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**Oakland**

**FSDO**

**Story**

## Cover Story

What is a FSDO? When Air Carrier and General Aviation job functions are conducted under one roof, you've got a Flight Standards District Office--such as the one in Oakland, Calif.

This complexity is under the supervision of its Chief, Hoy Washburn. The chain of command includes: Fred Howard, Assistant Chief; Al Hoffman, Unit Chief - General Aviation Operations; and Winslow Lim, Unit Chief, General Aviation Maintenance. Air Carrier Operations includes: John Bowers, Supervisory Inspector; Joe Green, Ed Hammonds and Andy Edwards as Assistant to the Principal Inspector. Jimmie Williams serves as the L-382/B-727 Airman Certification Inspector. Air Carrier Maintenance has Tom Dewberry and Bill Luther as Principal Inspectors. Assistants to the Principals are Ray Kaiser, Robert Sanchez and Ralph Petersen.

Principal Avionics Inspectors assigned to both Air Carrier and General Aviation are Paul Van Emmerik and Al Hodges. Principal General Aviation Inspectors include: Oscar Feaster, Cliff Gibbons, Wayne Nutch and Terry Gordon. Aviation Safety Inspectors Chuck Hicks and Paul Flood are also assigned to General Aviation operations.

The Accident Prevention Specialist is R. J. Jones. Last, but certainly not least, is the office clerical staff under the supervision of Winnie Page, Supervisory Aviation Safety Assistant; Myrtle Ridley, Aviation Safety Assistant; and Aviation Clerks Diane Sanchez, Shirley Burgess, Bonnie Lou Bowen and Brenda Johnson.

The Oakland FSDO is located at the Oakland Airport and has jurisdic-

tion within eight northern California counties that reach to the Oregon border. Some 12,800 pilots reside in the Oakland District, along with 5,000 based aircraft at 49 airports located within the District.

Air Carrier responsibilities include six airlines, 2,000 crew members and 760 maintenance airmen. Of the 90 transport aircraft utilized by the six carriers, types include: B-747, DC-10, L-382, L-188, B-727, BAC 1-11, DC-8-80, DC-9-80, B-737, DC-4 (Carvair), B-377 (Mini Guppy), DA-20 and light Cessna type 402 and 404 models.

General Aviation, Operations and Maintenance, has the ultimate responsibility for 163 operating certificates within the district. Included within the 163 figure are 48 air taxi, 4 commuters, 20 FAR 141 schools, 50 repair stations, 2 mechanic schools and 30 FAR 137 agriculture operators. Other responsibilities include some 2,000 maintenance airmen, 115 inspection authorizations, 5 designated mechanic examiners, 29 pilot examiners and 11 written test examiners.

During 1981, some 176 safety meetings were conducted throughout the district with an attendance of over 10,000! During this period, R. J. Jones, the Accident Prevention Specialist, presented 127 Pilot Proficiency Wings and Certificates.

Cover photo: Bill Yuen, Aviation Safety Inspector. Cover photo by Al Garvis.

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# Oakland FSDO

## In Action



Oakland FSDO personnel at their jobs are:

A--Joe Green (right), Air Carrier Operations Inspector, conducts a B-727 Airmen Certification test.

B--At a "mini" evacuation at World Airways are, from left: Inspectors John Bowers, Paul Van Emmerick, Ralph Petersen, Ray Kaiser and Andy Edwards.

C--Monitoring a B-747 life raft demonstration are Principal Operations Inspector John Bowers and Inspector Joe Green.

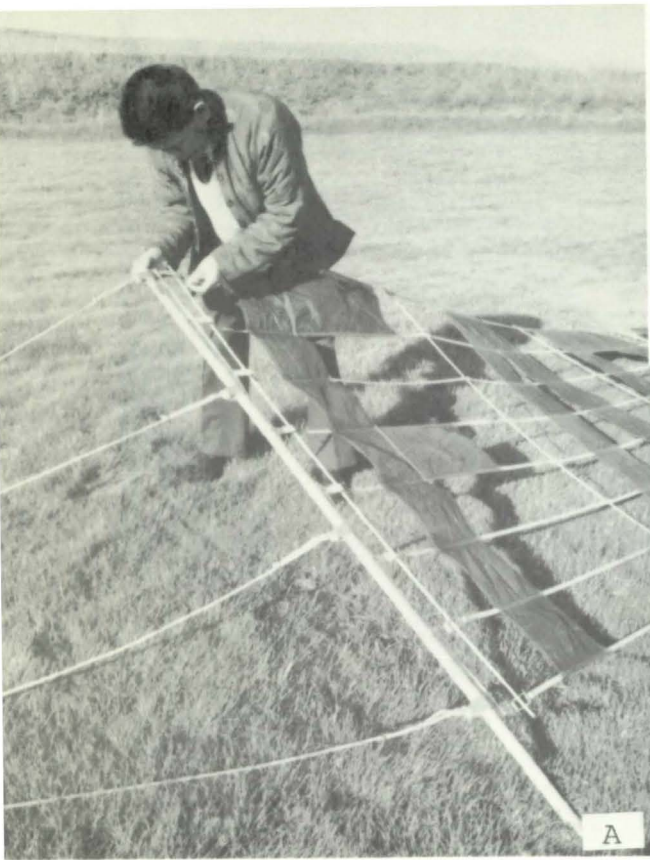
D--Inspector Robert Sanchez takes a look at a door exit slide that failed during a test.

