

Great but defunct

A series of images of airliners I have been on, that used to belong to airlines that are now defunct, all gone in some or other way. Great airlines, but bankrupted, amalgamated, bought, taken over..

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Boeing 707 and British Overseas Airways Corporation with their Speedbirds



The greatest speedbird of them all - the Boeing 747. Once I travelled from Heathrow to Bangkok via Bahrain in one of them



Saab 340. Swedair was the forerunner of Skyways, covering an extensive regional air route system in Sweden, including the northern parts



Once on a charter to Burgas in Bulgaria. I had just graduated from High School, I was eighteen... And this was a noisy, shaking Soviet Union built turboprop, the IL-18



Eastern used to be one of the big players in the U.S. aviation business. On one of their 727s I have seen chickens fly...



One of my experiences of the Eastern DC-9 is a flight on the Shuttle between La Guardia and Boston And they accepted my National Airlines ticket onboard



For a while Scanair kept a couple of Airbus A300s. Very small seat pitch and crowded as I remember



My only visit to Africa (Gambia) was on a Scanair DC-8-63. Great airliner and very economical to fly I've heard



Anyone remember those bright yellow birds? One of the eccentric but very aviation interested billionaire Hughes airlines



BEA and Trident. Great aircraft, great airline, my next to first airline experience back in 1966. London



Yes, I have gone Cometting, on my first visit to the U.S.A. First leg to



Pity to see Trans World go. One of

Heathrow to Arlanda, of course

connect to the Panam jumbo in London back in the 70s was on a BEA Airtours Comet 4

my few experiences of first class was on a TWA Boeing 747, with the lounge bar atop



Panam's (R.I.P.) Boeing 747. Once I was on a flight between JFK and LHR making a first - autoland at Heathrow, back in the 70s.

Great airliner, the Boeing 707 and great airline, Panam. It's a real pity that the Panam plate is no longer flying, not really, not like it used to be, all around the world.

Western airlines and the DC-10. Two good components for great flying. They used to serve champagne breakfast onboard. Where did all that go, decent in-flight service, ample leg room and friendliness? To get people onboard again (if that's the goal) improve service and extend leg room and sell it an affordable price. Easy, eh...?

Check out the Image of the Month, showing three defunct airline aircrafts in one shot, Western and TWA landing and the tail of Panam:



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