

Links to Dreams



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President's Comments:

Hello friends!

Here we are, enjoying the last few months of Summer with the family in Lake Country as our kids get back to school. And some of these kids have already taken advantage of our Chapter's first EAA Young Eagles Workshop Day Camp for Kids. These Workshops are being offered during the month of August for 3 consecutive Saturdays. You will find more information about this program in the News section of this newsletter. As for your Chapter Board members, we have been planning to promote more activities for our members and friends!

As you know, our EAA Chapter is here to bring together members and friends in a forum of like-minded people as we share our passion for aviation, build on relationships, and assist in inspiring the local youth to discover the joy of aviation and its various aspects. And when we met on July 15th, we enjoyed discussing several topics such as the final preparations for this month's Young Eagles Workshops, flying to and meeting at AirVenture Oshkosh, our upcoming Young Eagles Rally on October 26th, and we enjoyed a great presentation by Jim Bedsole on the pilot proficiency training website *pilotworkshop.com* - an excellent scenario-based resource we can all use to enhance our flying proficiency.

Please join us on August 19th for our next monthly get-together. We will have another very interesting presentation, this time it will be about the world's

Have you been to our website? It has all the information on how to become a member of our Chapter, make a donation – and more! Please visit <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1685>.

smallest twin-engine airplane, the adorable “Cri-Cri”. Some of you may have had a chance to see it at a previous AirVenture Oshkosh. Our member and Chapter Vice President Jim Payne will enlighten us about the “Cri-Cri”, something he knows very well. He is building one and is sharing it all on his YouTube channel “CriKit Aviation”. Check it out!

Our Chapter thrives on members' aviation enthusiasm and welcomes everyone who wishes to share that passion with us. And it is thanks to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers – along with their excitement – that we have been able to recently put together great events for our community. You will get to know one of these very special and dedicated people right here in this Newsletter in our Featured Member of the Month section. Roberto Hornung is our Young Eagles Coordinator, and Chapter Board Member at Large. He is truly an inspiration.

We look forward to seeing you on August 19th and hearing your thoughts and feedback. If you would like to join us, be a member of our event committee, or volunteer your talents in other roles, we would love to hear from you!

Safe flying!

Kalina Milani

Our Chapter Mission: To grow participation in aviation by promoting and supporting recreational flying in our community and inspiring the next generation of aviation enthusiasts.



CHAPTER NEWS

EAA Young Eagles Workshop Day Camp for Kids at KMLJ is happening!

Our EAA Young Eagles Workshop program kicked off on Saturday August 10th and the number of participants was so high we had to split them into 3 groups. The youngsters, aged between 11 and 17, had an opportunity to learn about the first 3 of the 9 aviation subjects offered in this program. Attentive eyes and smiles were everywhere. We will be coming back for more exciting, hands-on activities, this Saturday, August 17th. The last day for this event will be August 24th.



EAA Chapter 1685 was at Air Venture 2024

Some of our members were able to attend and meet up at the world's largest aviation airshow – AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin. A few flew their own aircraft and joined the hundreds of aircraft in the “Fisk Arrival” - they had the experience of a lifetime for sure, landing “on the dot”! We will be looking forward to hearing all about it when we get together next week!



Next Meeting and Social Gathering: 5:30 pm on August 19th
Including a 30' presentation: “Cri-Cri Homebuilt Aircraft”!





Attention! Save the date for our next EAA Young Eagles Rally: 10/26/2024

Kids aged between 8 and 17 can expect to have another opportunity for their first small airplane flight, free of cost, right here in Milledgeville. Join us as a participant or as a volunteer pilot. **Monitor our website for more information!**



Did You Know?

Since our EAA Young Eagles Rally back in April, EAA has welcomed 26 new youth members who are already enjoying EAA's special Student Membership benefits! Also known as EAA's Young Eagles Flight Plan, this is their pathway toward an aviation journey. Parents, please make sure your kids have activated their EAA accounts and filled out our Chapter's Membership Form. Here is a link to the form: [EAA Chapter 1685 Application Form](#)

Our *Links to Dreams* **Young Eagles participants** are getting access to:

- EAA's free student membership
- Academy of Model Aircraft (AMA) membership
- Sporty's ground school
- Free first flight lesson
- Ability to apply for an EAA flight training scholarship (up to \$11,000)



If you missed our incredible first speaker series event on April 19th headlined by U.S. Army Special Operation Aviation flight leader CW5 (Ret) Doug Englen and co-hosted by the Georgia Military College (GMC), you can watch it on GMC's YouTube channel by accessing this link: <https://bit.ly/3VcprQz>

Did you also know that our EAA Chapter is here for anyone interested in everything aviation, not just pilots and aircraft builders? Come and join us by becoming a member!

