



# EAA Chapter 21 NEWSLETTER

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## Meet the Chapter President-Elect

At the November Chapter meeting, several Chapter 21 members stepped up to the plate and agreed to take on the responsibility of leading our Chapter for the next two years. Among them is Jay Sanders, who will be our Chapter President for 2009-2010. I talked with Jay last Saturday, and found out a little more about him.

Jay was born and raised in Vincennes, Indiana. As a young boy, Jay's father owned a taxicab service in Vincennes, and Jay used to "help" the mechanics repair the cabs. "I started working on cars when I was nine years old. I would go into the shop, and the mechanic would give me little things to do, just to keep me busy and out of his hair. I was putting plugs in an old slant-six. I could change plugs, cap, filter, the old points they used to use, and I used to gap the plugs with an old matchbook cover. They were the same dimension as the feeler gauges we used. There were always matchbook covers laying around because everybody smoked."

After graduating from High School, Jay came to Evansville to attend Sam's Technical Institute. (Now known as ITT Technical Institute.) After graduating, Jay and his wife Pam got into the NHRA racing circuit. "My wife and I raced cars for almost thirty years. We traveled all over the United States. We used to run NHRA drag racing, and my wife was the one who drove. She is a former division champion; national champion; record holder, and all that. She was the famous person in our family. There was a long time when I was known as 'Mr. Pam Sanders.'"

"What kind of car was it?" I asked.

"An NHRA Stock Eliminator car.

Then we later graduated to a Super Stock. We were sponsored by Mopar—Chrysler Corporation. We drove a Mopar Performance car. It was a Dodge Daytona that had been converted to a rear wheel drive. We actually built the car. We used a little small cubic inch 318, low compression, low horsepower engine. It started out as a 150 horse from the factory in a Dodge Aspen station wagon, and we made it pump out right at about 500 horse. Not too bad."



Jay with one of his Young Eagles participants

They're both now retired from racing. Jay is now an instructor of Automotive Technology at Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center, located on Lynch Road behind the Drury Inn. Pam is owner/operator of Creative Embroidery Designs, located on Old Boonville Highway across from Eagles Country Club.

*How did you get interested in aviation—flying?*

"Basically through a couple of friends of mine—Kenny Grimms and Bob Wilson—they're both out of Boonville. My daughter graduated from North High School in 1999, and she went to St. Louis Webster University, which is a private university there. She was in the Conservatory of Music and Theatre. She graduated from that, and then went to New York. At that time I was flying around with Kenny and Bob, and my wife said: "Why don't you get your license, then we'll get a plane, and we can fly back and forth to New York to see our daughter." So I went to get my license. Jeff Culligan was my instructor. I got my license in about 6 1/2 months, so I hit it pretty hard. Being off during the summer months, you could take two lessons, or two scheduled flights a day.

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I was doing between two and three days a week where I was doing two lessons a day. I had Jeff Culligan and Nick Conner as instructors. That was in 2000.

I went down to Texas, because Kerrville Texas is where they build the Mooney aircraft. I did a lot of research on planes that were fast, but also were economical. The Mooney is very economical if you buy the 201 with the four cylinder engine. I went down to Texas and looked at several of them down there. Later I went back to Texas, Kenny went with me, to take another look at the Mooney aircraft. I put in a bid for one, learned to fly it in about four days, and came back with my CFI. Then I put Kenny on a commercial plane back to Texas. [To get his plane]

My plane is a 1978 Mooney 201, a J model, and it will true out at about 164 knots at 75% power. I very seldom ever fly it that fast. I'll true out at about 157-158 at 63% power, at about 6000 feet.

[Flying into New York] I flew into Teterboro, which I wouldn't do again for love or money. I'd land farther west, and drive the rest of the way in. It's not that far. Teterboro is right across the Hudson River from Times Square. You can be at Times Square 15 minutes after you land.

I was going to go ahead and get my IFR ticket, because I knew we would be flying in some bad weather once in awhile, and then my daughter just pulled the plug on New York and came home. And we're glad of it. I think New York chewed her up and spit her out. She now teaches Musical Theatre at USL."

*How did you get interested in EAA and the Chapter here?*

"It's just one of those things. I like flying planes, I like being around guys who fly planes. It's just a fun group of people. John Rudolph had quizzed me about doing the Young Eagles program, and I remembered my first airplane flight when I was about 10 years old. A friend of my dad's had an old Stearman that had been converted to spray crops. My dad used to hang out at O'Neal Airport, an old grass strip up there, and there was a place called the Airport Inn, where he liked to go drink beer and eat food. They had some

of the best bar food you could buy. So we stopped there, and he came in, and Dad said 'why don't you take my boy up.' Dad gave him a few bucks for gas, and he took me up, and flew me around for about 40 minutes and it was one of those things I never, ever forgot. I remembered what it was like for me to go up in that airplane, and I see the faces on some of these kids when they're in the airplane, and I enjoy seeing that.

*Now that you are Chapter President, have you thought about what you'd like to see our Chapter do?*

"I think our ranks are down from a few years ago. I think what we need to do is get our membership increased. The problem is, it's getting so darned expensive. It's very, very hard for young people to get in to flying airplanes. I don't see that changing. If you look at our ranks, all you see is the gray hair. How many young people do you see joining EAA? How many young people do you see coming to meetings? If we've got anybody that's younger than 35 I'd be surprised. We've got to get people excited about flying. I think if you get the right person in there, the right people to come into this program, you can get more people to join EAA and get into flying, you can give back to the program. That's a big deal. That's why I joined; to give back what has been given to me. That's why I enjoy flying the kids. It's fun to watch their faces.

