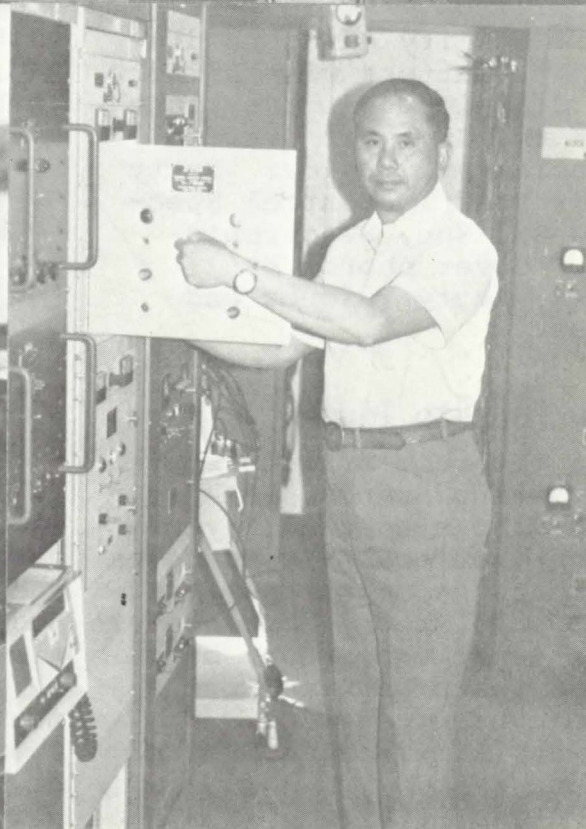
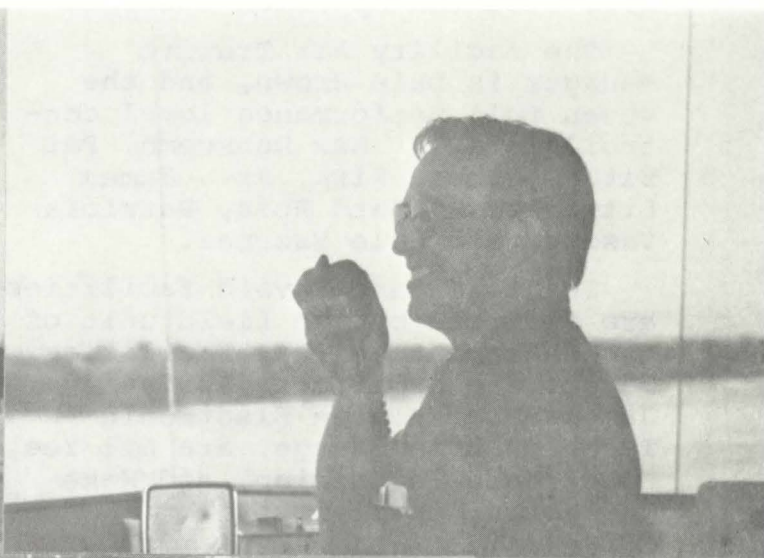




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Cover Story

The Modesto Air Traffic Control Tower is located on Modesto City-County Harry Sham Field Airport, two miles southeast of downtown Modesto, California.

The Level Two Tower operates 16 hours a day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.

Radar approach control service is provided by Castle RAPCON, while Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) departures receive radar service from Stockton Approach Control.

The facility Air Traffic Manager is Dale Brown, and the seven full performance level controllers are: Max Dunscomb, Pat Elton, George Kirk, Jr., James Litterer, Richard Rosa, Patricia Vasquez and Dale Vazquez.

The tower and Navaid facilities are serviced by the field unit of the Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector Field Office. Assisting James Shugren, the Electronic Technician in Charge, are Gil Yee, Electronic Technician, and Mike Marshburn, Environmental.

Cover Photos: Top -- from left -- Dale Brown, Facility Manager, discusses airport matters with Airport Manager R. C. Smith. At the right is George Kirk, Jr., Air Traffic Control Specialist. Below: Patty Vasquez, Air Traffic Control Specialist, and Gil Yee, Electronic Technician. Cover photos by Dale Vazquez, Patty Vasquez and Richard Rosa.

