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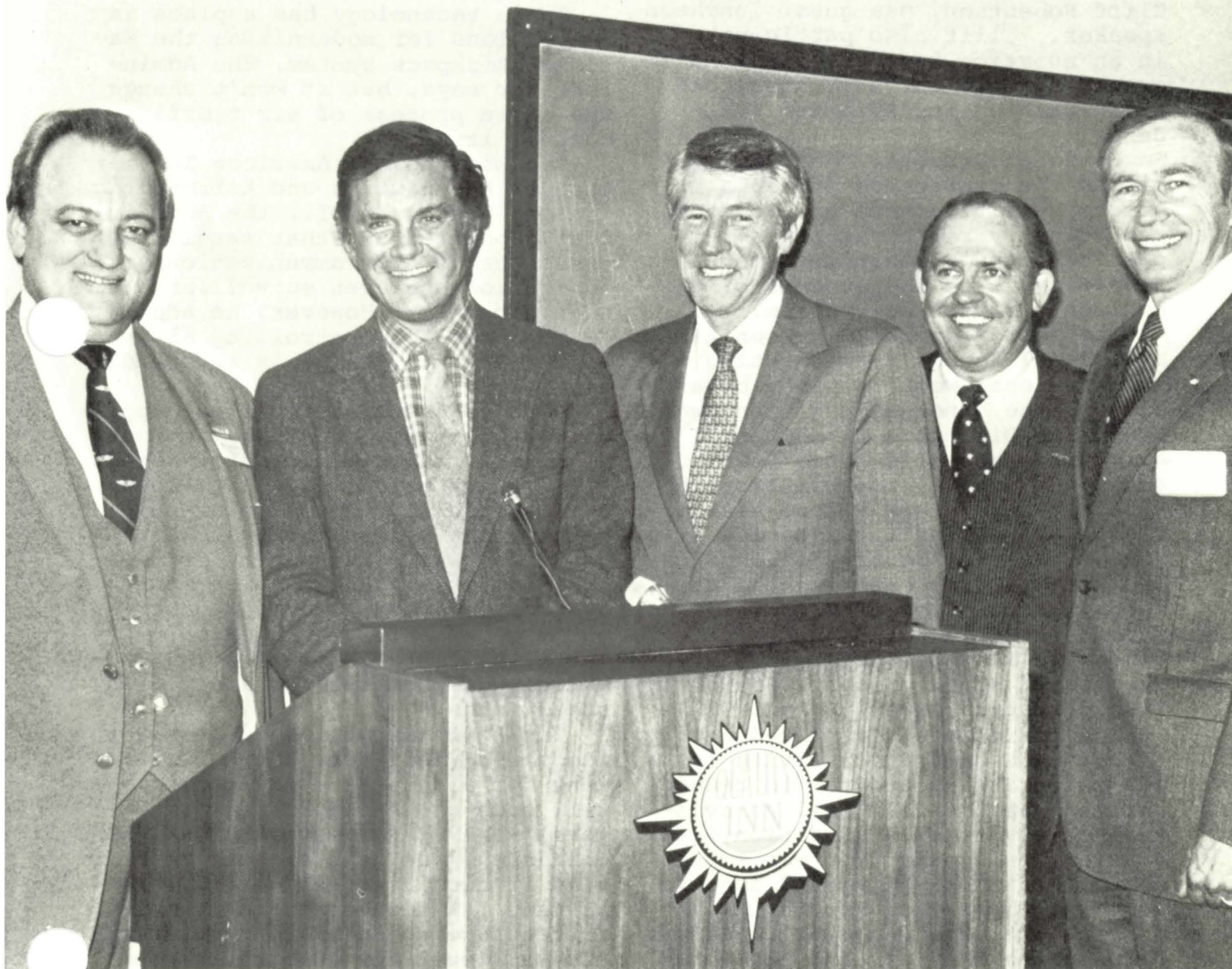
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Flight Standards Managers/APS Meet

Cover Story

The Western-Pacific Region recently held a Flight Standards Managers'/Accident Prevention Specialists' Conference in Los Angeles. All Accident Prevention Specialists and General Aviation District Office (GADO), Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), and Air Carrier District Office (ACDO) Managers were in attendance.

FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms addressed the conference and well-known actor, aviation enthusiast, and Accident Prevention Counselor, Cliff Robertson, was guest luncheon speaker. Cliff also participated in an aviation industry panel moderated by Walt Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards.

Regional Director "Mac" McClure, kicked the conference off on a bright, positive note and welcomed the industry representatives, emphasizing their contributions and significance to the success of the Accident Prevention Program.

