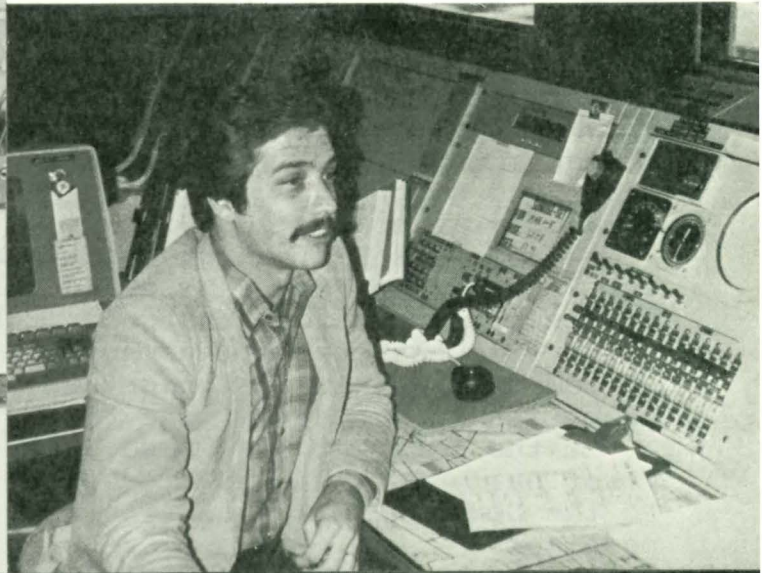
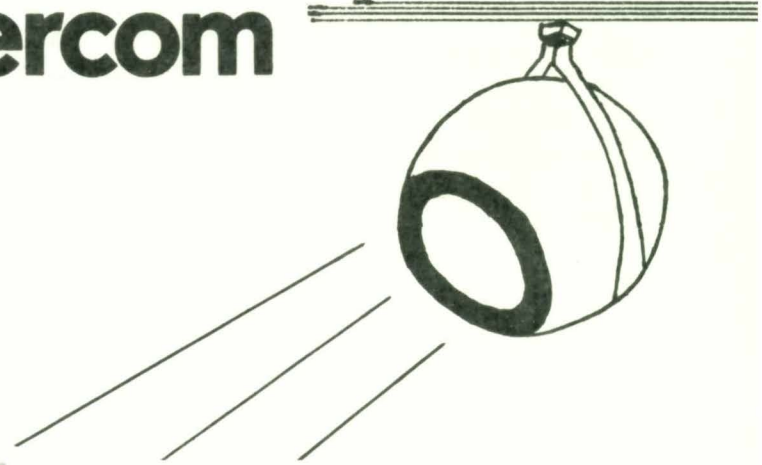




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## SPOTLIGHT ON SAN DIEGO, YUMA, IMPERIAL



## Cover Story

There has been a lot going on at the San Diego, Imperial and Yuma Flight Service Stations during the past several months.

At the San Diego FSS, Area Supervisor Dominic Panasiti received an Outstanding Rating while Air Traffic Control Specialist Rita Avanzino received an Outstanding Rating and a Quality Increase Award. Also receiving an Outstanding Rating and Quality Increase was Richard Leary. Congratulations to Barry Berkeley, Ronald Calahate and John Carrol for their recent Quality Increase Awards, and to Sharon Degen on her recent promotion to Clerical Assistant (Stenography).

San Diego FSS welcomes aboard Ed Wehrle from Lovelock FSS, Mark Bohn from Douglas FSS and Gary Prock from Gillespie Tower, and bids farewell to Rita Avanzino who recently transferred to Gillespie Tower. Progressing nicely through qualification training are Joe Coords, Bob Perry, Richard Wheatley and Billy Bryant. At the time of this writing, Phil Deane and Robert Burton are in Oklahoma City attending school.

At the Yuma FSS, congratulations are in order to Edward McDonald for his recent promotion, and good luck to Marcia Sessions who has now reported for her new assignment and promotion to the Marysville FSS.

