

# November



# Pacific Airways

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Pacific Airways Virtual Airline

Welcome to the November issue of the Pacific Journal. As always, anybody can contribute to the newsletter. Send anything you have that is newsworthy to [ceo@pacificairways.net](mailto:ceo@pacificairways.net)

paVMS: Our new program is going well. We have run into a couple of unexpected glitches like communicating with Simbrief and the moving map. We are working through it one thing at a time. We are hoping to start some testing in the next few weeks.

**Here is a note from the programmer:**

paVMS (Pacific Airway Virtual Management System) is making great progress in its development stream. Most of the work up to this point has been mainly backend core functionality regarding api implementation, handling user role permissions.

The ACARS platform's progress was quite slow until recently as I needed to implement the main api functionality in order for the acars to work.

But over the last couple of weeks I have been working quite a lot on the acars application with FSUIPC integration, which requires extensive programming to work with the fsuipc sdk but I am indeed making progress.

There is no ETA on when we will be releasing it to our pilots but internal beta testing for our testers will commence within the next few weeks.

Current development time invested is 130 hours based on my time tracking system I use, and there are many, many, many more hours to go.

That's all for now. — *Serenity*



The airline continues to do very well. Some of you might not realize that while we are part of Vabase, there are over 100 airlines that share information with them. There is a website you can go to see how Pacific rates with the other airlines - <https://www.vabase.com/airlines>

Pacific is currently holding 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 95 airlines. We have not been lower than 5<sup>th</sup> place for many months. Many of the other airlines are larger than we are. This shows you how well we are doing and how many hours our pilots put in. My thanks to all the pilots who make the airline look and run great. My congratulations to all the pilots who earned ribbons for October. A special shout out to Tom Bayard PAY6256 who for the first time ever won every single category in the monthly stats. Keep up the good work.

**Fly the West Coast's Less Visited Airports  
By Norm Tipton/President and Director of Events**

This month Pacific Airways celebrates its 27<sup>th</sup> year as a Virtual Airline, an outstanding achievement. You can probably count on one hand the number of airlines that have achieved this feat. We'll celebrate this by flying the West Coast of the US starting in San Diego (one of the top 10 dangerous airports) and culminating in our 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyin to Seattle, Pacific's HQ. I hope as many of you as possible can join your fellow Pacific pilots on that day. It'll be a great day, and you can even receive an award for being there!

In the meantime, as you make your way up the coast, take the opportunity to fly into some less visited but unique airports along the way. As I did in September highlighting some small airports around the country,

this time I want to let you know about these airports conveniently within the range of our VATSIM Sunday destinations. I think you will really enjoy the diversion and diversity. Plus, I've included simulator pictures so you get a more realistic (to us) view of the airports.

#### **McClellan-Palomar Airport, Carlsbad, CA (KCRQ)**



#### **McClellan-Palomar Airport (Palomar Airport) is a**



public airport three miles SE of Carlsbad, California. It is owned by the County of San Diego. The airport is used for both general and commercial aviation. As of March 2013, the airport was the fourth-busiest single runway airport in the United States. The airport is named for Gerald McClellan, an aviator and civic leader in San Diego's North County area. Longest runway is 4,897 ft.

#### **Brackett Field, La Verne, CA (KPOC)**

**Brackett Field** is a public airport a mile SW of La Verne, California. It was named after astronomer Frank Parkhurst Brackett (1865–1951). Brackett Field has a long history. In 1911 Calbraith Perry, "C.P.," Rogers landed his Wright Flyer Biplane nicknamed the "Vin Fiz," after the carbonated soda produced by the sponsor of the first flight across the United States, near what are now two parallel runways. Brackett Field originally consisted of a dirt

strip cut out of a field in the late '30s. The original runway was 2,600 feet of dirt and there was a school for student pilots from Pomona College. Longest runway is 4,840 ft.



**Catalina Airport** is a privately owned airport located 6.4 miles NW of Avalon, California, in the middle of Catalina Island. The airfield is known as the "Catalina Island Airport in the Sky" because it lies near the island's highest point at an elevation of 1,602 ft. All roads to the airport from the island's population centers climb steeply upward. The airport opened as Buffalo Springs Airport in the spring of 1941, as a private airport. In the autumn of 1942, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) took control of the Buffalo Springs Airport for the duration of World War II. In 1946 the field began operating as a public use airport, called Catalina Airport. The longest runway is 3,000 ft.

