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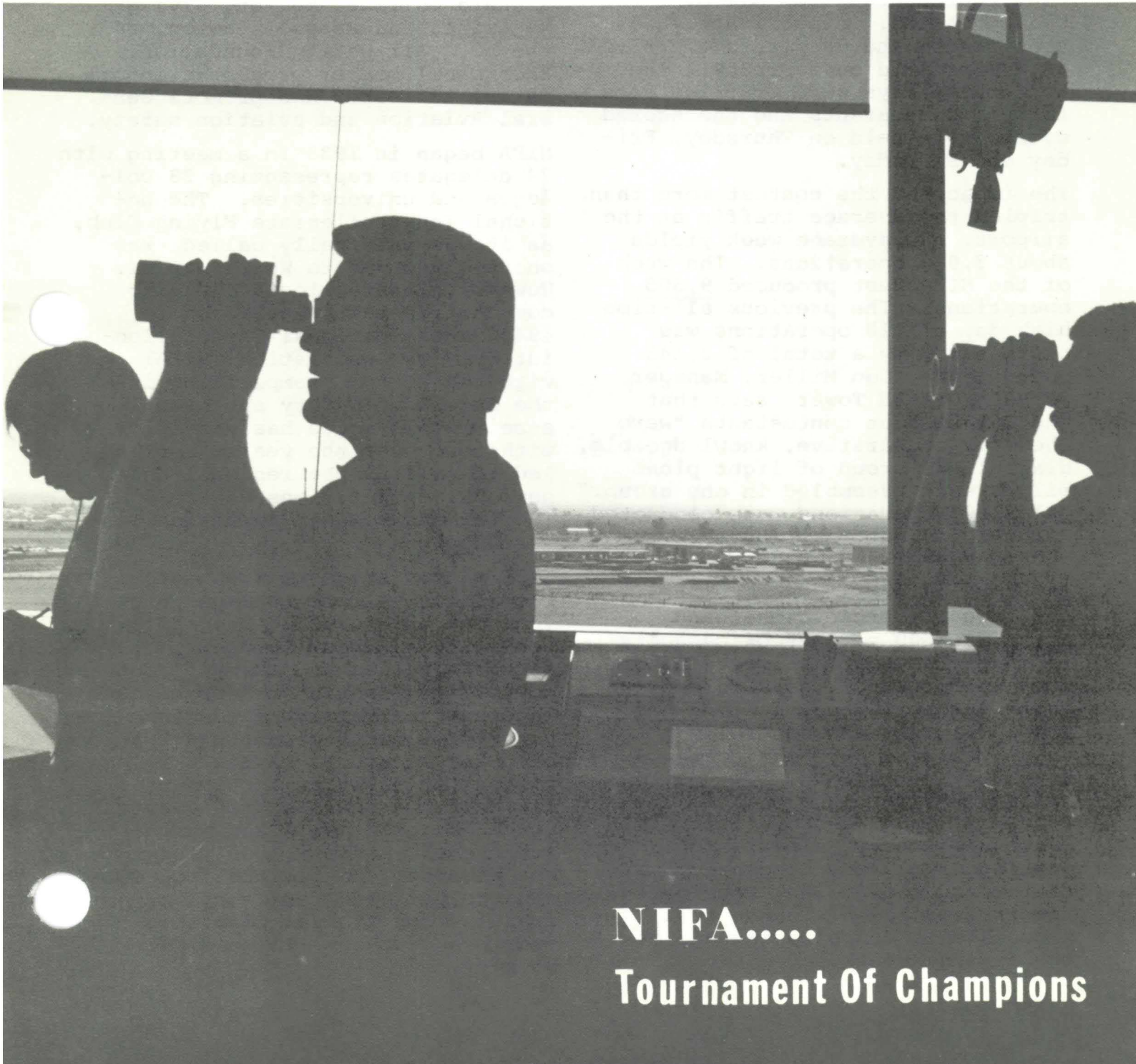
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NIFA.....

Tournament Of Champions

COVER STORY...

