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Regional Organization Set

The regions have been given greater autonomy over their headquarters organization below the division level and greater say in assigning functions at the division level. Previously, the assignment of functions and standard branch organizations were prescribed by Washington. In the new setup the staff offices of Public Affairs, Regional Counsel and Civil Rights will continue to report directly to the regional director, but now the director may elect to have other offices, such as appraisal, communications control, planning or international aviation liaison, report directly. Although the regional directors are now free to organize below the division level, proposals for modifying across division lines--e.g., merging or exchanging functions between divisions--will continue to require approval by Washington headquarters. A streamlined procedure for processing such proposals has been established by the Office of Management Systems.

Lancaster AFS News

Congratulations to Dick Jenkins, electronics technician at the Santa Barbara Nav/Comm Sector Field Office, on his recent promotion. We welcome aboard John Vaegele to our Santa Barbara Nav/Comm Sector Field Office, and also Chuck Wallace to the Lancaster Sector Office as one of our Radar/Automation Technicians-in-Depth. Congratulations to Debra Gray, our stay-in-schooler, on her recent promotion. Jo Wilkerson is at home recuperating from a recent operation and we all wish her a quick recovery. Cheery get-well-real-quick cards may be sent to: 47400 N. 120th St. E., Lancaster, CA 93535. Congratulations to Jo on the birth of her grandson just before Christmas.

Don't Forget Bob Payne's Retirement Party

Bob Payne, Manager, Airway Facilities Sector, Long Beach, will be honored at a retirement dinner Friday, Jan. 15, at the Golden Sails Inn, 6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, Calif. No host cocktails, 6:30 p.m.; Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Choice of Roast Beef or Roast Chicken Kona Kai. Tickets are \$11 per person (including tax and tip). For reservations call: Angie Howdershell, FTS 796-2614 or 213/421-9413. Make checks payable to Harry C. Kanarr. Please indicate choice of meal. Come one, come all --let's give Bob a grand send-off!

Post-Strike ATC Classes Complete Academy Course

The first four, post-strike air traffic controller classes, totaling 473 new controllers, have now successfully completed the pass/fail portion of the ATC course at the FAA Academy. Overall, the failure rate for the four classes averaged about 25 percent, which is the same as the failure rate before the strike, despite the fact that 50 percent of the first post-strike class failed to make the grade. Of those who made it over the initial hurdle, 266 are reporting immediately to field facilities to begin on-the-job training. The other 207 are taking additional radar training at the Academy and will report to field facilities sometime near the middle of next month. This will be the last class to take radar training as part of the initial course at the Academy. From now on, controllers assigned to radar control facilities will return to the Academy for the radar course when they are ready for that stage of their development.



Cover Story

Long Beach Flight Standards District Office recently presented Jet America, Inc., with their operating certificate at a formal ceremony in Long Beach. Jet America began new airline service between Long Beach, Calif., and Chicago, Ill., on November 16 using two DC-9-80s. The president, Alan "Skip" Kennison, was instrumental in starting Air California and Air Florida, but plans to stay with Jet America until retirement.

Walt Daigle, Chief, Long Beach FSDO, says the personnel at the Long Beach Flight Standards District Office look forward to a

long association with Jet America. Cover photo: From left--Dick Devereaux, Flight Standards Division Chief; Don Rhodes, Executive Vice President, Jet America; and Walt Daigle, Chief, Long Beach FSDO. Above photo: From left-- Jerry Waples, Principal Maintenance Inspector, Los Angeles Air Carrier District Office; Robert Storie, Director of Maintenance, Jet America; Chuck Schuelke, FAA Principle Operations Inspector, Long Beach Flight Standards District Office; and Gerald Nudson, Director of Quality Control for Jet America. Photos by Barbara Abels.

The News In Brief

The agency's general aviation reservation (GAR) plan has been revised to give air taxis somewhat more flexibility. Flight service stations now are allowed to issue one additional slot for access to the air traffic system each hour after all other slots have been used up. The access slot will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to FAR Part 135 operators who must, in turn, supply their carrier certificate number and home base. Slots will not be given out until after 5 a.m. on the day they are to be used, and air taxi operators will not be able to accumulate slots. ● The Dec. 28 Fortune magazine takes a look at today's air traffic control system and finds that it's working better than before the Aug. 3 walkout.

Something For All In World

The December FAA World continues to emphasize the rebuilding of the air traffic control system with a lead article by Air Traffic Service Director Ray Van Vuren on the agency's plans for building "a smaller, more-efficient organization that will have greater growth capacity, be more flexible and be more economical to operate." But just to show that the magazine has not become one-dimensional, even in these extraordinary times, there's also an article on pilot safety seminars, a preview of an upcoming crash test involving the agency's largest jet, a remembrance of the recently deceased Fred Fagg who was "the intellectual force behind the major ideas that made the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 a delicately balanced instrument..." Finally, you'll find a discussion of what a "near miss" is and what it isn't. Copies already are in the mail.