#### **Modesto City-County Airport / Harry Sham Field, Modesto, CA (KMOD)**



Modesto City-County Airport (Harry Sham Field) is two miles SE of Modesto, California and was the nation's first municipally-owned airport, opening in 1918. The airport started with a single runway; a second was added in the 1950s. During World War II the airport was Modesto Auxiliary Airfield (No 3) and was an auxiliary training airfield for Stockton Army Airfield. In 2023, the Airport hosted the Commemorative Air Force Central California



Valley Squadron which showcased planes from World War II. The longest runway is 5,904 ft

**California Redwood Coast – Humboldt County Airport, Arcata/Eureka, CA (KACV)**



Also known as Arcata–Eureka Airport and Arcata Airport, it's in Humboldt County, CA, 8 miles N of Arcata and 15 miles N of Eureka, in McKinleyville. The airport was built by the United States Navy during World War II to test defogging systems. In December 1947 a Southwest

Airways Douglas DC-3 made the world's first blind landing by a scheduled commercial airliner using Ground-Controlled Approach (GCA) radar, Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Fog Investigation and Dispersal Operation (FIDO) oil-burners next to the runway. By the following year the airline had made 1,200 routine instrument landings at the often fog-shrouded airport. The longest runway is 6,046 ft.

**Friday Harbor Airport, Friday Harbor, WA (KFHR)**



Friday Harbor Airport is a public use airport located just SW of the town center of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island in the U.S. state of Washington. It is owned by the Port of Friday Harbor. The Roy Franklin Terminal accommodates over 10,000 passengers each year with scheduled air service to Seattle, Bellingham, and Anacortes

and charter service to other destinations. The airport is located within easy walking distance of downtown Friday Harbor. The longest runway is 3,402 ft.



On November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pacific Airways was established in 1997. It was a small airline with only two hubs, Seattle and Denver. Shervin and Kenric were the founders of Pacific. It was a sister airline to American Flight Airways to fly shorter domestic routes on the west coast IE the name "Pacific". The first aircraft flown was the 727-100, along with the 707, DC10 and 737-200 all using FS9 on Windows 95. We first used a voice program called Roger Wilco along with our own server to connect multiplayer. In the same year 1997, Pro Controller and Squawkbox were developed to connect to a new network called SATCO that eventually became Vatsim. The rest is history. Pacific was there when flight sim first became a hobby. I often wonder how many pilots in our 27 years learned flying for Pacific, then went on to become actual pilots. What you may not know is the current top 3 executive staff members (CEO, COO, President) have been with the airline for most of it's life and we are still going strong.

We would like to invite everybody to the Vatsim Sunday group flight on 11/24/2024 into Headquarters Seattle. Award and XP awarded for those who attend. Must be flown online at the time of the event. See you there..

# Stats and Awards

## Best Landings

Tom Bayard - PAY6256	-3 at KLDH - MD82	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Mitch - PAY1992	-11 at MMCU - A320	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Norm - PAY6132	-21 at KFNL - B738	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## Most Hours

Tom Bayard - PAY6256	166.28	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Glen - PAY1996	131.64	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Mike - PAY3236	129.11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place


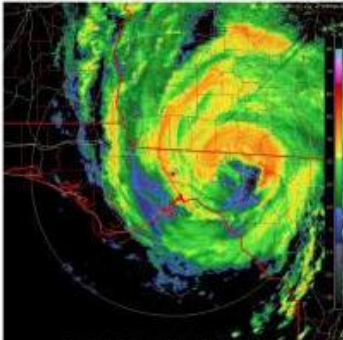
## Most Distance

Tom Bayard - PAY6256	61,273	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Mike - PAY3236	53,001	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Glen - PAY1996	44,144	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## Most Flights

Tom Bayard - PAY6256	59	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Ben - PAY5650	49	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Glen - PAY1996	42	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## Hurricane Helene Relief Event

	<p>Matt PAY6660 Norm PAY6132 Tom PAY6258 Rich PAY1192</p>		<p>PAY6636 PAY1996 PAY1192 PAY6660 PAY2048 PAY3644 PAY6256</p>
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# Hurricane Milton Relief Flights



PAY6660

PAY1992

PAY6256



**Tom PAY6256**

Tom won all 4 categories, had perfect attendance with flight assignments and completed

both Hurricane flights.

Congrats Tom, great work. - Rich



The fly-by-wire A380 for FS2020 Pacific Livery is available on the fleet page. Thank you Scott.



Vatsim Sunday flight into San Jose had 10 pilots attending. Nice turn out, keep up the great work..



Remember to release  
Your parking brake

