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Chasing Bears in the Phantom

Capt. Nick Anderson, RAF (rtd)

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Location: HAW Hamburg Berliner Tor 5, (Neubau), Hörsaal 01.11

Lecture followed by discussion
No registration required !
Entry free !

This lecture will describe the life of an RAF Phantom pilot in the 1970's and centres on the exciting job of chasing Russian Tu-95 Bear long range reconnaissance aircraft over the North Sea as they approached UK airspace. It starts with Nick entering the RAF as a student pilot, to leave 19 years later as a Flight Commander on Tornados. He will also spend a little while describing his time as an Airbus A340 and A330 Captain.



Nick Anderson is a recently retired Captain for Virgin Atlantic Airways who previously served in the RAF and RAAF for 19 years.

His father was an RAAF Sunderland pilot at Plymouth during WW2 and his Mother a WAAF Operations Officer. He started off in the Air Training Corps, applied to the RAF aged 20 in 1974 and flew Phantoms for No43(F) Sqn at RAF Leuchars. He was also a Fast Jet A1 QFI at RAF Valley and a qualified Weapons Instructor on the Phantom. He became an exchange pilot with the RAAF on the F/A18 Hornet at RAAF Williamtown, New South Wales. His career concluded as an F3 Tornado pilot and Flight Commander with 111(F) Sqn at RAF Leuchars. He retired as a Squadron Leader in 1993 and was gainfully employed with Virgin Atlantic Airways on the Airbus A340-300, A340-600 and A330 from May 1994 until the end of May 2019. His retirement from professional flying has given him the time to podcast with the Airline Pilot Guy show!

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