

Letter of Recommendation

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Gordon F. Autry to be inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

I have been involved in Commercial Aviation for 33 years. I spent the first 8 of those years in Colorado with Rocky Mountain Airways.

I held numerous positions with Rocky Mountain Airways starting as a Ramp Agent in ASE, managing airport operations for RMA in DRO, CYS, COS and WHR before becoming Manager of Sales and Marketing in 1984.

During my time at WHR, I served a stint as the President of the Colorado Airport Operators Association.

In 1985, I left Rocky Mountain Airways to join United Airlines and subsequently held several positions there and then at Air New Zealand where I advanced to senior management. I joined Boeing Commercial Airplanes in 2004 and am a director of Opportunity Development helping startup airlines worldwide.

I became acquainted with Gordon in 1977, when I was hired as a ramp agent in Aspen and we have continuing relationship that exists today.

While I do not know of all of Gordon's contributions and achievements, what I learned from him I still use today. Running any airline is really a feat of managing thousands of processes at the same time and doing it well. This is despite of the fact that commercial aviation is arguably the most regulated de-regulated business worldwide. It's both capital and labor intensive while being intensely competitive. In short, it's not a business for the faint of heart.

Gordon knew every day exactly what was going on with every airplane as well as the weather and passenger loads for every flight at every city where RMA provided service. I had many 0530 conversations with him and he knew the answer to every question he asked me before I answered it. Beyond that, however, Gordon has been a visionary leader not just in Colorado Aviation, but worldwide. Two of the key proofs are his acquisition and installation of microwave landing systems at all key mountain airports served as well as his design and execution of the first commercial STOLport in the world, the Avon STOLport.

Please give Gordon Autry serious consideration for the most prestigious distinction of being inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Timothy P. Mooney
Director, Opportunity Development

