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Douglas FSS »» Tops!

COVER STORY...

Douglas Flight Service Station was recently selected as Arizona's Air Traffic Facility of the Year.

Personnel records at Douglas FSS show Bill Callahan as its first Specialist, arriving on June 16, 1936. In the subsequent years, 120 Specialists have followed in Bill's footsteps, many of whom are currently active throughout the FAA system.

Today, Douglas FSS stays on the air with a Facility Manager (Mike Liversidge, three journeymen (Norman Martin, Mark Bohn and Don Bodeman), and the support of two Airway Facilities technicians (Ed McKamey and Dennis Ketchum.)

Situated in the southeast corner of Arizona, on the Mexican border, the facility represents the east end of the regional trapline. Air safety has frequently been challenged in this remote area by high student activity, military traffic and confusing landmarks. Personnel at Douglas have taken up this challenge and have extended their efforts to overcome these obstacles.

The pilots of Arizona recently gave recognition to those efforts by selecting this tiny outpost as "Arizona's Air Traffic Facility of the Year". This is the second time this trophy has winged its way to Douglas in the eight years that it has been in existence.

Cover photo: From left--Standing--Facility Manager Mike Liversidge; Don Bodeman, ATCS; Ed McKamey, AF Technician; and Mark Bohn, ATCS. Below--Norm Martin (left), ATCS, and AF Technician Dennis Ketchum. Cover photo by Laurie Carr of The Douglas Daily Dispatch.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MEETINGS AT R.O.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are being scheduled at Regional Headquarters. Both old and new members are welcome. For information, please call Anne Clayton, Aviation Medical Division, ext. 6300.

'CAN-DO' SPIRIT PRAISED

An indication of how helicopter operators feel about the performance of controllers since the strike is provided by the August issue of Rotor & Wing magazine. The magazine's "Feedback" column this month is devoted solely to readers' comments about ATC operations.

Included are the following remarks:

- "The controllers who remained on the job seemed to overcompensate for the initial inconvenience brought on by the strike. I have felt better served as a result of their obvious, increased effort."

- "There has been great improvement in the Denver ATC system's handling of helicopters...I hope the new attitude is indicative of the whole system and that it will remain that way. Thank you, controllers."

- "Service has been excellent in and out of Greater Pittsburgh (Pa.) Airport and the controllers have been very courteous. I've also noticed that the flight service station has been busier...and the briefers seem to be going out of their way to help."

- "In my cross-country flights and locally, I have...experienced a new pleasure in communications....Although perhaps biased, I think the best controllers are at McCarran International Airport."

- "It has been my experience since (the strike) that there has been nothing but improvement. A can-do spirit has prevailed and courtesy and efficiency continue in all air traffic control functions."

Douglas
Flight
Service
Personnel



Douglas Flight Service Station
personnel pictured above are:

