

Links to Dreams



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President's Comments:

Dear friends,

Your EAA Chapter is thrilled to share the great news about our second EAA Young Eagles Rally! We had a record-breaking 33 participants – each of these 33 youngsters had a fantastic flying experience on perhaps one of this Fall's most beautiful days! Thanks to our great team of volunteers and 3 very generous Young Eagles Pilots, these kids were able to fly for 20 minutes over Lake Sinclair and downtown Milledgeville. They were inspired to consider the various possibilities available to them with *EAA's Young Eagles Flight Plan*. Parents and their teenage kids were greeted by a group of excited volunteers who, after check-in, moved them to our airport's FBO conference room for an overview presentation. Here they learned about what their flight would be like, including a discussion of the principles of flight, a flight itinerary, and an important message on safety in and around airplanes. Additionally, the Baldwin High School Soccer Booster Club members set up a refreshment tent. It was an incredible day! More information about this event, as well as other updates, can be found in the News section of this newsletter.

At last month's Chapter Social Gathering one of Baldwin County High School's students teamed up with his aviation teacher in a joint presentation. Student Dale Rice, who experienced his first and second EAA Young Eagles Discovery Flights with us, shared what he accomplished since his first flight in April. That was when he became an EAA student member and made good use of EAA's Young Eagles Flight Plan benefits, including the EAA AeroEducate Academy. Dale's High School aviation teacher, Mr. Roberto Hornung – who is also EAA Chapter 1685 Young Eagles Coordinator, presented an FAA Part 107 drone operations and certification briefing. We are proud to witness what Roberto has been able to do for our community's kids, not only academically, but also through our Chapter's youth programs. We hope to have some exciting news next month about Dale's and other students' journey toward professional Aviation qualifications.

Our monthly Social Gatherings are becoming quite popular, and this month's get-together will be no exception. Make sure to join us on November 18th for another great opportunity to meet your fellow Chapter members and friends, enjoy some refreshments, and hear another superb presentation. This time the theme will be Aircraft Homebuilding. EAA Chapter 1685-member, EAA Young Eagles Volunteer Pilot and Lake Country Flying Club cofounder Mark Hall, is building his own Vans RV-14a. He will tell us about his experience and milestones since he decided to become a kit plane builder back in 2022. Mark might be joined by fellow EAA members Kirk Bauer and Bill Thomasson. Just like Mark and other EAA members, these are admirable people who have taken on the thrill – and challenge – of building an airplane on their own. And speaking of the Lake Country Flying Club, make sure to learn more about it at the end of this newsletter. Our friends and Chapter members from Greene County are looking to expand the membership base of the Lake Country Flying Club. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of becoming a flying club member, please contact Mark Hall at lcfc3j7@gmail.com.

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! Tell your friends about our Chapter, donate and make sure to bring your ideas and feedback to our Social Gatherings. Please note that our get-together will take place at the annex building, adjacent to the FBO parking lot.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts and feedback. If you would like to join us, become a member, or volunteer your talents in any open 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.

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>.



CHAPTER NEWS

Our EAA VMC Club meetings are coming up!

Non-instrument rated pilots who want to improve their proficiency have an excellent resource through EAA's Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) Clubs. The purpose of EAA VMC Clubs is to build proficiency when flying under visual flight rule conditions. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members and allow a free exchange of information to improve awareness and skills. If you are interested in joining the VMC Club, please send an email to info@eaa1685.org to reach our EAA Chapter 1685 VMC Club coordinator, Jim Bedsole, who is preparing this new and exciting EAA chapter program.

EAA Chapter 1685's Technical Counselor

Please join us as we thank Vice President Jim Payne for volunteering to be our Technical Counselor. EAA Technical Counselors are experienced airplane builders, restorers, and mechanics who volunteer their time with other EAA members who are in the process of building or restoring their own aircraft. Among many things, Jim is an experienced A&P mechanic and is building the world's smallest twin-engine aircraft, the *Cri-Cri*. You can learn more about this impressive project by following his YouTube channel: [CriKit Aviation](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriKitAviation)

Another great Chapter Social Gathering just took place!

Roberto Hornung, our EAA Young Eagles coordinator, Baldwin High School Teacher, Private Pilot and Certified Remote Drone Pilot, presented FAA Part 107 Drone Operations and Certifications. It was a very informative presentation by someone with hands-on experience flying real drones. We learned about the different types and uses of drones, drone operation certification, and FAA rules and regulations. Many members were inspired and may just start owning a drone of their own!