E--Al Hoffman (left), General Aviation Operations Unit Chief, and Paul Flood, General Aviation Operations Inspector.

Photos by Oakland FSDO personnel.

More

Oakland FSDO



More Oakland FSDO people on the job are:

A--Winslow Lim, Airworthiness General Aviation Unit Chief, inspecting and certifying the "banner" used in aircraft advertising.

B--Ralph Peterson, Airworthiness Inspector, reviewing Federal Aviation Regulations.

C--Chuck Hicks (foreground) Operations Inspector, General Aviation, and Del Ott (right background), Principal Airworthiness Inspector, General Aviation, engaged in an air taxi certification process.

D--Al Hodges (standing), Principal Avionics Inspector, inspecting World Airways' Inertial Testing Facilities.

Photos by Oakland FSDO personnel.

# Still More

## Oakland FSDO



Still more Oakland FSDO people are:

A--The Administrative Staff: From left--Myrtle Ridley; Fred Howard, Assistant Chief; Debbie Trujillio (now with Air Traffic in Oakland); Winnifred Page; Bonnie Bowen; Connie Vanderdrink (since transferred to the Defense Dept.); Diane Sanchez; and Facility Chief Hoy Washburn.

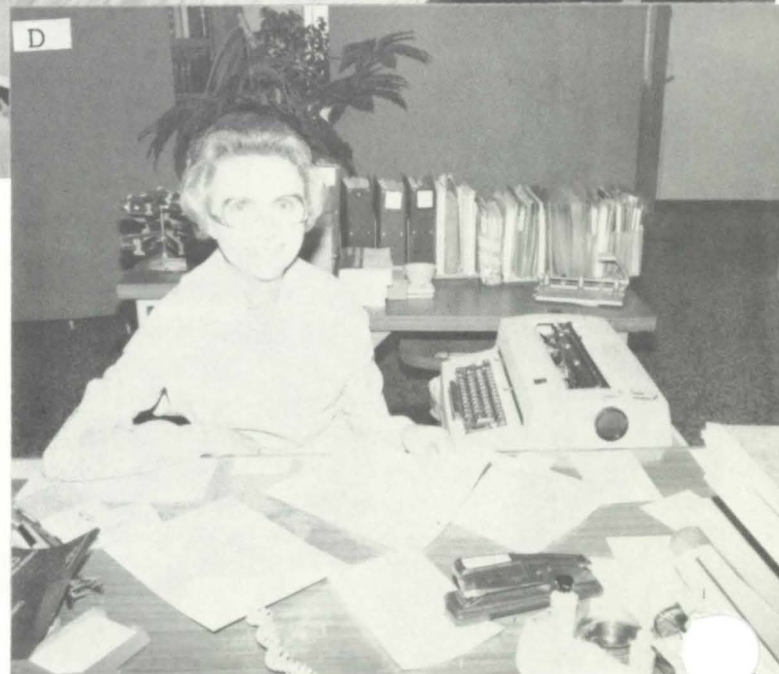
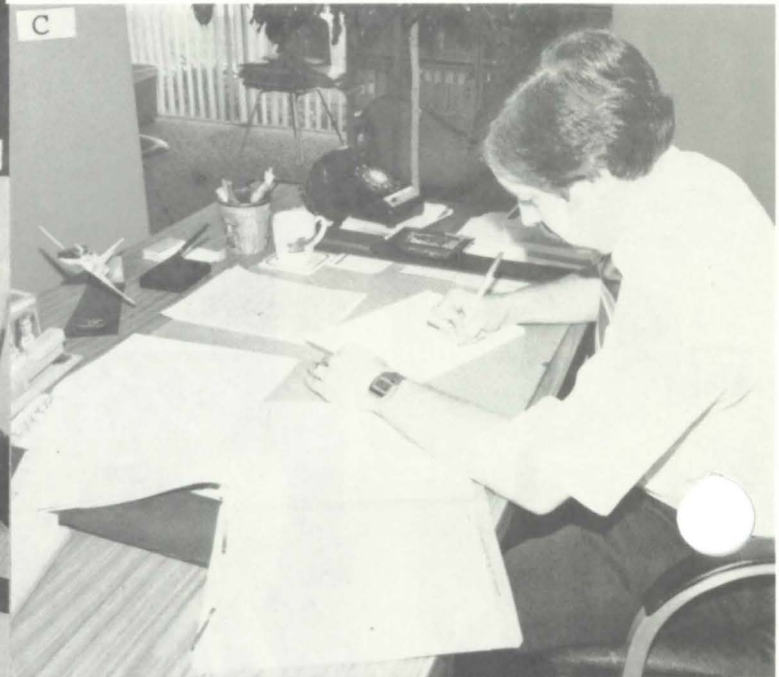
B--William Luther (right), Principal Maintenance Inspector for World Airways, and Bob Sanchez, Assistant Principal Maintenance Inspector for World Airways, review a cabin seating configuration on World Airways DC-10 aircraft.

