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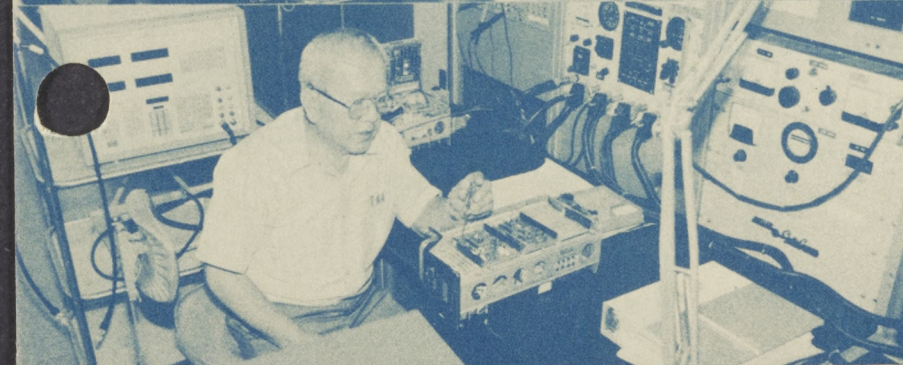
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LAX
FIFO
STORY

Cover Story

In the early days of Flight Inspection, the program function was managed individually by each regional organization. With the advent of conversion to jet aircraft, along with advanced computerized instrumentation, the need became apparent to consolidate the management of the Flight Inspection Program on a nationwide basis. This became a reality in July 1974 under the organization which was originally known as Flight Inspection National Field Office (FINFO) with headquarters in Oklahoma City. The organization has since been changed to the present Aviation Standards National Field Office (AVSNFO) with the routing symbol of AVN-1 for the Office of Director. AVSNFO now includes the worldwide flight inspection functional responsibility, along with regulatory support and aircraft maintenance and engineering functional responsibilities of aviation standards. Robert L. Goodrich is the appointed Director of AVSNFO.

The Flight Inspection Field Office (FIFO) presently located at Los Angeles has continued to function very much according to the previously established style, especially with respect to its dual responsibility of procedures development and flight check of air navigational aids. Working relationship with all regional and field organizations remains as a vital and necessary liaison factor in performing the day-to-day business at hand.

The LAX FIFO until very recently was under the management of Byron N. "Barney" Linden, now retired. Acting Manager now is Robert Anderson. Three functional responsibilities of the FIFO are Procedures, Flight Inspection and Line Maintenance. Administrative support is provided to the FIFO Manager by Doris Keidser, Administrative Officer, and Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary.

It is the administration of personnel, logistics support and the financial management which mandates the operational function under the single FAA organization of AVSNFO. Presently, the entire FAA Flight Inspection Fleet, on a worldwide basis, is under the operational management of AVN-1. The Western-Pacific Region is rather unique in that it has within its boundaries three Flight Inspection Field Offices (FIFOs) located at Los Angeles, Honolulu and Tokyo. No other FAA Region can make that statement.

The Flight Procedures Section is under the supervision of Daniel G. Tenold. Personnel within this section provide for the development and standardization of all FAA and U.S. Army originated instrument flight procedures.

The Flight Inspection Section is staffed primarily with flight inspection flight crew personnel under the supervision of Robert W. Anderson. Acting Supervisor is Ritchie Phillips. Their functional responsibility involves the day-to-day flight inspection of the radio air navigational facilities.

Flight inspection of Navy shipboard TACAN facilities is another and rather unique phase of the work responsibility. These checks are almost always done at sea while the ship is either maneuvering or proceeding enroute.

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Cover photos:

Top right: Barney Linden, former manager of LAX FIFO, now retired.

