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International Young Eagle Day 2001

By Debi Huffman



Photos by Will Morris

What do the EAA, NASA and FSC have in common?

Young Eagles! On Saturday, June 9, forty-five participants from the Fernbank Science Center SEMAA (Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy) program became Young Eagles at EAA Chapter 690! We also flew five "Old Buzzards" (parents)! NASA sponsors the national SEMAA program and has partnered with the EAA to foster interest in aviation through Young Eagle flights. Since December 2000, Chapter 690 has flown one hundred thirty SEMAA Young Eagles and several "Old Buzzards" from Fernbank! How many future pilots do you think we'll foster from those flights?

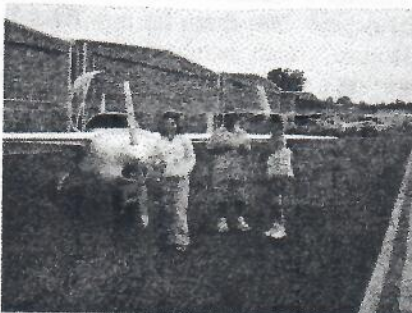
On the morning of June 9, the weather was perfect and we had a hangar full of happy faces to celebrate International Young Eagles Day! A special thank you to the pilots, load

masters and ground crew who helped make this event possible:

Pilots: Duane Huff, Chuck Huber, Gary Moulson, Michael Stewart, Forrest Wilson, Bill Bailey, Steve Haslup and Edward Kobs.

Load Masters: Eric Washburn, Mike North, Frank Wilcox, Will Morris, and Robert Casey.

Ground Crew: Bill Curtis, Jennifer North and Debi Huffman



Young Eagles

By Duane Huff

Eight members of Scout Pack 541 arrived at LZU around 9:00 A.M. on June 23rd, eagerly anticipating their Young Eagle flight. The ceiling was low, so, I gave them the airport visit/tour and preflight briefing in hangar 6, utilizing the plywood simulator. By this time the ceiling had lifted and the flights began. Joel Levine flew six and I flew two Young Eagles. Thanks to the Ostergards for their help keeping up with the paper work and printing the certificates.

During the preceding week, I had the privilege of flying five other Young Eagles. Chapter 690 flew fifty seven

Y.E. during the month of June. Thanks to all who helped.

Both groups cancelled that were scheduled for the 30th →

Get Your Book Signed, Pancakes, and Plane Washed

By Joel Levine

In an unusual combination of aviation activities, Chapter 690 will once again combine the Annual Airplane Wash with a taste of literary (class) suspense and pancakes this Saturday, July 7th.

Mr. Steve Ward, a local author, will discuss his new book, *Haunting of a Sky Warrior*. "Haunting of a Sky Warrior is truly an aviation adventure with a twist," said Mr. Ward. The book, which is set in Atlanta, is the first of three in a series that chronicles the life of aviation super-heroine, Christina Matthews. With dreams of becoming a NASA astronaut-commander, Christina, the Sky Warrior, must first survive the heart-stopping perils that every pilot fears. Steve will be available to autograph his epic tale of survival.

The program and Annual Airplane Wash will take place on Saturday, July 7, 2001 during the Chapter's monthly Aviation Program and Pancake Breakfast. All you care to eat Pancake breakfast and/or refreshments are available beginning at 8:00 AM, rain or shine, with the program beginning at 10:30 AM.

We still need several members to help wash planes - especially from 10:30 -

noon. In past years this event has proven to be a fun activity, especially for the kids. The Chapter provides the soap, water and manpower while the sun makes everything dry again. If you have a dirty aircraft, several wash slots are available. Lend a hand. It really is a lot of fun. →

PDK Good Neighbor Day

By Will Morris



Photo by George Guerin

The weather was great, ceiling a bit low, but after the EAA 690 International Young Eagles gathering many of us went to our neighbor, Peachtree DeKalb Airport, for their good neighbor day. EAA Chapter member Lori Guerin and Elaine Epps were on hand at the Greenland Expedition Display, while other members roamed the static displays and watch the acrobatics. Of interest was the unusual display of firepower by the U.S. Army, who put on a sort of Hollywood demonstration that both delighted and startled a very enthusiastic crowd. All those that went can attest to the fun they had. Anyone that missed it will have to wait till next year. If it's anything like this one, you won't want to miss it.



Photo by George Guerin →

WAG Champ

By Joel Levine



Photo by Kurt O. Haukohl

Congratulations are in order for International Aerobatic Club (IAC) Chapter 3 member Robert Armstrong of Athens, GA. From the new EAA E-Hotline, which members can subscribe to at www.eaa.org comes the following:

"Americans Robert Armstrong took the silver medal overall and David Martin captured the Freestyle gold while Russians Mikhail Mamistov and Svetlana Kapanina won the men's and women's overall titles at the the World Air Games Championships in Spain this week. For all the details, visit the USAF website."

For those that don't know Robert, he is a friend of the Chapter 690, periodically joining us for our first Saturday breakfast/programs. Hopefully, if his schedule allows, we can entice him to talk about his experience in Spain before the year's out! →

Letter of Appreciation

In a letter addressed to Sue Adams, Georgia Wings Weekend, the Siouxland Community Foundation

expressed their thanks for contribution made during the weekend. This was in conjunction with the speech Captain Al Haynes gave in reference to his crash landing of a DC 10. The following is the text of that letter:

On Behalf of the Siouxland Community Foundation, I would like to express sincere appreciation for your generous \$425.00 contribution to the Flight Crew (United 232) Scholarship Fund. A receipt to substantiate this contribution is enclosed.

