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McClellan Becomes Sacramento TRACON

COVER STORY...

Effective March 1, 1983, McClellan RAPCON will have a new name--Sacramento TRACON. The TRACON is located in Rio Linda, Calif.-- a suburb of Sacramento, the state capital.

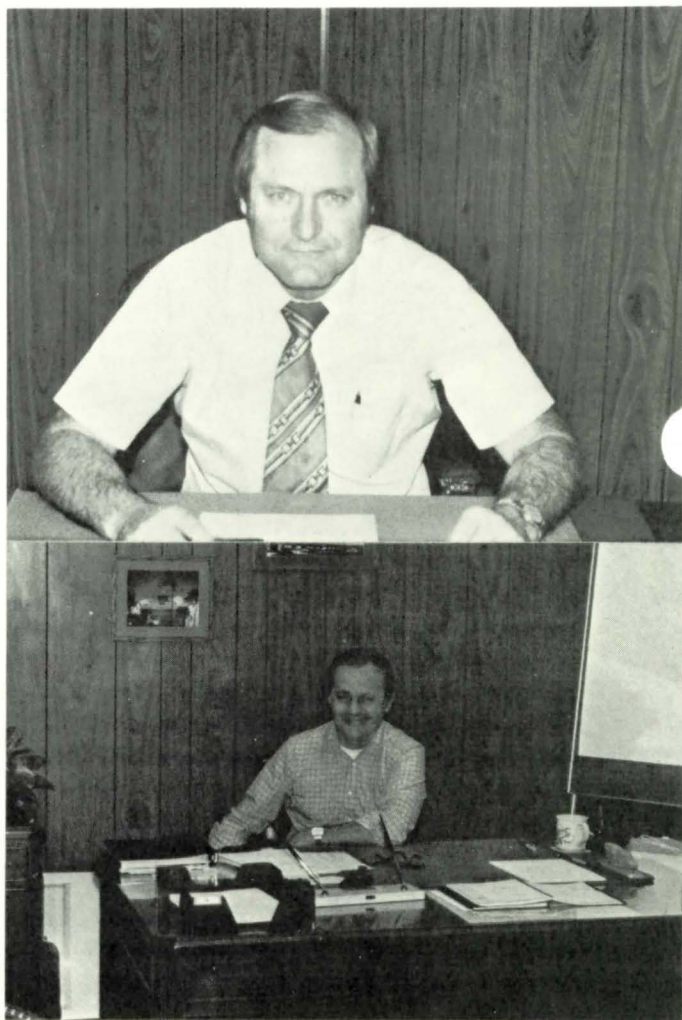
On the Airway Facilities side, Sector Manager Bob Lamora heads a staff of two Sector Field Office Managers; two Systems Performance Specialists; and 13 Technicians. Together, they maintain the ARTS IIIA, communications and dual radar systems that provide the vital links between pilot and controller.

Air Traffic is led by Air Traffic Manager Eddie E. Lewis and Assistant Manager Joe Kelley, who oversee a staff of 52 in the revitalization of the Air Traffic Control System.

Centrally located in the Sacramento valley, the TRACON controls all flights for a 4,000-square-mile area from Rio Vista to Oroville and from Woodland to the Sierras, 11,000 feet and below. Known for its excellent weather, the valley is concentrated with many controlled airports: Sacramento Metropolitan for air carriers; Sacramento Executive for General Aviation; and Beale, Mather and McClellan Air Force Bases. Beale is the home of the SR-71 and U-2; Mather is the Air Training Command's navigator school; and McClellan is the overhaul installation for F-111s and A-10s. The combination makes--at times--an exciting Air Traffic Control environment and a challenge for the professional Air Traffic Controller.

