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Annual Holiday Party

The Chapter 690 annual Holiday party held in the Chapter Building Friday December 10th was another great success. The 80 plus members and guests who attended enjoyed fellowship over a cup of punch and then feasted on a delicious buffet of ham, turkey and specialty dishes provided by the attendees. The Chapter building was decorated for the season complete with a Christmas tree and attractive table decorations which were given away at the end of the evening.

Recognized for outstanding leadership during the past two years were the outgoing officers Frank Wilcox, President. David Haskell, Vice President, Wayne Whitaker, Secretary. and Lnor Levine, Treasurer. Larry Bishop, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors presented certificates. Frank Wilcox recognized and thanked the 12 chairpersons of the Standing Committees that served under his presidency. He also introduced the new officers who will provide leadership in the next two years: Chuck Miller, President, Joe Friend, Vice President, Tom Dubrouillet, Secretary and Charlie Sego, Treasurer.

Recognized for completion and initial flights of homebuilt aircraft in 1999 were Ron Kidd who built an RV6-A and Bob

Goodman, an RV-4, both are very popular 2 place, low wing, all metal airplanes. They were presented plaques by Clyde Schnars, Chapter Flight Advisor and one of several Technical Counselors.

Lnor Levine and Frank Wilcox were awarded Member of the Year plaques by Larry Bishop These two received the same number of votes when members voted in a secret ballot in the November elections. This honor recognizes the dedicated service these two have given the chapter not only in 1999, but for many years. Also recognized were three of the original charter members of Chapter 690 who were present. Coming from Ellberton was Harold Stalcup with his wife, Kay, and from Griffin came Earl Evans to join Ken Sharp who has continued his membership since the charter was formed in 1980.

The evening speaker was Larry Lee who with his wife, Kathy, piloted a Piper Malibu in a race from Iceland to Turkey in 1997. We first heard about this race at the June meeting when Dr. Sam Shelton from Georgia Tech described his Georgia Tech student's involvement and support of the aircraft and pilot. Larry provided the interesting details of the flight accompanied by colored slides which enabled us to see the many events included in a lap timed race *continued on page 3*

The NavCom

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President's NOTAM

by Chuck Miller

Well it's another year, another century (we pilots know that we really have another year to go before the next Millennium), and another President.

Hi, I'm Chuck Miller, the fellow you elected as your President for the next two years. First let me thank all of those who voted for me. I know we often kid about wither to offer congratulations or condolences, but in all seriousness, I am very honored to have been given the opportunity to serve, and appreciate your confidence in me.

Chapter 690 has seen fantastic growth and changes under our former officers. I am sure I speak for all of us in offering them a heart felt thanks. I only hope I will do as well.

We also have a new Young Eagles coordinator. Duane Huff has offered to take over from Bill Coleman. Bill, after several years of excellent leadership as YE coordinator, has asked for a break. I know Duane will do a wonderful job. Duane has asked for some help with the YE activities. Please talk to Duane if you would like to help.

Our chapter facilities are among the best, and are almost finished. I would like to see the workshop up and running and stocked with tools that can make our projects a bit easier. I would appreciate suggestions as to how best to equip it. I understand that we have a vertical milling machine, and some other tools in storage. Other items, such as test equipment and hand tool suggestions are welcome. (As are donations)

We have already planned many activities for the next year. You will notice that we have planned some additional flying activities. We will have at least one Poker run this year. We are also going to have fly-outs, hopefully once a month, to interesting places. Other events and or flying activity suggestions will be welcome.

Ok, now for the hard stuff. We have several committee positions open. We need someone to head up the social committee and someone for Hospitality. I would also like to have someone volunteer to coordinate the fly-out activities. If you would like to volunteer please let me know.

Well that's enough for now, so thanks again and see you at the meeting.

