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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

May 2012

- Special points of interest:**
- Young Eagles Flights Sat. 5/19 @ 9am
 - June's Pancake Breakfast Sat. 6/2 8am to 10:30am
 - June's Business Meeting Fri. 6/8 @ 8pm

The Ford Tri-Motor is Coming May 24th-29th Enjoy a Fabulous Flight to Remember Forever

The totally restored and immaculate 1929 Ford Tri-Motor will be at Briscoe Field from Thursday, May 24th through Tuesday, May 29th. A flight on this fabulous aircraft is extremely amazing and one event that you will remember with great excitement. This magnificent plane is the world's first mass-produced airliner and is awesome inside and out. The history you feel sitting in one of the seats knowing that that seat is part of one of the first passenger airplanes in the world is quite astounding.

day at 9am with the last flight being at 5pm. Be sure to **bring your camera** to capture pictures of your spectacular ride.

Adults must accompany children under the age of 16 and children under the age of 2 can sit in an adult's lap free of charge. The plane has easy accessibility with 2 normal-sized steps used to enter the cabin. There will be staff on site to assist you if necessary. Press flights will be at 1:30pm on Thursday, May 24th.

To learn more about the Ford Tri-Motor, please visit flytheford.com.

We look forward to having you come to ride this unique plane and be totally enthralled.

Also; Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Drinks will be available Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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The ride fee is \$80 and for \$125 you can sit in the right seat next to the pilot and actually see the instruments and experience the outstanding skill it takes to get this beauty off the ground and fly it around the area. And landing it-WOW!

Thursday the 24th flights will be made from 2pm to 5pm. Friday the 25th - Tuesday the 29th, flights will begin each



Historic CAP Aeronca Nears Completion

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Aeronca 50C NC21361 is being restored at the Barnstormers Workshop facility at Peach State Airport near Williamson, Georgia, US.

David Harwell and his team are working on the aircraft for Larry Bishop, who is based at Lawrenceville, also in Georgia. NC21361 is the oldest Aeronca to have survived active duty in the war years, and was used by the Civil Air Patrol. It is powered by a 50hp (36.8kW) Continental with a unique

vertical exhaust system. The vast majority of the metal in the wings has been retained but most of the wooden structure has had to be rebuilt.

The aircraft has just one entry door. The fitting of a second door was a 1938 factory option that would have cost an extra five dollars. The Aeronca is expected to make its first flight in May and is likely to appear at the EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in July. GEOFF JONES



Aeronca 50C NC21361 being restored at Peach State Airport, Georgia. GEOFF JONES

Let's Enjoy Another Sliders and Dogs Dinner

The Chapter is planning another fun dinner prior to the June Business Meeting on **Friday, June 8th**. We would like everyone to join us for a delicious meal of slider hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$5.00. It's an inexpensive meal and a great opportunity for lots of hangar talk and to get to know fellow pilots

and those interested in aviation. We look forward to seeing you there starting at **6pm** and continuing until **8pm**. After the dinner, we will have our business meeting and a great program. Please plan to stay with us for those.

Privatization of LZU Meeting

This remains a very important issue for all the Private Pilots and others that like LZU the way it is as a county owned airport. The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will be meeting again this month at the Justice and Administration Center on Langley Drive in Law-

renceville. Watch the NOTAM's for date and time. A **HUGE** turnout to oppose the Privatization of LZU is greatly needed. Your attendance is very important. Please plan to attend.

Donations to the Chapter

Because of Chapter 690's status as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, future donations to the Chapter should be submitted on a form that will be available soon. If you

have any questions regarding this new procedure, please contact Herb Rusk at ruskherbert@hotmail.com

The Forrest "Never Again" Saga Continues

The bad news is that Forrest discovered his engine is mostly "toast". It threw a rod and burned the crank. He was looking at 15-20 grand to get it fixed.

The good news is that his friend Larry Fussel was looking at Barnstormers and found an overhauled engine for \$6,500. Being a skeptic, he wondered why so

cheap? Turns out the owner lost the logbooks. That doesn't effect homebuilts. The "new" engine has never been run. It is supposed to be run in with a "club" prop, not a regular propeller. He is hoping to borrow one so he can get his plane flying again. If you have a "club" propeller that Forrest could borrow, please contact him at 16fw@bellsouth.net.

FOR SALE

Glastar Kit #5747. \$23,000 Flying surfaces completed except for installing wing top skins. Fuselage halves joined and cage partially attached to fuselage. Tools included along with several factory options including cast rudder pedals and long range wing

tanks. Tri-gear but can be built as TD or tri-gear. See it in Athens. Call Cecil Oglesby @ 706-549-2197 or 706-615-5094 or contact him at hcoglesby@gmail.com

At the EAA690 Hangar we have a sample of the fantastic **Young Eagle T-Shirts** and Sweatshirts that are available in a variety of sizes for a very reasonable price. Wear it to help you remember your flight and to

show others what you have already accomplished. Go to www.yellowllama.com/ea690 for more deals and to order. They are available with just the Chapter Logo printed on them as well.

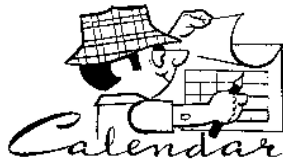


COMING SOON-Joannie Strobel has many airplane part, tools, etc. that her husband, George Strobel, was working with before his passing. She wants very much to sell these items. Chapter member Dave Ostergaard will be working with Joannie and other chap-

ter members to identify and price these items. Please watch for a list of these useful aircraft products and assist Joannie were you can by purchasing those that you need from her. Joannie thanks you in advance for your assistance.

Classifieds

Members ads run for 2 issues. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 2 issues, you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.



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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2011 Chapter Web-Site

Most of you know that the new Chapter web-site www.eaa690.org is up and running.

Please go ahead and register for the secure members only portion. The new features will be rolled out shortly. 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.