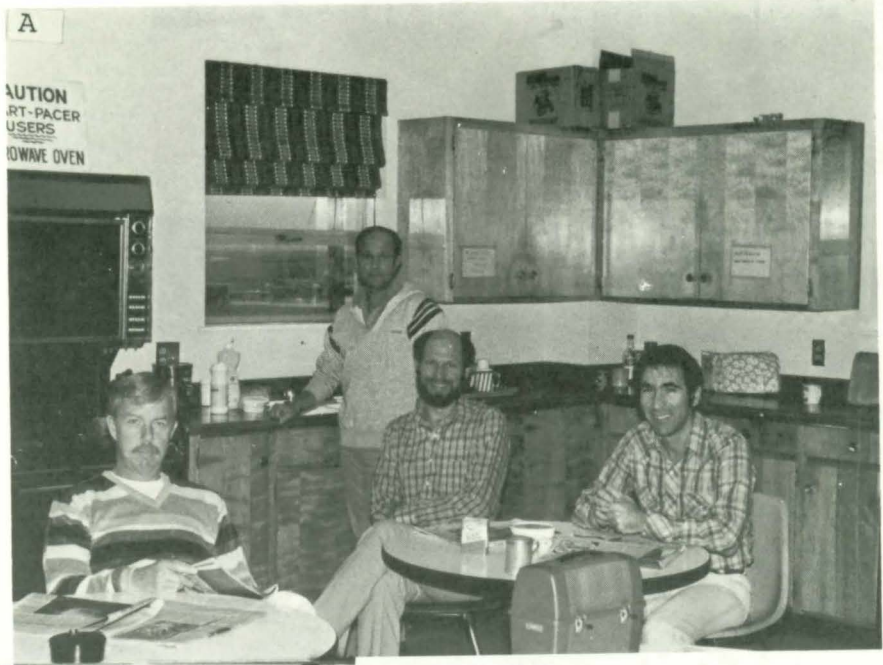
The recovery effort at Sacramento has progressed very satisfactorily due to the exceptional performance from those controllers who remained at work; newly-hired developmentals; the Air Traffic Facility staff; and the excellent cooperation from the Airway Facilities team.

Cover photo: McClellan RAPCON-- a name that will go down in history.

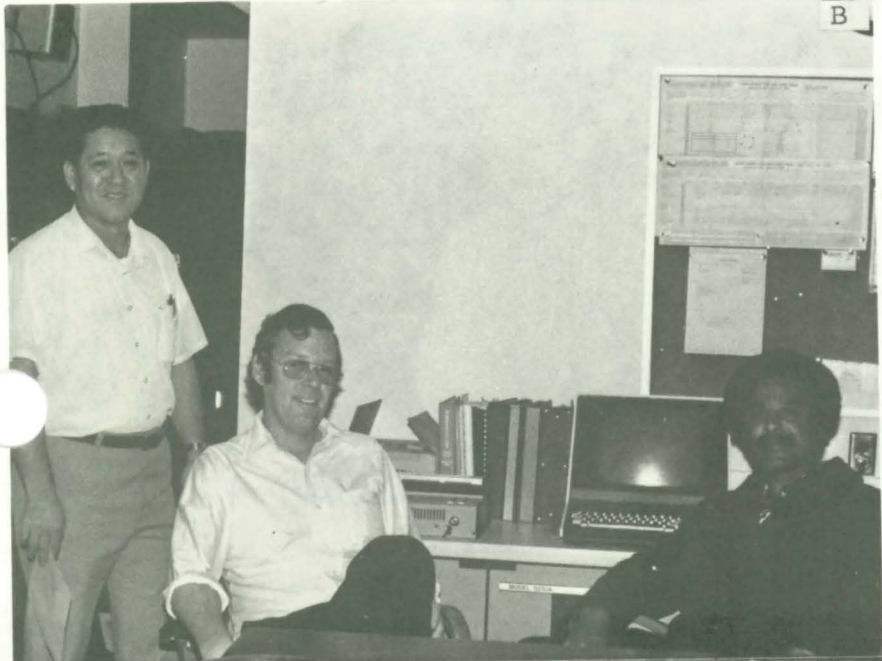


Eddie E. Lewis (above), Air Traffic Manager, and Assistant Air Traffic Manager Joe Kelley (below) lead a staff of 52 in the revitalization of the Air Traffic Control system at Sacramento.

