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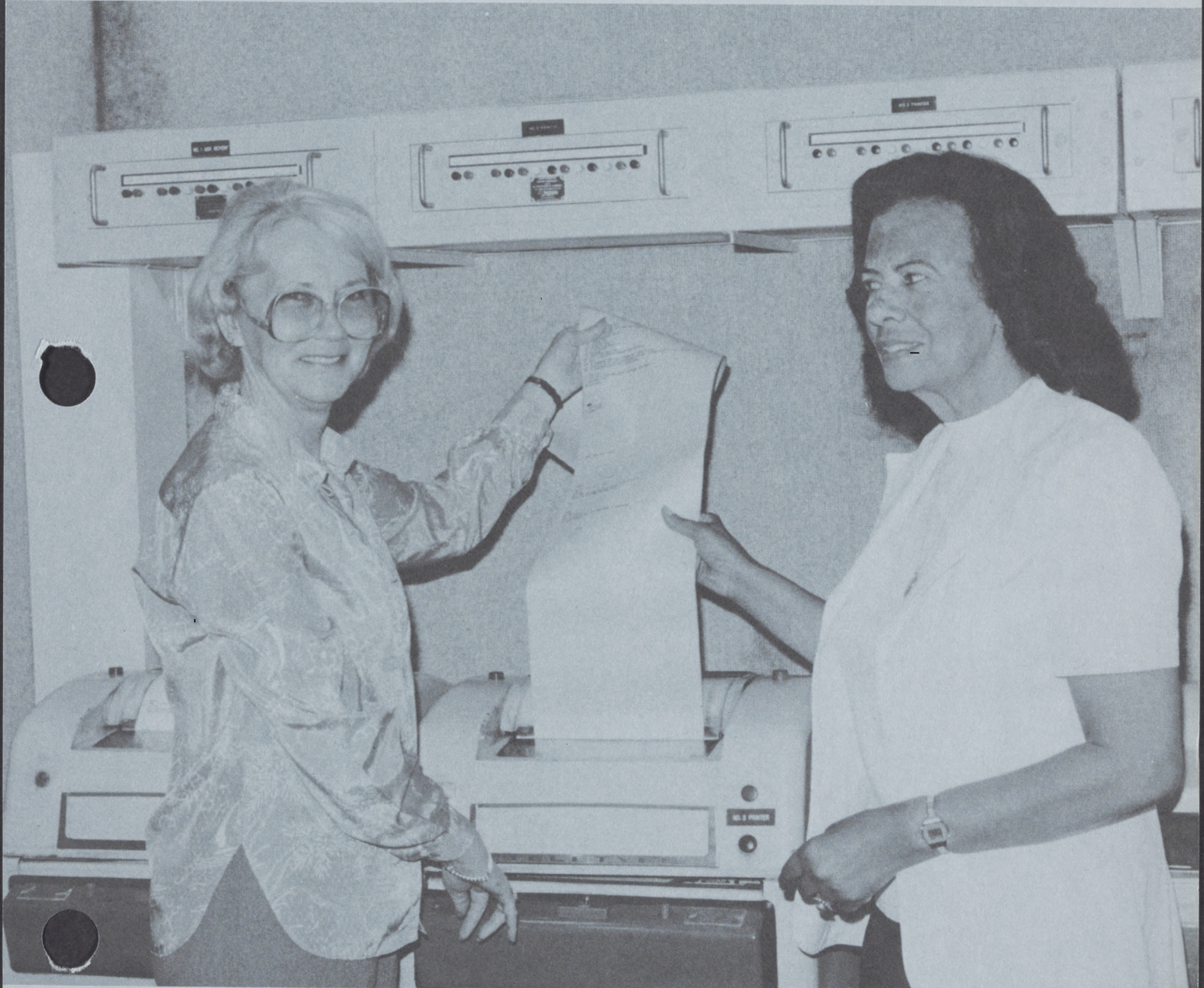
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# Western-Pacific Intercom



**Regional Message Center  
Busy... Busy... Busy...**

# Cover Story

Most Western-Pacific Region employees are familiar with the procedures and functions of the Regional Message Center -- but many are not.

