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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

F-22 Raptor, Air Dominance for the 21st Century

Chapter Vice President John Reitz has announced that on February 9, 2007, Mike Merritt, Director F-22 Improvements and Derivatives at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Marietta, Georgia, will be our guest speaker. Mike will be presenting a program on the F-22 Raptor USAF fighter plane.

It was only 20 months ago that the first Raptor was delivered to Langley AFB. It will soon be deployed at the Kadena Air Base, Japan.

No fighter plane in the world comes close to matching the F-22. By every measure, the Raptor represents an extraordinary breakthrough in maneuverability, stealth, sensor fusion and a wealth of parameters that define a new era in fighter capability.

The F-22 is capable of flying and fighting against the most advanced integrated radar networks and dense surface-to-air missile environments in the world, now and in the future. The F-22 will retain the competitive edge through innovations and technologies no one can match.

In early 2001, the U.S. Air Force introduced a concept called Global Strike Task Force in which the Raptor is the enabler for all other forces. The success of any major air-land operation today and in the future

depends primarily on the United States' preeminent ability to detect and destroy enemy fighters as well as attack high-value ground targets with precision weapons. With the F-22, the era of U.S. air dominance against all ground and air-based threats has begun.



Prior to joining Lockheed Martin, Mike spent 20 years in the United States Air Force. He has over 3,000 hours of pilot time and is an Outstanding Graduate of the USAF Fighter Weapons School. His fighter experience includes the F-4, A-7, A-10, and F-117 aircraft. He was one of the first operational pilots to fly the Stealth Fighter. Mike retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993 and joined Lockheed Martin Advanced Development Programs (the Skunk Works) in Palmdale,

CA as a Project Manager for the F-117. In 1998 he transferred to the F-22 program in Marietta, GA and became the Improvements and Derivatives Director in 2004. In his spare time, Mike is a Certified Flight Instructor and provides training for tail-wheel endorsements and aerobatics in his Decathlon.

Join your fellow members at Valentino's for dinner at 6:00 PM and then hangar talk at the EAA 690 Hangar at 7:30. Business program starts at 8 PM with a break for refreshments at about 8:30 and Mike's presentation to start at about 8:45.

Chapter Election Results

EAA 690 elections were held at the November meeting. Four at large members were elected for a two year term on the Board of Directors: Jamie Painter Cliff Aiken, Jerry Shingleton, and Lnor Levine. Also elected for a three year term on the Board of Trustees were two members: David Rowe and Bob Zahner.

2006 Member of the Year



At the annual Holiday Dinner, Chapter President Debi Huffman presented the 2006 Member of the Year award to a very surprised Jim Sweat. He was recognized for his many contributions to 690 – and for starting and chairing the Low Country Boil the past 2 years.

Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Joel Levine



◀ Panel members Dale Strickland, Lanny Pruchnicki and Bruce Buell moderated the Flying Start program in November.

Congratulations to new pilot Christy Garvin, recipient of the Chapter's 1st Margaret Wilcox Scholarship. Christy gave a wonderful motivational presentation at the Flying Start program. ▶



A good rule of thumb for Chapter workday projects:



▲ A discussion of how to best accomplish one of the projects scheduled for the November 11th Chapter workday.



◀ Measure Twice First and Only Cut Once ▼



◀ The November presentation at the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Security meeting in the hangar stressed importance of involvement of airport tenants.



Tony Genovese provided the entertainment at the annual holiday party. ▶



▲ Delicious food is always one highlight of the annual holiday party.



▲ Waiting in line for the food at the festively decorated party.



Debi thanks food chmn. Jill Balthaser & Betsy Schaknowski for their work that made the dinner such a success. ▶



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.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month, unless otherwise announced. Please note that because of the holidays, the deadline for the March 2007 NavCom is Tuesday, February 20th.

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.

Thanks to 690's interim "Postmaster" Greg Jannakos and his merry band who fold, staple & mutilate the NavCom for distribution and mailing.

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Hangar Talk

By Debi Huffman



When my term as Chapter President began in January 2006, I jokingly remarked, "One down and twenty-three to go," referring to my first Hangar Talk article. I can hardly believe that this is already number twelve! The year has literally flown by and our Chapter has made the most out of every month!

At Air Venture last summer, chapter leaders from around the country were expressing concerns and ideas for building active membership. Chapter 690 is blessed to have dedicated, active members and to offer those members meaningful and rewarding opportunities. Because so many of our members step forward and volunteer, we all reap the benefits from their efforts.

If you haven't taken us up on our invitation to attend Board of Trustees or Directors meetings, you should. I would like to thank these special members for their dedication to keeping our Chapter and facilities among the best in the country.

Though I often miss our Saturday pancake breakfasts and programs, I would like to thank Jill Balthaser and her volunteers for providing great food, and Joel Levine for the excellent programs that fill our hangar with members and visitors on a regular basis. Joel not only plans our Saturday programs, he is by far the best PR man in the state!

John Reitz continues to serve us with the finest programs around for our regular Friday evening meetings. When John was first asked to serve as Vice President, he was concerned about being able to always provide great programs every month. Not only has he risen to the challenge, but he is in his second term as VP, and you can tell that he is perfect for the job by his contagious enthusiasm.

You obviously enjoy reading about this Chapter and other related aviation news because you are doing just that this very minute! "Thank you" just doesn't sound adequate to

express our gratitude to Lnor Levine for the outstanding job that she does as Editor of the NavCom. She is also our Aero Shoppe Manager and a member of the Board of Directors!

