

Congratulations to Master Pilots!

Please join us in congratulating Waukegan National Airport's very own Jim Holbrook and Bob "Jake" Jacobsen on their amazing achievement. In May of this year, each was honored with the **Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**. The awards were presented to them by the FAA on August 17th.



In case you're unfamiliar with this honor, the FAA website [National FAATeam Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Information Guide \(faasafety.gov\)](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/tips_and_advice/articles/national-faa-team-wright-brothers-master-pilot-award-information-guide) describes the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award as follows:

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61. This award, named after the Wright Brothers, is to recognize individuals who have exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment for at least 50 years of piloting experience or 50 or more years combined experience in both piloting and aircraft operations...

And in case you haven't met these two fine gentlemen, Bob "Jake" Jacobsen and Jim Holbrook have a lot in common. It's not just that the FAA has recently bestowed each with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award, either. These aviation-enthusiast friends go way back. From their time in the military to the present, these two have served together, trained together and traveled together. Both are long-time members of the Stick & Rudder Flying Club. In fact Bob earned his private pilot and instrument rating there and Jim was a Gold Seal flight instructor for private, instrument, commercial, CFI & CFII at Stick & Rudder for many years. Both men are fine examples of outstanding pilots and enduring friends. Congratulations!!!