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Cover Story

Grand Canyon Tower is the recipient of the 1983 Arizona Air Traffic Facility of the Year Award, given by the Arizona Aviation Safety Advisory Group. Grand Canyon Tower received the large revolving trophy, a permanent trophy, and a large Certificate of Merit plaque at the Awards Banquet held recently in Phoenix.

The Arizona Aviation Safety Advisory Group annually selects an air traffic facility to recognize for its outstanding contributions to aviation safety and for dedication to the ideals of aviation. This was the ninth award. Grand Canyon Tower is staffed by Facility Manager Frank Haigler and four controllers: Gale Cotten, LeRoy Holdeman, Calvin Kinney and Joseph Winchester.

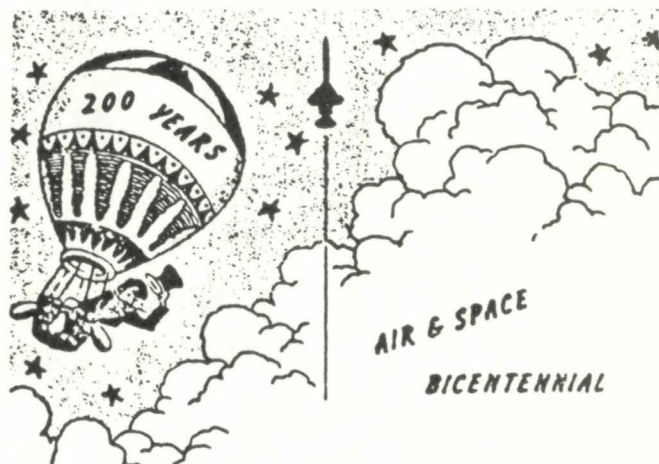
Considered to be the third busiest airport in Arizona, Grand Canyon Airport logged 93,772 operations for calendar year 1982, with a total of 103,340 aircraft services including instrument operations and special VFR. Operations at Grand Canyon are primarily Air Taxi commercial flights. Several companies are engaged in flying tourists from distant points in Arizona, California and Nevada to visit Grand Canyon. Local flight operators conduct scenic flight tours over the canyon. Republic Airlines serves Grand Canyon Airport with three scheduled daily flights to and from Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Grand Canyon Tower personnel are happy to have received the award honors, and have the permanent trophy and plaque on display in the tower while the large rotating trophy is being exhibited at a prominent location in the airport terminal area.

Cover photo by Jan Tokarski.

Don Clausen Kicks Off Aviation Education Program At Santa Rosa

The Santa Rosa area initiated their Aviation Education Program with a bang when FAA's Special Programs Director, Don Clausen, returned home briefly from Washington. An organizational meeting of local aviation leaders was held at the Sonoma County Airport during which Don gave a lively and informative presentation to hastily gathered representatives of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Santa Rosa 99s, Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma County Aviation Commission. Also participating was Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Manager, Gerald Goren. Hosting the meeting were Sonoma County Aviation Director, David Andrews, and Air Traffic Manager, Sam Fabela. Don finished off his return home with a nice visit with his controller friends at Santa Rosa Tower.



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If you are one of many motorists who drove by the intersection of Pacific Highway and Laurel Street in San Diego, you may have wondered what the new orange and white antenna structure is. Located at the eastern edge of Lindbergh Field's main runway, the structure houses an Instrument Landing System which aids pilots in finding the centerline of the runway during bad weather conditions. The system will be used on west to east approaches, and should be in full operation by August. "This modern electronic system will standardize and improve the system we already have in place," said Navigational Communications Supervisor for the FAA, Fred Stubbe. The \$166,000 system was funded, installed and designed by the FAA.

