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FENELLO,
DEPUTY
FAA
ADMINISTRATOR

Cover Story

Michael J. Fenello was confirmed on July 24, 1981 by the U.S. Senate as FAA's new Deputy Administrator. At the time of his nomination as FAA's Deputy Administrator, Fenello was in retirement from Eastern Airlines where he served as a pilot and airline executive for more than three decades.

Fenello joined Eastern Airlines in 1943 as a pilot. After a three-year break for military service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he returned to the airline in 1946 and served as an airline captain, flight instructor, and supervisor of flying over a 17-year period.

In 1963, Fenello moved up to airline management. He was promoted to assistant operations manager in their New York office. A year later, Fenello was appointed director of administration/flight in Miami. In 1968, he became a division vice president and held other

vice presidential assignments at the airline until 1976 when he was named vice-president of Systems Operations and Safety. He remained in that position until he retired in 1981.

Born January 22, 1916, Fenello is a native of Rochester, New York. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Buffalo State Teachers College in 1938 and received a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from New York University in 1941. Before he became an Eastern Airline pilot in 1963, he was a junior high school teacher in Bedford Hills, N.Y. and White Plains, N.Y.

At Eastern Airlines, he flew just about every type of aircraft the airline operated from DC-3s to today's jets. While serving as a pilot in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, he flew a variety of single and multi-engine aircraft, including FMs, F6Fs and TBFs. During his aviation career, which began in 1941-42 when he participated in the Civilian Pilot Training Program, he has amassed over 12,000 flight hours.

Commuter Regulations Approved

New security regulations affecting commuter airlines have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and will go into effect September 11. The new regulations will require full security measures for aircraft with 60 seats or more, with less stringent requirements for smaller aircraft. The agency had originally proposed stricter standards for the smaller craft, but after a series of consultative meetings with the industry, the agency agreed that the stricter standards were not needed.

Riverside Tower Talk

During the recent airshow at Rialto Airport, "Pappy" Boyington stopped by to say hello to the temporary tower controllers and posed for color photos with Air Traffic Control Specialist Angela Mencarelli. Congratulations to Angie for joining the Black Sheep Squadron and also for obtaining her Associate of Arts degree and her GS-11 in Air Traffic Control. Kudos to Frank Robinson for his temporary promotion to Team Supervisor and also to Angela Mencarelli for a terrific pilot briefing to Riverside Air Service pilots on July 14.

Blind May Keep Canes

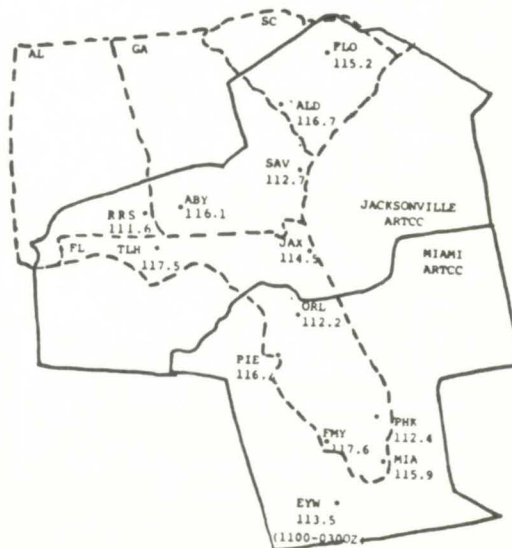
FAA has changed its rules and will now permit blind airline passengers to keep their flexible travel canes at their seats instead of turning them over to the flight attendant for stowage during takeoff and landing. The amended rules will assure safe stowage of the canes in all situations and, at the same time, keep them readily available for use by blind passengers in an emergency. Effective November 20, blind passengers will be allowed to stow their travel canes under the row of seats directly in front of them as long as the canes do not protrude into the aisle. Canes also may be stowed flat on the floor between a window passenger seat and the fuselage, or beneath any window passenger seat and the seat directly in front. In addition, other methods devised by airlines for safely securing canes at the seat locations may be approved by the agency.

