

Ralph

Building on A Lifelong Hobby

Ralph was an executive for a major energy company. He had a long and successful career and had traveled the world as a representative of his company. He had been relocated many times and especially enjoyed living in other countries. He retired in his 60's when an early retirement package was offered. The company's headquarters offices were relocating, and he didn't want to move home at that stage of his career. Ralph had been successful due to his intelligence, cool head, mastery of data and its significance, his strategic insights, and ability to make friends and nurture those relationships.

Once retired, Ralph traveled extensively, enjoyed a rewarding social life, and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was also able to spend time as an amateur weatherman. He operated a home weather station and began issuing a monthly weather report to his friends and family. The mailing list for his monthly report grew and is continuing to grow

Over the past two years, he began writing a book on the weather. He hired an editor, found a publisher, and wrote and revised. His book is now available on Amazon. And this is not the end of the story.

Ralph has not only been an avid traveler, but he has also carefully planned his own itineraries. One special area of interest for Ralph has been his passion for visiting National Parks. He has now completed his goal of visiting all of them.

Based on his experience with writing and publishing his book on weather, he has written and published a book on National Parks. He has a creative concept for structure and tone and finds it easy and fulfilling to go from concept to published book.

This case study is relevant because it demonstrates how a full retirement can still leverage an individual's strengths, experience, and passions and lead to an active and fulfilling life after employment. It is important to note that his wife has been a key support to him in all his interests. She shares his joy for travel and respects and nurtures his interests in weather and writing. Everyone needs a support system to sustain them as they deal with the challenges of sustaining energy and focus.