

THE 461^{ER} PILOT PROFILE:



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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF EAA 461?

4 years!

HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE TO DATE?

About 200

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

I have been interested in Aviation for as long as I can remember. I must have built hundreds of model airplanes and kites over the years.



YOUR FIRST SOLO IS A DATE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET... TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST SOLO EXPERIENCE?

It's true you never forget your first solo – I remember two things really clearly apart from being really proud. The first thing was how fast the 152 climbed with just me in it, and the other was how my training took hold and I just executed the RPM's speeds, and descent rates I had been taught.

WHEN DID YOU SOLO AND WHERE?

I soloed at Clow, in 2014

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLYING?

I got my license at 50 years old, so 4 years this November.

WHAT RATINGS DO YOU HOLD?

Private Pilot, ASEL

WHAT'S YOUR BEST PERSONAL AVIATION MEMORY OR STORY ?

Even though I have been most fortunate in being able to fly and having the support of my Dad in building an airplane, I would say that my role as President of EAA 461 is my best story.

The EAA Chapter has not only been incredibly fulfilling personally, but the fact that it brings fulfillment and happiness to other people is beyond anything I would ever have imagined. I also feel that we are all on an amazing journey that is only just beginning. So, aviation has created a life change for me in many ways – not just satisfaction of flying but in the friends and experiences around flying.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF AVIATION?

I like to fish, and I also play computer games. Lots of computer games 🐵

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AVIATION BOOK AND/OR MOVIE?

I used to love the Biggles books growing up. Here's a link that explains them: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biggles> and my favorite movie would be "Breaking through the Clouds" or "Flight of the Phoenix".

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE AIRPLANE and WHY?

I don't really have a favorite plane because I love pretty much anything that flies. I would say the most impactful plane to me would be the Chipmunk, which I got to fly in (and do a loop and roll) when I was in my High School Airforce Cadet program.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES?

I like the parties and cooking events the best.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE AVIATION MUSEUM THAT YOU HAVE VISITED OR WANT TO GO TO?

I just loved the US Airforce Museum at Dayton, and also Duxford in the UK was amazing too.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CHAPTER PARTICIPATE IN FOR THE FUTURE?

I'd like us to do another museum trip, and another cooking competition! Add in more organized youth programs, and we should be good for 2019!

WHAT LEGACY WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE FOR YOUTH IN AVIATION? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO FLY?

We are building the legacy now.

In general - if we can help create autonomous, self-directed young adults that engage in Aviation in any form at all, we have succeeded.

Even if the kids that come through our programs just experience more personal confidence, and we help them achieve something they would not have done without us, we have succeeded too.

Any positive impact that results from the things we do is a success, because positive things add up to good results, even if we can't predict what those are today.

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY, IF SO, WHAT BRANCH AND WHEN?

Nope.

FINALLY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE? 😊

Any Cookie made by Aymee, of course!

(😊 Thanks, Wayne!!!)

**THANKS, WAYNE ! 😊
It was really great interviewing you and learning more about you and your Aviation Adventures !**

and... THANK YOU for your dedication to Chapter 461!