At the Imperial FSS, Area Supervisor Barry Lusk has now reported to the Douglas FSS as an Area Supervisor.

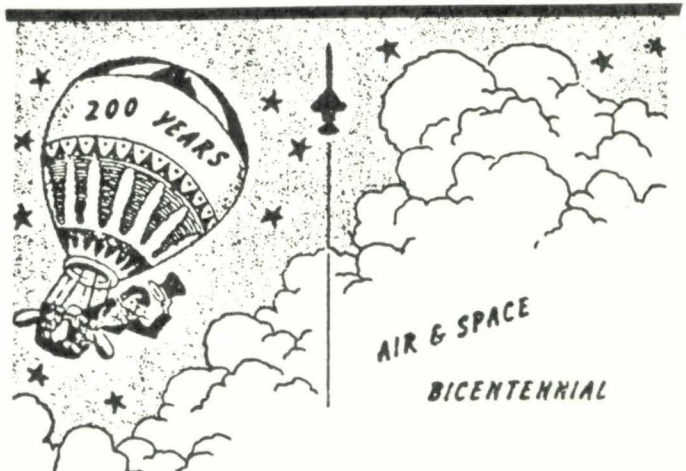
Cover photos: Top left--On Barry Lusk's (right) last day at Imperial FSS he was presented with a Special Achievement Award by Regional Director Mac McClure. Top right--Rod McNutt, Air Traffic Control Specialist, at the Imperial FSS In-flight Position. Bottom left--San Diego FSS Quality Increase Award recipients John Carroll (left), Ron Calahate and Barry Berkeley. Bottom right--Georgia Blue, Air Traffic Control Specialist, briefs a pilot at the Yuma FSS.

## World Focuses on People

Coming your way in the new issue of FAA WORLD is the agency's elite corps of National Resource specialists who are the agency's in-depth experts on aircraft certification and airworthiness matters. Also featured are four new employees who were assigned by the Air Force to Chicago O'Hare during the controllers strike and liked it so well they stayed on when their military hitches were up.

In addition, readers will meet the Airway Facilities technicians at Des Moines who were the best in the nation in the General NAS Sector category in 1982. (The N.Y. TRACON, winner in the center category, will be featured in June.)

Other articles deal with a new satellite system for spotting downed aircraft and the Civilian Pilot Training Program that helped to spur the aviation industry and prepare the nation for WW II. Also look for the regular features.

