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Robinson Names Sean Doyle VP of Engineering

Robinson welcomes Sean Doyle to the role of VP of Engineering, succeeding Pete Riedl who held the role for nearly two decades.

Doyle, Robinson's engineering manager, will now lead engineering as vice president. Doyle, an engineering and flight test professional with extensive experience in rotorcraft and system development, test, and certification, previously served as a Flight Test Manager at Joby Aviation. Prior to Joby, he spent 15 years at Garmin, focusing on bringing new capabilities to the helicopter market, including advanced flight control systems, hazard avoidance, navigation, and displays.

Riedl announced he is stepping down from his role as vice president of engineering after almost 38 years with Robinson. He worked closely with Frank and Kurt Robinson during his tenure, contributing significantly to the design of the R44 helicopter and leading the design of the R66. Riedl will continue to support Robinson in an advisory capacity.

Kurt Robinson expressed his confidence in the new appointment, stating, "Elevating Sean Doyle to lead engineering, solidifies our commitment to securing a prosperous future for Robinson. His proven knowledge, experience, and skill sets, are well-suited to maximize our long-term objectives and uphold Robinson's heritage and tradition of pioneering innovation in vertical aviation."

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RHC Appoints Robyn Eagles as Head of Global Marketing and Communications

Robinson is happy to announce Robyn Eagles joined the company as head of global marketing and communications. Eagles, an experienced marketing and communications professional with more than 25 years of experience in the advanced mobility sector, takes over the role previously held by Terry Hane. In this role, Eagles will oversee global dealer relations, company and product communications, brand strategy, marketing, public relations, and sales for Robinson.



RHC President Kurt Robinson expressed his confidence in the new appointment, stating, "The addition of Robyn Eagles reinforces our commitment to our dealers and customers that have supported our business for more than 50 years. Her leadership will drive new marketing strategies and put a laser focus on our dealers and customers as we continue our ambitious growth."

Eagles comes to Robinson with deep experience across communications, marketing, and brand strategy within the advanced mobility sector. She has developed notable strategies for Kelley Blue Book, Honda, Acura, TuSimple, and Skyryse, spurring growth, awareness, and market dominance.

"Robinson Helicopter Company has earned its outstanding reputation by engineering products that excel in challenging missions. It is a privilege to lead the company's communications efforts and develop deep relationships with our global dealer body," remarked Eagles. "I look forward to growing the Robinson Helicopter brand through programs and strategies engaging our global network of dealers, customers, and stakeholders."

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A Dedicated Pilot's Fight Against Illegal Poaching

The illicit ivory trade and black market for rhino horns and pangolin scales are lucrative enterprises. Elephant tusk ivory is estimated to be worth \$23 billion per year. A rhino horn can fetch \$340,000 on the street. Scales from Pangolins, the most poached animal in the world, command a price of more than \$600 per kilogram (2.2 lb). One person fighting the decimation of the elephants, rhinos, and pangolins in South Africa is R44 Pilot Jana Meyer, director of [Hope for Wildlife Helicopter Services](#).

Wildlife conservation is Jana's life calling. Her journey began with the study of conservation, followed by working as a guide in Kruger National Park, and managing wildlife on a private game reserve. Believing helicopters were an essential tool in combating poaching, in 2012, Jana embarked on earning her helicopter pilot's license. She started on the R22 and then progressed to the R44. Within 18 months, she received her commercial license and became one of the very few female game capture pilots in South Africa. Jana is rated on the R22, R44, R66, and Airbus 350. Additionally, she has a night rating as well as NVG endorsement. Jana predominantly operates the R44 Raven II (S/N 11421) for conservation missions, such as removing a cable snare from a helpless animal.

"I wouldn't be able to do my job without the R44," affirms Jana. She commends the R44 for its exceptional maneuverability during wildlife pursuits and its ability to land in the often-confined areas where her work is concentrated. Despite the harsh dusty conditions, the R44 has proven to be remarkably reliable. Its renowned dependability and minimal maintenance requirements play a pivotal role in Hope for

Wildlife Helicopter Services, headquartered near Kruger National Park in Hoedspruit.