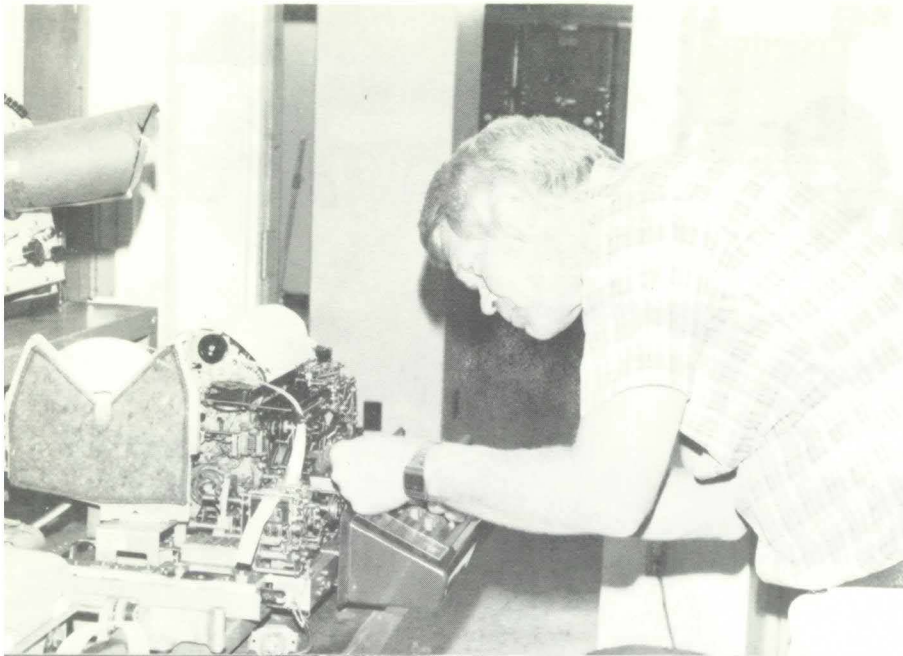
A--Mike Liversidge (left) Facility
Manager, and Don Bodeman, Air Traffic
Control Specialist pose with their
trophy which was received as Arizona's
Air Traffic Facility of the Year.
With Don at the inflight position, and
Mike at the controls of his modified
Cessna "The Boulder Rocket" (in photo),
they teamed up to pull off an outstand-
ing flight assist by bringing back a
solo student pilot from deep in Mexico.

B--Mark Bohn, Air Traffic Control
Specialist at the Flight Data Position.

C--Don Bodeman at the Preflight Position.

Photos by Mike Liversidge.

More
Douglas
People



More Douglas personnel
are:

A--Ed McKamey, Airway
Facilities Technician.

B--Norman Martin, Air
Traffic Control Special-
ist at the Inflight
Position.

C--Mike Liversidge, Manager.

D--Dennis Ketchum,
Airway Facilities
Technician.

Photos By Mike Liversidge.



QUALITY WITHIN-GRADES FOR MAU & TRACY

Top left: Fred Mau(right), Inspector at the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office, is presented with a Quality Performance Award by Dick Hofmann, Chief, Airworthiness Unit.

Bottom left: Brad Tracy (right), Nav/Com Electronics Technician at Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS), receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase Award for his exceptional maintenance of the electronic facilities at the Torrance Airport. Brad was also recognized for his good work on many diversified projects. Presentation was made by Wally Ward (left), LAX AFS Manager. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



45 YEARS FOR ED DEVON

Edward Devon, an inspector with the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office, was recently honored for completing 45 years of Federal service. Ed started with the U.S. Post Office Department in 1937 and then served in the U.S. Air Force. Twenty-one years later, he joined the FAA as an air carrier operations inspector in New York City, next serving at Atlanta, and presently is with the Honolulu FSDO. Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure was on hand to present Ed Devon (right) with a special service plaque for this milestone in his career.



AFSS SITE PICKED

The agency has selected Conroe, Texas, as the automated flight service station site for the southeast Texas flight plan area. Conroe is the eighth AFSS location picked overall and the first under new procedures designed to assure the fullest competition among communities within each flight plan area. The agreement with Conroe calls for the local community to construct a building to house the AFSS and for its subsequent lease to FAA under terms that are advantageous to the government.

