Carlton is a retired application spectroscopist and international business owner. He has spent innumerable note taking hours with participants of the various WWII military battles, and graciously shared his area of expertise with our members and guests.

◀ Carlton Joyce, with Nancy Hoskins and Chapter 690 Vice President Lee Olson smiled for the camera following Carlton's March 13th Presentation on "The Battle of the Bulge."

Pancake Breakfast attendees were treated to a very interesting program by Michael Birmingham. He gave detailed information on the Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) industry and some of the latest developments in this new and growing area of aviation. Michael represents Tecnam Aviation ▶



### Young Eagles 2008 Summary

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



2008 Young Eagle Totals – Last year 25 Chapter 690 Pilots flew 263 Young Eagles. Pilots who flew 10 or more, contributed to 182 Young Eagle credits to help send a Young Eagle to the Air Academy this summer.

As a service to the Airport Manager and EAA, I have been coordinating and conducting airport visits for all kinds of groups. We teach them about airplanes and spend around an hour with each group. Last year twenty-two groups, made up of four hundred and thirty-six (436) students and one hundred and twenty-eight (128) adults visited the Gwinnett County Airport in this program. Since beginning to keep records in 2001, 257 groups including 4109 students and 1480 adults have participated in the program. Many thanks to Greg Jannakos, Larry Bishop, and Fred Huppertz for their help with the Airport Visits.

### Limited Raffle of John Slemp Print to Benefit Scholarship Fund

Raffles are \$5/ Ticket - with a maximum of 400 tickets to be sold.

Photographer and Chapter Member John Slemp has donated a framed aviation print (on display in Chapter Hangar) – and he will swap it for another of his aviation photos if you win and would prefer a different subject. What a deal!

### Cessna Open House and Lunch

Larry Pruchnicki and the Flight School of Gwinnett have invited us to see some new Cessna aircraft – This Saturday, March 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



## 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 April 2009 NavCom is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Permission is hereby granted for the reproduction of NavCom articles by other EAA Chapters, provided that proper credit is given to the author and to the NavCom.

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



### Greetings Fellow EAAers!

February proved to be quite a memorable month! Those of you who came to Fernbank to see the Tuskegee Airmen or Eric Boe were treated to a fantastic experience as we celebrated wonderful past and present accomplishments and set the stage for future adventures! John Slomp has featured the coaster set commemorating STS-126 on his web site: [www.johnslomp.com](http://www.johnslomp.com). These make a great gift for someone special!

Robert Bruce did solo on his sixteenth birthday, February 26! A group of chapter members and family friends helped him celebrate later that evening at the hangar. What a treat it is to help celebrate our "next" generation of pilots. We applaud Robert as he continues to work on his private pilot rating.

The month ended with the Women in Aviation Conference at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. I had the good fortune of presenting Smart Skies for NASA Ames at an Aviation Education Workshop at the conference. The place was packed! It was great to see several teachers who had participated in my fall workshop. Christy Garvin also received a scholarship that will help her complete her Commercial Rating! EAA 690 has also sponsored Christy with two Margaret Wilcox Scholarships to help her achieve her dream of flight. Way to go Christy!

Speaking of scholarships, the committee will be determining Air Academy scholarship awards early in March! Stay tuned for a final report.

On February 27, I found myself Oshkosh bound! I attended a workshop for Chapter leaders. There were about twenty-two attendees from all over the U.S. We spent the weekend at the wonderful Air Academy Lodge. There had been lots of snow the night before, and the view from the lodge was a picturesque, winter wonderland, (especially since I didn't have to shovel any snow)!. We talked about upcoming changes and ways to enhance our chapters. There were so many great ideas shared. I can't wait to begin to implement some of them at EAA 690!

The best part of the weekend was time spent with our Founder, Paul Poberezny. (See photo on right.) Paul joined us for some meals at the lodge, and treated us to a tour of his personal office where he has housed many of the items that will be

featured in the new Founders Wing of the Museum. Our heritage is so rich! It is filled with the talent and adventures shared by so many people over the decades. When Paul tells story after story about each artifact, you can feel the passion in his voice. He is emphatic that the history is "Our" history. We are grateful to be a part of such a unique organization. Next time you go to Oshkosh, please make an effort to visit the new Founder's Wing. You will be GLAD you did!



Our hearts and prayers are with Paul and Audrey as she recovers from a terrible fall. Paul has been helping her with her recovery exercises. He will definitely be glad to have her back at home, feeling well, so he can eat a real meal again!

Adam Smith, V.P. of Membership, treated the group to a personal tour of the Museum. Adam is quite the aviation historian! After his tour, visiting the Museum won't be the same. Every time I see the Bugatti Air Racer, I will always imagine what it must be like to fly such a sleek, modern plane in an earlier era! Nothing like flying in style!! Next time you see Adam, be sure to ask him why he thinks the most notable plane in the Museum is the Rutan LongEZ! Just think about all the contributions the Rutan brothers have made to Experimental Aviation! In fact, our April Pancake Breakfast program will feature Dan Linehan, author of Space Ship One: An Illustrated History, featuring the Rutans' most advanced contributions to private space travel!

