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BURBANK TOWER/TRACON



Cover

Story

While FAA technicians were still putting finishing touches on the new Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility at Burbank, one of its first visitors was U.S. Congressman Carlos Moorhead who represents the Burbank area. After presenting the facility a U.S. flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol, Congressman Moorhead (left, on the cover) helped Dean Cooper, Burbank Tower/TRACON Chief, raise the flag on the facility's new flagpole. (Photos by Al Garvis)

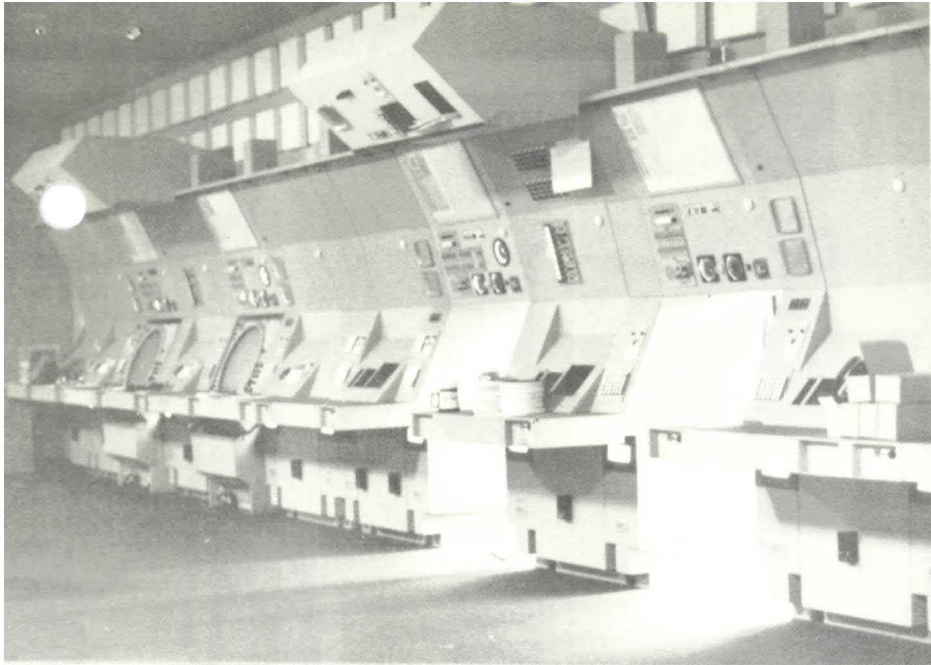


U.S. Congressman Carlos Moorhead of Burbank (left) presents a U.S. flag for the new facility to Dean Cooper, Burbank Tower/TRACON Chief.

BURBANK TOWER/ TRACON

A new, enlarged radar facility opened last week at the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport providing enhanced aviation safety and services in the Burbank area. The change-over to the new \$3.5 million facility from the cramped quarters in the Burbank terminal building occurred May 6 without radar service interruptions to aviation users in the area. Of the total costs, \$1.6 million was for the new building. Commending the technicians and staff who worked long hours on the new TRACON, Director John Mattson said that it was through their efforts that the changes were made without affecting the safety or services to the flying public. In addition, Mattson

said, the new, modern state-of-the-art radar and communications equipment and the enlarged working quarters should do much to improve the overall aviation safety in the Burbank area. The Burbank Tower/TRACON (terminal radar approach control) facility uses radio and air/ground communications to provide airport approach control services to aircraft arriving, departing and transiting the airspace monitored by the facility. The facility is headed by Dean Cooper, Chief, Burbank Tower/TRACON, which operates with a staff of 49 air traffic controllers, 10 supervisors, and 10 persons on the administrative staff. (Continued on Page 3.)