Where would Santa be without his elves? Did you know that we have our own "elves" at 690? We do, only we call them our "Over the Hill Gang." Without the dedication of these fine members, our hangar wouldn't be such a nice, clean place to meet. They are working their magic while the rest of us are working for a living.

Our Young Eagle pilots and ground crew have inspired countless young people with the gift of flight. These pilots are our own flying angels, not to take anything from Angel Flight! We owe Duane Huff a huge thank you for his continued long term service as Young Eagles Coordinator.

The B-17 visit ranks at the top of our special events. The flights, tours, fellowship, Hangar Talk and Low Country Boil brought us together to remember our veterans and share some of their stories in a very personal way. Jim Sweat started a Low Country Boil tradition that we hope will last a very long time!

Personally, I am indebted to Larry Bishop and Duane Huff for their patience and mentorship. They have been the finest role models anyone could have. Their experience and dedication are second to none. They continue to help me in many ways so that I can better serve you as Chapter President. They have provided me with some of the best OJT a president could have!

2006 has flown past, and the memories are far too numerous to cover in this space. As you enter this New Year with your family, friends and fellow Chapter members, I hope you will take time to reflect on ways we touch each other's lives. Be sure to tell these people how much you appreciate them. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people and opportunities. Let's make 2007 the best year ever!

Debi

REMINDER – Completed Scholarship applications are due by February 28th!

Chapter 690 Young Eagle 2006 Wrap-Up

By Duane Huff



NOVEMBER - Thirty-four Young Eagles were flown on Saturday, November 18th. The weather was beautiful and we had 7 pilots participating: Barry Bates, Steve Haslup, Chuck Huber, John Kimmons, John Reitz, Jerry Shingleton and Jim Sweat. A Boy Scout Troop was our largest group for the day and all the parents made generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund. Our Scholarship Fund has certainly benefited from our Young Eagle contributors this year.

Ground crew supporting this event were: Bill Ferguson, Lee Hockman, Joel Levine, Greg Jannakos, Jamie Painter, Lnor Levine, Jaime Painter, and Jeanne Ferguson.

DECEMBER - Chapter 690's last Young Eagle event of the year was held on December 16th. Five kids were flown and given their YE certificates, pins and the now very popular "FLY FOR FREE" bracelets. Pilots and number of Young Eagles flown were; Mike Kiah 6, Larry Bishop 17, Bill Bell 12, David Balthaser 4 Chuck Huber 3, and Barry Bates 3.

The ground crew included Jamie Painter, Barry Bates, Joel Levine, Jeff Gwathney, Walter Deere, Duane Huff, Ann Bates, Jaimie Painter and Debi Huffman.

2006 - The Young Eagles program for 2006 was over the top. More people participated and more YE were flown by the Chapter than any other year except 1994 when 625 were flown with help from other Chapters. Nineteen pilots flew FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE {473} Young Eagles. These pilots were assisted by thirteen different Ground Crew members.

Pilots that completed 1-9 missions were Dave Balthaser, Bill Bell, Richard Gorkes, Bill Reister, Frank Settle, and Mike Stewart; from 10-19 missions were Steve Haslup, Steve Pfeifer, and Jim Sweat; from 20-29, were Barry Bates, Larry Bishop, Jim Garner, and Jerry Shingleton; from 30-39, were Lee Craymer, and Michael Kiah; from 40-49 were Duane Huff (46) and John Reitz (47); and 50+ were John Kimmons (51) and Chuck Huber (53).

Ground crew members for the year were Bill Ferguson, Walter Deere, Lee Hockman, Susan Pfeifer, Ann Bates, Jeanne Ferguson, Jaimie Painter, Jamie Painter, Greg Jannakos, Debi Huffman, Lnor Levine, Robin Drake, and Joel Levine.

One credit (dollar) for each Young Eagle that a pilot flies when he has flown more than ten is given to the Chapter. This credit is applied to a scholarship to the Air Academy for a student that we will send this year. We earned 447 credits this year.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a great program this past year!

Chapter 690 Young Eagles 2007

By Duane Huff



Another Chapter 690 Young Eagles year was started on January 20th, 2007. Larry Bishop, Chuck Huber, John Reitz, and Duane Huff flew fourteen YEs.

The Ground Crew included Jamie Painter, Walter Deere, Ann Bates, Bill Ferguson, Jeanne Ferguson, Jaime Painter, Susan Pfeifer, Greg Jannakos and Lee Hockman.

To All Young Eagle Pilots:

EAA Oshkosh requires current EAA National membership for all Young Eagle pilots for insurance purposes. Please bring your current membership card with you the next time you fly Young Eagles so that we can enter your current membership status in our records.

Thanks so much for your assistance with this.

Airport Visits Hosted by Chapter 690

Airport visits hosted during 2006 included thirty-six (36) groups with five hundred ninety-seven (597) students and three hundred and four (304) adults.

These visits were conducted by Duane Huff, Larry Bishop, Greg Jannakos and Jim Sweat.

Scott Haslup Receives Air Force Pilot Wings

2d Lt. Scott Haslup, son of EAA 690 and IAC-3 member Steve Haslup and Sara Haslup, graduated from Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) and received his Air Force Pilot Wings on October 20, 2006.



Scott completed his entire training at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas. In the first half of his pilot training he flew the second generation T-6A Texan. This airplane has a single turbo-prop engine that delivers 1,100 horsepower, climbs at 3,100 feet per minute, and sports modern avionics in a glass cockpit.