The agenda included presentations by: Hazel Jones, representing the international women's pilot organization, The Ninety-Nines; Ben Owen, Executive Director, Experimental Aircraft Association; Don Downie and Barry Schiff, representing the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; John Dezzutti, Executive Director, Soaring Society of America; Ted Fischer, representing the National Association of Flight Instructors; J. P. Minton, Executive Director, National Safety Council; and Donald Engen, Member, National Transportation Safety Board.

The conference stimulated new ideas, interest, and activity in FAA's continuing program to reduce aviation accidents. Selling aviation safety through education, persuasion, and motivation was emphasized; and an on-going and dynamic Accident Prevention Program will continue through cooperative effort between the FAA team and the aviation industry.

Cover photo: From left--Walt Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards, Washington, D.C.; Cliff Robertson; J. P. Minton, Executive Director, National Safety Council, Washington, D.C.; Gary Koch, Accident Prevention Coordinator, Western-Pacific Region; and Donald Engen, Member, National Transportation Safety Board, Washington, D.C.

OA-1 SAYS SATELLITES WON'T REVOLUTIONIZE ATC

Space technology has a place in FAA's plans for modernizing the National Airspace System, the Administrator says, but it won't change the basic process of air traffic control itself.

Speaking to the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Long Beach, Calif., the Administrator pointed out that satellites could change ATC communications, navigation and even surveillance significantly. However, he added, "the process of controlling aircraft is unlikely to change in any fundamental way."

Perhaps the most important application of space technology in the near term, the Administrator noted, will be the use of satellite relay for aeronautical fixed point-to-point trunk communications. As FAA continues with its program for modernizing its vast communications system, he added, "we want to exploit a competitive situation in which satellite point-to-point communications competes sensibly with other means."

The Administrator said he saw no compelling near-term civil requirement for a satellite navigation system, such as the Department of Defense's NAVSTAR. Nevertheless, he continued, the general sentiment is that if such a system were implemented, "in the longer term, the marketplace would bring about civil use--at least for some navigation applications."

Flight Standards/ Accident Prevention Specialists Meet



A--FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms addresses the Flight Standards Managers and Accident Prevention Specialists at the first get-together ever held in the Western-Pacific Region.



B--Some of the many interested attendees are, in foreground from left--Jack Norris, Accident Prevention Specialist (APS), Los Angeles ACDO; Walt Daigle, Manager, Long Beach FSDO; and Paul Stebelton, APS at Long Beach FSDO.



C--Jerry Perkins, Training Branch, (right) and Cliff Elbl (not shown) from the Van Nuys FSDO videotaped the entire session. In the left foreground are Mrs. Helms and Deputy Regional Director Dick Devereaux.



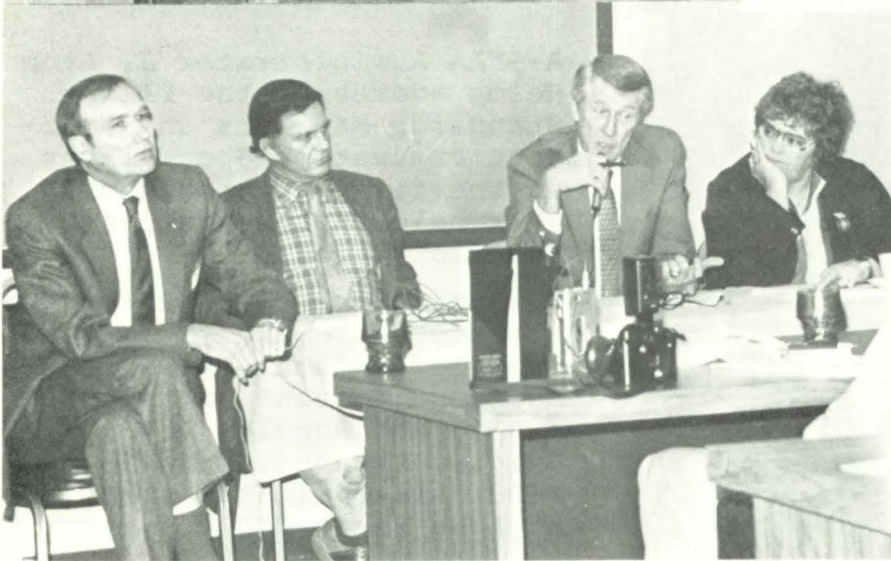
D--From left--Willard "Pete" Pederson, Manager, Accident Prevention Staff, Washington, D.C.; Cliff Robertson; J. P. Minton, National Safety Council; and Donald Engen, Member National Transportation Safety Board.



