



NavCom

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News and Information for the Gwinnett County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Rd, Lawrenceville, GA

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 11/2**-Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:30 followed by an interesting program on safety
- **Tues. 11/5**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 11/8**-Business Meeting @ 8:00pm preceded by a 6:00 dinner at the Flying Machine-please join us
- **Fri. 11/8**-Election of Officers for 2014 during the Business Meeting
- **Sat. 11/16**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am
- Always look for the **NOTAMs** for updates on important events and additional interesting information.

A recap of just a few of the events/happenings from the **PAST** include rain and more rain, Sun N Fun, Air Venture and the passing of the Founder of EAA-Paul Poberezny. Closer to home, we flew over **160** young people in our Young Eagles program; we had an amazing Aviation Summer Camp with 14 interested kids; we mourned the passing of our friend and aviation enthusiast Bernard John Dvorscak; we shared several delicious pancake breakfasts and hangar talk (the camaraderie is always special); we had numerous interesting speakers at our Friday evening and Saturday morning meetings; we began the undertaking of painting a glider to mount at the entrance to the airport and the list could go on and on.

PRESENTLY, a very capable team of pilots is continuing work on the airport beautification project. The sanding and painting of the glider is complete. The

next step is to build the mount and get the two pieces secured to the property and each other. We are very thankful to the business owners that have assisted with this project, not to mention all the time and energy given by our members/pilots. Thanks to a generous donation by Hugh Colton, we have a very nice simulator for the Young Eagles and other interested pilots to use. A special thank you to Hugh for this fantastic gift.

Our **FUTURE** is filled with wonderful events and bright changes. The exciting events include a **Spaghetti Dinner** with entertainment by **Elgin Wells** and his **Great To Be Alive** group. This special event will take place on Saturday, November 30th at the EAA hangar. The doors will open at 7:00 with dinner being served at 7:30. (Continued on page 3)

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A Note From The Editor

It's been a very long time since the last newsletter and I've missed you all. For those of you who don't know, I had a total right knee replacement. It went very well and recovery was going fabulously. Seven weeks post op, I slipped in my kitchen and my healing was set back several weeks. I was on crutches for several months before the surgery and that also was not my idea of fun.

More importantly, I want to thank all of you for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, letters and gifts. You all are amazing!!!!

As you will see, this is an abbreviated

edition of the newsletter. So many things have happened over the past several months, it would be a book to recap. There are a lot of interesting and exciting things happening with your chapter and we look forward to telling you all about them now and in the upcoming issues.

I apologize to the people that had ads in the newsletter, we will regroup and determine the best action for those.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Young Eagles Recap From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

The past several months of flying many youth around the area has had their ups and downs-pun intended.

April was a little bit different because we had more volunteers than we had Young Eagles. We flew **15** Young Eagles with seven pilots and numerous ground crew members.

May looked like it might be a no-go but the clouds rose and there was good visibility. We flew **13** Young Eagles. Bruce Bruell displayed one of their Diamond Flight training airplanes and promoted Advanced Aviation. He felt very good about their time and presentation with the contacts they made. This month was also EAA Learn to Fly month. Four of our pilots flew **7** Eagle Flights and all seemed to have a sincere interest in pursuing the hobby of general aviation.

June was the big **Surprise, Surprise** month. We were expecting no more than 35, instead we ended up flying **61** Young Eagles. It turned out to be a great day. The **14** Summer Camp kids were included in these flights and as often as possible were given the right seat opportunity to fly. But the biggest or big event was the fact that one of our pilots flew his **700th** Young Eagle. Another **Surprise, Surprise**-it was our very own **Duane Huff**-congratulations Duane. What a fantastic milestone!!!

July was an especially nice day to fly. **31** Young Eagles were able to ascend into the beautiful skies and we flew **1** Eagle Flight.

August ended up being a "no take offs, no landings" day with wet and cloudy skies. This, of course, was very disappointing to any Young Eagles that came hoping the clouds would clear as well as the pilots and ground crew that look forward to getting the kids up and down safely.

September was another less than good weather day. As it turned out, we were able to fly **31** Young Eagles until about 11:00 when the rains came and the flying stopped.

October was a cool, damp and overcast day but we still flew **11** Young Eagles. Many kids didn't come because of the bad weather. We hope they come in November to enjoy the amazing experience of flying.

