THE 461^{ER} 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?

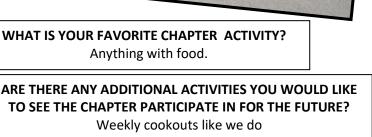
It was earlier January, and the runways and taxiways were snow covered.

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.



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 !

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. 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" !