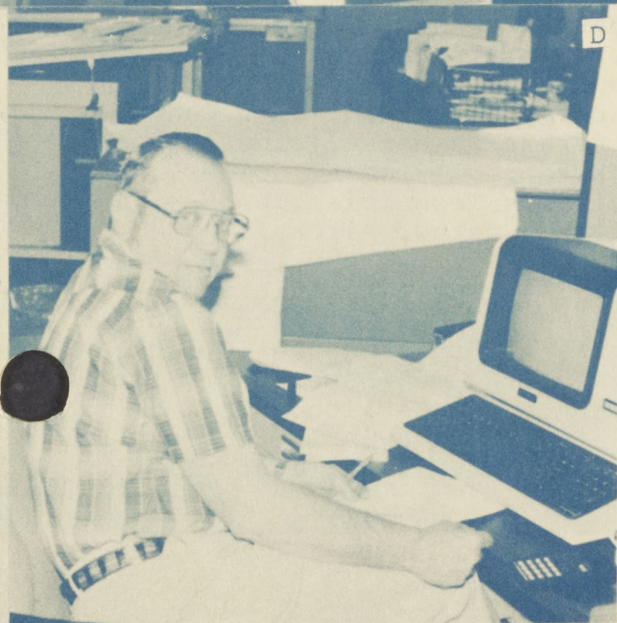
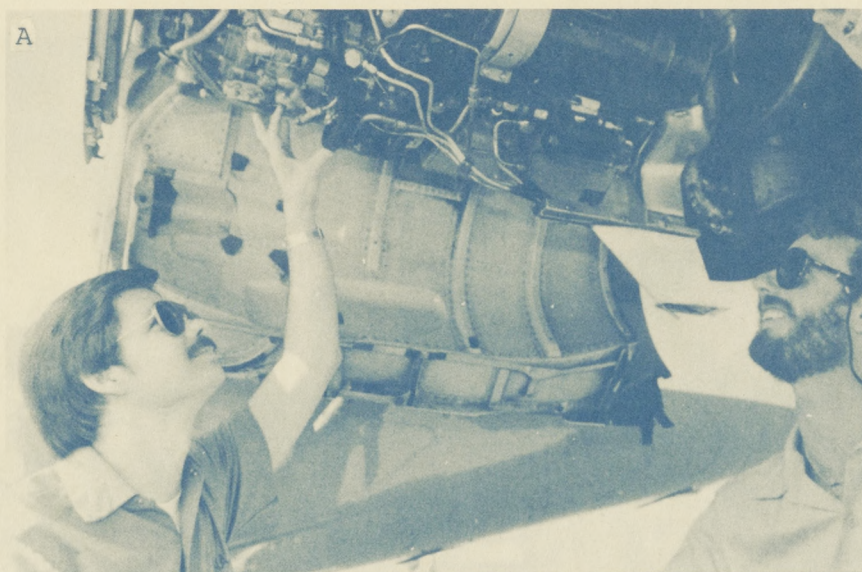
Top left: Louis Ablaca (left), Foreman Aircraft Mechanic, and Delviny Patno, Aircraft Mechanic.

Middle: Pilot Robert C. Hawn, Flight Inspection Section.

Bottom: Ted Higa, Supervisor Avionics Technician.

Photos by Bill Livesay and Joe Metcalf.

LAX FIFO People



A--Michael Stone (left), Foreman, and Roy Kemp, Aircraft Mechanic, from the Line Maintenance Section.
 B--Beverly Perkins, Secretary, Flight Inspection Section.
 C--Flight Inspection Section people (from left) Ritchie Phillips, Pilot-in-Command; Conrad Lohner, Pilot-in-Command; Kenneth Mizner, Pilot; and Robert Anderson, Supervisor, and now Acting Manager of LAX FIFO.
 D--DeWayne Hodges, Aeronautical Information Specialist.

More LAX FIFO



A--Line Maintenance Personnel line up to bid Barney Linden a happy retirement. From left--Barney Linden, former manager, LAX FIFO; David Bowker, Aircraft Mechanic; Roy Kemp, Aircraft Mechanic; Michael Stone, Foreman Aircraft Mechanic; Louis Ablaca (above), Foreman Aircraft Mechanic; Juan Canchola, Aircraft Mechanic (since transferred); William F. Cowper, III, Avionics Technician; and Delviny Patno, Aircraft Mechanic.

B--Hilda Mueller, Aviation Procedures Clerk, since transferred to the Regional Office.

C--Jose Adame, Supervisor, Line Maintenance Section.

D--Frank Cravey, Electronic Technician, Flight Inspection Section.