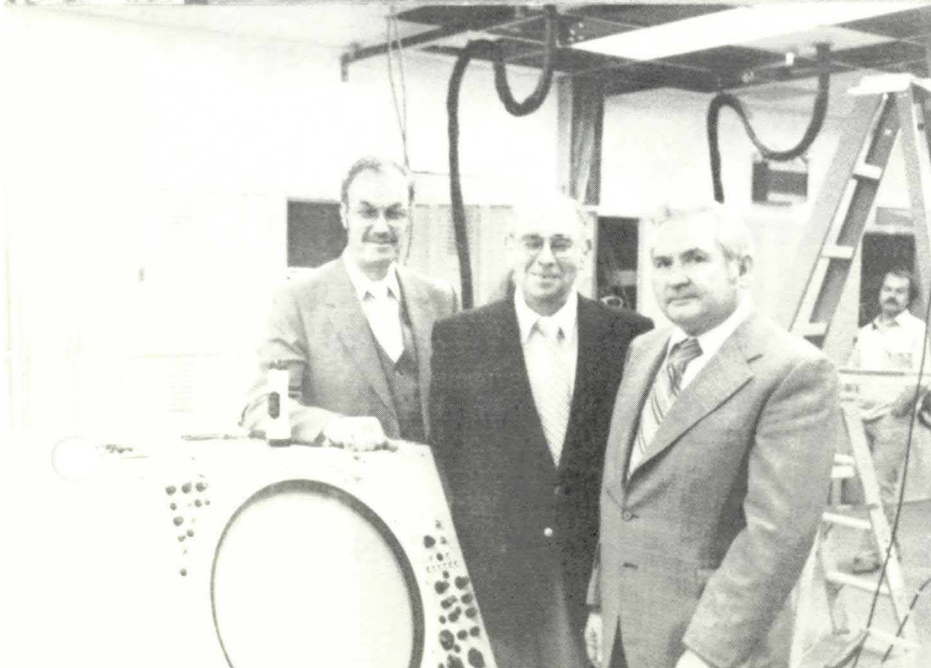


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The Burbank Tower/TRACON air traffic controller staff will work in the tower and TRACON, rotating between positions in the tower cab, located on top of the Burbank Terminal, and the new Radar facility situated adjacent