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Cover Story

One of the highlights in the region this past year was the 26th annual Merced West Coast Antique Fly-In held last June. Visiting-aircraft from as far away as Alaska and Connecticut helped break records in the overall number of aircraft judged for awards, as well as establishing a new record of 1880 aircraft flown in for the three-day event.

Temporary Control Tower services provided from the closed tower at Merced Airport were spearheaded by Dale Brown, Air Traffic Manager, Modesto Tower, utilizing controllers from the Towers located at Napa, Monterey, Livermore, Modesto, Fresno, Santa Rosa and Sacramento Metro.

The controllers who work this event each year have established an excellent reputation for being friendly and courteous, and have helped this Fly-In earn its reputation as the world's "Most Friendly Fly-In". According to Marv Green, Chairman, Special Events, "The pilots' comments concerning the tower operation were most favorable and indicated that the controllers were friendly and courteous."

Hats off to all FAAers who worked so hard. This type of public reaction goes a long way in promoting good public relations for the FAA.

Cover photos: Top left--From left--Air Traffic Control Specialists Paul Berge, Monterey Tower; Lynne Ulicki, Monterey Tower, and Lorryn Oliver, Livermore Tower. Bottom left--View from the Control Tower of display aircraft on the ramp area.

Top right--From left--Air Traffic Control Specialists Paul Berge, Monterey Tower; Lynne Ulicki, Monterey Tower, and Lorryn Oliver, Livermore Tower. Bottom right--Lorryn Oliver and Dale Brown, Air Traffic Manager, Modesto Tower.

Forecast Conference Set

Since aviation forecasters like to plan ahead, the agency's Office of Policy and Plans has announced the date and published a tentative agenda for the Ninth Annual FAA Aviation Forecast Conference. It's set for February 23 in Arlington, Va.

The conference theme this time will be "Accommodating Growth in a Competitive Environment," and the highlight will be the release of the agency's latest "Aviation Forecasts." This one will cover Fiscal Years 1984-1995.

The conference will feature speakers from both government and industry with "An Overview of Business Aircraft Growth," the subject of the luncheon address by NBAA John Winant. Also on the program is a panel discussion on general aviation/commuter perspectives and commercial aviation perspectives.

For further information and reservations, contact Virginia Price on FTS 426-3103.

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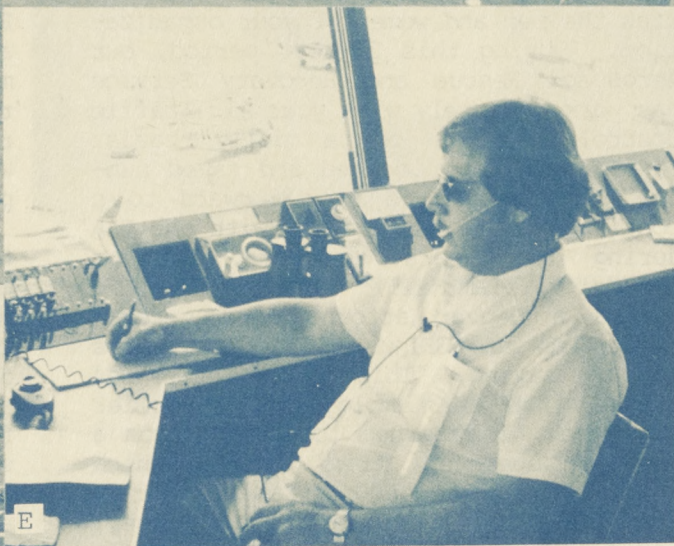
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- A--You don't need your eyes examined --you're right, there's nothing there. This is Merced Airport the day before the fly-in.
 - B--The same scene the following day.
 - C--Some of the War Birds flown in for exhibit.
 - D--View of ramp areas from the control tower.
 - E--Duane Amann, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Fresno Tower.
- Photos courtesy of Dale Brown, Manager, Modesto Tower.

