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**Western - Pacific Region  
Hosts Chinese**

## Cover Story

One of the highlights last year was the hosting by this region of top level airworthiness engineers and government officials from the People's Republic of China. The group was personally invited by Administrator Helms after he learned that China desires to expand beyond component manufacture for U.S. firms and to export products to the United States.

The group was headed by Team Leader Feng Baoxun and was officially escorted by Roger Greenwood of the Office of Policy and International Aviation (API-1) and the President's Executive Committee. Members of the delegation represented China's Ministry of Aviation Industry, the China Aerotechnology Export and Import Corporation, the PRC embassy and four manufacturing plants.

International Affairs Specialist Elaine Carter and Jack Karnowski, Manager of the Los Angeles Field Airworthiness Certification Office (ANM-170W), met the group on arrival and briefed them on program and logistics arrangements during their visit. Jim Nielsen (AWP-3) welcomed the visitors to the region on behalf of Regional Director Mac McClure.

Keith Anderson, Manager, Los Angeles Area Airworthiness Certification Office, Long Beach (ANM-100L) conducted an Airworthiness Familiarization Meeting at Regional Headquarters. Presentations were made by Jake Karnowski (ANM-170W), Joe Budro (AWP-250), and Duke Kasaba (AWP-250.1), followed by a tour of an FAA-approved repair station conducted by Frank Marrin of Santa Monica GADO.

Tours of the Douglas and Lockheed Aircraft plants, accompanied by Don Armstrong (ANM-100L), included discussions with executives and airworthiness engineers of both manufacturers. Highlight of the visit for the Chinese was NASA's invitation through the FAA to witness the landing of the Space Shuttle. In their own words, "This

was an opportunity and a thrill we will never forget."

FAA Headquarters' Director of International Aviation, Quentin S. Taylor (AIA-1), and M. Craig Beard, Director of the Airworthiness Office (AWS-1) conducted a meeting at Regional Headquarters regarding airworthiness and bilateral agreement processes. An informal Chinese green tea and coffee prior to the meeting offered the visitors an opportunity to meet Regional Director McClure; Acting Deputy Dick Devereaux; and to renew acquaintances with Messrs. Taylor and Beard.

At San Francisco the delegation concluded their program with Martin Gallagher, San Francisco ACDO, and Arnold Lee, San Francisco AFS, who assisted as interpreter on their visits to the Air Carrier District Office and United Air Lines Overhaul Base. The PRC Consulate at San Francisco hosted the delegation until their departure for China.

The United States visit was intended to acquaint the Chinese with the U.S. airworthiness process, from FAA and industry perspectives, and to demonstrate the manufacturer's and the user's role in the certification and continuing airworthiness processes.

Both Administrator Helms and Regional Director McClure expressed their appreciation for the combined efforts of all personnel who contributed to the outstanding success of this international technical assistance program. Special thanks to Jim Stagner (AWP-453) for the loan of the new FAA van and to Dick Gipson (AWP-56C) for lettering the place cards for the meetings.

COVER PHOTO: FAA regional personnel with the Chinese officials are, from left, Elaine Carter (AWP-4F); Roger Greenwood (behind Elaine), (API-1); Jake Karnowski (ANM-170W); Jim Nielsen (AWP-3); Duke Kasaba (AWP-250.1); Keith Anderson (ANM-100L); and, far right, Joe Budro (AWP-250). Photo by Barbara Abels.

WESTERN-PACIFIC

HOSTS

CHINESE VISITORS



A--Jim Nielsen (center), Administrative Services Officer, AWP-3, proudly accepts Chinese tapestry from Chinese delegation.

B--Keith Anderson (ANM-100L) with Chinese Delegation Team Leader, Feng Baoxun.

C--Joe Budro, Manager, Flight Standards Branch (AWP-250), answers question from Wang DeFu, People's Republic of China Embassy Representative.

D--From left--Quent Taylor (AIA-1), Roger Greenwood (API-1) and Regional Director Mac McClure.

## ORANGE COUNTY TOWER NEWS

Congratulations to Area Supervisors Don Bailor, Pete Carey, and Fred Mauck on their Quality Within-Grade Increases presented at the recent Human Relations all hands meeting. Air Traffic control in the Orange County area will suffer a major loss with the retirement of Jack Evans at the end of 1982. We all wish Jack the best and really hope he will soon return as a rehired annuitant.

## LOS ANGELES FSDO NEWS

Inspectors Stoddard Baird, Gene Dunham, Vernon Erfurth, Jerry Waples and Charles Weidman of the Los Angeles FSDO recieved Letters of Commendation from the FAA Administrator and Acting Director, Western-Pacific Region, for their combined efforts in the communication process and timeliness in effectively enabling the Riverside GADO in the certification of Air Cortez. Congratulations to all.

