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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VERMONT AVIATORS ASSOCIATION, INC. ▪ N. CLARENDON, VT USA

PRESIDENT

2021–PRESENT

Vermont Aviators Association (VAA) is an educational non-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of local Vermont pilots, business owners and flight instructors that I founded and organized from the ground up. VAA provides a comprehensive resource to the residents of Vermont for aviation information, education, training and events. I have been interviewed by AOPA, Positively Vermont and WCAX-TV News in Burlington VT to promote VAA and general aviation to the residents of Vermont. I created the VAA website as a resource for non-aviators to get involved in aviation in their local communities. I have organized and conducted large aviation events at KRUT and KFSO with sponsors such as Cape Air, Whelen Aerospace Technologies, Green Mountain Avionics, SD Air Service, Vermont Flight Academy, Columbia Air Services, Civil Air Patrol, The Ninety-Nines Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots and North Country HeliFlite. I have partnered with AOPA to promote the AOPA High School Aviation STEM Curriculum to high schools throughout Vermont.

INFRARED AERIAL ▪ MOUNT PLEASANT, SC USA

FOUNDER & CHIEF PILOT

2019-2022

Infrared Aerial was a specialty drone service provider with expertise in aerial thermography. My passion was to help organizations improve their operational efficiency through aerial intelligence. Using advanced drone technology, the latest infrared camera technology and artificial intelligence software I provided comprehensive inspections of solar plants, wind turbines, cell towers, power lines and roofing. My certifications included FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot, FAA Part 61 Private Pilot, ITC Level I sUAS Thermographer, Competent Drone Pilot – Telecom (CDP-T) and AUVSI Trusted Operator Program. Infrared Aerial is an organizational member of the Solar Energy Industries Association.

EARLIER CAREER

MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY ▪ MARKETING

SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER

2007-2019

I held domestic and global senior marketing manager positions for several medical device companies, including Nova Biomedical, BK Ultrasound, BTG PLC and Medtronic. These positions involved my direct oversight and management of medical device technology portfolios utilized in the surgical oncology, neurosurgery and vascular diagnostics markets.

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MEDICAL DEVICE INDUSTRY ▪ SALES

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

2001-2006

I held sales representative positions with several medical device companies, including RITA Medical Systems, Stryker and Alcon Laboratories. These positions involved my management of a New England sales territory in which I was required to meet and exceed a sales quota every quarter. I was able to excel in these positions and win Presidents Club honors at RITA, Stryker and Alcon Laboratories.

EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

MAJOR: SPORTS MEDICINE

MINOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Men's Rugby

Elon University ▪ Elon, NC

Major Annual Donor; [One80 Place Homeless Shelter](#) in Charleston, SC

Private Pilot, Instrument Rated

Aircraft Owner: 2007 Van's RV-10 N331DJ

AOPA Member

EAA Member

Pilots N Paws