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COVER STORY...

Airway Facilities Division Administrative Officers and Administrative Services Clerks were in the Regional Office recently for a meeting with Classification on upgrading the Administrative Services Clerk positions. During the three-day period, Earl Portlock, Position Classification Specialist, provided information to help in the development of a career progression position description for the Administrative Services Clerks. The following Administrative Officers and Administrative Services Clerks met to draft up a new position description: Barbara Kish and Lynne Damewood, Sacramento AFS; Billie Crestman and Barbara Schwitters, Phoenix AFS; Virginia Broom, Las Vegas AFS; Margaret Cobb, San Diego AFS; Doris Lee (Chairwoman of the project) and Janet Ellis, Los Angeles AFS; and Marcie Thomas, Airway Facilities Division, AWP-462.

The newly developed GS-5/7 Administrative Assistant position will establish a career progression opportunity for Airway Facilities Sector clerical personnel. There has never been an actual career development position for clerical personnel in the sectors before. The nature and extent of assistance provided by this position involves significant, very responsible support. The work ranges from routine and procedural to developing complex information depending on the varying demands and direction from the manager.

Cover photo: From left--Billie Crestman, Earl Portlock, Frank Baker (Chief, Employment Branch), Marcie Thomas, Barbara Schwitters, Al Potter (Personnel Specialist), and Barbara Kish. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

LEND A HELPING HAND

For the past two years, the Western-Pacific Region has participated in the Los Angeles Unified School District's "Adopt-A-School" Program. Creators and proponents of the program recognized the importance of promoting good relationships between local schools and private industry, as well as government agencies. Under this program, corporations and government agencies "adopt" schools and sponsor special activities for the students which serve as incentives for achievement.

The region's "adopted" school is Stevenson Junior High School Mini-Magnet Gifted Program. The students are gifted and predominately Hispanics and other minorities. The FAA has provided student tours of air traffic facilities, speakers at assemblies, aviation education literature, as well as sponsoring an FAA Day at the school.

Many of the students come from needy families and FAA people have always been generous when it comes to helping those in need. This year, as a special Christmas Season project, we plan to distribute food baskets to families of students identified by school officials. You can help by donating non-perishable foods such as canned foods, cereals, powdered milk, etc.. The dates for bringing your goods to the Regional Office will be announced later.

Volunteers will be needed to arrange and distribute the food baskets prior to Christmas. If you would like to help, please contact Steve Rodriguez, AWP-9, 536-6444 or FTS 966-6444. Help make this coming Holiday Season more joyful for someone in need.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

OFFICERS & CLERKS

TEAM UP FOR PROGRESS



Some of the AF Division Administrative Officers and Administrative Services Clerks attending the career progression meeting at the Regional Headquarters were:

A--Margaret Cobb (left), Administrative Officer, San Diego AFS, and Virginia Broom, Administrative Officer, Las Vegas AFS.

B--From left--Lynn Damewood, Administrative Services Clerk, Sacramento AFS; Barbara Schwitters, Administrative Services Clerk, Phoenix AFS; and Barbara Kish, Administrative Officer, Sacramento AFS.

C--Janeth Ellis, Administrative Services Clerk, Los Angeles AFS, and Doris Lee (right), Administrative Officer, Los Angeles AFS.

The News in Brief

● The Denver Flight Service Station has moved into its new "automated" FSS quarters at the Arapahoe County Airport. This government-owned building was to have been the prototype for all AFSS buildings but FAA subsequently decided to get local communities to build the facilities and lease them to the agency. Although the Denver FSS is no longer the prototype, as such, the operations area within the building remains the standard design and will be recreated in other AFSSs. The equipment needed to convert the Denver FSS to an automated facility is expected to begin arriving there in 1986.

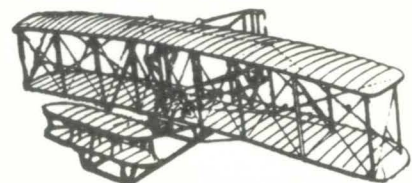
● Some times even a multi-millionaire like Ross Perot needs a helping hand. When he and his crew landed at Cold Bay, Alaska, recently on the last leg of their round-the-world helicopter flight, they found their dreams of a hot meal in serious jeopardy because all the local restaurants were closed. That gave FAA families in the area the opportunity to show the Texas-based Perot what Alaskan hospitality is all about. They quickly whipped up an impromptu dinner which none of the flyers will soon forget. The main course, according to Flight Service Station Manager John McLaughlin, was caribouburgers.

