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Welcome to the May issue of the Pacific Journal. As always, send in anything you wish to share with pilots and the public. Stories, jokes, screenshots are welcome. Send it to: Mail the Newsletter

WHAT'S NEW: Pacific continues to climb. We are nearing our cruise altitude running on full throttle. We have 9240 pireps logged to date with minimal issues. There are however a couple of bugs to report. Pilots who make long flights are reporting that their flights never make it to their logbooks. Pressing "End Flight" and nothing happens. We have discovered that a program we use called Cloudflare will time out on long flights. This happens especially when the plane is left to fly on its own without any input from the pilot like pressing a button or moving controls for hours. Cloudflare times out and disconnects the ACARS long enough to lose data and it won't continue when the connection is reestablished. Our developer has addressed this issue with a new ACARS version and a new way to report flights. Now your flight data is saved in real time on the website as well as Cloudflare. If ACARS loses connection with the API because of an internet issue or due to Cloudflare, the flight will pick up where it left off using the stored data from the website when it reconnects. There is a new button on the ACARS window where you can re-submit your flight if for some reason End Flight doesn't work. You can also start ACARS and submit your flight manually after the fact in case it didn't work, or you forgot. This only works with the last flight you made. The new logging is still in the development stage but seems to do what it is supposed to do so far.

Another issue we have had has to do with your Simbrief flights and departure times. We have found that if you prefile your Simbrief flight on their website IE: generating your flight the day or some hours before you leave, ACARS will show that your departure time was 24 hours late and it will reject the flight. Make sure you file your Simbrief flight through our website, or just before you plan to leave from their site before you import it. We will address this bug in a later update. Another issue is with fueling your aircraft before starting ACARS. If you fuel after starting ACARS, it calculates the fuel you had when you started ACARS and will show you running out of fuel and rejecting your flight.

STAFF MEETING: The staff had a formal meeting, the first one we have had in 2 years. We agreed to a meeting format and will attempt a monthly meeting if there are enough topics to discuss. We might switch to a quarterly meeting which will be every 3 months if necessary. New management roles and responsibilities were discussed. We also need to update our Operating Procedures and manual to include how PAYvms works. Pacific is looking into joining "Say Intentions" as an airline partner. Once a member, PAY pilots will receive a discount on their service. Realistic AI ATC for MSFS & X-Plane + MSFS 2020/24 AI Traffic | SayIntentions.AI

PAINTSHOP: We have some stuff going on in the Paintshop. Scott has been hard at work on the Citation X for FS2020-24. It's available on the fleet download / Silverjet folder.





From the CEO: We are doing very well overall. We have 54 pilots to date with 7 inactive. To the inactive pilots, please fly soon. I did not think we would have as many pilots this fast. It's really coming back together. The new website is running very well. It's doing a lot of things automatically that we used to have to do by hand. We are back to full staff with each of us doing their parts and everybody now has more time to fly and enjoy the airline. We continue to identify bugs in the new program and make repairs. Remember, this new site and management program was developed from scratch. Nothing was taken from anybody else's programs, so there will be some bugs. So far, nothing major yet. Our staff emails are in the works. You will soon be able to contact us with a pacificairways.net mail address.



May is Cargo month. We have scheduled our Sunday flights with our friends at FedEx VA. Our first flight to Memphis had 14 planes from both airlines attending. Great job putting these together guys.





Message from the Events coordinator: Hello form Dawson Creek, BC, Canada and the desk of the VP of Future Development and Events. I'm honored to hold these positions with Pacifc! For those that do not know, I entered this organization with my first fight with American Flight Airways, then part of the Pacifc Group, on October 12th, 2005. I have held many positions, none more important than this one. I am proud to be part of growing this VA.

As VP of Future Development, I will be closely working with the senior team to ensure that we continue to develop partnerships, online presence and long-term developments for Pacifc Airways.

They will be in line with the visions our CEO and COO have for this airline.

As for our events, I have big plans. Thanks to Garren (PAY6746), the CEO of FedEx Virtual Airlines (FDXVA.org), May is our first joint airline flyin on Sundays. Exciting time this month as we double our arrivals at specific airports. Look out ATC, we are on our way! As we are flying cargo, we will be going to some big areas including Phoenix, Seattle, Los Angeles and Denver. June will bring us to Airforce Base month. We will be crisscrossing back and forth between Canadian Air force Bases and US Bases and finishing up in Goose Bay Newfoundland. And yes, you can haul the big military aircraft out of moth balls for this month.

I know soon, our President Serenity (PAY2981) will have news spots available on our main page so we can update events as we go. So, for now, I will keep you in suspense for anything after June. I am completely open to requests for our Vatsim Sunday events, so please feel free to send me an email for now to gordonllgrant@gmail.com or PM me on Discord.

This is an exciting time for Pacifc Virtual Airways. It doesn't get any better than this, enjoying real time events with friends from all over the world. Looking forward to seeing you out there! The world really is a small place.

Cheers All, Gordon Grant PAY1985

VP Future Developments & Events

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