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) contest finals were held at Bakersfield this year and the participants earned the respect and admiration of the FAA.

There were 24 colleges and universities represented from all over the United States. Approximately 250 contestants and 75 aircraft arrived in Bakersfield on a Sunday. The next three days were practice days for all contestants and the scored events were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The impact of the contest more than tripled the average traffic at the airport. An average week yields about 3,000 operations. The week of the NIFA Meet produced 9,503 operations. The previous all-time high day of 910 operations was obliterated by a total of 2,145 operations. Don Miller, Manager of Bakersfield Tower, says that the 250 student contestants "were the most cooperative, knowledgeable, disciplined group of light plane pilots ever assembled in one group." All 9,503 operations were conducted without incident, attributable to the contestants.

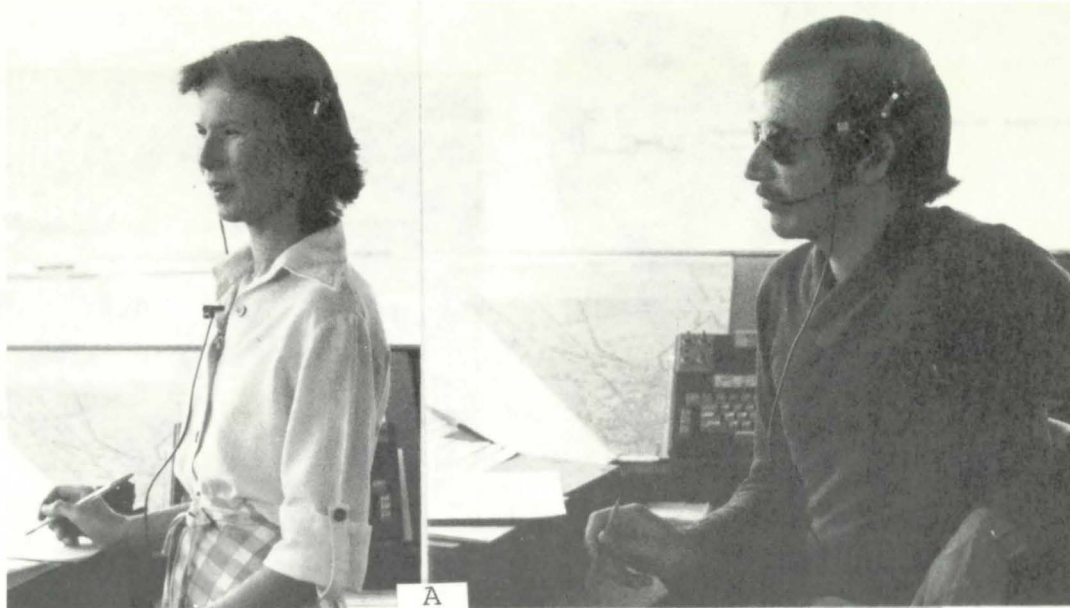
The Controllers and Supervisors were equally professional and worked at 300 percent of capacity to make the week a perfect success. They were: Supervisors Norm Crews, Matt Fletcher, Richard Shine and Vangi Holcomb; and Controllers John Kurtzman, SP5 Mike Motta, Stan Dyer, Greg Juro, Sgt. Matt Nelson, SP5 Caroline Miller, Tom Petrakis, Hugh Kennedy, Bill Riservato, Terry Salazar and Joan Spoerer. Joe Bradshaw, Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, had his hands full successfully coordinating all of the flying events.

Also on the agenda at the NIFA Meet was participation in SAFECON 82, at which the students were given the opportunity to meet, hear and question some of the national leaders in the aviation industry. Moderator of the panel was Bernard Geier, Manager, General Aviation Division, Office of Flight Operations, Washington, D.C. On the panel were: Dick Devereaux, AWP-200; Larry Perkins, Accident Prevention Specialist, Fresno GADO; Richard Collins, Editor, Flying Magazine, and Russell Lawton, of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation. Each panel member presented information to foster and promote General Aviation and aviation safety.

