

BIOGRAPHIES OF URSULA & FRITZ SCHAER

(1) Biography by Ursula Schaer August 2023

A short story about a Swiss family

Dad Fritz (1940) and Mom Ursula (1943), Son Sandro (1966) and daughter Corina (1969)

Together we have an interesting life in our beautiful house in a Swiss-village with only 1200 peoples on a hill overlooking a small river in the valley. Fritz was hardworking as a well-known architect and our children were successful in education. We all were very proud when Fritz made his private and commercial Pilot-Licenses and together we enjoyed many flights with starts at the Zurich-Airport to different Countries in West-Europe. We loved travelling, see the World with open eyes and ears, visited Africa, Seychelles, USA and Western Canada, Hiking, camping in many beautiful Parks overseas for 5 weeks every year – our big adventures in Mother Nature. One Motorhome-Trip changed our life forever.....

And now the story begins.....

One day arriving in Clearwater, we found a very quiet and peaceful Valley with fresh Air and friendly people. ***That's the Place***.....

Back home in Switzerland we could not forget the Waterfalls, the Horseback-riding etc. The next spring Fritz and I visited again the Wells Gray Park. When Fritz was in the Secondary-school his teacher read every Saturday-morning stories from a family living in a log home in BC on a hill and on a lake. One day driving on the Upper Clearwater Valley Road we saw a sign from Heaven: ***for sale!!*** My Architect explained me, here we should build a log home, just for holidays! When we returned two weeks later to Switzerland, we were the proud new owners of the property!

Over the winter Fritz made sketches and we found a contractor in Lone Butte who built a log home for us. Sommer 1988 we spent for the first time 6 weeks in our beautiful house in the wilderness. 1990 Fritz quit his job as an Architect, finished the last projects, our children started their carriers and stands on their own feet and June 03/1991 our new life at Aspen Hill began.

We missed a plane, could buy a commercial approved one in Kamloops and an Airstrip on our property was build.

Fritz, now a Canadian commercial Pilot and I founded our Wells Gray Air Service. After one year we had all the Licenses and permissions from Transport Canada, so we could offer Scenic Flights and Charter Flights. Many tourists enjoyed the flights over Waterfalls, Lakes, Mountains and Glaciers in Wells Gray Park. After a couple years Kamloops Fire Center hired our Company for fire patrols.

During the 20 years of Business Fritz made over 2'600 flights, he knew nearly every corner of the Park and Surroundings

2015 we sold our Wells Gray Air and 2017 the Upper Clearwater Fire Brigade moved in our hangar. Begin of the year 2000 another wish came true: a talented gentleman excavated our 2 ½ acre Lake. A plaisir for many kinds of animals and also for us. So Fritz' longtime dream: a log home on a hill beside a lake was fulfilled!

Now living in the last third of our life, still very happy in our Paradise, we found many good friends and neighbours. Sandro and his wife Rosi live in their house in Freienstein and Corina und Thomas own a beautiful house in Charleston, South Carolina. We are proud parents of a happy family and successful children.

When Fritz and I married August 1964 we had 3 goals for our life:

- Only buy something when you can pay it
- Always stay fully independent
- Don't ask - do it

And we made it!!!

(II) Biography by Fritz Schaer August 2023

Fritz Schaer (1940) and Ursula (1943) both born in Switzerland, married 1964 and with son Sandro and daughter Corina they lived in a well-designed house on a hill in a small Village near the Airport of Zurich.

Fritz worked as an architect and beside his profession he learned flying with small aircrafts and made all examinations to obtain a commercial Pilot license.

Inspired by books by Kathrene Pinkerton (Canada), he dreamed to live once in a log home on top of a hill in the Canadian Backcountry. Ursula was in favor, so they bought their present property in Upper Clearwater Valley, engaged a contractor to build an original log home on the hill. Later excavating the present small lake fulfilled the dream long ago.

1991 they sold their Appartement-house in Switzerland and spent their Home to Sandro and his wife Rosi. Corina married her Swiss friend Thomas, they bought a huge property in Charleston SC. Fritz and Ursula immigrated to Clearwater BC, found their Wells Gray Air Service, built an Airstrip on their property, bought a Cessna 182 and offered Scenic flights for tourists and later Fire-Patrols for the Kamloops Fire Center.

End of 2015 and after more than 2800 flights they quit their Business and since they live retired in the peaceful Valley.

Travelling all over the World was and is still an interesting and important part of their life, they visited all Continents incl. Antarctica, Arctica and of course Canada and the USA.

Now fully retired and getting older, they enjoy healthy and happy years in their private Paradise, surrounded by many nice neighbours.