

From the President

Another new Pacemaker has joined the fleet!

With service opening up on the new Knoxville-Norfolk route on August 25, we will need one more airplane to put in operation when 948 comes off the line in late October for overhaul.

The newly purchased airplane was a C-47 and will require complete modification. When she comes out of the shop in about sixty days, she really ought to be a beauty.

We haven't decided on a name yet - maybe Shenandoah Pacemaker, or Hampton Roads, or Cape Fear, or -----; if you've got any suggestions send them in. The name must be indicative of an area.

By the way, we bet you don't have a list of our ships' names. Here they are: Appalachian Pacemaker, Blue Grass Pacemaker, Kanawha Pacemaker, Tidewater Pacemaker, Ohio Valley Pacemaker, Commonwealth Pacemaker, Piedmont Pacemaker, Great Smokies Pacemaker, Blue Ridge Pacemaker, Tennessee Valley Pacemaker, Yadkin Valley Pacemaker, and Chesapeake Pacemaker.

The following complimentary remarks are quoted from a letter, I recently received from an airlines executive, that I believe will be of interest to you:

"Recently, I had the occasion to use Piedmont, round trip between Charlotte and Asheville as a paying customer, my first trip on Piedmont. Seldom do I write letters of any kind and never before one of this nature, but I was so impressed with your operation, I can't resist telling you about it.

"The white paint on your ships to reflect heat does so in a much more effecient manner than I expected, but the blower hook up to the regular ventilation system that produces cool air during ground operation was, to say the least, a most surprising and welcome innovation.

"Trip 5 to Asheville was afflicted with the curse of the business, an oversale, but it was quietly and effeciently handled as witnessed by the good nature of the passengers despite the delay and heat; it was 102° that day.

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