As you can see, things never slow down around here. If you've been "missing in action," we want you to return to share upcoming great times and great people at LZU! The annual Great Chili Cook-Off just might be one of those opportunities!

Blue Skies!  
Debi ☺



# EAA e-Hotline

## Security Initiatives Could "Lock Out" General Aviation

General aviation is under attack on several fronts in the name of national security. While the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its divisions adopt a "whatever it takes" posture, the people who fly aircraft for fun, education, philanthropy, and business are asking whether severe restrictions on freedoms are worth marginal enhancements to security.



When the cost of lost liberties are combined with the significant dollars required of aviators and airports to comply with these initiatives, an unfavorable cost-to-benefit ratio becomes strikingly evident.

To read more, please go to:  
[www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-19\\_initiatives.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-19_initiatives.asp)

## News&Views from EAA

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### FOUNDERS WING IN NEED OF CHAPTER ITEMS FOR EXHIBIT

A new phase has begun in the progress of the Founder's Wing project in the EAA AirVenture Museum. The museum staff have finished designing and started the construction of the exhibits that will be part of the new space. An important section of the new exhibits will be devoted to EAA Chapters, and this is where the museum needs the help of all EAA chapters. The exhibit will feature chapter patches, chapter logos, or

chapter pins. (Duplicates are okay.) EAA has put out the call to chapters for these items, which will be considered for display in the exhibit.

Anything not immediately displayed will become a part of the museum's permanent collection. Please send your contributions to Ron Twellman, EAA AirVenture Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh, WI 54902.



If you have questions please contact Ron at [rtwellman@eaa.org](mailto:rtwellman@eaa.org). Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2009.

### TSA GA LIAISON COULD BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

EAA and other general aviation organizations have urged the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to include industry input when designing new security directives - like the universally dreaded Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP). TSA's recent appointment of a General Aviation Liaison could signal a start in that direction. Whether the agency uses the position to attempt to collaborate, or merely to placate, will determine value of this office to the GA community.

The agency recently announced Juan M. Barnes as the agency's GA liaison. He'll serve as the main contact for GA stakeholders to voice concerns and pose questions about TSA programs, policies and security directives. The liaison program will also include monthly teleconferences between TSA officials and GA stakeholders.

To read more, please go to:  
[www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-19\\_tsa.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-19_tsa.asp)

### EAA GEARS UP TO PARTICIPATE AT SUN 'N FUN 2009



*EAA is welcoming volunteers to assist with EAA's activities*

As the 35th Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, April 21-26 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland, Florida, draws near, EAA continues preparations to provide an array of offerings at the EAA Welcome Center, admission discounts, forum presentations, and more. If you're planning to attend, please note one major change from past years: At the main gate, there will no longer be a separate EAA

members' admissions area. Instead, EAA members can enter at the main gate and receive their weekly or daily member discount by showing their membership card. EAA member preferred pricing remains as the best deal on Sun 'n Fun admission.

To read more, please go to:  
[www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-13\\_sunnfun.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-03-13_sunnfun.asp)



## 2009 Chapter Dues are Due

Chapter dues for 2009 were due on January 1st. They can be paid at meetings or mailed to Membership Chairman Cliff Aiken at:

4132 Atlanta Hwy., Suite 110-107  
Loganville, GA 30052.

Please, if you did not complete a membership profile form with your 2007 or 2008 dues payment, include one with your 2009 dues and update e-mail, address, phone number and any current project or flight certification info. We have several members whose NavComs and Chapter NOTAMS are bouncing back due to old e-mail addresses or full mailboxes.

Annual Chapter dues are \$30 for a single member, \$40 for a family membership, and \$10 for a student membership. Checks should be made to EAA Chapter 690.

To encourage prompt payment of Chapter 690 dues, we are holding a prize drawing at the April 10th meeting. All chapter members who have paid their 2009 dues by the April 10th meeting are eligible. You must be present to win!

## Learning for Life

The Boy Scouts of America, on behalf of Aviation Exploring, have contacted Duane Huff about an interest in forming an Aviation Explorer Post at LZU. The Learning for Life (LFL) staff would take care of the organizational part, but is in need of a Chapter contact person to coordinate dates, times, etc. If interested, please contact Duane Huff <duanehuff@yahoo.com> who will put you in touch with the proper person. For additional information please go to: [www.learningforlife.org/exploring/aviation/index.html](http://www.learningforlife.org/exploring/aviation/index.html).

## Chapter 690's Special Event Amateur Radio Station Contacts to be Confirmed



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Members of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Club operated a special event station when the B-17 visited Chapter 690, and made contact with radio operators (Hams) around the US.

