



NavCom

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

March 2013

Handling KLZU Tower Closure

Special points of interest:

- **Sat. 3/16**-Young Eagles starting @ 8:30am
- **Sat. 3/30**-Annual Chili Cook-Off
- **Sat. 4/6**-Pancake Breakfast-8 to 10:30-followed by a special program
- **Tues. 4/9**-Board Mtg @ 7:30pm
- **Fri. 4/12**-Business Mtg @8:00pm. Dinner at the Flying Machine @ 6:00
- Always look for NOTAM's for updates on important events

As we approach the possibility of the tower at KLZU closing due to the sequestration process I thought it might be good to provide some reminders about non-controlled field operations. Of course we're not all going to die because there is no one in the tower. As pilots we are responsible for see and avoid, even when the tower is manned. In class "D" airspace ATC is only responsible for separation of aircraft on the ground, but you knew that already anyway. With the tower closed the airspace will revert to class "G", as it does now when the tower closes at 9:00 PM every day, and should be handled as such.

We should be ready to fly standard left hand patterns as we approach the field for landing. We anticipate having the AWOS available so we can decide which runway is appropriate prior to arriving in the airspace. The standard method to enter the pattern is at a 45 degree angle to the downwind at midfield. You should be listening to the CTAF well ahead of time so you can draw a mental picture of the traffic as others report their positions in relationship to the airport, and considering that there are directionally challenged pilots. Don't forget to announce your position in the pattern either. Published pattern altitude is 1039' AGL, but don't forget that you can have heavier aircraft 500' above that. In case the AWOS is not operational you may see and/or hear folks crossing the field above TPA to catch a glimpse of the wind sock.

Another thing to be wary of is instrument pilots either arriving on an instrument flight

plan or out practicing approaches to maintain currency. In either case these pilots will be flying straight in approaches to the airport and should be announcing their positions along the way. For those instrument pilots doing this please remember that the VFR folks do not carry approach plates with them and therefore do not know the names of points along the approach. Do not use those reporting points, instead call your position in terms of miles so others will be able to draw the picture of where you are.

When preparing to depart the airport there are points along your taxi for conflicts to occur. Taxiways "D" & "F" are one way southbound and "E" & "G" are one way northbound when the tower is not in operation. Another area of conflict for some of us is along "T" as we taxi to or from the EAA ramp area. Don't forget that "J" and "Z" can be used to avert any conflicts. It is helpful to announce your taxi intentions on the CTAF as you prepare to move. Don't forget to position yourself to get a good look at the pattern as you prepare to take off and listen carefully for traffic. Once in the air the two general methods of leaving the airport area are either straight out or a 45 degree departure from the crosswind when at pattern altitude.

If in doubt about anything, you can always dig out your recent copy of the AIM (you do have one, right?) and read through Section 4 to get yourself up to date. Anyway, safe flying to everyone!

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Chapter 690 Famous and Fabulous Chili Cook-off

Saturday, March 30th @ 4:30pm

EAA 690 is again having it's annual Chili Cook-Off. This is always a very special and tasty event. There will be 5 different types of chili's being judged. Those are: **Antique-That Old Family Recipe; Warbird-The Hot-test; Homebuilt-Unusual Ingredients and Taste; Classic-Best Over-All** and **Ultra-Light-The One for the Lighter Taste.**

We always have a great selection of delicious Chili's made by our members and friends. Come one, come all. We would love to have lots of entries to judge from and enjoy eating.

The winners will be awarded a very special prize. If you aren't bringing a chili, please bring a salad, side dish, dessert or etc.

We look forward to having you and having a great time sharing wonderful fun and fellowship and scrumptious CHILI.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Young Eagles February Update From Duane Huff-Program Coordinator

Weather is always on our minds when it comes to flying Young Eagles. Last month it was perfect. This month the forecast was for very cold, windy and possible snow flurries. As it turned out, it was cold but clear and not too windy until late in the morning, when there was a strong gusty cross wind.

We were able to get all of the Young Eagles flown that came on Saturday morning.

Twenty Eight (28) YE were flown by six pilots. They were:

Steve Ashby - 6YE, 2 flights, Duane Huff – 2YE, 2 flights, Fred Huppertz – 3 YE, 2 flights, Doug Jones – 6 YE, 2 flights, Chuck Roberts 8 YE, 3 flights.

Doug Jones was flying his beautiful RV 10 and is a new Young Eagles pilot. Here is a GREAT BIG 690 welcome for Doug.

Jeanne Ferguson and her merry band of co-workers, Ruth Bruhns, Shellie Kirk, Gay Roberts, and Mary Jane

Pollizzotto handled all the paper work.

Bob Krone and Art Farmer conducted the Safety Briefings and Hugh Colton and Joel Levine instructed on the simulators.

Bill Ferguson as always was our Flight Line Safety Officer and Herb Rusk, Billy Stewart, David Reynolds, Chris Capps, Philip Clifton, Jordan Brown, Greg Jannakos, Franco Perez, Lakendrick Williams and Rich Hopkins were our Ground Crew. The Ground Crew is responsible for helping load and unload the airplanes while keeping everyone safe.

Ten (10) Young eagles had flown before as Young Eagles.

Again a heart felt THANKS to all who worked this Young Eagles day.

John Morgan conducted an Eagle Flight on Feb. 2nd. after the Pancake Breakfast.

International Learn to Fly Day May 18, 2013

Here's another opportunity for us to share our love for flying!!!! Please join us!!!



On **MAY 18** we encourage your chapter to give one adult an EAA Eagle Flight during International Learn to Fly Day. When you do, you are opening the door for their participation in aviation and your local chapter, a place where they'll have the resources and support they need to turn their dreams of flight into reality.

