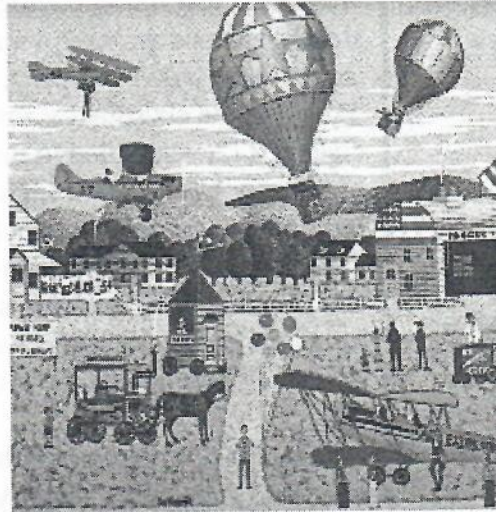




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COMING IN MARCH!!!

The EAA 690 Vintage Aircraft Fly-In will be at the Sport Aviation Complex on March 4. See the events page for more information.

Building Interior Construction Project

Progress on the building project may appear to be slow because the more visible jobs of erecting steel beams and stairways and pouring of concrete are done. But construction is moving ahead. Most of the electrical wiring and lights were installed during the holiday season. On January 22nd a large crew of members came to work and started construction of the walls of the stairway and mezzanine facing the building interior.

The walls along the mezzanine not only serve to enclose the new rooms, but they provide a fire-rated barrier between the mezzanine and rest of the building as required by the building code. This calls for special type of materials, windows and doors that will create this fire barrier.

Work was halted on the 22nd when freezing rain was reported and everyone quickly cleaned up and left. A few retirees continued work on the 27th. Charlie Sego correctly anticipated more bad weather canceled work for January 29th.

The next scheduled work day is Saturday Feb. 5th after the pancake breakfast. All members with or without building skills, including sidewalk superintendents, are encouraged to help on this project. Work starts at 9:00 A.M. on Saturdays. Some bring a sack lunch and others go to a nearby deli. Not only does the progress move toward completion, but we have fun doing it. And we get to know each other better as we work. Plan to spend some time on this worthwhile chapter project. Watch Joel Levine's e-mail NOTAMs for more information.

The NavCom

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Original articles, art, and photos are invited and encouraged. Submit articles in ASCII or Word format and pictures in any format via email to: jdreed@mindspring.com or mail to:

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President's NOTAM

by Chuck Miller

Greetings from the frozen tundra of Duluth Georgia, not Minnesota. As I write this, the wind is howling and the sleet is falling. I suppose the best thing that can be said about this weather is that flying go/nogo decisions are easy. I am sad to report that Mark Thompson, the Young Eagle coordinator for EAA chapter 172, was killed in the crash of his new ultralight on January 13th. While details are sketchy, it appears that there was a catastrophic failure of the wing spar or king pin, in that the wings were found 100 feet behind the crash site.

There was a meeting of the board of directors on January 20th., at which Chuck Roberts was elected Chairman. Many thanks to Steve Ashby, the former Chairman, for his service.

The next major event for 690 will be the Vintage Airplane Fly-in, on March 4th. Greg Jannakos has worked hard putting the event together and would like a few more volunteers for the event. Please give Greg a call at 770-277-1637 if you can lend a hand. Speaking of lending a hand, Bill Curtis has stepped up to chair the B17 operations in May. This B17 visit has been planned to overlap the Wings Weekend 2000. With so much going on that weekend, I know we will be pressed to have enough volunteers. Think about helping out.

Lee Craymer has volunteered to give Joel a hand with publicity and programs. You all know Lee, He is the fellow with all the cameras around his neck at our events. We still need a Social Chairman,

and we need one soon. The Hanger Dance is getting closer and we need someone to coordinate it. Jeanne Miller, the previous Chairman will lend a hand. Please contact me if you have an interest. 770-242-0500 chuckmiller@email.com.

Ok lets talk about having some fun! Chapter 172 at the Pea Patch, is having a Poker run and Fish Fry on March 11. Here are the details. Saturday, March 11: EAA 172 Poker-Run and Fish-Fry Fly-In at the Pea Patch Aerodrome (61GA); (Food is at 1:00PM, but Poker Run starts at 9:00 AM at the Pea Patch Aerodrome) Call (706) 592-9434, or contact Rich Gabor, (706- 855-8757, or John Magnan. (706) 547-3607 e-mail to: jcm2@earthlink.net (Please come early, around noon). For a map of the Poker run, you can go to:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jcm2/poker.htm>.

Lets plan to get a good group together and go have a good time. I have attended the fish fry and had a great time. If you want to go and can take someone with you, let Joe Reed know. 172 is an active chapter has a large number of projects. The tour of the facilities is worth the trip. We always ask other chapters to support our activities, this is an excellent opportunity to show our support, not to mention have a great time. I will not be able to attend the February meeting, so Joe Friend will stand in for me. Thanks Joe. If you have anything for the meeting agenda, give me or Joe a call.

DON'T MISS IT...
The EAA Chapter Leadership Workshop in Lakeland, Florida!

