



Tom Pasquale, RIP

Legendary Flight Academy instructor Cajetan “Tom” Pasquale flew west on June 13.



Tom began his aviation career flying the F-86 and T-38A with the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s.

Tom was hired by American Airlines in 1959 and flew for approximately three years. Unfortunately, he was permanently grounded from commercial flying due to a middle ear/sinus issue.

Tom then went to work in the LGA Flight Office as “right hand man” to Chief Pilot Harry Clark, and serving as a Link Trainer instructor.

In 1970, he relocated to the new Flight Academy at GSW, where he continued instructing in the ground

school and found his true calling. Tom’s humor, wit, outgoing personality, engaging stories, “Pasquale –isms,” and meaningful poems endeared him to all the pilots who attended his classes.

Tom rewrote and reorganized Flight Manual Part 1 in 1980 and again in the 1990s. Due to his excellent work and knowledge, he became known as “Mr. Flight Manual Part 1.” He taught classes on Captain’s Duties and Responsibilities and, of course, on Flight Manual Part 1.

Tom became the leading authority on airline legality and flight operation specifications. His legendary memory was such that he could answer questions by reciting chapter and verse verbatim.

Going above and beyond, Mr. Part I gave out his home phone number and encouraged pilots to call him anytime they had a question. Multiple calls were received each month from pilots asking if they were legal to take off, legal to land, and many other questions.

Tom served the pilots of American Airlines for 46 years. After retirement, he continued to be available and, of course, to share his wonderful stories and memories.

A celebration of Tom’s life is tentatively planned for later this year.

Condolences may be sent to his son:

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In closing, Tom always wanted his pilots to stay legal. He did not want you to have to personally deal with one of his most popular and meaningful sayings: “Your hearing will improve at your hearing!”

Respectfully submitted,

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PASQUALE'S SNAPPY SAYINGS

1. It is lonely at the top and lonelier at the inquest.
2. Horses asses don't all belong to horses.
3. A horse's ass is still a horse's ass, even when he is riding a horse.
4. An ounce of prevention will save you many pounds (\$) sterling (\$) at your hearing.
5. When the FAA invites you to a barbecue, make sure you're not the pig.
6. Careful pilots pay attention, Careless pilots pay a price.
7. There are good habits and bad habits, and both will show up at your hearing.
8. Nine tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.
9. Your hearing will improve at your hearing.
10. A dip on you flight deck is a pain in the neck.
11. Close enough is short of the target.
12. You can delegate authority, but you cannot delegate common sense.
13. It is easier to walk a tightrope, than to hang from one.
14. A wise step, is always followed by another.
15. Flying by the book, does not mean rewriting it.
16. It is better to demonstrate your superior knowledge, than to demonstrate you superior skill.
17. Each situation, like the rattlesnake, has two ends, one end rattles to get your attention, and the other end has the fangs that will kill you.
18. If Columbus had listened to ALL the advice from his crew, he surely would have found India.