More LAX FIFO



A--Helen Akins, Aeronautical Information Specialist.

B--Procedures Section people, from left--Daniel Tenold, Supervisor; Dallas Mauch, Aeronautical Information Specialist; and Jerome Jessen, Pilot-in-Command.

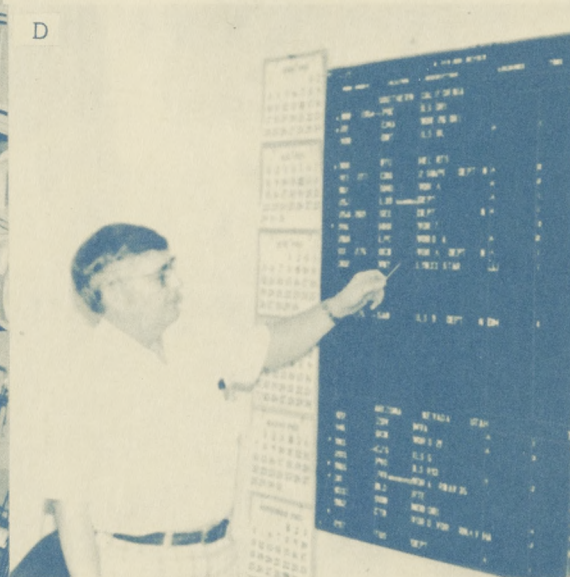
C-- Bill Cowper, Avionics Technician.

D--Elizabeth Marshall, Secretary to the Manager of LAX FIFO.



A

Still More LAX FIFO



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B

Still more people at LAX
FIFO are:

A--Calvin Dingess, Quality Assurance Specialist (Aero).

B--Frederick Seiller, Jr., Avionics Technician.

C--Harry Harper, General Supply Specialist.

D--Robert Snider, Quality Assurance Specialist.



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Not available for photos were: Doris Keidser, Administrative Officer; Guy Brown, Bill Talunas, Tom Kamikido, Bob Dickinson and Jim Byrne, Jr., Flight Inspection Section; Howard Trickey, Procedures Section and Ed Sherman, Line Maintenance Section.

Airline Pilot Calls Controllers "Real Pro's"

The Air Traffic Service's "Outstanding Flight Assist" for the August-September period made headlines when it happened. Now the Denver en route center controllers involved are getting the recognition they deserve.

They are controllers Ira Gross, Charles Nielson, and Roger Bruce, and area supervisor Daniel Batliner. They were cited for their assistance to a United Airlines Boeing 767 that had lost power in both engines over mountainous terrain on August 20.

In addition to FAA letters of commendation, they received a note from the United pilot saying, "It's great to know, that when the chips are down, we have real pros in all phases of aviation."

The first indication of trouble from United Flight 310 was a pilot report of an electrical problem. The pilot asked Gross for, and promptly received, radar vectors around some threatening weather building up over the Rockies.

A short time later, the pilot reported the aircraft had lost one engine and was in danger of losing the second. He was immediately cleared to a lower flight level and given a radar vector to Denver's Stapleton Airport.

Then, the United flight lost the second engine, and the pilot immediately declared an emergency. He said he thought he could make Stapleton but was too busy to change frequencies.

That was no problem for the FAA team. They continued to provide the pilot with position reports and weather updates. In coordination with the Stapleton tower, they were set to vector the big plane right down to the runway.

Just as the FAA crew had completed all the arrangements for an emergency landing, the pilot radioed to say that he had restarted first one engine and then the other. The United flight continued on to land without an incident at Stapleton only 14 minutes after the initial call to the Denver Center.



Welcome "JJ"

Developmental Systems Performance Specialist Jere Jan ("JJ") Glippa (right) is welcomed into the FAA fold by Alex Hammond, Manager, Airway Facilities Division. "JJ" was recently converted from a Cooperative student to full time status at the Honolulu ARTCC Airway Facilities Sector. "JJ" was almost immediately sent to Tandem computer school at Oklahoma City. Her fellow employees were a bit concerned since this was her first trip to Oklahoma City--actually, her first trip to the mainland U.S. Also, "JJ" complained about the course being a bit difficult. Well, maybe it wasn't too hard since she got a final grade of "96". Congratulations and welcome to "JJ".