## Bernard J. Vierling

A former FAA executive, Bernard J. Vierling, who lived in the Washington area since his retirement, died last week. Vierling was director of the System Maintenance Service, which was a predecessor of Airway Facilities, and he was also deputy director of the Office of Supersonic Transport Development.

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## RETIREE DEATHS

We are saddened to report the deaths of the following retirees:

● Joe Elwell, retired Ontario Tower chief, recently passed away at the age of 89. Condolences may be sent to Joe's wife: Gwen Elwell, 840 Santa Clara Circle, Hemet, CA 92343.

● Eugene deBra passed away on Dec. 21 as a result of a massive heart attack. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. deBra at: 5005 S.E. El Centro Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

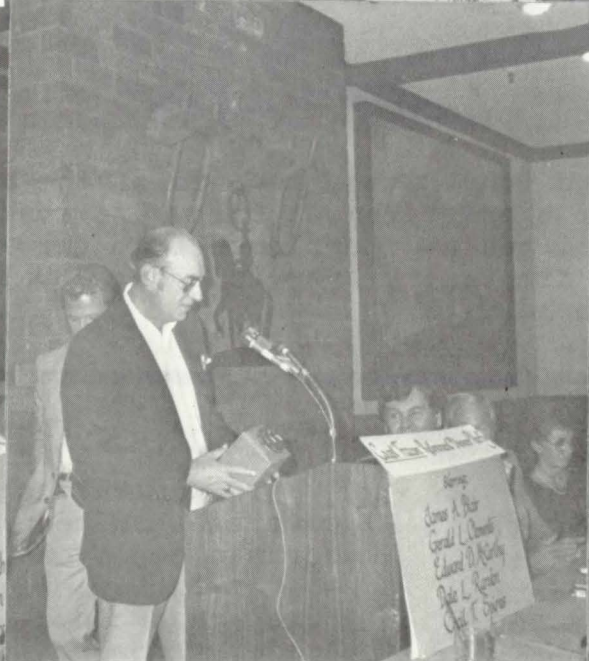
## Uncle Sam Giveth ...

The government giveth and the government taketh away, and it will be reflected in pay checks this month. Those covered by the ATC Revitalization Act can expect first evidence of the pay raise in checks distributed the week of Jan. 3. Senior level GS and SES employees can expect to see their recently approved pay raises the week of Jan. 17. Meanwhile, the 1.3 percent employee contribution to Medicare will be coming out of the pay checks beginning the first week in January.

## ENDING 1982 AT RED BLUFF

December 18th brought smiles to many children visiting the Red Bluff Flight Service Station when they saw a helicopter land carrying who, but the one and only, Santa Claus coming to greet them joyfully with a big bag of goodies. The surprise was the final event of many such planned throughout Human Relations Week.....Congratulations to Steve Gill for the receipt of a three-year service pin. Keep up the good work! Farewell and good luck to Tara Grant as she advances her career and joins the crew at Sacramento FSS. Goodbye to Yolanda DeLaTorre, part-time clerk, who leaves the same day to pursue her degree at Chico State. Welcome wishes to William Kersey who will be joining us from the Oklahoma Academy in late January.

COAST  
TRACON  
HONORS  
FIVE  
RETIREES



In an outstanding effort to highlight Human Relations Week, Coast TRACON honored five retirees at a dinner party at the beautiful Saddleback Inn in Santa Ana, Calif. Among the more than 130 who attended were guests from the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, neighboring facilities, the Regional Office and Washington headquarters. The dinner was good and highlighted by ceremonies which included awards, a traditional pewter mug, memory books and eloquently delivered speeches. Especially appreciated was a farewell message to the retirees from Regional Director Mac McClure which was read by Air Traffic Manager Don Fowler. The facility Human Relations Committee is credited with the success of this important function.

Retirees honored are: From left--Top: Dale Rarden (Don Fowler in background) and Ed McCarthy, Area Manager, and his wife. Below: Cecil Spires, Jerry Clements and Jim Blair.

## MORE COAST TRACON RETIREMENT PARTY RETIREMENT PARTY



Above: Judy Petrykowski and Tony Rivas, members of the Human Relations Committee and organizers of the Retirement Party extravaganza.

Below: Retirees at the head table. Gentlemen from the left are: Cecil Spires, Ed McCarthy, Jim Blair, Jerry Clements, Dale Rarden and Coast TRACON Manager Don Fowler.