Photo courtesy of Dale Fink, Port of San Diego

Frank Haigler To Retire

With over 41 years of Federal service, including three years military, Frank Haigler plans to retire as Manager, Grand Canyon Tower, effective July 23. Forty years of his service has been in air traffic control, starting when he entered control tower operator training with the Army Air Corps in 1943. His other tower assignments were Mt. Home, Idaho; Geiger Field, Washing-

ton; Hill Field, Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Oakland, California. Prior to his last assignment at Grand Canyon, Frank was stationed at Travis AFB, California for 23 years as the FAA Air Traffic Representative.

Frank will be returning to Vacaville, California to join his wife, Penny. They plan to crank up the motorhome soon and do some traveling without regard to the clock or calendar, or how many days of "annual leave" are available for the trips.

Rusy Maui Training Center

The Maui Computer Based Instruction (CBI) Training Center just passed 2,000 man-hours of use in June 1983. Ever since the first students began in Jan. 1983, the training center has been a beehive of activity. This center, which is a part of the Honolulu Sector, provides Airway Facilities training to personnel from several Hawaiian Islands and the Guam Sector. Persons from Guam have to travel over 3,500 miles, and from Samoa over 2,500 miles, to attend the CBI training center. The Maui center is one of the busiest in the region. There are normally two students there at any one time. It takes close coordination and cooperation between students to share the terminal. So far, all the students that have attended the Maui training center have really enjoyed the learning environment and have done excellently in their courses. The CBI administrator at Maui is George Nakano.



Above photo: Ben Fujii (Maui) is seated next to the terminal getting assistance from three other students, left to right--Al Yap (Maui), Harry Snodgress (Guam), and James Irwin (Guam). Only one person at a time can work on the computer terminal.

GAO Study Hit

A General Accounting Office report alleging misuse of FAA aircraft by agency officials has been sharply criticized by the Administrator, who said it was "so replete with errors, omissions, inaccuracies and inadequacies as to be virtually unusable as a management appraisal or decision document."

Among other things, the Administrator noted GAO ignored its own recommendation to Federal agencies in not performing a complete cost-benefit analysis. "It reported only costs and grossly mischaracterized those costs," he added.

Typical of the errors in the April 1, 1983, report was the mischaracterization of a November 1981 flight by the Administrator from Phoenix to nearby Scottsdale (Ariz.) that GAO said could have

been made more economically by automobile. Had the GAO auditors done their homework, they would have found that Scottsdale was not the intended destination, but the airplane landed there after experiencing hydraulic failure on takeoff from Phoenix Sky Harbor.

Accordingly, the Administrator has sent Congress specific recommendations for improving the GAO audit process, including procedures for error-checking and a requirement for full cost-benefit studies. "I have no doubt these will ruffle some feathers initially," the Administrator said, "but I have faith in the democratic institutions of this republic that they will receive the attention they deserve, with resulting benefits to all levels of government."



Committee to Study Flight and Duty Time

FAA's experiment with "regulatory negotiation," which is one of the first in the Federal government, will get underway June 29 and 30 when a 15-member advisory committee begins work on recommending new flight and duty time requirements for airline flight crews.

After the initial meetings, Deputy Chief Counsel Edward Faberman said, it is expected that the group will convene three or four times every other week and even more often when they get close to agreement. He noted that FAA has set mid-August as the target date for the committee to come up with a report on which a notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) can be based.

FAA decided on the regulatory negotiation approach because previous efforts to update and simplify the flight and duty time requirements had met with general opposition. The idea is to bring together representatives of the airlines, labor unions and other interested organizations, including FAA, to work out differences through good-faith negotiations.

More Restrictions Dropped

The agency continues on schedule with the phase out of flight restrictions imposed after the controllers strike. On July 1, the list of capacity-controlled airports will be reduced to 14 when both New York's JFK and Atlanta International drop landing quotas. And the Cleveland enroute center terminated all internal flight restrictions June 20, and the New York center will follow suit July 1. They are the 16th and 17th centers to do so.

Waivers Granted for Safety

The agency has granted waivers to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and the U.S. Hang Glider Association (USHGA) which allow them to conduct flight training in two-place powered ultralights and unpowered hang gliders. The waivers, which were granted for safety reasons, are expected to improve the quality of pilot training and therefore the safety of ultralight operations.