A NOTE FROM MODESTO TOWER

A recent Intercom article stated that the Training Branch, with seven employees, boasted of 176 years of government service. "Perhaps we can't top that," comments Air Traffic Manager Dale Brown, "but Modesto Tower, with eight employees, has a total of 185 years and two months combined government service. We doubt that any Air Traffic Control Tower can top that."

Medicare--What We're Getting for Our Money

Everybody already knows that a 1.3 percent medicare tax is being withheld from their salary. That's prompted some people to ask, "What are we getting for our money?"

Essentially, we are getting inpatient hospital insurance which is called Medicare Part A. This covers hospitals and skilled nursing facilities and home health services. It has a \$260 deductible after which it pays for 100 percent of hospital expenses for the first 60 days of a period of hospitalization.

Like all people covered by Medicare, Federal employees must have reached their 65th birthday to be eligible for the program's benefits. Either that or they must be disabled or suffering from serious kidney disease that requires special treatment.

Medicare Part B, medical or outpatient insurance, is available to anyone at age 65. This covers physician's services among other items. People who elect to have this insurance pay a small premium and, after a \$75 deductible, are reimbursed for 80 percent of their covered expenses, not including prescriptions. In the near future, employees will receive a pamphlet further explaining Medicare for Federal employees and their family members.

OOPS...SORRY ABOUT THAT!

INTERCOM 83-2, dated Jan. 17, 1983, had an error in the third paragraph on page 5. It was, in fact, the Santa Monica GADO (not Long Beach FSDO) that had an aviation safety meeting the same night in Westwood. We are told that this meeting brought in over 600 people. The Accident Prevention Specialist at Santa Monica is Jack Norris.

MODESTO
TOWER



A--James Litterer, Air Traffic Control Specialist.
 B--From left--Richard Rosa (ATCS) and Facility Manager Dale Brown; Controllers Patty Vasquez and Dale Vasquez.
 C--Pat Elton, Air Traffic Control Specialist.
 D--Max Dunscomb, Air Traffic Control Specialist, and James Shugren, Electronic Technician.
 Photos by: Dale Vasquez, Patty Vasquez and Richard Rosa. Not photographed was Mike Marshburn, Environmental.



PLANE THEFTS DOWN

Pilots generally are upbeat personalities but there are some downward trends they can live with. One is the trend in general aviation thefts, which dropped again in 1982 for the third straight year. According to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, 194 aircraft worth \$17.5 million on the retail market were stolen during the year. This was 20 fewer plane thefts than during 1981 and 47 less than in 1980. Avionics thefts also were down last year with only 138 compared to 182 reported in 1981.

LOS ANGELES ARTCC NEWS

A farewell luncheon was held December 29, 1982, for Jack Curtin, Assistant Manager for Automation, who retired with 36 years federal service. Jack was presented with a Special Achievement Award and, of course, wished the best of luck by all!.....Our congratulations to Personnel Management Specialist Judy Barden and her seven year-old son, Michael John, who was recently awarded a certificate of achievement as student-of-the-month for December. Michael is in the second grade at the Learning Tree School in Lancaster.