to the south end of the north/south runway. Besides the TRACON air traffic staff, the building also will be occupied by FAA's Airway Facilities Sector Field Offices.



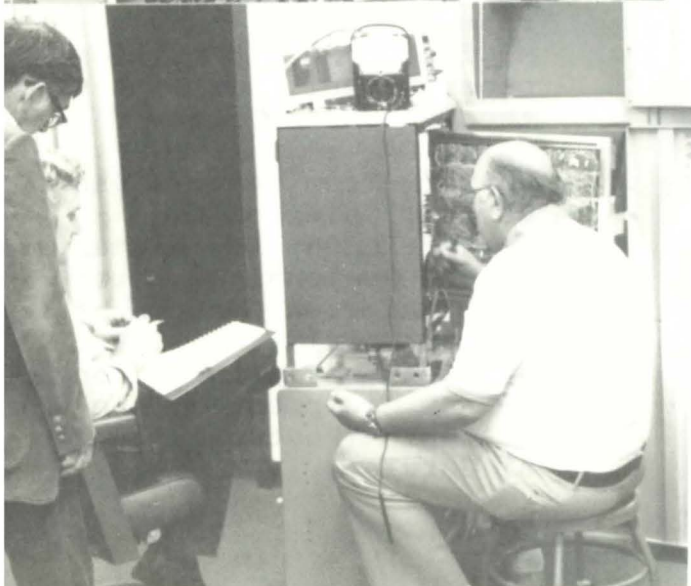
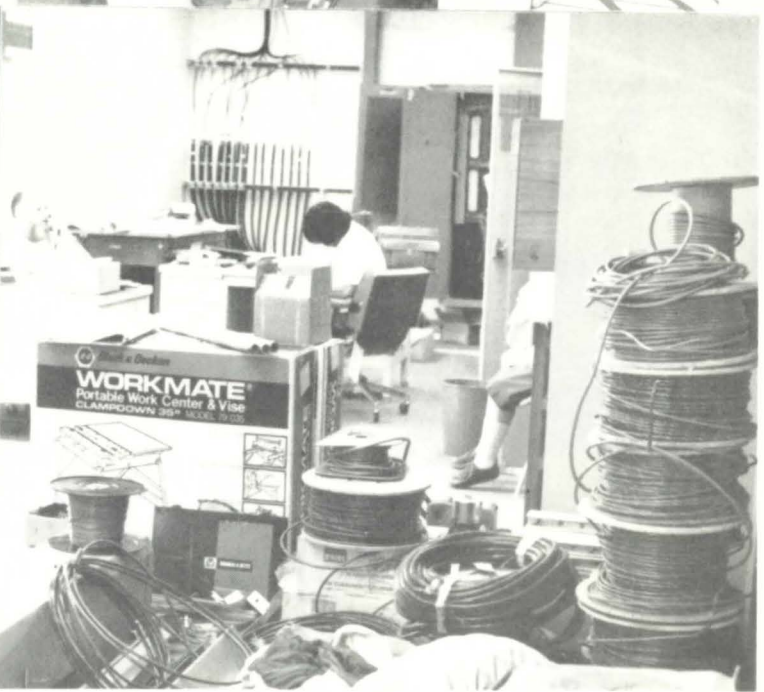
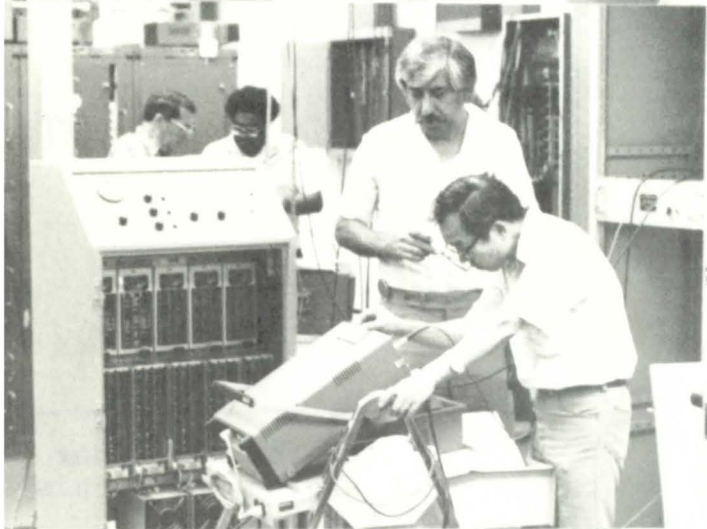
Burbank Tower/ TRACON