● The imminent changeover to the National Airspace Data Interchange Network (NADIN) was charted recently at a meeting in Salt Lake City. The SLC Sector Office has been placed in charge of the nationwide cutover, and facilities throughout the country can expect to be contacted directly by this office. Also as a result of this meeting, employees can expect to see greater use of FAA-owned microwave links, the purchase of equipment formerly leased from the phone companies, multiplexing of several circuits on a single line and other improvements.

● The agency's first rule proposed under its new "Regulation by Objective" concept will be the subject of two public meetings scheduled for November 30 in Los Angeles and December 9 in Washington, D.C. The agency issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on Sept. 20 that would replace the present detailed "how-to-do-it" regulations governing airline operations with broadly stated objectives that the carriers could meet in the most efficient and innovative manner possible provided safety levels were maintained. FAA officials will begin both sessions with an explanation of the purpose and intent of the proposed rule--FAR Part 120, "Air Transportation." The rest of the time will be given over to presentations by members of the public.

New Accounting System Set

On Nov. 8, the agency's new Uniform Accounting System (UAS) went on-line at the Aeronautical Center, marking the end of a three-year design and development program. Used for maintaining non-payroll financial records, the UAS will be prototyped at the Aero Center for 90 days before the regions are brought on-line. In February 1983, the Southern Region will be the first to convert with other regions following suit on a time-phase basis from April through December. The new Uniform Accounting System was designed and developed by the Aero Center and the Office of Accounting in Washington under the direction of Management Systems. Personnel from the Southern and Central regions and the Technical Center also served on the UAS work group. All in all, it represents a blend of today's best accounting systems and experience in the agency.



DON MYERS
RECEIVES
SECRETARY'S
AWARD
FOR
MERITORIOUS
ACHIEVEMENT



From left: Don Tom, Assistant Manager, Airway Facilities Division; H. C. "Mac" McClure, Regional Director; Don Myers; and Bob Cox, Manager, Los Angeles ARTCC Airway Facilities Sector, Palmdale

Donald H. Myers, Electronics Technician-In-Depth at the Los Angeles ARTCC Airway Facilities Sector in Palmdale, California was recently named as a recipient of the Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement. This is the second highest level award within the Department of Transportation for civilian employees. This award consists of a silver medal, lapel rosette and engraved plaque. Don was presented with his award at the Department of Transportation's 15th Annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C..

The nomination was based on the continuing outstanding manner in which Don performs his day-to-day duties and the significant contribution he has made to the Air Traffic automation systems. Through Don's exceptional professionalism, technical competence, and cooperative attitude, he has helped to achieve very high levels of reliability in these complex systems.

Don is recognized by his peers for his outstanding trouble shooting and coordination skills which helped to resolve several national system problems thereby improving Air Traffic safety. For example, Don performed an indepth investigation of a significant automation outage that involved data transferred between two complex computer systems (CCC and CDC). As a result of his investigation Don developed a "tag line sequence" diagram. This would not have been possible without Don's exceptional understanding of the automation systems and sophisticated test equipment. Don's most recent accomplishment was the engineering, development, testing and preparation of the documentation for publication of a modification to the Direct Access Radar Channel (DARC) for national implementation within DOT and DOD.

Congratulations, Don, on this outstanding achievement.

