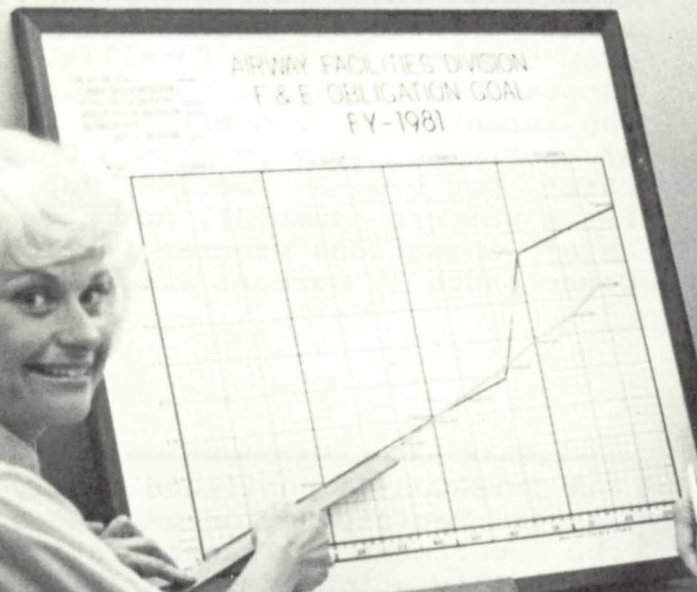




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Cover Story

The Program and Planning Branch of the Regional Airway Facilities Division includes the Facilities and Equipment Program Section and the Operations Program Section. Wesley A. Martyn is the Branch Chief, and he is assisted by Bruce Walters. Floyd Corpus heads the F&E Program Section. The Operations Program chief's position is currently vacant.

Regional Airway Facilities requirements, problems, performance, solutions and future development schemes all come together in this week's "cover story" Branch. This is where action assignments emanate and where the first move is made to commit funds and manpower to put the Air Traffic Control system in place.

Principal functions of the Operations Program Section include: support actions for regionwide Airway Facilities staffing, training, occupational safety and security, special maintenance projects, joint military surveillance systems, emergency readiness, labor management standards, performance reporting and day-to-day budgeting. The annual Operations budget is approximately \$71 million. The Operations Section team includes: Madeleine Dunn, Operations Specialist; Augie Howdershell, Manpower and Training Specialist on loan from the Long Beach Sector; Carol Polson, Administrative Officer; John Gardner, Technical Program Officer; Rex Layne, Financial Program Manager; and Special Projects Officers Jim Mills and Austin Smith.

The F&E Program Section functions include: long-range project planning and budgeting, fiscal management, the ecology program, current and future project scheduling and monitoring, physical program status, and management/control of development programs. The current F&E program is approximately \$33 million. Top level management review of development projects is coordinated by this Section. Program managers also perform a liaison function with the public regarding facility commissioning. The F&E Program team includes: Twila Parli, Program Analyst; Jane Paul, Management Assistant; and Program Manager/Engineers Gary Adams, Jim Buecheler, Jim Harvey, Dan Hedani, Richard Nielsen, Roy Strizic and Stan Walsh.

Collectively, the Branch catalogues, interprets and defines the course of action for current facilities and prepares a prospectus for things to come in Airway Facilities.

Cover photo:

From left--Carol Polson, Administrative Officer, Operations Program Section; Phyllis Kunellis, Manpower and Training Specialist, who recently retired after 25 years of government service; Floyd Corpus, Chief, F&E Program Section; and Bruce Walters (seated), Acting Chief, Operations Program Section. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

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Airway Facilities Program & Planning Branch Personnel



Airway Facilities Division
Program & Planning Branch
personnel, from left:
Photo A--Twila Parli, Program
Analyst, Operations Program
Section; Dan Hedani, General
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Carmen Vasquez, Secretary--
since transferred to the U.S.
Air Force; Jane Paul, Manage-
ment Assistant, F&E Program
Section; and Austin Smith,
General Engineer, Operations
Program Section.

Photo B--Rex Layne, Electronics
Technician, Operations Program
Section; Roy Strizic, General
Engineer, F&E Program Section;
Stan Walsh, General Engineer,
F&E Program Section; and Jim
Buecheler, General Engineer,
F&E Program Section.

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ialist, Operations Program
Section; and Wes Martyn, Chief,
Program and Planning Branch,
AWP-420. Photos by Barbara
Abels.

