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30 years Royal Air Force (RAF) service: 6 years aircraft maintenance, 7 years flying duties and 17 years as an engineering officer working on Buccaneer and Phantom aircraft. On retiring from the RAF I joined a civil aerospace company and was part of a design team for a new regional transport aircraft. I had specific responsibility for translating a target hourly maintenance cost rate for the aircraft into system, structural and component reliability, maintainability and supportability parameters. I gained a Master of Philosophy degree researching, developing and applying the process.

My interest in airships extends over a period of 40 years. I write on the subject. Recently Cambridge University Press published a text book on Airship Technology; two of the chapters were written by yours truly. For the last 8 years of my working life I was a university lecturer; airship technology formed part of my work. I also give presentations on airships to Rotary Clubs, local business clubs and other organisations. Finally I am a Council member of the Airship Association.