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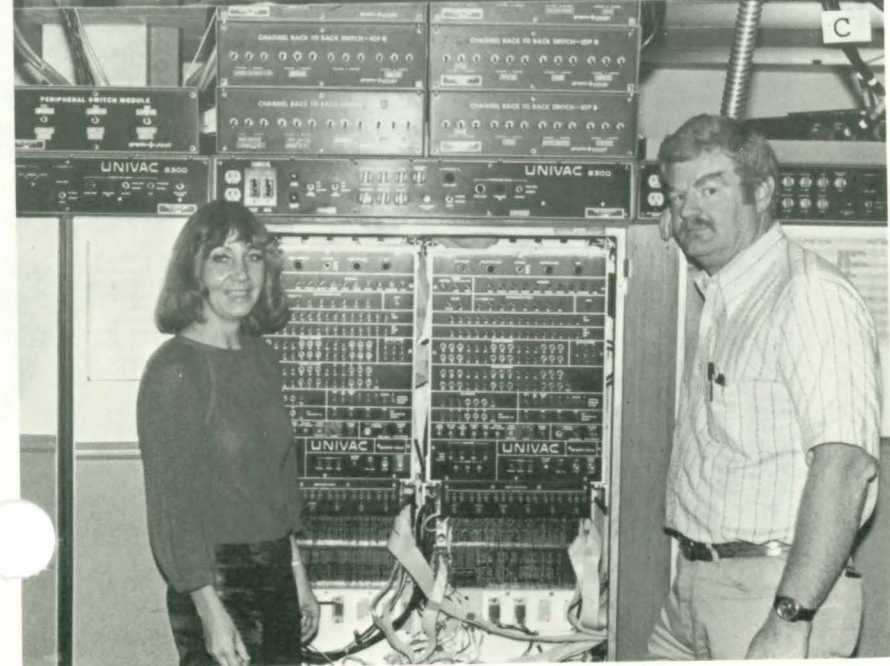


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Former McClellan RAPCON and now Sacramento TRACON personnel are:

A--From left--Full Performance Levels John Shearer, Jon Middleton, Sal Arcado and (standing) Ron Jeffries, on a well-deserved break.

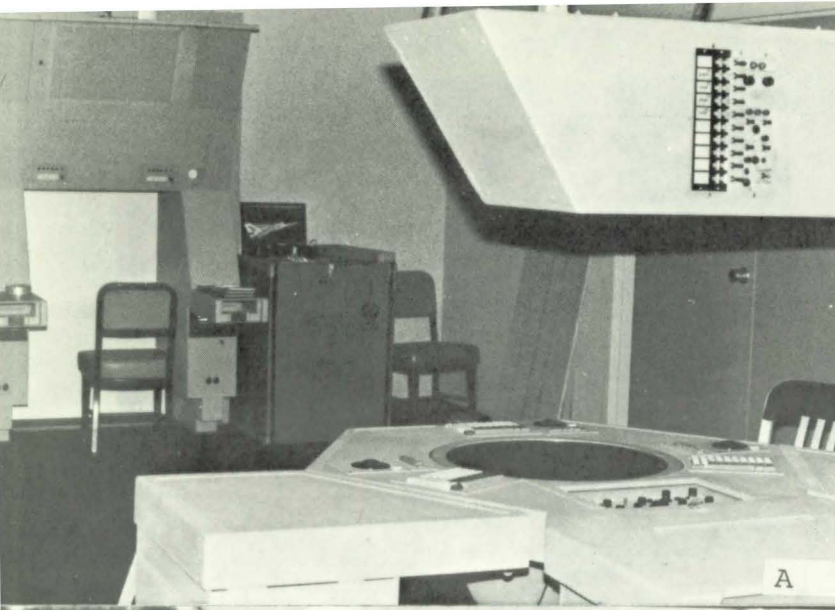
B--From left--Radar/Comm Sector Field Office Manager Roy Terasaki; ARTS Sector Field Office Manager Bob Wilson; and ARTS Technician John Calhoun, in front of a recently-purchased PCB analyzer.