AWARDS

Career Service Emblems:

35 years:

Morris Owens, Warehouseman, Administrative Operations Section, Materiel Management Branch, Logistics Division
Ernest Hicks, Oakland AFS

30 years:

Kenneth R. Esham, DMA/TUS Field Office Manager, Phoenix AFS
Edgar O. McKamey, Electronics Technician, Safford AFSFO, Phoenix AFS
George Geringer, San Diego Flight Service Station
Don Miller, Manager, Bakersfield Tower
Frank Feher, Los Angeles Flight Service Station

25 years:

Lloyd Hall, Electronics Technician, Red Bluff AFS, Arcata AFSFO
Walter Pugh, Electronics Technician, Red Bluff, Santa Rosa AFSFO
Frank Urriolagoitia, Electronics Technician, Red Bluff AFSFO (NAV/COMM)
Glenn Cross, Oakland AFS
Donald Matthews, Data/Comm Section Manager, Fremont AFS
Kenneth Smith, CDC/DARC Section Manager, Fremont AFS
Billie J. Chrestman, Administrative Officer; Leon E. Davidson, Electronics Technician, TSU; Gerald W. Evans, Electronics Technician, PHX AFSFO; Ric Hileman, Electronics Technician, PHX AFSFO; Robert H. Moore, Electronics Technician, PHX AFSFO; Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector
Bobbie Jones, Secretary and Willie Nichols, CDC Electronics Technician, Fremont AFS
James E. Buecheler, Airway Facilities Division, AWP-422

15 years:

DeWayne Collins and Milas Turney, Oakland AFS
Marc C. Anderson and David A. Shute, Electronics Technicians, Phoenix AFS
Joyce Graham, Administrative Assistant, Bakersfield FSS
Frederick Auville, Electronics Technician, Red Bluff AFSFO (NAV/COMM)
Frederick Twigge, Electronics Technician, Ukiah AFSFO, Red Bluff AFS
Michael Black, Electronics Technician, Stockton Radar/ARTS SFOU, Sacramento AFS
Herb Westerman, Systems Performance Specialist and Ben Maes, Electronics Technician, McClellan ARTS SFO, Sacramento AFS

3 years:

Chris Herrmann and Joe Coords, San Diego FSS
Christine Canchola, Phoenix AFS
Angela Solis, Electronics Technician, DMA/TUS AFSFO, Phoenix AFS
Michael Hewitt, Jerome Lamb and Robert Olsen, Bakersfield FSS



LEFT: Ray Holsey, Electronics Technician at the Beale Sector Field Office Unit, Sacramento AFS, was recently presented his 30 year Career Service Emblem. Ray (left) is congratulated by Bob Lamora, Sacramento Sector Manager.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS AT R.O.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are being held at the Regional Headquarters. Both old and new members are welcome. For information, please call Anne Clayton, Aviation Medical Division, Ext. 6300.

SON OF AF ENGINEER SAVES LIFE

John Boisvert, son of Al Boisvert, Staff Engineer at Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector, recently saved the life of 18-month-old Christopher Hefleyn who fell into a swimming pool at his parent's home in Tempe, Arizona. He used his childhood Boy Scout training to revive Christopher after the boy's mother pulled him from the pool. "I heard her screaming and she can scream pretty loud. I ran outside and she was holding the baby. She was gonna try (to give mouth-to-mouth), but she was pretty hysterical," John said. He ran to Christopher and his mother, three houses away from where he lives, took the child from his mother, put the boy on the ground and began giving him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. "He felt dead; I've never felt anything worse. He was clammy, cold and white. I blew in about 10 times. He breathed once and then quit. Then I kept going and by the time the paramedics got there, he was starting to come around." Fire Chief Jim Gaintner said John's quick actions probably saved the infant's life. John's help to the Hefleyn family didn't end with saving Christopher's life; he also called the boy's father at work to tell him of the accident. The Tempe High School graduate, now a student at Mesa Community College majoring in aeronautical engineering said he learned lifesaving techniques while he was a Boy Scout. "But that was a long time ago," he said. "I didn't give them much thought."

EMPLOYEE DEATH

We are saddened to report the untimely and tragic death of Sacramento Flight Service Specialist Thomas E. Longpre. Tom was fatally injured on October 31 while returning home from work. Our sincere condolences to all of his family and friends. He will surely be missed.