### Penalties Proposed For Do-it-Yourself Balloonist

That fellow in southern California who tied 45 helium-filled weather balloons to an aluminum lawn chair and soared to 16,000 feet last July is finding out what it means to "fly now and pay later." The agency has sent the 33-year old truck driver, who goes by the name of Larry Walters, a letter proposing \$4,000 in civil penalties for violating various Federal Aviation Regulations during the 45-minute flight. Among other things, the agency noted that the flight created a collision hazard and interfered with operations at Long Beach Airport. Still FAA was kinder to Walters than his mother might have been. "She thinks I should be institutionalized," he told reporters shortly after the flight.

### Instructors Get Raise

ATC Revitalization Act pay coverage has been extended to certain employees at the FAA Academy. Now eligible for the pay hike are employees who came to the Academy from positions covered by the pay legislation and who are currently responsible for training employees to perform duties directly involved in or responsible for the operation, maintenance and inspection of the air traffic control system. This means that instructors training controllers, airway facilities technicians and flight inspection crew members, who held covered positions in the field, are eligible for the pay raise. Currently the Office of Personnel and Training is developing guidance to implement the provisions of this amendment to the pay legislation.



## FAA Certificates Boeing 757

The agency has put its stamp of approval on the new Boeing 757 jetliner. The official type certification papers were presented to the Boeing Company on Dec. 21 by Charles R. "Chuck" Foster, Director of FAA's Northwest Mountain Region. The 757 version certificated by the agency is powered by two Rolls Royce RR model RB 211-535C engines. Designed primarily for the medium-haul market, it is approved for a maximum of 219 passengers.

Foster noted that the 757 certification came just five months after FAA's approval of the Boeing 767 and said the twin projects were the "most demanding certification activity" in the agency's history. For example, during the 757 certification program, FAA's Seattle Aircraft Certification Office participated in over 3,000 separate test conditions and agency test pilots participated in nearly half of the required flight tests.

## New Pay Rates Set

As reported in last week's Intercom, the pay for GS and SES employees has been raised to \$63,800 and \$67,200 respectively. Last week only tentative information was available, but now the FAA Office of Personnel and Training has received official confirmation of actual pay rates. The new rates for GS-15 employees are:

GS-15/7:	\$58,261
GS-15/8:	59,879
GS-15/9:	61,497
GS-15/10:	63,115

Employees at and above the GS-16, step 5 level will receive the maximum amount of \$63,800.

Pay rates for SES employees are:

SES LEVEL 6:	\$67,200
SES LEVEL 5:	65,500
SES LEVEL 4:	63,800
SES LEVEL 3:	61,515
SES LEVEL 2:	59,230
SES LEVEL 1:	56,945

The new pay rates will be paid retroactive to Dec. 18, 1982.

## DOT SECRETARY LEWIS RESIGNS

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis is resigning his cabinet post, effective Feb. 1, to return to private industry. He will become Chief Executive Officer of Warner Amex Cable Communications, the nation's fifth largest cable TV operator. The President accepted Lewis' resignation "with great regret" and praised him for the strong leadership he gave as Secretary of Transportation. "During the air controllers strike you acted with both prudence and firmness," he added. Lewis became DOT's top executive two years ago. Previously, he was president of his own consultant firm, was active in politics, particularly in the State of Pennsylvania and was Deputy Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

## Boston Enroute Center Doubles as TRACON

The Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center has gone into the terminal radar control (TRACON) business. In a first-of-its-kind program, controllers at the enroute facility one using a new airport surveillance radar (ASR) at the Manchester, N.H. airport to provide approach and departure service there and at virtually all other airports in southern New Hampshire equipped for instrument operations.

New England Region Director Robert E. Whittington observed that "the Manchester TRACON is a prototype for integrating terminal/center radar functions." He emphasized that this new concept will result in savings in energy and support costs. The TRACON will be staffed 16 hours a day with controllers rotating between terminal and enroute control duties.

## 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.

## Porterfield Was First

Intercom recently reported that the Southwest Region's Larry Craig "was believed to be" the first FAAer to win the Air Force's Meritorious Service Award. Now, thanks to an Air Force reader at Scott AFB, we find otherwise. Apparently--and we're still qualifying the statement--the first FAAer to win this prestigious award was Robert Porterfield of the Seattle enroute center approximately 20 years ago. Now retired and living in Arizona, Porterfield confirmed that he received the award while at Seattle for integrating USAF fighters from nearby air bases into the air traffic control system.