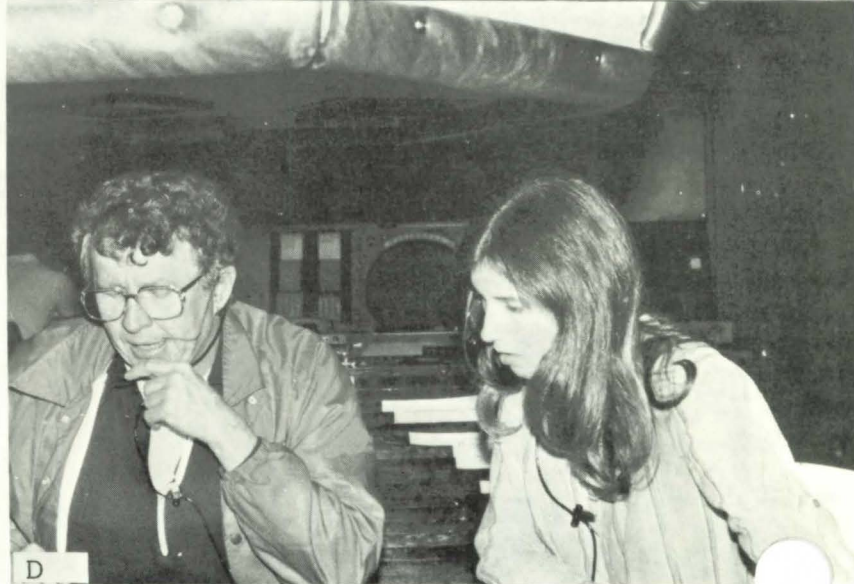
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C--Marianne Deuster (left), ARTS Technician, and Carl McLelland, Data Systems Specialist, in front of an ARTS IIIA panel.

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A -- Construction is about complete on our new Enhanced Target Generator Lab.
B -- On-the-job training is being given to Developmental Tom Morehouse by Full Performance Level Chuck Sheufelt (left).
C -- Developmental Steve Dennis (left) receives Enhanced Target Generator training from Jerry Foit, Flight Data Assistant, and John Roe, Contract Instructor (right).
D -- Developmental Sherry Cunha (right) receives on-the-job training from Gerry Fox, Full Performance Level.



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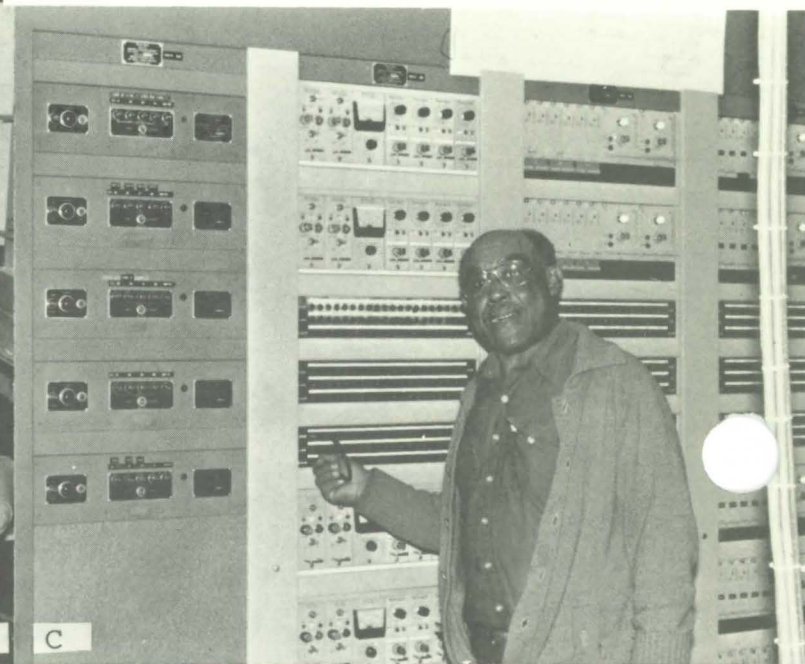
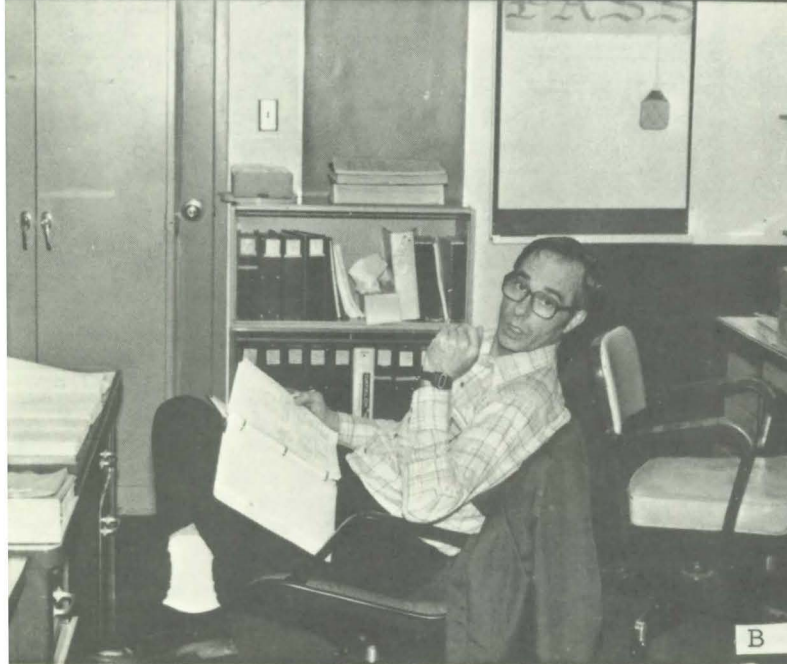
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A -- From left -- Area Supervisor Dean Garman, Assistant Air Traffic Manager Joe Kelley, and Area Manager Doug Thompson.
B -- Planning and Procedures Specialist Larry Franco.
C -- Area Manager Jim Johnston.
D -- Human Relations Committee.
From left -- Jon Middleton, Full Performance Level; Dick Gicking, Area Supervisor; Carl McLelland, Data Systems Specialist; Cindy Hull, Secretary; Harley Jones, Full Performance Level and Dennis Stark, Full Performance Level.

