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 Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Rd, Lawrenceville, GA

October 2012

SAFETY!! SAFETY!!! SAFETY!!!!

Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 11/3**-Pancake Breakfast-8-10:30 followed by a special program
- **Tues. 11/6**-Election Day!! Your vote counts!! Board Meeting-7:30pm
- **Fri. 11/9**-Business Meeting-8pm followed by a guest speaker and preceded by **Sliders and Dogs**
- **Thurs. 11/22**-Happy Thanksgiving!!

FROM A PILOT'S POINT OF VIEW

As pilots, we have a responsibility to be safe every time we climb in the seat. It only takes a few seconds for things to go terribly wrong. There are many ways we can work to prevent those few seconds from happening to us.

One of the first is a true assessment of your capability before you even head to the airport. All of us have bad days. Have you ever gotten up and said, "I really shouldn't go fly today"? Flying demands all of our attention all of the time. How many short cuts do you take on your pre-flight? I hope none is the answer. It doesn't take long to perform a proper pre-flight. Even if your airplane is hangared it still deserves your utmost attention before you climb in and crank the engine.

So you feel good and ready to go fly. Wait a minute, the weather is a little iffy. No sweat, I think I can get above the clouds or maybe if I just go through this one I'll be good. If you're a VFR only pilot, that attitude should not be part of your thought process. Just remember that the cloud you decide to fly through may have an IFR plane coming out of it since he/she is entitled to be there. Bad weather appears to kill more pilots than anything. One very horrible accident killed a pilot, his two daughters, a young man and left a mother without a family. This pilot was taking his daughter back to school in Illinois. He loaded up his two daughters and one girls boyfriend and took off from Indiana for the DuPage County airport in the Chicago area. As he neared his destination, the weather had deteriorated and he found himself in and out of the clouds. Although he had some Instrument training, he was not rated.

He initially called unicom at the airport when he thought he was talking to the tower. Once he

got the right frequency, he talked to the tower indicating he had just overflowed the airport and caught a glimpse of the ground as he flew over it. He was told the field was IFR, how could they help him. His first out would have been to use one of the cards a VFR pilot has to play in that instance and to request a SVFR clearance that might have gotten him on the ground. His problem, or so he thought, was he had two tickets to the Colts game on the next day and mentioned several times in his communications that he didn't want to get stuck there.

He flew on while having his radio discussion and covering 3 miles per minute. He was finally handed off to an approach controller and we have no further record of the conversations after that time. They crashed near Crystal Lake, Illinois in an open field. This pilot had several outs along the way. The first would have been to turn around when the weather deteriorated and go home or at least land and get a rental car to finish the trip. Secondly, after flying into the weather he could have tried to make it into DuPage via the SVFR route. The third would have been to declare an emergency and get as much help as possible to get him in the clear. It's very difficult to believe his deep desire to go to that game on Sunday eventually resulted in their deaths on Saturday.

These types of accidents do not have to happen. We should never be under the gun to get somewhere, yet it happens all the time. Nothing is as important as our lives and the lives of those that fly with us. When someone climbs into your plane, they are putting their faith in your ability to get them somewhere safely.

Let's never forget this.

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Young Eagles September 2012 Update From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

Very nice weather for flying Young Eagles was on tap September 15th. Cool, clear and very smooth air for most of the morning.

Sixty one (61) young Eagles were flown. Almost half, twenty four (24), had been flying as Young Eagles previously. (We may have to find a way to limit some of these who are coming so often.)

Our ground crew did a great job, as usual, handling this large rally. Jeanne Ferguson and her crew of Barbara Epstein, Ruth Burns, Gay Roberts and Shellie Kirk handled the registration, certificates and log books.

Hugh Colton instructed the kids on the simulators and Art Farmer conducted the pre-flight briefings. The safety officers/loaders were Billy Stewart, David Campbell, Jordan Brown, Wilson Mejia, Cris Capps, Dennis Cosgrove, Rich Hopkins, Colyne Massey, David Reynolds, Wes Riddick and Bill Ferguson.

Pilots that day were Pat Bratton, David Balthaser, Fred Huppertz, Randy Epstein, Bill Bell, David Henderson, John Morgan and Duane Huff.

Many thanks and much appreciation to these people who make the EAA 690 Young Eagles program so successful.

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FROM A RIGHT SEATER'S POINT OF VIEW

THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS!!!