USAF/Pilot Salute FAA

Although professionalism is supposed to be its own reward, a little recognition for a job well done is never out of order. That's why the Administrator has passed along a couple of letters he received recently commending the performance of FAA employees.

The first is from the commanding general of the 23rd Air Force at Scott AFB. He writes: "On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Federal Aviation Administration, the 23rd Air Force salutes the men and women of your organization. During this 25-year period, our Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service has worked closely with your Air Traffic Control Centers on a daily basis. Together we have located and saved hundred of lives. We look forward to a continued close association with the FAA during the years to come." (Major General William Mall)

And a Denver attorney and veteran pilot (ATP and CFI certificates) starts out by saying, "This is a letter of praise [for FAA employees]. Earlier this week, I returned to Denver from a six-day business trip flight which involved nearly 4,000 miles of airway travel--flying a single-engine Mooney, and departing Jefferson County Airport, Denver. I made stops at Albuquerque; Oklahoma City; Knoxville; Manteo, N.C.; Islip, N.Y.; Caldwell, N.J.; Pontiac, Mich.; Omaha, Neb.; and Denver. All but one short leg was flown under instrument conditions. Without exception I found the ATC personnel qualified, capable, and cooperative. Friendly too. The ATC system is running well, and if my trip is any test, I think you and your personnel deserve commendation." (Robert P. Smith)

Accounting Division News

A warm welcome to Mike Smith, Supervisor, Classification & Review, and Jewell Henderson, Operating Accountant, Operations & Analysis Branch.....Best wishes to Sherian Smith, who is leaving FAA to join the Los Angeles Police Dept. in a liaison capacity.

FAA Developing Better Service for Pilots

FAA's goal of better service for pilots is being achieved through programs like the Aviation Route Forecast (ARF). This enhancement to Model 2 of the Flight Service Station Modernization Program is scheduled to come on-line in 1986 or 1987 and is being jointly developed by the agency, the MITRE Corporation, and the National Weather Service.

With this enhancement, the Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) should be able to provide forecast weather information more specifically tailored to the route of flight. This should further reduce the amount of nonpertinent weather information pilots must review prior to flight.

Pilots having access to a computer terminal with either a display or printer, will be able to get this information by dialing up the AFSS and giving the starting point, estimated time of departure, destination, route of flight, altitude and airspeed of the planned flight. Weather information for each segment of the trip, proper headings for each leg and even estimated times of arrival as well as NOTAM's then will be printed out on the terminal display or printer. In addition, a radar map of weather along the route is displayed.

Pilots not having access to computer terminals will also benefit from this automation improvement since voice response system briefings and specialist briefings can be made even more specific.

GSA Information

All field offices and facilities submitting the Application for the new GSA Customer Supply Center in Stockton, California are to use the billed office code (BOAC) 699J13 in Part B4 of the Application. Incorrect code was previously included in instructions given by AWP-52A on August 26, 1983. GSA is correcting the applications previously submitted. Call Sherri McKenzie at FTS 966-6135 or commercial 213/536-6135 if you have any questions.

Dennis McDonald Presented Award

Roger Grunert (left), Douglas Program Manager of San Francisco Air Carrier District Office, is shown congratulating Dennis McDonald on receipt of a Quality Increase Award and outstanding rating for his sustained performance as an Airman Certification Inspector in the B-727 and L-1011 programs. Dennis is a nationally recognized authority on matters of air carrier cabin safety.



Wichita Tower Dedicated

FAA's newest airport traffic control tower was dedicated November 17 at the Wichita, Kan., Mid-Continent Airport. Principal speaker at the ceremony was Secretary Dole, who called the \$8.3 million facility "one of the most modern towers in the country."

Tower Chief Bill Winnett said the new tower went operational on October 31, and all 57 FAA AT and AF employees have now moved into the new structure. These include 50 controllers, supervisors, data system specialists, and administrative staff members as well as seven maintenance specialists assigned to the tower to keep the sophisticated ATC equipment in continuous working order.