FLIGHT DATA SPECIALISTS HIRING PROGRAM COMPLETED

The Flight Data Specialists hiring program, begun last September, has been completed except for continuing back-fill hiring. As of the first week of January, 1,399 of the projected 1,400 specialists had been hired and were on the agency's payroll. Of those hired, 832 were furloughed pilots, 193 ex-military controllers and 374 individuals with other aviation experience. The specialists were hired on a temporary basis--up to one year--to perform controller support duties such as handling flight data strips, operating electronic training devices and functioning as assistant controllers. Approximately 760 of the temporary employees are employed at the agency's 20 en route centers around the country, with the remainder assigned to airport towers.

AT STUDY ON FINAL

The Task Force studying the employment conditions of air traffic controllers has completed the data-gathering phase of its investigation and has begun working on its recommendations to the agency. The final report is due in March. Task Force chairman Dr. Larry Jones, President of the Coleman Company, reports that his group has received excellent cooperation from the many air traffic and airway facilities employees who completed questionnaires about their working environment, and the results are now being tabulated. This is the third and final study of the air traffic system initiated since the controllers strike last August. The other two were conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Flight Safety Foundation and focused on the safety of the system.

NEW WORLD EXPLAINS TCAS

Forget ACAS and BCAS and ATARS and all the other terms associated with collision avoidance systems in the past. The new operative set of initials is TCAS--for Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System--and the January FAA World provides a detailed explanation of how the system works. It may even tell you more than you want to know, but read it anyway. In the same issue is an analysis of the rise and fall of the Combined Station/Tower, keyed to the closing of the last such facility in Valdez, Alaska, and a look at a new VFR landing aid that may eventually replace the present VASI. Readers also will find an article on the military controllers who stepped into the breach last August to keep air traffic moving. The magazine is in the mail.

DAVE ROSS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON AND LAS VEGAS PARTY

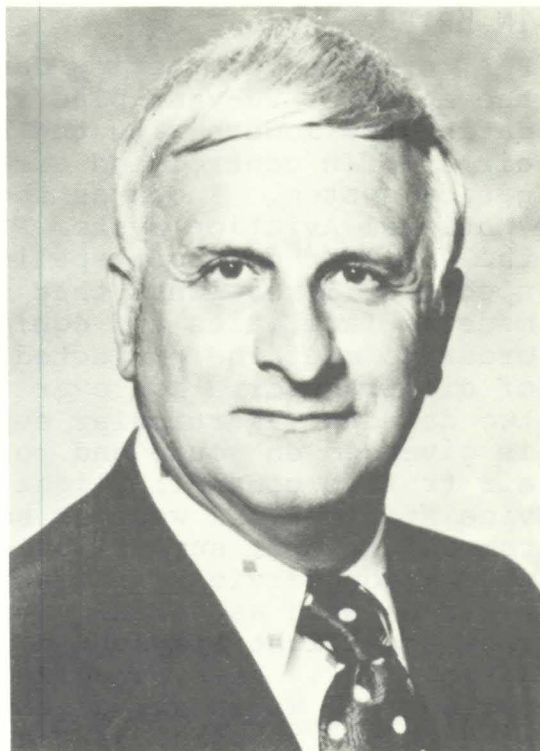
A retirement luncheon in honor of Dave Ross, recently retired Chief, Air Traffic Automation Branch, will be held on Fri., Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m., at Lococo's Restaurant in Manhattan Beach. Cost: \$8.75 (includes tax and tip). For reservations, contact Eileen Colligan, x6401 (AWP-540) or Evelyn Carles, x6186 (AWP-530).

For those who want to continue the party, the Las Vegas Fun Special bus will leave Regional headquarters at 4 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 12, and return Sunday, Feb. 14. Cost per person is \$75 (double occupancy). Includes; Transportation/Room at the Treasury Hotel Casino; baggage handling; free Las Vegas Main Show; and free \$99 value funbook--and--liquid refreshments on the bus (over and back); plus extras. Sign up now. Spaces are limited but a standby list will be kept. Contact Eileen Colligan, x6401, or Ruby Ross, x6172 for bus reservations to Las Vegas.

