

# Links to Dreams



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## President's Comments:

Hello friends!

We hope you are well and keeping safe. As promised, your EAA Chapter and its volunteers have been busy preparing to offer one of EAA's most exciting programs – *EAA Young Eagles Rally*. This will be our second edition, and we are thrilled to be able to promote this inspirational event for the youngsters in our communities. We encourage you to share this information with your family, colleagues and friends. Please tell them to visit the registration website and sign up as soon as possible - these slots fill up quickly! All details about our event as to how and when to apply to get your youngster a fantastic flying experience are laid out in the "News" section of this newsletter. October 26<sup>th</sup> is a day not to be missed!

As you know, our Chapter is here to bring people together, and whether you fly, build, restore, or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to join us! We are only 18 months old as a fully chartered EAA Chapter and feel very blessed to have been able to promote some great events including 2 EAA Young Eagles Rallies, 1 Young Eagles Workshop Day Camp for Kids, a day of panoramic flights on a PT-27 Boeing Stearman – Flying Back in Time, and we continue with our Speaker Series events that began in April with CW5(Ret) Doug Englen's fantastic presentation - *My Story in Army Aviation* – which took place at the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts at Georgia Military College (GMC). We profusely thank our dedicated volunteers, airport partners and our supporters for their generosity and altruism. Aside from these special events, we have been meeting every month where we discuss our news and members' milestones, plan our next events, share knowledge and expertise during presentations and especially, to socialize.

Speaking of our monthly meetings and social gatherings, last month we had a great time at the meeting and enjoyed a fantastic presentation about U.S. Army

Blackhawk and Apache helicopters by a very special duo – COL (Ret) Andy Milani and his son, Captain Nick Milani, both U.S. Army aviators. More in the News section of this newsletter.

This month's meeting and social gathering will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> and we will enjoy another very interesting presentation. Roberto Hornung, our Young Eagles coordinator and an aviation teacher at Baldwin High School, will talk about FAA Part 107 drone operations and certification. With him will be Dale Rice, who is one of his High School aviation students. Dale participated in our first Young Eagles Rally and became an EAA student member. He will share with us what he has been able to do through EAA's AeroEducate Academy, one of EAA's Young Eagles Flight Plan benefits. Do you have young kids who are fascinated by aviation? Bring them with you! Right after the presentation we will have our Social Gathering with snacks and refreshments, courtesy of your local EAA Chapter 1685, *Links to Dreams*. Please note that our get-together will take place at the annex building, adjacent to the FBO parking lot.

We hope to see you during our upcoming events. We enjoy the camaraderie and exchange of knowledge – and getting to know you better. If aviation has been in your life directly or indirectly, we know you will always have fun! And make sure to read this newsletter to the end and check out our Featured Member of the Month, Anne Chamlee. Her story and love for aviation are fascinating.

We look forward to seeing you 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

**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>.

**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

### Another great presentation at our September monthly meeting!

Our EAA Chapter members and guests met last September for another fun evening that included an informative meeting, a great presentation, followed by our Social Gathering, with snacks and refreshments, courtesy of your local EAA Chapter 1685, *Links to Dreams*. This time we met at the annex building, adjacent to the FBO's parking lot, and it was a great solution that catered well to the increasing number of attendees. The special duo – COL (Ret) Andy Milani and his son, Captain Nick Milani, both U.S. Army aviators did an awesome job, talking about the U.S. Army Blackhawk and Apache helicopters. We will be uploading more fun images of this and other get-togethers to our Photo Gallery on our website. Make sure to visit our website for updates.



*Andy and Nick Milani*



*Some of our members and friends present: Left to right, from front to back:  
Anne Chamlee, Danielle Payne, Kadian Leslie, Tom Hall, Roberto Homung, Kirk Bauer,  
Nick Milani, Kalina Milani, Julius Richards, Jim Payne, Jim Wolfgang, Eli Robinson, Andy Milani, Commissioner Henry Craig,  
Jim Bedsole and Maryllis Wolfgang*



## Next Meeting and Social Gathering: 5:30 pm on October 21<sup>st</sup>

Please join us for another membership meeting and social gathering, including two talks:



1. *FAA Part 107 Drone Operations and Certification*  
by Roberto Hornung  
our EAA Young Eagles coordinator,  
Baldwin High School Teacher, Private Pilot  
and Certified Remote Drone Pilot

2. *Exploring the benefits of EAA AeroEducate*  
by Dale Rice  
EAA Student member  
and Baldwin High School student



*Baldwin High School Aviation student Dale Rice,  
his mother Angela, and volunteer pilot Tom Osborne  
at our EAA Young Eagles Rally, April 2024*

## EAA Chapter 1685 Fall Young Eagles Rally is here!

It is time for another great EAA Chapter 1685-sponsored event for our young community members – our Fall EAA Young Eagles Rally will happen on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to share this great news with your family and friends. Kids aged between 8 and 17 will 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\*. We expect to have many of our Young Eagles Workshop participants and other young aviation enthusiasts on that day but remember, you have to apply early as slots are limited and they fill up fast! Take note of the registration information below and please read the instructions on our Young Eagles Registration website.

