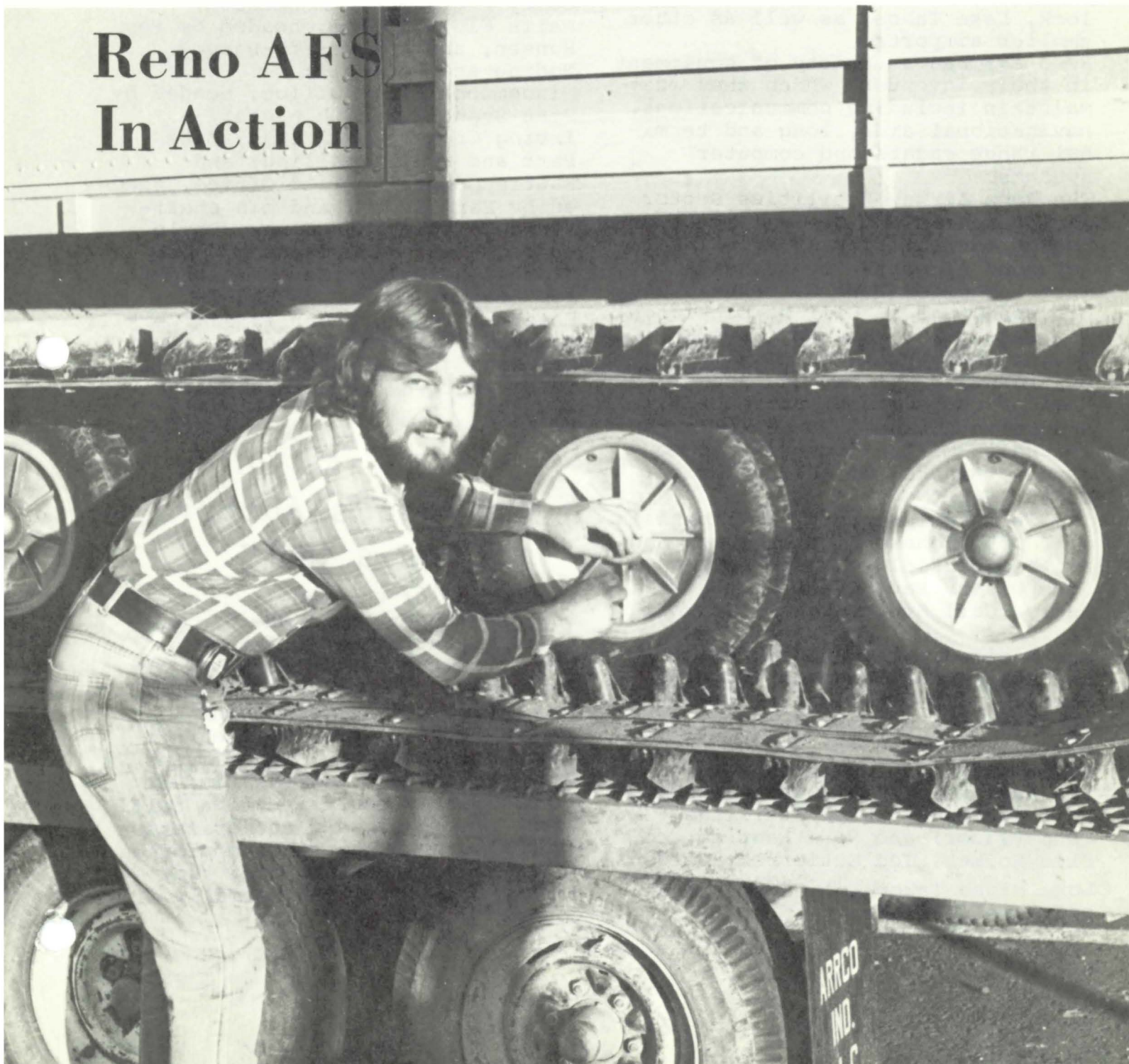




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Reno AFS In Action



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Cover Story

Personnel from the Reno Airway Facilities Sector (AFS) help maintain all the air traffic equipment in Northern Nevada. The AFS serves Reno International Airport, Stead Airports, Airports at Elko, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Lovelock, Lake Tahoe, as well as other smaller airports.