C--Paul Van Emmerik (left), Principal Avionics Inspector, and Tom Deberry, Principal Airworthiness Inspector, inspect records at Trans-America Airlines.

D--Brenda Johnson logs in a written test applicant. Brenda joined the FSDO from the Ontario FSS.

Photos by Oakland FSDO personnel.

And  
Still  
More



And...still more Oakland  
FSDO people are:

A--Oscar Feaster (left),  
Principal General Aviation  
Operations Inspector,  
conducting a walk-around,  
air taxi inspection.

B--Don Ogden, General  
Aviation Principal Airworthiness  
Inspector.

C--Ed Hammonds, Assistant  
Principal Operations Inspector  
for Pacific Express Airlines.

D--Shirley Burgess, Secretary.

## MEET SWEDE GAMBLE HELICOPTER RESCUE ACE

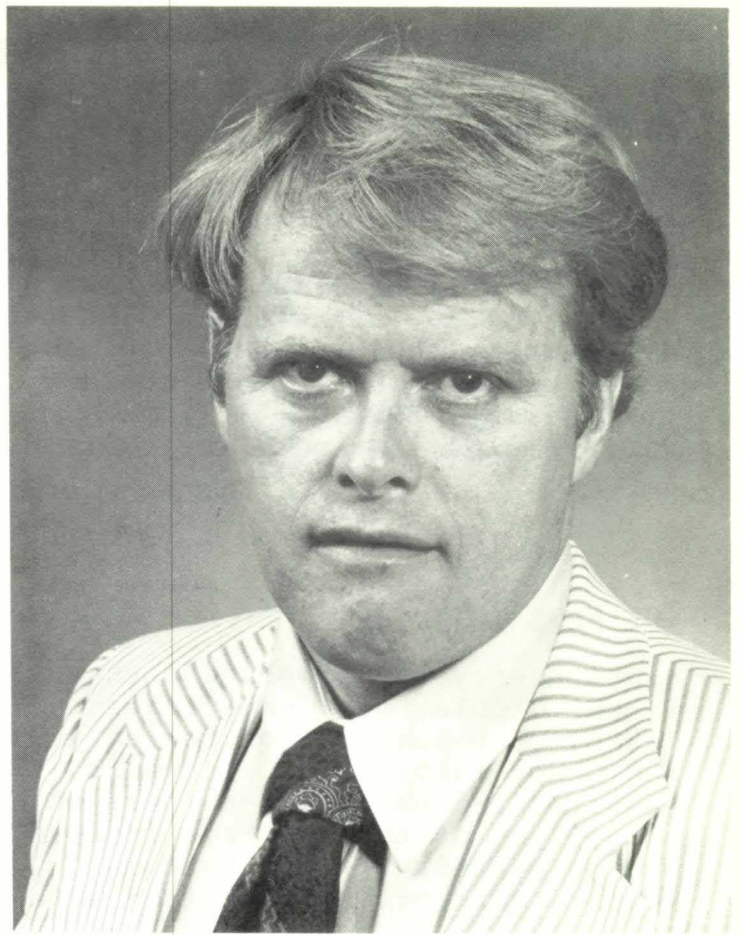
William "Swede" Gamble, Aviation Safety Operations Inspector at the San Diego General Aviation District Office, was part of the flight crew that pulled two Marine pilots from the water off the coast of San Clemente Island. After five rescues, a helicopter pilot is considered to be a "Rescue Ace". This was Swede's fifth and sixth rescue.

A Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserves, Swede was on a training flight over North Island when the flight crew received the call requesting SAR (search and rescue) assistance for two pilots who had ejected from their F-4 southwest of San Clemente Island. Only 35 minutes after receiving the call, the H-3 helicopter was hovering over the stranded airmen. A sling was lowered and the two Marines were immediately pulled out of the 58-degree water, and on their way to warm clothing at NAS Miramar.

"Making a helicopter rescue is always very exciting to me," Swede commented. "It was one thing that Igor Sikorsky is proud of--the fact that the helicopter could be used for rescue."

Swede's other rescues included two mountain climbers, one which required landing on the very top of Mt. Shasta at 14,241 feet. He also rescued a doctor who had been injured in a snowmobile accident at Lake Tahoe. Swede's first rescue attempt was a U.S. Navy pilot who had ejected into the San Francisco Bay.

Hats off to Swede Gamble -- the FAA is proud to have you in its ranks!



William "Swede" Gamble  
(photo courtesy of San Diego Union)

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## FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR NAMED DIRECTOR OF SOAP

Leon C. Daugherty, former Director, FAA Western Region, has been named Executive Director of The Society of Airway Pioneers (SOAP). This is a volunteer, non-profit organization, "Dedicated to....The Federal Aviation Administration and National Weather Service Employees who, for the past five decades, have developed, installed, maintained, and operated the Federal Airways Systems which are recognized as the finest in the world. To....The Airway Pioneers of the future who are now devising complex systems for the jet age and beyond which will continue to maximize safety for all people who fly. The prime

function of this organization is to publish annually The Airway Pioneer which provides past and present employees of FAA and National Weather Service, knowledge of the activities of their many former friends and colleagues." Membership is open to all present, past, and retired employees who have a minimum of 20 years service with FAA or NWS and who know one person who will be their personal reference. For further information and membership applications, contact: Leon C. Daugherty, Society of Airway Pioneers, 28719 Blythewood Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

## MAY 14 NEW DATE FOR

### JOHN KEMPER'S LUNCHEON

There has been a slight change in plans. The new date for John's luncheon will be Friday, May 14, 1982 at 11:30. It will be a buffet luncheon at the Hacienda Hotel for \$8.00 per person. Please contact Lori Millar, FTS 966-6164, COM 213/536-6164, for more information.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

● The agency has proposed a change in the display of identification marks, or N-numbers, on helicopters and other rotorcraft. It would require 12-inch high N-numbers on both sides of the fuselage instead of the present 20-inch bottom surface markings and two-inch side markings. The change would bring the rules for the display of N-numbers on rotorcraft in line with those for fixed-wing aircraft. It also would allow helicopter operators to attach searchlights, floats, loudhailers, cargo hooks and other accessories to the bottom of the rotorcraft without worrying about how this would affect the display of identification marks. All comments received on or before July 3 will be considered in the final rulemaking. ● On April 2, the doors at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Aurora, Colo., were closed for the last time, and on April 4, the region itself went out of business as the consolidation with the Northwest Region was completed. Of the 275 employees in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 55 elected to move to Seattle--the home of the new Northwest Mountain Region. Many of those remaining in the Denver area will continue to work for FAA. Some will transfer to new FAA field offices, which will be located in space previously used by the regional office, some to other FAA regions and a few to other Federal agencies. Many are resigning or retiring.

## FENELLO SPEAKS AT DEDICATION

Deputy Administrator Fenello was a recent speaker at the dedication of a new air traffic control tower at the Westmoreland County Airport in Latrobe, Pa. This is a "non-Federal" tower that was built by the county and will be run by controllers provided by a private contractor. According to tower chief Tony Luisi, the facility was designed to FAA specifications and could be taken over by the agency with little or no modification, if future requirements dictate. He also said that none of the controllers at the tower were participants in last summer's strike.