After completing the T-6A program, Scott qualified for the fighter/bomber track and flew the T-38 Talon for the second half of UPT. The T-38 has two GE jet engines, a max speed of 1.3 Mach, and can climb to 30,000 ft. in one minute. Scott will serve as an Instructor Pilot at Laughlin AFB for up to three years. He is a 2005 graduate of the USAF Academy.

Scott's father, Steve, a long-time member of EAA 690, has held several leadership positions in IAC Chapter 3. He flies his LZU-based aerobatic Atlantix II for fun and in aerobatic competitions around the Southeast.

Georgia Airports Funding Bill

Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007
Subject: House Resolution 48

House Resolution 48 is a proposal to change the Georgia Constitution. Currently taxes on aviation fuels are put into the state's general fund and the legislature appropriates approximately \$5 million annually to the Georgia Aviation Programs Office. (Complete text of HR 48 is available at <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2007_08/search/hr48.htm>). The \$5 million that is presently being appropriated to airport projects each year falls well short of what is needed to meet the present maintenance needs, much less capital improvements and expansion projects.

Our border states are funding their airports at a much higher level. This will eventually result in Georgia losing business opportunities to these states. To remain competitive, Georgia must provide an adequate and well-maintained system of airports capable of servicing today's general aviation fleet. HR 48 is important to the economic prosperity of Georgia as well as Georgia Airports. Airports can and do have a tremendous economic impact on the

communities they serve. Aviation activity in our state generates in excess of \$100 million in state and local tax revenue and billions more in direct/indirect economic benefits to the local economies linked to each of Georgia's 106 public use airports.

We have significant support in both houses of the legislature however we need your involvement. I encourage everyone to contact (e-mail is very effective) your representatives and senators and voice your support. You can find your representative's e-mail address at <http://www.legis.state.ga.us>

Sincerely,
Mike

Mike Van Wie, C.M., President
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2000 Airport Road, Suite 212
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(770) 936-5440

2007 Chapter Dues are Due

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 meetings or mailed to Membership Chairman Cliff Aiken at: 5134 Eagles Nest Court, Loganville, GA 30052. Please, if you did not complete a membership profile form with your 2006 dues payment, include one with your 2007 dues. We are trying to update our membership database, so a new form will be appreciated. Please include current e-mail address and family information. This helps in our planning for activities and for scholarship candidates. Please note changes to project status, etc. There is a copy of the new Profile form on page 7 of this NavCom. Forms are also available at meetings or on the chapter website: www.eaa690.org.

Annual Chapter dues are \$30 and \$40 for a family membership. Checks may be made to EAA Chapter 690.

WANTED ALIVE & WELL

CHAPTER HOST & / OR HOSTESS

Qualifications: Friendly attitude and able to attend Chapter functions. Must like people.

Needed to greet guests and members at functions and to help set out refreshments.

Qualified volunteers please contact Debi Huffman @ 770-314-5653 a.s.a.p.

Project Visit Scheduled for February 10th

Greg Jannakos has announced that February's Project Visit will be hosted by Jamie Painter for his RV7A project. January's visit to Steve Ashby's was a chance to look at a project in the fuse building phase. Jamie's project is in the final stage, Fire-Wall-Forward, control panel, and electronics.

Jamie's project consists of RV7A, Superior XP-360 FI, constand speed Hartzell Blended Airfoil prop, Dynon EFIS plus EMS.

Date and Time: February 10th, 10 A.M. until Noon

Jamie Painter
3220 Maple Terrace Dr.
Suwanee, Ga. 30024
Home: 678.546.8274
Cell: 678.522.4883

Directons: From 85 north, exit at Exit 111
Turn left at Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd.
Turn right on Satellite Rd.

Go about 1 mile and turn left onto Smithtown Rd.
Make an immediate left onto Maple Terrace Dr.
Painter's house is the first one on the left, facing Maple Terrace.

Our Condolences

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Chapter 690 members Glenn Clarke and Madge Oglesby, and to long-time friend of Chapter 690, Pete Winfrey. May you be comforted by the warm memories of them that we share with you.

Flapjack Fly-Ins!



Viven, Reno 2006 Bronze 1st place winning AT-6 owned by Steve Emery
Photo by Joel Levine

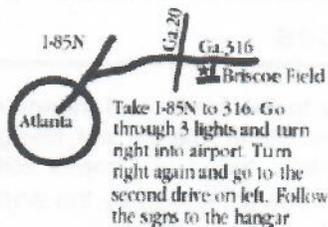
EAA 690 – 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast & Aviation Program

Gwinnett Co. Airport (LZU)

Breakfast – 8:00 – 10:30 am; Program – 10:30 am

2007 Program Calendar

- January 6 — Owner Maintenance – What You Need To Know
- February 3 — Celebrating The Tuskegee Airmen
- March 3 — Sky Diving for The Fun Of It or What Every Pilot Needs to Know
- April 7 — What's in Your Oil?
- May 5 — The Aero Club of Metro Atlanta, a Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association Since 1984
- June 2 — Annual Poker Run
- July 7 — Annual Airplane Wash



For more information, please contact Joel Levine at 770-394-5466, or jlevine@bellsouth.net or visit our website at www.eaa690.org

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

November 13, 2006

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held Friday, November 10th, 2006, was called to order by Debi Huffman, President.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, members and guests were introduced.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690 held on October 13th, 2006, were published in the NavCom. A motion was made and seconded and approved by those present to adopt the minutes for the last meeting as published.

