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Place to honor Pacific Airways pilots we have lost

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Dave Cook PAY7571



Dave Cook was a valued member of Pacific Airways. Dave passed after a longterm illness. During his travels, Dave met with many Pacific Airways pilots in person. He was the Senior Chief Pilot for the entire airline, helped hundreds of pilots get their start and created and managed the route system that we still use today. Dave represented Pacific Airways at many events and functions. He flew over 9000 hours for the airline. Thank you for your service, you will be missed.

In August 2018, Dave wrote this column for the Pacific Journal - In his own words.

From the Desk of the Airline Chief Pilot

I joined Pacific Airways (PAY) in February of 2010. I had read about the airline in Computer Pilot magazine and the one thing made it of interest to me was that there was no requirement to fly on VATSIM. The main thing the airline did for me when I joined was to give some structure to my flying. There were flight tables with routes to follow which made things interesting for me.

After a couple of years of flying with PAY, I got interested in VATSIM flying as I was always seeing fellow pilots flying online with VATSIM. I was a little nervous at first getting sweaty palms each time a controller was online. Now I have almost 4000 hours of flying on VATSIM. I would encourage you to give VATSIM a try if you have not flown online.

I am based in the LAX Hub which is where I have been for all of my time with PAY. I was Chief Pilot there as well for a few years before becoming Chief Pilot for the airline and then renamed as Senior Chief Pilot recently.

I try to send each new pilot a personal welcome from me and to let them know about forum, VATSIM events and also about our communications tool, TeamSpeak. I also send out occasional emails to all the PAY pilots advising them of special events and of items on the forum that might be of interest to them.
Dave Cook, Senior Chief Pilot





Dave and COO Tom Detlefsen

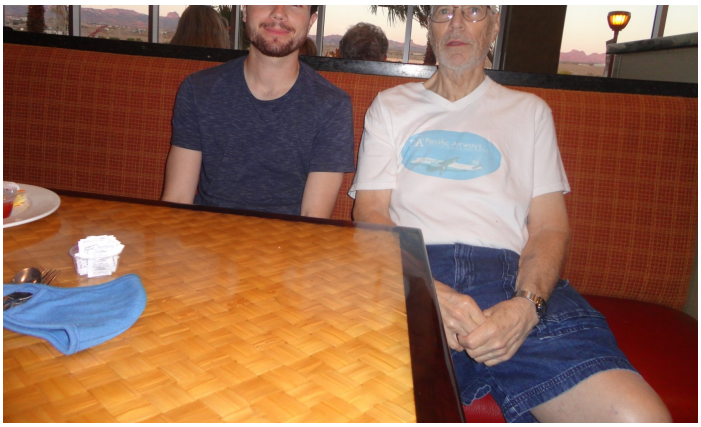
Dave and his wife Georgina with Rich Haney CEO