Reno AFS has a variety of equipment in their inventory which they must maintain including communications, navigational aids, long and terminal range radars and computer systems.

The Reno Airway Facilities Sector is located in the General Aviation Operations Building at Reno International Airport. It is headed by Sector Manager Dean O. DeShazo and his assistant is Bill M. Dickinson. The FAAers who make up the AFS Sector include: Deena Girola-McFarlane, Carol Kennedy and Deanna Masi of the Administrative Unit, and Celia Abraham, Donna Tellgren and Helen Miller (transferred to Juneau, Alaska) of the Logistics Unit.

The Technical Support Unit consists of: Doug Johnson (Supervisor) and Keith Litchfield, Warren Tetz, Jack Olsen, Paul Crampton, Jack Neely, Carl Steinberg and Carroll Fay.

The Environmental Support Unit includes: Ron Sandoval (Supervisor) and Bob Calleas, Phil Utter, Ron Huntington, Norm Hendrix, Tom Sims, Harvey Theiss, Chris Lopez, Jim Corkill and Jim Norwood.

The Navigation/Communications/Data Unit includes: Drew Stallings (Supervisor) and Norm Lantrip, Fred Holmes, Ted Gutierrez, Gordon Lok, Hideo Takenaka, Gerry Brandt and Lowell Ridge.

The Radar/Communications/Data Unit includes: Jim Freeman (Supervisor) and Wayne Stokely, Bill Hess, Bob Sands, Jim Brown and Bill Hunt.

The AFS consists of a staff of 70 people and includes five Sector Field Offices. They are: Fallon Field Office, headed by Jim Shaw, and his staff--Bill Gross, Marvin Jenson, Ernest Morgan, Arlen Cone, Don Deberry and Ron James; Elko Field Office, headed by Harry Stokely, and his staff--Dave Kath, Gerry Akers and Jim Emerson; Wells Field Office, headed by Ray Hansen, and his staff--Harvey Nodine and Ron Hall; Winnemucca Field Office, headed by Stan Stancil, and his staff--Irving Creech, Bill Bean, Mike Parr and Chuck Smalling; and Battle Mountain Field Office, headed by Earl Dewey, and his staff--Steve Whipple, Ken Jones, Doyle Dugger, Dean Michalscheck, Don Broughton, Malcom Meredith and Bob Pearce.

Featured on the cover is Jim Corkill, General Maintenance Technician, making adjustments to a snowcat. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

Supervisors Authorized Time and a Half

The Office of Personnel and Training says supervisors who are performing controller duties as a result of the controllers' strike for more than 20 percent of their total time worked during the work-week will be covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. This means they can be paid for overtime at approximately the time and a half rate. The emergency authorization will also apply to other employees when it is determined that they are performing duties normally covered by the Act.

