

# Links to Dreams



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## President's Comments:

Dear Lake Country friends!

Fall is upon us and with it, the much-awaited pleasant temperatures and low relative humidity days. We cannot get enough of the fresh days – more reasons to enjoy the outdoor activities we love, and of course, lots of flying. So, for us here at your EAA Chapter, we have been making the most of our summer transition days throughout the month of August in the company of teenagers from our local communities. As you will learn in more detail in the News section below, we've had 3 Saturdays of aviation activities at Baldwin County Regional Airport. And, as you may remember, we promised to promote our most-awaited second Young Eagles Rally this Fall. So, get ready to share the news with your friends and families – October 26<sup>th</sup> is a day not to be missed! Make sure to capture the information available here in this Newsletter as to how and when to apply to get your youngster a fantastic flying experience provided to you by your EAA Chapter Board of Directors and volunteers.

Last month we also had a great time at our monthly meeting and social gathering in the presence of members and friends, who also enjoyed a very interesting presentation by our Vice-President, Jim Payne, about the smallest twin-engine airplane in the world, the attractive little "Cri-Cri".

On that note, please join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> for our next monthly get-together. We will have our usual monthly meeting and then a presentation about U.S. Army Blackhawk and Apache helicopters by a very special duo – U.S. Army COL (Ret) Andy

Milani and his son, U.S. Army Captain Nick Milani, both Army aviators. And, in the sequence, we will have our Social Gathering with snacks and refreshments, courtesy of your local EAA Chapter 1685, *Links to Dreams*. Please note that this month's get-together will happen at the annex building, adjacent to the FBO's parking lot.

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 everyone, especially our local youth, to discover the joy of aviation and its various aspects. In our Featured Member of the Month section, one of these very special youngsters who is an always present and enthusiastic attendee at our monthly meetings and active participant in our Young Eagles activities – EAA Student member Julius Richards. Julius and his mom Kadian, one of our volunteers, are a treasure to us and truly epitomize our Chapter Mission and EAA's *Spirit of Aviation*.

We look forward to seeing you on September 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### EAA Young Eagles Workshop Day Camp for Kids at KMLJ was a huge success!

Our EAA Young Eagles Workshop program took place on 3 consecutive Saturdays in August. More than 24 kids aged between 11 and 17, learned about 9 aviation subjects and had a close-up, hands-on look, into the world of aviation. The learning modules were about Airplanes, Aerodynamics of Flight, Aviation Communication, Compass Headings, Flight Instruments, Pilotage & Sectional Charts, Weather Basics, Traffic Patterns and Aircraft Building. These subjects were divided into 3 modules/day with presentations and various tasks such as reading aviation sectional charts, memorizing the phonetic alphabet, interpretation of flight instruments, worksheets and hands-on activities. The fun, interactive experiences varied from flying in a real Flight Simulator, to practicing a few real-world aircraft building techniques and skills including riveting work and sheet metal bending. At the end, our youngsters received their Certificates of Completion and their own EAA Young Eagles Workshop Project: a homebuilt aviation sheet metal cell phone holder.



Young Eagles display their newly made cell-phone holders



Mr Tom Osborne leads instruction on pilotage



Young Eagles visit Medstar EMS helicopter team

Our EAA Young Eagles Workshop also included visits to various aircraft such as a Piper PA28-181 Archer II, from Lake Country Flying Club, based in Greensboro, and a Vans RV-10, based in Milledgeville. Our workshop participants also had a special presentation and tour at our EMS hangar, thanks to an invitation from Baldwin County's new District 4 Commissioner-Elect, Andrew Strickland, who is part of the team at Medstar Emergency Medical Services. They learned about the Bell 206 LongRanger helicopter and details about the EMS team's critical role in emergency medical response. It was very gratifying to see the excitement on the kids' faces during the 3 Saturdays and we cannot wait to host and see them again, along with other youngsters from our area, at our much-awaited next Young Eagles Rally, on October 26th.



A big Thank You to the volunteers, airport management, County leadership and all those in our community who contributed to make this another successful event!



### EAA Chapter 1685 was featured in the local Press

Our EAA Chapter and its recent youth-focused event were featured in the Union Recorder newspaper and in the Baldwin County Board of Commissioner’s e-newsletter. You can access both articles here:

The Union Recorder: <https://www.unionrecorder.com/news/ea-chapter-1685-hosts-young-eagles-workshops/article>  
Baldwin County Board of Commissioner’s e-newsletter: [September e-newsletter](#)

We encourage you to stay up to date on your airport and other great projects in your community!

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

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 dates and please read the instructions on our Young Eagles Registration website. The details are below:

**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!

### Next Meeting and Social Gathering: 5:30 pm on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

Including a presentation on the U.S. Army Blackhawk and Apache Helicopters by CPT Nick Milani and his dad, COL (R) Andy Milani!





## 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:

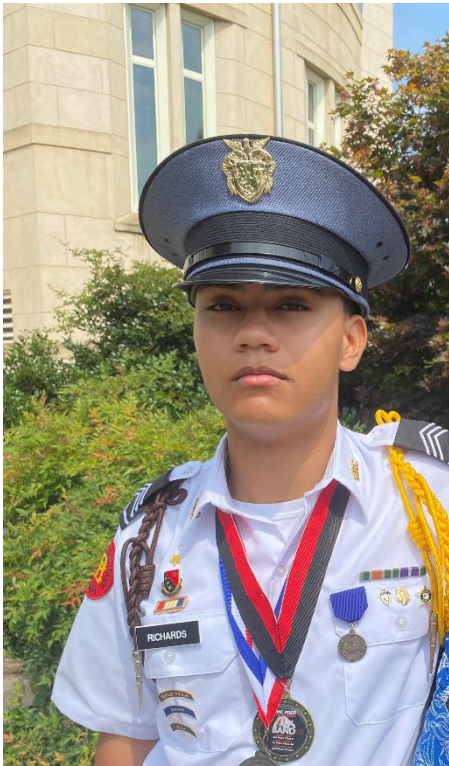
Instagram: [eaa1685](#)

Facebook: [eaa1685](#)





## Featured Chapter Member: Julius Richards



*GMC Cadet Julius Richards*

Julius Richards is a 15 year old standout sophomore at Georgia Military College Prep School. Julius is not only making waves as a percussionist with the Bulldog Brigade but is also proving his mettle on the Rifle team. His dedication and passion are evident in all he does.

Julius's aspirations soar high—literally. His greatest dream is to be accepted into a United States military academy, and his ultimate ambition is to become a U.S. military pilot. This dream is more than just a goal for Julius; it is a driving force behind his hard work and commitment.

As a proud member of the EAA Young Eagles, Julius is already taking significant strides toward his ambitions. His involvement with the Young Eagles is helping him build the foundational skills and knowledge essential for a future in aviation.

Most of all, he loves having new experiences with his old friends while making new friends and new memories through EAA.



*Julius Richards after his Young Eagles Discovery flight with Chapter 1685 Treasurer – Kirk Bauer*



*Julius and his colleagues attend the Young Eagles Workshop*

### 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 Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by a Social Gathering. You don't want to miss the presentation and discussion on the U.S. Army's Blackhawk and Apache Helicopters!

### **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:

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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!**