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Top: From left--Walt Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards, Cliff Robertson and Gary Koch enjoy "hangar flying" stories during a break in the conference routine.

Below left: A panel composed of aviation industry representatives, ponders a question proposed on accident prevention techniques. Here we see, from left, Donald Engen, Cliff Robertson, J. P. Minton and Hazel Jones.

Below right: One of the highlights of the conference was recognition given to Oakland FSDO as coming in second (but we really think they should have been first!) in the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) National Incentive Awards Program. The Oakland FSDO received the High Performance Award for their outstanding performance in the Accident Prevention Program. Here, R. J. Jones, APS, is congratulated by Gary Koch. Manager Hoy Washburn looks on with approval.

Boy Scouts Tour Tonopah



Three local Boy Scouts were given a royal tour of Tonopah's Flight Service Station and navigational facilities located approximately four miles south-east of the Tonopah, Nevada airport.

Jack Olsen, Manager of the Tonopah Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, said the boys were given one hour of classroom instruction after working hours by Electronics Technicians William Crawford and Daniel Moran. The boys were then introduced to the FSS operations and its Communications and Direction Finding Equipment. They later toured the Tonopah VORTAC where they learned how pilots navigate from one place to another by using these navigational aids.

The Scouts were shown how their voices modulated a carrier signal by speaking into a microphone and watching the results on an Oscilloscope. After the ground instruction, the boys were eligible for an airplane ride to see how the navigation system works in the airplane. Jack furnished the boys with a half-hour ride in his Cessna 182 where they viewed the aircraft instruments as they responded to the different maneuvers and got a pilot's eye view of what it is like to navigate an aircraft.

The boys were thrilled with the whole tour and expressed their desire to return again after the new Second Generation Equipment is installed which is expected in the near future.

A--Tonopah Sector Field Office Manager Jack Olsen greets the visitors. From left: Lance Klepper, David Hill, Manager Jack Olsen and John Jakus, Jr.

B--Daniel Moran, Electronics Technician, explains the VOR system in background.

C--William Crawford, Electronic Technician, explains the direction-finding equipment used to aid FSS specialists in locating lost pilots.

D--Jack Olsen explains the stand-by generator system to the Boy Scouts.

LOGISTICS DIVISION HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to the following division employees on their recent promotions: Amy Chalekian, Administrative Operations Section, Materiel Management Branch; Barbara Bennett, Procurement Assistant, Construction Contracting Section, Contracting & Acquisition Management Branch; and Dave Morgan, Support Services Specialist, Real Estate & Utilities Branch.....A belated "welcome aboard" to the following Stay-in-School employees in the Administrative Operations Section, Materiel Management Branch: Shari Pettway, Stephanie Burroughs, Helaine Thomas, and Barbara WilliamsCongratulations, also, to the following division employees on their recent awards: Outstanding Rating with a Quality Increase - LARRY KRUSE, Contracting & Acquisition Management Branch; MARY ANN PRESSON and JOAN ZUBARIK, Real Estate & Utilities Branch; JANICE BECCUE, MARIE HAGEN, and JOHN EARL, Materiel Management Branch; Special Achievement Awards - PAUL GIRAS, Materiel Management Branch and FLORENCE PLACENCIA, formerly of Material Management Branch; Special Achievement Awards - Special Act or Service - ANN TA'A, SHARON OWEN and JUDY SULLIVAN, Contracting & Acquisition Management Branch; SHERRI MCKENZIE and ADRIAN GUY, Materiel Management Branch, and SARA RICHTMAN, formerly of the Real Estate & Utilities Branch; Career Service

Emblem - AMY CHALEKIAN, Materiel Management Branch; Letters of Appreciation - DOROTHY GRAGG, ROBERT MOLINE, AL ARNOLD, JIM BORSARI, ALEDA LANE, DAVE HOUSER, CHERYL PETERSEN, BETH ROLLINS, Contracting & Acquisition Management Branch and Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from Marx Tyler, Manager, Logistics Division; DAVE HOUSER, Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from Walter Moon, Manager, Management Systems Division; ROBERT CARTER, Manager, Materiel Management Branch, from Don Isaacs, Manager, Lancaster AFS; BETH ROLLINS, Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from Gene Lawing, Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division; NITA KOYAMA and MORRIS OWENS, Materiel Management Branch, from Donald Polito, Chairman, Red Cross Blood Drive; JOAN SUNSHINE, Logistics Division, from Donald Polito, Red Cross Blood Drive; JOAN ZUBARIK, DAVID HOUSER and DAVE MORGAN, Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from Regional Director, H. C. McClure; Janell Gallagher, Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from Richard Harrington, Supervisor, Boron Long Range Radar Tower; JUDY SULLIVAN, Contracting & Acquisition Management Branch, from Donald Isaacs, Manager, Lancaster AFS and Ken Claar, Manager, San Francisco AFS; BONNIE EMBRY and GENE HUTCHISON, Materiel Management Branch, from Alex Hammond, Manager, Airway Facilities Division.



