

# Pilot Profile: Allen Chabot

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Allen is one of three new members who came to their first club meeting in July, 2010, though Allen had been active in aero modeling from high school. Like many other newer club members in recent years, Allen, age 66, is using his retirement years to revisit earlier interests, such as radio control flight. In the mid 1980's, through his motorcycle racing contact with the late Matt Wengryzn, Allen had started R/C aviation. But in 1985 he also pursued a full scale pilot's license at Timmerman Field on Milwaukee's northwest side, while attempting to keep active with the Bong Eagles free flight club.

With job changes every 5 or 6 years, R/C receded from Allen's list of activities. Again single, Allen has returned to his parent's home where he was raised in southeastern Oak Creek, near Elm Road and Chicago Road. He lives with father Alfred, age 101, plus mother Lucile age 88, and is their live-in-care giver.. Allen is one of the rare club members who attended a rural "one room" K-8 school, "Oakwood Graded," near his home.



***Above:*** Allen Chabot with his Eflite "Alpha" sport 450 electric powered trainer, being used in his R/C flight refresher training course in Franklin on Oakwood Road, (Milwaukee County R/C Flying Field).

Graduating from Oak Creek High School in 1962, Allen took advantage of military training by joining the U.S. Air Force. He became an engine mechanic for radial engines, most notably the Wright 9 cylinder R1820 (C-47 transports), and the monster Pratt & Whitney R4360 (C-124s) 36 cylinders in 7 rows, generating 3,000 hsp. per engine. He spent time at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D. C., and an overseas base at Tachikowa, Japan.

## **U.S. AIR FORCE 1962-1966**

Following his military service, Allen worked in various Milwaukee machine shops and prominent manufacturing plants. These included 6 years at Briggs & Stratton, a similar stint in the Research & Development department at OMC-Outboard Marine Corporation, and finally retiring after 5-1/2 years at Super Steel, makers of railroad passenger cars, such as Chicago "Metra" commuter line cars.

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***Above:*** Allen Chabot ("sha-bow") taking a flight refresher course from club electric flight instructor Phil Schumacher. Note buddy box system working between 72 mHz and 2.4 gHz transmitters.