## OAKLAND FSS NEWS

Oakland Flight Service Station has had some recent arrivals. Welcome aboard to rehired specialists Mike Walker and Frank Budge. Bill Humphry is here from McClellan AFB, Ira Wright from Phoenix, Jim Myers from Red Bluff, Craig Heatly from Tonapah and Candy Burkett from Salinas. With our expanding flight service area, these people will be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we are also losing three more people. Specialist Jimmy Turner is moving over to the Oakland Tower, Flight Watch Specialist Glenn Sites will be retiring in June, and Team Supervisor Donald Haven is retiring at the end of April. Don retires with 37 years of Federal service, both in the Air Force and the FAA, and has been a supervisor at Sacramento, Las Vegas and Oakland Flight Service Stations. His retirement party will be held on April 18, so please contact Oakland FSS if you are interested in attending. Other items of interest include vacation returnees, Specialists Bruce Britos from Southern California and Andy Davie from Honolulu. Deputy Chief George Hioco spent a cold week in Helena, Montana, where his son just had the grand opening of a new restaurant. Bruce Britos also has won an award for his coaching of the San Ramon Girls Soccer Team.

## JEAN LARSON RETIRES

Jean Larson, Administrative Officer of the Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector, recently retired with more than 30 years of Federal service. Over 50 friends and well-wishers attended a luncheon held in Jean's honor. During the course of the luncheon, Jean was presented with a Special Achievement Award and other gifts from her friends and co-workers throughout the Region. All FAAers wish Jean and her husband Ralph many happy years of retirement.

Right photo: Jean Larson being "pinned" by Sector Manager Bob Lamora. Photo by Henry Bertuleit, Jr.



## HEALTH INFORMATION EXHIBITS AT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS DURING MAY

The most valuable of all personal assets is "Good Health." In an effort to provide Federal employees with vital health information, the National Health agencies of the Combined Federal Campaign have declared May 1982 as Health Information Month. Each Tuesday during the month, employees at the Regional Office will have the opportunity to view exhibits, ask questions and get free testing. Eight different health agencies will be visiting the building, all with attractive displays and literature. The hours for the exhibits are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the following schedule:

Tuesday, May 4-Retinitis Pigmentosa  
March of Dimes  
Tuesday, May 11-Autistic Children  
American Kidney Fund

Tuesday, May 18-Epilepsy  
Sickle Cell (Testing)  
Tuesday, May 25-Society to Prevent  
Blindness (Testing)  
Cystic Fibrosis

In a major effort to prevent loss of vision from Glaucoma, the Society to Prevent Blindness will test adults for early detection. The test is simple and painless, recording eye pressure by using a puff of air. No medication is needed and it only takes a few seconds. The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation will also provide testing for the sickle cell trait. Unfortunately, many adults of child-bearing age are unknown carriers of this trait. This simple test will give valuable information that employees need to have. Each of the health agencies will be prepared to answer your questions and to assist you in any way possible.



ATTN: ALL DRIVERS OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

Personnel operating government vehicles are responsible for knowing what to do in case of an emergency such as an accident or road repairs. For the convenience of the operator a copy of the VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL and a copy of the following summary of instructions has been placed in the glove compartment of all GSA vehicles assigned to FAA:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS  
INVOLVING A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE

ACCIDENTS

Refer to VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL page 16, located in glove compartment.

EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS

1. Read instructions in the VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL (page 14, Unscheduled Repairs).
2. If there is a nearby gas station or service facility, have them determine problem and approximate cost of repairs. Find out if GSA credit card is accepted and try to get a written estimate.
3. If under \$50.00 authorize repairs on Government credit card. If cost of repair exceeds \$50.00 call GSA motor pool for towing and/or repair instructions and approvals. Refer to cover of VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL for phone numbers. When GSA credit card is not accepted by service facility, call GSA motor pool to have a purchase order for repairs issued.
4. When calling GSA give the following information:
  - a. Area code and phone number where you can be reached.
  - b. Give your location, street, city, county, nearest cross streets etc.
  - c. State problem vehicle is having.
  - d. Follow GSA instructions.

You need not wait any longer than two hours or end of shift for a GSA dispatched tow truck.

5. If GSA cannot be reached, have vehicle towed to the nearest service facility for repairs. When expenses exceed the \$50 limit, authorize repairs and obtain a receipt. Write emergency repair, vehicle problem, reason for exceeding \$50 limit and that you could not reach GSA motor pool. Notify GSA motor pool at first opportunity.
6. For tire, tube and battery failure see VEHICLE OPERATOR'S MANUAL page 13, section B.
7. If there is a need for transportation, in emergency situations, you can either call a co-worker to pick you up, call a cab, rent a car or take public transportation, whichever is most practical/economical according to where you are located.

All field facility chiefs should have the glove compartment of all vehicles checked to insure that the name of all GSA contacts and phone numbers are current. If not, this information should be updated.