The Message Center is a vital part of the Communications Control Center headed by Bill Edmondson. It is staffed by June Inman, supervisor, and Toni Smatts, teletype specialist.

The teletype is the principal communication method and several different networks are utilized depending upon the message content, location of addresses, urgency and cost of transmission. One such network is FAA's Service B. This is principally used for non-sensitive administrative messages between the Regional Headquarters and FAA Field Offices and facilities. TELEX, an international commercial teletype system gives the center direct communication with thousands of non-government business offices. TELEX also provides a means for telephone or messenger delivery to smaller companies and individuals not on the system.

A Facsimile system, known more commonly as the telecopier, makes it possible to transmit or receive letters, drawings, maps, newspaper articles, etc. This is an automatic machine and the center can send and receive at the same time at about one minute per page. All of the regions including Alaska, and Hawaii in the AWP Region, have this machine which is called the DMS-2000.

A second telecopier machine is automatically operated and is called the DEX2100. It transmits and receives at four to six minutes per page. The main advantage of the DEX2100 is that it is compatible with many other types of telecopiers whereas the DMS-2000 is not.

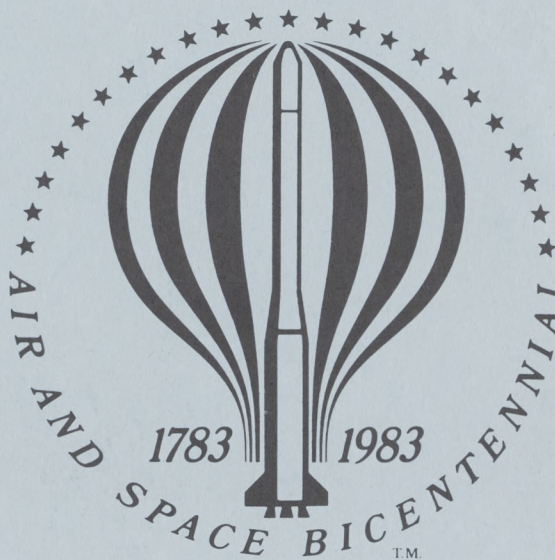
The Message Center also has a fast and positive system with direct connection to most military and government offices. This is a worldwide system of communication which the FAA has access to. This network exchanges information ranging from routine to high priority, and from unclassified to extremely sensitive messages. This is called the Automatic Digital Network. The acronym is AUTODIN.