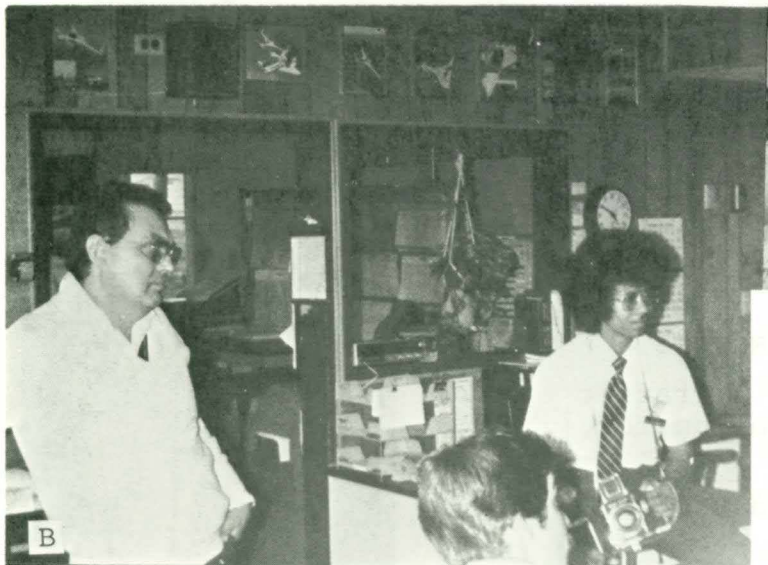


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# Let's Meet The People



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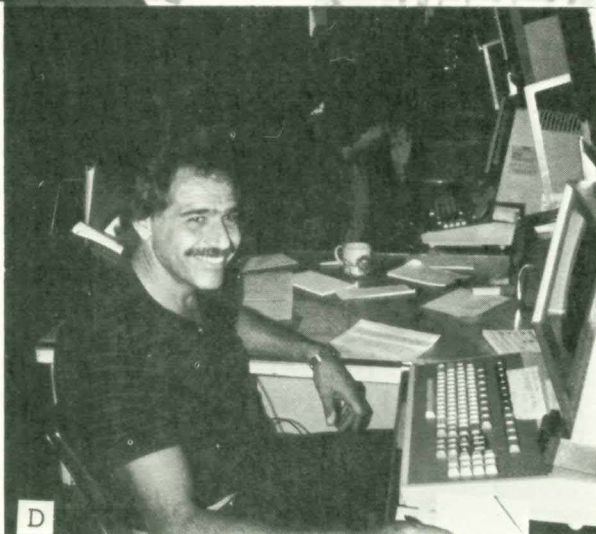
Let's meet some of the people stationed at Yuma, Imperial and San Diego Flight Service Stations. They are:

A--Sharon Degen, Clerical Assistant at the San Diego FSS.

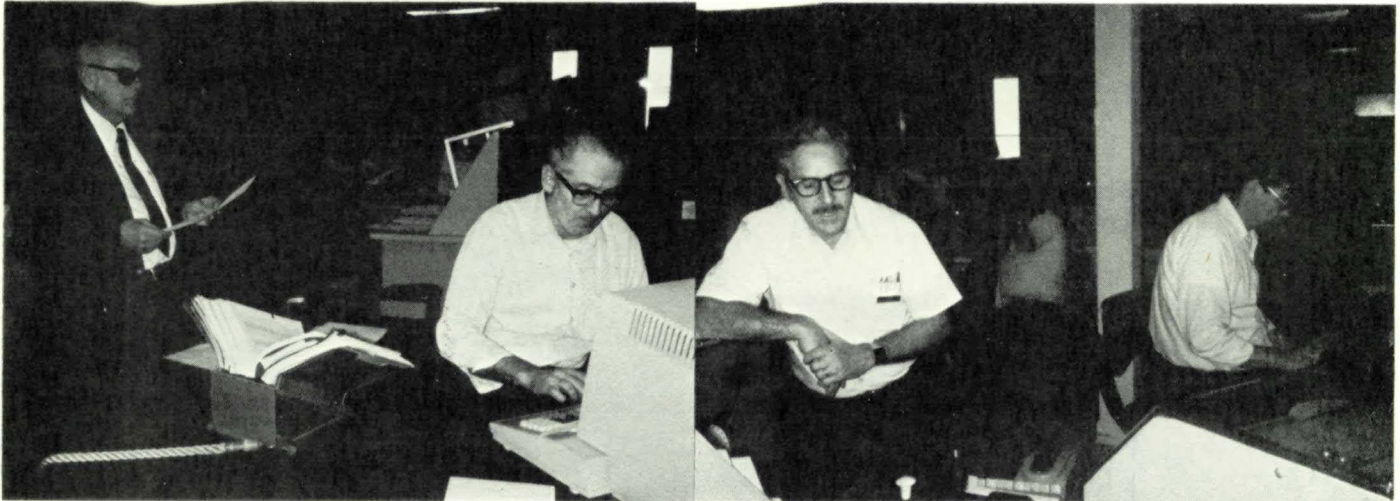
B--From left--Air Traffic Control Specialists Ronald Robinson, Rod McNutt and Ronald Summers, Imperial FSS, listen intently to Regional Director Mac McClure at an all-hands briefing.

C--Yuma FSS staff. From left--Marcia Sessions, Georgia Blue and Ed McDonald.

D--Joel Cariffe, Air Traffic Control Specialist, at the Preflight Position at San Diego FSS.