Determined to combat poaching, Janaa flies between 60-90 hours a month, often flying at night when the poachers are at work. Her efforts, along with the dedicated teams on the ground and support from nonprofit organizations, exemplify the commitment required to protect the vulnerable populations of elephants, rhinos, and pangolins in South Africa. Janaa, her Raven II, and hope for Wildlife Helicopter Services stand as beacons of hope in the ongoing battle against illegal poaching.

[Learn More about the R44 Raven II](#)



R66 Turbine Marine Leads Pilot to Aerial Firefighting

Naomi Radson is an R66 Turbine Marine owner and part time aerial fire-fighting helicopter pilot. Growing up in McClelland, California, a small town in the shadow of Mt. Shasta, Naomi was inspired to become a helicopter pilot by the dedicated search-and-rescue helicopter crews that operated in the mountainous area. Her desire to become an aviator took a backseat while Naomi raised three daughters and helped manage her husband's music business. However, with her children grown and husband's career flourishing, her passion for vertical flight returned. In 2018, Naomi earned her private pilot license in a Robinson R44. After hearing stories of flying UH-60 Blackhawks and battling wildfires told by pilot friend Adrian, Naomi set her sights on becoming aerial fire-fighting helicopter pilot, and the R66 Turbine Marine was her launch pad.

Naomi and her husband purchased an R66 Turbine Marine in 2019. Eager to accumulate flight hours and train in mountainous terrain, Naomi flew the R66 cross country, occasionally under the guidance of Simon Jones, a Robinson Safety Course pilot. In 2021, she gained her commercial license. With more than 500 hours in turbine helicopters under her belt, Naomi applied for and got the position of second-in-command at Blue Sky Helicopters, who operate UH-60 Blackhawks to combat wildfires. Today, Naomi has amassed more than 1100 flight hours, 80 of them in the Blackhawk battling forest fires in California. The versatility and capabilities of the R66 played a crucial role in making Naomi's aviation journey to aerial fire-fighting pilot a success.

[Learn More about the R66 Turbine](#)



Dealer Highlight - Helicópteros Arrayan-Aeromar Ltda.

Helicópteros Arrayan-Aeromar Ltda., Robinson's authorized dealer in Chile, formed when the Robinson dealership Helicópteros Arrayan teamed up with maintenance service Aeromar when Robinson introduced the R66 Turbine. The strategic alliance significantly expanded the service offerings available to Robinson customers by catering to both prospective helicopter buyers and existing owners seeking comprehensive support.

Sergio Nulfo, a helicopter enthusiast and well-known filmmaker, first visited Robinson in 1996 seeking a sponsor for a wildlife documentary called "La Tierra en que Vivimos" that he was producing. His visit was fruitful. Not only did Sergio secure Robinson's sponsorship and Frank Robinson's personal participation in the documentary, he came away with a lifelong friendship with Frank. The visit affirmed his belief in the capabilities of Robinson aircraft and motivated him to apply to be a Robinson dealer.

Arrayan-Aeromar, entrusted with the maintenance for over 80 helicopters, ensures top-notch service by staffing only expert mechanics who possess comprehensive knowledge of Robinson helicopters. Also, in association with IAS Brazil, an authorized Rolls-Royce maintenance center, Arrayan-Aeromar offers complete services for the R66's RR300 engine.

Of utmost importance to Arrayan-Aeromar is fostering a sense of community among Chilean Robinson owners and pilots. An essential tool initiated by Arrayan-Aeromar in this effort is an exclusive (an invitation and Chilean phone number are required) group chat dubbed the Robinsonians. With a membership of 150, Robinsonians provides a platform for pilots to exchange their experiences and stay informed, with particular emphasis on Safety Courses held in Chile and led by Robinson instructors.

Driven by Sergio's passion as a pilot and renown as a TV personality, Arrayan grew the number of Robinsons operating in Chile from six in 1996 to over 160 today.

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