WINDSHIELD WASHER/DEICER

BLAMED IN CRASH

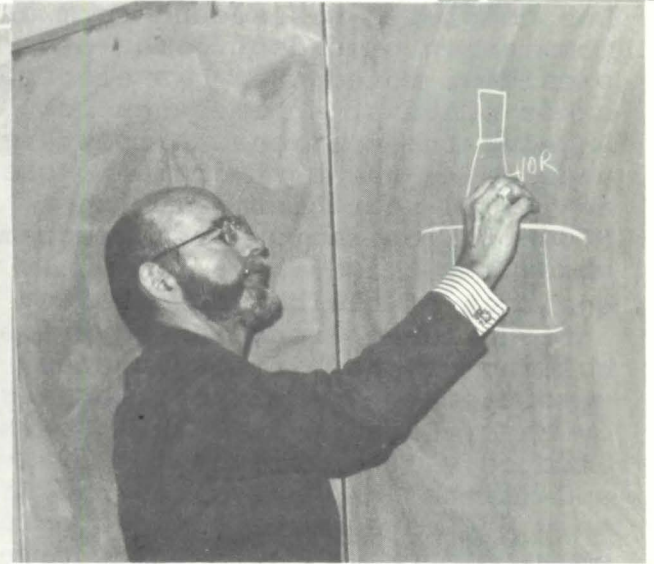
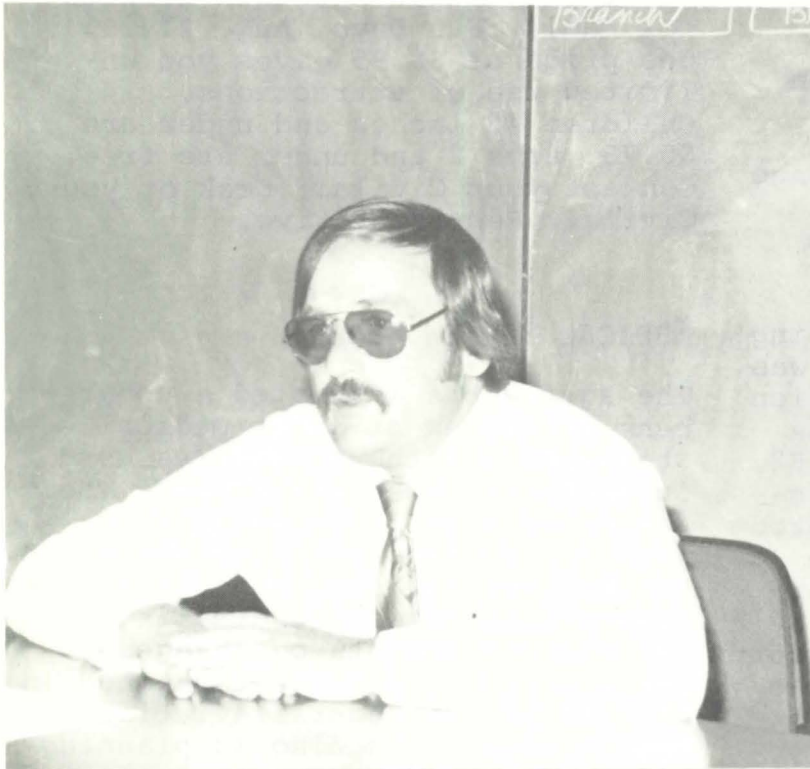
Faulty design and inadequate maintenance of a windshield washer/deicer system has been cited by NTSB as the cause of a fatal crash of a commuter aircraft on a frozen reservoir near Providence, R.I., last February. The board determined that the tubing linking the deicer pump with the windshield spray nozzles disconnected. This caused highly flammable isopropyl alcohol to be sprayed throughout the compartment below the cockpit where there are several potential ignition sources. The two pilots and nine of the ten passengers escaped from the blazing Pilgrim Airlines de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter. The tenth passenger died of asphyxiation. Besides repeating its earlier recommendation that FAA require redesign of the windshield de-icing system or have it replaced with an electrically-heated windshield, the board called for FAA to increase its surveillance of commuter airlines regarding the adequacy of passenger briefings and tighten its regulations on the accessibility and location of fire extinguishers in commuter aircraft cabins.

