

Interview

At least one completed interview of the subject (the document must contain a minimum of 10 interview questions and responses from the subject).

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Interviewer: Abigail Klein

Interviewee: Brandon Moffitt

1. Do you go to school? If so, where at?

Yes, UW-Parkside in Kenosha, WI, and I live at the dorms.

2. Where did you grow up?

I moved around a bit to start. I was born in Madison, WI, and shortly after we moved to Illinois where I have been since. I was raised in Joliet, IL as well as St. Charles, IL.

3. How was your childhood? Your adolescent life?

It was that of a pretty standard one. Do what you are supposed to do, work hard, and good things come.

4. Describe your family. Are you close to them? Do you have siblings? Pets?

I have two parents, two siblings, three dogs, and a whole list of extended family. My dad is Greg, mom is Tara. Sisters are Megan and Emma. I have a mini golden doodle named Cooper, a jackrussel beagle and one other mix named rocky, and a black lab pit bull mix named Smokey. We are all very close, though we have the times where we butt heads. Small stuff.

5. What are your 3 major morals/values?

Work for what you want. Don't let others determine what you are capable of. What seems impossible, is possible from another perspective.

6. What are your hobbies?

Music (practices acoustic guitar and electric guitar (over 10 years experience) ; has dabbled in violin, cello, and bass), video games, drones, 3D printing, modeling, LiDAR / photogrammetry

7. Out of the hobbies, which one is your favorite?

Drones.

8. How long have you been practicing your favorite hobby?

6 or so years, I can't quite remember. I remember however having several drones before the ones I have now.

9. Did you have any education or mentors to help you improve your skills relating to your favorite hobby? If so, when did you begin your education and when and how did you end it (if you dropped out or finished)? Did you receive any degrees, certificates, or licenses as a result of your education?

My dad. He is also in the world of aviation, and majorly helped me get the required licenses to fly these drones commercially. Title 14 CFR Part 107: sUAS. Fancy way of saying I can make money with drones.

10. Why is that hobby your favorite? What about this hobby piqued your interest?

Drones. Drones. Drones. The adrenaline rush you get doing acrobatic tricks, pulling several G's on the frame of the aircraft is unbeatable. I even have to sit down while I fly them so I don't fall over trying to compensate so I know which direction the drone is facing.

11. Has what you found interesting about the hobby or has the reason why you practice the hobby changed from when you began to now?

I started out flying them for fun, with no intent to really make any money off of it. When I noticed some of the possibilities with the equipment I had, and the money to be made, it explained itself in terms of where I wanted to take things.

12. What are your aspirations/dreams/goals?

To own my own drone business. 100%. And I am actively working on getting it going. I hope it will be successful enough to support my lifestyle and future family.

13. When do you hope to achieve these goals?

Sooner rather than later, because I do not want to work in an office for a career. I have ADHD, so sitting in one place doing the same thing straight out does not work for me.

14. What are your accomplishments?

I can't think of any.

15. If you were to describe yourself with three words, what would they be?

Smart, determined, and technical.

16. If others were to describe you with three words, what would they be?

Persistent, informative, and approachable