

# CHAPTER 690

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### FAA Administrator at OSH

*FAA Administrator David Hinson spoke at Oshkosh this year. Due to the importance of this talk, The NavCom obtained a tape transcript of the of the forum. Here are some excerpts with commentary in italics.*

#### Topic: Recreational Pilot's Certificate.

Hinson announced that there are many changes being considered for FAR Part 61. Possibly the most pertinent for the crowd is that part of the NPRM suggests allowing self-certification of medical condition for the recreational pilot's certification. The changes were accepted as put forth by the EAA and AOPA. Additionally, the NPRM calls for the removal of the 50 mile radius form base. There is a provision that must be met that calls for the rec. pilot to get a flight instructor to certify the rec. pilot as having cross-country skills. The FAA wants to increase the number of recreational pilots. This is not a program to phase in self-certification of the 3rd Class medical. Such a step would actually eliminate the 3rd Class and so pilots would lose an option rather than gaining one. Under the new system, there is in effect a 4th Class.

*This looks great! But, in the FAA's world, self-certifying usually means that you can truthfully and technically say that you are not suffering from condition that preclude you from safely exercising the privileges of the certificate. Since the FAA's own medical counsel and in-field AMEs often have trouble with this, what does this mean for Joe or Jane Pilot if something goes wrong? What will the insurance companies say? Also, if you lose your medical, by definition you have a known condition that the FAA says makes you unsafe. If you went the rec. certificate route, wouldn't you have to prove your health, i.e., the improvement from the disqualifying condition, to the same extent that you would anyway to regain the regular medical certificate? It seems that the best course is to let you medical lapse before you get officially nailed by an AME. Not that I'm suggesting...*

#### Subject: Part 67 - Airman Medical Standards & Certification Rules

They've gotten lots of comments on their proposed changes, more than at any time. The GAO had not quite finished approving the new rule. However, Hinson says that it is totally different than the original NPRM. "It will make almost everybody very happy. It does not look anything like the original proposal."

*I have searched for this new rule and it is not on the books yet as far as I can tell. If I find it, I'll send it along.*

#### Subject: Bob Hoover

A third panel of experts, independent of the FAA (yet chosen by the FAA) is retesting Hoover. The scuttlebutt on the 'Net is that Hoover passed again, but the FAA still refuses to reinstate his certificate. The third panel of docs has washed their hands of the situation claiming that the FAA is not making sense.

#### Topic: ATC

*There was a lot of discussion between Hinson and Congressman Jim Oberstar on this. Oberstar says that ATC Inc. simply is not going to happen. Hinson says it is because of the FAA budget cuts. Oberstar says that all the problems would be solved if we had an independent FAA with budgetary prowess that comes with a full-fledged federal agency. Cruising the FAA Web convinces me that at least internally, FAA is still planning on ATC, Inc. Oberstar's best point: With elected representatives, you have the right to redress grievances. Create a corporation, that right starts dissipating.*

