

ONE OF ALASKA'S GREAT
AIRLINE PILOTS IS HANGING UP
HER WINGS AFTER A 36 YEAR
CAREER WITH ALASKA AIRLINES!

CAPTAIN CAROL PERRINE'S
FINAL PASSENGER FLIGHT
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28th, 2020
FLIGHT 937 KOA-PDX
CAPTAIN CAROL PERRINE



After a 36-year career flying for Alaska Airlines, and an overall 42 years in aviation, Captain Carol Perrine is flying her final passenger Flight 937, Kona to Portland, before transitioning to her next great adventure. As the longest actively flying female pilot at Alaska Airlines, as well as any other commercial airline, Captain Seesing Perrine has more than 27,000 flight hours in her log, and has flown commercially for Alaska Airlines as a Flight Engineer in the B-727, First Officer and Captain in the MD-80, and Captain in the B-737. Carol also flew as First Officer on the First All-Woman Flightdeck Crew on the MD-80 at Alaska Airlines with Captain Jill Brown. She is rated in helicopters, gliders, seaplanes, the venerable DC-3, and is Type-Rated in eight additional corporate jets, including the Learjet, still one of her favorites. Carol Perrine is also a Certified Flight Instructor in Single Engine, Multiengine, Jets and Gliders.



Your captain was born and raised in the Long Beach area of Southern California, and found her love for aviation there through her father, who attained his Private Pilot License when she was a sophomore at California State University Long Beach. From that first flight with him, she immediately embarked on gaining flying hours and experience through Civilian General Aviation, while attaining her BS degree in Business Administration. One of her first jobs was as a pilot towing gliders at her local airport.

She joined the burgeoning Alaska Airlines team early on in its West Coast and Alaska expansion, with her pilot bases being in Seattle, Long Beach and Portland, allowing her to enjoy flying trips to Alaska, Mexico, the East Coast, and most recently, Hawaii, where her love for the water makes her feel at home.

Her Dad, Alex, could not join her today due to health reasons, but he is certainly here in spirit and remains her hero and greatest inspiration. Today, she is traveling with her other greatest fans — her brother Bob, his wife Marlaine, and nephews Chase and Dylan Seesing, and her latest, greatest fans from her relatively new home town of Bend, Barbara Newman and Dan Lussier.

As a veteran owner of 3 airplanes, Captain Carol is looking forward to flying little planes, and towing gliders once again. Her plans include travel, with finding and drinking great wines from all over the world, playing, golfing, skiing, mountain biking, expanding her photography skills, and spending time with her family, friends, Dan, and Tommycat, the cat who adopted her. Looking back over a rich career and life in aviation, Captain Carol Perrine treasures all the wonderful people, the excellent aircraft, the "cool pilot toys", the hour-long sunset on westbound flights, and the opportunity to live the life we all strive to live. After many years and many miles, Captain Seesing Perrine is still "flying pretty."

We at Alaska Airlines congratulate Carol on her flying career. For her many years of service to Alaska Airlines and its customers, we wish her a well-deserved, happy retirement.



She didn't plan to be a trailblazer

Carolyn Perrine, Alaska's longest-serving female pilot

March 16, 2020

By Marianne Lindsey



Carolyn Perrine didn't start out to blaze trails for women in aviation, she was just looking to spend some quality time with her dad. But after a 36-year flying career, Perrine has set a new standard of flying excellence and paved the way for female aviators at Alaska Airlines.

Perrine, who grew up in Long Beach, Calif., was a sophomore in college when her dad got his private pilot's license and invited her to join him on a flight. "My dad has always been a huge influence in my life. Anything that he did was what I wanted to do. Flying immediately became my passion," Perrine says.



Perrine with her father

She began working on her pilot's license, while juggling a full load of business classes at Cal State Long Beach. There were very few women learning to fly at the time, but Perrine didn't let that stop her. She was 'eating, sleeping and living' flying. She loved hanging around Long Beach airport, listening to the old-time aviators tell tall tales of their flying exploits.



Her love for flying started early

Her first paying job was towing gliders, then she went on to flight instructor, all the while furthering her hours and ratings.

She joined Alaska Airlines in 1984, as the airline was expanding up and down the West Coast.

It was a time of change. Women pilots were just breaking into commercial aviation and flight decks were primarily male. "Looking back, I feel extremely lucky for those old timers in my student pilot days that shared their stories, as they gave me the courage to continue as the playing field got tougher.

"It was one thing to chat airplanes with the guys and quite another to occupy a seat amongst them in their cockpits."

When she and Captain Lori Adams were randomly paired together for a flight on Sept. 16, 1986, they made airline history as the first all-woman crew on an MD80. "At the time, there was no fanfare. We just flew the trip we were assigned and quietly reveled in knowing we were the first of many more gals to follow."



With Captain Jill Brown in the cockpit of a MD80

As Alaska's longest actively flying female pilot, Perrine has racked up 28,037 flight hours in her log. She's served as flight engineer, first officer and captain. She is rated in helicopters, gliders, seaplanes, the venerable DC-3, and is type-rated in eight additional corporate jets, including the Learjet, still one of her favorites.

