

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### David Clabots



**1. What type of work do you do? If retired, what was your line of work?**

I'm the Manager of Sales and Revenue Forecasting for Integrys Energy Group. Integrys is the holding company of several Utilities including Wisconsin Public Service. My team and I forecast Electric and Gas sales for all our utilities.

**2. If married, what is your spouse's name? If you wish please share the names and ages of your children. Do you have pets? If so, what?**

My wife's name is Kim. We have two boys Ryan and Jared. Ages 18 and 17. Ryan is currently attending Saint Louis University majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Jared is a junior at Green Bay East High School. We have two dogs Sophie (German Shepherd) and Max (Rat Terrier/Pug) and three cats; Regs, Spunk, and Dew.

**3. How are you involved in aviation?**

I have my private Pilot License, which I got on September 12, 1981. I've been an EAA member since 1980. I'm part owner of a Cessna 172 in the Green Bay Flying Club and am also one of the founders and part owner of Nicolet Airport.

**4. Why did you join EAA Chapter 651?**

I love airplanes and flying. I was interested in building an airplane at the time. Eventually I started building an RV-4. Never did get it finished.

**5. What are your aviation interests?**

I love airplanes. We camp at EAA every year for the full week plus some. I also love photography so I spend a lot of time photographing aircraft. Kim volunteers every year. As I said earlier I part owner of Nicolet Airport, which is really a cool thing. Not many people can say they own part of an airport. I enjoyed flying and building. I'm not doing either today but someday hope to get back to doing both.

**6. Do you have aviation-related goals? If yes, please describe briefly.**

Goals are to get back to actively flying and building. I really want to get into aerobatics. I also would like to fly powered parachutes and gyros.

**7. Favorite airplane(s):**

F4-U Corsair, F-5/T-38 jets, Extra 330 aerobatic plane and the Waco is my favorite bi-plane.

**8. What are your greatest non-aviation interests?**

Photography.

**9. One thing most people don't know about me:**

I did some aerobatics in a Grob aerobatic sailplane many years ago while on vacation in Florida.

**10. One thing I want to do in the next 3 years:**

Start flying again.

**11. The person I most admire in aviation:**

Mike Melvill. He flew Spaceship One into space for the first time. I admire him for his perseverance of overcoming significant personal challenges to fly.

**12. My favorite place to be:**

The EAA Convention just hanging around airplanes.