March 11th at the Sun-n-Fun Grounds (FAA Building)

From 9:30am – 5:00pm

Please contact the Chapter Office to make reservations.
Phone 800 236-4800, ext. 4876, fax at (920) 426-6560, or e-mail chapters@eaa.org.

This Workshop is not just for Chapter Leaders!
Please bring anyone from your Chapter or Squadron who is interested in getting involved in the future direction of your Chapter or Squadron.

This Workshop is free!

The EAA Chapter Office will pick up the tab for breakfast and lunch, but you will need to make reservations at a local Hotel.

Best Western Diplomat Inn 800-237-4699 Sg. \$94.00
3311 US Hwy. 98, 33805 863-688-7972 Db. \$94.00
www.bestwestern.com

Budget Inn 863-683-5611 Sg. \$35.00
1601 George Jenkins Blvd., 33815 Db. \$45.00

Rides will be available from the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL) to the Workshop Location.

Minutes of EAA Chapter 690

January 2000 Meeting.

Tom Dubrouillet, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Miller. Introductions revealed that 690 members are a buildin! Members present are in some stage of 4-Newport 11 replicas, 2-RV-6A, 2-RV8, 2-Zenith, one each Velocity, Kitfox IV, Bede 4, Lancair ES, Glasair III, Cessna 140, Glastar, and a Brombeck ultralight.

Membership Chair Dale Schonmeyer announced that at the start of the meeting 45 of 218 members dues were paid for year 2000.

President Miller requested volunteer(s) for the Chapter Social Chairman position, announced that Bill Curtis is the Coordinator for the B-17 visit May 11-14th. He then reminded the chapter about the Alexander Sportair Workshops at Griffin on Feb 26, 27 and the General Aviation Exposition at PDK on Jan 22. David Posey was awarded a Chapter Service Award by Chapter 268.

Young Eagles Coordinator Duane Huff announced several YE events that need volunteer support; Jan 28-30th – EAA Aviation Orientation Lakeland, Fl expecting 300 YE's! Feb 5th – EAA 690 Pancake Breakfast. Feb 19th - Air Force Museum - Warner Robbins Mar 18th – Boy Scout Gym-boree – World Congress Center

Duane announced that Greg Jannakos has volunteered as the YE pilot coordinator, and also requested a volunteer for YE ground coordinator.

Promotion and Publicity Chair Joel Levine reminded the Chapter to see him for keys to the hangar and posters to promote the pancake breakfast. Also, Fred Meyer is planning another Welding seminar on Feb 26th \$10.00 for hands on welding.

Vice President Joe Friend announced that the February program would be the Commander of the PDK Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. The March program will be on Women in Aviation with the speaker a member of the first USA Women's astronaut class.

Greg Jannakos asked for volunteers for the Chapter Sponsored Vintage Aircraft Fly-in on March 4th,

and announced project visits for Feb to a Kitfox IV, and March to an RV6A.

There were no Treasurers or Secretaries reports due to the change of officers.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Charlie Sego asked for volunteers for a Hangar work party on Jan 22. We need impact / drill drivers.

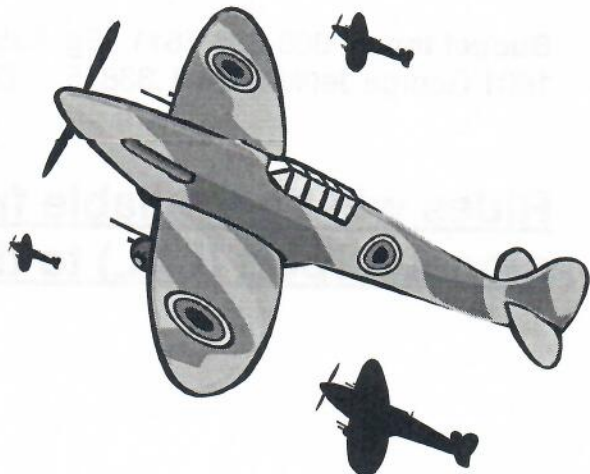
Sue and Terry Adams presented the EAA/FAA Georgia Wings Weekend. All the details are available at <http://www.wingsweekend.com>

The program was on cockpit emergencies with chapter members relating first hand experiences.

February Meeting Notes....

Our guest speaker for our February 11 meeting will be Roy Good, Commander of the DeKalb Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Roy is a frequent guest at our functions and an avid supporter of aerospace education for youngsters. He has some exciting programs and ideas which he will tell us about. The resources he is using are interesting for adults as well.

Please consider bringing children, grandchildren or young friends who might find this presentation interesting. Joe Friend will also talk about his recent 4.5 day Space Camp experience in Huntsville, AL at Redstone Arsenal, the Marshal Space Center and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center all arranged through the Civil Air Patrol.



Welding Seminar with Fred Meyer

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2000 10am to 2pm

LOCATION: Aircraft Technologies, Inc. 4265 Lilburn Industrial Way Lilburn, Georgia 30047

COST: \$10.00 per person at the door

This seminar will be a lecture format with a little bit of hands-on welding for those interested. Fred will stay later as your interest level and questions will determine the finish time. Please bring a welding helmet if you have one! This will be a lot of fun and very informative for those of you wanting to learn about aircraft welding! We plan on eating some "barbecue with all the fixins" at a nearby restaurant following the seminar and your meal will cost about \$6 to \$8 dollars per person.