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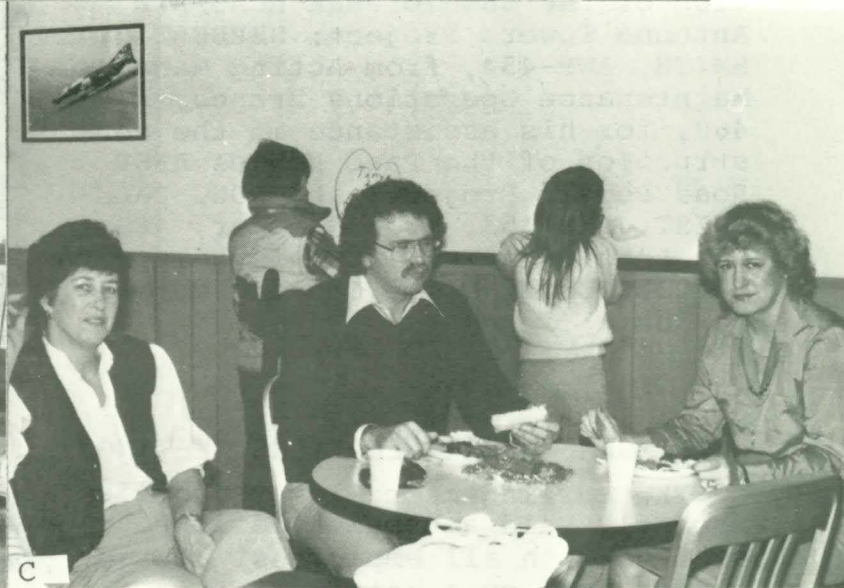


A -- Air Traffic Secretary,
Joanna Marchand
B -- Herb Westerman, Systems
Performance Specialist
C -- Roy Stephenson, Communi-
cations Technician
D -- Group photo during recent
Christmas open house.

And

Still More

Sacramento



A -- Controller of the Year for 1982 - Jon Middleton (left), receives award plaque from Air Traffic Manager Eddie Lewis.

B -- Sacramento's Santa -- Don Getting, Full Performance Level -- enjoying a break.

C -- From left -- Mrs. Assistant Air Traffic Manager, Gabbie Kelley; Programs Officer and Mrs. Dallas McClemons, at the Christmas Open House.

This concludes the McClellan RAPCON--no, SACRAMENTO TRACON, story. Hats off to Sacramento TRACON personnel who did such an outstanding job with the photography and putting the story together for INTERCOM.

AIRWAY FACILITIES DIVISION AWARDS

The following AWP-450 employees recently received Letters of Appreciation: DIRK WIETSTOCK, AWP-454, from Acting Manager, Maintenance Operations Branch, AWP-460, for his assistance in the construction of the Los Angeles VOR Counterpoise Paving Project; GERALD DESANTIS, AWP-454, from Acting Manager, Maintenance Operations Branch, AWP-460, for his assistance in the construction of the Saddle Peak RCAG/RTR Antenna Towers Project; HERBERT SMITH, AWP-454, from Acting Manager, Maintenance Operations Branch, AWP-460, for his assistance in the construction of the Paso Robles ARSR Road Repair Project; and DOUG PALMQUIST, AWP-453, from Manager, AFS, Los Angeles ARTCC, for his help with the CDC Under Floor Cooling modification.