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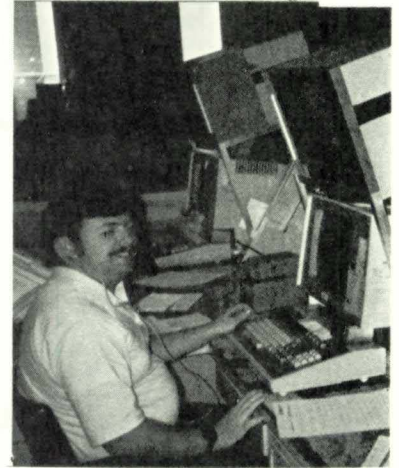


MORE YUMA, IMPERIAL AND SAN DIEGO PEOPLE:

Above left: Reg Fritschle (right) Air Traffic Control Specialist, obtaining a briefing for a visiting pilot.

Above right: Joe Veraldi (left) and Richard Wheatley, San Diego FSS Air Traffic Control Specialists.

Lower right: Billy Bryant, ATCS at San Diego Flight Service Station.



## Restrictions Dropped

On May 16, the Houston and Fort Worth air route traffic control centers dropped all restrictions on flights within their individual center areas, as the ATC rebuilding program continues on schedule. The agency now has discontinued internal flight restrictions at 15 centers and plans to lift them at the remaining five by the end of August.

Also on May 16, the grouping of the Washington, Atlanta and Jacksonville centers that permits unrestricted flights across center boundaries was expanded to include the Miami center. A similar move was made on the West Coast, with the Los Angeles Center joining the grouping of the Seattle, Salt Lake City and Oakland centers.

## ATC Tower Criteria Revised

The agency's criteria for establishment or discontinuance of VFR air traffic control towers have been revised and are now available for public comment.

The new criteria incorporate updated cost estimates and an improved analysis of tower benefits. The old criteria were based on an economic analysis published in 1975.

As a result of the new criteria, slightly fewer locations will qualify for towers and slightly more may face discontinuance.

Although it is not required by law, the agency is soliciting public comment in accordance with the policy of getting user input in National Airspace System (NAS) planning.

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## AWARDS TO AIRWAY FACILITIES MANAGERS

On December 7, 1982 five Airway Facilities Sector (AFS) Managers were recognized by Alex Hammond, Airway Facilities Division Manager, as exceptional managers for 1982 by presenting the following awards: Bob Cox, Los Angeles ARTCC AFS Manager - Special Achievement Award; Don Isaacs, Lancaster AFS Manager - Quality Increase Award; Edwin Kaneko, Honolulu Hub AFS Manager, Special Achievement Award; Jerry Long, Oakland AFS Manager - Special Achievement Award; Wally Ward, Los Angeles AFS Manager, Special Achievement Award. Above photo: From left - Ed Kaneko, Alex Hammond, Jerry Long, Bob Cox, Wally Ward and Don Isaacs.



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## OUTSTANDING FLIGHT SAVE WINNERS ARE HONORED

Mark W. Higbee of the Portland, Ore., Tower is one up on the other winners of the 1982 Outstanding Flight Assist of the Year Award. He's already received his award from the Administrator at a ceremony in Portland on May 11.

The other five winners will be honored in separate ceremonies. They are James W. Hamm, Douglas R. Murphy, William C. Hepting and John W. Butler of the Kansas City en-route center, and Eric A. Hedges of the Goodland, Kan., Flight Service Station. Like Higbee, all will receive plaques and cash awards for their outstanding performances.

Higbee was cited for assisting a single engine plane that lost power in stormy weather over mountainous terrain last November. In spite of communications and radar problems, he continued to vector the pilot to a little known airport at Cascade Locks. As a result, the plane broke out of the low cloud cover only 300 feet above ground level and just a quarter of a mile from the field. Although the plane landed long and skidded off the end

of the runway, the pilot and two passengers escaped uninjured.

The four Kansas City controllers were commended for pinpointing the location of a lost single-engine aircraft, despite poor radar reception, and then guiding it to a safe landing a full 10 minutes after it had run out of fuel.