**WHAT:** EAA Chapter 1685 Young Eagles Rally

**WHEN:** October 26, 2024. From 9 am to 1 pm.

**HOW:** Registration will be open between **7 and 18 October**.

Please visit this website for information and registration:

[EAA Young Eagles Rally at Baldwin County Regional Airport](#)

Note: Young Eagles Rally Waiver Forms must be signed by a parent and/or legal guardian for the kids to participate in the Young Eagles flights.

\*If you would like to join us as a volunteer pilot, please contact Roberto Hornung at: (678) 772-7947. Thank you!



## 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)



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, and more!

## Young Eagles Events Committee

Roberto Hornung, our EAA Young Eagles Coordinator, is forming a committee to tackle the many tasks associated with executing a 3-day Young Eagles Workshop in August, and our Young Eagles Rally in October. He is looking for volunteers to join the committee as a mentor and/or as a Young Eagles pilot. Please let us know by sending an email to: [info@eaa1685.org](mailto:info@eaa1685.org).

Please remember: All Young Eagles volunteers undergo a quick EAA online Youth Protection training and basic background check, as explained here: <https://www.eaa.org/eaa/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>

## Chapter 1685's Social Media Presence

Danielle Payne is our Social Media Coordinator. She has created our Instagram and Facebook pages (@eaa1685). Please follow and tag us below:

Instagram: [eaa1685](#)

Facebook: [eaa1685](#)





## October Featured Chapter Member: Anne Chamlee



My husband, Tilmon Chamlee, was a pilot and flew the V-tail Bonanza N101JM for a long time with many flights, mostly for business. I loved flying with him and enjoyed many rewarding trips. His daily/weekly experiences with the local airport after we moved to Lake Sinclair in February 1983 were often shared with me, his secretary and go-fer 😊. Acting in that capacity, I was part of the various things involving the airplane and ‘all things aviation’. Tilmon served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict aboard the USS Essex, an aircraft carrier.

Twice we went to Oshkosh AirVenture and loved every minute of it! My favorite performances were the Warbirds flyovers. We tried to attend any airshow within a reasonable distance from Macon.



After our move to Lake Sinclair in 1983, almost every Saturday morning Tilmon would go to the terminal at “Our” airport and hang out with the other pilots/aviation enthusiasts. One morning, he telephoned me saying “get up here” – so I did. He had arranged a flight for me in an open cockpit plane, the ‘Starduster Two’ – on a stopover cross-country flight. That was a TREAT!



Our children enjoyed flying too. Our daughter soloed in Macon but decided not to pursue flying any further, but our son Alan soloed at the Baldwin County Airport in 1988, worked there for a time while he was in college, graduated GCSU in 1990 and by October had a job with McDonnell-Douglas in Macon, which became Boeing in 1997. He obtained an A&P license and serviced his dad’s Bonanza. He has now been with Boeing for 34 years and is a Manager of Boeing Defense Systems (BDS). He is also a proud EAA member!



My husband Tilmon was an architect and had several projects in Dublin, Georgia, where he oversaw the design and construction of the Bud Barron Airport terminal. I learned a lot about airport needs during those times.

Our home is on Lake Sinclair adjacent to the flight path on the east end of the runway – so I see and hear airplanes every day. It is interesting to watch and hear them and I am delighted to see the

expansion and growth of our wonderful Baldwin County Regional Airport. The EAA Chapter is doing a fine job of highlighting the airport and aviation in so many ways – making it welcoming to so many visitors. We are privileged to be part of an organization dedicated to making our community airport such a wonderful place. He is also a proud EAA member!



### SHARE YOUR STORY!

Share your aviation story with us and help inspire others! Send your story to: [info@eaa1685.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by a Social Gathering. You don't want to miss the two featured presentations!

### **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 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>

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER OR A MENTOR?**

Please let us know if you would like to be a volunteer or mentor in any of these areas:

- Web/Newsletter Editor, Membership Coordinator
- Eagle Flights Coordinator
- Homebuilding & Restoration Presenter
- EAA Safety Programs Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
- EAA Aviation Education Seminars
- IMC / VMC Club Mentor



### **QUESTIONS?**

Please feel free to contact us at:

**EAA 1685**

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**Please spread the word and help us bring together our grassroots community of aviators, enthusiasts, innovators and bring our younger generation closer to aviation!**

**See you all soon!**





# Young Eagles Rally

Located at

Free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17  
Parent/legal guardian approval and  
signature required

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