CIVILAIR NEWS - BASEBALL TICKETS

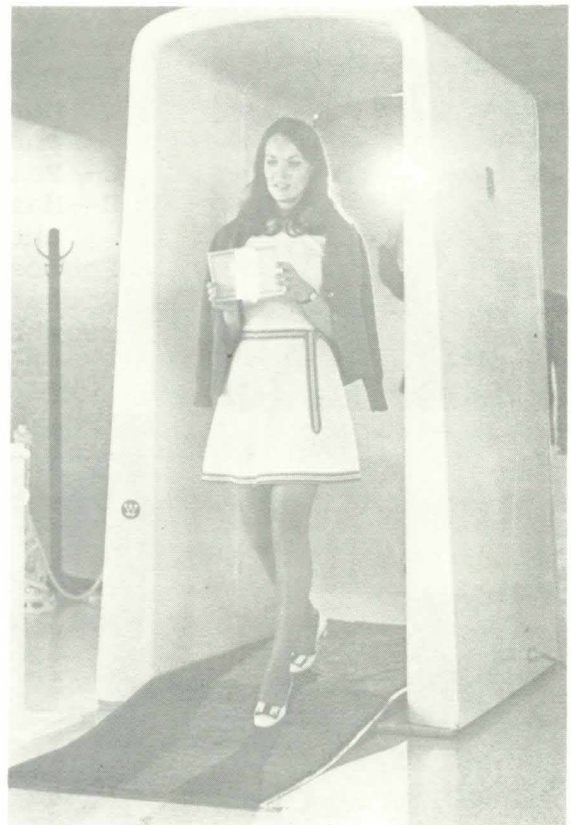
Attention Baseball Fans - It's that time of year again when we renew our Civilair Season Box seats at Dodger Stadium. The box seats this year are \$6 per seat. Reserved parking will be \$4 per game. If you sign up to see each of the 11 opponents once, you will be assured of seats to any post season games for which the Dodgers may be eligible, play-offs, league championship, or World Series. Detailed information, season schedules and order blanks are available from Management Systems Division, AWP-60.

LYNN DEAN RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

After 32 years of Federal service Lynn Dean, Sacramento Flight Service Station, has decided to retire effective January 31. A retirement luncheon in his honor will be held on Friday, February 18 at the Red Baron Steak House located at Executive Airport. For further information and reservations, please contact Wayne Rodrigues at the Sacramento FSS, FTS 8-448-3234 or 916/440-3234.

METAL DETECTORS, A BOON

A Milwaukee blood specialist thinks he's found a new use for the metal detectors at airports. He says they may detect advanced cases of hemochromatosis, a disease characterized by potentially toxic levels of iron in the blood stream. Therefore, he's offering this advice to air travellers: "If a metal detector starts beeping and you're not wearing any metal ornaments, high-tail it for a doctor."



CAPSULE GLIMPSES. . .

MEET CHRIS KANDZIORA

Chris is an Aviation Clerk in the Scottsdale General Aviation District Office. Chris transferred from the Milwaukee Flight Standards District Office to the Scottsdale General Aviation District Office in May 1982. Since arriving, she has become interested in running in the many 10K (6.2 miles) races held in the Phoenix, Arizona area. In her first race, the 10K held on Nov. 7, she entered as a recovered heart patient due to her early childhood medical history when she had twice contracted rheumatic fever with residual effects. In this class, Chris was awarded a trophy for her efforts.

Chris entered the Fiesta Bowl 10K held on Dec. 31, 1982. In this run, she bettered her previous time for the Phoenix 10K by three minutes. Chris is looking forward to entering other 10K races in the area and improving her times.



JUST A REMINDER..... FAA FAMILY FUNDAYS AT KNOTT'S BERRY FARM FEB. 19 - 21, 1983

Enjoy admission to Knott's "Old Time Adventures" entertainment area plus unlimited use of all park attractions (except Pan for Gold and Shootin' Gallery) on Sat., Feb. 19 and Sun., Feb. 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight and Mon., Feb. 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for only \$7.25 per person (children two years and under FREE). Also, during this Special Holiday Weekend...for each paying adult you may receive one child complimentary admission (child three through 11 years old). For tickets and information contact your Civilair Representative or the Civilair Desk, 213/644-8525.

RENO TOWER'S HIGH ROLLER'S NEWS

Congratulations to Bob Hoffsetz and Charles Weinum on their selection as Area Supervisors. Byron Little, Lee Uncles, and John Edmonds have reached the pinnacle of Full Performance Level. Congratulations!.....Welcome back to John Skinner, rehired annuitant. John has returned as a temporary Evaluation Proficiency Development Specialist. Welcome aboard to Phil Ragsdale, Mike Tarrant, Lowell Ketchum, Pete Marcuzzo, Jim Guillow, Ira Shiansky, Lee Pals, Ken Bates and Joe Dimas--all recent or almost recent graduates of the Academy; and to Dante Edwards, from Phoenix TRACON.

