

Capt. Clayton retires

The senior Wien Air Alaska pilot who entertained passengers by playing his harmonica over the intercome during long flights retired recently.

Captain George Clayton was a favorite among Wien passengers and crew for 30 years for his harmonica playing and other sometimes unusual activities.

On a flight between Fairbanks and Anchorage, he had his copilot take the controls so he could perform a marriage ceremony between his daughter and Wien employee.

At age 60, after more than 24,000 hours and 5 million miles of flying, Clayton boarded the plane on his last flight, to Seattle, wearing an old helmet and goggles his father had worn as a barnstormer.

Fellow Captains and flight attendants lined up by the flight ramp of his last flight to see him off.

Claytons final cockpit harmonica performance and perfect touchdown in Seattle through a dark rain recieved a standing ovation from the passengers.