Throughout the June 6, 1982, ordeal, the controller team had to contend with intermittent radio communications that forced them to use two commercial flights to relay messages. But the system worked, and the plane made a safe landing "without property damage, injury or loss of life."

Hedges was cited for spending two hours on March 29, 1982, working with a lost and disoriented pilot and bringing him down safely. Using direction-finding equipment, VOR and geographic fixes, he got the pilot on the right track and then coordinated with other aircraft to get him into VFR conditions. When one fuel tank went dry and the engine quit temporarily, he calmed the pilot and finally got him on the ground--not a minute too soon. The engine sputtered and died as the aircraft was rolling out.

## CATCH-62 REVISITED

The implementation of the enigmatic "Catch-62" legislation, which affects about 25,000 FAA employees who performed post-1956 uniformed military service and who will be eligible for Social Security benefits at age 62, has uncovered yet another catch.

Employees who served after 1956 and wish to pay into the retirement fund so that they will get full retirement benefits cannot do so without proper pay documents or estimates. But--and here comes the catch--the uniformed services destroy their pay records after six years.

FAA's Office of Personnel and Training notes that affected employees have two options here. Those lucky enough to still have their military pay vouchers can submit them to their personnel office and begin repayments almost immediately. Those requiring estimates of their base pay from the military may have to wait as long as eight months until DOD issues its implementing instructions.

Still APT advises these employees to obtain from their personnel offices the appropriate forms for requesting estimates and submit them to the appropriate service as soon as practical since they will be filed in and acted on in chronological order. In the interim they can begin saving in an interest-bearing account and later make an interest-free bulk payment prior to October 1984.



## DTW CONTROLLERS' REUNION PLANNED

A reunion of "Old DTW Controllers" has been scheduled for September 24, 1983. Let Les Craddich or Bob Erwin know that you will be attending by calling 313/942-3258 or sending a note to FAA ATCT, 3rd floor, Metro Airport, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

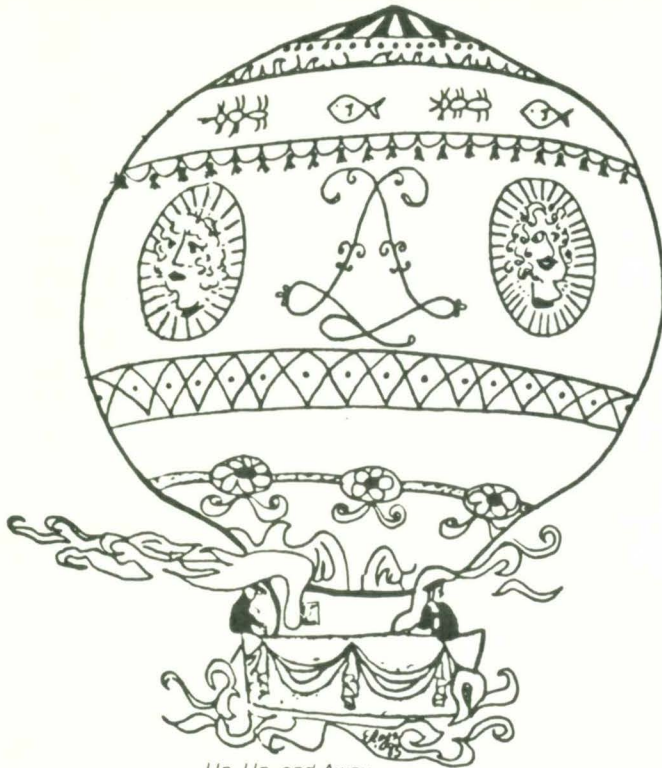
## FROM OUR READERS

A Washington headquarters employee writes, "In 1981, the Air Traffic Service processed a 'PR' (procurement request) for 12 small computers for branch level automation. The 'PR' was killed by top management. Office automation in the FAA is slow and painful at best. The air traffic supervisors in the Houston ARTCC have chipped-in to buy their own computer, as did AT controllers in the Eastern Region. My question is: What is the prospect for office automation agencywide? Certainly the Government and the agency must know it is cost effective from a work-force, efficiency and production point of view. What is the plan, time frame and cost?"

