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In 1965, I joined the Air Force just ahead of my draft notice. After electronics school at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS, I served at Clark AB, Philippine Is, where I caught hepatitis and spent 53 days in the hospital. I then transferred to Yokota AB, Japan. I also had temporary duty in Korea and Viet Nam. I got out in 1969.

After the Air Force, I attended Salem Technical Vocational Community College. In my second year the name changed to Chemeketa Community College. Then I continued on to Oregon Technical Institute. Again in my second year it changed to Oregon Institute of Technology. I graduated with a Bachelor of Technology, in Civil Engineering Technology, with an emphasis in Surveying.

I joined the State Engineers Office in May 1974. Of course, early in my career the department changed its name to the Oregon Water Resources Department. I worked mostly with water rights, although I was a Watermaster for a few years. I spent time in Bend and Pendleton, but mostly worked in the Salem area. I retired May 2000, after 26 years. In 2005, I went back for a part-time six month temporary job, which lasted 4 years.

Also in 1974 I joined an aviation unit of the Oregon Army National Guard. We flew the OV-1 Mohawk surveillance airplane. I joined as an avionics technician, but after a couple of years, I was trained to operate the camera and radar systems in flight. In 1985 I took a high dive off a chain hoist in the hangar and shattered an elbow, losing some use of my left arm. I was allowed to complete my career, spending over 20 years in the military, active and guard. I retired as a Staff Sergeant (E6).

Early in my National Guard career I used my guard pay to pay for flight lessons. On July 4, 1988, Judy and I bought our first airplane together. Currently we have a Citabria; a 150 hp, 2 place, tandem seat, high wing, acrobatic, tail-dragger. I fly recreationally about 60 hours per year and have over 1500 flight hours.

When we met, Judy was working in her family business, Cooley's Iris Gardens, Silverton. While waiting for the sales paperwork on our airplane to be completed, I said to her, "Well, I suppose since I got a new airplane, I ought to get a new wife." We were married in October 1988, the second for both of us. After retiring Judy became more active in the Silverton High School Alumni Association, the Tall Bearded Iris Society, and the American Iris Society. She is currently an officer in both the alumni association and TBIS. I also help out a bit in those organizations. We are currently helping plan the 2015 AIS national convention to be held in Portland. Judy is the convention registrar. I will be a general gofer and responsible for coordinating the loading of 12 to 15 buses a day, for three days of garden tours. Positions we also held in 2006.

