

THE 461^{ER} PILOT PROFILE:



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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF EAA 461?

About 5 years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLYING?

I soloed in '65, 'so about 50 years

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

Well, I have always liked airplanes as a little kid, and I joined the Air Force.

HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE TO DATE?

1,684

WHAT RATINGS DO YOU HOLD?

Commercial, Instrument, Multi and A&P



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

I soloed in a Piper Colt. I had my A&P license, so I maintained airplanes for flying time.

WHEN DID YOU SOLO AND WHERE?

at Fort Wainwright Army Airfield in Fairbanks, AK in 1965

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

United States Air Force, Strategic Air Command from 1961-1965. I also served the Connecticut Air National Guard for one year from 1966-1967.

WHAT'S YOUR BEST PERSONAL AVIATION MEMORY OR STORY ?

I was a salesman in the aviation parts business where I flew a company Beechcraft Bonanza for business transportation for about 6 years. I have approximately 1,400 hours flying Bonanzas. It was a totally reliable airplane, and I never had a problem.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AVIATION BOOK AND/OR MOVIE?

Movie: Strategic Air Command

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

USAF Museum in Ohio



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

Restorations, building an airplane, and more social events.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF AVIATION?

I spend a lot of time with my Family and my Grandkids and Friends. I also volunteer with the Veteran's Administration, where I anchor a job club. We train Veterans in getting jobs and finding a career track.

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

Spend time with EAA Chapters and learn to fly.

You have to get your basics out of the way.

Don't rule out the US Military.

Where there's a will, there's a way.

Get involved with EAA and the Air Force, and the whole world will open up to you.

There is no end to what you can achieve, but you have to apply yourself.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHAPTER ACTIVITY?

Young Eagles, Restorations, and I am enjoying our Chapter Meetings.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE AIRPLANE and WHY?

A Boeing KC-135A.

It is an Air Force tanker and is what I served on in the Air Force.



FINALLY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE? 😊

Aymee's oatmeal cookies, with raisins!

**THANKS, JIM for sharing
And**

**THANK YOU
for your Service in the USAF!**

**It was so nice interviewing you and
learning more about you and your
Aviation Adventures!**