I have a nephew that flies with me once in awhile. He's got a flight simulator program. He knows what an altimeter is, and the turn coordinator. He was looking at the instruments, and he said 'I know you don't put your wings below these white lines, because if you do that you crash.' I took him up and let him fly the airplane. I had him sitting on a pile of pillows, and this eight year old kid was flying straight and level, he could turn and bank, and keep the airplane on course. I looked at him at the end of the day, while we were putting the plane up, and said 'Jack, you did a great job! I'm really proud of how you did that.' He looked at me and said, 'You didn't do a half bad job yourself Uncle Jay!'"

*Submitted by Pete Wiggin*

November 13, 2008

*Posey County 4-H*



*Thanks YOU!*

Dear EAA Chapter 21,

The Posey County 4-H Council gratefully acknowledges receipt of your donation of \$100, which is deductible as a contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes, under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to rulings issued April 24, 1946, & February 9, 1973, by the Internal Revenue Service to the U.S.D.A. Thank you very much for helping "to make the best better" for Posey County 4-H youth!

Sincerely,

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*P.S. We look forward to funding the Aerospace Trip with your gift!!!*

## Message from EAA Chapter 21 President

Wow, am I glad I reworked the heater last month in my yellow RV. It is cold out there! So I guess us aircraft experimenters need to bone up on all the cold weather flying and building information we can get our hands on. For any of our members who have been putting off getting a computer system that can access the internet, now is the time to buy. If you have not visited the EAA national internet site lately, it is time to do so. The new Builder's Tips section holds many marvelous short instructional films about good building techniques. The best I have seen and it is free with your membership in EAA. In addition, our Chapter site has back issues of our newsletters and info about our chapter.

We did it last month—and elected a new enthusiastic group to be our leaders for the next two years. Plans are made to quickly get you to know new officers that might not be real familiar to you by having in-depth newsletter articles of introduction. Keep an eye out for that in this and coming newsletters. I am happy that those leaders who were nominated to serve as chapter officers accepted with the spirit of wanting to help the chapter.

Thank you everyone that helped me in my years with the chapter. I have made many new friends and thank everyone for giving me the chance to be your leader for a brief and fast two years.

This month's Christmas meeting we will be celebrating with awards and recognitions and installing our new Chapter Officers. We will meet on December 10th at Kipplees Party House on Boeke and Lloyd Expressway. Many will find it convenient to meet our new treasurer with the opportunity to renew your dues for 2009. That is what I plan to do. My lovely wife Karen will be the good looking one sitting next to me trying to control how many pieces of delicious Kipplees pizza I eat. Meal cost is \$10 per person, which includes a chance for the cash door prize. This is the holiday and Christmas season and it is the time to give thanks for all we have. I have been richly blessed with our chapter and all the great work you have done to help with building planes, instruct on safety, and introduce youth in our area with free flights through the Young Eagles program. And then there is fellowship we can enjoy.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 10th at Kipplees, 6:54 PM or earlier arrival time.

Larry Helming ( Guests and cameras are always welcomed. )

### Chapter 21 Officers for next two years are as follows:

President: Jay Sanders	V. P: Earl Schroeder
Secretary: Gary Zimmerman	Treasurer: Hugh Gerhardt
Program Chairman and Web Master: Steve Eberhart	Newsletter Editor: Pete Wiggan
Young Eagles Chairman: John Rudolph	Past Pres and Public Relations: Larry Helming

The new board and officers are planning right now to go to Oshkosh for March 27 thru March 29 for EAA chapter officer training. I suggested that the Chapter could fund the costs for travel. I think EAA national will take care of food and rooms but not sure about that. We have money in the bank if needed. I cannot think of too many better ways to use our money and I would support paying all the necessary expenses for attending this chapter training opportunity. That will be a decision for the new board to consider.

Larry Helming

### Chapter 21 Monthly Treasurer's Report November-08

November 1, 2008	Beginning Balance	\$2,273.82
Receipts		
	Interest	\$0.10
	Dues - 1@\$15 ea.	\$15.00
	Young Eagles	<u>\$305.00</u>
	Total	\$320.10
Disbursements		
	Newsletter Printing	\$16.00
	Mailing Labels	\$8.53
	Posey Co 4-H Council Donation	\$100.00
	Kipplee's Party House Deposit	\$75.00
	New Check Order	<u>\$19.58</u>
	Total	\$219.11
November 30, 2008	Ending Balance	\$2,374.81
	Balance ONB 11-30-08	\$2,374.81
Bill Gowin,	Treasurer	

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## Upcoming Chapter 21 Events

### EAA21 Chapter Meeting: Wednesday Dec 10, 7:00 PM, Kipplee's Party House

This month's Christmas meeting we will be celebrating with awards and recognitions and installing our new Chapter Officers. We will meet on December 10th at Kipplee's Party House on Boeke and Lloyd Expressway. Many will find it convenient to meet our new treasurer with the opportunity to renew your dues (\$15.00) for 2009.



Kipplee's Party House is located at 2322 E. Division St., behind Kipplee's Stadium Inn