NIFA began in 1935 in a meeting with 74 delegates representing 23 colleges and universities. The National Intercollegiate Flying Club, as it was originally called, was short-lived due to World War II. However, intercollegiate flying competition was reactivated in 1948 as the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) with the motto, "Competition in the Spirit of Safety and Excellence." This motto has not only withstood over the years, but has led to calling the regional and national competitions SAFECONS (Safety and Flight Evaluation Conferences).

NIFA allows students from across the nation to come together once a year for an organized program of competition, guest speakers, static displays and movies. The competition consists of precision landings, both short field and power-off, cross-country navigation, computer accuracy, aircraft recognition, pre-flight, instrument proficiency and message drop events. There are also men's and women's achievement, safety, top team championship, collegiate progress and top male and female pilot awards. Top winning team this year was Southern Illinois University.

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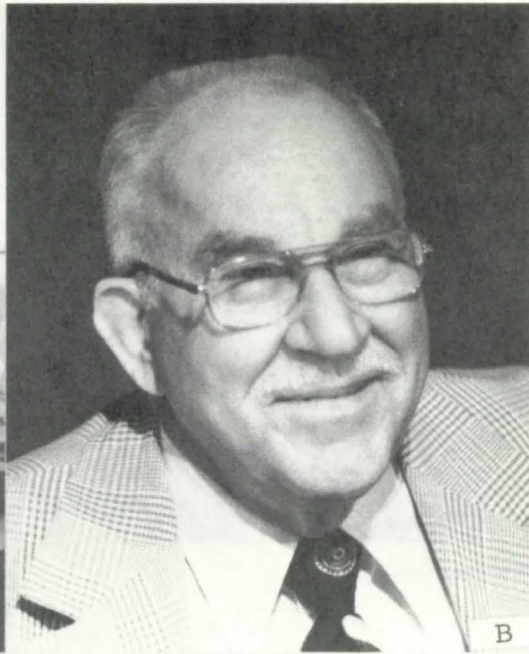
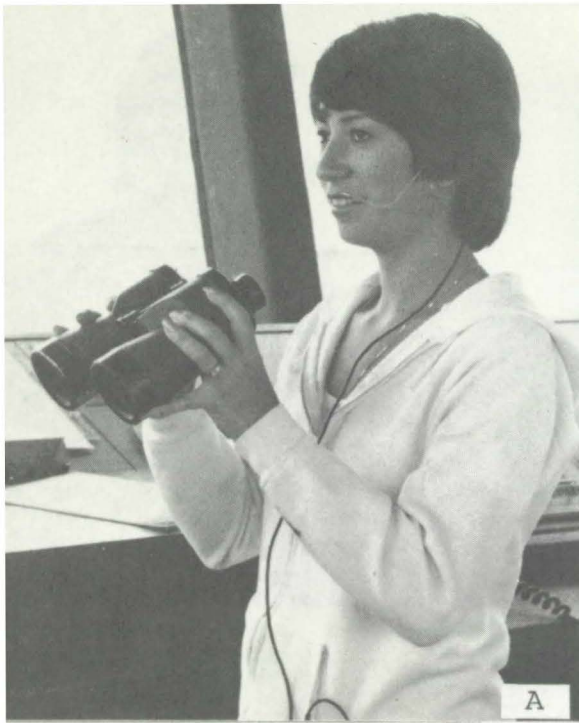


Bakersfield Tower/TRACON personnel were kept busy with the increased number of operations conducted during the National Intercollegiate Flying Association contest finals.

A--Controllers Terry Salazar (left) and Controller Bill Riservato.

B--From left: Controllers John Kurtzman, Sgt. Matt Nelson, and Team Supervisors Matt Fletcher and Richard Shine.

C--Team Supervisor Norm Crews (left) and Facility Manager Don Miller.