Intercom was told by the Office of Management Systems that the prospects for FAA-wide automation in individual offices is excellent. The agency is developing an Information Resources Management Plan (IRMP) which includes office automation requirements. A basic aim of the IRMP is to install computer terminals in all headquarters, regional and field offices where a return on the investment can be demonstrated. The IRMP, which projects requirements along with estimated costs and benefits out to the year 2000, will be published in August.

## AF DIVISION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Maintenance Operations Branch, AWP-460 personnel who recently received awards: JOE RICCARDI, Letter of Commendation for his superb performance in the Configuration Management Division, AES-400; JIM BAILEY was presented a 35-year service pin by Don Tom, Airway Facilities Division Assistant Manager; and DEAN DOWELL received a Letter of Appreciation for his job performance from Dick Muckle, AWP-460 Manager.



*Up, Up, and Away*

## AVIATION BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

In remembrance of the first balloon flight by Montgolfier in 1783, Vic Katz, FAA Tower Chief at Sacramento Metro Airport, and the Director of the Sacramento Flight Scholarship Fund (S.F.S.F.) recently hosted an educational and entertaining fly-in at Metro, assisted by the Ninety-nines. Included on the program were two films, one on weight turbulence, the other, "The Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines", and brunch was served poolside at Host Hotel. At least 200 participants were expected to fly in.

Proceeds from the brunch will be used by S.F.S.F. to fund the Aviation Club at Grant High School in Del Paso Heights.

Other S.F.S.F. board members include: Ken Joule, Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance for the Department of Airports; Leland Danzeisen, Station Manager for Frontier Airlines; and Jim Lane, Manager, Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector Field Office. The S.F.S.F. funds and promotes aviation programs for high school students. Grant High students will

have the opportunity to study aviation in a real world environment. Rio Linda Airport is the site for all actual flights.

Emilio Rodriguez is the first S.F.S.F. scholarship winner. He will receive 11 hours of flying time, through solo flight and including the required medical. Another S.F.S.F. scholarship, this one for five hours of flying with an instructor, was awarded to Carrie Berry.

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## NEXRAD MOVES FORWARD

The program to develop the next generation of weather radar (NEXRAD) reached another significant milestone this month with the selection of two contractors to proceed with the validation of pre-production models.

The contracts were awarded to the Raytheon Company of Wayland, Mass., and the Sperry Corporation of Great Neck, N.Y. Valued at approximately \$20 million apiece, the contracts call for each company to develop and test a pre-production model of a Doppler-based radar that would substantially improve the detection of severe weather phenomena such as thunderstorms, hail, wind shear and turbulence.

The contracts cover an initial competition between Raytheon and Sperry, with the winner then upgrading its model for additional testing in the field. This would be followed in late 1986 by the award of a limited production contract to the winner for 10 units. Full production would get underway by early 1988, with eventual installation of some 140 units in the United States.

NEXRAD is a joint program of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the FAA and the Department of Defense. Its aim is to develop a national radar system which meets the common needs of all the participants.



## RAY ZAZZETTI RECEIVES SAA

Congratulations to Ray Zazzetti, Manager, Honolulu Tower/TRACON who recently received a Special Achievement Award for managerial excellence.

On hand to offer congratulations are: From left--Judy Inokuchi, Ray Zazzetti, John Olson, Dorothea Yamane, and Roy Richards.

