

The NavCom

Newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, Gwinnett County, GA

All the News that Fits

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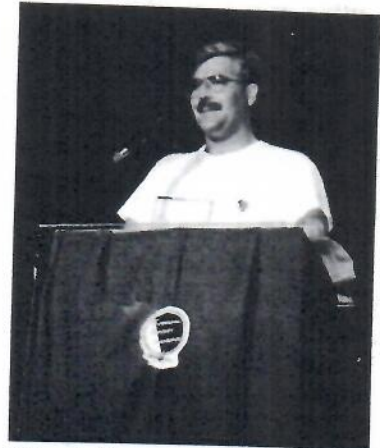
Chapter 690 Wins Big!

Frank and Margaret Wilcox's camper trailer was a little heavier on the home from Oshkosh than it was on the way up. The extra baggage was in the form of three (3; count 'em!) major Oshkosh awards. First, the chapter won the **Humanitarian Award** for our Young Eagle efforts with physically-challenged children. The emcee at Theater in the Woods read a summary of our experiences with Kristen. There were several snuffles from the audience. **Steve Ashby** then stepped forward and gave the best acceptance speech I heard all week.

A couple of days previous to this, 690 scored a double whammy. **Frank Wilcox** was awarded the **EAA Outstanding Achievement Award**. The emcee read a synopsis of the achievements of each winner—

Frank said that some of the stuff was news to him! A final neat-o thing was that the recipient immediately preceding Frank was Patty Wagstaff, who won for her efforts at obtaining an Ercoupe for an eastern European pilot who had sustained grave injuries performing in a show.

The last award won by Chapter 690 was runner-up for the **McKillop Newsletter Editor's Award**. This truly surprised me, but in later conversations with Bob Mackey, he said it was due in large part to the **variety** of authors the NavCom had last year! So, more than ever, the NavCom excels due to the chapter's efforts *in toto*. **Duane Huff** did us the honor of accepting the award. He says it was a great thrill to stand on the stage at Theater in the Woods.



Steve Ashby accepts the Humanitarian Award for Chapter 690 at Oshkosh '93

Here's hoping he gets to again with his Chief efforts.

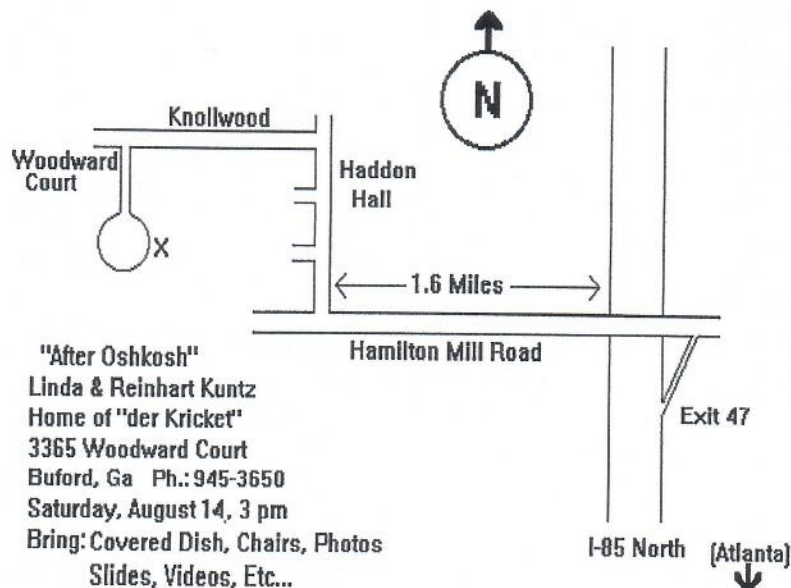
Due to the time crunch of Kuntz picnic, the coverage of the above and of the rest of Oshkosh is abbreviated here, but will be expanded in the September issue.

Post-Oshkosh Picnic at Kuntz Home

Post-O bash replaces normal Friday night meeting!

As in years past, Linda and Reinhart Kuntz are graciously opening their home to Chapter 690. The picnic will be on Saturday, August 14th, and takes the place of the normal August monthly meeting. There is no monthly meeting on Friday, August 13th! Hangar talk begins about 3:00 and eats begin around 4:30-5:00. Please bring a covered dish. The Kuntzes will provide the meats and drinks. I think Linda is doing a ham! Also, bring lawn chairs. But most importantly, bring your Oshkosh photos and videos!

Note to new members: The Post-O Picnic is great opportunity to meet Chapter 690 members and to get a feel for what we're all about.



Plane Attacked by Strange Growth!