When pre-flying your plane you can never say to yourself "it was okay the last time I checked it" or simply just skip checking the oil level, the tire pressure, the fuel levels and numerous other components that are essential for a safe flight. Those of you who are pilots know what I'm talking about. Ask yourself how many times you've been in just a little bit of a hurry and thought any one of numerous checks could be overlooked just that once. You know it only takes one time to create a situation that results in disaster. If you're a "right seat" person, it's your job to check with or behind the pilot just as an extra layer of safety. You're just a passenger but your life is just as important or maybe even more than the pilot's, so it's your job to ask questions and be on top of things as well.

THERE IS NO MARGIN FOR ERROR!!!

One thing that too many pilots run into is the lack of proficiency. For whatever reason, it's been awhile since you've flown (delaying getting your medical updated,

time, money) and your ability to fly the plane just isn't as sharp as it needs to be. As good as you think you are, pilots should always make several short flights to again know exactly where things are, how the plane feels when taking off and landing, etc.

ALWAYS STAY ALERT!!!

When in the air, it's essential that you are always cognizant of your surrounds and always looking for other planes. Also, it's mandatory that you are aware of weather conditions where you are and where you're going.

ALWAYS BE AN ADAMENT REMINDER!!!

We have lost several chapter members and good friends this year, so I'm sure that we can take something away from their tragedies that will help us be better and safer pilots. If you, as a concerned love one/friend, aren't in the right seat, it's still your job to remind your pilot to be **EXTRA CAREFUL** again and again-every time they go up!!!

Great Sliders and Dogs at Friday's Business Meeting

Be sure to join us for a fantastic dinner of Sliders and Dogs on **Friday, November 9th**. We would be so happy to see **ALL** of our families-adults, kids, babies-everyone, for good food and fellowship in the EAA Hangar. The super delicious Hamburger Sliders and Hot Dogs will be served starting at 7:00pm and going until 8:00pm.

The slider (small square hamburgers with grilled fresh onions) recipe comes from a world famous Atlanta chef

and the hot dogs are widely reputed to be the best in the world (Hebrew National). We will offer a full meal deal with your choice of any three items (two sliders and a dog, two dogs and a slider, three sliders or three...you get the idea), chips and a Coke (or Diet Coke or Sprite) all for only \$5.00. That's a lot of good food and fun for a great price.

A Veteran's Day Tribute

The *Candler Field Museum*, located in Williamson, Georgia, will present its 6th annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Museum founder Ron Alexander commented, "this year we will host another great event to recognize the contributions of all veterans of our armed services – past and present." Alexander, a Vietnam veteran, feels as though recognizing veterans should be a top priority for all citizens in this country who enjoy its freedoms.

The program this year will consist of United States Air Force aircraft flybys, Army helicopter static displays, a display of military memorabilia, WWII reenactments, and patriotic music. Speakers include Lt. General William R. Helmly, retired, who served as the Commanding General of the United States Army Reserve from 2002 through 2006. Mrs. Helen Denton, a WWII Women's Army Corps veteran and member of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff will also tell of her service with General Eisenhower. We are also very privileged this year to have members of the United States Air Force Reserve band out of Warner Robins AFB, GA. play for the event. They will have a 5 piece brass ensemble. The band will begin playing at 1:30 and will also play the National Anthem which will be sung by Sylvia Hollums.

One of the highlights of the event each year is the recognition of all veterans in the audience. This is done by asking every veteran to line up behind their respective service flag. The program will be then be concluded with a 21 gun salute presented by the Griffin Chapter of the Marine Corps League. This will be followed by a missing man formation of PT-

17 Stearman trainers while taps is being played by Tom Moore.

Veteran's Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans and remember the sacrifices of those who have died. Originally called Armistice Day it was celebrated on November 11th, the last day of World War I. It became a national holiday in 1938. However, realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

Gates for the event open at 9 AM and the program will start promptly at 2 PM. A traditional breakfast of SOS will be served from a mess tent for breakfast. Lunch will be served from 11 AM until 1:30 PM. Williamson, Georgia is located 6 miles west of Griffin, Georgia. The museum is located on Peach State Aerodrome (GA2) 1 mile west of Williamson. For more information and directions to the event please go to www.peachstateaero.com or call 770-467-9490.

