

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Hello.....this may certainly be a first! Our Member of the Month is serving his last month with us as just a “regular” member, as he will pick up the reins next month as the new EAA172 President! The following will provide you a little info about him.

Allen Nodorft was the first born to parents who were farmers in Platteville, Wisconsin. His delivery date was May 13, 1967, and a brother and sister would follow behind. The senior Mr. & Mrs. Nodorft and Allen’s sister are still inhabitants of Wisconsin; his brother, however, is now a resident of the “show-me” state of Missouri.

Allen’s exposure to flying was inbred in him at a very early age due to his background. His grandfather had an airplane and allowed some of his flying buddies to keep their airplanes there on the farm. Eventually a small airport grew out of that, with Allen’s uncle running the airport. Unfortunately, Allen does not recollect his first airplane ride, since he’s been told he was only 3 weeks old at the time! His dad was a licensed pilot but stopped flying when Allen was around 12 years old.

After high school graduation, Allen pursued and obtained a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin. This degree would result in a career with John Deere, where he would spend the next 10 years in Wisconsin. From there he would be assigned work in Germany and The Netherlands for the next 4 years. It was in Germany where he learned to fly gliders.

Aviation may have played a role in his matrimonial pick, as his lovely wife Cami also had a grandfather who flew. Allen & Camie joined forces about 4 years after college and are the parents of three beautiful/handsome children - daughters Mikayla & Carmen and son Michael. Carmen was actually born in The Netherlands.

After his overseas tour, Allen transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he spent a year before moving to our great state! He and his family now reside in Grovetown and he joined our company almost 3 years ago. He is commercially licensed for single-engine land and gliders and owns a Christen Eagle & Russia AC-5M glider.

While seemingly a bit low-key, Allen has displayed a bit of his talents/skills in flying at some of our meetings as well as making written/oral presentations to our group. Son Michael already expresses an interest in aviation and is fortunate to have a good role model to follow.

Thanks to you, Allen, for your chapter participation, volunteering at Boshears, exposing your well-behaved children to “our” passion, flying with us, and most of all for accepting the honor and tasks associated with leading our great group of aviators/supporters for the next year!

Our best wishes go out to you and we anticipate GREATNESS!



Allen taxiing for takeoff at the Keith Brock fly-in with his son, Michael, as co-pilot.