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# Pacific Airways

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## THE PACIFIC JOURNAL

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Pacific Airways Virtual Airline

Welcome to the October edition of the Pacific Journal. Everybody can participate. Send anything newsworthy to [ceo@pacificairways.net](mailto:ceo@pacificairways.net)

Not a lot of news for October, couple of things. The IT department continues work on paVMS. Here is what we know so far. Serenity is taking all the popular features from all our past programs and coding them into paVMS. This new program will have it's own dedicated server and be instantaneous when going from page to page, filing pireps etc. No more lag time like we have with vabase. We will have complete control to change, add things when new features in the VA world happen. No more one and done with the software. No more relying on what another programmer decides to add or delete. We do what we want. From my experience, I will say that paVMS will be the best VA management program anywhere on the planet. Currently, we are taking requests from pilots as to what they want to add. In Discord, under paVMS Devlogs, you can share suggestions in the ideas-suggestions page along with keeping track of the progress of the project. There is no date set for when it will be online. Serenity is working on it when he has the time. So far, it's coming along very well. Some of the things we have added include charging passengers a fee and cargo by weight to simulate making money for the airline again. Pilot pay will be based on your rank and hours. Higher ranks will make more money as it should be. Aircraft will again be categorized as CAT1-CAT6 as before. Both ACARS and Manual pirep will require pilots to choose their aircraft from a drop-down menu. Pilots will be restricted by their rank and hours as to what aircraft they can use for flights. This allows us to follow our rules regarding new pilots having to make

lower category flights until they reach the hourly mark to fly the larger aircraft. There will be some open selections for GA and Other aircraft that are not categorized like business jets, float planes etc. It's a work in progress, I will keep you updated here in the newsletter.



From the CEO

My congratulations to all the pilots who have earned ribbons and awards for September. Our vaBase program is running well. We will be fixing any problems, but no further work will be done on our vaBase program due to the new program coming out. Our numbers are still not where we would like. Currently, we have 44 active pilots. The airline has always run with a smaller roster of all active pilots rather than having hundreds on the roster and most never fly. We have a 30-60-90 day process for inactive pilots. In 30 days, pilots are sent a reminder to fly. All a pilot needs to do is file a flight before 60 days to go back to active again. After 60 days, the pilot is placed on suspension. Another reminder-warning is sent out to suspended pilots who must contact us to be taken off suspension before they can file another flight. If a pilot does not contact us within 90 days, they are removed from the roster. As a reminder to all, if you plan on not flying for whatever reason, if you request an LOA from your profile page, the system will ignore you for the time you set on your LOA request. We are hoping that the term "If you build it, they will come" will start working soon. Take Care, see you next month – Rich



### 30 Day Statistics

**Active Pilots:** 32  
**Hours:** 1,032h  
**Flights:** 395  
**Miles:** 348,094  
**Fuel:** 6,561,038  
**Passengers:** 46,247  
**Cargo:** 7,530,333

### All-Time Statistics

**Active Pilots:** 44  
**Hours:** 13,131h 9m  
**Flights:** 4,829  
**Miles:** 4,435,426  
**Fuel:** 93,426,970  
**Passengers:** 638,868  
**Cargo:** 105,923,667

### Best Landings

EW – PAY3644	KABQ to KLAX	737 Zebo	-2 FPM	First Place
Robert – PAY2089	KSTL to KLAS	B737	-6 FPM	Second Place
Tom – PAAY6256	KMCI to KMIA	Md-82	-6 FPM	Second Place
Dan – PAY2982	KDEN to KBZN	CRJ900	-15 FPM	Third Place

### Most Hours

Tom – PAY6256	166.58 Hours	First Place
Ben – PAY5650	132.43 Hours	Second Place
Robert – PAY2089	86.58	Third Place

### Most Distance

Ben – PAY5650	48,784 nm	First Place
Tom – PAY6256	40,152 nm	Second Place
Robert – PAY2089	33,477 nm	Third Place

### Most Flights

Tom – PAY6256	66 Flights	First Place
Ben – PAY5650	55 Flights	Second Place
Matt – PAY6660	29 Flights	Third Place



### Pilot of the Month September 2024

**Tom – PAY6256**

Tom won 2 of the 4 categories and perfect attendance - Congratulations



**Tom – PAY6256**  
**Matt – PAY6660**  
**Rich – PAY1192**  
**Norm – PAY7260**





An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears. The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!" He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how

was that?" The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!" The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that? Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry." The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important. This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter



See you next issue....

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