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# Daher Commemorates Margrit Waltz's 960th Ferry Flight

The 960th flight involved a trip in a TBM 960



Ferry pilot Margrit Waltz receives a commemorative plaque during Aero Friedrichshafen from Nicolas Chabbert, the CEO of Daher's Aircraft Division, to commemorate her 960th ferry flight. © Daher/JMB



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Daher honored long-time pilot Margrit Waltz for completing her 960th ferry flight, an achievement notched last month when she completed a transatlantic trip to deliver a new-production TBM 960 turboprop single to an owner in North America. Daher recognized Waltz last week during the Aero Friedrichshafen show.

Completed in 15 hours and 38 minutes, the milestone flight involved a trip from Daher's TBM production facility in Tarbes, France, to the U.S. operations base for Daher's aircraft division in Pompano Beach, Florida, with stopovers in Wick, UK; Keflavik, Iceland; and Canada's Goose Bay.

"It was a great trip: good winds, good weather—and with the excellent performance of the TBM 960," Waltz said of the trip. A German-born pilot who lives in Lackawanna County in Pennsylvania, Waltz has remained active in general aviation for 48 years. She became one of the first pilots to ferry a TBM across the Atlantic Ocean in 1991. She has since delivered more than 300 of the aircraft to North America and has flown others to Africa, Asia, and Australia, Daher said.

"It's highly symbolic that Margrit flew the milestone trip with a TBM 960, as her ferry flight services on behalf of Daher during the past three decades have contributed to the TBM program's success," said Nicolas Chabbert, the CEO of Daher's aircraft division. "With her professionalism and aviator skills, she sets a wonderful example for all women aspiring to a career in aviation."

Waltz called her experience in a TBM "love at first flight," saying, "The TBM was a cut above the aircraft that I was flying at the time."



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