AIRWAY FACILITIES DIVISION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following AWP-450 personnel who recently received awards: RAWIL ISMAGIL and GARY YAMAMOTO, AWP-453, Quality Increase Award with Exceptional Rating; ROBERT MC CLAIN, AWP-453, Quality Increase Award with Outstanding Rating; LANCE BERRY and ART THORNTON, AWP-453, Quality Increase Award; LEROY EARLY, AWP-453, Special Achievement Award; FRANK KRYDA, AWP-453, Sustained Superior Performance Award with Outstanding Rating; BOB KIVITT, AWP-454, Quality Within Grade Increase. Also, NICK BOYIAZIS, AWP-454, received a letter of appreciation from the Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector Manager for his support during his recent detail there.

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Congratulations to JON MIDDLETON who was designated the Sacramento Approach Control "Controller of the Year" for 1982. Jon has done a great job for us and truly deserves the honor. Others throughout 1982 also received recognition for their hard work including Quality Increases to: STAN DODGE, CHARLIE COX, DON GETTING, DENNIS STARK, ROBERT FERDON, LEN CROTEAU, JOHN HARDWICK, CHUCK SHEUFELT, SAM GOLDSTEIN, DICK GICKING, JIM JOHNSTON, LEE LEASE, JIM TECHAU and JON MIDDLETON; Special Achievements to SAL ARCADO and JOHN SHEARER, and an Outstanding rating to JOANNA MARCHANT.

Our loss was Stockton's gain when Miriam Clark signed in as Area Supervisor and Jim Faucett moved across town as Area Supervisor at Sacramento Executive. Area Manager Robert Rowland moved to Boise as Air Traffic Manager. We will miss them all.

New for 1982 were: Norm Clark from the Regional Office (Area

Manager); Mike Fitzgerald from Reno (Area Supervisor); controllers Steve Dennis (Santa Barbara), Gordon Brewer (Sacramento), and Tom Morehouse (Van Nuys). Our able-bodied Air Traffic Assistants are Dave Andrew, Rich Caldwell, Jerry Foit and Ron Mack. Also welcome to Cindie Hull, Administrative Services Clerk.

A very special welcome back to two retirees who are now Contract Instructors--John Roe and Jack "have a nice day" Anderson. Their experience and knowledge will strengthen our training program. Hard work and "midnight oil" paid off for Sam Goldstein in 1982. Sam received his degree from the Lincoln Law School of Sacramento and was admitted to the California Bar Association in December.

Just when you thought the skies were safe, "Captain" Carl McLelland (Data Systems Specialist) bought a Piper Warrior and frequently makes runs on Sacramento from his home base in Auburn. Apologies to Wilbur and Orville.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 1983

February 1983 marks the 57th annual observance of Black History Month. The month is dedicated to the rich heritage of Black America --and to what may be an equally tragic heritage of failing to properly communicate the vast contributions made by Black Americans toward gaining legal and social justice for all citizens have been noticeably absent from our history books.

Black History Month, celebrated throughout the Nation, serves to emphasize some little-known facts about Black pioneers in medicine, manufacturing, engineering, fine arts, social activism, science, world exploration and other fields. Did you know that the sugar we eat, the soles on our shoes, the clock that governs our very existence, the preservation of blood, the first heart surgery in the U.S., the many uses of the peanut, discoverer of the State of Arizona, the first man to die in the Revolutionary War, the formula for synthetic rubber, and the telephone receiver, are but a few examples of discoveries and inventions by Black Americans?

Take a few minutes and test your knowledge of Black History by naming the Black Americans responsible for these important achievements. If you don't know, see the answers on the following page. When you're finished, you will have learned more about the Black experience in America.

