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NANCY ITO
ELECTED TO NATIONAL
SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Cover Story

Nancy Ito, Computer Programmer Analyst in the Management Systems Division, is one of five people elected to the National Softball Hall of Fame. The selection was announced at the 50th annual meeting of the Amateur Softball Association held recently in San Antonio, Texas.

Since its inception in 1957, there have been only 44 men and 29 women inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame.

Nan, who played fast pitch for 25 years, and the four others will be formally inducted during the annual Hall of Fame Softball Classic in Oklahoma City on June 25-26. She is only the third woman catcher to be elected.

Nan has played shortstop and third base, but switched to catcher early in her career. As a catcher she made the National All-Star team 12 times. In all, Nan participated in 18 National Championships. She played 14 seasons on the Orange Lionettes during their championship years.

Many Regional employees have been fortunate enough to have seen Nan in action and heartily endorse her selection to this high honor.



TALKS SET ON IMPROVING LABOR RELATIONS TIES

Following up on the recommendations of the blue-ribbon task force for improving FAA employee-management relationships, the agency is sponsoring a series of motivational talks on the subject by one of the task force members, Dr. Stephen Fuller, formerly of General Motors and now with Harvard University. Dr. Fuller will address managers and supervisors in Washington headquarters, all eight regional headquarters in the conterminous 48 states and the Aeronautical Center over a two-week period, beginning April 27. Plans also have been made to videotape his presentation for later distribution to field facilities. Dr. Fuller's schedule calls for him to give two presentations a day--one in the morning and the other in the afternoon--in two different cities. He will be in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta on April 27; Dallas/Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City on April 28; New York and Burlington, Mass., on April 29; Chicago and Kansas City on May 6; and Los Angeles and Seattle on May 7.

HELMS GIVES KUDOS TO ALL FAA EMPLOYEES

The Administrator told a Congressional committee on April 20 that the outstanding performance of FAA employees across the board after the controllers' strike was "the single most significant event to occur in FAA history." Testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, he said, "I know of no Government agency, faced with such a challenge, that has ever responded better. While we may have problems and adversities and have improvements to make, I cannot allow this to overshadow the tremendous performance of our people. I am very proud of them."

NO DECISION ON CENTER CONSOLIDATIONS

The inclusion of graphic displays in the National Airspace System Plan showing examples of air route traffic control center consolidations "are merely examples for analysis purposes of how consolidation could be accomplished," according to Air Traffic Service Director Raymond Van Vuren. Testifying at a Congressional field hearing in Oakland, Calif., Van Vuren said: "No decisions have been made either on how many cen-

ters may be required or where consolidations could be effected. Comprehensive feasibility studies would have to be conducted before consolidation of any centers. This detailed assessment would take into consideration not only benefits versus costs, but other factors such as operational requirements, air traffic services, factors unique to the specific location under study, impact on the community and users, and the like."

PERFORMANCE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Right photo: Carl McGee (Center), Electronics Technician in the Nav/Comm unit at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase Award from Sector Manager Wally Ward. At the right is Jack Perkins, Nav/Comm Supervisor. Carl received the award for his outstanding work in maintaining navaids facilities at Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Santa Monica and Torrance Airports. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



Left photo: Frederick Neumeyer (right) of the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center receives a Quality Within Grade Increase Award from Team Supervisor Fred Weems. This award is in recognition of Fred's individual personal achievements in exceeding performance standards for all his major job assignments in the position of air traffic control specialist. Photo by Lois Lewis.

LANGUAGE BARRIER NO PROBLEM

THANKS TO WILLING FAAERS

Nick Boyiazis, Chief, Airway Facilities Environmental Section, and Miguel Negrete, Civil Engineer, AWP-454, recently saved the day when Commander Montero and three other representatives of the Chilean Department of Civil Aviation arrived to visit with FAA officials and discuss the FAA anti-hijacking program. Unfortunately, none of the group spoke English. Through coordination with Nick Boyiazis, the services of Miguel Negrete were offered to act as interpreter. Both Nick and Miguel received a Letter of Appreciation from Chief, Civil Aviation Security Field Office at Los Angeles.

FAA TOUGHENS CF6 INSPECTIONS

The agency has issued an emergency Airworthiness Directive on the General Electric CF6-50.45 jet engines requiring more frequent and more stringent inspections of the first-stage high-pressure turbine disk. Specifically, the AD cuts the reinspection time from 1,500 cycles to 750 cycles and requires two completely separate inspections each time. It also specifies that the disk must be replaced with an improved one in all affected engines by Feb. 1, 1984. The FAA action followed a March 17 accident in North Yemen in which the engine disk on an Air France A-300 disintegrated during takeoff roll and touched off a fire that completely destroyed the aircraft but caused no fatalities. Subsequent inspection of the disk revealed that it failed within 983 cycles of the last inspection. Some 88 U.S. aircraft are affected--25 A-300s, 26 DC-10s and seven Boeing 747s. There also are 371 foreign jets in this category, although FAA ADs do not have the force of regulation overseas.