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## SACRAMENTO AFS AWARDS

Many employees have received awards or recognition in the past few months at Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector. We congratulate Jim Lane, Sacramento Sector Field Office Manager, for completing 40 years of service to the FAA and Federal government, and Tony Rizzo who has recently completed 15 years of service.....Recognized for their outstanding work the past year were Bob Colldeweh, Electronics Technician at Mather Sector Field Office, and Rick Radford, Electronics Technician at Stockton Radar/ARTS Sector Field Office Unit, who received a Quality Increase Award with an Outstanding Rating.....Michelle Soik, General Supply Specialist, received a Special Achievement Award for her outstanding effort during a recent move of several Sector personnel into a new trailer.....The Letters of Appreciation keep rolling in. Here are the ones recently received: from Dale Brown, Modesto ATCT Manager, to all in the Sacramento Sector who contributed to the effective operation of the Modesto Tower; to Jerry Marta, Radar/ARTS Training Relief, from AWP-17 for assistance provided on Jerry's recent detail to the Training Branch in which Jerry worked on the Re-

gion's new video studio. Jerry also received a letter from Alex Hammond, Manager, AWP-400, for sharing his video expertise with Mo Mochizuki in establishing the quality circle program in the Airway Facilities Division; to Tom Soik and Jim McDonald, Electronics Technicians at McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office, from the Sector Field Office Manager for doing a good job as Acting Manager while he was at school; to Ed Vallentyne, Environmental Support Unit Supervisor, and Henry Bertuleit, Manager of the Stockton Sector Field Office, from the Assistant Manager for Training at the Fremont Sector for their contribution to the Northern California Human Resources Planning Workshop; to Darval Lund, Radar Technician-in-Depth, Jerry Young, Beale Technician-in-Charge, and Ken Heintzelman, Beale Electronics Technician from the McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office Manager for their performance during the replacement of four elements on Beale's Air Traffic Control Radar Beacon (ATCRB) five-foot antenna array; and, finally, Michelle Soik, General Supply Specialist, received a Letter of Appreciation for keeping the word processor and other various office machines in good running order.

## EMPLOYEE DEATH

Friends and former coworkers of Harvey "Ty" Tyler, Electronic Technician at the Denver ARTCC, will be saddened to learn of his death on May 5. Ty was employed as an Electronic Technician in the Airway Facilities Division in this region for many years before transferring to Denver. Ty's wife, Trudy, also worked in this region in the Personnel Division before Ty's transfer. Prior to his death, Ty had vacationed in California. He planned to retire on May 27. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Trudy Tyler at her son's home, 133 Kimball Ave., Golden, CO 80401. Our sincere condolences are extended to Ty's family.

## ATC Restrictions Scheduled to be Lifted

By the end of the year, FAA will have dropped landing quotas at all but four of the 22 pacing airports and completed the phase out of all center restrictions.

The four airports at which landing restrictions will remain in effect are Chicago O'Hare, Denver Stapleton, New York La Guardia and Los Angeles International.

FAA already has dropped quotas at five of the 22 pacing airports and published a schedule for discontinuing them at 13 others. Quotas at six additional airports will be lifted by Sept. 1. After that date restrictions will be dropped at the two Dallas airports, the two Houston airports, Cleveland and Detroit. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will follow suit on Oct. 30 and St. Louis on Nov. 14.

Center restrictions will continue to be phased out on a step-by-step basis as staffing levels increase. All will be gone by Dec. 31, with the northeast and north central parts of the country the last to be freed up.

## Regulatory Negotiation Schedule Set

The agency has laid out a schedule for its "Regulatory Negotiation" concept that it hopes will produce a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) on the highly controversial subject of airline flight and duty time requirements by mid-September.

According to Deputy Administrator Michael Fenello, the first step will be to establish an advisory committee composed of not more than 15 members representing the major interests affected by the flight time rules. FAA expects to accomplish this by June 15, with the first meeting tentatively scheduled for June 29. The target date for the committee to finish work on a draft NPRM is Aug. 15, with publication a month later. This would be followed by a 30-day comment period, and the agency would strive to complete action on the proposal by the end of the year.

FAA turned to the Regulatory Negotiation concept after a number of unsuccessful efforts to update and simplify the flight and duty time rules dating back to 1975. However, the agency said, in the event the committee fails to reach agreement, it "will proceed with prompt development of an NPRM proposing such changes in the flight and duty time regulations as the FAA deems appropriate."