Young Eagles - Duane Huff – On Saturday, October 14th at Jackson County airport we flew a total of 16 kids for their Young Eagle flights. Gusty winds stopped the flights at 2:00 p.m. On Saturday October 21st we flew a total of 46 Young Eagles. Thanks to the pilots and ground crew for both events. The next YE Rally is Saturday, November 18th and we are expecting approximately 40 Young Eagles. On Saturday December 16th we will have a large group and will need pilots and ground crew.

The Board of Directors meeting was held Tuesday, November 7th, meeting minutes to be published in the NavCom. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Our Board of Trustees meeting was held October 31st and the minutes of this meeting will be printed in the NavCom. Duane announced a hangar workday on Saturday, November 11. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the EAA 690 hangar. Everyone is welcomed to attend this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Joel Levine -Hangar keys are available to members for \$1.50. Our next 1st Saturday Pancake Breakfast will be December 2nd and the program will be "Hot air ballooning" with Dr. Danni Suskin.

Lnor Levine - NavCom | AeroShope – New 2007 EAA

calendars are now available. Next NavCom deadline November 20th.

Jill Balthaser -Food Committee Chairperson - Wants to thank her crew for all their help in the kitchen.

Greg Jannakos – Project visits – The next project visit will be Saturday December 9.

Fly-Out Chairman - Barry Bates – Nothing scheduled at this time.

Announcement was made about the COPS meeting November 16, 2006 at the EAA 690 Hangar at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The EAA Air Academy scholarship application was in the November issue of the NavCom. Debi asked for completion of the application and return to her by February 28, 2006

EAA 690 elections were held and four at large members were elected for a two year term on the Board of Directors. They were: Jamie Painter Cliff Aiken, Jerry Shingleton, and Lnor Levine. Also, elected were two members: David Rowe and Bob Zahner, for a three year term on the Board of Trustees. These new officers will be installed at our December meeting and Holiday party. At that time we will also announce the Member of The Year.

The December meeting will our annual Holiday Dinner and awards program. Gathering time will begin at 7:00 p.m. and food will be served at 7:30. Entertainment will be provided. The Chapter will supply the meat for the dinner and members are asked to bring a covered dish – a salad, vegetable or desert.

Program - After a brief break for coffee and snacks our speaker, Alan Armstrong, Aviation Lawyer and pilot presented a program on the "The Secret Plan that Could Have Prevented the Attack on Pearl Harbor." The talk was based on his new book "Preemptive Strike." Following his talk, Alan remained to answer questions and to sign his new book. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, John Reitz, Acting Secretary

November 2006 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for November, 2006 was held on Tuesday, October 31st, 2006, in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 P.M.

Attending were:

Bill Ferguson, member
Debi Huffman, chapter president
Duane Huff, BOT chairman
Jerry Shingleton, BOT vice-chairman
Larry Wallis, secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Huff. The action item checklist was briefly reviewed, and no items on the checklist required immediate discussion.

We then discussed the workday to be held on November 11th, 2006, and agreed that the item of highest priority is the construction of a rain shield for the outside air compressor located under the back stairs. A timber framework will have been completed in advance of the workday. On the workday, it will be anchored and completed.

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting. If I have omitted anything of significance, please let me know and I will reissue.

The December meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, November 28th, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Wallis, Secretary, EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees
Home Phone 770-394-5764

Minutes of the October Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

October 31, 2006

Attending Members:

Larry Bishop	Jamie Painter
Duane Huff	John Reitz
Debi Huffman	Jim Sweat
Lnor Levine	

Absent Members:

Mike North	Mike Stewart
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Visitors:

Cliff Aiken	Joel Levine
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The Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order by Jamie Painter, Chairman.

The following reports were made by chapter officers and committee chairmen:

Board of Trustees – Duane Huff - The last meeting of the Board of Trustees was held October 31st. The minutes of this meeting will be published in the NavCom. Among the issues discussed at the meeting were the Hangar Workday on November 11 to build a shelter around our compressor and to install a water line for washing airplanes. Also, we are working with the Airport authority for approval of lighting of the parking area just behind the hangar and the PA system in the EAA Hangar now has both speakers working.

Young Eagles – Duane Huff – Member pilots flew 16 kids at Jackson County last month before the wind became a factor and we flew 46 at our regular YE Rally in October for a total of 62. We expect to fly as many as 40 kids at our monthly 3rd Saturday YE Rally in November. .

Treasurer's Report – No report this month.

Membership - Chairman Cliff Aiken reported we currently have over 207 paid members and that we are currently sending a notice to hangar owners and tenants who currently need to renew their chapter membership.

NavCom Newsletter – Lnor Levine - Articles for the NavCom must be sent to Lnor the 20th of the month. Scholarship applications were included in the November NavCom.

Publicity – Joel Levine – The scheduled December Pancake Breakfast program speaker is Dr. Danni Suskin, presenting a program on The Coupe Aeronautique International Balloon Competition. The next FAA WINGS program is scheduled for Thursday,

November 9th. Saturday morning programs for 2007 include Owner Maintenance (January), Tuskegee Airmen (February), and Sky Diving (March). An LZU COPS meeting is scheduled at the chapter hangar on Thursday, November 9th.

Friday Programs – John Reitz, Chapter VP, reported that Alan Armstrong will bring us a presentation regarding his research and recent book about Pearl Harbor (Preemptive Strike) at our November monthly meeting (November 10th).

Fly-Outs – None scheduled at this time

Project Visits – Greg will announce a project visit in December.