PACIFIC-ASIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

ROBERT O. ZIEGLER RETIRES

Robert O. Ziegler, who has been Regional Director of the Pacific-Asia Region for the last five years, has retired from the agency with 40 years of service. In recognition of his contribution to air safety during his 35 years with the FAA, Mr. Ziegler was awarded one of the agency's highest awards--the FAA Distinguished Service Award. A former Navy pilot, Ziegler served for five years as Deputy Director of the Great Lakes Region with headquarters in Chicago, and as Manager of the Minneapolis Area Office for three years. He also served as Deputy Chief, Air Procedures Branch, Washington Headquarters, and as Air Traffic Division Chief in the Central Region. Mr. Ziegler first joined the CAA/FAA in 1946 as an Air Traffic Controller at Chicago Midway Tower. Five years later, he became chief of the tower. A native of Aurora, Ill., he will retire in Honolulu.



HELP!

WE NEED YOUR COLOR SLIDES

We are in the middle of putting together our first "Western-Pacific Region Slide Show." Essentially, the theme is: Who we are, where we are, what we do and how we do it. We hope to show some of what makes our Western-Pacific Region unique, including major activities in airports, air traffic, airway facilities, flight standards, civil aviation security, etc. We hope to show weather extremes (sandstorms, wind, snow, rain, floods) as well as our different topography, demography, elevations, etc. We would like to include places unique to our region such as Las Vegas, Disneyland, Yosemite, San Francisco (maybe even a trolley car?), the Grand Canyon (perhaps with an airplane or two flying by); volcanoes (active ones would be okay too!); Waikiki Beach ...Get the picture?

We want a slide show that tells our story and one of which we all can be proud. We are also looking for slides that show our incredible activity in aircraft density, airmen density, repair stations, flight schools, fixed base operators, the accident prevention program, etc.

Initially, the slide program will be shown at an upcoming Regional Directors Conference and, later, will be available for use throughout the region.

The slides must be 35mm color transparencies and will be returned to you upon request.

Please RUSH your prize slides to: Royal Mink, AWP-4, 536-6231.

Please include a few statistics (if available) or at least a few words of explanation on a sheet of plain bond paper.

We need to have all your slides in by the end of February--so please see what you might have available and send them to AWP-4.

THE NEWS

IN BRIEF

FAA conducted a briefing Jan. 28 on the agency's 20-year plan for updating and modernizing the nation's air traffic control and air navigation system. Known as the "National Aviation System Plan," the 450-page document spells out specific improvements that must be made to facilities and equipment in order to meet the projected demands of air transportation over the next two decades. Particular emphasis is given to en route and terminal air traffic control; flight service stations and weather services; communications, surveillance and navigation services; and auxiliary services such as facility maintenance and flight inspection of navigation aids. Keep watching Intercom and FAA World for a complete rundown on the plan. ● The second session of the 97th Congress began on Jan. 25 with a number of important aviation bills awaiting action. Of immediate concern is the Air Traffic Control Revitalization Act which would establish new premium pay levels for controllers and others involved in the operation and maintenance of the ATC system. The Senate Finance Committee is

expected to meet in early February to mark up the bill--that is, consider it in executive session and make any changes the members think are necessary. On the other side of Capitol Hill, the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has not yet announced its next action on the bill. ● Old Alaska hands may be interested to learn that the venerable "Connie" parked for years at the Kenai Airport has now found a permanent home. According to E. W. "Moe" Knight, chief of the Kenai FSS, the plane never did complete its intended flight to Florida. It only got as far as Arizona where it is now on display in an air museum.

● Fewer airplanes were stolen during 1981 than in 1980, but the dollar value increased the International Aviation Theft Bureau has announced. In all, 214 aircraft thefts were reported in 1981. This is a 13 percent decrease from the previous year. However, the value of the stolen aircraft rose from \$20.7 million in 1980 to \$25 million last year. IATB reported that the two turbojet aircraft stolen last year account for the drastic increase in total value.

RETIREE ON THE RECOVERY LIST

The San Jose General Aviation District Office was brightened by a surprise visit from Bud Winder, retired Regional General Aviation Branch Chief, and Mrs. Winder on Jan. 12. Bud appeared much recovered from his serious illness. He reported that he would be entering Letterman Army Hospital on Jan. 25 for a series of tests. We know Bud would enjoy hearing from his many friends. Address those cheery cards and letters to: Bud Winder, 5467 N. Bond Court, Fresno, CA 93710.

EMPLOYEE DEATH

The Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector is saddened to report the death of Edward Kluth, Electronics Technician at the Phoenix Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) Sector Field Office, on December 6, 1981 from cancer. Before coming to Phoenix, Ed was assigned to Guam. Ed's death leaves a very real void in the lives of his family, friends and co-workers--it won't be the same without him. Our sincere condolences to Ed's family.