Personnel Management Division Awards

Congratulations to the following employees of the Personnel Management Division who recently received awards: Outstanding Rating with Special Achievement Award - Charles G. Island, Classification Clerk, Compensation Branch, AWP-15 and Richard L. Peterson, Employee Development Specialist, Training Branch, AWP-17; Award for Special Act or Service - Annette Walker, Clerk-Typist, Training Branch, AWP-17.

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A flight inspection flight crew normally consists of a Pilot-in-Command, a Second-in-Command, and an Airborne Electronics Technician. These flight crew personnel are, virtually, in a full-time travel status. They are also subject to working at irregular hours along with a variation to the work-week.

The Line Maintenance Section is responsible for the mechanical and avionic maintenance of assigned aircraft under the supervision of Jose Adame. Their function includes the supply support along with the inventory control of spare parts, shop equipment and working tools.

To summarize, and perhaps clarify, the functional objectives of Flight Inspection, it should be understood that it is not a policing type of role. It is, rather, a supporting role responsibility for the proper operation and performance of the air navigation system to assure safety for the users of the system whether they be military, general aviation, or air carrier.

Airway Facilities Division Annual Christmas Luncheon

The Airway Facilities Christmas luncheon will be Friday, Dec. 16, at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Ave., Hawthorne, CA. A no-host adjustment period will begin at 11:30 with lunch and professional entertainment to follow. Cost - \$6.50/person (includes lunch and entertainment).

If you would like to attend, please contact Gayle Hodges, AWP-400a, 536-6150. Reservations must be made and monies paid No Later Than Monday, Dec. 12. Please make checks payable to Gayle Hodges. You won't want to miss this one - get your reservations early!!

FS Division Awards

Congratulations to the following Flight Standards Division employees who recently received awards:
Quality Increase Award with Outstanding Rating - Winnifred Page and Donald Ogden, Oakland FSDO; George Roope, Sacramento GADO; and Frederick Fechner, Honolulu FSDO;
Special Achievement Award with Outstanding Rating - William Spooner, Reno GADO; Ralph Utterback, Jr. and Steven Cummins, San Francisco ACDO; Letters of Commendation = Gary Moore, Charles Miller and Louis Patceg, Las Vegas FSDO; Letters of Appreciation = William Molesworth, San Francisco ACDO and Jean Pierson, AWP-203.



Beneficial Suggestion Award for James Murakami

Specialist James Murakami (left) accepts a Beneficial Suggestion Award from Area Supervisor Edwin Ishisaka for his suggestion which improved operations at the Honolulu Flight Service Station.

Bob Gray Presented 30-Year Pin

Bob Gray (left), Manager, Personnel Management Division, was recently presented his 30-year Career Service Emblem by "Mac" McClure, Director, Western-Pacific Region. Congratulations!



Ontario FSS Happenings

Ontario Flight Service Station Area Supervisor Jerry Marcum recently presented a Special Achievement Award to Marty Krueger for his performance during the previous reporting period. Congratulations, Marty.....Ontario is losing another of its fine specialists when Skip Burt departs for his new assignment at Riverside Tower. A hearty congrats to Skip and we wish him luck in his new job.....After months of hard work at Oklahoma City and Ontario, Randy Gray has joined the roles of facility rated people at Ontario FSS. Welcome and congratulations, Randy.....Two members of Ontario Flight Service Station recently celebrated wedding anniversaries: Ben Clarke and his wife, Annette, celebrated their 26th anniversary and Marty Krueger and his wife, Amber, celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss.....Starting his very first year of marriage is Steve Pasecky. Steve and his new bride recently exchanged wedding vows in a private ceremony in New

York.....Marty Krueger recently returned from his vacation which he spent in the wilds of Northern California. What a life! Alas, he informs us he only caught five fish. Better luck next year, Marty.....In a continuing program at Ontario FSS, twenty more specialists completed the FAA OJT Instructor Course.....A Pilot Education Program (PEP) has been initiated at Ontario FSS with the stated intent of improving overall services provided by the facility. To do this, PEP team members attend meetings of General Aviation and military pilots to "brief and inform on matters pertaining to FSS job and facility requirements, personnel, aviation safety, history of FSS and FAA, and limitations of FSS services". The program is also aimed at maintaining already excellent relations between Ontario FSS and the flying community. Members of the PEP team are: Larry Berg, Chuck Burge, Al Droll, Marty Krueger and Howard Irwin.