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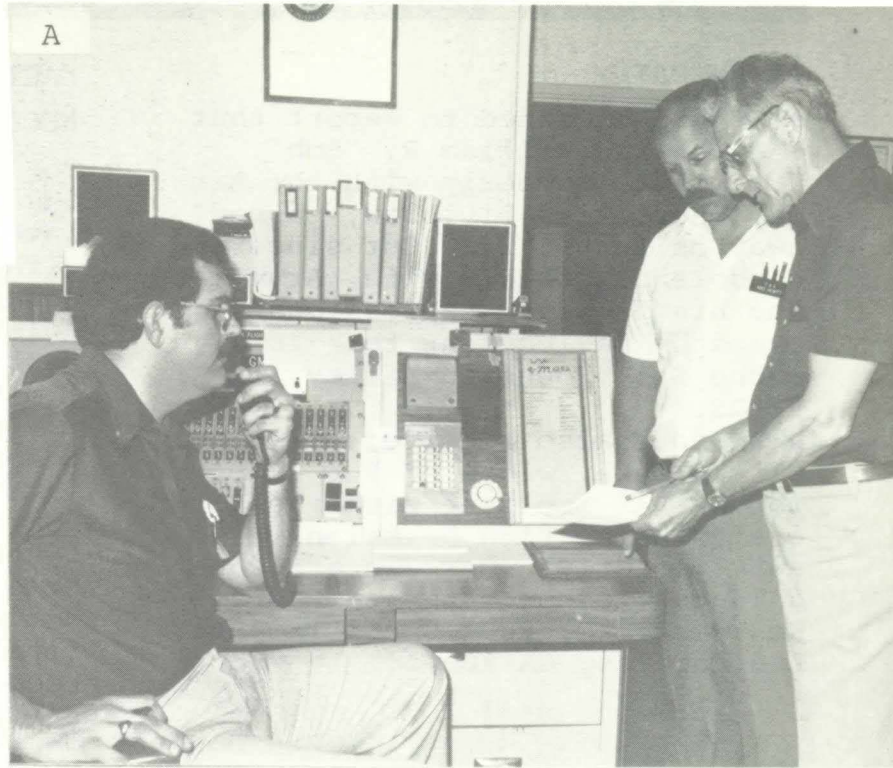
A--Supervisor Vangi Holcomb who, in her off-duty hours, participated in supervising NIFA activities as a member of the women's pilot organization, The Ninety-Nines.

B--Gene Kropf, FAA retiree and former Western Region Public Affairs Officer, served as M.C. at the NIFA Banquet as he has for many years.

C--D--E--Typical scenes of activity at the contest.

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A--Flight Service Station personnel were also kept busy with the increased service provided the participants in the NIFA contest. From left: Stan Smith, Mike Hewitt and Acting Manager Don Eggen.

B--Controller Stuart Hicks.

C--SP5 Caroline Miller and Sgt. Matt Nelson, U.S. Army, from Ft. Ord, Calif.

D--Controller Stan Dyer.

IN SYMPATHY

- We are saddened to report that FAA Retiree William R. "Bob" Tripplett, formerly with the Airway Facilities Division, passed away on August 24. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Arvy, and his family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: 16139 Cache St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708.
- We have also received word that Claris Dake, widow of Bob Dake, former FAA employee with the Aircraft Engineering Division, passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to her daughter: Mrs. Ken Westlake, 8021 Dunfield Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

DISASTER PLAN TESTED

It looked like the real thing in Baton Rouge, Aug. 6-7, as general aviation aircraft and pilots responded to a mock nuclear disaster. The special exercise was a prototype of FAA's State and Regional Disaster Airlift (SARDA) Plan. Observing the exercise for the agency were Phil Cramer, manager of the Southwest Region's Airworthiness Branch, and Joe Gates from Washington headquarters. They stood watch as Shreveport, Monroe, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, La., suffered simulated nuclear attacks and as Civil Air Patrol planes flew over the disaster areas, assessed damage and recommended recovery measures. Flight service stations at New Orleans, Alexandria and Lafayette, La., also were involved in the exercise. They relayed disaster reports to the Houston Center, which, in turn, transmitted the information to NORAD in Colorado Springs. Other FAAers involved in the exercise included New Orleans GADO Manager Jim Riddle and inspectors Don Muzeroll and Lou May, who worked with the aircraft owners and pilots to assure operational safety.

