

Owners, Investors, “the-jet” Position Holders

Hugh and Sandra Gommel were intrigued with Cirrus from the moment they first learned of the company. Sandra read a *New York Times* article about Cirrus in the fall of 1999. By February of 2000 they visited the factory and completed a demo flight in the SR20. They loved it. Placing an order landed them on a two and a half year waiting list. At the time, there were more than 500 orders ahead of them; at today's production rate, the wait would be less than nine months.

While they waited, the Gommels wanted to learn more. Hugh describes, "After our factory tour, I researched the company and even called Sara Dougherty, the Vice President of Investor Relations at Cirrus. The company made its final private investment opportunity for individuals in June of 2000. We jumped at the opportunity. It's great fun to own part of this revolutionary company. I think it is rare to find an organization with the work ethic, customer loyalty, and devotion to safety that we find at Cirrus."

The Gommels joined the Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) in 2001, before taking delivery of their airplane. Hugh says "I've been the local point of contact for the annual COPA Cirrus Pilots' Proficiency Program event in North Las Vegas since becoming a member. It's an important program for COPA and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Before their SR20 was ready, Cirrus introduced the SR22. The Gommels traded up, converting their SR20 order into an order for an SR22. In September 2002, Hugh and Sandra took delivery of a brand new SR22 and named it Silver Star.

Four years later, the Gommels added



Meet the Gommels

Hugh and Sandra Gommel

Las Vegas, NV

2002 SR22 - N319G

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Investors - Cirrus Design Corp.

Hugh and Sandra Gommel pictured in Telluride, Colorado with their Cirrus SR22, dubbed the Silver Star. They fly as a crew. Hugh has 20,000 hours of flight time with the United States Air Force and Northwest Airlines. Sandra has accumulated 100 hours in flying time with solo experience. She is a perfect Partner-in-Command.

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an aircraft by partnering with a friend to purchase an SR22 Turbo. Fittingly, this aircraft was called Turbo Star. In July of this year, their friend was ready to upgrade, so they sold Turbo Star through Cirrus Certified™.

True to form, as soon as Cirrus announced plans for "the-jet," Hugh and Sandra seized the opportunity. In October 2006, Hugh and Sandra made their deposit, putting them in position #69 on "the-jet" list.

After his retirement from Northwest Airlines in December 2006, Hugh continued to pursue all things Cirrus. Hugh became a SmTrain™ Cirrus full-motion flight simulator instructor with The Flight

Academy, a Cirrus Standardized Training Center. He emphasizes instrument proficiency and emergency procedures when instructing domestic and international pilots.

Cirrus' culture of aircraft innovation and safety results in an aggressive roll-out of new products every year. What do the Gommels think about this strategy? "We love it," remarks Hugh. "As investors, we love the company's sales success and revolutionary contribution to general aviation. As owners, we love the innovative technologies in each progressive model. Cirrus doesn't rest on their laurels, they keep improving their improvements." 