LARRY FANN RECEIVES AWARD

Larry Fann (left), Aviation Safety Inspector (Operations), was recently presented a Quality Increase Award for Outstanding Performance by Jim Forsyth, Chief, General Aviation Unit, Honolulu Flight Standards District Office.



FAA RETIREES KEEP BUSY! Las Vegas residents Ray Walthers (right) and Ray Schatz (left), both retired from the Reno Airway Facilities Sector as Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively, are working as instructors for the Electronics Section at the Clark County Area Technical Trade Center. Ray and Ray recently arranged for these "future FAA technicians" to tour the sector facilities. The students are juniors and seniors from all local high schools who attend the electronics class three hours a day under a two-year program where they are taught basic electronics similar to that provided by the FAA Academy. Photo by John Katsigenis.

'LAWN CHAIR' PILOT GETS COMPROMISE FINE

The agency has reached a compromise settlement with Larry Walters, California's so-called lawn chair balloon pilot, who soared to 16,000 feet in an aluminum lawn chair tied to weather balloons last July.

The agency first proposed a \$4,000 fine, but this was reduced to \$1,500. FAA believes Walters "lacked any intent to endanger persons or property on the surface."

The FAA believes that this settlement is fair and equitable and will serve as a deterrent to future violators.

FAA TRAINING COURSES GOOD FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

FAAers now may receive college credits for successfully completing management training courses as well as many technical training courses. The Office of Personnel and Training currently is preparing a brochure listing courses recently recommended for college credits by the American Council on Education and identifying colleges and universities known to sponsor programs of this type. The target date for publication is May 30.

Controller Thinks Safety On Duty or Off

For Daniel C. Williams of the Amarillo (Tex.) Tower air traffic control isn't just a job--it's a commitment. That's why the 25-year FAA veteran didn't head for home on March 18 when the tower closed for the day but remained behind to check with the Albuquerque Center on a light twin enroute to Amarillo that he knew was having mechanical problems.

When the center reported the situation "in good shape," Williams thought he could go. But as he left the facility, snow was beginning to fall, so he returned and reported the new weather conditions to the center. By that time, the pilot of the ice-encrusted plane had declared an emergency and Albuquerque asked Williams to work the flight. He

contacted the distressed pilot, who by then was only 600 feet above ground level with a heavy accumulation of ice and air speed down to 110. Williams calmly reassured his charge and began vectoring him for a landing on Amarillo's main runway. At one mile, the pilot reported the runway in sight and touched down without further incident.

After landing, the pilot said he did not think he could have made it without the very short approach provided by the controller who wouldn't go home until the job was done.

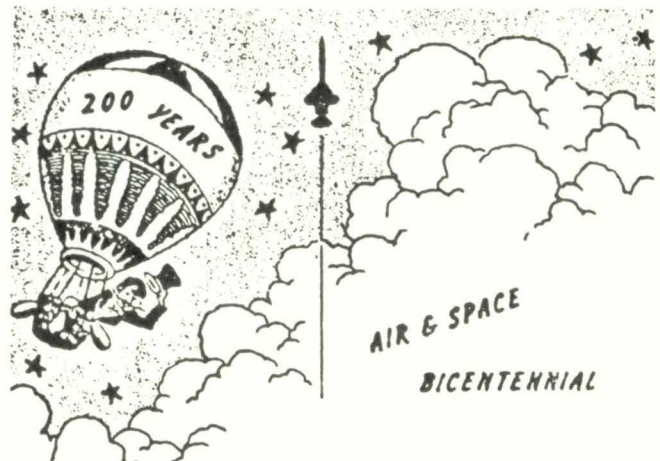
During the month of March, 80 flight assists were reported. Flight service stations were responsible for 39 of these, while terminal facilities accounted for 32 and centers handled 9. There were 125 persons on board the aircraft involved.

ATTENTION RETIREES:

A retiree luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, July 18, at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, Calif. Price of the buffet luncheon is \$7.75, including tax and tip, payable at the luncheon. Please make reservations by July 14 by contacting C. D. Van Ness, 213/670-3747, or Fred Potter, 213/670-8769, 7222 Kentwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Let's hear from FAA and Credit Union retirees for this informal get-together.

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.



