

REAL-WORLD METEOROLOGY

A series of profiles celebrating a half-century of Certified Consulting Meteorologists



Who: Jill F. Hasling

What: Marine and Forensic Meteorologist

When: CCM #496 since 1992

Where: Houston, Texas

Why: My Daddy made me do it



How: Encouraged by her father, who became a CCM in 1968, Jill Hasling in 1992 became the sixth woman to achieve her CCM. Jill and her father founded Weather Research Center in 1987, a private nonprofit educational and research center. The mission of Weather Research Center is to advance the science of weather and the

knowledge of the weather's impact on the global community through research, prediction, and education in order to inspire America's next generation of scientists and engineers. Weather Research Center has trained several hundred meteorologists in the art of marine and tropical weather forecasting as well as in forensic meteorology.

Hasling was able to open the nation's first weather museum in April 2006 in the Houston Museum District, and enjoys striving to make the community weather-wise. She says there is no better satisfaction than seeing the excitement come across young students' faces as they explore how strong the atmospheric pressure can be, or watching a young meteorologist finally understand real-world meteorology by successfully making an accurate forecast.

In Her Own Words: "When you talk with most CCMs, you will find there is one person who mentored them or gently persuaded them to pursue their CCM. In my case, it was my father, who I was fortunate enough to have had as a mentor in my career for 30 years. When it was not popular to be a female meteorologist, he pushed me to give papers at conferences and consult with clients. He made sure that I continued to learn something new every day. I feel that becoming a CCM has given me a chance to network with a very select and interesting group of meteorologists, and I would encourage all meteorologists to strive to earn their certification."