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1. Author of the novel, The Three Musketeers.
2. Inventor of the electrical railway system and 60 other inventions.
3. Guided 300 slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad.
4. Made the first clock in America in 1761.
5. Developer of blood plasma.
6. First American to reach the North Pole.
7. Inventor of the electric light bulb in 1881.
8. Performed the first successful suture on the human heart.
9. Inventor of the cotton gin.
10. First Black professional baseball player.
11. First Black U.S. Senator.
12. Developed over 300 different products from the peanut.
13. Won the Pulitzer Prize for "Annie Allen."
14. Traveled around the country barefoot, speaking for freedom and women's rights.
15. Civil Rights leader who received the Nobel Peace Prize and whose birthday is celebrated on January 15.

See answers on page 8.

SAN CARLOS OPEN HOUSE HUGE SUCCESS

As a beginning of Human Relations Week, San Carlos Tower hosted an open house on Sunday, Dec. 12. Over 200 people interested in aviation toured the facility and viewed the FAA film "Flight 52.".....Best wishes and good luck to Judy Harrell who married Rick Opperman of Oakland Tower. Good luck and bon voyage to Dedra Thomas who has been promoted to Oakland Tower.....In other facility news, San Carlos welcomes new arrivals Mark Mammini, Rick Carlton and Mark Penn. Congratulations to Phyllis Caul, Mike Sternberger, Rob Voss and Rand Lanterman for reaching full performance level.....Congratulations to Dan Blythe who recently received a Special Achievement Award.

TEN EMPLOYEES CITED FOR EEO EXCELLENCE

Ten FAA employees have been selected for the Administrator's Annual Award for Excellence in Equal Employment Opportunity. They are: Joe Alvarez, Edward Harris, Jr. and Jerry Long, all Western-Pacific Region; James Lehman, Northwest Mountain Region; Wesley Walker, Great Lakes Region; Alma Poole, Central Region; David Robinson, Technical Center; Nathaniel Mosby, Southern Region; Lenore Vanacore, Eastern Region; and George Woodbury, Jr., Alaskan Region. The ten, who were selected from a list of 27 nominees, will receive their awards from the Administrator on Jan. 28 in Washington headquarters. Specifically, they were cited as follows:

Joe Alvarez for adopting innovative approaches to furthering EEO such as making the resolution of discrimination complaints a factor in the annual performance ratings of supervisors and managers.

Edward Harris, Jr., for his participation in community activities such as his recruitment and public relations programs which have helped black youths to begin careers in aviation.

Jerry Long for motivating employees to realize their fullest potential and for his special efforts to assure that minority employees benefited equally.

James Lehman for his example of excellence in EEO and his personal contact that motivated other employees when he served as chairperson of the ANM Regional Civil Rights Committee.

Wesley Walker for directing the AGL Air Traffic Division's ambitious program to recruit minorities and women for AT positions. He showed that quality candidates were available.

Alma Poole for developing a positive EEO climate at the Kansas City ARTCC. She produced "Black Heritage" calendars and special Intercoms as well as a "sexual harassment" program, "Camaraderie Week" and other programs.

David Robinson for the sensitivity and fairness that have earned him the respect and trust of his peers and management at all levels during five years of EEO counseling at the Tsch Center.

Nathaniel Mosby for exemplary service in the recruitment and encouragement of qualified minority persons and females at the Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office.

Lenore Vanacore for advancing equality programs through participation on the AEA EEO Advisory Board and for three years of outstanding service as chairperson of the Federal Women's Program Committee at JFK Airport.

George B. Woodbury, Jr., for assuring that handicapped, minorities and females are able to take advantage of upward mobility training in the AAL regional office.

BLACK HISTORY QUIZ - ANSWERS

1. Alexandre Dumas
2. Granville T. Woods
3. Harriett Tubman
4. Benjamin Banneker
5. Dr. Charles R. Drew
6. Mathew Alexander Henson
7. Lewis Howard Latimer
8. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams
9. Eli Whitney
10. Jackie Robinson
11. Hiram Revels
12. George Washington Carver
13. Gwendolyn Brooks
14. Sojourner Truth
15. Martin Luther King, Jr.