This Chapter can offer our members a free 6-month EAA general trial membership. It includes the full set of EAA membership benefits at no cost, and as newcomers, they will:

- Receive *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine
- Have access to the members-only area of EAA's website
- Obtain membership discounts on programs such as EAA SportAir Workshops, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh,

Featured Chapter Member: Roberto Hornung



Aviation has been in my dreams for as long as I can remember. At an early age, I used to play with airplane models and kites. The city I grew up in Brazil had only one ultralight, and that was it. But it was enough to inspire me to a lifelong passion. I grew up in South America in the 90's and aviation was available for only a few, but that didn't stop me from playing with kites and going to airshows in a nearby city.

I did make my mother happy when I remained all four years in a Brazilian Federal University, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. Up to that point, most of my life was spent in my family's soybeans and lumber trading business and teaching high school Mathematics.

As life went on, I married a sweet "Filipino Baby" who has now been beside me for 21 years. We have a wonderful daughter, Helen Rose, who is currently in College and is passionate about electronic engineering.

As with many other aviation enthusiasts, my dream of flying had to wait as other life events interceded. Either time, money, or lack of opportunity precluded me from pursuing the aviation dream. One afternoon, in December 2018, as I was sitting beside my wife on the front porch of our house in Villa Rica - Georgia, I decided to just do it.

In January 2019, I contacted the local flight school and took a discovery flight. I do not have enough ink to describe the moment of happiness I felt at the controls of N75754. The instructor and I performed a few maneuvers, and then landed during a magnificent sunset at Fulton County Airport Brown Field (FTY). During 2019 I pursued flight training for a Private Pilot License (PPL), sharing the cockpit of more than a few Cessnas with some very young flight instructors in their frenetic rush to become airline pilots. Finally, in January 2020 I flew N75754 over the mountains to Tennessee and came back with a PPL ticket in my pocket!

I was attracted to Milledgeville by the relatively quiet airspace compared to flying under the "Bravo" near Atlanta. I learned of an opportunity to teach an aviation curriculum at Baldwin County High School – while simultaneously working on my Instrument Rating.

I currently teach Aerospace at Baldwin High School where I have also been able to further my research into Unmanned Aircraft Operations. It is here that I hope to inspire some young students to careers in aviation. As an active member of EAA Chapter 1685, I work diligently to keep the airport doors open to future generations of Milledgeville's youth. In fact, one of my former high school students will be coming back from college to assist me in teaching at EAA Chapter 1685's Young Eagles Workshop on 24 August. This student is currently pursuing an Aerospace Engineering degree from Purdue University. I very much enjoy my new found home in the Milledgeville aviation community.



Roberto Hornung, wife Leth and daughter Helen Rose





SHARE YOUR STORY!

Share your aviation story with us and help inspire others! Send your story to: info@eaa1685.org and you will be featured in one of our upcoming Newsletters soon. Remember, your aviation story may be just what someone else needed to hear to fulfill their dream in aviation.

Other Items of Interest

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

Our meetings take place at our airport at 5:30 pm every 3rd Monday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on August 19th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by a Social Gathering. You don't want to miss Jim Payne's presentation on the history and facets of the "Cri-Cri", the world's smallest twin-engine aircraft!

A NOTE FROM TREASURER KIRK BAUER:

Hello fellow Chapter members! I just want to give everyone a gentle reminder that our local chapter relies on your dues to fund operations. The EAA mothership does not provide any resources. Consequently, our chapter dues are separate from our payments to EAA. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2024, you can do so using the following website:

<https://square.link/u/WFzaZ7jj>

Thank you all for your support!

FULL TIME FLIGHT SCHOOL:

A Full time Flight School is operational at the Baldwin County Regional Airport! Horizon Aviation, headquartered at Falcon Field Atlanta Regional Airport (KFFC), is allocating a full-time aircraft and Flight Instructor here at KMLJ for those interested in pursuing their passion for aviation. Please contact them directly and get ready to soar! Horizon Aviation: (470) 332-0787. <http://www.HorizonAviationGA.com>

QUESTIONS?

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**Please spread the word and help us bring together our grassroots community of aviators, enthusiasts, [85](#) innovators and bring our younger generation closer to aviation!
See you all soon!**