CAPSULE GLIMPSES...

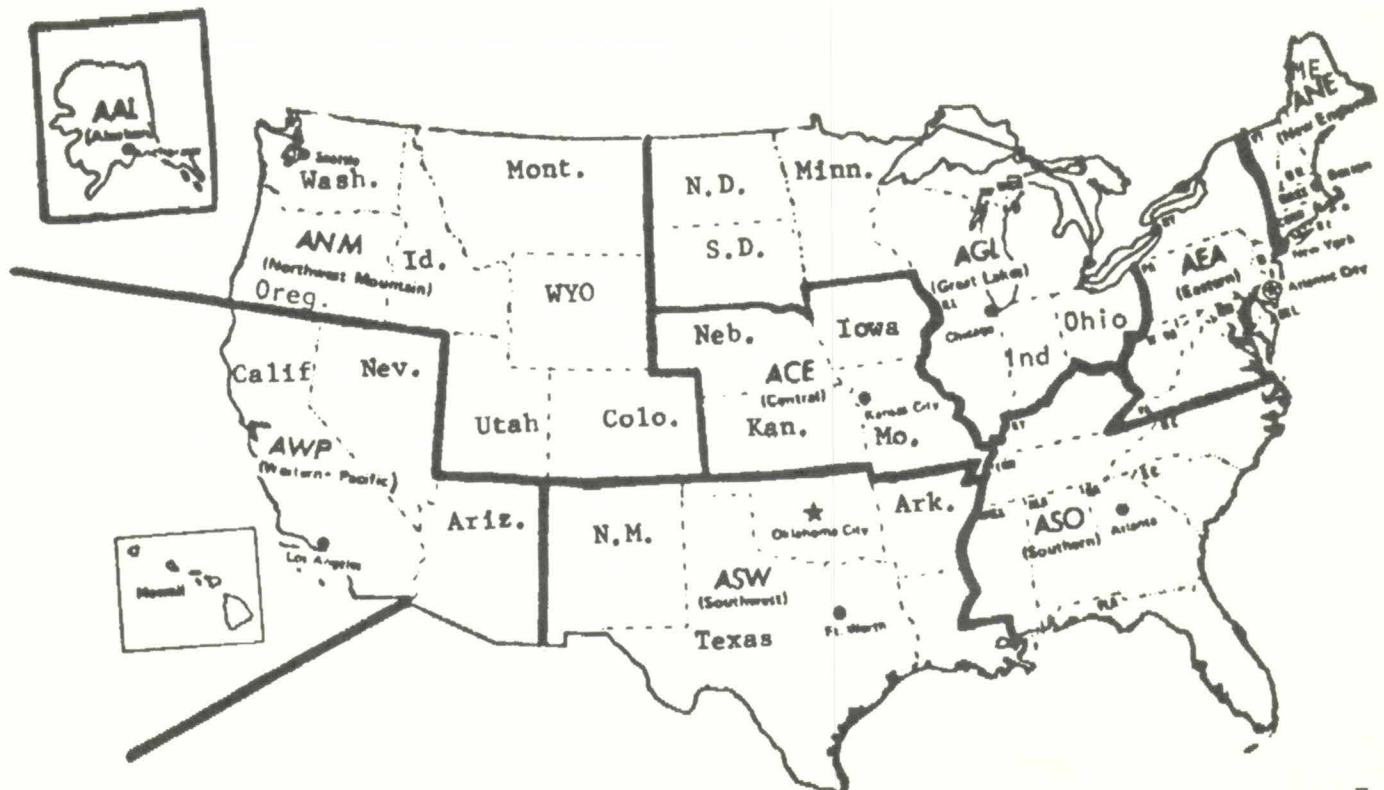
MEET BILL WITHYCOMBE

William C. Withycombe has been the Santa Monica General Aviation District Office Chief since June 1981. Bill previously served on the Flight Standards Situation Monitor Staff. Prior to that he was a staff specialist assigned to the Flight Standards Air Carrier Branch. His other assignments have included tours as both an Air Carrier and General Aviation Airworthiness Inspector assigned to various Western Region Flight Standards District Offices. Bill is a graduate of Northrop Institute of Technology with 23 years experience in the field of aviation maintenance and management. His hobbies include golf and flying radio controlled sailplanes.