That conclusion is summarized in the title of the Fortune article which says, "The FAA Keeps Them Flying," and the subtitle which proclaims, "The controllers' strike is leading to a leaner, safer air traffic system." ● The agency has extended for 120 days the comment period on its proposal to simplify the General Operating and Flight Rules in order to make them easier to understand and use. The extension through Apr. 9, 1982, was granted at the request of the National Business Aircraft Association, which said that the original Dec. 9 deadline did not give enough time to prepare substantive comments on the proposal. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making to simplify Part 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations appeared in the Federal Register on Sept. 10.

Last Flight Inspection DC-3 Retired In Alaska

The last of the agency's flight inspection DC-3s has been phased out of service. The twin-engine workhorse, N-35, was in operation in Alaska for 27 years before being replaced by a jet-powered G-159 Gulfstream last month. Although N-35 will no longer be used for flight inspection work, it is not being relegated to the scrap heap. It has been flown to Oklahoma City where it will be used by the FAA Academy, with two other old war-horse DC-3s, to train flight inspection technicians. DC-3s first joined the agency's flight inspection fleet in 1941, and by 1961, there were 65 of the reliable "gooney birds" inspecting the nation's airways. They eventually were replaced by a much smaller number of newer, more efficient aircraft, such as the Sabreliner jet.

FAA Administrator Visits Facilities At Los Angeles



FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms, accompanied by Mrs. Helms, recently visited the Los Angeles Tower, Los Angeles TRACON and the Los Angeles Flight Service Station. Personnel on duty at these facilities were very impressed that, in spite of Mr. Helms' busy schedule, he made it a point to meet and talk to everyone.

A--From left--Jim Shaw, Reno Tower, temporarily assigned to LAX Tower; Mrs. Helms; Cheryl Thomas, U.S. Navy AC/1 of Miramar Naval Air Station; Mr. Helms; and Ivan Hunt, Los Angeles Tower Chief.

B--Mrs. Helms; Susan McDonald, U.S. Navy AC/2 from Miramar NAS; Mr. Helms and Ivan Hunt.

C--Jim Loughheed, Assistant Manager, Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector; Mr. Helms; Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure; Rod Hanson, LAX AFS Navaid's Electronic Technician; Mrs. Helms and LAX AFS Manager Wally Ward. Photos by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



More LAX
LAX
Personnel



More Los Angeles personnel on duty when FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms visited LAX facilities recently were, from left:
 A--Wally Ward, Manager Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector; Jim Holweger, Chief, LAX TRACON; Steve Herbst, LAX AFS ARTS IIIA Electronics Technician; and Mr. and Mrs. Helms.
 B--Ken Price, LAX FSS Specialist; Mr. Helms; Mrs. Helms; Mike Lammes, LAX FSS Watch Supervisor; Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure; and Rose Marino (seated), LAX FSS Specialist.
 C--Stan Stuka (seated on right), Assistant Chief, Burbank TRACON, on temporary duty at LAX TRACON; and, from left, standing--Jim Holweger, LAX TRACON Chief; Mr. Helms; Bob Smith, Chief, Air Traffic Division; and Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure. Photos by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.

Awards

Outstanding Performance With Special Achievement Award:

Beryl Dewey, Supervisory Electronics Technician, Battle Mountain, Nev.

Quality Within-Grade Increase Awards:

Jerry Marcum, Ontario Flight Service Station.

Jim Reed, Electronic Technician, Boron Sector Field Office.

Bill Hoffberg, Fresno Flight Service Station (FSS).

Ed Jee and Maurice Shwetzter, Oakland Airway Facilities Sector (AFS).

Special Achievement Awards:

James Shaw, Supervisory Electronics Technician, Fallon, Nev.

Jerry Luce, Acting Chief, Air Traffic Division, Pacific Region.

Raymond Zazzetti, Chief, Honolulu Tower.

David Ryan, Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist, Honolulu FSS.

Kenneth Foreman, ATC Specialist, Air Traffic Division, Pacific Region.

Dan Smutz, Fresno FSS.

Letters of Commendation:

Ken Andrade, Fresno FSS.

Harold DeAtley, Marvin Rovner and Raymond Smith, controllers at Guam Combined Center/RAPCON.

Following Northern Airports Field Office for accomplishing the FY-81 ADAP Program: Les Hopkins, Robert Hom, Joseph Cloyd, Frederick James Kenna, Robert Daniel Morse, Fumi Wong and Maryanne Nieto.

Letters of Appreciation:

Harvey Plourde, LAX AFS, for helping Bakersfield Sector Field Office.