This scholarship fund was originally established by the flight crew of United 232 in appreciation of Siouxland's valiant rescue and recovery efforts during the aftermath of the United Airlines 232 incident on July 19, 1989.

Due to such acts of kindness and support as yours, gifts to this endowed Fund will enable the Foundation to award scholarships to graduating high school students in the Siouxland area that are pursuing a career in the medical/health science field.

Thanks you for investing in the future of Siouxland's youth and may this also extend the gratitude of all the students that will benefit from this scholarship fund.

Sincerely,
Debbie Hubbard
Executive Director
cc: Stephen J. Navin, Foundation President

Women's Study Response

An Internet Article Sent through Cyberbuzz

Study: Gender Affects Pilot Crashes

I mentioned last month that we would publish a response for and against the study we printed. I didn't get any responses in favor of the results, but here is one that kind of sums up the



Events Calendar



Visit the EAA 690 Website at <http://www.eaa690.org>

July 6-8 - HOMESTEAD, FL - Chapter 103 Light Aircraft Flyers Assoc. sponsored Annual Air Fair, 305-480-3356, randersen@hazenandsawyer.com
July 7 - LAWRENCEVILLE, GA - Chapter 690, Airplane Wash & Breakfast, 770-613-9501, jlevine@akorn.net
July 14 - AUGUSTA, GA - Chapter 172, Poker-run Fly In, 706-547-3607, www.icmsservices.com, www.netcoldcuts.htm
July 14 - PUNTA GORDA, FL - Chapter 565 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, Charlotte County Airport, 941-627-1700, thayerv@earthlink.net
July 14 - MURFREESBORO, TN - Chapter 419 Fly-In/Young Eagles Breakfast, EAA419@aol.com
July 14 - ST SIMON ISLAND, GA - American Navion Society sponsored Annual Fly-In, 410-692-6334, www.navionsociety.org
July 21 - FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - EAA Chapter 133, FAA FSDO 17, "Who Wants to be an Aire-Man?", MUVICO Palace 20 Theater, Boca Raton Airport property, ongoing dates - see website (www.faa.gov/fsdo/fl/airefly.htm). Contact Cary Mendelsohn, FAA FSDO 17 Safety Program Manager at 954-356-7520 ext. 118.
August 4 - LAWRENCEVILLE, GA - EAA Chapter 690, Severe Weather/Thunderstorms Program & Pancake Breakfast. Contact Sue Adams, 770.613.9501
August 11 - PUNTA GORDA, FL - Chapter 565 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, Charlotte County Airport, 941-627-1700, thayerv@earthlink.net
August 11 - PELL CITY, AL - Chapter 1320 Fly-In Breakfast, 205-338-9500
August 18 - HUNTSVILLE, AL - Chapter 190 Breakfast at Moontown Airport (3M5) 256-880-8136, phantom-li@usa.net
August 25 - CARTERSVILLE, GA - Chapter 268 Fly-In Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally, 770-529-9023

Monthly Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 690
Lawrenceville Airport
8:00 to 10:30 AM



First Saturday

July 7 - Airplane Wash
Aug 4 - Severe Weather - Thunderstorms
Sept 1 - Aviation Chart Clinic
Oct 6 - Fall Classic Air Fair
Nov 3 - Flying Start Program
Dec 1 Introduction to Aerobatics

NOTE: Monthly Membership Meetings will always be the Friday following the Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

Classifieds

Starting with the March issue of NavCom, we will be running ads for a total of 3 months. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 3 months you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or

phone call. There is no problem with keeping them running, but we need to get old ads weeded out or the new ads will become ineffective. All ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.

For Sale: Large Hangar Lot at Spring Valley Airstrip in Loganville. The associations owns the runway, which is great! \$15,000. Sheryl Black/Ken Sharp 770-979-4233 04/01

HELP WANTED

Adult Air Scout Leader Needed

The Air Explorer Post needs our help. EAA 690 holds the charter for the post, provides a meeting place and some background support.

Available for sale in the Chapter 690 Aero Shoppe

The Lost Squadron - By David Hayes
The story of the Greenland Expedition and the recovery of a P-38. Signed by Pat Epps. \$40.00

Thunder in the Tummy - By Joel Elman
"...The Hilarious Flying Adventures of a Private Pilot.

Shorts Between the Headsets!

Aviation Quotes

Keep the aeroplane in such an attitude that the air pressure is directly in the pilot's face.
- Horatio C. Barber, 1916

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.
- Robert Livingston, 'Flying The Aeronca

The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it is on fire.
- Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, sometime before his death in the 1920's

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.
- Layton A. Bennett

Never fly the 'A' model of anything.
- Ed Thompson

Never fly anything that doesn't have the paint worn off the rudder Pedals.
- Harry Bill

Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth come from below and smite thee.
- William Kershner

When a prang seems inevitable, endeavour to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity, as slowly and gently as possible.
- advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II.

Instrument flying is when your mind gets a grip on the fact that there is vision beyond sight.
- U.S. Navy 'Approach' magazine circa W.W.II.

The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.
- attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.
- Jon McBride, astronaut

It occurred to me that if I did not handle the crash correctly, there would be no survivors.
- Richard Leakey, after engine failure in a single engine Nairobi, Africa, 1993.

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death I Shall Fear No Evil For I am 80,000 feet and Climbing.
- sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location on Kadena AB, Okinawa

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.
- Paul F. Crickmore,

If you want to grow old as a pilot, you've got to know when to push it, and when to back off.
- Chuck Yeager

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.
- Richard Herman Jr, 'Firebreak'

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.
- Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970.

An airplane might disappoint any pilot but it'll never surprise a good one.
- Len Morgan



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