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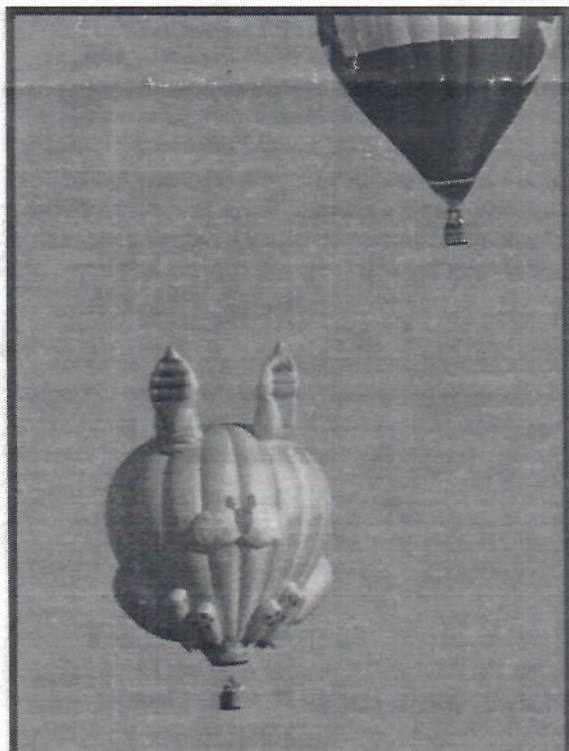
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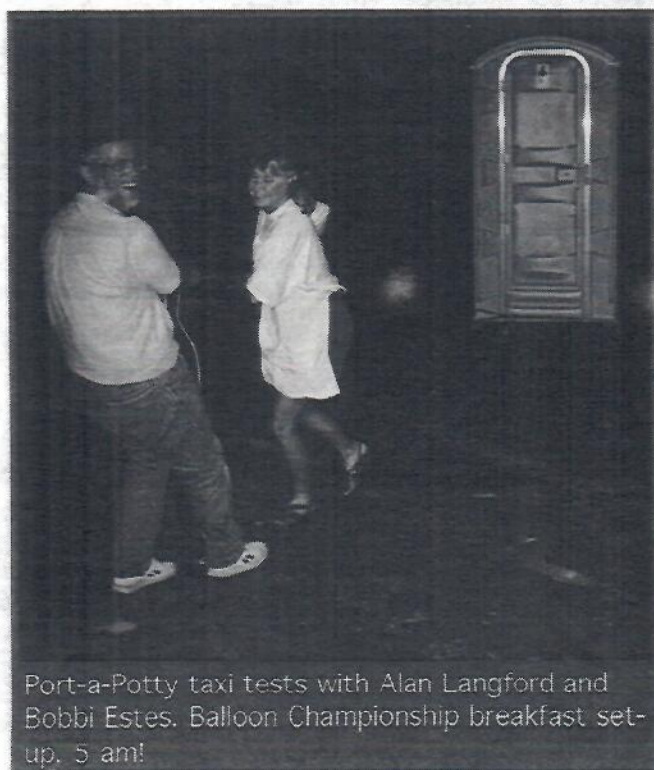
Duane Huff commands the skies in his rebuilt Chief!



Mike North collapses after camping out to guard the breakfast site, setting up, flipping pancakes, and then tearing down!



Look closely: That's Duane again in the Rabbit balloon!



Port-a-Potty taxi tests with Alan Langford and Bobbi Estes. Balloon Championship breakfast set-up, 5 am!

# Frick and Frack are Back!

Due to popular demand, we are giving you an update on the continuing activities of the Frick and Frack Aircraft Consortium!!

The consortium's Plant Number 2 has relocated to Elberton, Ga., where the companies regular-operations grass strip will be constructed. At this time, Plant 2 on temporary layoff due to the need for housing construction for employees. Employees are living in temporary housing at press time.

Housing construction is proceeding and completion is anticipated to be in the first part of October. Aircraft construction will resume shortly after.

Progress on the consortium's aircraft:

Wings and tail surfaces finished and covered.

Fuselage welded and painted, not covered.

Controls and ballistic chutes installed.

Engine choices being explored. May be the LAPS engine kits (35 hp, 65 lbs).

The consortium has not decided on the painting technique to be used for these aircraft. The plans designer suggests black latex as an ultraviolet barrier

and high gloss tractor paint for the final color. The consortium is not sure this is the way to go and plans to investigate alternative methods before covering those beautiful white skins!

The consortium's test pilot, Frog, is standing by to wring out these beauties when they come out of the plant (Frick, Frack, and Frog??) Who knows what wonders will come to be!

Frog doesn't want to fly these babies from a 900 ft. strip with 65 ft. trees at either end, so the first flights will have to take place at the local airport where more civilized arrangements are available!

The grass strip will be under construction in the early Spring, and will hopefully be ready for use by May '96. The tallest trees are on adjacent property and we hope to convince the owner to clear them.

We will keep 690 posted on developments.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Frack

## Calendar of Events

Sep. 2-4 - Guntersville, AL - Chapter 683 Fly-In.

Sep. 8 - Chapter 690 monthly meeting at Gwinnett County Admin. Bldg. 8 pm. Topic unknown. Call for officer candidates.