Etta DeAndrea

Our deep sympathy is extended to Frank "Tony" DeAndrea on the loss of his wife, Etta, who died of heart disease June 11. Tony retired as Chief, Leased Communications Services, Airway Facilities Division. Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to him at 8301 Mission Gorge Road, Space 161, Santee, CA 92071.

Dick Nielsen Retires

After 33 years of Federal Service, Dick Nielsen has retired. To honor this occasion, Alex Hammond, Airway Facilities Division Manager, presented Dick with a Special Achievement Award for his exceptional performance with the FAA. We will all miss Dick's expertise and wish him the very best.



Outstanding Public Relations/Aviation Education Efforts At Oakland FSS

The Annual Hayward--Bakersfield--Las Vegas Air Race was held on May 13. Oakland FSS Specialists Danny Poletto and Jose Mandawe provided pilot weather briefing services to 114 pilots and co-pilots participating in this race. Based on the favorable comments we have received from participants, we would like to extend our congratulations to Danny and Jose for a job well done.....On May 1, ATCS's Andy Davie and Paul Pagel staffed a briefing table for pilots departing the Annual 99's Southwest Regional Conference. This 99's Region consists of members from Utah, California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii. The Conference was held over the weekend of April 29 through May 1 for approximately 250 of the active 1500 members in this Region. Andy and Paul drove from San Jose to Oakland to pick up charts and

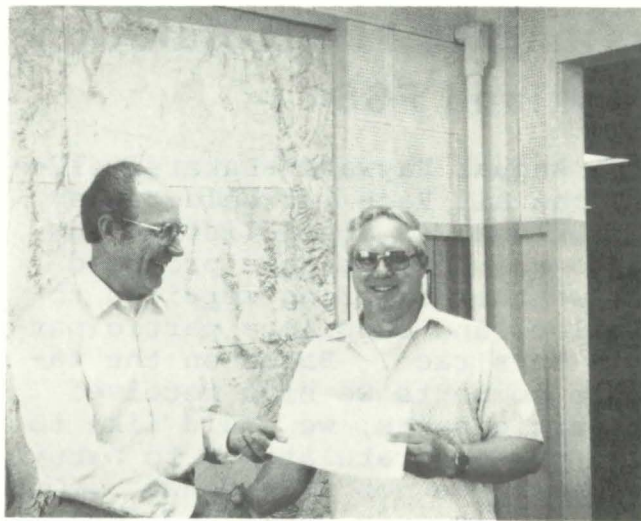
briefing data, then south to Santa Clara to the Marriott Hotel near the Great America Amusement Center. From 7 a.m. until 12 noon, a briefing table was set up to answer questions and brief departing pilots. Numerous handouts were distributed, questions answered, briefings were given, and quite a bit of good public relations was accomplished..... On the evening of May 19, Andy Davie attended a program developed by KCSM-TV, a San Mateo college television station. Andy answered questions and distributed information to the nearly 50 99's attending the program. KCSM-TV is filming an aviation education series of TV programs. Previous programs in this series have featured Oakland Flight Service Station and other FAA facilities. Keep up the outstanding work!

San Diego Sector Awards

Congratulations to the following employees who have received awards during the past several months:

