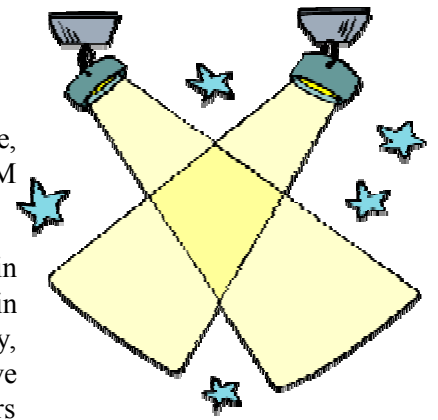


Member Spotlight

Bill and Cathy Johnson

This month's Spotlight is on Bill and Cathy Johnson. They live in Wrightsville, Georgia. Bill usually attends our meetings in either his Cessna 310 or Cessna L-2M Grasshopper.



Bill was born in Olathe, Kansas and raised in Southern California. Cathy was born in Roanoke, Virginia and raised in Dunwoody, Georgia. They met at the Locust Grove skydiving center in 1984 and married 5 years later.

While Bill and Cathy don't have any children, they do have two Golden Retrievers, 3 horses, 1 Beagle, and 2 cats.



After a diverse work experience including commercial (Oil Field) diving, manufacturing industrial engineering, real time data collection systems, and being involved with the emergence of EDI, Bill started his own company, Image Information, Inc., in 1991. This company specialized in systems integration and solutions provider for ECM, EDM, ERP and Workflow applications to all industries and vertical markets. He ran this company for almost 19 years. He still consults to that industry.

Recently Bill has started a distribution company for a mineral based organic fertilizer, soil amendment, and food supplements. Cathy is an IT consultant specializing in Project Management of data delivery and informational dashboard reporting systems.

Aviation has been an interest of Bill's since he was a very young boy. TV series in the 60s like Sky King, Whirly Birds, Rip Cord, etc. had a lot to do with it. He was also interested in scuba diving at an early age as well. Bill was basically nuts about anything air or sea related and heavy into science.

Bill flew on commercial flights as a young child to visit family. His first private aviation flight was in a helicopter that flew for the company his father worked for. When he started skydiving in high school, he was around aircraft all the time and was able to fly a number of aircraft as a teenager. This is when he first took formal flying lessons.



Bill now has 4000+ hours and quite a number of aircraft ratings SEL, MEL, Inst. Single Sea, SIC Multi-Sea (Albatross). He is also a Master Parachute Rigger.

Currently Bill owns and flies a C310D and L-2M. He also occasionally flies a C182, C172 as well as a few ultralights like an Air Bike and Super Drifter. His favorite aircraft he has flown is the D-18 Twin Beech. A Grumman F7F Tiger Cat would be the ultimate aircraft to fly.



What is Bill's favorite thing to do with an airplane?
Watch the sun come up. I think all of us could agree with that.

While Bill does a lot of flying, he also is active in skydiving, scuba diving, sailing, and fishing. He also lives on a farm and restores aircraft. In the past he was involved in other hobbies like hang gliding, sail planes, rock climbing, motorcycles (desert racing) extreme camping/hiking, water skiing, snow skiing.

Bill has been an active member in EAA for many years. He was previously involved with the EAA Warbird 17 Squadron at Kennesaw, Georgia, and was their web editor. He also was on the national EAA Chapter Advisory Council. We are happy that Bill now calls EAA 172 his home.