## J. R. "BOB" CARNEY

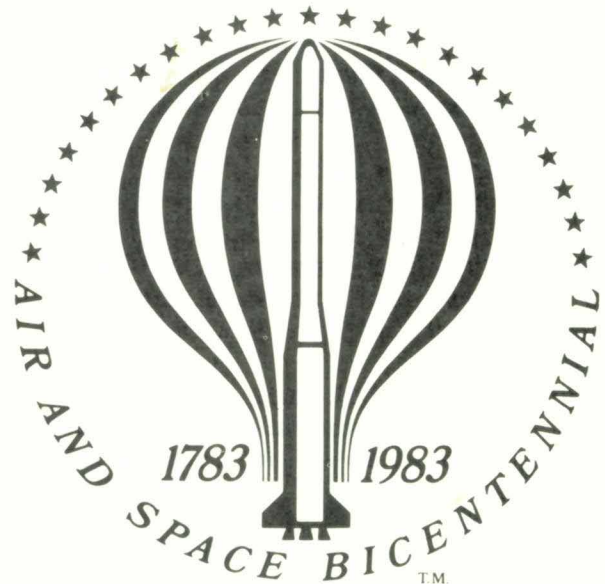
### RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement luncheon will be held for Bob on Thurs., June 23, at the Bali Hai Restaurant, 2230 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, CA. No host bar - 11:30 a.m., luau luncheon buffet at noon. \$5.75 includes tax and tip. Reservations or gift contributions to Pat Thomas, San Diego Air Carrier District Office, 895-5785.



3. Jim Lougheed, Los Angeles AFS
4. Dean Cooper, Van Nuys TWR
5. Lloyd Golden, Burbank TWR
6. Jim Caudle, Los Angeles ARTCC
7. Don Yungman, Los Angeles ARTCC
8. Fred Fechner, Honolulu FSDO
9. Pat Orcutt, Honolulu FSDO
10. Chuck Leix, San Diego AFS
11. Bill Matson, San Diego GADO
12. Sam Fabela, Santa Rosa TWR
13. Charlie Zenith, Las Vegas FSDO
14. Stu Merriwether, No. Las Vegas TWR
15. Kermit Clark, Phoenix AFS
16. Dick Julian, Phoenix FSDO
17. Don Miller, Bakersfield TWR
18. Patrick O'Sullivan, Tucson TWR
19. Ben Kennedy, Oakland TWR
20. Jim Welton, Chino TWR
21. Walt Phillips, San Diego TRACON
22. Joe Fowler, Los Angeles TRACON
23. Dave Rowan, Los Angeles TRACON
24. Donald Meyer, Los Angeles TRACON
25. Dick Williams, Red Bluff AFS
26. Bill Turner, Red Bluff AFS
27. Larry Perkins, Fresno GADO
28. Pat Robinson, Arcata FSS
29. Carl Borchers, Reno GADO
30. Art Moses, Stockton FSS
31. Joe Palumbo, San Francisco TWR
32. Jack Ryan, San Francisco TWR

If you are interested in working with young people and educators in telling the "FAA Story", please send AWP-5 a letter, through your supervisor, and we will be in touch with you.



## AVIATION EDUCATION FACILITATORS SOUGHT

The Public Affairs Office is currently compiling a list of Aviation Education Facilitators. These are concerned and dedicated FAAers who enjoy going out to classrooms --from elementary to college--and talking about the FAA, aviation in general, aviation careers, their own jobs in the FAA...and, generally, responding to local educators who are seeking speakers, tours and aviation education materials.

Some FAAers have been doing this for years and never been recognized for their efforts. At the very least, we plan to publicize who these people are and plan to provide them with whatever materials become available.

Following is a current list of the AVIATION EDUCATION (AE) FACILITATORS for the WESTERN-PACIFIC REGION:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
1. Orrin Shackelford,	Concord TWR
2. Vic Katz,	Sacramento Metro