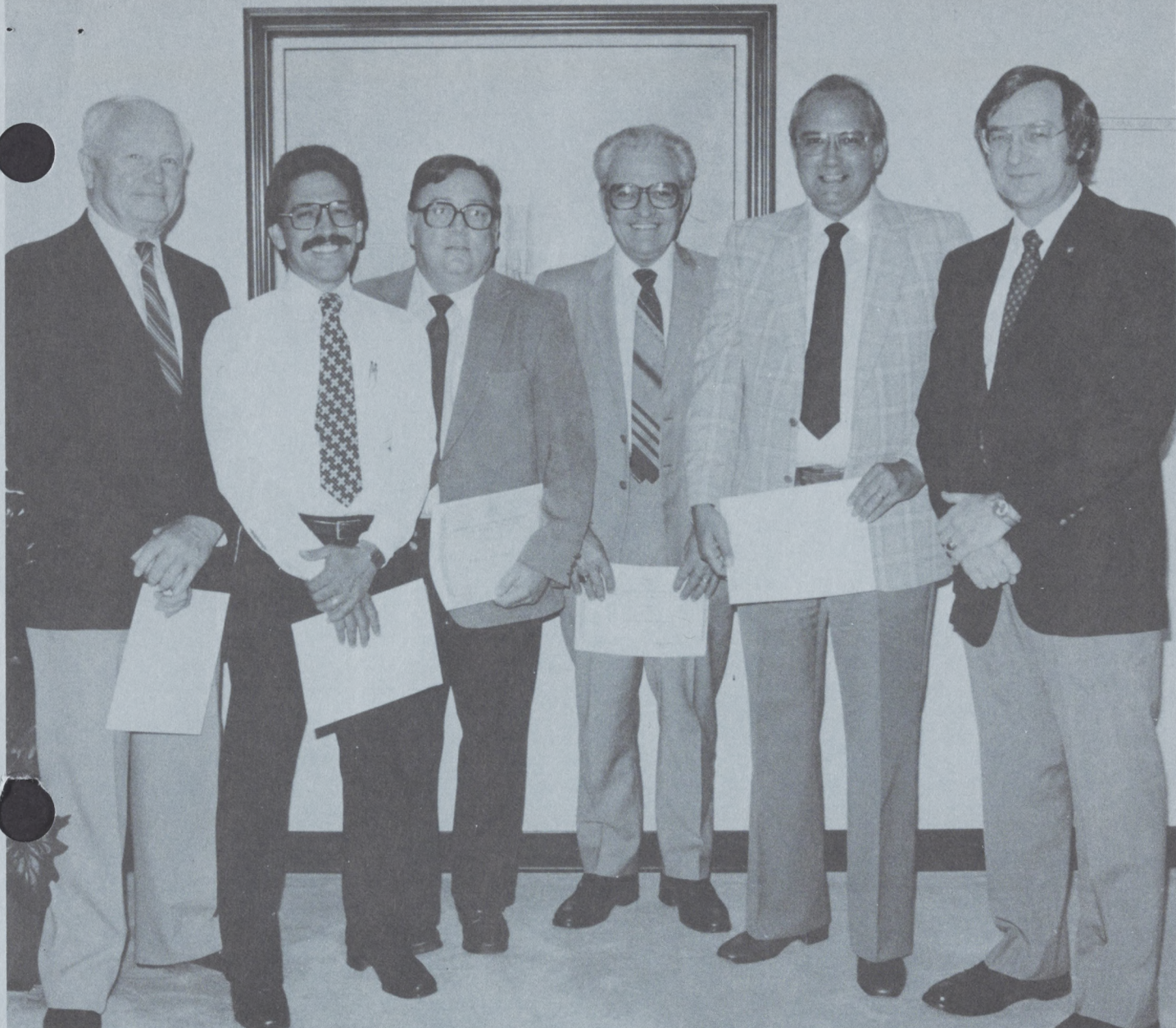
The Regional Message Center's hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The operators have no trouble keeping busy since they handle between nine and 11,000 messages per month. "However," June Inman emphasizes, "we never refuse a message even if the sender doesn't know the address. Somehow we will manage to take care of it for them."

The operators have still another duty -- that of monitoring each day the Air Quality Control District's predictions for SMOG. This report goes to the Duty Officer who, in turn, notifies all concerned.

Now you see why we say --  
REGIONAL MESSAGE CENTER - BUSY...  
BUSY...BUSY...

Cover Photo: June Inman, left, and Toni Smatts at the Area B teletype. Photo by Rafael Riera.





## Property Management Leaders

An FAA Group Achievement Award for \$5,000 was recently presented to individuals primarily responsible for FAA being identified as a leader in the property management field governmentwide.

The recipients from the Western-Pacific Region were: Bob Carter and Ted Campbell from Logistics Division, Frank Cantrell and Chuck Elston from Accounting Division, and Lin Smith, Richard Cambra and Dale Kuhn from the Management Systems Division. All served in ad hoc capacities (in addition to their normal duties)

and during periods when available human resources and travel funds were significantly reduced. There is no doubt that these individuals made significant contributions to the design, development and implementation of FAA's Personal Property In-Use Management System (PPIMS).  
Above photo: Regional Director Mac McClure (right) proudly congratulates (from left) Bob Carter, Richard Cambra, Lin Smith, Ted Campbell and Frank Cantrell. Chuck Elston and Dale Kuhn were unavailable for the photo-taking session.

## ATCS Chair Program Funded

At long last, the Air Traffic Service (ATS) has been successful in obtaining funds for new controller chairs.

Procurement requests have been sent to the Acquisition and Materiel Service, which will send the requirements and funds to the General Services Administration (GSA), Furniture Commodity Center to complete the procurement. A contract should be signed by the end of the year and all chairs delivered within two years.

In all, 8,400 chairs will be purchased. The chairs will come in a variety of colors to be selected by each facility.

