

# Member Spotlight

Jim and Karen Reeves

This month's Member Spotlight is on Jim and Karen Reeves. Jim is a fairly new member, plus the owner of a Christen Eagle, so he is a good guy!

Jim was born and raised in Waynesboro, Georgia, while Karen was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. They met at a Georgia Tech football game in 1972 and were married 3 years later.

Jim and Karen have one daughter, Katie, who is going to college at Georgia Tech to be a Bio-Medical Engineer.

Jim is a retired Delta pilot currently farming cotton and peanuts near Midville. Karen is a high school history teacher.

Jim became interested in flying through his uncle who was a Naval Aviator. Jim's first flight was in a brand new Cessna 152 at the Kennesaw flight school in 1975. He became a Naval Aviator in 1980. After 6 years of flying fighter-bombers he left the Navy for Delta Air Lines. He was an MD-88 captain and currently has 25,000+ hours of flight time.



Jim currently owns and flies a Christen Eagle. His favorite aircraft that he ever flew is the F/A-18C Hornet with the US Navy. He also flew the T-28C, A-4, T-2, and A-7E. He has over 300 carrier traps. The most exciting trap was his first one aboard the Lexington. The ultimate aircraft he would like to fly is the P-51.

Jim doesn't have one favorite thing to do in the airplane. Just the ability to get up in the air brings him great satisfaction. He has been a member since 2009 and likes being part of EAA 172 because it is a great group of folks to share the experiences of flight.

Please introduce yourself to Jim!



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*Mobile (AL) Approach:* "Aircraft calling Mobile, say again."

*Delta Flight:* "Delta 1234, out of 14 for ten."

*Mobile:* "... That's a real bad radio; sounds like an old T-37 in my ear."

*Delta:* "Roger that."

[brief pause]

*Delta:* "How's this one?"

*Mobile:* "Better. Still a lot of whining in the background."

*Delta:* "That's just the flight attendants."

