



The Greatest Chapter-EAA 690

I know I'm very partial and so very proud to be in the company of all the people that make us the **BEST**. The ways that make us the best are: The fantastic group of pilots, wives, family and friends that make up this wonderful group. The amazing members that go above and beyond volunteering for whatever needs to be done.

We salute our **Kitchen Staff**, directed by Jill Balthaser, that prepare fabulously delicious breakfast entrees for our hungry pallets-the eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy, biscuits and so

much more make it an even better reason for fellowship. They would be very happy to hear a word of appreciation for all their hard work.

The **Trustees** lead by Billy Steward are another group of people (I think it's all guys right now but they could use a women's point of view. Ladies, that's something to think about when an opening comes up). They are doing and have plans to do so much more to improve the look and functionality of our hangar.

The **Young Eagle** group, overseen by Duane Huff, are

an integral part of helping younger folks discover the joy of flying and in the future join the ranks of general aviation pilots.

The reasons we are the **BEST** go on and on and I'm pretty sure many of you are among the reasons we are an **OUTSTANDING** group of people and the best Chapter is Georgia and maybe the whole US of A.

Remember Your Membership Card

We are very excited about the response that has taken place regarding the number of members that have already renewed for 2014, the number of new members that have joined us as well as previous members that have paid their dues and returned to us after being away for awhile. For the very first time, we actually have new benefits that come with your membership. One is the discount given for the

Pancake Breakfast. Paid members will pay \$5.00 for their breakfast rather than the \$6.00 charge for non paid members. The **KEY** to getting the discount for your breakfast is showing your card to David or John of whoever is sitting at the money table. Unfortunately, even if you've paid your dues and don't have your card, the cost for your breakfast will be \$6.00. It's a business sign card and very

easy to keep in your wallet or purse. There are other benefits that come with being a paid member will be highlighted in the March issue.

We look forward to seeing you at the Pancake Breakfast and getting your meal for only \$5.00

Membership has its **rewards** and this one is **financial**.

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Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 3/1**-Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 followed by a program by Herb Rusk
- **Mon. 3/11**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 3/14**-Chapter Business Meeting @ 8:00 followed by a program yet to be announced
- **Sat. 3/15**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am

Our Young Eagles Program Flew a Few in February

Young Eagles Flights were canceled on the 15th due to very strong and gusty winds. It would not have been fun flying that day in those conditions. A make up day was planned for Saturday the 22nd. At that time John Morgan flew 3 YE and Chuck Roberts flew 2 YE. David Balthaser was ready to fly but we didn't have any more Young

Eagles for him to fly.

Jeanne Ferguson did the paper work, Duane Huff conducted the pre-flight briefing and Bill Ferguson, Art Geist and John Reitz were the ground crew.

Brian Michael took one of the adults on an Eagle Flight with

another going along as a passenger.

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2014 Membership Report

Thanks to all the members, new members, and reactivating members who have paid their 2014 dues. As of February 10th, EAA Chapter 690 has 85 names on our membership roster. Of that 85, 29 are family memberships, which counts for 2 names; so: EAA Chapter 690 has a total of 114 memberships. However, there are some members who have not paid their 2014 dues and we encourage you to do so to get your membership card and

benefits throughout the year.

Several ways to pay your dues: attend a chapter function and pay either cash or check to Jeanne Ferguson, mail your check to Jeanne at 421 Bellingham Dr., Sugar Hill, GA 30518, or you can pay on PayPal, paypal@eaa690.org

We would like to also remind you and encourage you to maintain your membership with EAA National, or, if you are not already a member, join EEA National at eaa.org/

membership or call 1-800-564-6322. Membership in EAA National also provides you with a variety of benefits and supports all EAA activities.

Have any questions: e-mail jmarief@bellsouth.net.

**Help us reach our
goal of 200 plus
members!**

We can do this!!!

A Message from the President

Ha, got ya! I'm guessing many of you are NCAA basketball fans and enjoy your share of March Madness as the college basketball season winds down for the 2013 -2014 season. I'm talking about March madness here at EAA 690!

It all starts with our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 1st beginning at 8:00am. If you haven't been to one in a while, we hope you will join us this month. Don't forget, if you are a paid up member and have your membership card with you breakfast is only \$5.00. Jeanne Ferguson will have her table set up for those members who need to update info or pay their 2014 dues. This month's program will be about everything R.V.