Retiree Death

We were saddened to learn that FAA retiree Virginia G. Mareina died on July 23 after a long illness. Virginia was well known to Western Region employees, having been the Personnel Staffing Specialist for Airway Facilities and Air Traffic for many years and receiving many awards and commendations. She worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C., before joining the FAA/CAA in 1948. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick, and is survived by her daughter Cheryl and two granddaughters. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Cheryl Ashley, c/o Mareina family, 4200 Via Alondra, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

VOR Weather Broadcasts To Be Tested

In mid-August, the agency will begin a 60-day evaluation of a new method of providing hazardous weather advisories for pilots. The test program, called Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service (HIWAS), calls for selected flight service stations in the Southern Region to record SIGMETs, AIRMETs, and urgent pilot weather reports for continuous broadcast over 13 VORs in the Jacksonville and Miami ARTCC areas. Actually, pilots will have the option of listening to the VOR broadcasts or directly contacting any FSS facility. The test will require flight service specialists at the HIWAS facilities to have the hazardous weather reports on the VOR broadcast within six minutes of receiving them. Also, during the test, non-participating air traffic facilities within the test area will not be required to broadcast hazardous weather reports. FSS's will routinely provide them when contacted by pilots. Pilots will be advised by NOTAM when the HIWAS test will begin and which FSSs and VORs will be involved.



Jacksonville and Miami enroute center areas--HIWAS area--outlined by solid line.

Handicapped Couple Honored

For the first time, a couple, rather than an individual, has been selected to receive FAA's annual outstanding handicapped employee award. Michael D. Tener and Vicki L. Tener from FAA's Mike Monroney Aeroanautical Center are both suffering from debilitating diseases and are partially confined to wheelchairs. His illness has weakened his bones, while hers has attacked the leg muscles. For their courage and dedication, they were recently presented award plaques by Center Director Benjamin Demps. Accompanying the award were personal letters from the Administrator, which said, in part, "From a group of truly exceptional candidates, you best exemplify the spirit of courage and dedication that characterizes FAA's handicapped employees. Your extraordinary services and achievements are a profound inspiration for us all. We are proud that you are a part of the Federal Aviation Administration." From their wheelchairs, the Teners "fly" aircraft targets that show up on trainees' radar scopes in the Center's simulation labs. On a typical day, they fly a half-dozen "aircraft." They were among the first physically handicapped employees in the Educational Aid or Pilot Ghost program. Partly because of their example, the Center went ahead and hired another 27 physically handicapped Educational Aids.

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Civilair News

Las Vegas Trip--Leave Sept. 18 after work at 4 p.m. from Regional Headquarters and return Sept. 20, p.m. \$75 per person. This includes transportation by Grey Line bus, two nights at Hacienda Hotel, one brunch, one buffet dinner and one show. Interested persons may sign up with Antoinette Goodwin, AWE-22B. A deposit will be requested after August 15.

Pinochle Club--On July 15, first place winner was David Bass; second place, Bill Jones. On July 29, we had three winners: Dee Krattenmaker won first place; Howard Krattenmaker, second; and Nina Nance, third. Pinochle players out there--come join us. Beginners needed too. How about retired Pinochle players? For more information, call Robbi Shields on ext. 6313, now!

'Major Repair Clarified

The agency is proposing to change its regulations to clarify what constitutes a major aircraft repair--which is one that must be reported to FAA. The proposed change is an outgrowth of the investigation in the crash of an American Airlines DC-10 in Chicago on May 25, 1979. The proposed change, which was published as a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the July 23 Federal Register, calls for the publication of an Advisory Circular that will reiterate the official definition of a major repair and include a representative, but not an inclusive, list of types of major repairs. The official definition of a major repair is one "that, if improperly done, might appreciably affect weight, balance, structural strength, performance, powerplant operation, flight characteristics or other qualities affecting airworthiness." Interested parties have until September 21 to comment on the proposal.

WESTERN REGION
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OUTSTANDING FEDERAL
HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEE



Western Region employees Jeanette Daviton, Air Traffic Teletype Operator at Oakland Flight Service Station, and Terri Piccirillo, Clerk-Stenographer with the Airway Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch, were both named candidates for the Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee of the Year Award. They each received an honorable mention letter and a plaque signed by FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms.