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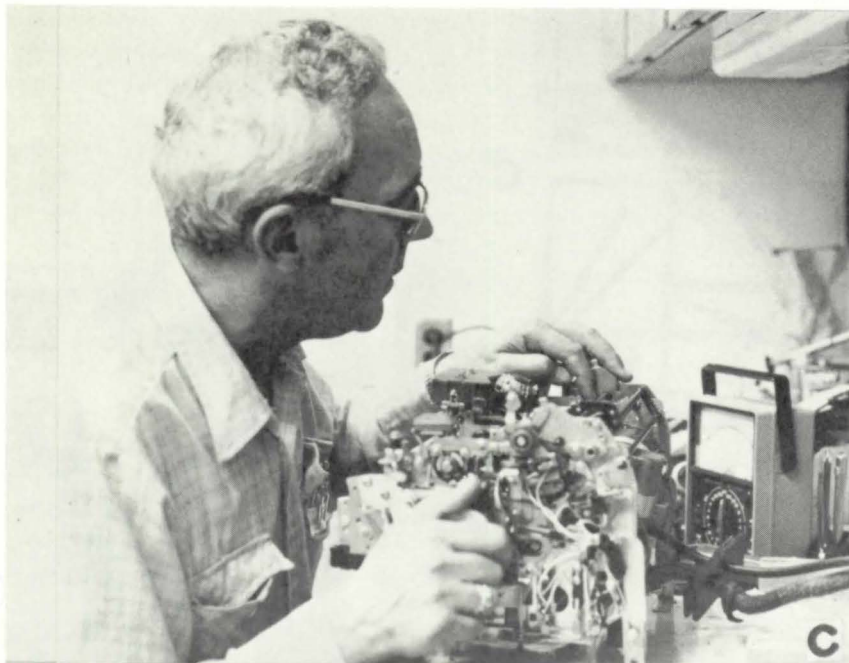
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These Reno AFS people were photographed during INTERCOM's visit to Reno. A--Dean DeShazo, Manager, Reno Airway Facilities Sector, and also FAA Representative for the Reno area.

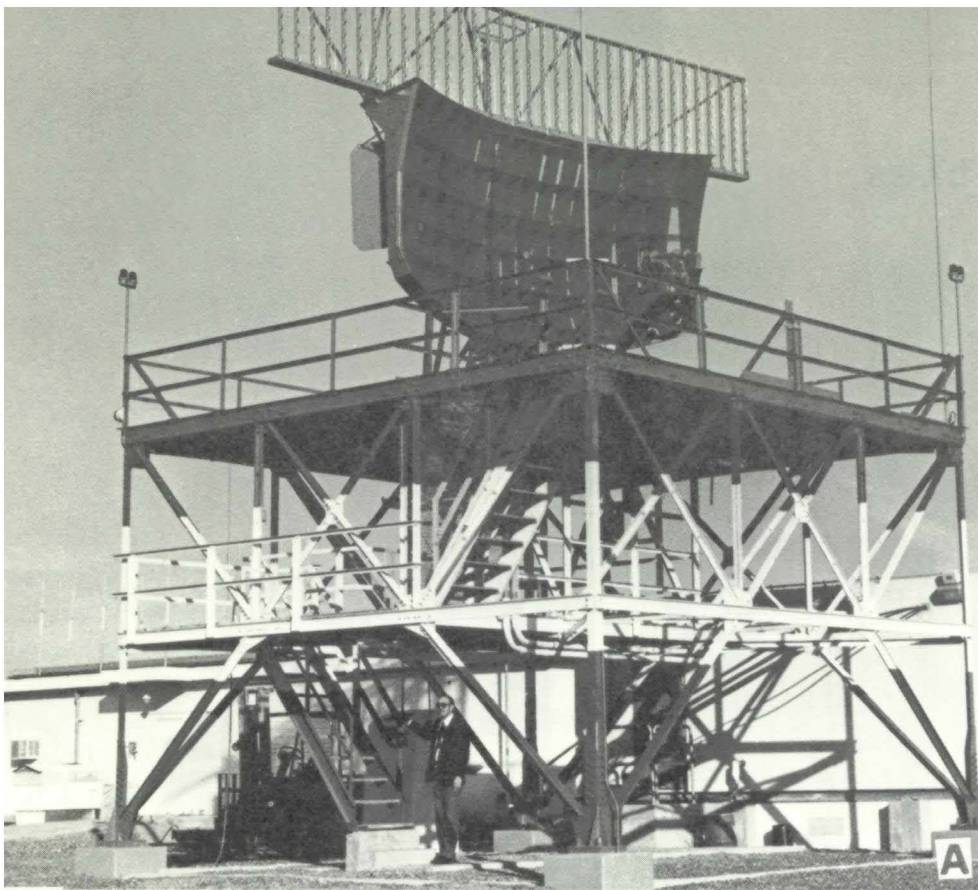
B--Deanna Masi, Student-Aid, and Carole Kennedy, Administrative Services Clerk.