Perrine is also a Certified Flight Instructor in single engine, multi-engine, jets and gliders.

Perrine made her final flight as an Alaska Airlines pilot Feb. 28—Flight 937, from Kona to Portland. Her brother, sister-in-law, nephews and friends joined her on the flight. **First Officer Steve Jatho**, a good friend, was in the right seat.



Perrine's first and last flight as a captain

Although her dad's health prevented him from going along, his words echoed in her mind. "My dad always has words of wisdom. Most are in Dutch and most are not repeatable," she laughs. "But he always told me I could do anything I wanted to in life as long as I studied hard and got a good education. You know, he was right."

Only five percent of all commercial pilots in the U.S. are women today. Alaska does better, at seven percent. Recruiting female pilots is a focus for Alaska and Horizon.

Perrine wouldn't trade her experiences for anything. She says, "It's been a pleasure to fly for Alaska Airlines. I've visited some of the most amazing places, flown some of the most advanced airplanes and met some of the most amazing people—including some of the brightest, young gal aviators now continuing the way forward."



Perrine with fellow female pilots from PDX

To those women, Perrine offers the following advice: "Always treasure your love for flying and respect airplanes and aviation by knowing your stuff. And know you'll always have to work hard to prove yourself every day."

As for what's next for the veteran aviator? She's looking forward to taking to the skies at her home in Bend, Oregon in a slightly smaller plane with a glider in tow. At that point, she says, "My career will have come full circle."



MY FIRST CAPTAIN FLIGHT ON MD-80, EARLY 1991.

CAPT CAROLIN SEEBING (PERRINE LASTNAME BEGINNING 2002.)
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CAPT CAROLIN SEEZING PERKINS '737



PILOTS IN TRAINING -- Newly hired pilots currently in training include: (L to R) John Bentley, Terry Freedman, Bob Hoelzen, David Ward, Carolin Seesing, Michel Baumgartner, Wes Dawson, Brad Summers. The first class of 1984, pilots should be flying by March 20, 1984.

Employee meeting

An employee emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, at the Seattle Hotel.

Discussion at the meeting was centered around the establishment of goals and objectives for the new group.

Pat Folan, Gail Shear and Patsy Shear volunteered to begin a plan of action for the new group, decided that they would begin in Seattle and then move to the other cities in the system.

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Nixon named superintendent in Maintenance

Gordon Nixon has been named superintendent of system material in the Maintenance and Engineering Division.

Prior to his recent assignment as customer service manager at Seattle-First, Nixon served in various capacities for 15 years. He served in two squadrons responsible for training.

quality assurance, aircraft directives and logistics. He managed aircraft distribution and was technical.

graduate from Naval Academy in San Diego. He

Pilot's Seniority List (continued)

301.	Hesse, Mark W.	10 Oct 1983
302.	Fenn, David P.	10 Oct 1983
303.	Powelson, Wallace S.	10 Oct 1983
304.	DeBoer, Charles A.	10 Oct 1983
305.	Wells, Richard M.	10 Oct 1983
306.	Sweet, Thomas L.	02 Nov 1983
307.	Gronewald, Kenneth R.	02 Nov 1983
308.	Lovell, Bruce A.	02 Nov 1983
309.	Cripe, Larry D.	02 Nov 1983
310.	Bennett, Timothy T.	02 Nov 1983
311.	Wilson, Edward J.	02 Nov 1983
312.	Parshall, Stephen T.	02 Nov 1983
313.	Farr, Robert A.	02 Nov 1983
314.	Lotakis, Paul G., Jr.	02 Nov 1983
315.	Jensen, Gary M.	02 Nov 1983
316.	Judson, Dennis L.	02 Nov 1983
317.	Taylor, Defford B.	02 Nov 1983
318.	Dillon, Steven M.	02 Nov 1983
319.	Coviello, Robert D.	07 Dec 1983
320.	Hollenbach, Paul D.	07 Dec 1983
321.	Couper, Richard C.	07 Dec 1983
322.	Olson, James L.	07 Dec 1983
323.	Olson, Richard N.	07 Dec 1983
324.	Vincent, Frederick G.	07 Dec 1983
325.	Duncan, Robert R.	07 Dec 1983
326.	Tarnove, Arthur.	07 Dec 1983
327.	King, Larry E., Jr.	07 Dec 1983
328.	Morgan, Philip H.	07 Dec 1983
329.	Freedman, Michael T.	07 Dec 1983
330.	Bentley, John C.	06 Feb 1984
331.	Summers, Bradley J.	06 Feb 1984
332.	Dawson, Wesley C.	06 Feb 1984
333.	Ward, David K.	06 Feb 1984
334.	Hoelzen, Robert D.	06 Feb 1984
335.	Baumgartner, Michel S.	06 Feb 1984
336.	Seesing, Carolin G.	06 Feb 1984



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