

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

Currently doing contractual work for a flight simulator add on publisher. Previous lines of work include – Auto mechanic. Motorsports parts specialist & service manager. Mobile audio/security/remote start installation tech & manager. Consumer electronics technician.

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?

Single – Although it seems my girlfriend is Samantha, a rescued Weimaraner. At times she is also my copilot during flight simulator sessions. She will let me know if I'm doing something wrong. :-)

3. How are you involved in aviation?

Nothing directly with real world aviation at this time except being an EAA member. In the virtual flight simulation realm I have been concentrating primarily on gauge creation and flight dynamics since 1993. For over 3 years now I have been collaborating with a gentleman reproducing the avionics package in the F-111. He was an F-111 avionics specialist based at Pease AFB from 1976-1980. Also, I am about 75% done creating 9WS2 for flight simulator. It was never in the scenery database and is created with the feel of a Saturday morning breakfast fly-in.

4. Why did you join EAA Chapter 651?

It started by running into Jay Baeten at a local eatery while having lunch. He invited me out to one of the breakfast gatherings he has, from there it was a no brainer. Just meeting up with people having similar interests had me sold.

5. What are your aviation interests?

Everything. Although lately the giant leaps in avionics has really piqued my interests. It is incredible what is being developed.

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

- Get a pilot's license be it private or LSA.
- Build an airplane
- Return to school & finalize my unfinished avionics/instruments training.

7. Favorite airplane(s):

Warbirds – P-51, F-8F, F-7F, P-38, F-111 and, of course, the B-17
Vintage – Spartan Executive
Homebuilts – All Rutan designs, Kitfox, Osprey II, RVs & Sonex designs
Certified – Pilatus PC-12, C185, C170B
A fondness for tail draggers & amphibians.

8. What are your greatest non-aviation interests?

Working with anything mechanical/electrical/electronic.

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

Since about the age of 5 I have been interested in flying. In my mid-teens I made the decision of flying through the air on a motocross bike. It was fun, but a bad decision.

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

Get a pilot's license be it private or LSA.

11. The person I most admire in aviation:

This is tough, there are so many, but I would have to say Paul Poberezny. Look at what has been created by him and the original founders. It's a giant family with overlapping interests that is still going strong as ever today.

12. My favorite food and/or restaurant:

Lately it has been Mediterranean food. (Greek, Lebanese etc.) Although I like and/or will try nearly anything,,,,, except liver. Some other favorites are German, Italian & Hunan/Schezwan dishes.

13. My favorite place to be:

With the family and my beautiful nieces, we always have a great time together.