ATPAC REVITALIZED

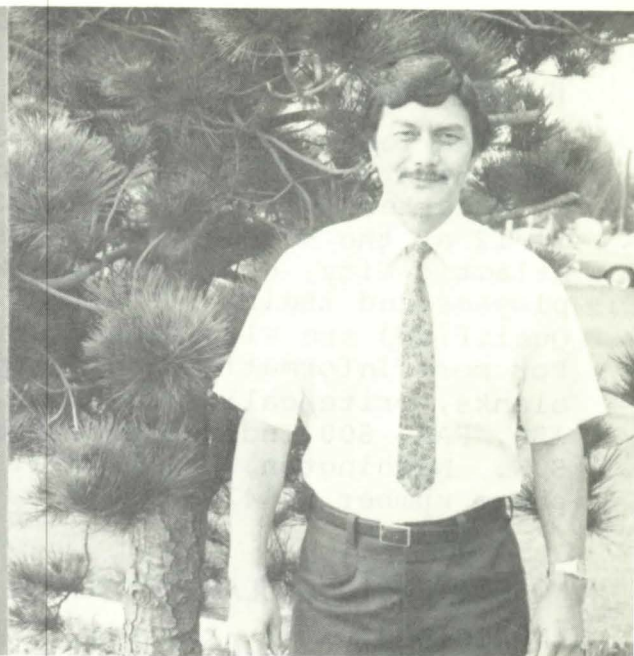
The Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) met in Washington the week of April 12 for the first time since the committee's charter was renewed in March. The charter had lapsed temporarily following the controllers' strike, but now the committee has been reestablished and is back in business for another two years. The first order of business was to reelect Dan Hawley of the Allied Pilots' Association as chairman for another term. Lane Speck, Deputy Chief of the Procedures Division in Air Traffic, is serving as Executive Director. ATPAC consists of 11 member organizations selected by FAA as most representative of the airspace system users, including the Military, ATA, ALPA, ATCA and other alphabet organizations. The committee's job is to review air traffic control procedures and practices and make recommendations for improvement. Since ATPAC was established in 1975, it has made 270 recommendations and 258 of them have been adopted or otherwise handled to the committee's satisfaction. Recently, the committee also was asked to help out with the National Airspace Review by advising the agency as to how the procedural recommendations made by the review teams can be best implemented in the air traffic control system.

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NEW FACES IN THE COMM CENTER



Ed Holbert



Tommy Aina

New Duty Officers at the Regional Communications Control Center, AWP-6, are Ed Holbert and Tommy Aina. Ed comes to us from Stockton Tower where he served as a team supervisor for the past three years. Prior to that Ed served as an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center in Palmdale, Thermal FSS, Palm Springs Tower, Ponce erto Rico Tower, Lake Tahoe Tower and Edwards RAPCON.....Tommy comes to us .om the Pacific-Asia Region. Born and raised in the Hawaiian Islands, Tommy joined the CAA/FAA in 1958 after serving in the U.S. Air Force as a military instructor and control tower operator. He has served as an Air Traffic Control Specialist and Assistant Chief in Honolulu and remote areas such as Guam, Wake Island and American Samoa. Tommy was a Regional Communications Duty Officer in Honolulu prior to coming to Los Angeles. A warm welcome aboard to both Ed and Tommy -- we are glad to have you!

COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM SPARKS BROAD RESPONSE

The Administrator's proposal to have the nation's colleges and universities help train future managers and technicians for FAA industry seems to have struck a responsive chord in the academic community. Of the 132 schools contacted, 63 have responded to date--37 of them expressing interest in establishing a Bachelor's and/or Master's program and 30 appearing already to have curricula that would do for either one or the other. Moreover, since the idea

was first proposed in January, the agency plans to expand the concept to include current FAA employees, whose work experience could earn them credit towards a degree in the Airway Science program, as the proposal is now being called. The agency hopes to hire some 500 graduates of the program annually when it's fully implemented. It now is working to develop a procedure whereby graduates could be hired by FAA.

BOWLING

BY THE OCEAN

The FAA/Tech Center Handicap Championships hosted by FAA Washington Headquarters will take place June 11-12 at the Verona Lanes, West Atlantic City, N.J. All FAA employees and their guests (ABC/WIBC Qualified) are eligible to enter. For more information and entry blanks, write/call: Ed Brown, AAF-150, FAA, 800 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591. His phone number is 426-8970.

FORGOTTEN TOOL BLAMED IN ACCIDENT

A foreign object--most likely a mechanic's tool-- left inside the engine of an Air Florida DC-10 was the probable cause of a non-fatal accident involving that aircraft at Miami International Airport on Sept. 22, 1981. In a report on the accident, the National Transportation Safety Board said the object probably was left inside the low-pressure turbine cavity when a maintenance team installed a turbine rotor disk in October 1979. The Board said it believed that bolts holding the rotor disks together were hammered by the foreign material when the engine was operated, and over a long period the fragments destroyed the capability of the bolts to hold the disks together. When the bolts failed, the stage one low-pressure rotor disk oversped and disintegrated. The incident happened during takeoff roll and the flight crew was able to bring the aircraft to a safe stop. As a result of its investigation, the Board recommended that FAA actively encourage research and development in containment technology and engine reliability, and expedite the publication of guidance material on compliance with Federal regulations pertaining to design precautions that can be taken to minimize hazards posed by rotor fragmentation.

