

EXECUTIVE OF THE MONTH



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When Zeke Saunders first saw the light of day in Long Island, N. C., in 1921, few, if any, foresaw the aviation career he would carve for himself. But the gods destined Zeke to fly, for at the tender age of 16, he shook hands with his first flight instructor and was introduced to his first airplane in Lincolnton, N. C. The exposure to aviation took, for on graduation from high school, Zeke went to work for a fixed base operator in Martinsville, Va., managing the operation and instructing. He stayed there two years and came to Piedmont as an instructor in 1941.

Zeke instructed here all through the CPT and WTS days, and in early 1944, joined the Air Transport Command. He checked out in C-47s and B-25s at St. Jo., and went to First Pilot School on C-46s at Reno, Nev. He was then assigned to CBI at an unpronounceable base in Burma, then to Calcutta as a check pilot. He won't say much about it, but he earned a DFC and the Air Medal with a cluster.

Zeke returned to Piedmont as an instructor in 1946, was promoted to Chief Pilot, Fixed Base Division in 1947, and to Chief Pilot, Airline Division in 1947. In 1951, he became Director of Flight Operations, Director of Operations in 1952, and in 1953, was elected Vice President-Operations.

His value to the industry is well recognized, as can be seen from the nature of some of the committees on which he serves. Among them, the Advisory Committee to the CAA Airline Operations Committee, Advisory Committee to the ATA Operations Conference, and the Advisory Committee to the Flight Safety Foundation.

The bulk of Zeke's flying is now confined to a desk, but he still finds time to slip away now and then. His hobbies include hunting and fishing, and he is a member of the annual bear hunting pilgrimage to the Smokies. He and his wife, Edith, are mighty proud of their three cute little girls, Dariel, 9, Kathy 7, and Kim 18 months. Rounding out the Saunders family is their Boxer pup, Buster, the terror of the neighborhood.

Zeke is a valuable asset, and his abilities are well known and recognized throughout the aviation industry.

WARNING FROM MOHAWK

A Mohawk employee was apprehended recently by TWA as he tried to present a friend as his father and take him to California on a TWA pass.

The employee has lost all pass privileges for a period of one year and all inter-line pass privileges for a period of two years.

TWA has been informed that this disciplinary action has been taken and they may not press charges.

This deliberate action on the part of one employee could have resulted in the complete loss of Mohawk's reciprocal free transportation privilege with TWA, the only trans-continental carrier which extends this privilege to Mohawk's employees.

The effort to obtain free transportation by deliberate fraud is a criminal offense.

"Hello"

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"Is that you, Mac?"

"Yeh, this is Mac."

"But it don't sound like you, Mac."

"This is Mac talking all right."

"Are you positive this is Mac?"

"Sure, this is Mac!"

"Well, listen, Mac, this is Joe. Lend me ten dollars."

"O.K. I'll tell him when he comes in."
