



Dave Crerar

As a 9 year old boy, Dave Crerar had a burning desire to fly and he finally learned at Calgary Flying Club in 1964. He met his wife Alison there when she was learning to fly.

Dave started commercial flying with **BC Airlines** as a coastal pilot and when **BC Airlines** was sold to **PWA** he continued with them until he retired, apart from a 2 years leave to fly Hercules for Echo Bay Mines, Yellowknife. While there, in 1975, he purchased his own float equipped Beaver.

From Yellowknife, Dave moved back to Calgary and then to Golden BC. He started Fortress Lake Lodge in Hamber Provincial Park and, soon after, purchased the local FBO and renamed it Amiskwi Airlines after the Cree name for a beaver. Although He was flying for **PWA** out of Calgary, Dave was Chief Pilot and Operations Manager for Amiskwi while Alison was General Manager. They were hauling, selling and delivering fuel as well as charter flying for sightseeing, fire patrols, glacier drop-offs, medevacs, and logging company support. For the fuel delivery side of the business they bought a fleet of trucks.

Born: 1946 approx
Calgary?

Family: Wife Alison

3 children

BC Airlines

PWA

Amiskwi Airline (owner)

Sterling Pacific (owner)

In 1987 Dave received an award for bravery for swimming to the rescue of one of his pilots trapped in a burning plane that had crashed into a river bank.

In 1992, the business in Golden was sold and, still with **PWA**, Dave began flying out of Vancouver. To be closer to Vancouver, he moved to Vernon where he soon recognised a need for a twin engine service and restarted Amiskwi Airlines. The business grew to 4 hangars, 17 fuel trucks and a second base in Bamfield. The name was changed to Sterling Pacific. Amongst the planes Dave has flown are C-185, DHC-2 Beavers and DHC-3 Single Otters on floats and wheels, B727, L-100 Hercules, B737-200, Nord 262, Dornier 228 and Beech 1900, B767 and B747-408.

Dave took early retirement from **PWA** in order to spend his time ferrying aircraft and charter flying. He continues to fly and he and his wife are both members of Vernon Flying Club.