Top--Two of the six radar consoles are shown in this view of the new TRACON room.

Middle--The \$1.6 million concrete building houses the TRACON and other FAA units.

Bottom--From left: Dean Cooper, Chief of the Tower/TRACON; Roy Richards, of the Regional Air Traffic; and W. A. Martyn of Airway Facilities, inspected the installation of new equipment at the TRACON. (Photos by Al Garvis).



FAA Technicians
Put Finishing
Touches On
Burbank TRACON

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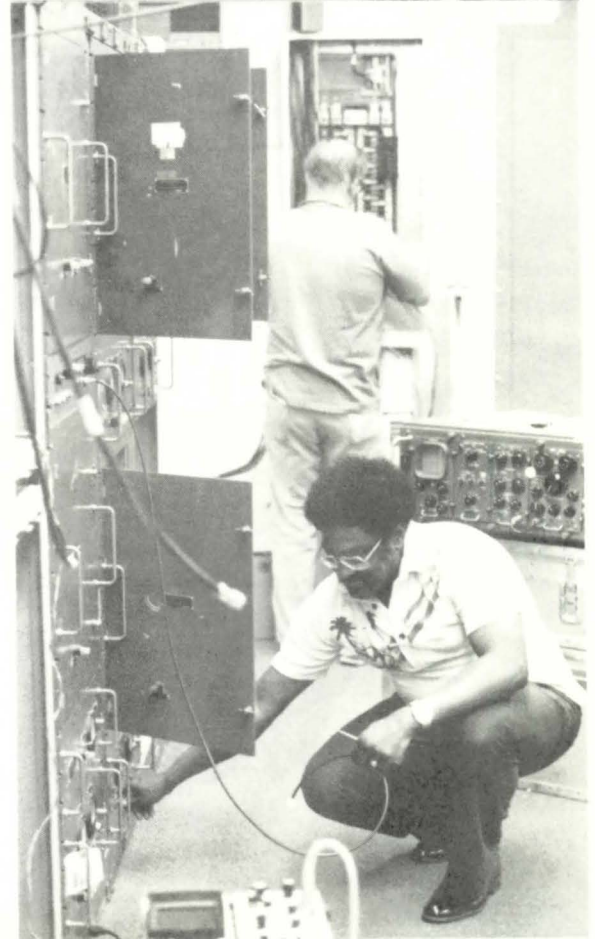
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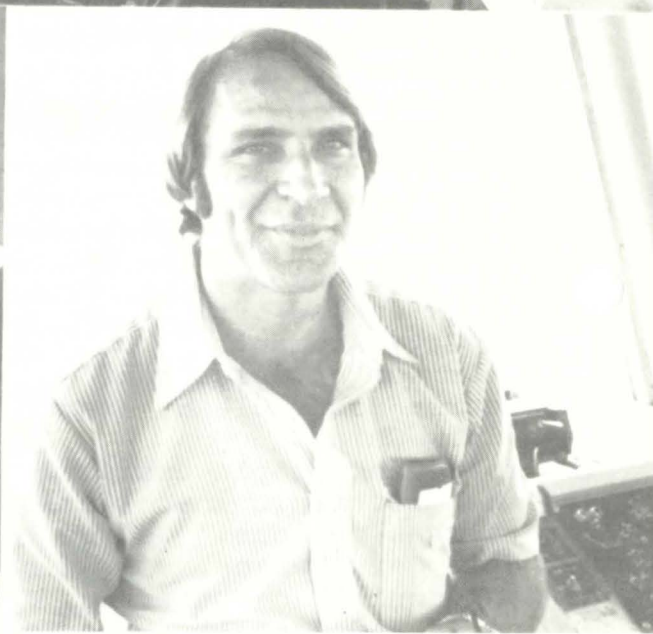
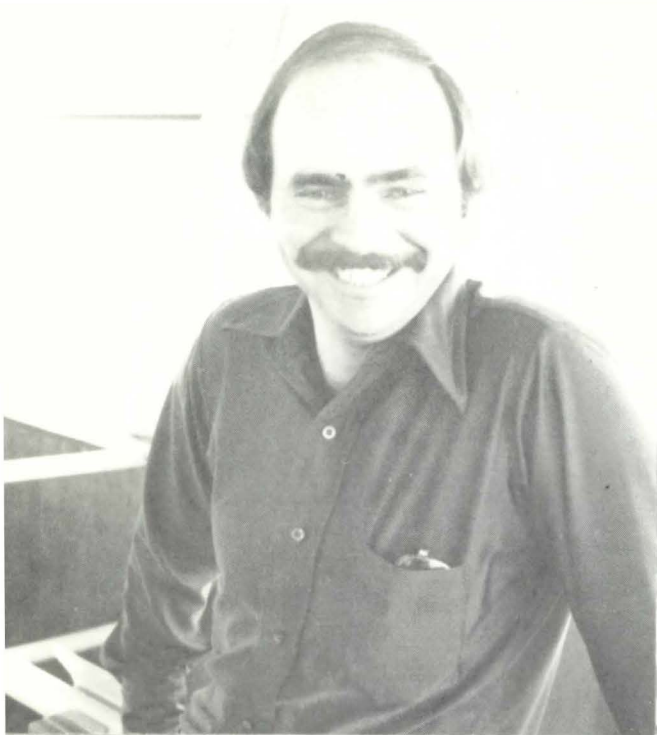
On TRACON

Building and site construction was accomplished by the following personnel from Airway Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch Environmental Section: P. Nelson Gnrke, Project Engineer; Terry Ralph, Site Design; Jack Crenshaw, Structural/Seismic Design; Willie Roberts, Electrical Systems Design (Willie's now retired); John Parsons, Mechanical Systems Design; Dick Sowa, Resident Engineer; and Assistant Resident Engineers Gary Pettengill, Jim Frohlich and Larry Gardner.

The electronic system engineering and installation was accomplished by the following Airway Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch Electronic Section: Jimmy Huang and Bill Henshaw, Project Engineers; Gary Altman, Jay Jacobson and John Noster, Assistant Project Engineers; Bob McClain, Installation Crew Chief.

The following people assisted during the electronic installation for various periods: George Barthel, Gary Benson, Jim Gilbert, Al Guardioni, Dan Gutierrez, Curt McCloski, Jim Randall, Homer Ratcliff, Marshall Sims, Henry Sandstrom and Gary Yamamoto; on loan from the Riverside Sector were Donald Berry and Richard Resendez; on loan from the Great Lakes Region were Bud Atkins, George Barthel and Michael Bezdon. Land acquisition and real estate negotiations were handled by Aleda Lane of Logistics Real Estate and Utilities Branch.





