

Personal Record of
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AVIATION EXPERIENCE:

Pilot since 1959, flying commercially since 1961. Currently flying as a contract pilot under Part 135, qualified and current on the G-IV and Falcon 900EX. Recently Chief Pilot on a Falcon 900EX in world-wide operations under Part 91. Formerly Chief Pilot for Air Carrier Operations and Director of Safety, large Part 135 corporate jet charter company operating 23 jet aircraft. Former Part 135 Flight Instructor/Check Airman on the Falcon 900/50, Hawker 800/700, Lear 35 and King Air 200/90. Extensive international experience, including over 280 crossings. Flew under Part 125 for 35 years, including international operations on the MD-11 for 2 ½ years. Flew military contract charter in both Atlantic and Pacific operations.

FLIGHT RATINGS:

Airline Transport Pilot, with Type Ratings in the MD-11, L-1011, A-300, B-767, B-757, B-727, L-188, G-IV, DA50/900, HS-125, LR-JET, and CE-500; Commercial Privileges, Single and Multi-Engine Land; Flight Engineer, Turbo-jet and Reciprocating Engine Powered; Certified Flight Instructor, Single and Multi-Engine, and Instrument.

FLIGHT HOURS (As of Mar. 1, 2007):

Total flight time 21,600+

EDUCATION:

M.S., Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Rutgers University, 1982, specializing in Design Engineering.

B.S., Physics, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 1978
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Omega Epsilon Honor Society.

Graduate courses in Aerospace Engineering included: Aerodynamics; Aircraft Performance, Stability and Control; Fluid Dynamics; Strength and Failure Modes of Structural Materials; Stress Analysis; Design Engineering.

Completed course in Aircraft Accident Investigation, University of Southern California, 1968. Completed courses in basic and advanced surface transportation accident reconstruction, Northwestern University, 1991. Completed course in advanced computer graphics, Pratt Institute, New York City.

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OTHER AVIATION ACTIVITIES:

Trained at the TWA Training Center as a Check Airman/Instructor on the B-767 for Baltia Airlines. Completed Check Airman/Instructor Course at FlightSafety. Attended FlightSafety Training School for King Air, CE-550, LR-JET, HS-125, DA-900EX, and G-IV, and SimuFlite Training School for the DA-50. Attended Piper Aircraft factory pilot school for Piper PA-46 Malibu Mirage aircraft.

Over 500 hours of flight instructor time. Instructed at Atlantic Aviation, Northeast Airways, and in Rutgers University and Princeton University ROTC Basic Flying Programs.

Taught aircraft wreckage inspection and documentation of wreckage at ALPA's Accident Investigator's School for many years.

Supervised development of the International Aviation Safety Reporting System, (ASRS), and successfully negotiated with the FAA and NASA to include the international community in the NASA/FAA ASRS data base.

As a B-767 Check Airman, participated in the selection of pilots and check airmen, and assisted in manuals preparation for a start-up international air carrier.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS:

Member, ALPA National Accident Investigation Board, 1966-1991; Chairman 1980-1984.

Member, IFALPA Accident Analysis Committee, 1981-1991; Chairman, 1982-1986; Vice-Chairman 1981, 1986-1991.

Member, Eastern Air Lines/ALPA Accident Investigation Committee, 1964-1991; Chairman 1980-1984.

Past Member, ALPA National SST Evaluation Committee, Cockpit and System Design.

Past Chairman, Eastern Air Lines/ALPA SST Evaluation Committee, Cockpit and System Design.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE:

Participated in the NTSB field investigations and public hearings of more than 25 airline accidents. Accident Team Coordinator for ALPA for over 15 of those accidents. ALPA Spokesman at major NTSB Public Hearings, including Eastern Flight 66 at New York, American Flight 191, (DC-10), at Chicago and Aloha Flight 243 near Honolulu.

Accident reconstruction of over 100 airline, commuter and light aircraft accidents.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND AIR SAFETY AWARDS:

ALPA Accident Investigation Award - 1968

ALPA Air Safety Outstanding Service Award - 1981

Canadian ALPA Outstanding Contribution to Aviation Safety Award - 1983

ALPA Air Safety Dedicated Service Award - 1984

IFALPA Scroll of Merit for Accident Investigation Activities – 1987

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AND OTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI)
Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
National Association of Professional Accident Reconstruction Specialists (NAPARS)
Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA-Retired) (Board of Directors, 1966-1969)
International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations Alpha - Omega Club (Previous IFALPA Award Winners)
Member, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

INVITED SPEAKER AT THE FOLLOWING AIR SAFETY CONFERENCES:

NTSB 1975 Industry Seminar, Downingtown, PA
DOT/FAA Human Factors Workshop, Cambridge, MA
Eastern Air Lines/Embrie-Riddle Safety Seminar, Daytona Beach, FL
NTSB 1983 Industry Seminar, Springfield, VA (Panel Chairman)
New York City Bar Association - Aviation Section
Japanese Government/ALPA-Japan Safety Seminar, Tokyo, Japan (Conference Chairman)
Irish ALPA Safety Conference, Dublin, Ireland
ISASI International Seminars in Canada, Israel, and New Zealand
IFALPA Annual Conferences in Israel and England
Numerous ALPA Safety Conferences