To order registration forms, visit EagleFlights.org, email EagleFlights@eaa.org or call 920-426-5914.

Another Past Young Eagle Reaches a Milestone

Our very own Dakota Neilson, who took his first YE flight in 2006, completed his first private solo flight on February 14, 2013. According to him, "It was great. All

landings were safe, one may have been a little hard but nothing broke that wasn't already broken (bad nose wheel bearing). **Congratulations Dakota**



Congratulations to our New Board Members

We are very happy to announce that the following members of the chapter have agreed to take on a very important role as Members-at-Large on the Chapter Board. They are:

John Morgan, Debi Huffman, Naji Milek, and Peter DiTomaso.

Thank you very much for your assistance in the operation of a successful chapter is greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank **Billy Stewart** who has agreed to be the **Chairman of the Board of Trustees**. And to the gentlemen who will be joining him in the care of the hangar and all that is involved with it. We have already seen great things being done by this group and we're very excited to see what else they are able to accomplish.

Watch for Something New

It's always fun to change things up from time to time and do something different or try something **NEW**.

The NavCom is embarking on that **FUN**. Starting with the April issue, we will be doing a special feature on one of our members. A picture, a short bio and maybe some unknown fact about that individual. We want to get to know one another better and also find out more about our new members.

And we would also like to celebrate special events with you-birthdays, anniversaries, births, vacations-you name it. So, **ASAP** send your information to the editor at barbara_epstein@hotmail.com. Please flood her in box.

We all look forward to "**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**" even better.

A Special "Thank You" to Fred Huppertz

If you missed the program after the Friday meeting, you **really** missed something extraordinary. Our very own **Fred Huppertz** shared his experiences of his flight training, his days and years in the military, his transition from the bombers to the props as he called it. We are so

proud to have Fred in our chapter and thankful for all he did for our country and all he does for us now-like flying Young Eagles and sharing the amazing things he's been able to accomplish in his life. Thanks again, **FRED**

Benefit Dinner At Candler Field Speaker Puts Focus on Air Force One Saturday, March 23rd

The Historic Candler Field Museum will host it's Annual Benefit Event on Saturday, March 23rd. The Dinner is held inside the Museum at the Airport on Highway 362 in Williamson, GA. Diners will be surrounded by the vintage aircraft, old cars and memorabilia of the bygone era. The **Guest Speaker, Col. William Leachman**, now residing in Griffin, will entertain guests with stories about his years as Commanding Officer of the Field Maintenance Squadron in charge of Air Force One from 1975-1978. His presentation, Take a Trip on Air Force One, includes pictures and candid stories of the plane and the Presidents that flew with them. Tickets are \$50 donation per person and include a catered meal and cash bar provided by the Museum's on-site restaurant, Barnstormers Grill. Local business sponsors have provided items to be raffled as door prizes. Tickets are available from Candler Field Museum at 770-467-9959, on-line at

www.peachstateaero.com. In addition, you can make a donation or purchase tickets at Barnstormers Grill at the Museum or at Gigi's Antique Griffin on 113 East Taylor Street in Griffin. Tables for eight may be reserved in advance by phone. The Candler Field Museum, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, seeks to raise funds to continue its effort to recreate the original Atlanta Airport as it was in the 1920's. "As an active grass runway airport, GA2, " explains the operator, Ron Alexander, "Candler Field brings in small aircraft pilots from around the country who love vintage aircraft. We want to house and exhibit aircraft and old cars that create an important historic tourism attraction in this part of the state." Contact 770-467-9490 for information. The Museum and Barnstormers Grill is open Tuesday - Thursday from 11:30 am - 9:30 pm, Friday 11:30 am - 9:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 9:30 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Garmin 696 For Sale

Garmin 696 is about a year old and the asking price is **\$1,100**. That's less the half of the new price. If interested, please contact Terry at the numbers listed below.

Terry Britt, CIC, CPIA, CAIP

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LOOKING FOR TWO PARTNERS to purchase one third and one fourth of a **2008 Diamond DA-40**, tail number N254DS. Currently in a hanger at Air Harbor at KLZU. Garmin G1000, auto pilot.

Call for details on buy-in and PDF flyer with the specifications. Fred Tanner **678-656-8832** or tannercci@aol.com

Partnership for Sale

LOOKING TO SELL ONE THIRD PARTNERSHIP of a **Diamond DA-20**, tail number N227NH. Currently is in a lease-back program at Advanced Aviation, KLZU. Earns monthly income. Great way to get pilot license and reduce flying expense. Brand new engine just installed end of December. **\$25,000.00 cash buy-in**. Owner will finance up to 2 years.

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EAA 690 Aviation Summer Camp June10th-June 14th

EAA Chapter 690 is offering an encore immersive aviation program at the chapter hangar located at the Gwinnett County Airport in Lawrenceville, Georgia, June 10-14, 2013, with an option of a Young Eagles flight on Saturday, June 15.

Students in 7th through 12th grades may apply. First time students may apply for Camp Alpha; while returning campers may apply for Camp Bravo.

Topics include:

Alpha: Principles of Flight, RC & Paper Models, Wooden Wing Ribs, Soaring Like The Birds, Van's Tool Box, You CAN Get There from Here, Crash Scene Investigation, and visits to select facilities at Briscoe Field location.

Bravo: Propeller Carving, Aviation Photography, Applied Technology, Composite Clip Board, Aerobatics, Helicopters, Ultra Lights, time on a Simulator, and Sheet Metal Ailerons.

The cost is \$275 for the week.

Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. each day.

Registration deadline is May 10th.

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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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