Scientists Stumped Over Odd Occurrence

Frank Flessel, long-time Chapter 690 member, was enjoying himself at Oshkosh '93 well into the evening. Imagine his dismay upon returning to his faithful steed, a 1953 C-135 Tripacer, to find it covered in a strange growth! Witnesses say that Frank's plane seemed to spontaneously grow a white, fibrous material, similar to that found tightly wound in several of the Port-A-Lets on the field. Scientists are investigating both the colony that materialized on the plane and samples taken from a random group of Port-A-Lets.

"We think there may be a connection," stated Neils Bohr, chaired Professor of Ethereal Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh Campus. "We had an outbreak of similar growths at the end of last October. Those were somewhat more severe, covering trees and occasionally entire homes!"

Intense analysis continues, but will be hampered once the snows begin. Professor Bohr notes that many such efforts are hindered by the onset of winter, and has a plan.

"We intend to take this dog and pony...I mean, we plan to extend our research to the southern states, possibly Lakeland, FL in the Spring, to explore the geographical determinants of this mysterious growth," says Dr. Bohr.

Good luck to Herr Bohr. In the mean time, does anyone have photographs of the strange fuzz that grew on Frank's plane? If so, please send them to me (Jeff Boatright) and I will make sure that they get to Dr. Bohr.

Dedicated to Frank Flessel

The shortness of this issue of the NavCom is dedicated to Frank Flessel. Seriously, though, due to the short time between returning from Oshkosh and the Kuntz's picnic, there was no opportunity to create a bigger NavCom. Also, several folks with contributions

concerning Oshkosh have not yet gotten back. So, next month, we plan to have **EXTENDED OSHKOSH COVERAGE!!** EAA HQ requested that we again run a story on what attendees liked and disliked the most about Oshkosh '93. Please get me your

applause/squawk lists ASAP. Just a few lines is all I need, unless something really moved you this year. Of course and as always, any literary contributions are welcome!

New Member News

(Sorry, it's a little dated...)

At a recent meeting, **Greg Jannakos** returned to us after 2 years. Greg has built a **Mini-Max** and a **Sonerai** and is restoring an **Ercoupe**. He and his toys are based at **Winder**. He is also skilled with **Wood and Metal**. **WELCOME BACK, GREG!!!**

Steve Yothment is also a new member. Steve and his wife **Envyonne** live in **Lawrenceville** and he is an **Engineering Manager**. Steve is a **Student**, flying out of **Gwinnett**. He is skilled at anything **Electrical** and enjoys **Ham Radio** and **Computers**. **WELCOME TO 690, STEVE!!!**

Bob Everett also recently joined the chapter. Bob is a pharmacist who holds a private and instrument ticket. He flies a **Cessna 210** and is building a **Kitfox IV**. He messes around with **RC**

models, electronics, mechanics, and welding (sounds like a good guy to know!) He and his wife **Judy** have two children: **Robert (10)** and **Erin (8)**. **WELCOME TO 690!**

Dennis Kaas just joined 690, too. He is a treasurer (?) and holds commercial and instrument ratings. He is working on an **Express (Wheeler?)** and enjoys sailing and woodworking. His wife is **Anita**.

You have been encouraged to complete our Membership Application, even though you are an ole-time member. The reason is to present little tidbits of information that may be of interest to all. A skill or hobby you have, you may help or share with other 690'ers. So, if you have any information, please, "let me have it", 'cause the more I know, the

more you and the rest of us will. Also, let us know if you have any interesting "gossip" that may be of interest. Membership Directories will be available by the April meeting.

As of March 17, 1993, EAA Chapter 690's Membership was 49 members. From the information I have, we have 41 out of the 49 members that are pilots of some sort. We have 10 Student Pilots, 23 Private Pilots, 8 Commercial Pilots. And it gets even more impressive. We have 6 Instrument, 2 Glider, 2 Multi-Engine and even 1 Helicopter; 1 CFI-AIG (Certified Flight Instructor - Airplane, Instrument and Glider); 2 A&P; 2 Technical Counselors; and 1 A&P, IA.

Oshkosh Preview

Though we didn't have much time or many resources for this NavCom, I thought I'd give a little review of the trip taken by my dad, Bob Boatright, Wayne Whitaker, Richard Robison, and me. We all met in Milwaukee and went on to Brodhead, WI, the Pietenpol capital of the world. We then stayed with the Wilcoxes and Steve Ashby and his son Drew at Oshkosh.



Frank, Jeff, Richard, Margaret, and Wayne survey the camp site. Bob (who took this photo) actually slept in that Toyota; said it wasn't that bad...Cars, campers, tents—we'll try anything once.



Richard took this beautiful shot from the rescue door of the Sunderland Flying Boat (aka Flying Porcupine). Lake Winnebago and the Fox River were up to their banks. Gorgeous skies prevailed almost everyday at Oshkosh.