Burbank Tower/TRACON

Here are some of the Burbank Tower/TRACON personnel: A--Jim Miller; B--From left: Greg Calcara, Crys Osborne and Roy Cheatwood; C--From left: Greg Calcara, Tim Crawford, Roy Cheatwood and Mary Anne Kenny; D-- Jerry Baumgart; and E--Bill Kruschke, team supervisor. (Photos by Al Garvis)

NASA Thanks FAAers

FAA done good! In essence, that's the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's view of FAA's performance during the recent orbital flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia. In a letter to the FAA Administrator, NASA's Acting Administrator Lovelace said: "The task was truly a team accomplishment. I want to thank you and the people of the Federal Aviation Administration who were part of the effort for their important contribution. We at NASA look forward to the continuation of our productive relationship."

Federal Credit Union Has New Phone Number

The FAA Western Federal Credit Union has a new local telephone number: 213/306-4262. The WATTS number remains the same for the present time.

Daggett Flight Service Station News

Congratulations and best wishes to Facility Chief Jay Olson, who is leaving our fair desert for greener pastures as Chief of Tucson Flight Service Station. Joe Cozzetto, Team Supervisor from Ontario FSS, is acting chief. Cal Curtis is out of the hospital and at home recovering from open heart surgery. Cal's presence has been greatly missed. Telltale signs of spring here at Daggett are when the facility cat, Sienna, begins to refuse her normal diet in favor of mice and lizards. Congratulations to Jim Hurley on his recent facility rating and promotion.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds-- The Easy Way

A nationwide survey found that only 39 percent of Americans save money regularly. According to the American Council of Life Insurance, 30 percent said they save money occasionally and 31 percent said they save infrequently or never. What you need is the Payroll Savings Plan. That way, a little portion of your salary is automatically set aside towards the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds. It's a portion you won't get to take home with you--but what you never see, you never miss--therefore you never spend. Talk it over with your Bond Canvasser and decide for yourself.

New Public Affairs Chief

Charles A. Murchison, a former Capitol Hill aide and television newsmen, has been named as the agency's Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs. Immediately before coming to FAA he was Executive Assistant to Senator William B. Roth of Delaware. This position capped eight years of working in Washington. Other jobs included, Director of Editorial Services and then Director of Communications for the National Republican Congressional Committee and press secretary to former Senator William Brock. Before coming to the nation's capital, the Tennessee-born Murchison spent ten years as a reporter and subsequently news director of Nashville television stations.



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Controller Bill Opposed

The Office of Management and Budget submitted the following statement on the Air Traffic Controller Act of 1981 (H.R. 1576) at an April 30 hearing before the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits. "The Administration opposes H.R. 1576 as a matter of principle. Rather than singling out one group for preferred treatment, the generic issues raised in H.R. 1576 should be considered as a part of the comprehensive review of the federal compensation system proposed by the Administration in H.R. 3140 currently before this Committee. The Administration also opposes the specific provisions of H.R. 1576 because they provide compensation and benefit levels out of line with both public and private sector standards. Since this legislation is wrong on principle and in specifics, the Administration has no choice but to strongly oppose this legislation.

Remote Monitoring Subsystems Bought

FAA technicians at sector field offices will be relieved of some time-consuming and costly trips to remote radio transmitter/receiver sites when they get remote monitoring equipment recently ordered from Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation. The monitoring subsystem will allow technicians to monitor the operational status of air/ground radio equipment at more than 400 unmanned sites. Here's how it works: Sensors at remote facilities will feed data over telephone lines to a minicomputer at an en route center, major airport or sector office. The computer will then process the data and transmit a report to a technician. First deliveries of the subsystems, purchased under a \$13.6 million contract, are slated for delivery in about 18 months.

Bob Eubanks-- A Sad Day In Yuma

Many FAAers throughout this and other Regions have passed through the doors of Yuma Flight Service Station. As you might expect, there are many memories there. One common bond and warm memory for all who worked with him was Bob Eubanks. Bob's many friends will be saddened to learn that he passed away on April 23 with his wife, Ceil, sons Dick, Steve, Mark and daughter Cheryl, all by his side. This is a deep loss shared closely with Bob's family.

"Name the Aircraft"

New

Regional

Aircraft

Arrives In

June



The Western Region's new King Air F90 aircraft is scheduled for delivery in June. The aircraft will be used for transportation of regional personnel and flight training. Because the aircraft is our Regional Aircraft, we need to identify the "new arrival" with a proper name.

Therefore, we are announcing a "Name the Aircraft" contest. The winner will receive a ride in the new aircraft. Details for this award will be announced later.