GENERAL AVIATION SAFER THAN EVER

As evidence that GA is safer than ever, the NTSB reports that for 1998 the total accident rate was about 7 per 100,000 flight hours--a historic low. The department of Transportation and NTSB report the number of deaths per activity in 1998 were:

621 in General Aviation which sounds like a lot and is, But...
794 bicycling
808 recreational boating
831 hit by trains
41,480 in automobiles
From FAC newsletter North Perry chapter

Annual Holiday Party

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The Lees with the Georgia Tech support won the race. One planned event for the holiday party which did not happen was a visit from Santa. The old man just could not work us into his busy schedule at such a late hour and after a full evening's program. But he promised that he will save our gifts and return next year - a real incentive for our attendance in December 2000. Thanks to Jeannie Miller, Chairman, Sue Adams, (decorations) Sherry Langford and Margaret Wilcox, (food) along with all the other members who assisted. The building was comfortable thanks to completion of the electrical heating system provided under the leadership of David Posey.

Around the Pattern with Joel Levine.

2000 started off on a high note. Even with the first Saturday being literally the first Saturday, we had 75+ stalwart members, former members and friends of 690 come out for breakfast. As announced in last month's NAV-COM, breakfast was a thank you for supporting the chapter over the years. It's amazing how a free breakfast can taste so good. For the Chapter, a hearty thanks to Mike, Jennifer and the entire breakfast crew. Without them we might starve. Make it a point to express your thanks the next time you attend one of the Chapter events - or better yet, lend a hand.

The Aviation Trivia program was more successful than one might have imagined. It was Lnor's idea for a program where we had no idea of what the attendance might be. Steve Ashby, with his wealth of aviation knowledge and his "Airshow Announcers" presentation did a superb job asking, judging and moderating the activity. The questions were taken from two "Aviation Trivia Pursuit" games provided by Sue Adams.

Steve asked 50 questions, with the winner Andrew Robinson answering 9 of the 50. Second place went to Jeff Reynold, a high school student and 23-hour student pilot from Atlanta.

Third was a three-way tie between Ken Sharp, Bill Davis and a friend of Jeff's, Steve Kaminski. It was especially nice to see new (and young) faces to start 2000 at LZU. Special thanks to Jeannie Miller and The Pilot Shop for providing the prizes for everyone answering questions correctly. It was a fun way to usher in the New Year of activities at LZU.

Next months first Saturday program will be on using the new GPS properly. See you at the meeting Friday.

Start making your plans.....

Vintage Aircraft Fly-In

LZU - Saturday, March 4, 2000

EAA690 is hosting a fly-in for Vintage Aircraft.

This event will replace the Ercoupe Fly-in in hopes to attract more pilots, aircraft, and drive-in visitors. This fly-in will is not being aimed at the general public, but for pilots and aviation enthusiasts. The general public is welcome but advertising will be through EAA Type Clubs, aviation publications and notices.

The chapter is also hosting an EAA Flying Start program the same day. It is my hopes that the two events will compliment each other. So not to interfere with or distract the Early Start program, the Vintage fly-in people will meet in EAA Hanger 6 until the Flying Start formal program is over, or about noon/lunch.

The following is a list of committees needed to make this a successful event. If you would like to volunteer for a committee please contact me, the sooner the better.

Greg Jannakos - 770.277.1637 gpjann@mindspring.com

.Kitchen - breakfast & lunch

.Aircraft Parking

.AC Registration

.Hanger Host

.Clean-up

.Auto Parking & Ground Transportation

.Road Signs

.EAA Merchandise

.Shirts & Caps Sales

.Photographer

.Flyer with event information

.Safety and .Informal Program about Airport

Meet Charlie Sego, Chapter Treasurer *by Margaret Wilcox*

Most members of Chapter 690 know Charlie Sego. He is almost always flipping pancakes at our monthly breakfasts. He has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past three years and in that position of leadership has guided the remodeling of the chapter building. Prior to that he negotiated the lease with the county and oversaw the construction of the eight hangar buildings of which we are so proud. Charlie has been a member of Chapter 690 since 1983. He was president in 92 and 93 and newsletter editor in 1988. We know Charlie as a man of action always working for the chapter. As treasurer he will assume the very important job of managing our financial resources.

