

Steven Sims caught the flying bug early in life watching James Means stop truckers on US 62-82 with his low flying crop dusting skills and watching the USAF Thunderbirds out at Reese Air Force base. After graduating from Ropes High School in 1978, Steven started training for his licenses and ratings in Levelland and then in Lubbock. While finishing his BBA at Texas Tech, he became a certified flight instructor and flew with many students in various Cessna and Piper aircraft. After obtaining his Airline Transport Rating, Steven moved to Ft. Worth with his new wife, Laura, and began his airline career with Ft Worth Airlines and Rio Airways. Both were short lived, but provided valuable experience. The next two and a half years, Steven flew a MU-3 business jet out of Love Field. American Airlines hired Steven in 1988. He started out as a flight engineer on a B-727, then as a first officer[co-pilot] on the B-727, B-757, and B-767. Other aircraft flown at American include the F-100 and his present position on the B-777, flying mainly to Europe and Asia. 23,000 hours in the air and 38 years later, it has been an exciting and rewarding career. Many thanks to the faculty and coaches for their direction and guidance early in his life. Steven and Laura live in Keller, TX. near their two daughters, Kristin Schweers[Brandon] and Shannon Ware[Matt].