There will be three models of the new chair: a low base model which gives firm body support to radar controllers, flight data, and FSS specialists; a high base

model for control towers and training evaluations; and a high back model which is a little larger and somewhat more comfortable for those working longer hours on position in light traffic, without relief. The low and high base models use the same seatbed, a one piece steel seatbed with molded cushion and fabric cover. All models have pneumatic height adjustment.

New controller chairs have been evaluated at some time during the 5 years of this program in New York, Washington, Chicago, Houston, and Fort Worth ARTCC's; Islip, O'Hare, Washington National, New Orleans, Houston Intercontinental, and Buffalo ATCT's; and Washington, Fort Worth, and Oakland FSS's. Additional information will be provided after a contract is signed.

## HUMAN RESOURCE TRAINING

<u>DATES</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10/24 - 10/28/83	Facilitator II	Air Traffic only	San Diego
10/25 - 10/28/83	Conflict II	All Divisions & Staff	San Diego
11/01 - 11/04/83	Conflict II	All Divisions & Staff	San Diego
11/14 - 11/18/83	Facilitator I	Air Traffic only	Carson, CA
11/29 - 12/02/83	Conflict II	All Divisions & Staff	San Diego
01/09/84 thru 1/13/84	Facilitator I	Airway Facilities, Staff and Flight Standards	
01/10/84 thru 01/13/84	Conflict III	All Divisions and Staff	
02/21/84 thru 02/24/84	Conflict-III	All Divisions and Staff	
03/21/84 thru 03/23/84	Conflict III	All Divisions and Staff	

1984 workshop locations to be determined.



## FAAers Get DOT Awards

Being tightfisted with the taxpayers money earned the Great Lakes Region some special recognition at the Secretary of Transportation's Sixteenth Annual Awards Ceremony

in Washington, D.C. The region was the only DOT organizational unit honored at the Sept. 12 ceremony, receiving the Secretary's Award for Cost Avoidance, Reduction and Efficiency (CARE).

In addition, 27 individual FAA employees, representing a cross-section of the agency, received awards in recognition of valor, meritorious achievement, EEO and other accomplishments. Included was Robin J. Masek, an electrical engineer in the Alaskan Region, who also received the Secretary's CARE Award.

Two FAAers were presented the Secretary's Award for Valor. Clyde D. Rinkinen, ATCS, Flint, Mich., airport tower, helped save a truck driver from his burning cab in spite of fire, smoke and exploding .22 caliber ammunition. Craig F. Schoff, ET, Albany, N.Y., AF Sector, administered on-the-spot first aid to a pilot who suffered severe head injuries and had stopped breathing while the crashed plane was on fire and in danger of exploding.

The Secretary's Award for Meritorious Achievement was presented to 11 agency employees. Those honored and the reasons were:

Associate Administrator for Airports William F. Shea for exemplary performance while advocating the national system of airports;

J. E. Murdock, III, Chief for developing and implementing

programs which insured the safe and efficient use of the nation's airspace;

Joe A. P. Alvarez, Manager, AWP Civil Rights Staff, for meritorious achievement and outstanding leadership of the EEO Program;

Carl B. Schellenberg, AGL Regional Counsel, for outstanding performance during the ATC strike emergency;

Richard P. Shewfelt, Manager AGL Labor Relations Branch, for outstanding accomplishment while representing the agency in court in connection with the illegal ATC strike;

Marvin L. Olson, Acting Manager, APO Planning Analysis Division, for meritorious performance while operating the industry slot allocation system for U.S. airports;

Leland F. Page, AES Deputy Director, for outstanding contribution to FAA's en route and terminal automation program;

Michael J. Powderly, Manager, Atlanta ATCT, for many outstanding achievements, especially in noise abatement and human relations;

Chester W. Anderson, Manager, O'Hare ATCT, for management of the nation's busiest terminal ATC facility under extremely critical circumstances;

Marilyn M. Carrigan, Admin. Officer, AF Div., ASW, for outstanding achievement of administrative activities in a highly professional and dedicated manner; and

Russell J. Sebold, Assistant Sector Manager, Farmington, N.M., for outstanding professionalism, commitment to agency mission, leadership, dedication and documented performance.