Charlie became interested in aviation when his father bought an Aeronca Champ and later a Cessna 172. While growing up he flew with his father in both and obtained his pilot's license when he was 18 years old. In 1983 he flew ultra lights - even sold them. He is now building a Skylite which is "90% complete with 90% to go". But Charlie says, "it will be finished in two weeks. Trust me." This statement became Charlie's trademark as he humorously maintained the member's confidence during the long process of building the chapter hangars. Charlie has worked for Gwinnett County for 14 years, currently in computers, and plans to retire in three more. He and his wife Kristi live in a new home near Grayson where he has his own large workshop building. Old time members remember the annual summer barbecues hosted by the Segos when they formerly lived beside a small lake. Kristi attends the social events and can always be counted on to provide her famous pineapple cheese dish at our pot luck meals. Running, roller blading and rock climbing (indoors) are 'fun' for Charlie as well as traveling with Kristi.

For many years Charlie has proven to be a good steward of the material possessions of Chapter 690 and he looks forward to being a good steward of the financial resources during the next two.



Meet Tom Dubrouillet, Chapter Secretary *by Margaret Wilcox*

Sometimes we want to be a part of an organization, but we need a real incentive to be sure that we do not slack off. So what do we do? We take an office that requires attendance at every meeting. That and his desire to help build a strong chapter is what motivated Tom Dubrouillet, to run for secretary of Chapter 690 and he was elected. Tom has been an EAA member since 1994 and joined the chapter in 1996. He is building a Glastar which is about 50% complete in his basement. Yes, he knows how he will get it out.

Turned on to flying when he was knee high, his interest has grown with the years. In one of the most ultimate expressions of love and confidence his wife, Jeanie, gave him a gift of flying lessons for his birthday - May 15th 1993. He obtained his private license in June of that very year and his IFR rating in June of 1995.

Tom is a salesman for Toshiba Industrial Division and lives in Roswell. When asked about his outside interests, he pointed to his son, 18 month old Nathan, as he held him in his arms. Jeanie and Nathan attended both the December pancake breakfast and the Holiday Party with Tom. We expect that Nathan will grow up loving airplanes like his dad. We look forward to having Jeanie join us in the social events of the chapter. Pleased with the growth and programs of Chapter 690, Tom will use his position of leadership to see that it continues.



Meet Joe Friend, Chapter Vice President *by Margaret Wilcox*

Joe Friend, the vice president of the chapter for the next two years, has been a member of EAA for 19 years. He joined Chapter 690 in November of 1998 when he moved to the Atlanta area from New Jersey. In New Jersey he was an active member of Chapter 315 and flew many Young Eagles. He obtained his pilot's license in 1983.

Also when Joe lived in New Jersey he built a Sea-Rey, an experimental amphibian, which he continues to fly especially for Chapter 690 Young Eagle flights. He likes to do water landings and recently has landed on Lake Altoona and Lake Chatug. Joe has flown his amphibian from NJ. to FL and from GA to TX. He plans other adventuresome cross-countries in the coming year. His flying often includes visits to his three children and 4 grandchildren who live in Anderson, SC, Memphis, TN. and Princeton, NJ. To earn the money that supports his outside interests, Joe works for IBM in Sandy Springs where he is a Senior Project Manager. He looks forward to retirement in two years. Joe's interest in aviation began when as a small boy of 5 he began building models with an uncle. Prior to getting involved with full scale flying he was very active in RC modeling and competition. He has served as president of his local Academy of Model Aeronautics club and was the National contest Board Chairman for the AMA.

Another interest is the Civil Air Patrol and he is active in the local PDK squadron. He takes Cadets on orientation flights, and works in Administration and Emergency services. He plans to become more active in air search and rescue.

You also might find Joe on the tennis court or in his hangar at LZU working on his kit car or airplanes - the Sea-Rey and Cobra ultralight. He likes to work with his hands. His vision for Chapter 690 is to maintain the momentum in program and activities and promote continued growth. With so many interests Joe will surely bring outstanding leadership to Chapter 690 and we look forward to great programming in the coming months.