The contest rules are simple. Just send your suggestion (12 letters or less) to AWE-53, Attn: Sherri McKenzie. The most appropriate or original name for our aircraft will be selected by a panel of judges. The name will be displayed on a metal placard in the passenger cabin of the aircraft.

Remember, send your suggestions before May 29. We hope you are a winner.

John Tompkins Earns Private Pilot Certificate

We are proud to announce that John Tompkins, Airway Facilities Sector Manager at San Diego, has earned his Private Pilot Certificate after receiving flight training through the Piper Pilot Training Center for less than four months. Congratulations, John, on this outstanding achievement!

San Diego's Walt Langham Retiring

Plan now to attend the retirement party for Walt Langham, San Diego General Aviation District Office. It will be held on May 29, 7:30 p.m., at the NAS Miramar Officer's Club. Choice of New York Strip with Bernaise Sauce or Roasted Cornish Game Hen at \$12 per person, including tax and tip. Make checks payable to Virginia Agilar and mail to San Diego GADO-3, 3750 John J. Montgomery Drive, San Diego, CA 92123. Include menu choice on the check.

The News In Brief

The agency recently withdrew from service new noise-cancelling headsets after a controller at the Minneapolis Center received an electrical shock while using the equipment. The controller, giving on-the-job-training, received the shock when the developmental controller he was working with keyed his mike. Following the incident, the headsets were immediately recalled from the limited number of facilities to which they had been delivered. The equipment manufacturers as well as FAA are investigating the problem. ● Yukutat, Alaska, isn't ready yet to challenge Miami Beach as a sun and fun place, but Flight Service Station specialists there are shaking their heads over this winter's record low snow. They report that only 69.7 inches of snow fell this year. That's 50 under the previous record of 120 inches set in the winter of 1948-49 and 150 under the average of 222 inches. ● Low flying still is a major cause of general aviation fatalities, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. The Board calls it "one of general aviation's most persistent problem areas" and notes that low flying was a cause or factor in nearly 10 percent of general aviation's 761 fatal accidents in 1978. To emphasize this point, the Board's latest "Briefs of Accidents" (No. 13 in the 1979 series) cites the case of a 24-year old ATP rated pilot who was killed when his single-engine airplane struck power lines and crashed. "Call it buzzing, flat-hatting, or what you will, it continues to occur with distressing frequency, and this accident demonstrates that it is not exclusively the mistake of the newly soloed private pilot overcome by the thrill of flying," the Board stated.

AF Technician Named Suggestor of the Year

Harry Boler's million-dollar idea has won him the title of FAA's Suggestor of the Year for 1980. Boler, an electronics technician in the Airway Facilities Division of the Central Region, received a cash award of \$2,350 for suggesting a process that will automatically check and adjust minor outages at ARSR-3 en route radar facilities. Until now, these facilities have been staffed 24 hours a day, and each outage was manually reset. Now these facilities can be staffed for only 16 hours a day, which will result in first-year tangible savings of \$1,130,000. In addition to the cash award, Boler will receive an engraved plaque and a letter from the Administrator. Acting Central Region Director John E. Shaw will present the plaque at ceremonies to be held at the regional headquarters.

Civilair Pinochle Club News

Winners at the last club meeting were: First place--George Young; Second Place--shared by Doris Keidser and Steve Thomas (our beginner). Why don't you come challenge the winners? Any one interested in learning or playing may call Robbi Shields, ext. 6313.

More Additions to FTS Off-Network Calls

Please add the following to your list of area codes you may dial direct to any commercial telephone from any FTS telephone in the country: Indiana--219--317--812.

Sick Leave Champs

A review of sick leave use in the Western Region has revealed some champion savers--those who, at the end of the 1980 leave year, had each accumulated more than 3,000 hours sick leave balances. These savers include Walter Moon, Howard Seitz, James Brown, Edward Jee and John Matthews. It is clear that these individuals have not only been fortunate enough to stay well and free from accidents, but that they also realize the value of a good sick leave balance. Such a balance can often mean the difference between having a paycheck or not, when unforeseen situations occur. A good balance can be likened to insurance--at no cost. Congratulations to these champion savers!