The **PILOTS** that gave of their time, planes and money to fly all these Young Eagles were: Steve Ashby, Bill Bell, Pat Bratton, Randy Epstein, Dave Henderson, Duane Huff, Fred Huppertz, Brian Michael, John Morgan, John Post, David Reynolds and Elgin Wells. We can not thank you enough for all you do for our very successful program.

The **Application, Assignment, Certificate and Log Book Ladies** are where it all begins. It's fair to say that without them, the program would not run very well. Those invaluable ladies were Jeanne Ferguson, Ruth Bruhns, Lnor Levine, Gay Roberts, Barbara Epstein, Lynn Zahner and Shellie Kirk. You're the best!!

The **Ground Crew** that did an excellent job directing the kids and the planes were: Bill Ferguson-Safety Officer, Herb Rusk, Billy Stewart, Jeff Bruce Jordon Brown, Patrick Mallette, Wes Riddick, Michael Cartin, Rich Hopkins, Tim Simmons, Brian Michael, John Reitz, Margie Panyo, Adam Trusty, and Michael Burns. Thank you for your continued support of the Young Eagles Program.

The **Safety Briefers** were Bob Krone and Art Farmer. They are the starters of the kids flying experience and provided a very important role in preparing them for their flights. We are grateful for the time you spend with the Young Eagles program.

The **Simulator Experts** are invaluable in helping the kids remain interested and active while they are waiting to fly. Those men were Hugh Colton, Joel Levine and Wes Riddick. One of our Young Eagles, Colyne Massey, also assisted.

We look forward to continuing the ever growing Young Eagles Program and with the constant support from all the people mentioned above it will soar more than ever.

Once again, Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! To all who make the Young Eagles program so successful here at EAA Chapter 690.

The Young Eagles Awards Night will be at the December 13th Christmas Banquet!!!

Our **Future** continued-

The entertainment after the Dinner will begin at 8:30. Please contact **Lnor Levine** at **678-770-1877** for reservations and advanced tickets. Prices are \$25 per person and \$30 at the door . Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal with a \$1.25 service fee. The proceeds from the evening will go to the chapter scholarship fund. We look forward to seeing you for a night of great fellowship, food and fabulous music. The chapter is a 501 (c) 3 organization and this event can be taken as a charity event.

Another EAA 690 tradition is our annual Christmas/Holiday Dinner. It will be held on Friday Night, Decem-

ber 13th. More details will be in the next NavCom.

A most **important** event that is right around the corner, taking place at the Business Meeting on Friday, November 8th at 8:00 is the Election of four new Board of Directors Officers and two Board of Trustees members. This election is very significant to the life and growth of our chapter. Please plan to attend. The nominees are listed below. If you would like to run for office or want to nominate someone, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. They are Duane Huff, Jeanne Ferguson, Lnor Levine and Larry Bishop. Nominations will also be taken from the floor; please obtain the persons permission before nominating them.

IMPORTANT ELECTION

The Candidates for the Board of Directors of EAA Chapter 690 are as follows:

President Steve Ashby Randy Epstein

Vice President John Morgan

Secretary Shellie Kirk

Treasurer Jeanne Ferguson

Board of Directors **At-Large-Member** Joel Levine

This opening will be created by the vacancy left by John Morgan.

The Candidates for the two Board of Trustees slots are:

Lee Olson Steve Marlow

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For our members who are now or would like to fly as Sport Pilots, Advanced Aviation has put together a great offer to get you back into the left seat. Advanced Aviation is making this available for paid EAA 690 Chapter Members only. They have a 2007 Flight Design Light Sport aircraft on the ramp. This plane has a Garmin GPS, glass panel and a two axis autopilot. The plane rents for \$110 + tax. For the month of **November**, Ad-

vanced Aviation will check you out in this airplane for the cost of plane rental only and waive the CFI fee. Their experience has been that depending on the experience of the pilot, a check out could be 1, 2 or 3 flights. You can contact Advanced Aviation by phone at 770-682-9007 or online at www.advancedaviation.com Remember this is for paid members only and is available through November 30, 2013.

Classifieds

Members ads run for 3 issues. If you would like to continue the ad for any additional time, please email your request to the editor at barbara_epstein@hotmail.com



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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2013 Chapter Web-Site

Most of you know that the Chapter web-site www.eaa690.org contains a wealth of information.

Please go ahead and register for the secure members only portion. 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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