

MY BIOGRAPHY

After our marriage, my husband Hans D. Baumann and I emigrated in 1958 from our native Germany to the United States and settled for the next 5 years in Massachusetts, where our two children were born.

In 1963 we moved to Illinois, and from 1966 we lived for 2 years in France, before returning to Massachusetts.

In January 1977 we moved to New Hampshire, where my husband and I started the H. D. Baumann Valve Manufacturing Co., which later became internationally renown in the industry. My husband is an engineer by profession and specializes in innovative valve designs. I had a thorough business education in Germany, and was, for almost 15 years, the Chief Financial Officer of our multi-million dollar company. I personally designed the accounting and order-entry systems. This system was used in our computer system until 1995. My additional responsibilities included personnel issues.

In the early seventies, and after our children were a little older and attended school, I finally decided to start my "flying for fun" career, by getting my private pilot license. However, following my engagement within our company in New Hampshire, I discovered that I could not take the time to fly frequently enough to stay proficient. This caused me to set my flying aside for awhile. In 1987 I was able to renew the currency of my pilot license, and through my instructor I was introduced in 1989 to rolls and loops. From then on I fell in love with aerobatic flying. My first airplane was a Super Decathlon; followed by a ZLIN 242L; and now I am flying an Extra 200.

In 1997 I became a Director of the United States Aerobatic Foundation, working with and for our US Aerobatic Team, chaired the Donor Committee for 3 years, and in 2002 accepted the position of Treasurer for the Foundation. In 2000 I accompanied our Team to Toulouse, France, for the World Aerobatic Championships. (helped to organize and interpret). In June/July 2003 I volunteered again at the WAC in Lakeland, FL. I am past Vice Pres. of IAC Chapter 97, and am a current member of AFS in Mass.

Memberships: Joined AOPA in 1980, 1989 EAA and IAC, 1997 ICAS - current air show card; member of the Ninety-Nines since 1992; and in 1999 joined the Florida Aero Club. I participate frequently in the Young Eagles Program. In 2001 I took my first skydive, followed by a second in 2002. I have done several demonstration flights at air shows. On April 15, 2004 I received my Instrument Rating Certificate.

My hobbies are: Flying, Music, Travel, Swimming, Skiing, and especially spending time with my grandchildren.

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