FAA REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

In response to requests, Intercom is running a map showing the new FAA regional boundaries. The transition from 11 to 9 regions is expected to be completed in April with the closing of the Denver and Honolulu offices. The old Rocky Mountain Region was absorbed by what is now called the Northwest Mountain Region, and the Pacific-Asia Region by the renamed Western-Pacific Region. ANM and AWP are the new routing symbols for the redesignated regions.



COMMERCIAL RENTAL VEHICLE GUIDELINES

FAA employees having a need for a commercial rental vehicle while in travel status have been asked by the companies to show their travel orders when they are only traveling on a GTA-1A travel authorization. This is not a specific travel order and they may not have a copy of the GTA-1A in their possession. The Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) for 1978-1979 specifically mentioned that FAA employees did not always use travel orders and that the FAA Identification Cards could be used in lieu of Travel Orders. Subsequent issues of the FSS 7512 have omitted that statement. GSA assures us that a statement authorizing acceptance of an FAA Identification Card for authorization to rent commercial vehicles at contract prices will appear in the next issue of the FSS 7512, in March 1982. The omission was an erroneous oversight and should be explained as such prior to the March 1982 issue. If necessary, GSA may be contacted for verification.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RENTAL AGREEMENTS

The Voucher Examination Section, AWP-26A, has been receiving travel vouchers with claims for reimbursement of commercial vehicle rental costs. Although a copy of the commercial vehicle rental agreement is attached to the travel voucher, there is no indication on the voucher that a copy of the rental agreement was forwarded to AWP-52A in accordance with the supplement to the Travel Manual, 1500.14, WE WUP 65, page 4-16-WE (1 and 2), dated Aug. 11, 1981. This supplement states that a legible copy of all commercial vehicle rental agreements must be forwarded to the Regional Motor Fleet Management Section, AWP-52A, by the travel approving official at the time the travel voucher is approved. This is in addition to the copy required to be attached to the travel voucher. To enable effective monitoring of commercial vehicle rentals, approving officials should note in Block 12 of the Travel Voucher, SF-1012, "Copy of the commercial vehicle rental agreement has been forwarded to AWP-52A".

LETTERS WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

Sacramento Tower Chief Vic Katz recently received a note from a grateful father who wrote: "Air Traffic Controllers: Thank you for getting my daughter and her little baby, and her husband to Michigan and back safely during the holidays. You are great people. Thank you --Everyone should have a friend as wonderful as you."

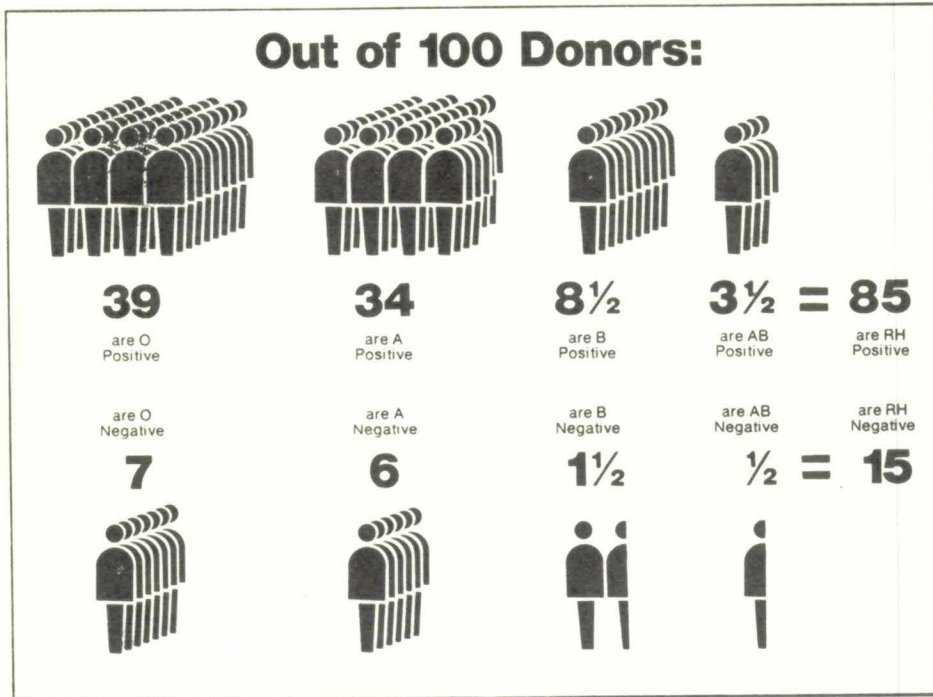
AND VIC KATZ' REPLY...