Two field employees, a controller and a technician, received the Secretary's Award for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). They were Clifford Armstrong, ATCS at the Indianapolis ARTCC and Edward J. Harris, Jr., ET at the Oakland ARTCC.

Recipients of the Secretary's Award for Excellence were ten FAAers: Teala R. Sparks, ANM; Lillian R. Cooper and Manuel Julbe, Jr., ASO; Iris K. Noguchi, AWP; Diane Van Winkle, ASW and Patricia E. Clark, ANE; and from FAA headquarters -- Mary Ann Guntow, Patricia K. Hoover, Joanne K. Anderson and Sally Krtanjek.

## Tech Center Helps Design Space Light System

FAA Technical Center engineer Tom Paprocki was glued to his television during the first night landing of the Space Shuttle on Sept. 5 and for good reason. He was part of the interagency team that designed the approach and landing light system used to guide the shuttle back to terra firma at Edwards AFB.

Supporting Paprocki in this effort was the Tech Center's Airport Technology Branch, where he works as the visual guidance program manager. Three main systems were developed including an outer glideslope or Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI); an inner glideslope, based on the Navy ball/bar system; and high intensity xenon searchlights located in the approach zone.

Paprocki started the project last year and consulted frequently with the astronauts during its development. Before the critical first night landing, the systems were tested on hundreds of night landings with shuttle training aircraft. Besides Edwards AFB, the lighting systems have been installed at the Kennedy Space Center and White Sands, N.M., alternate landing sites.

## FAA World Focuses on Women

The September FAA WORLD wants you to meet 13 women who represent the changing nature of the agency's professional workforce. Drawn from various disciplines and geographic areas, the 13 included control tower and FSS managers, a senior attorney in the Chief Counsel's Office, the first female A.F. technician-in-depth, and several aviation safety inspectors, among others. And they offer some advice for women who want to follow in their footsteps: "Go for it!"

Also in the September issue is a run-down on the agency's comprehensive program to improve aircraft crashworthiness and fire safety characteristics. Additionally, readers will find the regular features People and Q&A.

## Computer Course Given At ATC Facilities

Computer-based instruction (CBI), which the agency has been using both on a test basis and for various form of technical training for nine years, is now slated to be installed in air traffic control facilities.

Following the Administrator's approval, the first course materials will be ready for the CBI equipment scheduled to be installed in some enroute centers and "pacing" towers this fall.

Full performance level controllers will be able to punch up training lessons and even take proficiency exams with the touch-sensitive CBI screens.

CBIs can simulate the sweep of the controller's radar display, the buttons on a key pad, or even knobs on an airport lighting control panel. CBI training also will be used for developmental controllers following field validation with experienced controllers.

## Archives Help With Records

The toughest part about cleaning house is deciding what to keep and what to throw away. That's where the General Services Administration can come in handy by assisting agencies in determining which documents are record material and which are not.

Field requests for assistance should be directed to GSA's Federal Archives and Records Center servicing the region. In Washington headquarters, the contact is GSA's National Archives and Record Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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## Instructor Benefits Made Retroactive

Recent Congressional action has made the ATC Revitalization Act benefits retroactive to Aug. 3, 1981, for FAA Academy instructors who meet the eligibility criteria.

The Aeronautical Center is coordinating the overall identification and payment process for eligible employees. The Center shortly will send self-identification forms to regional compensation branches for distribution to employees thought to be eligible for the retroactive benefits. Employees who feel they may be eligible for these benefits but do not receive a form by Oct. 3 should get one from their Compensation Branch.

Completed forms then should be returned to compensation branches by Oct. 14 where they will be checked for accuracy. Eligible employees should receive back pay by Jan. 31, 1984.

## Ontario FSS News

Recently added to the Ontario Flight Service Station personnel roles, and in various stages of training, were Bernie Hoffman, Randy Gray, Chuck Andries and Linda Smithall who recently returned from the Academy.....Congratulations are in order to several people who have attained facility ratings: Scott Hipp, Pat Powell, Fred Werner, Steve Pasecky and Dave Saunders. Also, we welcome Bob Pavicic, who returned to Ontario FSS from Ontario Tower. Bob is facility rated in the Ontario FSS again.... Eddie Nelson received his 15-year career service emblem and Gene London was awarded a Letter of Commendation by Area Supervisor Joe Cozzetto.....Larry Ditler hosted this year's 4th of July picnic. Thanks Larry!

