

# FA club

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## TRAVEL NOTES:

### NOTICE - SKI ENTHUSIASTS

Mildred Rice, Chairman, Travel Committee says she has received several requests from FAA employees to promote all expense week-end trips to local and New England ski resorts. She has located several attractive resorts in the area with and without snow-making machinery and is ready to set the dates for the trips. She needs two or three persons to help her with the publicity and reservations. Volunteers are necessary to help with the travel arrangements and to act as tour leaders, and anyone willing to help should call Mildred on Code 112, Ext. 4986, or stop by Room C-430, 1711 New York Avenue.

The tours which are still in the planning stages will cost about \$35.00 per person, and will leave T-5 area about 6:45 p.m. on Friday and return about 10:00 p.m. Sunday. The price will include transportation in a comfortable bus; lodging in a first class motel or lodge (two or three to a room); three hearty meals; a party Saturday night; ground fees (use of T-bar lifts and tows); and free instruction for beginners on Saturday and Sunday by qualified instructors.

The tour will be open to all FA Club members, their families and friends. You don't have to know how to ski or even have your own equipment. Expert instruction will be available and ski equipment can be rented at reasonable rates. Even if you just want to kibitz - you are welcome. Anyone tired of the usual routine can join the group; hill-climbers; nature-lovers; people-watchers; and those who just want to meet new people and have new experiences will find the tours of interest to them.

All we need now is a couple of members to help with the publicity and planning. So if you are interested or know of anyone who is interested - pass the word along to get in touch with Mildred.

#### FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS

James P. Cocket, a 20-year veteran of the former CAA and present FAA, retired on December 2, 1960 after more than 32 years of Federal service. To wish Jim good luck and God-speed, a number of co-workers and friends honored him at a dinner held at the Officers Club at the Naval Weapons Plant. He was presented with a beautiful Samsonite two-suiter.

A brief resume of Jim's quiet, but noteworthy career in Uncle Sam's vast army of civilian personnel follows:

Served as Supervisory Civil Engineer in the Construction Standards Section, Airport Engineering Branch Airports Division, Bureau of Facilities and Materiel. After receiving his engineering degree from John Hopkins University, he served overseas with Army Engineers during World War I. After the war he spent ten years in the State of North Carolina, with the Highway Department.

Following this, he spent two years with the American Road Builders Association; five years with the D. C. Highway Department Testing Lab, and five years with the Bureau of Public Roads in the State of Pennsylvania. Following the above-mentioned periods of service Jim came to the then CAA and present FAA.

Jim was one of the original writers of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Airports published in 1948, as well as the most recent edition of 1959.

Always cheerful, quiet, unassuming but with a keen, subtle, delightful sense of humor, and possessing one of the warmest, friendliest smiles that reached the innermost cockles of your heart, Jim will be missed. But knowing that Jim has been plotting this retirement to Venice, Florida, for many years, we are all happy that his long-cherished dream of a happy retirement will be realized.

Good luck, Jim, and drop us a line occasionally.



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Reporters

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Your Editor wants to give you a good Club newspaper, but he needs a little help....If you come across a story that might be of interest to the Club...call Chuck Robbins, Ext. 4477.....give us the facts and we will write the story.. or write it yourself..anyway at all, but get it to us.

FA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

As previously announced, instruction and practice sessions are being held at the NRA Headquarters Range on every other Monday and each Thursday. On the first Monday and Thursday session of each month qualification shoots will be held. So far several members have qualified for Marksmanship with the .22 caliber rifle. In order to receive Director of Civilian Marksmanship Department of the Army assistance, it will be necessary for at least 75% of the membership to fire annually one of the prescribed Army qualification courses.

Arrangements have been made with officials of the Washington National Airport Police to utilize their pistol range when weather permits.

We have finally received our charter from the National Rifle Association, so let's be proud of it and live up to its standards and goals.

## FA CLUB SHORTHAND COURSE

Beginner, Intermediate, and Refresher Courses in Gregg Shorthand will again be offered by the FA Club beginning February 6. Classes will be held in T-5 between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The books for these classes are provided by the Training Division on a loan basis.

The approximate cost will be as follows:

Beginners: (no prior shorthand training)	10 weeks	\$10.00
Intermediate: (students with limited shorthand training; continuation of former beginners' class)	8 weeks	8.00
Refresher (review of theory and dictation practice)	6 weeks	6.00

If interested, complete the following form and return to PT-35, ATTN: Mr. Royals, Vice President of Education for FA Club.

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### SHORTHAND CLASS

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_
2. OFFICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ REFERENCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ TEL EXT. \_\_\_\_\_
3. INTERESTED IN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Beginner) (Intermediate) (Refresher)
4. Previous Shorthand Training (length of course)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Gregg Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ Gregg Simplified \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Have passed Civil Service Examination \_\_\_\_\_  
yes no
5. Reason for wanting to take shorthand
  - a. To take Civil Service Examination
  - b. To improve office competence
  - c. Other

For further information call Betty Brown, Extension 3991