W. J. Fox Flight Service Station News

Welcome aboard to new Facility Chief Norris Winzler. Norris comes to us from the Deputy Chief's position at Los Angeles FSS. His arrival is greatly appreciated by us all. W. J. Fox FSS personnel were out in the middle of the desert on April 25-26--quite literally. Robert Woods and Bill Ford spent those days at El Mirage dry lake providing pilot briefings and flight planning services to the EAA Western Fly-In. Congratulations to the following for their participation in the event: Fred Cooley, Paul Lauer, Deborah Kollar, Ed Castagna, Bob Spidell, Bob Garcia and Shirley Olds, plus Developmental Cheri Tucker. New facility records for traffic were set during this activity. Good job, all!

San Francisco Tower Bids Farewell To Lou Martin

Following six years as a supervisor at San Francisco Tower, Deputy Chief Lou Martin has been promoted to an Assistant Chief position at Bay TRACON. Lou was honored at a luncheon in Burlingame on April 27. Highlight of this event was a presentation by the City and County of San Francisco of a resolution passed by the Airports Commission praising Lou for his outstanding cooperation and professional competence in dealing with the airlines, public, airport and other industry personnel. The formal resolution was read and presented to Lou "as a token of the high regard and esteem with which he is held by the members of this commission and the staff of San Francisco Airport." To our knowledge, this is the first time this group has bestowed such an honor on a San Francisco Tower employee. Congratulations, Lou, and good luck in your new position.

Scottsdale Scuttlebutt

Scottsdale's newly enlarged and remodeled Terminal Building is now open. A dedication ceremony was held on April 15 with Representative Eldon Rudd and Senator Barry Goldwater as featured speakers. Stephen John Benveniste has finally arrived. Congratulations to proud parents Controller Judy Benveniste and husband, Lucky. Hank Smith, former Evaluation and Proficiency Development Officer at Las Vegas, is firmly entrenched as our latest Team Supervisor. We are sorry to lose John Ortag who has transferred to North Las Vegas Tower. Last, but not least, congratulations to Dick Walker on his recent Special Achievement Award.

Order Cancelled

Western Region Order WE 1110.10A, Western Region Air Traffic Automation Committee, has been cancelled, effective April 27, 1981.

Civilair Seafood Sale

A seafood sale at discount prices is scheduled for June 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Regional Headquarters north parking lot. Please pick up your order form from the Civilair Desk and turn it in by May 28. We have arranged to have each order pre-packaged and ready for delivery. Please pay at time of delivery by personal check, Mastercharge or Visa. Be sure to check the back of your order form for tips on thawing and cooking the various seafood.

Riverside Airway Facilities Sector News

In addition to our new Sector Manager, Raymond Nelligan, we welcome Derek Faulkner, Maintenance Mechanic at Ontario Environmental Unit, from Long Beach AFS. Robert Lawless was just recently reassigned from the Ontario Unit to the Blythe Field Office. Receiving a much-deserved Special Achievement Award is Gail Fredrick, the General Maintenance Mechanic for the entire Riverside Sector, which includes six field offices. William Alcalá, Burbank, received an Outstanding with a Special Achievement Award. A Letter of Appreciation was received by Russ Johnson, Burbank, from Chief, Airway

Consider the Sick Leave Savings Plan

At the rate of four hours sick leave per pay period, the following sick leave balances are possible--thought not probable:

10 years of service = 1,040 hours
15 years of service = 1,560 hours
20 years of service = 2,080 hours
25 years of service = 2,600 hours
30 years of service = 3,120 hours

Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch, for the assistance Art provided in solving the Palm Springs ASR-5 radar problems. Glenn Bush, Burbank Field Office Chief, and Noe Valdez, also of Burbank, received a Letter of Appreciation from Chief, Burbank Tower, for their participation in installing the new baffles on the radar consoles in the control room. The chief of Van Nuys Tower sent a Letter of Appreciation through the Sector Manager to Bill Bateman, Burbank Nav/Comm Chief; Phil Edelman, Burbank Environmental Unit Chief; and Glenn Bush, Burbank Radar/Comm/Data Chief, and all their efficient technicians and specialists to share a most coveted honor of VFR Air Traffic Facility of the Year 1980. Those receiving promotions in the past few months are: Garnetta Tumbling and Vianne Godina, both from Ontario Remote/Nav/Comm Unit; La Rhonda Waldon, Ontario Local/Nav/Comm Unit; Ted Frazier, Ontario Radar/Arts Unit; William Alcalá, Burbank Radar/Comm/Data Field Office; Jean Reulet, Palm Springs Nav/Comm Field Office; and Dewey Nardini, Palm Springs Radar/Comm/Data Field Office. Congratulations to all!