## Oakland FSS News

Welcome aboard to our four new Flight Data Specialists: Jack Goldsberry, Bonnie McDonald, Bill Drennan, and Fletcher Houston. Welcome also to Gema Mendosa who has joined us as a summer Aid. Additionally, the Academy has sent us four ATCS trainees. They are: Todd Smith, Afton Smith, Chuck Hatheway, and Bob Kemp. That makes a total of 19 trainees assigned to the Oakland FSS... Paul Pagel returned from Facility Instructor Training in Oklahoma City on July 14. He is now highly proficient in teaching us all that we should know... Congrats go to Fletch Houston for getting married on the 4th of July and Jim Violi who also tied the knot on June 4th.... Oakland FSS lost four specialists recently: Danny Polleto left us to look in the skies at Napa Tower, Chuck Braudway departed for Arcata FSS, George Fourchy left for Elko FSS and Charlie Albert eased into retirement. Good Luck to you all.... Oakland FSS sponsored a Bay Area Team Picnic held in Alameda on July 16. It was a "smashing" success.... Lots of fun vacations have been taken. Ward Simpson just returned from two weeks at Yellowstone; Earl Cormier went to Boston and is planning a trip to Guam; Bob Quintana just returned from a Caribbean cruise and there's still more to come.



## 25 Years For Dennis Wilham



Dennis Wilham (right), International Aviation Affairs Officer in Tokyo, was recently presented his 25-year Career Service Emblem by "Mac" McClure, Director, Western-Pacific Region.

## Los Angeles TRACON

### "Runs" and "Wins"

Congratulations to Gregg Smith, Roland Hernandez, Jerry Shourds and Larry Viselli who captured first place in the Government Employee category in the Manhattan Beach 20K Relay; and to Jerry Shourds who took first place and "captured Gold" in his age grouping in the Westwood Run LASC 5K. Congratulations again, Champs!

## Sierra Footnotes

### From Lovelock/Reno FSS

The crew from the Flight Service Station was very active as of late. Five members participated in the 3rd Annual Silver Dollar Open. Bob Stanco, Bud Weber and Ski played a fairway decent round of golf, but Don Meredith and Terri Landon did well enough in their class to come away with trophies... Additional trophies were picked off by Carl Johnson and Jim Gruhn, as they finished one/two in the NRA .22 Caliber Silhouette/Match held in Northern Nevada.....Terri went to Phoenix for some FAA schooling, and is leading the way as four team members are attending college this semester. Lovelock has 100% college enrollment this semester, as Ron Kiel is attacking the Basics of Data Processing..... Mac Hester is serving as a temporary Area Supervisor. He was instrumental in setting up the annual FAA/NWS Picnic Reno. It was quite a success, but was just a preview for the 4th Annual LET DOWN Party now being planned. We'll be letting down after the 20th Annual National Championship Air Races. We have planned and will staff the Western-Pacific Regions first Automated Temporary FSS at this year's races. It's also the first in the entire nation.....Reno FSS received a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting in the local Community Services Agency Summer Training Program. Just two days after receipt of this certificate, on August 20, snow closed the Mt. Rose Highway.....Thoughts are now being focused on the FAA/NWS Reno Christmas/Holiday Party, which is now in the planning. So start waxing those skis and plan a visit to the High Sierra.





## Awards Presented

### At LAX AFS

A--Vivian Green (right), Administrative Assistant, Hangar Support Unit, was recently presented a Special Achievement Award with an Outstanding Rating for her performance while a General Supply Specialist in the Logistics Unit. Wally Ward, Sector Manager, made the presentation.



B--Louise Stiles (right), LAX Hangar Manager was presented a Quality Increase Award with an Outstanding Rating for her performance as LAX Administrative Manager, by Wally Ward.

## Civilair News

### •DISNEYLAND-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PARTY

Monday, Oct. 10; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

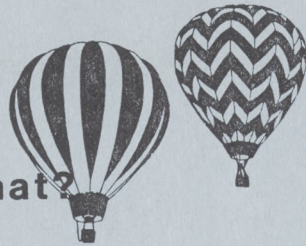
Admission to Disneyland plus unlimited use of all attractions and shows is \$6 per person, children two years and under are free. Pick up your tickets at the Civilair desk on the fourth floor of the Regional Office or see your Civilair representative. Mail orders will be accepted. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Civilair Desk, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009.