C--Lowell Ridge, Electronic Technician, busy at work.

D--Bob Sands, Electronic Technician, testing electronic equipment.

Photos by Barbara Abels.

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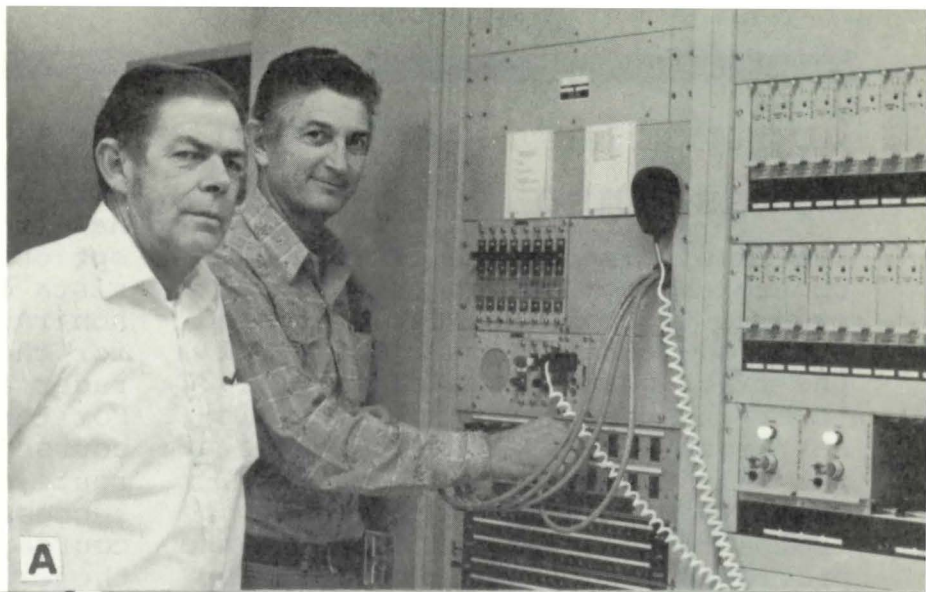
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A--Airport Surveillance Radar at Reno International Airport with Jim Freeman, Chief, Radar/Communications Unit, in foreground.
B--John Farmer and Hideo Takenaka, Navigation/Communications Technicians.
C--Jim Lindsey, Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist, visits the Sector quarters to remove a tape for an incident report.
D--The Logistics Unit at the Sector: From left--Celia Abraham, Chief, Logistics Unit; Helen Miller, Supply Clerk (since transferred to Juneau, Alaska); and Donna Tellgren, General Supply Specialist. Photos by Barbara Abels.

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More Reno AFS personnel on duty the day INTERCOM visited Reno:
A--Drew Stallings, Chief, Navigation/Communications Unit, and Electronic Technician Norm Lantrip.
B--Ron Sandoval, Chief, Environmental Support Unit.
C--From left, Dave Fay, Radar Technician-in-Depth; Jack Neely, Environmental Technician; Doug Johnson, Technical Support Officer; and (seated) Rich Griffith, Maintenance Mechanic, who has since transferred to Nome, Alaska.
D--Deena Girola-McFarlane, Administrative Officer, and Assistant Sector Manager Bill Dickinson.
Photos by Barbara Abels.