International News

JAPAN AIRLINES OFFICIALS VISIT THE SFO ACDO

Members of Japan Airlines' staff, Ms. Nakamura, Messrs. Suzuki, Koizumi, Aoyagi and Sato, were visitors last year to the San Francisco Air Carrier District Office. The purpose of the visit was to discuss FAA requirements surrounding the purchase of a United States registered B-747 aircraft.

Right photo: Japan Airlines delegation in conference with Payne Bair, Manager and Inspectors Gallagher, Palmer, Grunert and Scardino.



PRATT & WHITNEY INTRODUCING NEW ENGINE TO WORLD MARKETPLACE

The Financial Times recently carried a major article analyzing Pratt & Whitney's recent announcement of its 4000 engine series. It is estimated that as many as 6,000 engines of this size will be bought by the world's airlines over the next 10 years or so. The PW-4000 is designed to replace the Pratt & Whitney JT-9D. This engine has been in production for over 12 years, although it has been continually improved during that time. It is aimed at wide-bodied aircraft, such as the Boeing 747 jumbo, the Boeing 767 and the European A-300 and A-310 airbuses--all of which use either the Pratt & Whitney JT-9D in various versions, or the rival U.S. General Electric CF6-50. The new engine will have an output of between 48,000 lb. and 60,000 lb. of thrust, but will be capable of higher or lower powers if needed. It should enter service in 1986.

NAMC'S LIQUIDATION TO END IN MARCH

Nihon Aeroplane Mfg. Co., which was set up in 1969 to develop and produce the YS-11 turboprop aircraft, will complete its liquidation by March. The company was dissolved, with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. taking over its business, centering on YS-11 product support, last September.

ADMINISTRATOR DETAILS ATC RESTORATION

The agency has announced a comprehensive plan for lifting air traffic control restrictions for both the airlines and general aviation in most parts of the country by fall. The plan represents an improvement over the timetable announced by the Administrator after the controllers' strike in August 1981 daily average. At that time, he said the ATC system would return to the July 1981 traffic level of 85,820 instrument operations in 22 months, or by May 1983. The agency now expects to achieve that level in April although it will continue to use flow control procedures and other measures after April to prevent excessive traffic buildups during peak hours.

A key element of the plan involves lifting controls at the 20 major U.S. airports where capacity constraints are in effect. Boston, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami and San Francisco will be dropped from the list between March 31 and Aug. 29. The agency will make an announcement in April regarding the other 14 locations.

A second major element of the plan involves the phase out of restrictions at the 20 air route traffic control centers. This program already is underway. Nine centers have dropped all restrictions on flights within center boundaries with the other 11 scheduled to follow suit by the end of August.

The next step is to drop restrictions of flights between adjacent center areas. For example, restrictions already have been removed on flights between the Seattle and Salt Lake City centers. The Oakland center will link up with these two in March and the Los Angeles center will join the group in May. This will permit unrestricted flight throughout all or most of eight western states. The only exceptions will be flights into Los Angeles International and San Fran-

cisco International where hourly quotas will remain in effect until later in the year.

During the spring and summer, similar center groupings will be completed with one group covering the midwest and the other the southeastern part of the country. Enroute centers covering the Great Lakes states and eastern portions of the U.S. will be joined later in the year to complete FAA's nationwide enroute center restoration program.

In addition to these moves, FAA also will give scheduled airlines increased access to its Tower Enroute program. This will allow the carriers to fly between certain adjacent airports under tower control without obtaining an airport arrival slot.

FAA'ERS DAUGHTER IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A recent participant in the California Special Olympics state winter games held Jan. 9-13 at Heavenly Valley, South Lake Tahoe, was Becky Pease, 22-year-old daughter of Los Angeles Center Area Supervisor, Robert Pease. Becky captured a gold medal in cross country skiing and a silver medal for the 100 meter ski course. Congratulations to Becky and her proud parents!

MONTEREY BY-THE-BAY

Congratulations to Hal Grindstaff, Area Training Specialist at Monterey Tower, for receiving a Special Achievement Award for his fine performance during the past year....Welcome aboard to new Air Traffic Control Specialists Bob Higgins and Helen Cota.