The 111-foot tower is the agency's second to be equipped with an Integrated Communications Switching System (ICSS), which provides ground-to-ground and air-to-ground communications switching. Winnett pointed out that the new system will, among other things, greatly simplify his task of reconfiguring when controller positions are added or removed. He also said it would make it much easier for controllers to switch over to a back-up system in case their primary system goes out.

Sacramento AFS Awards

The awards have been abundant at the Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector the past few months. Congratulations to the recipients: Quality Increase Awards = Pat Mercurio, Nav/Comm Technician-In-Depth, Sacramento AFS; Al Nakahara, Electronics Technician, Mather Sector Field Office; Herb Westerman and Joe Divine, System Performance Specialists and Ben Maes, Electronics Technician, McClellan ARTS Sector Field Office; and Lupe Guerrero, Electronics Technician, Stockton Sector Field Office; Special Achievement Awards = Tony Rizzo and Larry Richardson, Maintenance Mechanics and Don Endersby, Electrician, Environmental Support Unit, Sacramento AFS; Letter of Commendation = Jim Stover, Electronics Technician, Sacramento Sector Field Office; Career Service Emblems = 15 years = Gill Yee, Electronics Technician, Modesto Sector Field Office Unit; 25 years = Roy Stephenson, Electronics Technician, McClellan Radar/Comm Sector Field Office; 30 years = Lupe Guerrero, Electronics Technician, Stockton Sector Field Office.

John Katsigenis

Retirement Dinner

John Katsigenis is retiring on Jan. 3 and there will be a dinner held in his honor on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Continental Hotel, Las Vegas. No-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; Buffet Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 per person (including tax & tip). To confirm your dinner reservations, please send your money to the Las Vegas Airway Facilities Sector, 5700-C South Haven, Las Vegas, NV 89119, by January 6. Make checks payable to Richard Browder.

AF Division Awards

Mike Gonzales, Assistant Manager, Maintenance Operations Branch, Airway Facilities Division, recently presented a Special Achievement Award to Paul Collander, Environmental Engineering Section Supervisor and a Quality Increase Award to Don Fanell, Maintenance Engineering Section Supervisor.....Quality Increase Awards were also presented by Paul Collander to Ken Sander, Supervisor, Special Maintenance Projects and Henry (Ski) Kaczorowski, Supervisor, Field Maintenance Party, Environmental Engineering Section.

Meet the People Behind Intercom



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Many of you have wondered how INTERCOM comes out faithfully every week. Without the dedicated help of those smiling faces above, the INTERCOM editor would have a difficult time indeed. Beth Caughey is the assistant INTERCOM editor and also assists the Public Affairs Officer in responding to public and news media calls. Rafael Riera, stay-in-schooler, is a natural for Public Affairs and you have seen his handiwork in typing many of the INTERCOM heads and even seen his byline on a photo or two. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Beth and Rafael for their tireless (well, almost tireless) devotion and, together, we pledge to continue to do our best for you in the coming year. Keep those submissions coming!

Commuter Aircraft to Get Permanent Standards

The agency has moved to make permanent the certification standards for commuter airline aircraft that are too big for Part 23, but not large enough for Part 25. Part 23 covers small or light aircraft and Part 25 applies to airline and transport type aircraft.

In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking printed in the November 15 Federal Register, the agency said it intends to incorporate the present temporary standards--Special Federal Aviation Regulation 41 (SFAR 41)--into Part 23 along with special noise limitations and additional standards recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

As it now reads, Part 23 covers aircraft with takeoff weights up to 12,500 pounds. SFAR 41 provided for aircraft with takeoff weights up to 19,000 pounds and 19 or fewer passenger seats. It was adopted in October 1978 for ten years.

FAA's Minority Contracts Set Records in '83

FAA's Minority Business Enterprise Program enjoyed its best year ever in FY 1983 with contracts totaling over \$71 million going to small business concerns owned and controlled by economically and socially disadvantaged individuals. That was 126 percent of the FY'83 targeted goal of \$56.16 million.