Dave with our IT tech Anand

Dave and CEO Rich Haney



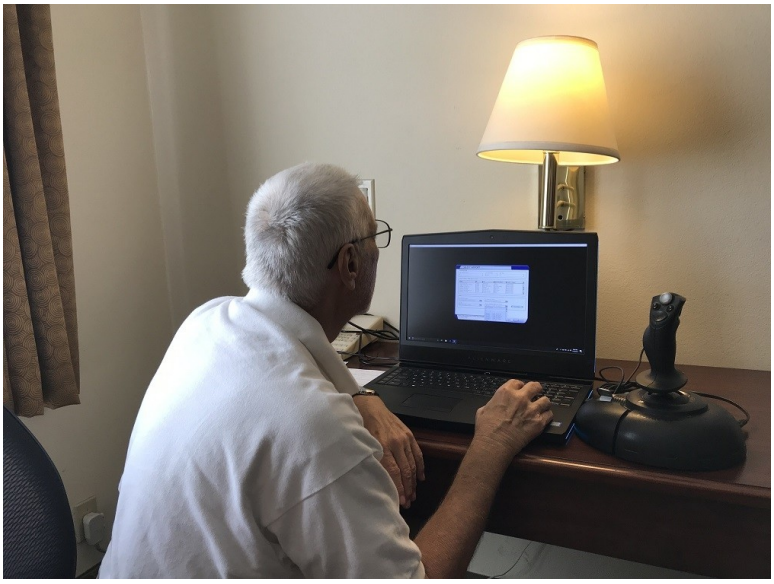


Dave and a PAY pilot

Dave and Tom having it their way



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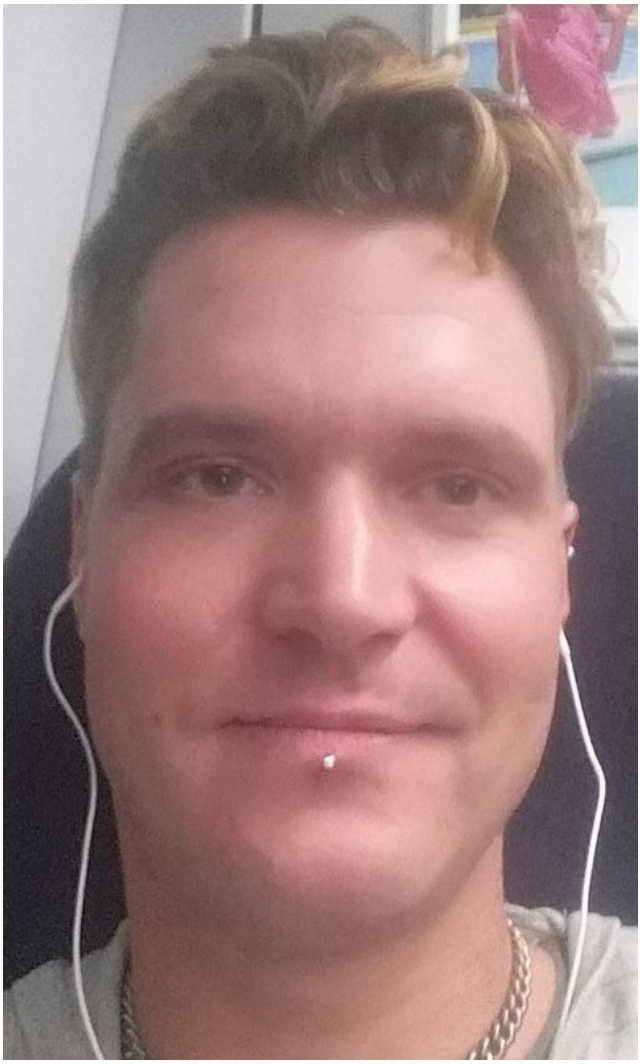


Thomas Detlefsen Sr.



On Sunday March 4th, 2018, Tom Detlefsen Sr. Passed Away from a Pulmonary Embolism at the age of 79. He loved the airlines from the time he joined to the time he passed away suddenly. He came up through the ranks as soon as he could to enjoy all aircraft. He was a GA Pilot as well as an ATP Pilot. Mostly he loved just flying around the world. He was a proud member of the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. from 1967 until his retirement in 1999. He was one of the first Los Angeles County Paramedics and very proud to be there to help people in need.

Adam Bacon



Adam Bacon passed away early February 2017. Adam had been suffering long term illness and most days were a battle for him to one degree or another.

Despite this, he was an ardent supporter of Pacific Airways flying regularly and, through this hobby of ours, we came to know him to one degree or another, indeed some of us got to know him personally. He committed himself to Pacific Airways Europe and was at one time Chief Pilot and latterly Hub Director.

Jim Angel



Jim Angel passed away May 7, 2013. Jim had been suffering long term illness and most days were a battle for him to one degree or another. Jim had survived two very serious surgeries in the two weeks preceding his death. Quoting Jim's wife, "Our desks are side by side and our computers. He had recently bought a new laptop so he could sit in his recliner to participate with you all but the night of his birthday I was reading the posts on his Facebook page to him and when he didn't respond with his usual big laugh I looked up and he was gone." Jim served as Denver Chief Pilot and dedicated large part of his time to Pacific Airways.

Jimmy Edwards



While Jimmy was still alive, Pacific Airways held a flight event for Jimmy since he was fighting cancer and a dedicated PAY Pilot and not expected to survive long. A few of you were there and saw the huge turn out by many VA's, not just PAY and AFA. In fact, there was such a huge turnout, APG was outnumbered big time (and APG had one of its largest turnouts). Jimmy flew that event if he could, but being so ill he could not finish it, his son did for him!

On May 11, 2010, New York Pilot Jimmy Edwards took his last fight for Pacific Airways. Shortly after Jimmy left us to escape the bonds of this earth and fly forever in the heavens. Later that year, the Executive Staff of Pacific Airways created the 1st Jimmy Edwards Memorial Flying to honor Jimmy's memory. That event has evolved as a way for the pilots of Pacific Airways to honor all pilots, real and virtual, who have departed this earth in the last year. Held at Quad City Airport, Moline, IL, it is the closest airport to Jimmy's hometown in Iowa that can handle heavy traffic.