A special confirmation certificate (QSL) has been designed and will be sent to the operators who send a stamped envelope and request for the confirmation.



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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.

## FOR SALE

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- TAXES ~ \$350 / YEAR

- BASIC ANNUAL ~ \$400.00 YEAR

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- I AM A CFII AND WOULD GIVE PARTNER FLIGHT REVIEWS "AS A PART OF" THE PARTNERSHIP

- IN PAST PARTNERSHIPS, WE PAID A SMALL HOURLY RATE (~ \$20.00) TO A "VARIABLE COST REPAIR" FUND

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## 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.



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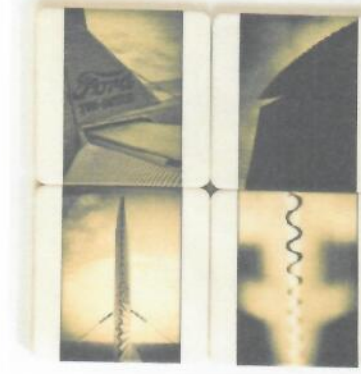
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### The Chapter 90 AeroShopper

is a great place to find some unique & high quality gifts.

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

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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

...and Returning Members,  
and New Student & Family Members too!

Harold Acheson	Yanek Martinson
Dean Baker	Jason Nixon
Art Farmer	MaryJane Polizzotto
Barbara Huffman	Thomas Skoog
Terry Hurst	Karen Skoog
David Lentz	Jennifer Wood

### Stop LASP – Don't Get Complacent

Efforts of EAA, AOPA and other aviation groups have helped. Congressional staffers and elected officials are now calling AOPA, EAA, et al and asking them, what's up with this "GA security thing." Keep abreast of current happenings. Check out [www.stoplaspl.com](http://www.stoplaspl.com)

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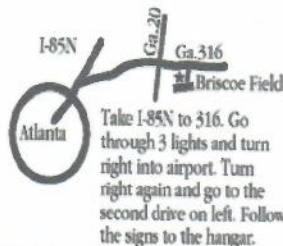
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## Come Join Us!

**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



Take I-85N to 316. Go through 3 lights and turn right into airport. Turn right again and go to the second drive on left. Follow the signs to the hangar.

## APRIL MEETING —

Norman Self will present a program on the PB4Y at the Chapter's April 10th meeting. Self was a Bow Gunner on a PB4Y2 PRIVATEER, operating off of Okinawa during WWII.

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

## The Story of SpaceShipOne

On Saturday morning, April 4th, following our monthly "First Saturday" Pancake Breakfast, EAA Chapter 690 will host author Dan Linehan, for a program and book signing entitled "The Story of SpaceShipOne."



In April, 2003, a little known company called Scaled Composites lifted the veil of secrecy from a longtime research program and introduced SpaceShipOne to the world. With only fifteen test flights completed beforehand, SpaceShipOne captured the \$10 million Ansari X Prize in 2004. And the age of commercial space travel took off . . . like a rocket. SpaceShipOne: An Illustrated History chronicles the development of the world's first commercial manned space program — a program that includes an airborne launcher (White Knight), a spaceship (SpaceShipOne), rocket propulsion, avionics, simulator, and full ground support. Join us for what promises to be another great program.

## Young Eagles Report

By Duane Huff, Chap. 690 YE Coord.  
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A perfect day for flying Young Eagles, finally. After three months of not being able to fly because of weather, it was just beautiful. Visibility was so good that you could see the horizon for all 360 degrees. Smooth air at first and later just a little bumpy. Seventy four (74) Young Eagles (YEs) were flown by eleven Pilots. They were : David Balthaser - 2 flights and 4 YEs; Bill Bell - 4 flights and 8 YEs; Larry Bishop - 3 flights and 9 YEs; Paul Borghese - 3 flights and 3 YEs; Nate Griffin - 3 flights and 6 YEs; Duane Huff - 4 flights and 4 YEs, John Kimmons - 3 flights and 9 YEs; Joel Levine - 2 flights and 4 YEs; John Reitz - 1 flight and 3 YEs; Chuck Roberts - 5 flights and 15 YEs; and Frank Settle - 3 flights and 9 YEs.

We welcome two new pilots to our list, Paul Borghese and Nate Griffin. We hope you will continue flying Young Eagles, and we thank you for joining with us.

The Ground Crew included Walter Deere, Art Farmer, Bill Ferguson, Greg Jannakos, Lnor Levine, John Morgan, Jaime Painter, Jennifer Wood, and Herb Rusk. Four new folks to our ground crew were Harla and Harold Acheson, Gay Roberts and Filly Stewart. We hope you enjoyed the day and will come back to help with Young Eagles. Thanks to these four and all who participated in the February 21, 2009 YE Rally.

Thanks to chef Ken Sharp for preparing lunch for the Pilots and Ground Crew. The hot dogs, Bubba burgers and conversations were enjoyed by all. A great ending to a perfect Young Eagles' Day.