Controller Training Moves Into High Gear

The rebuilding of the air traffic control system has begun with a program to train between 7,000 and 8,000 new controllers. On Aug. 11, the first post-strike class of 143 tower and center controller trainees began a 17 to 20 week course at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. These initial hires were drawn from a register of 9,000 people who previously had passed the test for a controller's position. Some of the students in the class had been waiting up to three years for an opening. The next class, which is expected to have 288 trainees, will start Sept. 1. Despite the expanded training program, which could see the Academy go to a 24-hour-a-day, three-shift operation, Academy Superintendent Ed Harris said, "We will continue to graduate top notch controllers ready to go to work and continue their training in the field." Once the Academy training program is in full swing, the agency estimates that it could be turning out as many as 400 graduates a month. Agency employees, less than 31 years old, interested in becoming controllers should contact their regional personnel offices to find out when a non-competitive test, designed especially for FAA employees, will be given. Employees can also take the competitive test which is administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). This exam will be open for test applications from August 17 through 28. To sign up, employees should contact the nearest OPM job information center. The advantage of taking the OPM test is that it might be available sooner than a regional test. Actually, the tests themselves, given by the agency and OPM, are identical. Successful applicants in both of these programs will receive air traffic indoctrination/orientation and then proceed to the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for pass/fail training. After an initial three

weeks of basic air traffic fundamentals, employees will proceed with training in either the terminal (tower) or en route (center) options. For terminal, this consists of control tower operations, non-radar and radar control, and for the en route option, non-radar and radar control training. For terminal option the Academy course is 20 weeks long; for en route option, 17 weeks. Upon successful completion of the course, employees will proceed to their facility of assignment for on-the-job training and facility "check out."

Military Comes To Help

Non-striking controllers and first-line supervisors are getting some much needed help in running the air traffic control system from the U.S. military. Army, Navy and Air Force controllers from military bases all over the country are stepping in to fill the gaps in airport control towers. These professionals are FAA certified. They have been trained using the same FAA handbook, procedures, phraseology and separation standards as regular agency controllers. Although they still need instruction in local airspace and procedures after they are assigned to a particular facility, all will be operational in a short time. Currently there are close to 900 of these military controllers either on duty at FAA facilities or getting ready to join the agency on a temporary basis. Some of these controllers have already mastered the indoctrination material and are now taking on-the-job training (OJT) at active air traffic control facilities. As new civilian controllers are trained, the soldiers, sailors and airmen will return to their military units.

Western Region Engineering Issues Production Certificate for Derringer

A Production Certification Board was recently convened at the Wing Aircraft Company facility in Torrance, California, for the purpose of acting on the Wing Aircraft application for a Production Certificate to cover the manufacture of the Wing Model D-1 Derringer Aircraft, a two-place, twin-engine light aircraft being fabricated at the Torrance facility. The evaluation was satisfactorily completed and the Production Certificate issued to Wing Aircraft Company at the completion of the final briefing on July 31, 1981.

The Production Certification Board was comprised of the following Engineering and Manufacturing Branch