Sep. 9 - Chapter 690 Project Visit to Peter DiTomaso's house. 1557 Mill Chase Ct., Lawrenceville 972-9087

Sep. 9 - Wilson, NC - Chapter 1047 Fly-In.

Sep 9-10 - Smith Reynolds Airport, Winston-Salem, NC - Chapter 8 Air Classic.

Sep. 23 - Carrollton, Ga - Chapter 976 Airshow Fly-In.

Sep. 30 Peachstate Airport, Williamson, GA - Victory Salute Fly-In and 1940's Theme Dance with orchestra! (404) 227-8282.

Oct. 7 - Gwinnett County Airport (LZU) - Chapter 690 5th Annual Biplane Fall Classic!

Oct. 13-15 - Thomasville, GA - 28th Annual Thomasville Fly-In.

Oct. 13-15 - Evergreen, AL - 5th Annual Southeastern Regional Fly-In.

Oct. 14-15 - Rome, GA - Chapter 709 Fall Fly-In.

Oct. 21 - Stockbridge, GA - Chapter 468 Fall Breakfast

Oct. 21-22 - Daniel Field, Augusta, GA - Boshears

The Usual Suspects...

First Saturday - Winchester, TN (BGF)

Second Saturday - Rome, GA (RMG); Gadsden, AL (GAD)

Third Saturday - Collegedale, TN (3M3); Sevierville, TN (3A9)

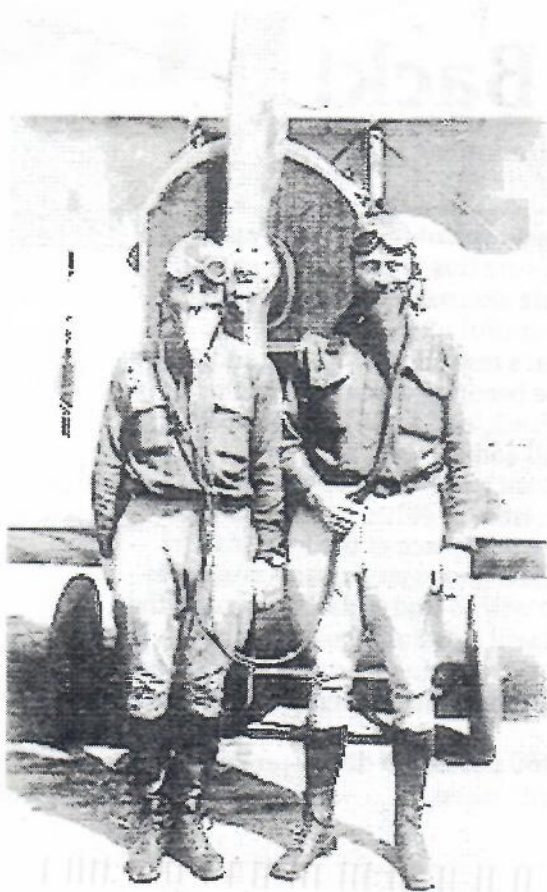
Fifth Saturday - Fort Payne, AL (4A9)

For Sale: Van's RV-6A Empennage & Wing Kit:Wing includes factory-assembled main spar. All plans and assembly video tapes included. \$4700

Garmin 55 AVD GPS Receiver: Yoke mount with est. power plug, remote antenna cable. \$500

HobbyAir Power Fresh Air Respirator: Single mask system. Never used. 50' airlin. \$275

All For Sale by Alan Langford, 339-3674



## ***Frick and Frack say...***

**"Get a life! Come to the 1995 Biplane Fall Classic! And tell all your friends (both of them!)."**

Frick and Frack test their new design: A close-formation intercom system. "We're confident that it will work over the distances we plan to travel..." say the dynamic duo.

Larry Bishop  
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The 1995 EAA Chapter 690

# Biplane Fall Classic



Continuing the  
Tradition...

The 1995 Biplane Fall Classic

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 8 AM until 4 PM

Gwinnett County Airport (LZU)

Biplanes ~ Experimentals ~ Warbirds

Pancake Breakfast ~ BBQ Lunch

FMI: Steve Ashby (404) 413-7112