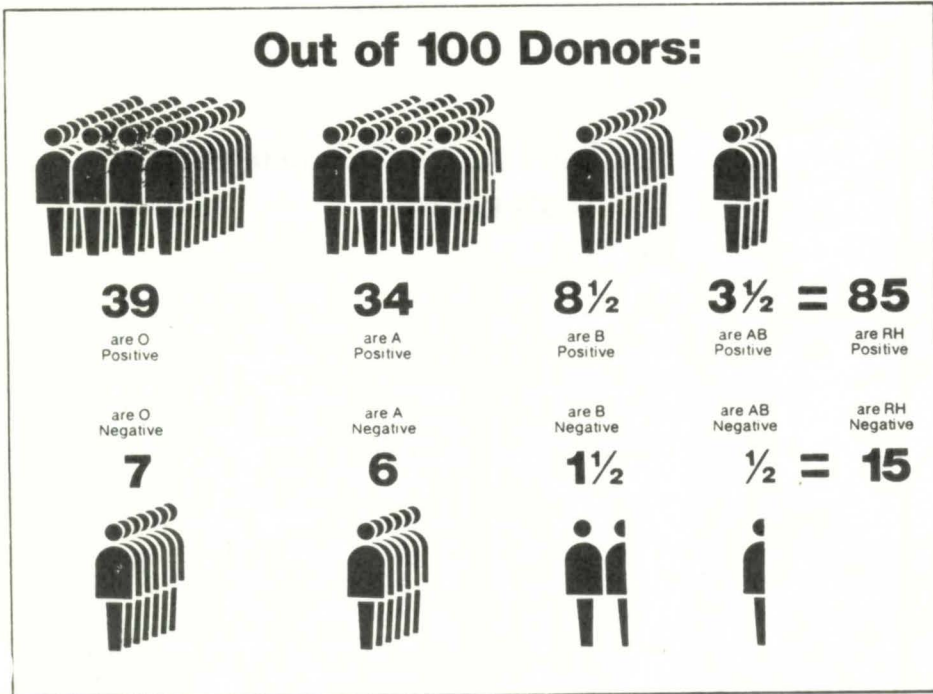
PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDED BY P&T

The Office of Personnel and Training has asked agency managers to investigate the possibility of using part-time employees in technical and career positions. P&T pointed out that, in the past, part-time positions have been limited to the clerical and secretarial work force. Particularly recommended is the possible use of part-time employees as air traffic controllers. These part-time controllers would not replace full-time controllers, P&T emphasized, but would supplement them. Specifically the personnel office is recommending that retired controllers be rehired on a part-time basis to augment the full-time staff; that part-time employment be offered to experienced personnel when appropriate as an alternative to their leaving the agency for personal reasons; and that controllers close to the age of retirement be offered part-time employment so that they will remain on the job long enough to train replacements and they will have a period of transition for themselves. Personnel also noted that converting from full-time to part-time employment will affect salary, health and life insurance costs, leave accrual and so on. Employees contemplating this change are advised to contact their personnel office.

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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, Sept 28.

Sign Up Now To Donate Blood!

25 YEARS FOR ROYAL MINK

Royal Mink, Manager, Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation, AWP-4, recently was surprised at a Regional Headquarters staff meeting when Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure presented him with a Career Service Emblem for 25 years of Federal service.

Right: Royal Mink (right) receives his 25-year pin from Regional Director Mac McClure.



LAS VEGAS TOWER

Welcome aboard to our new Assistant Facility Manager, Jim Panter, recently of LAX TRACON and AWP-510. Also, to rehire ATCS Dave Ceballos, new hire ATCSs Mike Stock, Randy Kennedy, Art Yarnell, Marcia Reinardy, Mark Hanson, Zane Watts and Steve Byrum, and Clerk-Steno Debbie Cavanaugh. Farewell to Lonnie Sumner who has transferred to McChord RAPCON. Congratulations to Mel Schuette on his selection as a specialist in the AWP-510 Branch. Sore and aching muscles were the norm on the day following the annual facility picnic on August 7. A good time was had by all. Work on the new Tower is progressing rapidly. The cat-walk was placed in position Aug. 23. It's really taking shape and looking good.