BURLINGAME HUMAN RELATIONS MEETING

The Burlingame collocated offices recently held a Human Relations meeting with all employees. To get the program on a better footing the committee passed out questionnaires on what the employees thought Human Relations was all about and what they thought could or should be done to improve their working environment. The response was very enlightening and encouraging since 85 percent of those attending took the time to complete the questionnaire. Coffee and doughnuts were served. Besides the valuable information received, the general consensus was, "Let's do it again."

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 Div., Ext. 6300.

EEO COMPLAINTS

INVESTIGATORS APPOINTED

Three Western-Pacific Region employees have been appointed to serve as Discrimination Complaints investigators on a collateral duty basis: Thomas Anthony, Los Angeles FSS; David Miles, Oakland AFS; and Alice Robinson, Palmdale AFS. They will conduct investigations in the region and elsewhere in the agency upon request of the Director of Civil Rights, ACR-1, and recently completed the investigators training course at MTS, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Thomas Anthony, an Air Traffic Control Specialist, joined the FAA in 1980. Previously, he was employed as a high school teacher for eight years. He has a B.A. degree from the University of California, having majored in Political Science with emphasis in constitutional law and civil liberties.

David Miles, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, has been with FAA since 1971. Prior to joining the FAA, he was employed by the Navy Department. David attended Ohlone College and Northrop University, and has received numerous performance awards, including Outstanding Ratings in 1981 and 1982.

Alice Robinson, Supervisory Electronics Engineer, joined the FAA in 1975. Her previous experience included work with the Navy Department and the private sector as an engineer and computer analyst. Alice holds a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from California State University at San Diego, as well as Bachelors degrees in both Engineering and Chemistry.

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AF DIVISION SPEARHEADS FAA QUALITY CIRCLES ACTIVITIES

Since the Oakland and Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sectors (AFS) organized their first Quality Circles (QC) in mid 1981, QC activities have continued to grow in the Western-Pacific Region. A QC is a voluntary group of employees from the same work area, with their supervisor as the leader, who meet regularly to identify, analyze and resolve work related problems. They implement solutions if it is within their purview; if not, their resolution is presented to management for approval.

The first Western-Pacific Region Quality Circles Facilitator Training Course was conducted in the Regional Office in Sept. 1982 for 20 AFS participants by Dick Peterson, Training Branch, and Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki, Los Angeles AFS. The course is designed to train volunteers to organize and lead quality circles. This was the first of several such sessions to be conducted.

The following graduates of the Sept. class have already started to organize and train QC volunteers in their respective AF Sectors: Dave Umeda (AWP-465 Honolulu), Fernando Lorenz (Riverside AFS), Charles Stinnett (Los Angeles AFS), Jim Mills (AWP-423), Garry Wohlleib (San Diego AFS), Tom Plouffe (Sacramento AFS), Jackie Lyons (Phoenix AFS), Jimmy Johnson (Red Bluff AFS), Gary Meyers (Los Angeles ARTCC AFS), Donnel Lester (Fresno AFS), Kneeland Giusti (Las Vegas AFS), Carl Watanabe and Roland Sagum (Honolulu ARTCC AFS), Chuck Fisher (Guam AFS), Jim Benner (Oakland ARTCC AFS), Russ Crooks and John Bowman (Lancaster AFS), George Nakano (Maui AFS), Ray DeCastro (Honolulu AFS) and Glenn Cross (Oakland AFS).

