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September 2024 Pacific Airways Virtual Airline

Greetings Pilots, Welcome to the September issue of the Pacific Journal. As always, send your stories, cartoons and anything newsworthy to

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NEWS: We have some big news to share in this issue. Our IT developer has decided to create a complete airline management system just for Pacific Airways. This will be like our own version of vaBase. With this, we will no longer be limited to what we can do because vaBase does not support it. We will have our own ACARS system that calculates our landings several hundred times a second, will consider any bounces and give an average of all the data for a much more accurate landing rate than we have now. We will be able to categorize our aircraft and routes as before, simulate making money for the airline like phpVMS did. There will be more things you can use your virtual money for, lots of other upgrades. The best part will be that everything will be running on the same dedicated server and there will be no "Lag Time" between pages, logging etc like vaBase has. Everything will be completely automated, and we can change settings at will to meet our needs. All our data will be transferred to the new system. Nobody will need to re-register like before. The most that will be required will be to update your password the first time you log in. Work has started and is going well I am told. There is no date yet for completion, best I can say is sometime early/mid next year. There will be many hundreds of hours of coding on this. At some point, we will be asking for beta testers and input from our pilots as to what features we want to see. Go to Discord for the latest on the project. The project will be called **paVMS.**

From the Developer VP Serenity

paVMS (Pacific Airways Virtual Airline Management System) is a ground-up custom written system complete with its own ACARS system, this system will bring events, tours, schedules, open flights, and so much more. This system is written in its entirety for Pacific Airways and will allow for implementation of features whenever we want them.

If you visit **PAVMS DEVLOGS** on our discord server then click on **Announcements** you will see a beta application form, any member within pacific airways will be able to join our BETA program.

Why do we have a beta program for this? To put it simply paVMS is going to be a community enriched project, that means that all the suggestions, ideas, comments & thoughts that go into this project will be done in real-time via our beta testers and will allow for paVMS to be the best it can be and as user friendlyas possible.

I'm going to be the one that will be writing the whole system but it will be our testers that will be the ones thinking up things to add and place on the site & ACARS.

This is all being done for free because i can 😁

Members can join our beta program at any time and as a thanks to the testers their first name and callsign will be added to the credits on the website & ACARS.



From the CEO

We are doing very well. My congratulations to all the pilots who placed in our 4 categories last month. Here is how we are doing the awards and ribbons. There are 4 categories, Best Landing, Most Hours, Most Distance and Most flights. There is a 1st,2nd,3rd place for each of the categories. The pilot who has the best landing of the month in a commercial aircraft will receive the best landing award and $1000 virtual dollars added to their bank. 1st place ribbons add $500, $250 for 2nd place and $100 for 3rd. The pilot who wins the most categories for the month will receive the Pilot Of The Month award and $2000 added to their bank. If pilots are tied winning the categories or if no one pilot wins more than one of the four, Pilot of the month will go to whoever has the highest combined scores of the 4 categories and the best landings for the month. You will see the ribbons on your awards page. Some of our pilots are getting quite a collection.

Something I wanted to mention, our new tours have become very popular and most of our pilots are flying them now. There appears to be a downside we didn't figure on and that is the effect it would have on our Vatsim Sunday flights. The Sunday attendance has gone way down. Pilots have mentioned that they would rather fly the tours than the Sundays. For those of you who are not aware, our Vatsim Sundays are a tradition here at Pacific Airways. We have been flying on Sundays for over 20 years. When the airline first started out and the first 10 years or so, Vatsim Sundays were like the main event. We used to have at least 20 pilots, sometimes more each week. Most all other flying was considered practice for Sundays. Granted, there were not a whole lot of other options back then like we have now. Sundays are still important for the airline. It makes our presence known on Vatsim. Pilots see us each week and look into joining us. Sundays have done a lot for our membership over the years. Controllers get our schedule and show up for us even in remote areas most weeks. I would like to encourage all pilots who want to represent the airline, do your best to make the Sunday flights. There are no time limits on Tours, they can be flown anytime. There is no more jumpseating cost once you reach 300 hours. Please make time for the Sunday flights. See you in the air..



