

MEET THE CREW



Captain Sanford P. Gilley



F. O. Robert M. Hawkins

"Meet the Crew", a new column beginning in this issue, features Captain Sanford P. Gilley and First Officer Robert M. Hawkins.

"Bud" Gilley began flying in Leaksville, N. C. in 1938, joined Piedmont in 1940 as a Flight Instructor, leaving after a short time, and in January, 1942, joined the U. S. Army Air Corps where he was assigned to the Ferry Command, flying B-17s, B-24s and P-38s across the Atlantic. He flew one of the first six P-38s from the U. S. to England in October, 1942.

Completing his tour in the Ferry Command, Bud served as a Check Pilot at the USAF DC-4 Flight School at Homestead, Florida. He was then assigned to Air Transport Command as a Command Pilot on DC-4s trans-Pacific, southwest Pacific area and Japan. Bud was pilot for the Commanding General USAF, South Pacific, and later for the Secretary of War. In 1945, he flew the Secretary on his 'round-the-world trip.

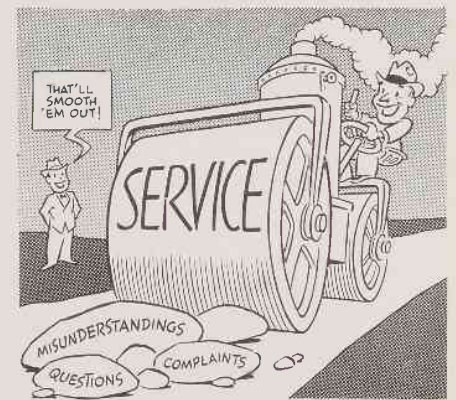
In 1946, Bud went with the CAA as Air Carrier Inspector. After completing Air Carrier School, was assigned to TWA Operations, New York. He left the CAA for Piedmont as Pilot and Operations Manager in May, 1947, and went on line status January 1950. He has piled up over 11000 hours, 7000 of which are in DC-3s. His DC-3 time alone adds up to nearly a solid year in the cockpit, and with Piedmont schedules, adds up to over 9500 take-offs and landings.

Bud and Frances have two children, Jeffrey, 6 years, and Martha Lynn, 2-1/2.

Bob Hawkins joined the Army Air Corps in December, 1942. Graduating from Cadets in May, 1944, he went to C-47 school at St. Joseph, Missouri, and later to C-46 school in Reno, Nevada. Bob was then assigned to Air Transport Command, Casablanca, French Morocco, flying to Cairo via Tripoli and to Dakar, on the African Gold Coast.

When the ATC received C-54s, Bob made over twenty South Atlantic crossings, from Casablanca to Natale, Brazil. Leaving the service, Bob returned to N. C. State to study Aeronautical Engineering, leaving in 1948 to take an instrument course at Embry-Riddle in Ocala, Florida. He finished training in 1949, joined Piedmont in March, 1950. Bob has a total of 5500 hours, 4000 of which are in C-47 airplanes. Bob has been at both Norfolk and Winston-Salem and is high on the check-out list.

Bob and his wife, Nonnie, have two children Carolyn Jean, 2-1/2 years, and Robert, Jr., 7 months.



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