A WORD TO THE WISE

The Office of the Chief Counsel advises employees to be careful about matters possibly involving the Privacy Act and passes along information on a recent Federal Court decision to illustrate that point. It concerned a government supervisor who had come upon certain medical information while reviewing the forms of a retiring subordinate who was making a claim under the Office of Workers Compensation Program (OWCP). Later, the supervisor used that information as the basis for comments to individuals regarding the subordinate's reason for leaving the agency. These comments included: "Oh, you know Fritz, he's crazy as hell; went out on a Section 8," and "He's not physically ill--but mentally; it just seemed things were too much for him to handle anymore." The supervisor also mentioned that the former subordinate was seeing a psychologist and that his retirement has been approved on the basis of a "depressive reaction." The court found that each of these disclosures were made willfully and intentionally within the meaning of the Privacy Act and each amounted to a violation of the act. The former employee recovered money damages, court costs and attorney's fee from the government on the basis of these findings.

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AIRWAY FACILITIES
STRESSES EMPLOYEE
AWARENESS & TEAMWORK



At a recent Airway Facilities Division Orientation Session, held at Regional Headquarters, employees (particularly new ones) were given insight into the various elements of the Airway Facilities Division. Theme of the session was "Teamwork" and was carried out by presentations made by each Branch/Staff showing how they have a specific part to play in the implementation of a facility--in this case a Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range (VOR). The employees learned that although each has a different task, it takes everyone to complete the common Division goal.

Left photos: Alex Hammond, Chief, Airway Facilities Division, welcomes attendees.

Right photos: Dick Morris, Special Projects Officer.

NEW PRESIDENT OF LAX

AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

Emmett C. McGaughey, prominent advertising executive and civic leader, has been elected as president of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners. Elizabeth K. Armstrong was elected vice president. McGaughey succeeds Samuel Greenberg, owner of a San Fernando Valley equipment rental firm, who has completed his second term as Commission president. The new president noted that his election takes place at a time when Los Angeles International Airport is undergoing the most dramatic change in its 54-year history, with a \$700 million improvement program underway. McGaughey, who is chairman of the board of Dailey International Group, an advertising holding company in Los Angeles, was appointed to the Airport Commission by Mayor Bradley in 1979. He was elected vice president for 1981-82, and is the only person in the history of Los Angeles to be appointed commissioner by four consecutive mayors. Other members of the Airport Commission are Mary Lou Cunningham, a realtor in the airport area community of Westchester, who served as president in 1980-81, and Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., who was appointed last year by Mayor Bradley.

FAA MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

STARTING DATE SEPT. 10

The FAA Mixed Bowling League will begin Friday, Sept. 10. Starting time 4:45 p.m.--bowling practice will be at 4:40 p.m. The League is in need of substitute bowlers, especially women. Please sign up by contacting Mickey Martinez, League President, 536-6164; Cheri Tucker, Vice President, 536-6198; or Betty Prescott, Secretary, 536-6343.

CIVILAIR NEWS

- Here comes the Show Boat! Join us for a Buffet Dinner aboard the Buccaneer Show Boat. All Aboard will be sounded on Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m., Ports O'Call, San Pedro. The boat will return at 8 p.m. Cost of the cruise is \$19.95 per person. Contact your Civilair Representative or Elaine Carter, ext. 6333, FTS 966-6333.
- Get your Magic Mountain tickets for Family Fun Days, Aug. 21-29. One price of \$8.95 gives you unlimited use of attractions. Children 48 inches and under are \$5.75; ages 2 and under are free. Contact your Civilair Desk or your Civilair Representative.

MEDICAL REVIEW BEGUN

The agency has initiated a comprehensive review of pilot medical standards and the procedures used in applying these standards. The review officially began July 15 with the publication of a notice in the Federal Register announcing the agency's intentions and asking for public comments on changes to the existing standards contained in Part 67 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. FAA also is planning to award a two-year contract for surveys of medical advances in areas that affect pilot certification to determine if changes in the current standards are warranted. Initiation of the review is the latest in a series of agency actions affecting pilot medical standards. In May it simplified the procedures for determining if a person can fly safely when he or she doesn't meet all of the medical standards. On July 8, the agency issued an advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making asking for public comments on a program that could lead to a relaxation of the rule requiring airline pilots to quit flying the line when they reach age 60.