Steve Ashby is so shy. He saw poor, lonely Paul Poberezny tooting around in RED ONE, so of course had to jump in with him. Drew Ashby, always prepared for such shinanigans by his old man, promptly snapped this photo. Is Paul motioning "Thumbs up" or "Take a hike, you hick!" ??

July Meeting Minutes

President Charles Segó opened the meeting at 8:05 pm with the traditional introductions. Forty three members and guests were in attendance. Mike North announced that the newly formed Air Explorer Post would meet on Saturday. The Post has 16 paid up members. A visit to Greg Jannakas' workshop was also scheduled for Saturday to observe the status of his Continental C-75 which is undergoing a complete rebuild. Joel Levine announced that the remaining chapter shirts have been price reduced. Either the T-shirt or the sweat shirt can now be had for \$7.50. Joel also reported that a \$10.00 landing/take-off fee had been under discussion for PDK airport.

Treasurers Report: Sheryl Black reported that the Building Fund contained \$xx and the General Fund \$xx for a total of \$xx. Sheryl is taking orders for 1994 calendars. The price will be about \$8.50.

Announcements: Sheryl announced that she or Ken would try and coordinate available rides to/from Oshkosh. Jeff Boatright will take part in the Newsletter Forum. John Henderson reported

that the tool crib was in good shape. The August meeting, traditionally held after the Oshkosh Convention will not break with tradition once again. Keeping with tradition, the meeting will be held on August 14th at the home of Reinhart and Linda Kuntz. Now lets see, last year we dialed. . .

Old Business: The Gwinett Air Show netted the chapter around \$1032.00 in return for the labor provided. They were nice enough not to charge those chapter members that participated for the fun time they had.

Young Eagles: Theresa Coleman reported that to date the Chapter had flown 187 kids with the participation of twelve pilots and many support staff. The last outing had 57 kids participate in 9 aircraft. The next Eagle sessions would be in September and October probably at Lawrenceville once again. It was reported that Epps Air Service had contacted the Chapter and that Pat would like his people to get evolved. Four parents are reported to have begun taking lessons, a side benefit to the Young Eagle program for the local FBO's that participate.

Activities: Andy Anderson has agreed to represent the Chapter at the Lawrenceville Airport Safety Meeting. A chapter visit to the PDK tower is under discussion. Harold Stalcup played a short tape from Margret Wilcox thanking the Chapter for the plant sent after her surgery. Henry Warner thanked the membership, explaining to those who were not aware of his twenty nine month ordeal, for the flowers, cards and telephone calls he received while in the hospital. Henry reports the kidney working fine. We know it handles chocolate cake without any problems! Frank Wilcox thanked the membership for the support given in earning him a Major Achievement Award to be presented during this years convention. Franks award is one of ten presented each year.

At the break the chapter celebrated the healthy return of Henry and the fine award to Frank with cake and punch. The celebration was followed by part two of the Frick, with a little harassment from Frack, Fabric Covering Workshop. Respectfully submitted, Joel M. Levine, Secretary

Thank You Jeff and Printers!!!

Sheryl Black

Ken and I stopped by Peachstate Airport July 11th. One of the first comments we were greeted with was, "What's going on with Chapter 690's NAVCOM!?! It's always been professional, only it keeps getting better. And now 12 pages and color pictures!?!"

Yes folks are sitting up and taking notice. Jeff Boatright and his band of printers are putting us on the map.

Jeff, thank you for the countless hours and dedication you give to Chapter 690 to give us the best newsletter. Those 4:00 A.M.

hours and going to folks houses for personal interviews and updates on projects is greatly appreciated.

Joel Levine has contributed the printing for our NAVCOM for a number of years. The time spent and many, many dollars he has saved the chapter is untold. Joel we thank you.

Joel recently had to do a great deal of business traveling and when we did not have his ability available, the Chapter "PAID" and we could greater appreciate his efforts!

Chapter 690 has had the good fortune recently to have not one, but two new members join us who are in the printing industry and offered their services to us. Last month, Jeff called in one of those offers and asked Alan Langford to print our NAVCOM. Alan took a number of hours out of his business day to print our 12 page NAVCOM, including "Colorization"!

WE are thankful to those who are the mainstream for our communication.

Calendar of Events

Aug. 14 - Buford GA - EAA Chapter 690

Post-Oshkosh Bash and August monthly meeting. Home of Linda and Reinhardt Kuntz (see map, page 1.) Open dish, bring side dishes, chairs, and photos/videos of Oshkosh. Starts at 3 PM, eating begins at about 4:30 PM. THIS IS THE AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING! NO MEETING ON FRIDAY THE 13TH!

Sept. 18 - Frick & Frack AeroConsortium Works - EAA Chapter 690 Family Bar-Be-Que.

This replaces the September meeting! Covered dish, meat and drinks provided. Bring lawn chairs. Details to follow in the Sept. NavCom.