Next up is our monthly Board of Directors Meeting. This month the meeting will take place on Monday March 10th at 7:30pm and is currently scheduled to be held in the hangar. You do not have to be a member of the BOD to attend a meeting. The meetings are open to all members and we welcome you to come and watch your chapter leadership in action.

Friday March 14th is our monthly Chapter Business Meeting and program. The meeting begins at 8:00pm in the chapter hangar with a short

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business meeting followed by a program. There is always a group that meets beginning around 6:00pm at The Flying Machine to have dinner and enjoy some pre-meeting fellowship. Feel free to join us for dinner.

Saturday March 15th is our monthly Young Eagles rally. Every month we fly Young Eagles, weather permitting, and have a good group of pilots, ground crew and registration folks to help us out. We are always looking to get more members involved in this vital program and hope you will come out and join us. We begin registering at 8:30am and flying begins around 9:00am. I hope to see you there.

Saturday March 22nd we will hold our annual Chili Cook Off and Team Trivia night. If you fancy yourself as a chili aficionado, you will want to have your entry at the hangar by 4:00pm for the judging. The eating will begin around 5:00pm with the team trivia con-

test beginning after dinner. I expect it to be a fun filled evening and hope you will join us.

To round out the month, the Trustees will meet on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the chapter hangar. This meeting is also open to the general membership and you are welcome to come and see your trustees in action.

Did you know that you can follow your chapter on Twitter? If you are a regular Twitter user you can follow us @EAA690. We will tweet out updates on events when necessary.

I look forward to a great March Madness at EAA 690 and hope you will be a part of it. While you're at it, bring a friend or two along for the ride!

Celebrations and Congratulations

We like to get to know our members more and share special events with them. In the month of March, the following members are having birthdays or anniversaries. If you see them, please share in their event. If you have a special event in March and any other month, please let us know so we can celebrate with you.

Nancy Houston 13th

Lnor Levine 9th

Larry and Laura Bishop 13th

The Glider is Closer to Mounting



@2014 John Slempt

Our Glider Team was hard at work, Saturday the 22nd, building the forms that will surround the steel post. The post will support the Glider that will be put at the entrance to the Airport. The glider will be an amazing addition to the attraction of the airport. These pictures show their efforts. Thank you to John Slempt for providing the pictures.



@2014 John Slempt



Hey Home Builders-We're Still Waiting

We admire you guys for taking on such ambitious projects. But we know the EAA stands for Experimental Aviation Association. That means that you all are really doing what this organization is all about.

What we're missing is information from you-updates, pictures, challenges, and so much more. We know you're out there

and we'd really like to get some information from you.

Come on guys, let us hear from you very, very soon. You can get your article to me any time between now the March 20th so there's plenty of time to put a

few words down and send them to me at barbara_epstein@hotmail.com We all would enjoy reading about your triumphs and challenges.

Corbin Baby Ace Project For Sale \$10,000

This project is 80% complete. The airframe is complete from the firewall aft, covered with poly fiber and first coat of poly spray. A few of the completed parts include main gear with new tires, tubes, new bungees, fresh brakes, instrument panel, seat back and base in place. Wings are completed up to but not including covering. The wings

and tail feathers are assembled to the air frame. All control surfaces are rigged with new turnbuckles, cables and pulleys. EAA Designee inspections for welding and woodwork. Sport Aviation, the EAA magazine states: "The Corbin is surprisingly easy and satisfying to

fly." To view the project and for additional information, contact: Brennan or Susan Fernandez at 256-839-6409 or Box 235 Goodwater, AL 35072



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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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Everyday Products available at the Aero Shoppe

Large Coffee Mugs-\$15 These 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 have watching or participating in any type of sporting event. They're really great any place, any time.

Personalized Large Coffee Mugs available upon special request. Please contact Ronald Hlozansky @ skee5@bellsouth.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 Slemp.

Airplane Products at the Aero

Shoppe

Oil Analysis Kits-\$12 Keep one on hand for those very important changes.

Spaces Available

Hangar Space for a "Van's RV" aircraft in the EAA Hangar #4. For details, call **Clyde Schnars @ 770-769-7177**

Ad Rates and Information

Member Ads run without charge for 3 months with a continuance available upon request to the Editor at barbara_epstein@hotmail.com

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1/8 page: \$15/issue, \$40/3 issues, 1/4 page:
\$25/issue, \$60/3 issues