- Here's a great gift idea! Leather belts are for sale at the Civilair desk. There are plain leather belts without buckles and there are hand-tooled leather ones with buckles. The Civilair desk is open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every weekday except Wednesday.



### Lud Erzen Retirement Party

Lud Erzen, Establishment Engineering Branch, Airway Facilities Division, AWP-450, is retiring. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Monday, Oct. 17, at Beachbum Burts, 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$9.25 per person which includes a choice of beef brochette, seafood entree (both served over rice) or for the light eaters, tomato stuffed with chicken salad or avocado stuffed with shrimp. All beverages are pay-as-you-go. If you wish to attend, please contact Terry Curtis, AWP-450a, 213/536-6528 or FTS 966-6528. We need to know your food selection and obtain the money prior to the luncheon. Checks should be made payable to Terry Curtis.



## Married in a What?

Their friends and family thought they were crazy, but they gathered before sunrise to watch the event. The event was the marriage of Karen Bennett to Timothy "TJ" Hill, an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Oakland International. The strange part was the ceremony took place in a hot air balloon.

The balloon, owned and operated by Balloon Excelsior of Oakland, CA and piloted by Brent Stockwell, ascended slowly from the Livermore Airport the morning of July 8 at 6:13 a.m. The couple was married by Clayton Cobb of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church as the sun rose in the eastern sky. The black and spectrum colored balloon remained aloft for 35 minutes as it drifted slowly downwind. With the assistance of the recovery crew and the group of well-wishers, the balloon came to rest near Springtown, a housing development located seven miles northeast of the airport. After landing, the couple was christened "Aeronauts" by Mr. Stockwell, the champagne bottles were opened and a toast of good luck was drank to the newlyweds.

Karen was formerly a resident of Gig Harbor, WA prior to coming to California. She now works as a bartender in Union City, CA and is completing her private pilot's certificate at Oakland International Airport. When asked why a hot air balloon, she replied "I wanted a small wedding."

"TJ" is a Full Performance Level at Oakland Tower where he has served since he entered on duty with the FAA in Jan. 1982. When asked his feelings about the ride and the wedding, he told us "I got pretty concerned as the basket bounced to a stop as we landed;" then added "It's an experience I will never forget."

Mr. and Mrs. Hill reside in Hayward, CA.

## Preparation Of Travel Vouchers

Certain errors or omissions that are commonly made when preparing travel vouchers are:

1. Lack of signature of approving official
2. Per diem computations
3. Common addition errors
4. No explanation for miscellaneous expenses claimed
5. Mileage computation
6. Lack of required supporting documents-items over \$25.00. When any of these occur, it creates extra work in certifying the voucher and delays timely payment. This is especially true when the approving official's signature is missing, as all such vouchers must be returned for signature. If travelers and approving officials work together with accounting personnel, we can eliminate these problems.

## Honolulu AFS News

Congratulations to the following employees: Special Achievement Awards - Phyllis Yoshida, former Sector secretary, now retired; Ernest Oya, Honolulu Nav/Comm SFO technician; June Burton, Clerk-Typist, Sector office; and Robert Hiraoka, Manager, Kauai SFO; Promotions - Albert Serrao, General Supply Specialist, Sector office; Delcie Mokulehua, General Supply Specialist (Typing), Sector office; Wesley Fukuda, Maintenance Mechanic, Hilo Nav/Comm SFO; Melvin Spencer, Maintenance Mechanic, Molokai SFO; Hector Mendoza, Maintenance Mechanic, ESU; Norman Suzuki, Electronics Technician, Hilo Radar/ARTS SFO; and Stuart McKenzie, Electronics Technician, Maui Radar/ARTS SFO; 30-year Career Service Emblem - Harry Yamashiroya, Electronics Technician, Honolulu Nav/Comm SFO; Retirement - Tadashi Takahama, Maintenance Mechanic, Technical Support Unit.

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