"Dear Mr. Kerrigan: On behalf of all the Air Traffic Controllers who remained on duty and were able to help people like your daughter, her husband and baby fly safely home for the Holidays, I want to

thank you for the very nice letter you sent us. Your letter helped us to remember that so many families are affected by how well we do our work. Your kind words are an encouragement for us to be better, and to work harder to make aviation as safe as we can for all the families that need to be together no matter what the season. All the Sacramento Metro Airport controllers, those who stayed with us, those who are borrowed from the Air Force and other FAA Towers, who read your letter, were insistent that I write you, to be sure you knew how much they appreciated your letter."

It Takes All Types ... Including Yours! +

AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOODMOBILE
WILL BE AT
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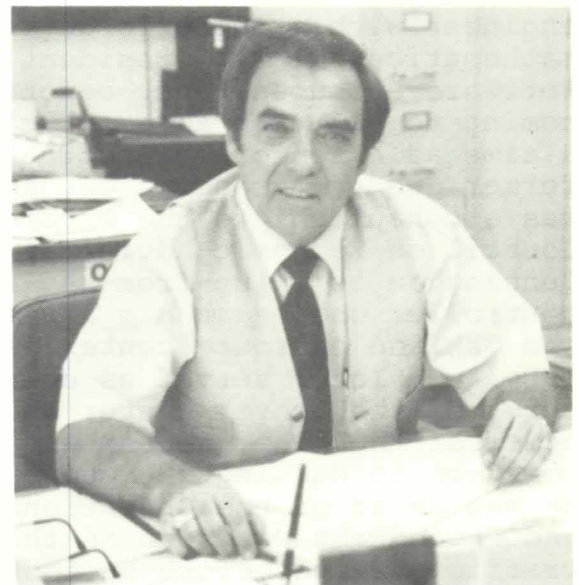
When you are contacted by your Blood Donor Coordinator, say yes and give the gift of life. As a blood donor, you perform a life-saving service to someone each time you give blood.

Fill out your donor card and get your appointment to come to the FAA Regional Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3E26, at a given time between 10:15 and 3 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Sign Up Now To Donate Blood!

BOB SMITH... NEW DEPUTY CHIEF, HONOLULU CENTER

Bob Smith, former specialist in the Western-Pacific Air Traffic Operations Branch, has been named Deputy Chief of Honolulu Center and has reported for duty at Honolulu. Bob began his government career with CAA/FAA at Los Angeles Center in 1956. He served at the Los Angeles Center as a journeyman and team supervisor, and at Oakland Center as Evaluation and Proficiency Development Officer and Assistant Chief. Bob also served a tour of duty as an instructor at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Bob had been with the Air Traffic Operations Branch since February 1979.



ATTN: INTERESTED BOWLERS

There will be a bowling meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28, 4:15 p.m., in the Regional headquarters building, 4th floor, Room 4W3/7. All parties interested in FAA Bowling this summer are encouraged to attend so that we can ascertain if we have enough participants to form a summer league. Among the items to be discussed are: dates, price, size of teams, etc. Please attend!

TWO DEPUTIES NAMED

The agency has filled two key Deputy Director jobs with the assignment of Larry Williams to the Technical Center in Atlantic City and Frank Cunningham to the Alaskan Region. Previously, Williams was chief of the Radar/Automation Division in the Airway Facilities Service, and Cunningham was the Air Traffic Division chief in Rocky Mountain. Williams joined the agency in 1972 and worked in the Office of Management Systems before moving over to Airway Facilities. An electrical engineer with a master's degree in mathematics, he was president of Software Sciences, Inc. before coming to FAA. He also served for a time as a senior engineer at the former Sperry Gyroscope Co. and was a consultant to the President's Council on Economic Advisors. Cunningham is an up-from-the-ranks controller who began his career in the Oakland en route center in 1956. He later served as deputy chief of the Denver Center and chief of the Miami center and then moved on to Washington headquarters. He was chief of the Operations and Procedures Division in the Air Traffic Service before he took over the Rocky Mountain job.

THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO...

FAA employees at the Regional Headquarters and LAX Hangar Complex are asked to participate in the Ridesharing Registration which is currently being conducted by Computer Computer with the assistance of FAA. The ridesharing matchlist, which each registered employee will receive, will assist in forming car pools on a regular basis, as well as in cases of emergency. Participation by all employees is encouraged. If you have not received a registration form, or if you have any questions, please contact the Employee Transportation Coordinator, Yvonne Gibson, at 536-6231.

