

# THE 461<sup>ER</sup> PILOT PROFILE:



## BOB KOPEIKA aka: RVBob

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF EAA 461?**

1 year

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLYING?**

Got my license at Lansing in 1989.

**WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?**

As a kid I built a lot of plastic models and flew 1/2 A control line.

**WHEN DID YOU SOLO AND WHERE?**

Jan 4th 1989.

I learned to fly at Associated Air at Lansing.

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

It was earlier January, and the runways and taxiways were snow covered.

**HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE TO DATE?**

Just turning 1000

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AVIATION BOOK AND/OR MOVIE?**

Strategic Air Command.  
Yes the storyline is pretty corny but some beautiful air to air photography.

**WHAT RATINGS DO YOU HOLD?**

SEL

**HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY ?**

No.

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE AIRPLANE and WHY?**

P-47 Thunderbolt.

I know, everyone likes the P-51 but when the enemy is shooting back, I'll take the Jug any day.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF AVIATION?**

Snowmobile in northern Wisconsin/UP.  
I have a 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix I restored and like to attend old Pontiac events with.  
Driving my Boxster on a nice day on a curvy backroad anywhere.



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHAPTER ACTIVITY?**

Anything with food.

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

Weekly cookouts like we do at my hanger at Lewis.

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

NMUSAF in Dayton.

**WHAT'S YOUR BEST PERSONAL AVIATION MEMORY OR STORY?**

The first flight in my RV-12.  
Still smile every time I fly it.

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

If I can do it so can you !

**FINALLY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE? 😊**

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut.

**THANKS, BOB !**  
**It was fun interviewing you and learning a bit more about you and your Aviation Adventures with "Miss Cheryl" !**