



# COLIN KOEBEL

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

Since 1984

## WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

I've always liked planes. I started building plastic models and flying the CL and RC.

## WHAT RATINGS DO YOU HOLD?

Private and Instrument.  
I'm working on Commercial.

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

More flying trips, and a build project.

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

I have a lot books, mostly Bios and stories of flights. Favorites are: Flight of Passage and Pancho Barnes. I also have a good collection of movies and videos. Favorite is: Only Angels Have Wings

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

No, I haven't.

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

They all good, but favorites are the Smithsonian, Air Force in Dayton and Planes of Fame in Chino, CA.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLYING?

I started lessons in April 1983, and got my license in May 1988

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE AIRPLANE and WHY?

I like the older planes. I've always liked the T6 or the old biplanes.

## HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE TO DATE?

1000+

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHAPTER ACTIVITY?

I like the Young Eagles, and Oshkosh

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

I didn't know there was anything else... Travel, and I like motorcycling and photography.

## FINALLY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE? 😊

Do you really have to ask ?



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

I was lucky enough to have met many retired airplane pilots and WWII Pilots. Hanging out at the Airport you meet a lot of great guys with interesting stories.

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

He just got out and said go around a couple of times.

## WHEN DID YOU SOLO AND WHERE?

It was at Lewis in April 1983.

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

Personally I think everyone should have the opportunity to fly if they want to. I feel that if a kid is interested in learning to fly, it is our responsibility to help make that happen in any way. Hang out and find people that are willing to help you reach your goals. There are many Pilots out there willing to take a kid for a flight.

## THANKS, COLIN !

It was fun interviewing you and learning a bit more about you and your Aviation adventures !