Jeanette came to the FAA from The Social Security Office to be trained as an Air Traffic Teletype Operator. She had worked teletype in the Social Security office, but making the

transition to the Air Traffic format and jargon can be a real barrier to some people. Barriers, however, are not new to Jeanette. She has been deaf and mute since birth. She has an outstanding performance record as a teletype operator with the Oakland FSS.

Terri was born with cerebral palsy, but has not permitted her affliction to detract from her performance in any manner. She has earned the admiration and respect of her co-workers for her impeccable performance, conscientious dedication to the FAA and her pleasant deportment.

The Western Region is very proud of both Jeanette and Terri for their outstanding achievements.

Above: From left--Chuck Foster, Northwest Regional Director; H. C. McClure, Acting Western Regional Director; Jeanette Daviton; and Bob Smith, Chief, Air Traffic Division.

Below: Terri Piccirillo receives her award from Acting Regional Director H. C. McClure. Photos by Barbara Abels.

Keeping Up With Red Bluff

Goodbye and good luck wishes to Kathy Nolan, clerk-typist, who has left Red Bluff Airway Facilities Sector and now spends her work days with the Department of Interior. Definitely a loss for the Red Bluff National Weather Service office was the departure of Ernest Salas and Robert Smallfield who transferred to Annette Island, Alaska, and Billings, Mont.

An outstanding flight assist was reported for Red Bluff Flight Service Station recently when Air Traffic Control Specialists Darrell Colwell, Curtis Johnson and James Kelley combined efforts with Richard Lockwood and Dale Wallace of Redding Tower and the Redding California Highway Patrol in assisting a crippled Breeze aircraft on June 28. Departing Red Bluff enroute to Ashland, Oregon, the aircraft climbed very steeply on take-off and then pitched down and made hard contact with the runway. The aircraft bounced high and banked about 60 degrees to the left. The pilot recovered the aircraft and departed the area northbound when

FSS specialists observed significant damage to the left main landing gear. The aircraft was not radio equipped and the pilot apparently was unaware of the damage. After advising Redding Tower, the highway patrol was contacted for assistance. Estimated times of arrival were computed and emergency equipment alerted for all airports on the route of flight on the probability a crash would occur upon touchdown. As the pilot had proposed to fly along Highway 5 at about 1000 feet above ground level, the highway patrol sent their patrol aircraft in an attempt to locate the wounded bird. Spotting the Breeze just north of Redding, the highway patrol advised the pilot of the problem through the use of the aircraft's loudspeaker, and the aircraft turned around and headed back to Redding. Upon landing, the left main gear collapsed and the aircraft slid off the runway. Resulting damage to the Breeze was minor and the pilot walked away without injury. Good work, comrades!

Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector Grapevine

Welcome aboard to Betsey Titherington, Rad/Com Unit, and congratulations to Gwendolyn Loyd-Johnson, Electronic Technician, who received a promotion to a GS-856-4.

Friends of Fred Marshall, Electronics Technician, San Pedro AF Sector Field Office, will be saddened to learn that Fred passed away on July 16 after a long illness. Our sincere condolences to his wife and two children.

Montreal, Paris Jobs Open

The International Civil Aviation Organization's latest list of job openings includes a two-year assignment as an ICAO representative in Paris. The position pays \$55,919 with a tax-free net ranging from \$33,998 to \$36,939. In addition, ICAO has two-year openings in Montreal for an Assistant Treasury Officer, \$30,518 gross and \$21,600 to \$23,104 net; Technical Officer, \$38,167 gross and \$25,672 to \$27,612 net; Chief, Air Transport Studies Section, \$48,661 gross and \$30,776 to \$33,318 net; and Language Officer (translator), \$24,233 gross and \$18,027 to \$19,195 net.

Performance Award For Al Baird

Al Baird, left, electronic technician at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector Radar Unit, receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase Award from Sector Manager Wally Ward. Al received his recognition for his dedication in keeping the radar units, especially the ASR-4, operating at busy Los Angeles International Airport. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



Awards

Outstanding Rating With a Quality Increase:

Bob Barrows, San Pedro Airway Facilities Sector Field Office.

Karen Rodriguez, Voucher Examiner, Accounting Voucher Examination Section.

