



This Gone West notice contains the sad news that former Continental pilot Captain Craig Hutain has flown west as a result of a tragic accident during an airshow in Dallas, TX. There will likely be additional information regarding the untimely passing of Captain Hutain from his family, but for now we are providing this information provided after the accident which occurred on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Most of our members have probably seen the news reports and graphic videos on Youtube and other news outlets of the mid-air collision between Craig's P-63 and a vintage B-17 which were in formation during a Commemorative Air Force (CAF) airshow in Dallas. The following information pertaining to Craig was provided by Mike McBride in an email to the RETUP online group.

The Golden Eagles sends condolences to Craig's family at this difficult time. We also send condolences to the families of the crew members who perished in the crash of the B-17.

The post below is a copy of an email received from Mike McBride

From: **Mike McBride** via groups.io <mjmcbride@me.com@groups.io>

Date: Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 9:29 AM

Subject: [ualretup] RIP Craig Hutain

To: RETUP/[group.io](https://groups.io) <ualretup@groups.io>

Forwarded as received, unverified. P-63 pilot flew 777s for United out of Houston,

TX:

Mike

It has been confirmed by Craig Hutain's daughter that he was flying the P-63. Good guy, RIP

The link below provides access to an interview with Craig about his Warbird flying:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtPfj3OsZYY> **AirVenture Interviews, Warbird Pilot Craig Hutain_**

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Hometown: Montgomery, TX

Occupation: Airline Pilot

Year of first flight with Tora: 2009

Tail number(s) you normally fly with Tora: Hawk 18

Obtained License: 1975

Flight Hours (Approx): 34,500

Notable aircraft flown: North American T-6 and P-51 Mustang, Bell P-63 and P-39, Curtiss P-40

Warhawk, B-777, B-737, MD-80, Falcon 50 and 900, DeHavilland Twin Otter and Dash 7

Favorite airplane to fly: Hard to beat the Mustang!

Started flying with my father when 10 years old, in a J-3 cub. Developed a love for sport flying,

Biplanes, Radial engines, and Aerobatics after moving west and working at Santa Paula Airport

(California). Soloed at 17 years old.

Became a flight instructor while in college, and taught Primary, Tailwheel, Instrument flight training

and Aerobatics all throughout college. Graduated with a BS in Aeronautical Engineering, from Cal Poly,

San Luis Obispo, California in 1982.

Started flying for the airlines in 1982. Flew De Havilland Twin Otter and Dash 7 aircraft for

Rocky Mountain Airways. B-727, MD-80, and B-737 with Continental (now United) Airlines.

Presently flying as a Captain in the B-777 for United Airlines, based out of Houston, TX

Currently has over 34,500 hours of flight time in over 100 types of aircraft.

Rated as an Airline Transport, Commercial Glider, and Seaplane Pilot, as well as a Flight Instructor

for single and multi-engine aircraft, and Instruments. I currently own a Vans RV-8.

Started flying with the CAF (Commemorative Air Force) in 2009 after starting out in the Pyro field

as a helper. Flies several different types of CAF aircraft.

North American P-51 MUSTANG, Dixie Wing, Atlanta

Bell P-39 AIRACOBRA, Centex Wing

Bell P-63 KINCOBRA (2), P-63 Sponsor Group, Houston, Dixie Wing, Atlanta

Married to Lori for 20 years, Two grown children, Traci and Kelli, four young grandkids... Leon, Jude, Arlo, and Paige



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