

Additional information about me that may provide insight would involve my extensive childhood interest in crafting and launching model rockets and RC aircraft. When I was five I was given my first model rocket kit. Weekly I would build and launch rockets with my father. I would spend hours doing this and often hours searching for lost rockets. Even when a rocket was lost, I was still determined to continue my hobby of rocketry and I would acquire another rocket to build and launch. Later on, my father bought me a very large remote controlled plane with four turbine engines, which we called Big Blue. It took several attempts to get Big Blue airborne as it was a rather difficult RC aircraft to handle. Through constant determination I was finally able to achieve my first flight. After many flights and crashes, the fuselage was damaged beyond repair. From there we ventured into remote controlled helicopters. My first RC helicopter was a Walkera Falcon 40. First my father and I conducted controlled experiments with the helicopter indoors to test its basic handling. When I felt comfortable enough, we practiced numerous takeoffs and landings outside, in a windy variable environment. When I felt confident, I pushed up the throttle and began my first flight. Eventually the aircraft crash landed due to wind gusts. I was able to examine the damage and learn a great deal about its engineering. During that time I had a flight simulator depicting 100 years of flight with a joystick. I could practice flying aircraft whenever I wanted and spent many hours doing so. These activities impacted my life and have played a large role in who I am today. I intend to continue on the path of aviation for the rest of my life.