Quality Within-Grade Increase Awards:

Angelina Howdershell, Administrative Officer, Long Beach AF Sector.

Carlo Middleton, Rad/Comm Unit, Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector.

Roxann Meguire, Red Bluff Flight Service Station.

Bob Jury, Red Bluff Air Route Surveillance Radar.

Letters of Appreciation:

Personnel of Arcata Flight Service Station from Director of Systems Research and Development Service, ARD-1.

Letters of Commendation:

Joyce Ashley, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Riverside Tower.

Rod Hanson and Cal Howerin, Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector.

Career Service Emblems:

40 years:

Bob Brooks, El Toro Airway Facilities Sector Field Office.

25 years:

Phil Sharp, Chief, Arcata Flight Service Station.

15 years:

Michael Peters, Acting Manager, Computer Center Operations Section, Management Systems Data Processing Branch.

Controller Commended

Dan Gagner had just closed up the tower for the night and was standing outside beside his motorcycle when he noticed that a late arriving DC-9 was lining up to land on one of the airport's short runways. "I ran to the tower, threw open the door, raced up the steps and advised the pilot on the runway length," he later said. For his action, Gagner received a letter of com-

mendation from team supervisor Lou Wallace, who said, "Gagner saw an emergency and responded to it in an outstanding and highly professional manner." Although an airline spokesman said the pilot was already aware of his mistake when Gagner radioed, the airline rep added, "Still it was a whale of a gesture on his part."

The News In Brief

Half way through 1981, the Fort Worth Center seems a good bet to displace Cleveland as the agency's second busiest en route facility this year. During the first six months, Fort Worth averaged 5,342 daily operations as compared with 5,647 for first-place Chicago and 5,067 for third-place Cleveland. Meanwhile, the Houston Center has moved into fourth place just ahead of Atlanta. Overall center activity was up one percent in the first half of 1981, with nine facilities showing gains, nine showing losses and two recording no change. ● The agency has certificated two new high-thrust Pratt & Whitney turbo-jet engines designed to power the coming generation of jet transports. So far the 48,000-pound-thrust JT 9D-7R4D1 and the 50,000-pound-thrust JT9D-7R4E1 engines have been specifically selected as powerplants for the European consortium A310. ● The Southwest Region's Air Traffic Division has held preliminary talks with a firm that is hoping to launch the coun-

try's first privately owned rocket into space. The backers of the project were told they would have to apply for a waiver to the air traffic regulations for a test launch this summer from Matagorda Island on the Gulf Coast of Texas. They were told that if the waiver is granted, it would probably restrict the test flight to an altitude of 14,500 feet, with the splashdown within U.S. territorial waters. ● Existing terminal radar systems can be used to detect wind shear, but more work needs to be done before they are used for that purpose under actual operating conditions. This is the conclusion of researchers at the Tech Center who recently completed a project using a test system consisting of an ASR-8 airport surveillance radar, parabolic rotating antenna and computer. The specially instrumented terminal radar is one possible solution to the wind shear problem being examined by the agency's Systems Research and Development Service.

Mary O'Brien and Dick Hansen Retirement Party

Mary O'Brien and Dick Hansen have 48 years of combined service at Long Beach Tower and have decided to call it quits--for the better life. There will be a dinner/dance in their honor on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Rochelle's Convention Center, Long Beach, Calif. No host cocktails, 6:30 p.m.; New York Steak Dinner, 7:30 p.m.; entertainment, 9 p.m. Tickets are \$17 per person and include gifts. Make checks payable to K. E. Kuhlmann and send in care of Long Beach Tower, 3601 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90806. Better hurry--reservations are limited.

July World in the Mail

It's not exactly "Roots," but Theron Gray's account of his visit to Africa with former Deputy Administrator Quentin Taylor to survey the continent's aviation needs makes fascinating reading in the July FAA World nonetheless. After their two-week tour of several countries, they concluded that "even our smallest investment in Africa will be deeply appreciated for the needs here are really basic." Also in the July issue is an account of Wiley Post's around-the-world flight 50 years ago this month and a statement of the Administrator's management philosophy. Readers also will find "People" and "Q&A" and a special order form for the FAA history series.