Las Vegas Tower Talk

Tower Cinderella Team places third out of 21 teams in the 7th Annual Interline Softball Tournament "C" Division. The odds were against a group of low-time ball players drawn from the controller, supervisor, and management ranks, who had just six weeks to prepare. Talented teams from all over the USA and Canada were present, representing most major airlines. The Tower Team has 21 players ranging from age 24 to 48. The Team won six out of eight games in a two-day Double Elimination Event where temperatures were above 100°. The team is proud to be able to present a 27-inch trophy which will be displayed in our new facility trophy case proclaiming a new era of comradery at Las Vegas Tower. The Team unanimously expresses its gratitude to their fellow workers for holding down the fort during the event. The Team's MVP's were Ronald Silagyi and Wayne Keen..... Congratulations to Lou Rosgen on his selection to Air Traffic Manager, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Civilair Dates

To Remember

December 10 - Adult Christmas Party to be held at the Hacienda Hotel. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Please obtain your tickets from Carolyn Schmid, AWP-205, 536-6065, Chairperson of the Christmas dinner dance. Tickets may also be obtained from your Civilair Representative. The cost is approximately \$14.50 per person.

December 17 - Saturday afternoon is the Children's Annual Christmas Party at the LAX Hangar from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Help is being sought to make this party the best. Please contact Evelyn Mosquera, AWP-63.4, 536-6407, to sign up for the various activities scheduled for the party.

Report Urges Improved Wind Shear Alert

Improving Low-Level Wind Shear Alert Systems (LLWSAS) and installing them at all major airports is the best near term way to reduce wind shear accidents, according to the recent report prepared by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. Upgrading pilot education and training with respect to wind shear and its hazards is another recommendation with near-term benefits.

FAA already has acted to increase the number of LLWSAS installations by awarding a contract for 51 additional units. It also is upgrading the New Orleans LLWSAS as part of an effort to improve the quality of information provided by this equipment.

The report, which was ordered by Congress following the Pan American accident at New Orleans in June 1983, also recommends that FAA develop terminal Doppler radar, which could use subsystems from the next generation weather radar (NEXRAD).

In addition, the report recommends medium and long term actions such as the development of airborne detectors, and continuing research in a number of areas. It also strongly endorses meteorological research leading to more timely and accurate forecasts.

Finally, the report encourages the agency to "develop and implement a coherent and sustained program for coping with the educational, meteorological, technical, and operational aspects of low altitude wind shear hazards."

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Stockton FSS Happenings

All is well at Stockton Flight Service Station.....Henry Dyer has left for Sacramento FSS. Our loss is their gain. Congratulations on the promotion, Henry and good luck. The remaining personnel at Stockton FSS are William Fry, William Horsey, Damon Knight, Gary Zodda, Raymond De Lucia and Supervisor Arthur Moses.....William Horsey left for a month vacation in Europe with the remaining personnel vacationing this past summer in the good old USA.



Photo: Air Traffic Control Specialist Raymond De Lucia (left) recently received a 15-year Career Service Emblem from Facility Manager Wayne Rodrigues. Congratulations, Ray!

New Flow Control Programs Cut Traffic Delays

With air traffic returning to pre-strike levels, the Central Flow Control (CFC) facility in Washington headquarters has developed two new programs to keep aircraft moving smoothly and efficiently in the system. One program involves using a computer to speed transmittal of departure releases to centers and departure terminals, instead of the old time-consuming method of relaying this information by telephone and teletype. These releases, called estimated departure clearance time (EDCTs), are used to regulate the number of planes arriving at specific airports at given times.

In addition, CFC currently is testing a program called En Route Sector Loading. This traffic management program monitors aircraft passing through sectors of the 20 domestic en route centers, and predicts potential overloads. Initially, full-day predictions will be made on a limited basis. The prediction will then be updated as additional information is received from flight plans throughout the day.