Young Eagles in 1999

By Bill Coleman

What a great year for Young Eagles and Chapter 690! According to my records, we flew almost 190 kids this year. And there may be a few more than our pilots flew that I'm not aware of. I would like for us to give special recognition to those pilots who have flown 10 or more Young Eagles in the past year:

Duane Huff -- 32

Joe Reed -- 27

Walt Bannerman -- 22

Chuck Roberts -- 20

Joe Friend -- 11

Larry Bishop -- 10

Joel Levine -- 10

We should give extra special recognition to Duane. Not only has he carried 32 youngsters (on 32 separate flights!), but he has also hosted several airport tours for younger kids. Duane has great enthusiasm for young people. We should all give him our support in the coming year as our new Chapter 690 Young Eagle Coordinator.

*When I die, I want to
go peacefully,
like my
grandfather did....
In his sleep,
Not screaming and
yelling like the
passengers in his car.*



Events Calendar



Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000

Dawson, GA

EAA Chapter 354 monthly pancake breakfast fly-in at Dawson Municipal Airport (16J). Call Ron Acker at 912-888-2828 for more information.



Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000

Dayton, TN

Rhea County Civil Air Patrol monthly fly-in breakfast at Mark Anton Airport (2A0), 7:30-11 a.m. Call Wanda Fulmer at 423-775-8407 for more information.



Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000

Memphis, TN

EAA Chapter 182 monthly fly-in breakfast at General Dewitt Spain Airport (M01). 8:30-10 a.m. Contact Gilbert Pierce at 901-755-3060 or gpierce1@midsouth.rr.com for more information.



Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000

Greenwood, SC

South Carolina Breakfast Club meeting at Greenwood County Airport (GRD). Call Anne Hawkins at 803-432-9595 for more information.



Sunday, Jan. 29, 2000

Salisbury, NC

EAA Chapter 1083 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Fun Fly-In at Rowan County Airport (RUQ). Begins at 7:30 a.m. Contact Jack Neubacher at 704-636-1864 or fly4fun@salisbury.net for more information.



Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000

Garfield, GA

Monthly fly-in at Hacienda de Gay Airstrip (Pvt). Food served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fly market. Call Don Gay at 912-982-3421 for more information.



Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000

Lawrenceville, GA

EAA Chapter 690 pancake breakfast fly-in and aviation program at Gwinnett County-Briscoe Field (LZU). Program: "Proper GPS Usage." Contact Joel Levine at 770-394-5466 or jlevine@akorn.net for more information.



March 4, 2000

Lawrenceville, GA

EAA 690 Vintage Airplane Flyin featuring Aeronca, Ercoupe, Cessna, Pietenpol, Piper, and any air plane that is vintage. Breakfast & Lunch available Short program Lots of hanger flying
For more information contact: Coordinator: Greg Jannakos, 1921 McConnell Rd. Grayson, Ga. 30017 770.277.1637 gpjann@mindspring.com



May 13, 2000

Lawrenceville, GA

EAA690 will host a Wings Weekend. That will also be the weekend of the annual Hangar Dance, and the EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" will be there. The B-17 will be at LZU May 11 - 15.

Visit the EAA 690 Website at: <http://eaa690.home.mindspring.com>



Technical Corner

Robert Everett is a new member to EA690 and has offered to host a project visit. Robert's project is a Kitfox IV.

Project visit set for Feb. 12, 2000

Time: 10:00AM till noon

Directions are as follows:

I live near Bogart about 4 miles from the Hwy 78/ Hwy 316 crossing.

To get to my house take Hwy 316 east towards Athens, turn right on Hwy 53 (to Watkinsville). Remain on Hwy 53 and cross Hwy 78 (traffic light).

Continue 2.5 miles from traffic light on Hwy 53 to Clotfelter Rd. Turn left on Clotfelter road and go 0.8 miles to Clotfelter Ln, turn right. Stay straight on Clotfelter Ln and follow the signs to my house. Note Clotfelter Ln is my driveway and there are only 2 houses on it. I will put up signs to direct members.

Project Visit

Saturday, May 13, 2000

Mike Stewart, RV6A

Mike is building an RV6A and should be working on his fuselage. Mike also has a very good Web Site where he is documenting notes, pictures, suggestions, and other words of wisdom. Also, he is building an itemized expense list. Try it, you'll like it....Directions to follow in next NavCom

I've installed a "sonar" proximity detector in my Lancair. The purpose is twofold:

- 1) It is a totally independent backup system to my "gear up/down" indicator. and
- 2) I have it adjusted so that it emits a "tone" when the wheels are about 4 to 6 inches off the ground. It has REALLY helped me increase the number of "roll on" (greasers) landings. (I think it's already paid for itself in reduced tire wear.)