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30 YEARS FOR JACK ROBITAILLE

Jack Robitaille (middle), Manager, Air Security Branch, AWP-720, recently was presented with his 30-year career service emblem by "Mac" McClure, Director, Western-Pacific Region. Jack also has just completed his 20th year as an employee of FAA. Jay Adsen (right), Manager, Civil Aviation Security Division, was on hand to congratulate Jack on this career milestone.



QUESTIONS ON PRIORITY PLACEMENT (REPROMOTION PRIORITY) CLEARED UP

Calls being received in Employment Branch (AWP-14) reveal confusion about the current regulations on priority placement or repromotion priority. The grade and pay retention provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act as spelled out in Order 3550.11 limit priority placement eligibility (previously termed repromotion priority) to the duration of the grade retention entitlement. An employee entitled to priority placement may remain on the priority placement list for a maximum of two years. As the provisions of this order supersede all others in conflict with it, the revised MPP, 3330.1B, currently in draft form only, will carry no reference to priority placement (repromotion priority).

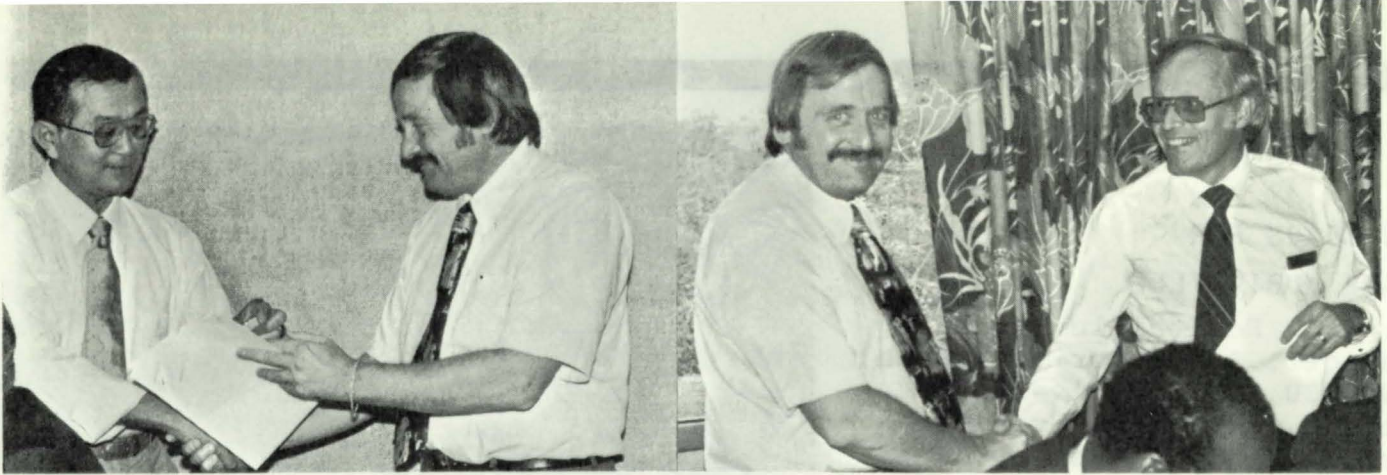


AF TECHNICIAN NAMED SUGGESTER OF THE YEAR

The Western-Pacific Region's Jimmy Wilkinson's \$41,000 idea has won him the FAA Suggester of the Year Award for 1982. Wilkinson, an electronics technician at the Sacramento, Calif., Airway Facilities Sector, received a cash award of \$1,109 for suggesting a modification to Runway Visual Range (RVR) equipment.

Essentially what he suggested was replacing the failure-prone incandescent lamps in both the Solid-State Radiation and Tasker 400 RVR equipment with light-emitting diodes, and modifying circuitry so that a failure of the diode will not turn the system off. The changes have practically eliminated failure in the operationally critical RVR equipment. All in all, the idea is expected to save the agency \$41,000 in labor and replacement parts costs.

In addition to the cash award, Wilkinson will receive an engraved plaque and a letter from the FAA Administrator.



AF SECTOR MANAGERS RECEIVE 25-YEAR PINS - - Edwin Kaneko (far left) and John Tompkins (far right), Managers at Honolulu and San Diego Airway Facilities Sectors, respectively, were recently presented with 25-year service pins by Alex Hammond, Airway Facilities Division Manager. Photos by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.

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If you're not satisfied with the amount of money you're saving, then there's a special opportunity coming your way this month. It's your chance to sign up for the payroll savings plan for United States Savings Bonds -- or to speed up your rate of saving if you're already participating.

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ALEX HAMMOND
Manager, Airway Facilities Division

GENE LAWING
Manager, Air Traffic Division