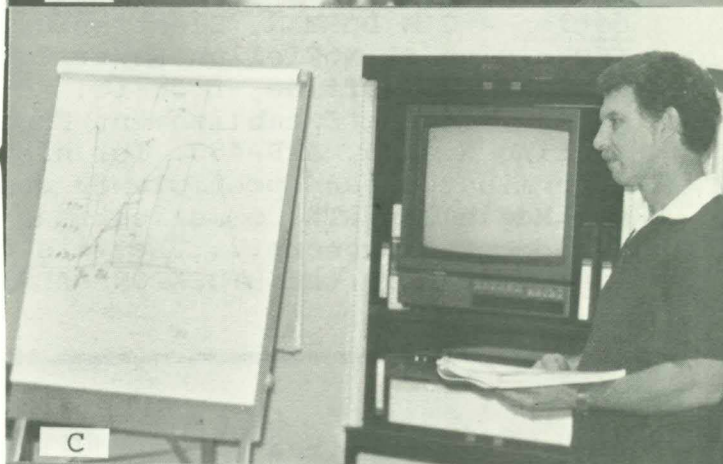
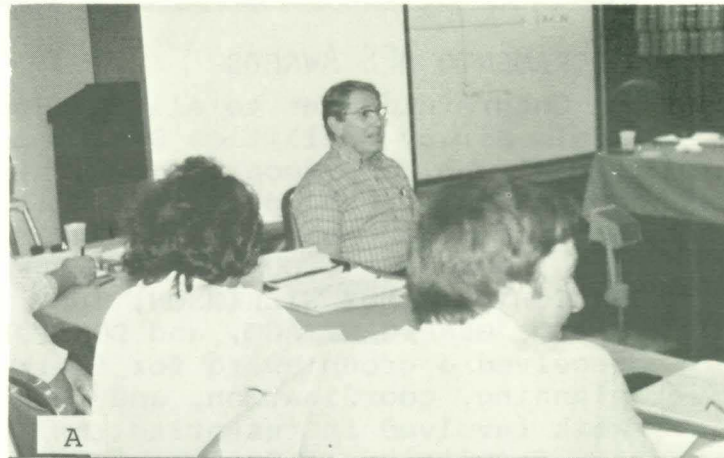
A--Dick Peterson, Training Branch, conducts QC briefing.

B--Alex Hammond, AF Div. Manager, commits support to AF QC activities.

C--Donnel Lester, Fresno AFS QC Facilitator presents training module.

D--Regional Director Mac McClure emphasizes his support to AFS QC Facilitators.

Photos by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.



SACRAMENTO AFS AWARDS

Congratulations to all the Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector personnel who have received recognition and awards in the past few months:

Special Achievement Awards - JIM LANE, DON GROSS, DON ENDERSBY, PAT MERCURIO, JIMMY WILKINSON, TONY RIZZO, GENE SANTIAGO, and DON FORBES received a group award for their planning, coordination, and repair work involved in restoring the ILS/ALS facilities at Sacramento Metropolitan Sector Field Office after an incident of vandalism to the Localizer; RON WEBB, Electronics Technician at Stockton Radar/ARTS Sector Field Office Unit, for the special act of completing ARTS II for Technicians and ATCBI-5 courses at Oklahoma City concurrently; DARWIN ALDOUS, MIKE BLACK, RICK RADFORD, MIKE LEWIS, DARVAL LUND, and LARRY RICHARDSON received a group award for their participation in the successful completion of the Stockton Radar project.....Letter of Commendation - JIM DORMAN, Electronics Technician at McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office, from the Acting Manager of the Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, for his determination and proficiency during the McClellan RTR Communications equipment changeout.....Letters of Appreciation - the STOCKTON RADAR

UNIT received a letter from the Stockton Tower Facility Manager for their help in setting up facilities for the Stockton Radar opening; MIKE BLACK, Electronics Technician at Stockton Radar/ARTS Sector Field Office Unit, from the McClellan ARTS Sector Field Office Manager for his effort in restoring the Sacramento Metropolitan BRITE IV system; HENRY SELVIG, Electronics Technician at McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office, from the Sacramento AFS Technical Support Officer for sharing his efforts on working out the GRR Communications Series crystal frequency and tolerance formulas; TOM SOIK, HENRY SELVIG, TOM MURPHY, ROY STEPHENSON, JIM MCDONALD, WARREN LISTON, NORM ROE, GENE SANTIAGO, and TONY RIZZO received a letter from the Acting Manager of the Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, for the outstanding job they performed during the McClellan RTR Solid State Communications equipment changeout; BARBARA KISH, Sacramento AFS Administrative Officer, from the Sector Manager for the excellent job she did in arranging a local retirement seminar; and MIKE BLACK, Electronics Technician at the Stockton Radar/ARTS Sector Field Office Unit, for the fine job he did during his detail to the Sacramento Sector Office.