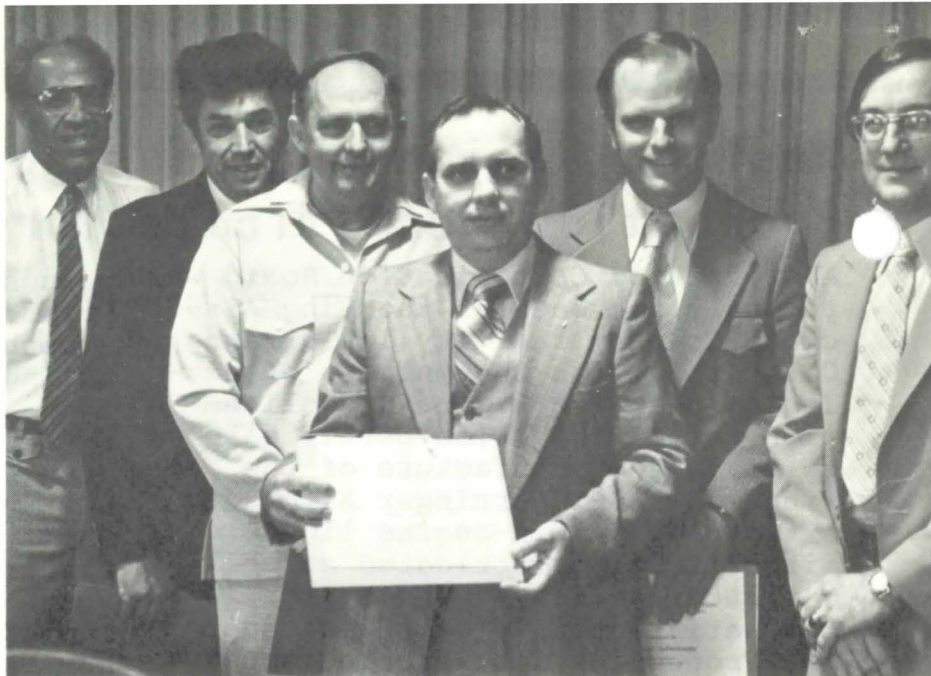
personnel: F. J. "Jake" Karnowski, Chief, Engineering and Manufacturing Branch (Chairman); Eugene E. Porter, Acting Chief, Manufacturing Inspection Section (Chairman); William T. Eyre, Acting Chief, WE-Engineering Manufacturing District Office (EMDO)-42; Phillip S. Smith, Aviation Safety Inspector, WE-EMDO-42 (Team Leader); Henry R. Kulewicz, Aerospace Engineer, WE-EMDO-42; Henry W. Camper, Aviation Safety Inspector, WE-EMDO-48; James H. Wong, Aviation Safety Inspector, WE-EMDO-43; Siltan E. Thomas, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section; Donald W. Watt, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Section; and James M. Bugbee, Acting Chief, Flight Test Section.



F. J. "Jake" Karnowski (left), Chief, Engineering and Manufacturing Branch, congratulates Mr. George Wing, president of Wing Aircraft Company, on the issuance of the Production Certificate for the Derringer Aircraft. Photo by Barbara Abels.

Awards

A group Special Achievement Award was recently presented to the following personnel: Joe Metcalfe, Technical Standard Officer, Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector; Roy Kilgore, Data Systems Specialist, Los Angeles TRACON; Harvey "Bud" Riebel, Data Systems Specialist, Los Angeles TRACON; and John Parsons, Airway Facilities Division. The award was received for a staff study report "Care and Maintenance of Disk



Packs" which was adopted for national implementation. Presentation was made by Acting Regional Director H. C. McClure. From left: Bob Smith, Chief, Air Traffic Division; Joe Metcalfe; Roy Kilgore; Harvey "Bud" Riebel; John Parsons; and Acting Director H. C. McClure. Photo by Al Garvis.

Quality Within-Grade Increase Awards:

George Glenzer, Edwards Automation AF Sector Field Office.

Raymond Hansen, Supervisory Electronics Technician, Wells AF Field Office

Special Achievement Awards:

Keith Litchfield, Technician-in-Depth (Nav/Comm), Reno AF Sector.

Deanna Masi, Clerk-Typist, Reno Airway Facilities Sector.

Letters of Commendation:

James Norwood, Maintenance Mechanic, Reno, Nevada.

Tom Sims, Maintenance Mechanic, Elko, Nevada.

Letters of Appreciation:

Technical Support Unit, Lancaster AF Sector.

Lewis Heide, Lancaster Airway Facilities Sector.

Ted Campbell, Materiel Management Branch, from Airway Facilities Division.

Richard Gipson, Services Branch, and Joan Zubarik and Mary Ann Presson,

Real Estate and Utilities Branch, from Acting Director H. C. McClure.

David Houser, Thelma Herbert and Nita Koyama, Services Branch, from

Chief, Northwest Region Los Angeles Area Aircraft Certification Office.

Stan Duarte, Morris Owens and Joe Picon from Chief, Services Branch.