New Business – Several Items -

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board to make an offer to purchase the theater lights we borrowed for the B-17 Round Table Discussion.

A proposed new EAA 690 sign to be installed near Airport Road was discussed. Duane and the Board of Trustees were asked to prepare a sketch and obtain a written quote for review at a future board meeting.

Debi Huffman announced some of the planned activities celebrating 100 years of flight in Georgia under consideration by several aviation groups that will include a major event at the museum in Warner Robbins next year. Several possible ways were discussed that EAA 690 may want to take part in this celebration. Debi will contact EAA headquarters to discuss the possibility that we can plan a local event around the Ford Tri-Motor tour schedule if a stop at LZU is possible in 2007.

Several individuals or organizations have used the hangar recently and we have no record that they made the customary donation to the chapter for the use of the facilities. Debi will follow-up with these folks.

Joel Levine and John Reitz volunteered to look at the possibility of replacing the current donated projector with a more modern unit with higher output and better resolution. They will report their findings at the next board meeting.

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bishop, Secretary

Thanks for Your Support

As many of you know, Elgin Wells, Sr. has been hospitalized since emergency surgery at St. Joseph's hospital on January 20th, and has been in critical condition. We received a note from Elgin, Jr. (Excerpt)

Thanks so much to all of you who have sent and brought your warm wishes, prayers and kind thoughts to my Dad, Elgin, Sr.! ...with the wonderful care at St. Joseph's and your continued prayers and good wishes, we are optimistic that we'll have this extraordinary man back among us, soon. Again, I can't thank you enough for your support in this difficult time! Elgin, Jr.

WANTED: Photos for our new Photo Gallery on the Chapter web-site. Please submit your favorite photos to be included on what is proving to be a popular addition to www.eaa690.org.

In the past 4 months since this section has been added to our web-site, 5,914 visitors (as of 1/31/07) have stopped to look at the pictures. Credit will be given to photographers. Send to jlevine@bellsouth.net. Thanks!

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

January 12, 2007

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 690, held Friday, January 12, 2007, was called to order by Debi Huffman, President.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, members and guests were introduced.

Since we had the Holiday Dinner with entertainment and our awards program, in place of our normal monthly meeting in December, we had no monthly meeting minutes to review and approve at this meeting.

Debi announced that, due to Lnor's recent illness, we plan to publish a winter edition of the NavCom.

The Pancake Breakfast and Program is on the first Saturday of every month. Our next Breakfast and Program is on February 3. Our program, highlighting the Tuskegee Airmen presented by LeRoy Eley, starts at 10:30 am.

Our next regular monthly meeting is Friday, February 9, at 8:00 pm. Our speaker will be Mike Merritt, an F22 Raptor test pilot, with a program on this Advanced Tactical Fighter aircraft.

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, January 2. The minutes of this meeting will be published in the NavCom. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30. Board of Trustees officers will be elected at this meeting. EAA 690 membership is invited to attend all of our meetings.

EAA 690 Board of Directors meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the Tuesday evening prior to our regular monthly meeting. Our first meeting of the year was held Tuesday, January 9. Meeting minutes will be published in the NavCom. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2006. All EAA 690 members are invited to attend our Board of Directors meetings.

Committee Reports:

Publicity - Joel Levine - Hangar keys are available to members for \$1.50. Also, the security code at our drive thru gate has been changed and members notified via a NOTAM.

Joel announced our Saturday programs for the first half of 2007. They are:

March – Skydiving for the Fun of It

April – Exxon Oil for Aircraft

May – Steve Champness of the Atlanta Aero Club

June – Our Annual EAA 690 Poker Run

July – Our annual EAA 690 Airplane Wash

NavCom | AeroShoppe - Lnor Levine - The AeroShoppe has EAA 2007 Calendars, EAA 690 Patches, Chapter Logo hats and Oil Analysis kits for sale.

Fly-Out Chairman - Working on a schedule for 2007

Young Eagles - Duane Huff - The next YE Rally is Saturday, January 17, with about 45 kids to fly. September 16. Duane reported that we flew 473 Young Eagles in 2006. Thanks to our staff of 19 pilots and 13 ground crew.

Airport Visits – Duane Huff - EAA 690 provides airport tours for students from various schools and learning centers in our area. During 2006, we provided tours to 597 students and 304 adults for a grand total of 901 visitors last year.

Project Visits – Greg Jannakos announced a project visit to Steve Ashby's house to see his RV-8A project tomorrow, January 13, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Program - After a brief break for coffee and snacks our speaker was Steve Knoblock, Lockheed Test Pilot on the C5-M Super Galaxy program.

After the program, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bishop, Secretary

December 2006 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for December, 2006 was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 PM.

Attending were:

Bill Ferguson, member
Lee Hockman, member
Duane Huff, BOT chairman
Debi Huffman, chapter president
Larry Wallis, BOT secretary
Wayne Whitaker, member

Absent: Jerry Shingleton, BOT vice-chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Huff. These items were discussed by the Board.

Duane shared with the members a brochure describing some scales used for aircraft weight and balance measurements. There are two models available, with respective capacities of 2000 and 3000 pounds per scale. The board decided to recommend to the Board of Directors that we purchase a set of three scales (2000 lb models) and three ramps for Chapter use. The cost should be in the \$2,100 range. Duane will present the recommendation to the Board of Directors.

In regard to the three lights to be installed in the auto parking area at the rear of the hangar, we have approval from the airport authority, but need to make some changes in the wording of the request to Jackson County EMC.