JOHN OLSON RECEIVES SPACE SHUTTLE FLAG

We are proud to announce that John Olson, Assistant Air Traffic Manager, Honolulu Tower, recently received from the Office of the Department of Defense Manager for Space Shuttle Support Operations an actual flag that was flown aboard the second flight of the Space Shuttle "Columbia" on Nov. 12 - 14, 1981. This flag was presented to John in recognition of his significant contribution that was made to the success of the mission. The FAA family is very proud of John Olson for receiving this distinguished award.



Right photo: John Olson (left), proudly receives the space shuttle flag from Regional Director Mac McClure at a Human Relations Meeting in Honolulu.



International News

MARSHALL ISLANDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The FAA has undertaken a technical assistance project with the Marshall Islands (M.I.) to establish a Civil Aviation Authority in their area. An FAA technical team recently met with the local governmental leaders and airline officials to initiate this program. The initial team effort was directed at developing legislation and aviation regulations for the Marshall Islands. Draft recommendations on how to improve civil aviation in the Marshall Islands have been prepared. A copy is in the Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation Affairs Staff, AWP-4. It is anticipated that the Western-Pacific Region will participate in the proposed follow-on program.

FOREIGN TRAVEL INFORMATION

Extra copies of the Administrator's memorandum of September 3, concerning recent DOT Travel Manual Revisions are available in the Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation Affairs Staff Office, AWP-4, Ext. 6231 or 6333. Attachments include examples of memorandum to request the Deputy Secretary's approval for any foreign official travel and a sample completed A Form 1500-1 to be submitted through API-1.

SCHEDULED AIR SHOWS

1983 PARIS AIR SHOW

DATE: May 26 - June 5

CONTACT: Sue Silverman
Project Manager for API-1

1983 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE SHOW

DATE: October 29 - November 6

PLACE: Gifu Air Base

CONTACT FOR DETAILS/APPLICATIONS: AWP-4

All FAA Personnel interfacing with U.S. industry are urged to encourage enthusiastic participation with displays, etc.

TOTAL FOREIGN NATIONALS
TO AWP REGION - FY 83 TO DATE

75

NUMBER OF FOREIGN
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

13

A Message From the Administrator

One of my primary objectives as FAA Administrator is to improve communications as a means of improving professional relationships at all levels of the agency. If we cannot communicate with one another, neither can we work together to modernize the National Airspace System and move U.S. aviation into the twenty-first century in its historic leadership position.

For years Intercom has been providing information about FAA developments, personnel actions and other matters of concern to employees. One thing missing has been any way to exchange ideas, to let employees express their views. I hope that will change. I have asked the Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs to begin accepting and publishing letters from our employees, as space permits. There might not always be room for all letters, but we will endeavor to do our best to publish a representative sampling.

Letters should be brief--under 100 words--and sent to the Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs, APA-1. In keeping with the usual media practice, unsigned letters will not be used, but we will honor requests to withhold the publication of names and keep them in the strictest confidence.

I truly would like to know what you are thinking about the plans and programs of the agency, about your own ideas for improvements and initiatives. I hope that more of you will have an opportunity to express yourself through this effort to make our Intercom the two-way communications vehicle that it should be.

Flow Control The Last to Go

Most new air traffic controllers have not seen aircraft stacked in holding patterns because of flow-control procedures and other flight restrictions imposed since the August 1981 strike. That's why the Administrator says the agency will have to continue to use some sort of flow management even after the other restrictions have been dropped "to avoid an excessive build up of traffic at certain facilities during peak periods of the day."

Speaking at an aviation seminar in Marco Island, Fla., the Administrator said a gradual scaling down of flow-control to pre-strike levels will give controllers the time they need to adjust to peak-hour traffic loads. "I want our controllers to ease into it," he added. "First see two in hold for a couple of months; then four for three or four months; then six and two holding patterns in their sector. That, and that alone, is the reason for the slower phase-out of flow control."

Boston Frees Up Airspace

In keeping with the schedule announced last month by the Administrator, the Boston air route traffic control center on Feb. 7 lifted all restriction on flights within its boundaries. That pushed the number of en route facilities without internal flight restrictions to 10, or half the total serving the conterminous U.S. Next in line are the Denver and Oakland centers. The proposed date for both is March 14.