The *Candler Field Museum* is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the era of the 1920's and 1930's. Its goal is to recreate the sights and sounds of the original Atlanta Airport through interactive events, educational programs and historic reenactments. The museum opened in 2008.

Super Fun Fly-In

RV NATION Fly-In

Nov 3rd and 4th

**Food, Fun, Camping,
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35 miles north of Knoxville
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All funds earned benefit the RV Nation Educational Scholarship Fund.
For more information, email at RVNation.Scott@gmail.com

LIVE BAND – SHAKE RAGG

T-Shirts for Sale

At the **EAA 690 Hangar** we have a sample of the fantastic **Young Eagle T-Shirts** and **Sweatshirts** available in a variety of sizes for a very reasonable price. Wear it to help you remember your flight and to show others what you have already accomplished. Go to

www.yellowllama.com/ea690 for more details and to order. They are available with just the Chapter Logo printed on them as well.



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1 Pilot Avionics Headset (PA11-20)(11-601T)

Cowling Plugs. Brand New Bruce Cover a \$500.00 Value

Misc. Extra parts ---

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF THE PLANE IS ON PAGE 6

Plane For Sale

**Beautiful 1976 PIPER
ARROW N4363F**

\$49,995.00



Property for Sale

Hi Folks!

My sister has a **lot for sale** on Battery Point in Beaufort, SC that you might find interesting. Beaufort is listed the the National Geographic Guide to Small Town Escapes. Gay and I have been there several times and always enjoy it. The lot (as well as the town) is on the water, but well protected from storms. There is much history and art in the area. Beaufort also has an airport, Beaufort

County (ARW) about 5 - 10 minutes from the lot with a 3434 X 75 foot paved runway. Below are the Craig's List

listings she has put up for the lot. If you know anyone that might be looking for such property please forward this message to them.

Thanks, Chuck Roberts

<http://hiltonhead.craigslist.org/reo/3214312014.html>

Glastar Kit for Sale

GLASTAR KIT #5747 \$22,000 Flying surfaces completed except for installing wing top skins. Fuselage halves joined and cage partially attached to fuselage. Tools included along with several factory options including cast

rudder pedals and long range wing tanks. Tri-gear but can be built as TD or tri-gear. See it in Athens. Call Cecil Oglesby @ 706-549-2197 or 706-615-5094 or contact him at hcoglesby@gmail.com

Partnership Wanted

LOOKING FOR 1 OR 2 PARTNERS to purchase a Cherokee 140, \$30K total price/Details below. Pictures available on request. Contact David Reynolds at 770-633-7906 or david.reynolds47@att.net.

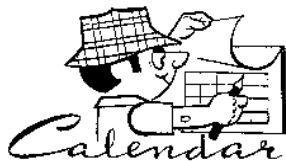
1967 Piper Cherokee 140 N9791W, 4875TT, 900S-FRM, annual due 11/12, Paint 9.5, Int. 8.5 (Leather), Glass 9.5, 160HP RAM Conversion, Electric Aileron

Trim, Seatbelts Harnesses, Dual Push to Talk Switches, EGT & CHT.

Avionics: PMA 6000 Audio Panel/4Place Intercom/MB APOLLO GX-55 GPS (IFR Cert.), Narco Nav/Com Mark 12D G/S, Narco Com. 812, Collins Transponder TDR-95 w/Mode C, Narco ELT 810.

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Members ads run for 2 issues. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 2 issues, you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.



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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Support our Advertisers!

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The Chapter 690 AeroShoppe

... is a great place to find some unique & high quality gifts... for birthdays, holidays, or just because ...

Gift cards-\$20(sets of 8) and **Ceramic Coasters**-\$10 (sets of 4) featuring aviation photography by our own John Slemp. Coasters can also be purchased individually for \$2.50

Beautiful Wood Airplane Cravings-\$5 for small, \$10 for large, suitable for hanging.



The Aero Shoppe has even more plane related items coming in November including Christmas/Holiday gift ideas.

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2011 Chapter Web-Site

Most of you know that the new Chapter web-site www.eaa690.org is up and running.

Please go ahead and register for the secure members only portion. The new features will be rolled out shortly. While you're at it, up-load your photo.

Speaking about photos, if you have photos of Chapter events, send them to [John Slemp](mailto:John.Slemp) or Joel Levine, jlevine@bellsouth.net for posting to the web-site's photo gallery.

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