Duane Huff told the board that he has purchased a lock for use on the vertical milling machine. The purpose of the lock is to facilitate safety of the operator, and prevent damage to the milling machine by limiting use to only those who have been trained on the milling machine.

In regard to the proposal to erect a 4X8 foot sign, the board decided to erect a smaller 2 FT X 6 FT sign at the road (at the initial Astron entrance) to direct pedestrians to the EAA Hangar.

These minutes represent the highlights of the meeting. If I have omitted anything of significance, please let me know and I will reissue.

The January meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Wallis, Secretary
EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

January 9, 2007

Attending Members:

Cliff Aiken
Debi Huffman, Ch. Pres.
Larry Bishop, Ch. Sec.

Jamie Painter, Chmn. BoD
John Reitz, Ch. V.P.

Absent Members:

Lnor Levine
Jerry Shingleton

Mike Stewart, Ch. Treas.

Visitors:

Duane Huff

A quorum was present.

The Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order by Jamie Painter, Chairman.

Although we had a quorum present and it is our custom to hold an election for 2007 Board officers, a motion was made, seconded and approved to delay our election of Board of Directors officers to our February meeting.

The following reports were made by chapter officers and committee chairmen:

Treasurer's Report – No report this month. We will have a 2006 summary report at the next Board meeting.

Membership - Chairman Cliff Aiken reported we currently have approximately 40 members who have renewed membership for 2007. Also, we have two remaining hangar tenants who have not yet renewed their membership for 2006.

Friday Programs – John Reitz, Chapter Vice President, reported that Steve Knoblock, a Lockheed Test Pilot for the new C5-M Super Galaxy program will be our speaker at our January 12 monthly meeting. Also, Mike Merritt, a test pilot on the F22 Raptor program, will be our speaker at the February monthly meeting on Friday, February 9th, at 8 p.m.

Publicity – Joel Levine – February Pancake Breakfast program speaker is Tuskegee Airman LeRoy Eley. His

presentation starts at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 3rd.

Young Eagles – Duane Huff – EAA 690 pilots flew over 450 Young Eagles in 2006 and earned an estimated \$400 scholarship funds from these flights. Final numbers for 2006 will be available soon. We expect about 50 kids to fly with us January 20th and a large group from Fembank Science Center in February.

Board of Trustees – Duane Huff – The first meeting of 2007 was held on Tuesday, January 2nd. Our new members on the Board of Trustees 2007 are David Rowe and Bob Zahner. The election of officers was postponed until the February meeting. Minutes of the meeting are published in the NavCom.

Debi announced that Krysti Garvin, a local teacher and the recipient of the Margaret Wilcox Scholarship successfully passed her check ride on December and is now a private pilot. Congratulations to Krysti.

Debi also announced that EAA scholarship applications are due February 28th. The board voted to sponsor at least two students to EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh. A third position may approved based on scholarship funds available to us from the Young Eagles Program and possibly from another local chapter.

New Business:

The Board approved a proposal for renewal of our hangar insurance for 2007. The quote and coverage is substantially the same as last year and is provided by AIG.

The Board also approved a request from the Georgia Flyers to hold two meetings for their membership in our EAA 690 hangar on Sunday, March 11th, and Sunday, May 20th.

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Bishop, Secretary

January 2007 BOT Meeting of EAA Chapter 690

To All:

The EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees meeting for January, 2007 was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, in the Chapter Hangar at 7:30 PM.

Attending were:

Larry Bishop, chapter secretary
Bill Ferguson, member
Duane Huff, outgoing BOT chairman
Debi Huffman, chapter president
David Rowe, incoming member
Larry Wallis, BOT secretary
Wayne Whitaker, member

Absent:: Lee Hockman, member
Bob Zahner, incoming member

The meeting was called to order by chapter president Debi Huffman. Given that we were missing two of the members, the board decided to wait until the next meeting to elect officers.

After that, we decided to review the action item list, and the resulting update for relevant action items are presented here.

item 1 - cables on bi-fold door: Dave Rowe volunteered to look at the cables, and to replace any cables that needed replacing, concurrent with work on the cables in his own hangar.

item 2 - safety of operation for the vertical milling machine: The lock that Duane purchased for the vertical milling machine is now in place to prevent operation of the machine by those not trained to use it. Dave Rowe suggested we get Bernie Schaknowski to teach one or more classes on the safe use of the vertical milling machine.

item 3 - install a large sign to direct foot traffic from the west parking area safely to the chapter hangar: action on this is delayed pending installation of the lights in the west parking lot.

item 16 - refurbish or replace the tattered large vinyl lettering that is on the front of the chapter hangar: Duane Huff will get a quote from the "SIGN-O-RAMA" company to replace the sign.

The February meeting of the board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Chapter Hangar. All members are welcome to attend.

