Harry’s early background was as a military pilot. His flying career of 49 years was in two main fields – Flight Training and Flight Test and involved flying over 75 different aircraft types, sending more than a 100 students on their first jet solo and carrying out hundreds of first flights of new build production aircraft.

In his view, the most important qualification he has for his current position, as the Operational Advisor to Product Safety at Airbus is also his only claim of an aviation record. Namely, to have made more mistakes than any other pilot still alive. He is open to challenges on this claim at any suitable watering hole.