The purpose of this program is to alert CFC to projected sector saturation. As the system is enhanced these alerts will be transmitted by computer to the affected en route centers.

FAAer Stymies Hijacker

An FAA operations duty officer at the Tech Center and an airline flight attendant teamed up recently to help capture a hijacker who had diverted a People's Express flight to the Atlantic City Airport.

The hijacker, who claimed to have a gun in his pocket, took a flight attendant hostage aboard a Buffalo to Newark flight on October 15. He then ordered the plane to Atlantic City.

When the Boeing 737 landed at the FAA-run airport, the tower instructed the pilot to park in an isolated area near the FAA operations building. Then the flight attendant persuaded the sometimes-docile hijacker to leave the plane with her and led him to the operations building.

Next she talked him into waiting outside while she went in and briefed Duty Officer Bill Tinnin on what had happened. But before they could call the police, the hijacker wandered in. So Tinnin tried a new tack. He introduced himself and shook hands with the hijacker. When the hijacker took his hand out of his pocket, Tinnin realized the man didn't have a gun.

The hijacker then asked Tinnin to call him a cab, and the duty officer quietly called the police instead. The not-quite-with-it hijacker was quietly waiting for his cab when the police arrived.

Logistics Division Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 16--mark this date on your calendar now and don't miss out on a fun-filled afternoon and evening at the Holiday Inn, 9901 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles. The Logistics Division is hosting this party (cocktails start at 1:30 p.m., lunch at 2 p.m. and the fun will last until ???). Everyone is invited! Buffet menu entrees: Turkey and Dressing, and Baked Ham with: Wild Rice, Candied Yams or Oven Roast Potato, June Peas or Belgium Carrots, Rolls, Butter, Cranberry Sauce, Coffee or Tea. For dessert: Pumpkin and Mincemeat Pie. All this, including tax and tip for \$11. No host bar, music and entertainment, auction, door prize. Contact Joan Sunshine, FTS 966-6134; Mike Spitt, FTS 966-6176; or Larry Kruse, FTS 966-6278 for payment and number attending, no later than Dec. 13. Children are welcome. Anyone knowing retirees who would like to attend, please have them contact us.

Hank Van Sant Retirement Luncheon



On Friday, Nov. 18, Hank Van Sant will be honored with a retirement luncheon at the Lobster House, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA. Hank has served many years in the Air Traffic Division, beginning his career in 1960 at Des Moines Tower as a developmental and progressing to Operations Branch Specialist in the Western-Pacific Region. The cost of Hank's luncheon is \$14.50 per person, and includes a full buffet, tax, gratuity and gift. For reservations, please call Pat Faux or Eileen Partridge in the Operations Branch, FTS 966-6401 or commercial 213/536-6401.

H.R. Specialists Celebrate First Anniversary

One year on the job now, FAA's corps of human resources specialists is making a difference in the way the agency does business. Testimony to this effect came from both Administrator Helms and Deputy Administrator Fenello at the one-year anniversary meeting of the H.R. specialists in Washington recently.

The Administrator presented each specialist with a commendation for getting the human resources program off to such a fast start and said a new attitude is beginning to take hold at FAA that recognizes that "our people are the agency's most important asset." The Deputy Administrator noted that human resources cannot be viewed as a program the agency is trying to sponsor. "It is an effort that must be weaved into the fabric of the organization, a way of life," he emphasized.

Echoing these thoughts was James Boone, the National Human Resources manager. He said positive actions have been initiated under the program in such areas as personnel practices, employee relocations, and employee training on upgraded equipment, which complement and support the agency's airways modernization effort. "FAA Human Relations and Human Resources are here to stay," he added. "This anniversary finds thousands of top and mid-level managers highly committed to sustaining positive human relations, and effective human resources considerations."

ASCE Luncheon Meeting

The American Society of Civil Engineers Air Transport Group will hear from Deputy Director Dick Devereaux on Nov. 15. He will speak on the National Airspace System Plan. The presentation will be made at a luncheon meeting at the House of Raymond, 13787 South Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, CA. The price is \$5.25. Please call Valerie Lassiter at 714/863-9118 for reservations.