Instructor Fred Meyer is the designer, engineer, & builder of the Atlantis II & Meyer-360 kitplanes that have 4130 chromoly steel fuselage construction and composite wing. Fred currently flies airshows and competes in the Meyer-360. Fred is co-founder and CEO of Aircraft Technologies, Inc. which was established in 1992 in Lilburn, Georgia.

DIRECTIONS to the welding seminar...

From Gwinnett Place Mall take I-85 South to Indian Trail. Take Indian Trail towards Lilburn, cross Hwy. 29 and continue straight on Killian Hills Rd. (name changes at Hwy. 29) which changes from 5 lanes to 2 lanes. After Killian Hills narrows you will cross a railroad bridge and immediately see two service stations on the left. Turn left between the Citgo and Texaco on to Lilburn Industrial Way. Aircraft Technologies is located ½ mile on the left with a 12 ft. Red/white/blue fuselage sign on the front of a steel frame building next to Lilburn Foreign Car. Come Early and Stay Late! Everyone is invited... Bring your friends interested in TIG Welding or a Factory Tour of Aircraft Technologies Inc: kitplane production facilities.

Old Buzzard Flight

The EAA might pride itself, and rightfully so, on the Young Eagles program but Jim Garner and 690 has instituted a new program--- The Old Buzzards program.

To kick this all important program off Garner took one Walt Rowe, 81, for his first flight in any type of flying machine in December. It should be noted that Rowe has spent his entire life building airplanes at Lockheed.

The flight was the results of months of begging, cajoling, and otherwise Garner making a complete pest of himself with Rowe. Rowe finally agreed to the trip when it was pointed out to him that at his age and health he was not gambling very much life away. Because of widely diverse political opinions Rowe stated that he was afraid that Garner would throw him out of the airplane during the flight. However it was adequately demonstrated to him that there was no way to get the door open enough during flight to accomplish such a task.

At the end of the hour and a half flight Rowe expressed his thrill at having flown in an airplane, defying death and winning, and is looking forward to his next trip.

An appropriate certificate is being designed by ye old editor of this tome to commemorate the occasion.





Events Calendar



Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000

McMinnville, TN

Fly-in breakfast at Warren County Memorial Airport (RNC). Call the airport at 931-668-7050 for more information.



Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000

Clemson, SC

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



Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000

Collegedale, TN

Collegedale Pilots Club/EAA monthly fly-in breakfast at Collegedale Airport (3M3). Call the airport at 423-236-5008 for more information.



Saturday, Feb. 19, 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, Feb. 26, 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.



Sunday, Feb. 26, 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.



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".

March 11, 2000

Time: 10:00AM til Noon

Dick Seiders' RV6A & his New Hanger

Location: Covington Airport

This project visit is for looking into a nearly completed RV6A before the final assembly, and see Dick's new hanger. See what goes on inside before finishing an airplane. Also, on this very date, take advantage of EAA 1025's pancake breakfast at the airfield.

Project Visit

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



Young Eagle Report

By Duane Huff

Young Eagles 2000

We are looking forward to keeping the Young Eagle program very active for the year 2000. Several contacts have been made, but at this time no Y.E. events have been scheduled for Ch. 690.

The Air Force Museum is having a program for kids the week of Feb. 14th. They will have a Y.E. event on Feb. 19th at the Perry airport. {PXE}. They could use our help as pilots and ground crew. They have about 140 kids to fly.

As Young Eagles coordinator, I would like to continue to encourage you to fly Young Eagles on an individual basis. "Try it, you'll like it." Turn in your forms or copies to the hangar Y.E. file or to me personally.

Here is a thank you note from a previous Y.E. event.

Thank you all so much for the Young Eagles Program. Our children had a wonderful time. What a great blessing each of the pilots were to the children. You all did a great job teaching: Keep up the good work" Gwinnett Christian Home Educators
Lynn Madden
Zach Madden
Matt Madden

More Classified's.....

For Sale: Campbell-Hausfeld air compressor, 5-hp, 220V single phase, two-stage, 60 gallon vertical tank. Excellent condition. \$575. Mike Huffman 404-229-9123 mhuffman@bwsys.com

Wanted: A used, serviceable Cleveland brake assembly for a Cessna 150 (actually, all I need is the cylinder portion). Mike Huffman 404-229-9123.

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 (nine before six years ago, but look at it and yourself). 2950 total time. 900 since major overhaul. 320, 160 hp, runs perfect. Paint is a 9. Interior 8. Fully IFR equipped (Bendix King instruments. DME, ADF, Loran, CDI w/ magnetos, & 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.

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 Sale: New Maule Tailwheel 8" Solid Rubber, New wind driven generator, whiskey compass, Old style AH and DG, Cessna 328 T 720 Channel, Misc instruments. Contact Dave Ostergaard, 678-482-0491.

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 Wilcox 770-978-2403 or frankwil@mindspring.com

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