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New England Chapter  
of  
The Explorers Club,  
The Boston Chapter of  
The Circumnavigators Club  
Proudly Presents  
an Evening with*

*Matt Guthmiller*

*Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, and  
Guinness World Record holder for the  
youngest person ever to solo-circumnavigate the globe in  
a single-engine aircraft*

*Friday, November 21st, 2014*  
*7:00 p.m. — Reception with refreshments*  
*8:00 p.m. — Talk*

*Hilton Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel*  
*(adjacent to Harvard Business School)*  
*400 Soldiers Field Road*  
*Boston*  
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*\$30 per person*

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## *Matt Guthmiller*

*Matt Guthmiller circumnavigated the globe during the summer of 2014 by piloting his own plane, alone — as a result of which, he now holds the Guinness World Record (formerly known as the Guinness Book of World Records) as the youngest person ever to fly solo around the world.*

*Matt is 19 years old and a sophomore at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).*

*Matt conducted his solo-circumnavigation by single-handedly flying a 1981 Beechcraft A36 Bonanza, in which he traveled more than 30,000 miles, making 23 stops in 15 countries on 5 continents in 6 weeks, from May 31st to July 14th of 2014. Throughout the circumnavigation, Matt also performed his own engine maintenance and fuel calculations.*

*Born and raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota, Matt is a self-taught software engineer who first began writing code in the 5th grade. He is also a serial entrepreneur who, in 2007, at the age of 12, started his own software company — one of the very first iPhone unlocking businesses — which was acquired by another software company a few weeks later. By high school, Matt was producing algorithms that could predict crude oil prices, and using supercomputers to analyze stock trades. During his senior year of high school, he was a finalist for the 20 Under 20 Thiel Fellowship before voluntarily dropping out of the finalist round in order to attend MIT, where he is now a sophomore, majoring in electrical engineering and computer science.*

*Since 2013, Matt has been the Founding President of his own nonprofit organization, Limitless Horizons, through which he raised money for his record-breaking solo-circumnavigation, and also for the nonprofit organization Code.org,*

*the mission of which is to promote computer science education programs in K-12 schools, especially among underprivileged and underrepresented students. After expenses, Matt donated all remaining proceeds — more than \$150,000 — to Code.org. Matt strongly believes in the power of education to help people achieve their dreams, and he is especially passionate about computer programming as a tool for creativity.*

*In a statement to the media immediately prior to his solo-circumnavigation, Matt explained his philanthropic generosity to Code.org: “The goal of this flight is to inspire other people to attempt similarly ambitious endeavors, and the best tool for people to achieve their dreams is computer science. Yet, most elementary and secondary schools don’t even teach it, or at the very least, treat it as an elective rather than something on par with math and other sciences. Computers offer literally anyone the power to accomplish or build anything they want, and they’re only becoming more powerful and controlling more things. Additionally, studying computer science builds critical problem-solving skills and opens the mind to the infinite range of possibilities that exists. It’s really rather difficult to fully articulate the enormous freedom and opportunity it represents. Code.org is working to ensure that such an amazing tool is within the reach of every single student.”*

*Matt further added: “With this flight, and with Code.org, I hope to inspire other young people to attempt things of similar magnitude by showing them what’s possible.”*

*Matt first began learning to fly at the age of 16 and received his private pilot certificate on his 17th birthday. He has since gone on to earn his commercial pilot certification in addition to numerous ratings, and he had logged over 500 hours in the air even before his circumnavigation. During the 44 days and 12 hours of*

Matt's around-the-world solo trip, he logged an additional 177.2 hours with 24 landings. "I'm always looking for new challenges and unique experiences, but this is the biggest challenge I will have conquered," Matt said, prior to his circumnavigation. "Fewer people have flown solo around the world than have been to space."

Matt's plane of choice for his solo-circumnavigation was a 1981 Beechcraft A36 Bonanza, a single-engine, low-wing plane with a 300-horsepower engine, six seats, and a normal range of about 1100 nautical miles. For the circumnavigation, four of the six seats were removed to make room for extra fuel tanks, bringing the range up to 2800 nautical miles. The Bonanza has a cruising speed of approximately 160 knots (185 MPH), with an optimal cruising altitude of 11,500 feet.

"I want to inspire other people to do great things, and I believe computer science is the most powerful tool for enabling people's dreams," says Matt. "Code.org is helping to ensure that opportunity is available to everyone. The round-the-world goal of this flight is a great fit with education, as no matter where you are in the world, education opens doors and helps transform dreams into reality."

Matt is an inspiring and highly sought-after speaker who has been prominently featured in the international media and as a guest speaker at, among other organizations, Merrill Lynch and the Coca-Cola Company — the latter of which, in April of this year, also featured Matt in an interview entitled, "Taking Off: 5 Lessons From a 19-Year-Old Entrepreneur and World Record-Attempting Pilot."

In an interview with BusinessWire, Matt stated, "I'm happy to use the platform I earned through achieving the Guinness World Record to further Code.org's mission. It was an incredible journey — the places I visited, and the people I met

*there, will stay with me forever. I'd like to continue to share my story with the world, to inspire young people to reach for goals that may seem very far away."*

*The Boston Chapter of the Circumnavigators Club and the New England Chapter of the Explorers Club are pleased to co-host Matt Guthmiller in what truly promises to be a unique presentation.*

*Please join us*

*on November 21st*

*for a journey around the world with*

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