LOGISTICS DIVISION NEWS

Farewell to Michell Anderson, our Stay-in-School Mail Clerk, Materiel Management Branch. Congratulations to the new bride and groom! Florence Tipton, General Supply Specialist, Property Management Section, Materiel Management Branch, and Hector Placencia, Voucher Examination Section, Accounting Division, were recently wed. Many co-workers were present for this joyous occasion.

ATTN: FAA RETIREES

Just a reminder that the FAA Retirees Winestomper Clambake is scheduled for Sept. 9-10 at the Shipashore Motel at Smith River, Calif. Y'all come.

NEW ENGLAND TOWERS REOPENING ATC RESTORATION

PROGRESSES

The New England Region has announced plans to reopen all seven permanent airport control towers that were closed after the August 1981 controllers' strike. Three towers are scheduled to reopen on November 29--Beverly, Mass. and Danbury and Groton-New London, Conn. The other four will become operational again on Jan. 3, 1983. They are at Lebanon, N.H.; and Lawrence, Worcester and New Bedford, Mass. Another tower that was closed after the strike, at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., was reopened in June for the summer season. New England Region Director Robert Whittington said initially the towers will operate 40 hours a week over a five-day period, with specific days of the week and hours of operation to be determined at each location. "As our new controller work force gains experience and as the number of controllers increases," he added, "we will extend the hours and days."

REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT HONOLULU CENTER

Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure recently visited the Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center. The photo to the right shows the Regional Director discussing the Administrator's human relations program and other matters with employees from the Center, Flight Service Station and the Airway Facilities Sector.

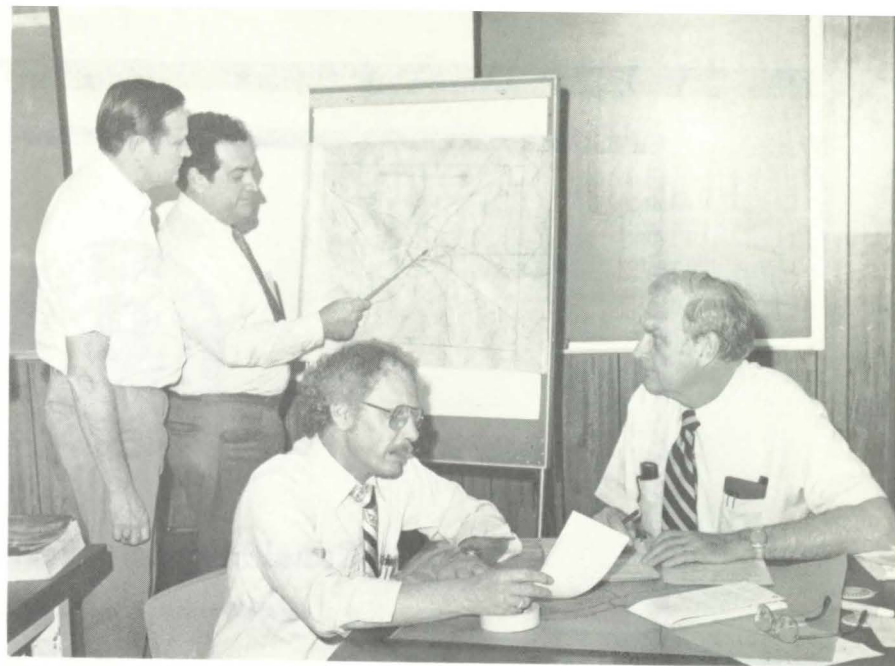


VFR FLYWAY PLANNING CHART DEVELOPED FOR LAS VEGAS AREA

Working group convened in Las Vegas recently to develop a Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Flyway Planning Chart for the Las Vegas area. The purpose of the chart is to provide the general aviation flying public with suggested VFR routes that may be used as an alternate to flight within the confines of the established TCA (Terminal Control Area). The chart for the Las Vegas area will be published as a prototype for the national program. It will be printed on the reverse side of the