## AIRWAY FACILITIES DIVISION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following who recently received Letters of Appreciation: To Paul Yantchook, Operations Section, AWP-462, from Regional Director Mac McClure; To William Lindsey, Supervisor, Electronics Engineering Section, AWP-463, from Tokiwo Nagata, Supervisor, Hilo Radar Unit, Hilo, Hawaii; To Marcie Thomas, Administrative Officer, Operations Section, AWP-462, from Jerry Long, Oakland AFS manager; and to Marcie Thomas and Henry Harris, Supervisor, Operations Section, AWP-462, and Burt Jones, AWP-462, from Bob Cox, Palmdale ARTCC AFS manager. ....Jack Perkins, AWP-462, received his 30-year pin, and Jim Emett, Foreman, Tonopah Field Maintenance Party Road Crew, received his pin for 25 years of government service.

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## HELEN WALKER RETIRES FROM AGENCY

Helen Walker, long known as the Region's "Incentive Awards and Pay Expert" in the Compensation Branch, Personnel Management Division, has retired after more than 28 years of Federal service.

When Helen began her 28 years--all with the FAA--she originally planned to be with the government for about a year. "But," she says, "I liked the people, the work and the pay, so decided to stay awhile."

One of Helen's life-long loves has been music. She has been the featured solo singer in El Camino College musicals and many church functions. Helen says she plans to do a lot of catching up on some neglected items such as, studying voice and organ, painting, reading, sewing, and spending more time with her grandchildren.

Regional managers and employees will remember Helen for the many workshops she hosted on incentive awards and laws (such as the Fair Labor Standards Act) affecting the pay of Regional personnel. Her long-standing dedication to the Region's incentive awards program, as well as her expertise in the areas of pay and leave administration, will be greatly missed.

To her many friends throughout the Region, Helen says, "Farewell and many thanks for your kindness and friendship through the years." We all wish her many, many years of happy retirement ahead. Keep in touch, Helen.

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## 15 YEARS FOR LOU JELEN

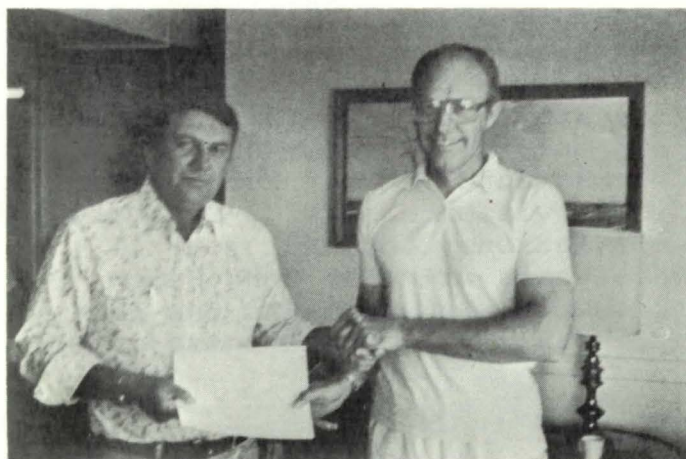
Lou Jelen (left), Electronics Engineer, Telecommunications Staff, receives his 15-year service pin from Alex Hammond, Airway Facilities Division Manager. Congratulations, Lou, for your 15 years with the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and the Federal Aviation Administration.

FAA  
DISPLAY  
AT  
AEROSPACE  
CONFERENCE



Among the many visitors at the Western-Pacific Region display at the 15th annual Pacific Region Aerospace Education Conference were Brig. Gen. David L. Patton, U.S. Air Force, Executive Director of Civil Air Patrol and Commander, Headquarters, CAP-USAF, and Brig. Gen. Howard Brookfield, CAP, National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. The conference was well attended by educators, school administrators, students, aerospace/aviation enthusiasts, Aerospace Education Workshop Directors, Civil Air Patrol members, FAA, NASA, Ninety-Nines and U.S. Air Force personnel from throughout the six-state USAF-CAP Pacific Region.

Above photo: From left--Brig. Gen. Howard Brookfield, CAP; Barbara Abels, FAA Public Affairs Officer; Brig. Gen. David L. Patton, USAF; Royal Mink, Manager, Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation; and Chuck Hicks, formerly with the Oakland Flight Standards District Office and recently transferred to the Office of Personnel and Training at Washington Headquarters. Photo by Warren Barry.



### AN OUTSTANDING FOR DON BROUGHTON

Don H. Broughton (right), Electronics Technician, Battle Mountain, Nevada ARSR site, was recipient last year of an Outstanding Performance Rating with a Quality Within-Grade Increase award. Presentation was made by D. O. DeShazo (left), Manager of the Reno Airway Facilities Sector.