The whole thing weighs about 8 ounces and it works GREAT. *Dennis Angello*



Young Eagle Report

By Bill Coleman

Our December 4 Young Eagles Rally was a great success. Starting off with excellent Chapter 690 pancakes and sausage, the weather was excellent for introducing young people to aviation. Chapter pilots flew 30 kids (as well as a couple of parents):

Walt Bannerman - 12

Lee Craymer - 6

Duane Huff - 3

Joe Friend - 3

Jeff Kidd - 3

Robert Marion - 2

David Bledsoe - 1

In this rally, we welcome new Young Eagle pilots Jeff Kidd and Robert Marion. Thanks to all pilots for your support of Young Eagles.

Helping out on the ground, current Chapter President Frank Wilcox, President-Elect Chuck Miller, the ubiquitous Bill Curtis and myself. Thank you everyone, I couldn't have done it without you. Of course, you don't have to wait until a Young Eagle rally to introduce young people to aviation. As long as you meet the FAA requirements to carry passengers, and carry liability insurance, you can fly Young Eagles. Registration forms and certificates are available in the chapter hangar in the blue file cabinet. You can leave completed registration forms there and I'll see they get to Oshkosh.

The following letter was sent to Duane Huff by a young Eagle

Mr. Huff,

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your taking time out of your schedule to take me flying with the Young Eagles. It is definitely an experience I will never forget. Thank you so much for allowing me to enjoy such a wonderful experience.

Sincerely'

Jane Brown

Parkview H.S.

Classifieds

For Sale: One set 150 Cessna type wheel pants, \$75.00 OBO. Jones Webb, 770963-4580, 770963-3423.

For Sale: 1978N Cessna 172 Skyhawk. Very nice, well maintained (TLC). Hangared last four years (unsure before six years ago, but look at it and decide for yourself). 2950 total time. 900 since major overhaul. 0-320, 160 hp, runs perfect. Paint is a 9. Interior 81/2. Fully IFR equipped (Bendix King coms, Navcoms. DME, ADF, Loran, CDI w/ lideslope, & CDI VOR). Century II Autopilot w/ heading bug, and wing leveler. Fresh Annual in Oct. '99. Based at Covington, Hanger N. Hull value this model is \$48,000, this one is worth \$50,000, and that is what I'm asking. Dick Seiders -phone 770-972-3727, or avdub@mindspring.com.

For sale, perfectly built RV8 empnenge with electric trim and Variprime interior (600\$). Also for sale 28 years of Sport Aviation (300\$) less then a 1\$ each. Call Carl Bell 770 263 7998 for information

Wanted: Project Cub, Chief, or Champ. Flying (But Needing Work) or Non-flying ok. Leave a message at 678-376-0482 or email SaundersJS@aol.com

For Rent: One bedroom apartment on airstrip near Snellville. Tie down available Utilities and cable TV included with rent No smokers No pets No children \$450 / mo. unfurnished ; \$475 / mo. furnished. Frank Wilcox 770-978-2403

For Sale: Complete (new) hydraulic disc brake and wheel kit for A/C up to 1100 lb. gross. Includes tires, tubes & mounting hdwr; \$200. Tail wheel, axle, glass rod spring and mounting bracket (new) ; \$100. Frank Wilcox770-978-2403 or frankwil@mindspring.com

For Sale: RV6A 0-320 C/S prop 100 hrs. total time engine and airframe. Can be seen in EAA hanger #4.; Charlie Patterson 770 9384131 or charliepatterson@mindspring.com, price negotiable. Possible trade for J-3 etc.

REMEMBER.....FILL OUT THE RENEWAL FORM SENT TO YOU IN THE DECEMBER NAVCOM. RENEWALS ARE DUE THIS MONTH!!!!

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Monthly Meeting
Friday, January 14
7:30pm at the
Chapter Hangar

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