Las Vegas VFR Terminal Area Chart and will be distributed to pilots attending the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) annual meeting in Las Vegas October 31 through November 4. Pilots receiving a copy of the chart will be requested to forward comments concerning the chart to the FAA. FAAers who worked on this project were: Dick Morrison, Burbank Tower/TRACON; Bill Sellers, AAT-210; James Kemple, Las Vegas Tower; Dave Tilton, FSDO-66; Michael Sterbens, USAF, Nellis AFB; Stuart Meriwether, ATREP, Nellis AFB; Don Downie, AOPA; and Frank Arcidiacona, Los Angeles

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See photo: From left: Jim Kemple, Las Vegas Tower; Frank Arcidiacona, Los Angeles Center; Dick Morrison, Burbank Tower/TRACON; and Bill Sellers, AAT-210. Photo by Don Downie, AOPA.



SOLID-STATE VORTAC SET

The first field installation of second generation, solid-state VORTAC is scheduled for Hallsville, Mo., in early September. It follows the installation of the first solid-state VOR which went operational at North Philadelphia in August. The VORTAC facility provides both bearing and distance information to pilots whereas the VOR broadcasts only bearing or direction. Additional VORTACS now are scheduled to be installed at Pottstown, Pa., San Antonio, Texas, and Lake Tahoe, Nev., in September. In all, second generation replacements include 80 VORs, 145 VORs with DME and 725 VORTACS.

LOS ANGELES FLIGHT SERVICE STATION RUNNERS' CORNER

Ken Price set a personal best at the San Francisco Marathon July 11 of 2:46.02 and went for higher ground in August by completing the Mammoth 10K run in 37.52. Lori Collins and Jim Greenwood completed "America's Finest City" Half-Marathon in San Diego on August 22. Franklin Roberts, John Boyce and Chuck Burge are just about ready for their first 10K runs. Congratulations to all! Our congratulations to Carmen Ember and Valentine Pisarski who were married in Tempe, Arizona, on July 31.



National Hispanic Heritage Week, 1982

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Hispanic men and women have played a vital role in the development and progress of the United States, opening new frontiers and establishing missions and settlements that were the forerunners of some of our most important and thriving urban and cultural centers. Across the southern regions of our great country, from Florida to California, Hispanic explorers, pioneers, and settlers have helped to shape this vast land.

Since the time of our Revolution, when U.S. leaders shared with leaders in Latin America the common struggle of lifting the bonds of colonial rule, through the present, peoples of the Americas have shared great democratic ideals. In the words of Benito Juarez, a contemporary of Abraham Lincoln, "Respect for the rights of others, between individuals, as between nations, is the basis of peace." These words convey the essence of our laws and values, preserving the dignity and equality of all our people.

Hispanics continue to make significant and enduring contributions to our society, enriching us intellectually, spiritually, and culturally.

In times of peace, the accomplishments of these Americans in science, technology, politics, the arts, and other important fields have greatly enhanced our way of life. In times of war, Hispanic Americans have defended our nation with pride and courage. Thirty-nine of them have received the Medal of Honor, America's highest military decoration. This is a higher proportion of such heroes than in any other group, and we salute their sacrifices and bravery.

As did earlier decades, the 1980s present Hispanic Americans with new opportunities to pursue their goals and advance our society. Like those before them today's Hispanic Americans meet their challenges and responsibilities with dignity and a creative spirit. Their energetic commitment to hard work and their determination to participate fully in the American Dream bring strength and inspiration to us all.

The Congress, by joint resolution approved September 17, 1968 (82 Stat. 848), authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week which includes September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 12, 1982, as National Hispanic Heritage Week in honor of Hispanic men and women. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to observe the proud history of Hispanic peoples. I ask all Americans to join together in peace, brotherhood, and pride in being one Nation under God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

Ronald Reagan