



Tributes to Captain C M "Red" Stubben

From Captain Lee Meyners:

I went to work for Continental in May 1959. Robert Six, "Red" Stubben, Barney Barwell were the airline personified. They represented the strength and character of what Continental Airlines was all about. It really came on with all its strength during the mid to late 60's, the MAC flights and then the start of Air Micronesia. They were the foundation for our fabulous growth during those years. "Red's" input and the decisions he made as far as equipment, routes and overall operation was directly responsible for the success our airline was to achieve. He was the back bone of the culture that was "Flight Operations". Standardization of the cockpit lay-out as new aircraft came along was one of the many things Red insisted on for maximum safety. The first one you bought set what was "Standard". All that followed were clones of the first one.

I never flew a line trip with "Red". He was in his office in the GO, and I was in the Training Dept.; however, during the days before simulators, I had the privilege of giving him his required Proficiency Checks in the aircraft, both 707 and 727. To say that he always amazed me as to his ability and performance is an understatement. During those days he spent most of his time in the GO, working on our behalf, and very little time actually flying. His ability to maintain his flying skills was awe inspiring. He put on a better PC performance than most of the current line pilots. He had the "Natural Gift" that all great pilots are blessed with..

I was extremely fortunate to know him, to work both with and for him, and he will remain one of the most positive factors in my long aviation career. Thank You "Red"---Lee Meyners--.

From Captain Wayman Curry:

It was over 50 years ago, but I remember it as if it were yesterday. I was anxiously awaiting a job interview with one of the flight managers. I was fresh out of the Air Force with absolutely no experience in anything but T-38's. Awaiting my turn to be interviewed, I was told Captain Stubben would be conducting the interview. That really made me nervous because I was aware he was the VP of Flight Operations! To make a long story short, it was one of the more pleasant experiences of my career! At one point in the process I asked him if flying the Sabliner would be part of the hiring procedure. He bellowed out "Hell No! I'm not about to subject myself to being embarrassed by some hot shot instructor pilot flying one of the newest and best trainers I've ever seen!" I was hired!

I ran across Captain Stubben on several occasions and he always called me by name. That is class in my opinion, and I will

have fond memories of Captain "Red" Stubben forever. Rest In Peace, my friend---Wayman Curry---



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