Roberto was joined by his Baldwin County High School student Dale Rice, who has been making the most of the post-EAA Young Eagles Flight experience. Dale has recently begun studying with EAA AeroEducate. All Young Eagles who have activated their EAA Young Eagles Flight Plan, as Dale did, are automatically enrolled with a free EAA student membership. They are encouraged to become a student member of our local Chapter by filling out this form: [EAA Chapter 1685 Membership Form](#)

EAA Young Eagles student membership includes:

- 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)



Roberto Hornung and Dale Rice



Roberto Hornung



EAA 1685 *Links to Dreams* hosted its second Young Eagles Rally this Fall!

33 kids aged between 8 and 17 had another opportunity to experience their first small airplane flight, free of cost, right here in Milledgeville – all thanks to the generosity of our Young Eagles Pilots and volunteers. October 26th, 2024 started as a clear, cool Autumn day and culminated in tears of joy, happy faces, shiny eyes, and many plans to pursue EAA's Young Eagles Flight Plan. It was a very rewarding day for all our Chapter members, Volunteers and Board of Directors.





Thank you, volunteers!



Some of our members, friends and volunteers: left to right, from front to back: Roberto Hornung, Kirk Bauer, Mark Hall, Leth Hornung, Julius Richards, Kadian Leslie, Kalina Milani, Danielle Payne, Andrew Strickland, Eli Robinson, Ken Greenwood, Andy Milani and Jim Payne

Young Eagles Flight Plan

- Step 1 – Become a Young Eagle
- Step 2 – EAA Student Membership
- Step 3 – EAA AeroEducate
- Step 4 – Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (\$299 value)
- Step 5 – First Flight Lesson (\$200 value)
 - Written Exam Reimbursement (\$175 Value)



Total Young Eagles Flown by EAA volunteers: 2,375,977 - Stats as of June 6,2024.



Next Meeting and Social Gathering: 5:30 pm on November 18th

Please join us for another membership meeting and social gathering, including the much-anticipated presentation on: Aircraft Homebuilding – with Mark Hall.



Mark Hall and his RV-14a

Join EAA Chapter 1685!

Did you 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! Please visit <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1685>.

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!
- Free access to nearly 400 museums worldwide!

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November Featured Chapter Member: Ken Greenway

I was born in Atlanta, GA and grew up in Tucker, Ga. It was a great time and a great place to live, and I still play golf regularly with guys I met in grammar and high school.

I went to Georgia Tech and studied Computer Science - finishing in 1974. I have been married to my lovely wife, Kris, for 42 years. We have a son and two daughters who all went to Georgia Tech and four wonderful granddaughters. We are very fortunate that they all live in Atlanta, and we enjoy spending time with them!

Over the years, I worked for three companies – all involving computers. I worked for both Ceridian and Automatic Data Processing, each for 15 years, and then a company called FleetCor which issued fuel purchasing cards for commercial vehicles. At the end of 2010, FleetCor went public, and I retired.

Kris and I sold our house in Alpharetta, GA and moved full time to our house at Lake Oconee. I love to play golf and fish and in February 2019 I took my first intro flight in a Cessna 172. Flying was a dream I had when I was younger, but I didn't have the time or money to get started. After almost a year of training and study, I received my Pilot's license in January 2020 and then bought a Cessna 182T. Two years later in March 2022, I received my Instrument Rating. In June 2023 I traded the 182T for a Cessna 206T.



I enjoy retirement where I am known to occasionally fish and golf – and of course fly our airplane. I joined EAA earlier this year and have enjoyed being part of Chapter 1685.



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 SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

Our get-together takes place at our airport from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm every 3rd Monday of the month. The next Social Gathering will be on November 18th, starting with refreshments from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm followed by a Chapter update and a special presentation.

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:

- Newsletter Editor
- Membership Coordinator
- Eagle Flights Coordinator
- EAA Safety Programs Flight Advisor
- EAA Aviation Education Seminars
- IMC Club Mentor



QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact us at:

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Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa1685>.

**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!**

**COME FLY
WITH US!**



Lake Country Flying Club

**Current Pilots, Rusty Pilots,
Student Pilots
New, Old & Not Yet Pilots**

**EQUITY MEMBERSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

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