"Fun To Fly Airports"
By Norm Tipton/President and Director of Events

This month for VATSIM Sundays we are visiting smaller airports in the Southeastern USA, from Florida to North Carolina and over to Arkansas. Only one of these airports has an ILS system so actual piloting skills will be required at most. The hope was to spice up the Sunday fly-in and hopefully attract more pilots for our Sunday event, probably the longest continually happening group flight event in the virtual world.

But outside of these events, this can be a great incentive to get you out of your routine scheduled flights and into more adventure. There are some great small airports out there that make flying more fun and more thrilling! Below is a list of some favorites written about in the real world and a couple of my personal favorites. I'm sure you have some of your own but why not give these a try

Sky Harbor Airport, Minnesota (KDYT)
Located on the western tip of Lake Superior, this majestic field is surrounded by sky, nature and water. If you're looking to add a little color to your trip, be sure to visit between September and October to see the fall colors. The unique climatic effect of the region creates a truly beautiful landscape to view from the air. Sky Harbor airport promises a truly unique and fun flying experience for all.



First Flight Airport, North Carolina (KFFA)
On December 17, 1903 the Wright brothers became the first to create successful powered, heavier than air aircraft flight. Go back in time and fly into arguably the most historic airport in terms of aviation in the world. Located in Dare County, North Carolina, First Flight Airport is a must see for any pilot. Be sure to check out the Wright Brothers National Memorial and museum when visiting!



Key West, Florida (KEYW)
If you're looking for a Caribbean adventure but want to stay local, be sure to check out Key West Florida! Get a taste of Jamaican culture and grab a bite at the various local grills, or relax on the pristine white sand beaches overlooking the clear Caribbean waters.



Skagway, Alaska (PAGY)
With a population of only 1,057, don't let that deter you from visiting Skagway in Alaska. More than 900,000 visitors dawn upon this town every year, most travel by cruise liner. Once you get a glimpse of the view you'll have on approach, you will most certainly want to visit by air. This breathtaking view is one of a kind and is rated in the top 10 most beautiful airports in the world to fly into. Located on the eastern bottom corner of Alaska, this airport is easily reachable from the northwestern parts of the United States.



Eagle Creek Airport, Indiana (KEYE)
Fly under Indianapolis IND airspace to Eagle Creek Airport on the NW side of Indianapolis. Most people travel here to walk across the street to one of the best restaurants within walking distance of any airport in Indiana. Ricks Boat Yard Restaurant is ON THE WATER with wonderful views and a great menu.



There are so many great small airports in the US and around the world that will make your flying even more fun. A few that come to mind are:

Lunken Field, OH (KLUK)
Big Sandy Regional, Kentucky (KSJS)
Mackinac Island Airport, Michigan (KMCD)
Campbell County Airport, Tennessee (KJAU)
Ocean Reef Club – Private, Florida (07FA)
Mountain Air – Private, North Carolina (2NC0)
Santa Catalina Airport, California (KAVX)
Monmouth Municipal Airport, Illinois (C66)
Lewis-Cedar Key, Florida (KCDK)
Mustang Beach, Texas (KRAS)

So, leave the big iron at home and get back to real flying or also known as good old "stick and rudder." You'll have a great time, see some amazing scenery and sights and visit some places that have real history. And to get started, try VATSIM Sundays this month and join your fellow pilots at some great small airports scattered around the Southeastern US. Hope to see you there! - *Norm*



Best Landings

Pierre PAY8989 -11 at KMIA in MD80	1st
Mike PAY3236 -13 at LSGG in A320	2nd
Dan PAY2982 -23 at KGUC in CRJ9	3rd

Most Hours

Tom PAY6256	162.25	1st
Ben PAY5650	139.27	2nd
Robert PAY2089	119.44	3rd

Most Distance

Ben PAY5650	51,090	1st
Robert PAY2089	42,240	2nd
Mike PAY3236	31,772	3rd

Most Flights

Ben PAY5650	60	1st
Tom PAY6256	59	2nd
Robert PAY2089	43	3rd



Matt PAY6660
Norm PAY6132
Rich PAY1192
Tom PAY6256



Pilot of the Month

Ben Perdue PAY5650

Ben won 2 of the 4 categories in August – Congratulations Ben

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