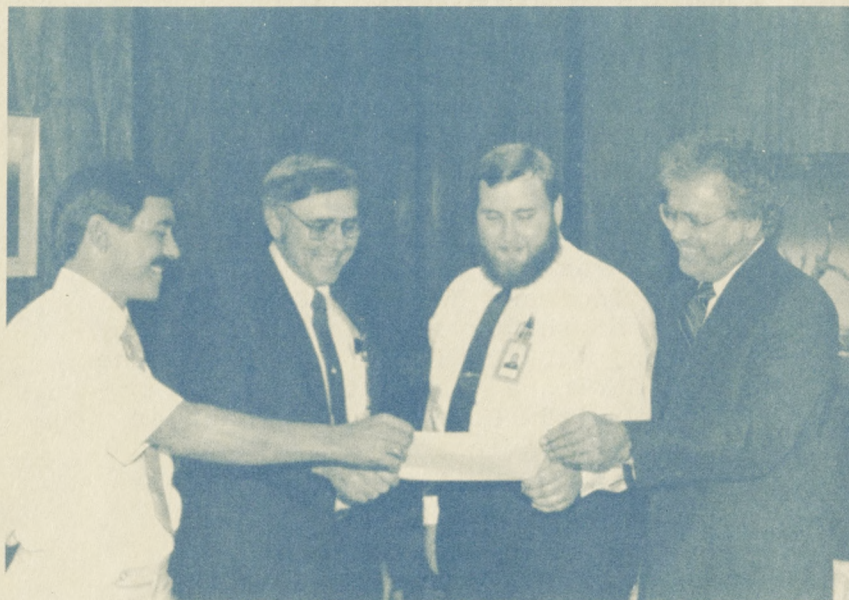
According to William Burgess, FAA's Minority Business Development Officer, \$64.82 million in contracts were awarded under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act. Another \$5.18 million was in direct contracts and \$1.01 million in subcontracts. The latter figure is expected to increase as additional reports are received from prime contractors.

Every FAA region/center exceeded its goal, except one, with the Southern Region hanging up the best record. It achieved 244 percent of its goal, followed closely by the Northwest Mountain Region with 195 percent.

Mitchell Erickson Receives Award

Air Traffic Assistant Mitchell Erickson was recently presented a Quality Increase Award at Los Angeles Center. Mitch was the first Air Traffic Assistant in the Western-Pacific Region to receive a Quality Increase.

Photo: From left - James Caudle, Assistant Air Traffic Manager; Robert Pease, Area Supervisor; Mitchell Erickson, Air Traffic Assistant and Leroy Garrett, Area Manager.





Harvey Neal Retires

Fellow workers gathered at the Antelope Valley Inn, Lancaster, Calif., to attend a luncheon in honor of Harvey Neal to wish him a happy retirement. Harvey's government service spanned 40 years, of which 31 years were with the CAA/FAA. He entered on duty as an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Bakersfield FSS on March 3, 1952 and then transferred to Wendover FSS in November 1954. Harvey then entered the Center option beginning at Oakland Center in May 1955 and transferring to Los Angeles Center in September 1960. After a short stay there, he changed to the Tower option by transferring to Edwards RAPCON in July 1961 and then returning to Los Angeles in December 1962. Harvey and his wife, Ann, (above photo) plan on doing a lot of motor home traveling. He will be missed by all of us at Los Angeles Center.

Awards Presented to SFO CASFO Employees

Lovey Williams (middle) and Charles McCusker (right) of the Civil Aviation Security Field Office, San Francisco, Calif., were recently presented outstanding ratings for performance and Quality Increase Awards. Jay Adsen, Manager of the Civil Aviation Security Division, AWP-700 (left) presented the awards during a visit at the field office. William Powell is the Manager of the Civil Aviation Security Field Office, San Francisco. Congratulations to Lovey and Charles.