Attached to this email is the latest version of the Action Item Log, dated 01/03/2007, and a list of email addresses and phone numbers for the board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Wallis, Secretary
EAA Chapter 690 Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Action Item Log – Open Items As of Jan. 2007

	DATE ENTERED	DATE CLOSED	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
1	6/7/2004		CABLES ON BI-FOLD DOOR AGAIN REQUIRE INSPECTION/REPLACEMENT	01/02/2007 DAVE ROW VOLUNTEERED TO LOOK AT THESE AND TO REPLACE ANY CABLES REQUIRING REPLACEMENT, CONCURRENT WITH WORK ON THE CABLES IN HIS OWN HANGAR. DUANE VOLUNTEERED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS. 11/01/2005 NOTED THAT CABLES HAVE WEAR AND SOME BROKEN STRANDS, AND REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. 05/03/05 CABLES ARE AGAIN LOOSE. D. HUFF & L. BISHOP WILL INSPECT/ REPAIR/TIGHTEN
2	11/8/2004		SIGNS ARE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY HOLDER OF KEYS TO MILLING MACHINE, ETC IN TOOL ROOM	01/03/07 DAVID ROWE SUGGESTED WE GET BERNIE SCHAKNOWSKI TO TEACH CLASSES ON THE USE OF THE VERTICAL MILLING MACHINE. 11/28/06 DUANE HAS PURCHASED A LOCK FOR THE VERTICAL MILLING MACHINE AND IT IS PLACE. 3/28/06 A NOTE ON THE MILLING MACHINE WILL REMIND THOSE WHO WISH TO USE IT TO CALL DUANE, WHO WILL COME TO THE AIRPORT AND UNLOCK THE MILLING MACHINE. WHEN TRAINING IS COMPLETE, THE PERSON WILL BE GIVEN THE COMBINATION TO THE LOCK. FOR INFORMATION, FOREST WILSON AND DAVID ROWE VOLUNTEERED TO TRAIN THE MEMBERS (SEE NEXT DATED ENTRY FOR THIS ITEM). PROPOSAL: EVALUATE LOCKING THE WELDING MACHINE LEADS FOR SAFETY PURPOSES. 2/28/2006 DUANE WILL GET A COMBINATION LOCK FOR THE MILLING MACHINE. DEBI WILL ASK FOREST WILSON TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE VERTICAL MILLING MACHINE. DUANE WILL ASK DAVID ROWE TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE WELDING MACHINE.
3	12/27/2004		INSTALL LARGE (4 X 8 FOOT) CHAPTER SIGN AT GATE AREA. AIRPORT DIRECTOR MUST SIGN OFF ON THE NEW SIGN.	01/02/2007 ACTION ON THIS IS DELAYED PENDING ACTION ON THE LIGHTS IN THE WEST PARKING LOT. 11/28/2006 DECIDED TO ERECT A 2 FT X 6 FT SIGN AT THE ROAD TO DIRECT PEDESTRIANS TO THE EAA HANGAR. 06/28/2005 DUANE WILL ASK THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE SIGN. 05/03/05 JERRY SHINGLETON HAS OBTAINED ESTIMATES IN THE \$350 RANGE FOR A 4 BY 8 FOOT SIGN.
4	6/8/2003		NEED A WIND BREAKER FOR HANGAR ENTRANCE DOOR	
5	3/2/2004		DISPOSITION OF "MOVING SIGN" DISPLAY	INSTRUCTIONS OBTAINED; 03/31/05 BOT DECIDED TO WORK ON SIGNS ON NEXT WORKDAY (4/9) AND INSTALL OR DISCARD
6	11/1/2005		WATER LEAKS FROM HOSE AT REAR OF HANGAR ARE WASTING WATER	11/11/06 ON THIS CHAPTER WORKDAY, RAN THE MAJOR PART OF THE LINE INSIDE THE HANGAR. THE LINE WILL BE TERMINATED AT BOTH ENDS ON A FUTURE WORKDAY. 10/03/06 WILL INSTALL A WATER LINE TO FRONT OF HANGAR WITH A TIMER TO ASSURE TIMELY SHUTOFF OF THE WATER. 05/02/06 LEE HOCKMAN VOLUNTEERED TO SOLVE THIS. 11/1/05 DUANE H. AND BILL F. WILL TEMPORARILY REMOVE HOSE AND VALVE HANDLE.
7	1/3/2006		NEED RAIN PROTECTION ENCLOSURE FOR AIR COMPRESSOR	11/11/06 INSTALLED FRAMEWORK AND DOORS AND MOST OF THE METAL COVERING. RAIN INTERRUPTED THE WORK. WILL INSTALL REMAINDER OF COVERING AT A FUTURE DATE. 05/02/06 LEE HOCKMAN VOLUNTEERED TO COORDINATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS RAIN PROTECTION ENCLOSURE. 01/31/06 WE HAVE AN OK FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
8	2/28/2006		NEED TO INCREASE DUCT SIZE AND RELOCATE HVAC VENTS THAT FEED UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM.	05/30/06 OBSERVED THAT THE PROBLEM IS REALLY A CRIMP IN ONE OF THE DUCTS. NOT NECESSARY TO INCREASE DUCT SIZES; MERELY SHORTEN ONE DUCT AND ELIMINATE THE CRIMP.
9	2/28/2006		NEED TO REFINISH HANGAR FLOOR	03/28/06 BECAUSE THE LZU MASTER PLAN MAY DESTROY THE CURRENT CHAPTER HANGAR, WE DECIDED TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR NOW. 02/28/06 LEE HOCKMAN PRESENTED TWO ALTERNATIVES. PAINTING WITH EPOXY PAINT IS ABOUT \$1600. A CUSHIONED SNAP-IN FLOOR IS ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE TIMES THAT MUCH.

