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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

December 2012

Special points of interest: to start 2013

- **Sat. 1/5**-Pancake Breakfast-8 to 10:30 followed by a special program.
- **Tues. 1/8**-Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 1/11**-Business Meeting @7:30 followed by a program
- **Sat. 1/19**-Young Eagle Flights starting @ 8:30am

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## Award Winning, Bountiful, Charming, Delicious, Entertaining, Fun, Generous, Holiday-filled, Inspirational, Joyous, Kind, Loud and Merry

Those are just a few of the words that describe this year's EAA Chapter 690 Christmas/Holiday Party. It was extra special because of all the friends and family that came to enjoy it all. The "standing room only" crowd was a very nice concern to have. As usual, participants made/bought many scrumptious casseroles and desserts that were plenty for everyone. The turkey, that was fabulous again this year thanks to Larry Bishop, was another story. It went very quickly leaving a few people hungry for a little bit more. And then some of us decided to start with the desserts so we didn't miss the turkey. Ha! Ha! We also want to thank our wonderful kitchen/food prep folks that set everything up so we were able to load up our plates and enjoy the amazing feast.

After almost all the food had been consumed, we enjoyed the yearly presentation of the awards and certificates. Duane did his normal fantastic job but only because he had Jeanne at his side assisting. (We love you Duane). Mary Jane Polizzotto was chosen Member of the Year for her contribution to the

Young Eagle program and for the major role she played in getting the plan to privatize our airport squelched. There are so many people that make Chapter 690 run smoothly that didn't get an award or a special recognition. You know who you are. Please know without a doubt that you are appreciated very much also.

We were all treated to John Morgan's telling of the Pilot rendition of "The Night Before Christmas". Even after hearing it numerous times, it's still cute and funny.

We also enjoyed some singing of the usual popular Christmas Carols. Duane's friend Jack played the keyboard for us. Our very own Lee Olsen tried to put a power point program together for us that would give us the words and make it a lot of fun to sing along. Well, let's just say things didn't go exactly as planned and it wasn't quite as much fun as we had hoped. But none the less, it was a fantastic evening that was enjoyed by all.

From all of us to all of you:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**HAPPY HANUKKAH**

**JOY TO ALL**

*Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, Blue Sky and Safe-Flying New Year!!!*

## Young Eagles October, November and December 2012 Updates From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

**OCTOBER**-Thirty nine Young Eagles (39) and six (6) Air Force ROTC Cadets were flown as Eagle flights. The Cadets are from the University of Georgia ROTC program.

Seven pilots participated on this Saturday. They were David Balthaser, 7 YE, 4 flights, Randy Epstein 8 YE and 1 Eagle Flight, 9 flights, David Henderson 2 YE, 2 flights, Duane Huff 2 Eagle Flights and 1 YE, Brian Michael 1 Eagle Flight and 11 YE, John Morgan 1 Eagle flight and 2 YE and John Post 1 Eagle flight and 8 YE.

Ground crew for the day were: Hugh Colton, Bob Krone, Herb Rusk, Bill Ferguson, Billy Stewart, Rich Hopkins, Shellie Kirk, Wilson Mejia, Jeanne Ferguson, Barbara Epstein, Art Farmer, Wes Riddick, Chris Capps, Mary Jane Polizzotto, Gay Roberts, and Lynn Zahner.

Thirteen (13) Young Eagles had flown as Young Eagles previously.

The pilots and ground crew present had lunch together and an evaluation of the Young Eagles program was discussed with some changes were added that will be implemented next year.

Many Thanks to all who have helped with the YE program throughout the year.

**NOVEMBER**-The weather was quite cold and windy but the wind was right down the runway and in spite of the bumpy air a total of fifty eight Young Eagles were flown. Many more than expected came to the event and some left because of the long wait. A total of fifty eight Young Eagles were flown by eight pilots. The Pilots that flew YE were; David Balthaser 2 YE, 1 flight. Bill Bell 7 YE, 4 flights, Pat Bratton 14 YE, 5 flights, Duane Huff 1 YE, Fred Huppertz 8 YE, 3

flights, John Kimmons 12 YE, 4 flights, Brian Michael 2 YE, 1 flight and John Post 12 YE, 4 flights.

The Ground Crew for the day were Jeanne Ferguson, Ruth Burhns, Barbara Epstein, Mary Jane Polizzotto, Lnor Levine, Joel Levine, Bob Krone, Billy Stewart, Bill Ferguson, Rich Hopkins, Lanie Burton, Michael Cartin, Dennis Cosgrove and Herb Rusk.

Again, Many Thanks to all who make the EAA 690 Young Eagles program so successful.

**DECEMBER**-This was our last Young Eagle day for 2012. It concluded a very successful year of flying Young Eagles for Ch. 690. Thirty two (32) Ground Crew supported twenty (20) Pilots who flew a total of four hundred ninety two (492) Young Eagles this year. We have now flown six thousand nine hundred and forty five (6945) Young Eagles since the beginning of Young Eagles in 1992. Three pilots have flown four hundred or more Young eagles. They are John Reitz 402, Larry Bishop 439 and Duane Huff 685.

On December 15th, Christmas came early for Thirteen Young Eagles and one Eagle flight. Pilots flew one flight each and were Bill Bell 2 YE, Mike Fisher 2 YE, Brian Michael 3 YE, John Post 3 YE, and Chuck Roberts 3 YE. John Morgan flew the Eagle flight. Four Young Eagles had flown as YE's before.

Ground crew for the day were Jeanne Ferguson, Ruth Bruhns, Barbara Epstein, Herb Rusk, Bill Ferguson, Billy Stewart, Bob Krone, Joel Levine, Hugh Colton, Doug Wagner and Art Farmer.

Our Christmas Party was very successful with the presentation of many certificates and pins to all the pilots and ground crew that assisted with the 2012 Young Eagles Program. A special **THANK YOU** to all those people that gave of their time, planes, money and so much more.

### FYI

The fantastic pictures of the Chapter Christmas party as well as great photos of our Young Eagles will be in the first NavCom of the new year-**2013**. There will also be

new and informative articles as well as information regarding planes and more that you want to know about

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS A VERY HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**