Career Service Emblems:

30 years:

Herman Bliss, Chief, Airports Division, presented by H. C. McClure (AWE-1)

25 years:

Don Isaacs, Lancaster Airway Facilities Sector

15 years:

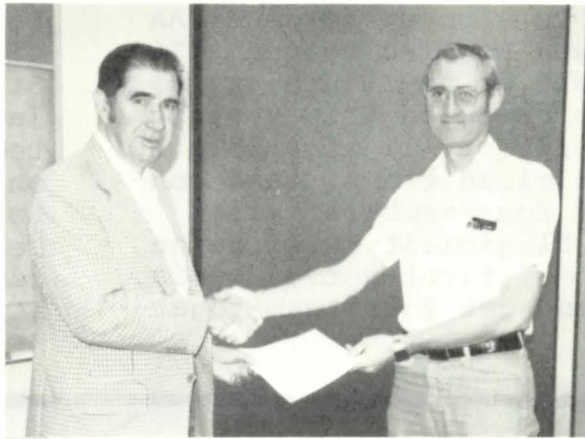
John Marley, Lancaster Airway Facilities Sector

3 years:

Ronnie Simpson, Airports Engineer, Southern Airports Field Office.

More Performance Awards

Right--Keith Brown (right), electronic technician at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector Radar Unit, receives a Special Achievement Award from Sector Manager Wally Ward, in recognition of his numerous innovations in improving radar operations at LAX. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



Left--Scott Crosier (right), Operations Inspector, San Diego General Aviation District Office, receives a Special Achievement Award from Operations Unit Chief Roy Billings. Scott was recognized for his outstanding contribution during the certification of written test examiners in the San Diego district, performing a variety of functions including identifying and screening interested persons, studying geographical locations, ordering exams and supplies, preparing a detailed staff study and scheduling and supervising in-depth training programs.



Right--Bill Matson (right), Accident Prevention Specialist, San Diego General Aviation District Office, receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase Award from Chief John Hull. Bill's no-nonsense, business-like approach to accident prevention and his extraordinary performance and dedication have greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the San Diego Accident Prevention Program. Bill's outstanding work appears to be paying off, with a 54 percent reduction in aircraft accidents in the San Diego district the first half of 1981 compared with the first half of 1980. Photos by Bob Griscom.



Sign Up Time For FAA Winter Bowling League

It's time to sign up for the FAA Winter Mixed Bowling League. It will be held at the South Bay Bowl in Redondo Beach on Friday nights starting on Sept. 11 at 4:55 p.m. We need 12 mixed teams, each consisting of four members (male/female). Eligibility will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so hurry and get your team toget-

her. Turn in your teams or individual requests to Beverly Stevenson, AWE-450, ext. 6518, no later than Aug. 25. A mandatory team captain's meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 8, 4:30 p.m., at Lococo's Restaurant in Manhattan Beach. All team captains or their representatives are expected to attend.

Thai Officials Visit LAX



Mr. Chumpol Silapa-Archa, Member of the Thailand House of Representatives and Deputy Minister of Communications, Thailand Aviation Department, recently visited FAA's Los Angeles facilities. A former professor who completed graduate studies at the University of Syracuse, Mr. Chumpol headed a fact-finding tour for a new international airport at Bangkok, Thailand. The Thai party toured the Los Angeles Tower and TRACON and, during a luncheon meeting, were briefed by Executive Offices Jim Nielsen (AWE-3), Air Traffic's Ed Couch and Airway Facilities' Jimmy Huang.

Left: Thai party at Los Angeles International Airport. From left-- Mr. Paul McCann (interpreter/receptionist and Royal Thai Consulate-General), Mr. Pansak Pruekchuaytap (Royal Thai Vice Consul at Los Angeles), Mr. Manit Chaisukumara (Manager of Thai International Airways at Seattle); Mr. Chumpol; Elaine Carter, FAA's International Liaison Specialist; and Ms. Yousamran, Mr. Chumpol's secretary.

Right: Charlie Aalfs (second from left), Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Tower, briefs (from left) Mr. Chaisukumara, Mr. Chumpol and Ms. Yousamran. Photos by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.