

Carol R. Jensen BIO (AKA Carol R. Jones)

Born Scranton, PA

Raised in Northern NJ (Pompton Lakes)—loves NYC and city life, as a result

Went to Douglass College (part of Rutgers University—state university of NJ)—Douglass is an all women college and one of the last (if not the last) all women public colleges

but still benefits from being part of a larger coed state university system majored in chemistry

Received PhD in Chemistry from California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena CA

Did postdoctoral studies at the U of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Joined IBM in IBM Research in San Jose, CA in 1979—

Met husband, Stan, while on a business trip in Germany (he was with IBM on the East coast) and really met Stan again while on a special assignment in the East where they ended up with offices next to each other!

Both relocated with IBM to Austin, TX—where they subsequently married

Son, Kevin, was born in 1988

Bought property and built a ranch in Georgetown, TX (just north of Austin) and raised exotic

Boer goats—first imported into US in 1993—this was our “rural” period

This is LIGHTNING RANCH (hence our email address)—we still own it and plan to return there one of these days

Changed employers in 1990—went to 3M became Director of laboratory for electronic products

Biggest product and success is something everyone sees—the little brown and gold circuit on the side of inkjet pens—all the technology in that little circuit (and there’s a lot more than is easily seen) was developed in CRJ’s lab

Became “managing director” of 3M subsidiary in Denmark—got to live and love Copenhagen from 1998-2000

Returned to St. Paul MN in 2003 as executive director of the electronics and telecommunications Corporate and business laboratories

Changed employers again in 2001—joined DOW Chemical in Midland, MI as VP of R&D for Performance Chemicals

Changed “employers” again—now starting a consulting biz

Always wanted to “fly”—wanted to “fly” in space—absolutely passionate for the space program

Applied to be a missions specialist in 1977 (obviously, didn’t go anywhere on that) and

would have gone to a military academy or other route to become a pilot if such had

been available to women in 1970 (it wasn’t). Didn’t have any role models, or anyone

who was flying—so lost touch with the idea—(obviously pursued other exciting routes

until last May after husband, Stan, started taking lessons—uh oh—he’s serious, I better know how

to land the plane, so...

Started lessons last May at 3BS with Troy Baker—became completely, hypnotically, narcotically hooked—(some NN’s remember that I soloed the day of the SMALL Rally—after the morning rally, Troy decided “let me go”) got PP in September, 2003, then went straight on with IFR training (with Linda Langrill) and got IFR ticket in March 2004. (For those who care, flew both checkrides with Barry Sutton in LaPeer)

Currently flying as much as we can in a Warrior (N8110C)—building some hours and additionally training on a Cirrus SR20 in Troy



in anticipation of possibly purchasing a Cirrus.