Quality Increases - PAT McKENNA, CHARLES LEIX, and CHARLIE HAWES, Mt. Laguna AFSFO; RAY AMARO, San Pedro AFSFO; HENRY ROBESON, FRED STUBBE, MATT KING, San Diego AFS; BOB AVAKIAN, CLARENCE BONIN, Long Beach AFSFO, and DELBERT RUPP, El Toro AFSFO; Special Achievement Awards - HOWARD DIERKING, WILLIE MCGEE, TOM HUBER, LEE METCALFE, GARRY WOHLLEIB, MARGARET COBB, ENOLA LATAM, AL GRONER, AL KNIERIEM, San Diego AFS; ELMER BYRD, San Pedro AFSFO; RAY GARCIA, DENNIS JENSEN and HARRY KANARR, Long Beach AFSFO; CHARLES ROHDE, BOB BROOKS, RICHARD LONGBRAKE and MIKE TEMPLETON, El Toro AFSFO; RON RUDOLPH, Mt. Laguna AFSFO; PETER TARASIEWICZ, Miramar AFSFO; LEE WANGERIN and TOM POTTER, Long Beach; Letters of Commendation - BINGHAM FANO and LEE WANGERIN, Env. Support Unit; JOHN SVOBODA, Tech. Support Unit; NOBORU KITO and KEN DONHAM, Mt. Laguna AFSFO; Career Service Emblems (totalling 405 years of service) - 30 years: RON RUDOLPH, BOB AVAKIAN, DAVE EDWARDS, GILBERT CEBALLOS; 25 years: DICK WISE, JAMES PARKER, JOHN DELPINO, LEONARD WILSON, ROBERT BRIAN, ABBAS SALAHI, MANUEL DIAZ, CHARLES HAWES, TOM POTTER; 15 years: PETER TARASIEWICZ, CURTIS JACOBSEN, TOM DURHAM and PAT McKENNA; Promotions - Sandra Zeilinger, Mary Titherington, Diana Mahood, Lynnette Ortuno, Beryl Roscom, Hawthorne Morris, and Douglas Northington; Letters of Appreciation - to Staff Engineer John Svoboda for ARSR-3 expertise and assistance from AWP-450, Manager, Honolulu AFSFO, and Manager, Mt. Laguna AFSFO with an endorsement from the Manager, San Diego AFS; to Technician Betsy Titherington from AAC-944B commending her for achieving the highest grade in her Radar-B class; to George Darakjian, Garry Wohlleib,

Matt King, Bingham Fano and Karl Kochishan from AWP-450 for the extensive cooperative effort accorded to the Resident Engineer during the installation of the MALSR at Lindbergh Field; to Howard Dierking, Tom Huber, Willie McGee, Lee Metcalfe, Doug Northington and Lynnette Ortuno from N/C #1 Supervisor for their excellence in all areas of assigned responsibilities; to Ted Kefaliotis for solving a long-standing problem with the Montgomery BRITE; to Tom Huber from the Manager, San Diego AFS, for his work on a Training and Familiarization of Communications Equipment document; and to Bing Fano from the Manager, San Diego AFS, for his assistance during the underwater inspection of the ALS.



Outstanding Performance

Irving Creech (above right), Electronics Technician, Lovelock, Nevada Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Unit, receives a Quality Increase Award for outstanding performance. Dean DeShazo, Reno Airway Facilities Sector Manager, made the presentation.

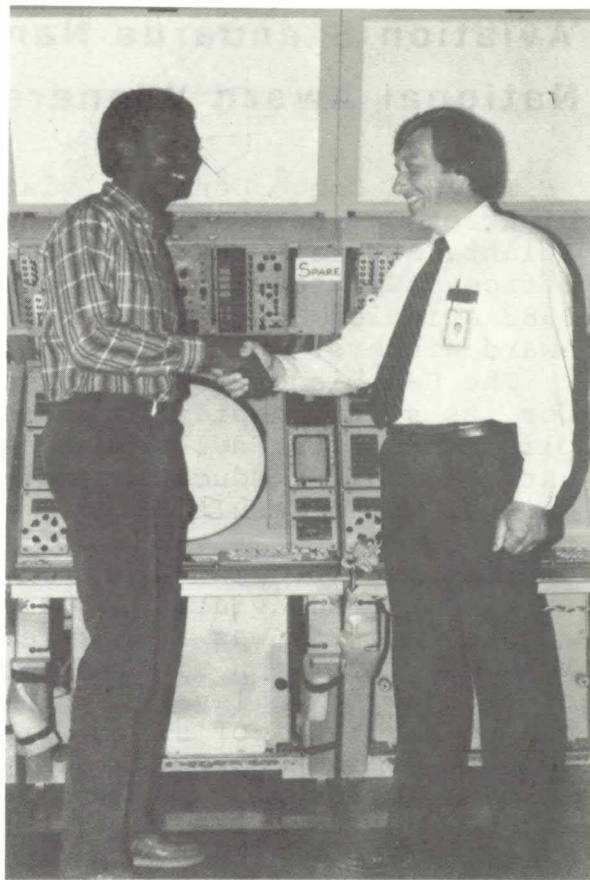
ZOA's First Developmental To Complete Entire ATCS Program