Monthly Fly-Ins

(With thanks to Tom Crowder of EAA 268 - Marietta)

Winchester, Tn	Breakfast	1 st Saturday	(615) 967-0143
Rome, Ga	Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	(404) 234-7419
McMinnville Tn	Breakfast	2 nd Saturday	(615) 668-4806
Collegedale, Tn	Breakfast	3 rd Saturday	(615) 236-4340
Peach St. Arpt.	Hangar Huddle	3 rd Saturday	(404) 227-8282
Guntersville, Al	EAA Fly-In	4 th Sunday	(205) 586-1580
South Carolina Breakfast Club every other week.			
Gerald Bullard (404) 724-2651 or (803) 663-9900			

Oct. 9 - Gwinnett County Airport - Chapter 690 Biplane Fall Classic. Be there!^{NC}

Calendars For Sale!!

We need to order the 1994 EAA Calendars. This year we are taking advance orders, as in previous years we have had many left-over calendars. The chapter sells these calendars to the members at basic cost. Please complete and mail to me ASAP your order for the 1994 Calendar. Remember, they make great Christmas gifts for friends, family, and customers. Don't get left out! Deadline is **August 15, 1993.** The cost of the calendars will be about \$8.50 or less. We get volume discount, so the more we get to order, the less they will cost. For example, if we order 100 or more, they will cost \$5.50 each, so let's get those orders in! Thank you!!! Any questions, please call 979-4233.

Name _____

of Calendars: _____

EAA National # _____ Expires _____

Mail to: Sheryl Black
3762 Holland Dr.
Lithonia, GA 30058

We need your EAA National Number and Expiration Date. You may either use the calendar order form and mail or call 979-4233 and simply leave a message. Your corporation is appreciated as it protects Chapter 690 in many ways. Thank you.

Membership Directories are available and have been distributed at the monthly meetings. If you have been unable to attend or have not received your directory, please call Sheryl at 979-4233 and one will be mailed to you directly or enclosed with your next NAVCOM. Thank you.

About the EAA...

The **Experimental Aircraft Association** was founded in 1953, with early meetings of a few stalwarts in the home of the founder, past President, and present Chairman, Paul Poberezny. From modest beginnings the movement has expanded to hundreds of thousands of members. The annual EAA convention in Oshkosh, WI hosts more than 800,000 people per year and is the premier aviation event in the world. Today, the EAA is headed by Tom Poberezny and exists to promote the world of amateur-built aircraft and sport aviation in general. EAA provides many services to its membership, from technical know-how to representation of membership concerns to federal entities. Membership is open to anyone who shares the interests of the association. Annual dues are \$35.00 per twelve month period of which \$20.00 is for a subscription to Sport Aviation. To join, see our Treasurer, Sheryl Black (979-4233) or write EAA Aviation Center, POB 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

About the NAV-COM...

The **NAV-COM** is the monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690. It comes free with the dues, and you get what you pay for. (Like sentences ending in prepositions). NAV-COM is for EAA members only. It is a compilation of ideas, opinions, and data from several sources. In presenting it, the Chapter and EAA HQ by no means recommend or sanction the stuff. In other words and for example, we are not responsible if you bust your keester at an event we list in the calendar. **Contributions are always welcomed**, whether they are facts, opinions, or exaggerations. I will gently edit for grammar and curse words, but what you send in is generally what I send out. Magnetic media is appreciated. Send your pearls of wisdom to: Jeff Boatright, 2293 Sanford Road, Decatur, GA 30033. Special Thanks to Wayne Whitaker, Joel Levine, and Alan Langford.

About Chapter 690...

The EAA is made up of hundreds of chapters world-wide. The local chapter for Dekalb and Gwinnett counties and vicinity (i.e., anyone else who wants IN) is **Chapter 690**. We're a raucous group with several projects, both restoration and amateur-built, in progress. Annual dues are \$48.00. See Sheryl Black, the Treasurer (979-4233) to sign up. You'll also need to join EAA National (see above). Membership is open to anyone, though we especially like people who drive and write for the NavCom. **Our meetings are every second Friday of the month, 8:00 pm, at Gwinnett Co. Airport Administration Building.** In addition to the meetings, which often consist of excellent guest speakers from across the aviation world, the Chapter holds many functions, including workshops, fly-ins and -outs, and social gatherings.

Our officers and other luckless people are:

President: Charlie Sego - 923-9549
Vice-President: John Goodman - 972-2405
Secretary: Joel Levine - 394-5466
Treasurer: Sheryl Black - 979-4233

Videos and Books: Barney Barnes - 923-7896
Tools and Materials: John Henderson - 449-1946
Chapter Historian: LeRoy Stoutenburg - 981-6041

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Chapter Notes:

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The Budweiser blimp's maneuverability in strong winds was amazing.