

PATRICK HORGAN

Since May of 2018, Patrick has served as President of CubCrafters, and from 2021 as its CEO and Director of the Board. He brings a track record of leadership success, with more than 30 years of professional aviation experience including design, and manufacturing in the commercial, military, and General Aviation industries.

Patrick joined CubCrafters in January 2015, first as Director of Engineering and Product Development and later as Vice President of Operations. In those capacities, he led the development of multiple new aircraft, including FAA Part 23 Type Certification of the company's flagship XCub. He also directed the breakthrough certification of experimental Garmin G3X avionics for use in CubCrafters certified aircraft.

Patrick has led significant growth at CubCrafters. His leadership has resulted in major design and manufacturing advancements, such that the company currently has 5 models and 2 aircraft kits in production, as well as patents issued and pending for new aviation technology that is currently being developed at CubCrafters.

Patrick began his career at McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) as a designer on the F/A-18 Super Hornet program. Later, at Goodrich Aerospace he was the Program Manager for the Boeing 777 wheels and carbon brakes design and introduction into service. He then rose to the rank of Engineering Manager of Commercial Aircraft Programs, managing Goodrich's Airbus programs.

In 1997, he left the "heavy iron" industries to return to his General Aviation roots, becoming General Manager at the WACO Classic Aircraft Company, where for 10 years he led sales, production, and engineering operations while overseeing the construction of a new FAA-approved manufacturing plant. He also spearheaded the creation of Centennial Aviation, a certified repair center and avionics installation facility for WACO, and received several national awards for vintage aircraft restorations, including 2 Grand Championships and an EAA Lindy award.

Patrick serves on the board of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association and on various committees, including ASTM International committees: F37 Light Sport and F44 General Aviation Aircraft. He is a 4,000+ hour instrument rated pilot, owns a vintage 1948 aircraft, and is type rated in the North American T-28.

Patrick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Certificate from Harvard Business School in Disruptive Strategy.



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