CONTROLLER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Office of Personnel Management will be accepting applications for the competitive Air Traffic Control Specialist Examination May 3 to May 28, 1982. Interested persons should contact the nearest Federal Job Information Center or the FAA Employment Branch at 213/536-6292 or FTS 966-6292 or 966-6296.

FAA CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY FOR CAP CHIEF CHECK PILOT

Lt. Col. Russell Turner Kaufman (right), who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol unit based in San Bernardino, recently received an FAA Certificate of Proficiency as Chief Check Pilot for the California Wing, Civil Air Patrol. The certificate was signed off by Inspector Sarah Rambo of the Riverside General Aviation District Office. The presentation was made by Colonel Kaufman's commanding officer, Maj. John Abbott (left), Commander of the CAP's Inland Empire Group 18, headquartered at Norton Air Force Base, California.



CAPSULE GLIMPSES...

MEET SHERRI MCKENZIE

Sherri McKenzie is a General Supply Specialist in the Materiel Management Branch, Materiel Support Section in the Logistics Division. She joined the FAA in 1976 as an Administrative Officer at the Los Angeles Center with the Airway Facilities Sector. She then was transferred to the Regional Headquarters as a Support Services Specialist in the Logistics Division where she served until her present position.

If Sherri's photo looks theatrical, that's because it is! Sherri's hobby is acting. She has been performing on the stage and in film in her spare time since 1976. In addition to performing in little theatre, Sherri has done extra work and starred in several films. She currently is appearing as "Adele the Maid" in a Hollywood stage play, "The Honor of Your Presence." The play will run through May 22 on Friday and Saturday evenings.



NATIONAL AIRSPACE REVIEW BEGINS NEXT MONTH

A government/industry review aimed at improving the efficiency of the nation's airspace system will formally get underway May 4 when the program's Executive Steering Committee holds its first meeting in Washington, D.C. Initiated by the Administrator as part of a comprehensive plan to modernize the air traffic control and air navigation system, the National Airspace Review (NAR) will focus on identifying and implementing changes in airspace design and management as well as air traffic control procedures. Essentially, the NAR will consist of 16 task groups, each assigned the responsibility for reviewing a particular aspect of

the National Airspace System and making recommendations for improvements, such as in the criteria for establishment and design of special-use airspace and the dissemination of aviation weather information. The first two meetings of task groups will be held in June in Atlanta and Chicago. To review the work of the task groups, a 10-member Executive Steering Committee has been established, composed of representatives of FAA and the aviation industry and headed by Deputy Administrator Fenello. The committee will meet at least four times a year and is expected to complete its work by mid-1985.

FLASH--The "That's Incredible Television Program" will feature the efforts of Orange County Tower Controllers on Monday, May 10, 1982.

SAFETY AWARD

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

An Air New England flight crew has been selected to receive the Daedalian Civilian Air Safety Award for landing their Twin Otter safely last year, despite a partial elevator failure coupled with severe airframe vibration and serious controllability problems. The selection was made jointly by FAA, the Air Line Pilots Association, the Allied Pilots Association and the Air Transport Association. Administrator Helms will present the award to Captain Stanley Bernstein and First Officer Thomas Doherty at June 5 ceremonies in Arlington, Va. The incident occurred May 12, 1981, as a result of a bolt failure in the elevator mechanism. Shortly after departing Waterville, Me., when the aircraft was in instrument weather, the crew heard a loud bang and immediately began experiencing controllability problems. However, the crew did maintain control through skillful piloting techniques and, after breaking out of the overcast at 200 feet, brought the aircraft in for a landing on a 600-foot runway with 100 feet to spare.

EMPLOYEE DEATH

We are saddened to report that Carroll L. Edgar, Chief of the Bakersfield Flight Service Station, passed away on April 22 due to a possible heart attack. Ed had 27 years of Federal service, the last six of which had been spent in Bakersfield as chief of the FSS. Ed also served as chief of the Imperial and Daggett flight service stations. He was extremely active in community affairs and during his time at Bakersfield conducted many Career Day Seminars and Aviation Education Programs. He will be greatly missed by his friends and co-workers. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Thais, and sons Steven and Randy.

ASCE TALK

Nick Boyiazis, Chief, Environmental Section, (AWP-454), Establishment Engineering Branch, recently gave a presentation to the American Society of Civil Engineers, Air Transport Group. The group has expressed their appreciation by presenting Nick with a Certification of Appreciation and thanks for giving them a better understanding of FAA facility installation and maintenance.

"KICKOFF" FOR BOND DRIVE MAY 1

All your Christmas bills are finally paid...You have resolved your tax bill--one way or the other!... Now is the time to think of socking some away in U.S. Government Bonds.

Russ Hathaway, Airports Division, is chairman of the Bond Drive this year. He will be contacting Division Chiefs for representatives of divisions and field offices.

By investing in Government Bonds we help ourselves and our government. Bonds are a safe investment and can also be a source of emergency cash.

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