

## Brief Highlights of Ballooning Experience:

- 1975: New Zealand - First balloon flight while on a magazine story. Gained balloon licence.
- 1977: United Kingdom – Official Observer at World Championships.
- 1978: Austria - Pilot in Austrian Alps. Flew over Cologne, Germany
- 1979: Won Australian Championships.
- 1980: U.S.A. – Official at USA Championships.
- 1981: Australia - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Australian Championships.  
U.S.A. – Represented Australia at World Championships.  
U.S.A. – Pilot at Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.
- 1983: France – Represented Australia at World Championships.
- 1984: Canada – Pilot at Calgary Stampede.
- 1985: U.S.A. – Co Pilot at World Championships.
- 1985: Canada – First balloon flight over Ottawa.  
Switzerland – First gas balloon flight + gas licence.
- 1986: Switzerland – Gas balloon flight 13 hours.  
Austria – Competitor in European Championships  
U.S.A. – Official at USA Championships.  
Canada – Pilot at Calgary Stampede.  
Germany – Pilot at Pforzheim Cup.
- 1987: Austria – Represented Australia at World Championships.
- 1988: Canada – Pilot at Winter Olympics, Calgary.
- Australia - Australian Bicentennial Authority Bicentennial Balloon Challenge:  
A 16 day, 6000 kilometers Endurance Event from Perth to Sydney with 10 Stopover Locations - a Major Bicentennial Event – Concept developed by Ruth E Wilson, appointed Challenge Director and responsible for strategic planning, logistics, financing, publicity and alignment with the Bicentennial philosophy.
- 1988: Australia - Pilot for French film "Flight of the Kangaroo".
- 1988: Canada - Pilot Calgary passenger rides.  
Co-pilot in Canadian Championships. Runner up.

- 1989: Canada - Pilot passenger rides over Calgary.  
Juror at Alberta State Balloon Championships.  
Japan - Co-pilot World Championships.
- 1990: Japan - Bronze Medal Winner in Ladies World Cup.
- 1991: Australia - Pilot for French documentary for Moët Chandon.
- 1992: Japan - Pilot in Saga International Balloon Fiesta.  
Canada - Pilot at Calgary Fiesta.
- 1993: U.S.A. - Pilot at Thunderbird Rally, Phoenix.
- 1994: U.S.A. - Pilot at Denver, Boulder.  
Gas Balloon Race at Greeley, Colorado.
- 1995: New Zealand - Race Director & Pilot at Hamilton International Balloon Fiesta.
- 1996: U.S.A. - Pilot at Albuquerque International Fiesta.
- 1996: Switzerland - Gas Balloon flight Swiss Alps.
- 1997: Australia - President of Australian Ballooning Federation
- 1998: U.S.A. - Pilot Denver, Boulder.
- 1999: Switzerland - Australian Delegate CIA Ballooning Meetings
- 1999: U.S.A. - Represented Australia in the Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race in Albuquerque, USA.
- 2000: Greece - FAI/CIA Meeting.
- 2004: Australia - Fiesta Flight Director at 16<sup>th</sup> World Championships, Mildura.