Evelyn Mosquera, LAX AFS, for help in the Air Force Cadet Airlift.

Ontario FSS personnel: James Ball, Jerry Marcum, Marty Krueger, Ben Clarke and Bob Dirks.

Bob Brewer and Norm Davis, Fresno FSS, for designing and constructing a Weather Advisory Broadcast Alert System and cabinet on their own time.

Michael Semingson, Ridgecrest West Sector Field Office, from AWP-450 for assistance in installation of equipment at Owens Valley ASR-8.

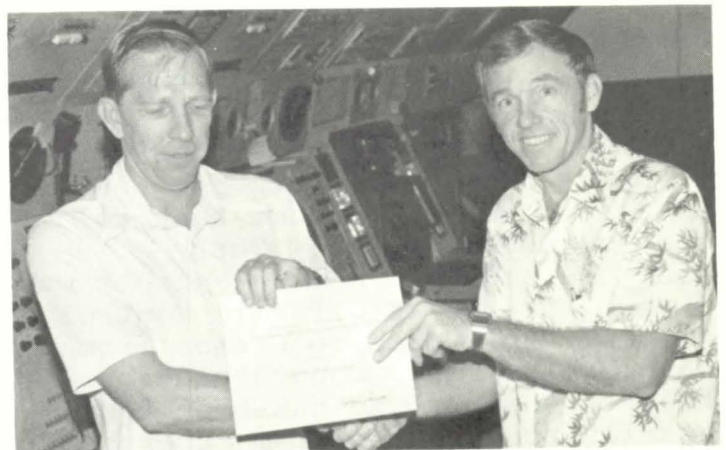
Charles Wallace, Ridgecrest West Sector Field Office, from AWP-450, for assistance in installation of ASR-8 at Owens Valley and as Crew Chief at Owens Valley during installation of VDM and Terracom Microwave Equipment

Steve Nore, Ridgecrest West Sector Field Office, from AWP-450, for assistance as Technical On-Site representative for installation of ATCBI-5 at Owens Valley and installation of electronic equipment.

Robert Cross, Paul Golden, Robert Jury, Michael Merrill, Emerson Schenck, Harlan Swetland and Harold Hotchkin of Red Bluff ARSR for achieving 100 percent reliability on all assigned facilities.

Quality Within-Grade

ATCS Harold Deatley, Guam CERAP, accepts a Quality Within Grade award from John Silverly, Team Supervisor. The award was in recognition of his individual personal achievements during the period September 1980 to September 1981 in exceeding the performance standards for all his major job assignments.



ASCE Luncheon

Larry Goldman will be the guest speaker at the next American Society of Civil Engineers Air Transport Group Meeting to be held on January 12 at the House of Raymond. Larry is a member of SCAG and will be speaking on "Airport and Airspace Planning in the Los Angeles area." The presentation will be in conjunction with a lunch which is priced at \$5.50. ASCE members and guests are invited. Please contact Mike Gonzales at 213/536-6190 for reservations or additional information.

Ontario FSS News

The annual Christmas luncheon at Ontario Flight Service Station was a great success. Dishes included ham, beef stroganoff, egg plant, enchiladas and many more. The food filled two tables and the evening shift was still enjoying the leftovers. Robert Pavicic just returned from three days in Washington, D.C., as a member of the Flight Service System Quality Control Program committee. Welcome aboard to Ignacio Melgoza from Prescott FSS and to Allen Burt from Blythe FSS.

Fresno FSS News

Congratulations to Linda Avakian for her promotion and transfer to Salinas FSS. John Koch has transferred to Omaha FSS. Good luck and best wishes to both. Welcome back to the journeymen ranks: Terry Lankford and Emil Sereda--either way a plus for the Air Traffic Control system. Emil came to Fresno from Paso Robles FSS. Congratulations to Jack Stemper who has been temporarily promoted to Team Supervisor.

Cutting Flight Attendants

The agency has withdrawn a proposed rule which would have permitted fewer flight attendants than now are required under certain limited circumstances. The change, which was requested by the Air Transport Association (ATA), would have allowed airlines to rope off seats in certain limited circumstances and reduce the number of flight attendants. It was withdrawn because there was no proof that the change would not result in an overall reduction in the level of safety. Thus, the regulations will continue to require that there be a flight attendant on board for every 50 passenger seats, with no fewer than two attendants on any flight.

Civilair News

Condominiums on "Waikiki Beach" are available at a discount rate to FAA employees. All information is available at the Civilair Desk for these holiday condos.

Employee Death

We are saddened to report that Gordon Trimble, Team Supervisor at Crescent City Flight Service Station, passed away on November 21, 1981 from cancer. Formerly, Gordon was team supervisor at Ukiah Flight Service Station and served at many locations throughout the Region. Our sincere condolences to Gordon's family.