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Pacific Airways Virtual Airline

Welcome pilots to the June edition of the Pacific Journal. As always, anybody can contribute to the newsletter. Send anything you have that is newsworthy, "Clean" aviation related cartoons, jokes, screenshots, stories to

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NEWS: Over the last few issues, we have had a lot to report with the building of the new site, rules and regulations. Because everything is running so well and we are back to regular day-to-day operations, we have less to report in this issue. There are a few new things:

From the IT department: Our developer has been hard at work making the site better as we find little bugs to fix. I have been told that there have been over 200 upgrades and patches to fix and improve stuff over the last couple of months. We have added two new items since the last issue that are specifically for Pacific Airways. No other airline in vaBase has these on their websites. The first is a new Screenshot Gallery. From your dashboard on the left side navigation page under "Company", you will find the link to the gallery. Pilots can submit images for display both on the pilot and public side of the website. The images must be aviation or VA related and approved by a staff member. These images are visible to the public and serve to advertise our airline. Please only submit images appropriate for Pacific Airways and the public.

The other upgrade is a random flight generator. From your dashboard navigation pane in the Dispatch Center, there are now three choices for dispatching flights. You can search / dispatch scheduled flights from our company routes, dispatch a Charter flight to anywhere you want if you depart from the last airport you landed. The new one is the Random Flight Generator. The system will search by default the last airport you landed at (your virtual location) and give you choices for places to go. Remember, if you want to start from somewhere other than your Virtual Location, you will first need to jumpseat. On the flight generator, you enter the minimum and maximum

range in nautical miles you wish to fly. By default, the generator gives 5 results or choices. You can request up to 10 results on the search. If you enter your speed (indicated airspeed not a mach number) it will give you an estimate of the time the flight will take. You can leave this blank if you do not want the time estimate. How many times have you wanted to fly but can't decide where to go. The flight generator uses a much larger world database than our scheduled or charter flights use. It is possible the generator will find an airport that Simbrief or other route generators do not recognize. If you generate your flight to Simbrief from our site with one of these airports, Simbrief may error telling you airport not found. In this case, you may have to choose another airport or manually generate your flight. That won't happen often, but it is possible. We figure it's better to have more choices than less.

Pacific Airways has passed our first audit with Vatsim. In order to maintain our partnership with Vatsim, we must pass a yearly audit. Vatsim requires a minimum of 15 pilots who have flown a combined total of 50 flights on Vatsim within the previous 90 days. We passed, but not by much. If you have considered learning to fly online, we sure could use the help. The airline thanks Norm and Serenity for doing the research and putting us over the finish line this time. The hope is that we will have more online pilots for next year.



We had another successful "bring your kids to work" day

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VATUSA/VATSIM Online Events – Get Involved
with the Virtual Community

By Norm Tipton / President and Director of Events

Every Month we participate in VATUSA's Friday Night Ops, an online flight experience hosted on the VATSIM Network by the USA division of VATSIM. In

But there's more ...

Not interested in an event but you'd like to fly with ATC in a more relaxed environment. Great, but how do I find out where ATC is operating? Well, that's simple too. There are several links and programs that will show you where ATC is operating around the

From the Paintshop: Other than the ATR, nothing else has been added to the fleet, but we do have a couple of things on the to-do list. We found a freeware MD-90 for you McDonnell Douglas fans. This plane is good. I use the Rotate md80 which is better in my opinion, but this freeware one is definitely better than the X-plane default md80. I was thinking of throwing some paint on it for another option without paying for the payware plane.



You can find the MD-90 here if you want to give it a look

[McDonnell Douglas MD-90 - Airliners XP12 - X-Plane.Org Forum](#)

The other aircraft we are looking at is the x-Trident AW-109 SP helicopter. Our first company helicopter was the A109-e that is only for FSX. This would give the Xplane pilots an Agusta to fly without adding another aircraft to the fleet, since we already have the A109-e.



[AW-109 SP-XTident-AW109 \(x-plane.org\)](#)

My test flight of the Trident A109 SP went as expected.



From the CEO

For the second month, Pacific Airways has held the #4 spot in vaBase out of 103 active airlines. Great Job pilots. We are back to our regular operations thanks to all the work the IT department, staff and pilots have done over the last year. If anybody wishes to contribute to the cause, our donation page is up and running. Thank you in advance for your help. Pacific is one of the oldest VA's out there and going strong.

ACARS: The IT department has figured out exactly why our ACARS seems to have different readings when compared to other ACARS and landing rate programs. Our developer has contacted the programmer who programmed our ACARS, analyzed all the code. Our ACARS considers multiple variables to calculate the landing rate. In addition to the actual landing rate, It calculates your G-Forces, Speed, Weight and Center of Gravity in the result. Smart Acars, phpVMS and others just report a single landing rate which is often lower than our ACARS including all the extra variables. Is ours more accurate? We don't know, but its nothing we can change or edit. Anyway, that's the reason for the different readings.

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	Active Pilots: 50



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