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Board of Trustees Action Item Log – Open Items As of Jan. 2007

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	DATE ENTERED	DATE CLOSED	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
10	3/28/2006		NOTED NUMEROUS FIRE ANT MOUNDS IN THE GRASSY TAXIWAY AND PARKING AREAS.	BILL F. REPORTS COUNTING 23 MOUNDS.
11	3/28/2006		WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE THE TOOLROOM IN THE CHAPTER HANGAR.	
12	3/28/2006		DEBI HUFFMAN WOULD LIKE TO BRING HER CLASS TO WORK ON THE MONERAI SAILPLANE IN THE CHAPTER HANGAR.	11/28/06 THE CLASS WILL START JANUARY 13. 10/3/06 THE AVIATION INSTITUTE OF MAINTENANCE AT LZU HAS VOLUNTEERED TO SUPPLY IN JANUARY AN AREA SUFFICIENT TO CONDUCT DEBI'S CLASS. PER KEN LILJAH OF AVIATION INSTITUTE OF MAINTENANCE.
13	3/28/2006		THE ORGANIZING OF THE CHAPTER LIBRARY IS STALLED.	05/30/06 LAURA BISHOP HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ORGANIZING THE LIBRARY AND PUTTING INFORMATION ON THE COMPUTER. 03/28/06 JEANIE FERGUSON HAS MANY TAPES OF TRAINING MATERIAL FOR THE LIBRARY.
14	10/3/2006		INSTALL THREE LIGHTS IN AUTO PARKING AREA ON WEST SIDE (REAR) OF THE CHAPTER HANGAR.	11/28/2006 WE HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY. WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGE IN THE WORDING BEFORE WE GO BACK TO JACKSON EMC. 10/3/06/ DUANE HUFF WILL PRESENT THE REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL. 10/3/2006 INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE JACKSON COUNTY EMC, OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY SUPPLIER, WILL INSTALL THESE LIGHTS AT A VERY FAVORABLE RATE.
15	10/3/2006		TRANSPORT INOPERATIVE REFRIGERATOR FROM CHAPTER TOOL ROOM TO REPAIR FACILITY	11/30/06 REFRIGERATOR NOW WORKS OK AND HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE TOOLROOM TO KITCHEN AREA FOR USE IN REFRIGERATING SOFT DRINKS. 10/03/06 SCHEDULED FOR THE WORKDAY ON NOV 11, OR SOONER IF POSSIBLE.
16	10/3/2006		REFURBISH CHAPTER SIGN ON THE FRONT OF THE CHAPTER HANGAR	01/02/2007 DUANE WILL GET AN ESTIMATE FROM A COMPANY "SIGN-O-RAMA".
17	11/28/2006		PURCHASE A SET OF THREE SCALES AND THREE RAMPS FOR USE IN AIRCRAFT WEIGHT AND BALANCE MEASUREMENTS	01/02/2007 DUANE REPORTS THAT WE HAVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL. DUANE ASKED DAVID POSEY TO ORDER THE SCALES AND RAMPS. 11/28/06 BOT DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOD THAT WE PURCHASE THE 2000 POUND CAPACITY SCALES AND RAMPS

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Project Visit – to Steve Ashby's RV8A

Photos by Lee Hockman



More 690 Scenes

Photos by Joel Levine



Balloonist Stuart Enloe is pictured with Andy Cayton after Andy's presentation on balloon racing.



Chapter 690 member Brian Wallis gave us lots of good information on Owner Maintenance.



Steve Knoblock, Lockheed Test Pilot on the C5-M Super Galaxy program, gave an interesting Power Point presentation.

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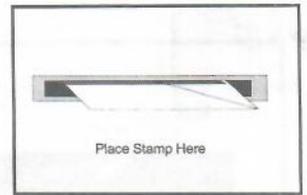
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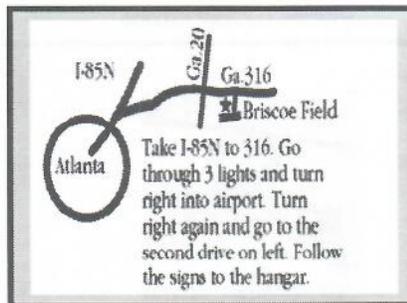


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FEBRUARY MEETING

Friday, February 9th, 2007

Program — Mike Merritt of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Marietta will present a program on the F-22 Raptor USAF fighter plane.

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Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen

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On Saturday, February 3, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., our very special guest, Mr. LeRoy (Roy) Eley, Sr., Tuskegee Class 46-D will discuss some of the truths and facts regarding the history of the TUSKEGEE ARMY FLIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM. Roy will also discuss some of the little known history of the group and what happened to some of these people after the war ended.

Eley volunteered for the USAF at the age of 17. He earned his Private Pilot License in 1946, followed by his Commercial, Flight Instructors (single and multi-engine) and Instrument Instructors rating. He also holds an Airline Transport Pilots (ATP) license and is jet rated. Prior to retiring, Roy served as an FAA Flight Inspector in the Georgia Flight Standards District Office. He remains active as a charter member of the Negro Airmen, International, Black Pilots of America and the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Skydiving and Parachute Operations

The program for the March 3rd Pancake Breakfast will be presented by Chapter member Charles Throckmorton.

Chuck was born & raised in Kentucky "a long time ago." His Grandfather started him fishing at two, his Father started him hunting at eight, and he still fishes & hunts when possible.



Chuck, Lucy & Jean

He earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering through Cooperative Education Program at the University Of Cincinnati. He did Masters-Bus Ad Marketing Work at Fairleigh Dickison University, which was curtailed due to business travel.

Chuck will talk to us about Skydiving & Parachute Operations. He had his first Skydive on 07-DEC-1975. He Currently has 715 Skydives and 665 Minutes,42 Seconds Freefall, Skydiving License D-8672 and inactive Accelerated. He has his Freefall Jumpmaster Rating and holds a Private SEL License.