Oakland ARTCC's first developmental to have hired on after August 3, 1981, and gone all the way to Full Performance Level Radar Controller is Victor "Doc" Rembert.

Doc was hired on October 22, 1981 and after three days of indoctrination, went to the Academy for the standard ATC Center option training program. After completing the Academy, his training became anything but routine. Doc completed the "labs" in minimum time and went on to live traffic OJT. On April 12, 1983, after completing 18 months of intensive training, he took his last check ride.

Doc was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 14, 1958, and after completing his education, he did a tour with the U.S. Air Force and came to the FAA by way of Keesler AFB, Okinawa, Japan and Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, Germany.

Other than being a proficient controller, Doc doesn't have any immediate aspirations except perhaps to relax a bit and indulge in his basketball habit



Above photo: Victor "Doc" Rembert (left) receiving congratulations from Area Manager, Don Dunn.

Life at Ontario

During the first weeks of May, Ontario TRACON/Tower personnel were exposed to a different kind of training that did not pertain to separating aircraft or any particular air traffic service. Roger Ozgood, Area Supervisor (TRACON), planned, organized and with the help of the American Red Cross Volunteer Organization, held a CPR class at Ontario TRACON. Twenty individuals from Airway Facilities, Ontario TRACON and Tower participated in the two-day, ten-hour course. Each participant was given a certificate of CPR completion which allows certification for one year. The overall response was so

positive that other classes in the future are being considered. The overall interest was to have a First Aid Class, whenever possible, to be followed by any other training desired. Congratulations to all participants and thanks to "Oz" for the time and effort spent to plan and organize the training..... Jim Holtsclaw, Area Manager, Ontario TRACON/Tower recently congratulated Martin Sweeney, Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, Ontario TRACON, for receiving an Outstanding rating with a Special Achievement Award. Keep up the good work, Martin!

Aviation Standards Names National Award Winners

The San Diego General Aviation District Office (GADO) and the Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) have been named the 1983 Aviation Standards National Award Winners.

The San Diego GADO was cited for its significant safety accomplishments; its involvement in national safety education campaigns, which resulted in a reduced accident rate; and for consistently providing quality service to the aviation public.

The facility was also cited for work quality which significantly exceeded average levels. During the year a total of six quality performance awards were presented to GADO personnel, and during the same period the office significantly increased productivity, efficiency and economy of operations.

The Atlanta office, which reports to the Central Region, was cited for its significant contributions to aircraft certification safety programs, including sensitive international certification programs. It also was credited with responding superbly to new organizational and certification concepts and training a sizeable number of specialists, while involved in high-technology, state-of-the-art type certification projects. Additionally, it was actively involved in identifying and recruiting qualified minorities and females for all career areas and received the Administrator's Award for Excellence in EEO as a result.

The awards, including a plaque and certificates, are expected to be presented to the winning offices by the Administrator sometime this summer.

SAA for John Romero

"Professionalism, Excellence and Air Safety, Things Worth Working For", the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector (LAX AFS) motto, decorates the office of Wally Ward, Sector Manager. John Romero (left), Training Relief at LAX AFS, using this motto as the performance guide in his job, recently was presented a Special Achievement Award by Wally Ward. Photo by Yukio "Mo" Mochizuki.