LOGISTICS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 17 is the date for the Logistics Division Christmas celebration at the Alondra Club, 16411 South Prairie Ave., Lawndale (between Manhattan Beach Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd.). Cocktails at 1:30 p.m., lunch at 2 p.m.. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND! Menu: Beef Bourguignonne, Chicken Kieve or Shrimp Louie Salad for \$6.75, which includes tax and tip. Drinks start at \$1.25 for beer and wine; well drinks start at \$1.50; call drinks \$2.00. The Christmas auction was so successful last year, that there will be a repeat performance this year; auditions for entertainment are currently being held. Purchase meal tickets from Nita Koyama, AWP-52C, Room 1N10, FTS 966-6047, no later than December 10. Children are welcome. Anyone knowing retirees who would like to attend, please contact Logistics.



The Money's Coming

The money's coming, but it will take time to get the air traffic system pay raise through the Uniform Payroll System (UPS) at the Aeronautical Center. That's what John Turner, manager of the Center's Data Services Division told Intercom last week. He noted that his team is on schedule and the estimated 28,000 to 30,000 employees affected by the pay hike should get their first checks containing the raise during the first week of January. This date is "set in concrete," Turner said. He also explained that the first check will include retroactive pay back to Sept. 19 with the remainder slated for the May 9, 1983, paychecks. In order to pay the affected employees, Turner explained, the UPS pay-history files for 35 pay periods must be handled by the computer. This represents more than two million records being searched to select eligible employees. Since retroactive pay will be computed by individual pay periods, over 700,000 pay actions will have to be processed. This creates approximately 2.5 million adjustments to the payroll system, Turner estimated.

Field Controllers Evaluate ETABS

Controllers from the field recently got a chance to evaluate the Electronic Tabular Display Subsystem (ETABS) prototype, which is designed to automate flight progress strips out of existence. The successful three-week evaluation at the Tech Center concentrated on the electronic display of flight data concept and the "prompting" of controller messages. Ultimately the ETABS concept will be incorporated in the sector suites that are expected to be delivered to the field in the late 1980s. Controllers participating in the evaluation were: Richard Anderson, Seattle Center; Roy J. (Joe) Burnett, Jr., Memphis Center; Richard A. Chavez, Albuquerque Center; John M. Gould, Boston Center; Robert H. Hale, Jr., Kansas City Center; Billy W. Harper, Washington Center; Marvin Perkins, Jacksonville Center; John L. Price, Houston Center; and Michael M. Turner, Atlanta Center; Chris Bauer, Washington Center and Max A. Hall, an area supervisor from Salt Lake City Center.

TED SCHLESINGER

RETIRES FROM AGENCY

T. L. "Ted" Schlesinger, Manager, Program/Planning Section of the Regional Airports Division, has retired after 30 years and five months of service to the United States Government. We all wish Ted many, many years of happy retirement ahead.

Right photo: From left--Herman Bliss, Manager, Regional Airports Division; Ted's wife Doris; and Ted Schlesinger with his retirement certificate.

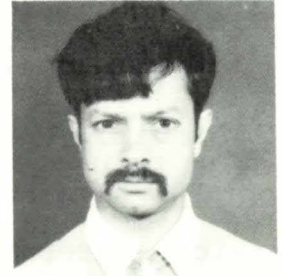




International News

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

● The Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office recently hosted Mr. Shambhu Prasad Adhikari of the Nepal Department of Transportation. Adhikari's position with the Department of Transportation is Superintendent of Airworthiness located in Kethmandu, Nepal. He is in the United States under the auspices of ICAO for training in the FAA's airworthiness functions. Since arriving in the United States, he has completed the General Aviation Airworthiness Inspector's course and the Maintenance Reliability Course at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Upon completion of his visit to Oklahoma City, he visited the Aircraft Certification Field Office of the Northwest-Mountain Region in Aurora, Colorado. He then reported to the Manager of Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation Staff at the Western-Pacific Regional Office. During his visit to the Western-Pacific Region, he was assigned to the Los Angeles FSDO where he observed numerous functions performed by airworthiness personnel. His desire is to assist operators in his country in establishing good quality control, reliability systems and other functions related to airworthiness.