MASTER CHIEF

BUD WHITFIELD

RE-ENLISTS



With the playing of "Anchors Away" and much "pomp and circumstance", Master Chief Bud Whitfield, Technical Assistant in the U.S. Navy Representative's office at Regional Headquarters re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy for another six years. Bud has already served 23 years.

Top photo: Commander Charles Jorgensen, USN (left), recently retired Navy Representative for the Western-Pacific Region, swears in Master Chief Bud Whitfield.

Middle: From left--Lt. Col. Vincent Coll, USMC, Assistant Navy Representative; Marilyn Miller, Secretary; CDR Charles Jorgensen, USN; Liz Whitfield, Bud's wife; and Master Chief Bud Whitfield, USN.

Bottom: Traditional U.S. Navy cake-cutting ceremony.

Photos by Barbara Abels.



ATTN: STAMP COLLECTORS

Recently the Postal Service of the Netherlands Antilles issued a set of three stamps in denominations of 35, 75 and 150 cents to honor "The International Year of the Air Traffic Controllers" and IFATCA. The stamps were placed on sale on May 5 and will be available while supply lasts, up to and including May 4, 1983. Orders for these stamps should be forwarded to: Postmaster, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Each stamp has as background several circular bands to represent range marks on a radar display. Superimposed are: map showing airways (35c), control tower (75c), and radar antenna (150c). Special thanks to Alex Lutgendorf of Tucson TRACON for sharing this information with us.

McCLELLAN RAPCON NEWS

At long last, a retirement party has been planned for Ed Garrett, Paul Sisk and Ray Amundson, former controllers from McClellan RAPCON who retired during this past year. The party will be held on Sept. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m., with a No-Host bar, followed by a Luau buffet at 8 p.m. It is being held at the Candlerock Restaurant, 2600 Watt Avenue (near El Camino), Sacramento, CA; price is \$13.50 per person which includes tax, gratuity and gift. Checks should be made payable to McClellan RAPCON and should be received no later than Sept. 10. Reservations should be made no later than August 15. If you are unable to attend but wish to convey a message to any or all of the retirees, please feel free to send it in care of McClellan RAPCON and the messages will be delivered on the big night. Let's all come out to honor the retirees and make this a LULU of a LUAU. For more information, call McClellan RAPCON, (916) 922-9511. Mailing address: McClellan RAPCON, 5839 22nd Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673.

1982 SAFETY PICTURE MIXED

A mid-year accident report, compiled by FAA's Office of Aviation Safety shows both commercial and general aviation running ahead of last year's first-half fatality figures, but also identified some bright spots in the overall safety picture. For example, commuter airlines cut the number of fatal accidents from four to two and fatalities from 19 to three when compared with the first six months of 1981. Similarly, air taxi operators reduced fatal accidents from 17 to 16 and victims from 42 to 31. Midair collisions also were down from 14 to 12 and deaths from 32 to 27. In addition, general aviation cut fatal crashes from 316 to 291, but fatalities were up from 561 to 583. However, the airlines had 80 fatalities, as compared to 9 during the same period in 1981.

VAN NUYS GADO NOTES

Congratulations to Aviation Safety Inspectors Marvin Curl, William Dickinson, and Ronald Warren who were promoted to Principal Airworthiness Inspectors, GS-13.

AGENCY LAUDED

The Administrator has directed that a recent commendation from the PanAm Board of Directors on the agency's handling of the post-strike ATC system be posted in major facilities and offices. "I believe this is the first time in the history of Pan American World Airways that the Board of Directors has authorized a commendation for another total organization," he said. "I am extremely proud of all FAA employees who collectively, in their respective specialties, provided the effort that warranted this acknowledgement." The commendation cites "the Administrator and staff of the FAA and all current air traffic controllers and their support organizations for their diligence, competence and dedication...."