S. P. Adhikari

Dr. Robert Edwards, a radar engineer with the Civil Aviation Division, Ministry of Transport, New Zealand recently visited Western-Pacific Region facilities at the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, Palmdale ARTCC and the Edwards TRACON. The purpose of Dr. Edward's visit was to gather information and ideas on how to upgrade the Air Traffic Control environment in New Zealand. The arrangements to visit the facilities were made by Mr. Paul Yantchook, Electronics Engineer, Airway Facilities Division, Maintenance Operations Branch.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS ON ATC REBUILDING PROCESS

The training of new air traffic controllers at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City is going so well that the agency will begin "phasing down the student input in February." That's the word from the Administrator who added that the Academy should be back to a normal annual load by October 1983 for both terminal and enroute. Speaking to the National Aviation Club in Washington, D.C., he noted that some 300 graduates a month have been coming out of the Academy now for a period of nine or 10 months, creating a heavy training load in the facilities. To ease that load, he said, the agency has taken a

number of steps including bringing back retired annuitants as instructors and phasing over some instructors from Oklahoma City to field facilities. The Administrator also pointed out to his audience that the agency is on schedule in its rebuilding of the air traffic control system and presently is handling more than 90 percent of pre-strike traffic levels. He said the system should be fully back to normal in July 1984 at which point supervisors and staff will have resumed their normal duties and other employees would have returned to a normal 40 hours a week with annual vacations, etc.

SACRAMENTO FSS HAPPENINGS

Welcome aboard to specialists Orville Nelson from Elko Flight Service Station and Ron Tener from Stockton Flight Service Station. Also, welcome to developmental specialists Jerald Kolterman, James Hafeman, Thomas Williams and James Silvernail, who are presently enrolled in basic Flight Service Station training at the Academy.

Service awards recently presented were: Chuck Raper, 30 years; Dean Spring, Kelly Van Vleck and Darrell Scheidegger, 25 years; and Larry Cook and Jerry Thorpe, 15 years. Congratulations to all.

Specialist Bill Lower is at home and in high spirits following his heart surgery for a quadruple bypass. We all wish Bill a full and speedy recovery.

Effective November 14, 1982, Marysville FSS will be administratively combined with Sacramento FSS and becomes another of the satellite facilities along with Stockton FSS. Susan Gilliland, Acting Facility Manager will be administratively reassigned as temporary area supervisor pending selection for the permanent position.

STOCKTON FSS NEWS

Congratulations to specialist Ron Tener on his selection and promotion to Sacramento Flight Service Station. Also, congratulations to Art Moses (Paso Robles Flight Service Station) on his selection as Area Supervisor. Welcome aboard. Welcome back to Henry Dyer who just completed a three-month detail to Marysville Flight Service Station. Henry was presented with Letters of Appreciation from the Managers, Marysville FSS and Stockton FSS for his voluntary assistance and continued exemplary performance. Congratulations Henry for a job well done.

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

- Jeffrey West - son of Tina and Mark West (Guam CERAP) who arrived on Oct. 2 at 4:47 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz., and 23 inches long
- Elizabeth Victoria Juarez - daughter of Maria and Rey Juarez (Guam Environmental Support Unit) who arrived on Sept. 11 at 6:13 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz., and 21½ inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD PARENTS!

COAST TRACON OPEN HOUSE AND RETIREMENT DINNER ON DEC. 3

Beginning at 2 p.m., Coast TRACON will host a facility open house for FAA family and friends. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a retirement dinner at the Saddleback Inn, Santa Ana, for Coast TRACON employees: Edward McCarthy and James Blair, Area Managers; and Gerald Clements and Cecil Spires, Area Supervisors. These employees represent a total of over 100 years of dedicated FAA service. They will truly be missed by all. Come join in the celebration. For further information and dinner reservations, please call Tony Rivas at Coast TRACON, (714) 559-1061 or FTS 799-2225 no later than Nov. 19.

AF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for the annual Airway Facilities Div. Christmas Luncheon which will be held on December 17 at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Ave. in Hawthorne. No-Host cocktails at 11:15; buffet luncheon at noon. There will also be door prizes. Cost is \$5.50 per person. Please contact Mary Andrews, ext. 6152, or Gayle Hodges, ext. 6153, if you plan to attend. All reservations should be in by Dec. 1, and all monies paid by Dec. 10.