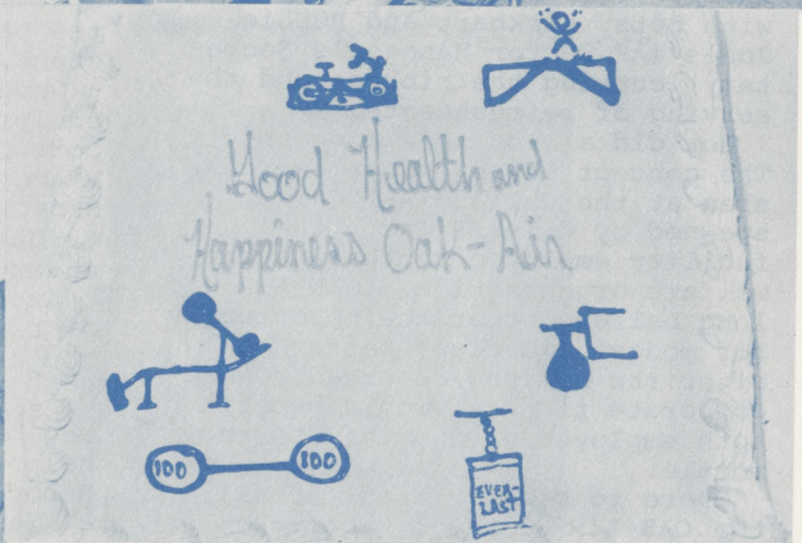




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OAK-AIR Rec Room

Cover Story

The Western-Pacific Region has celebrated another first -- the dedication of the OAK-AIR Recreation Room at Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC).

Present equipment in the room consists of two rowing machines, two tunturi ergometers (bicycles), one seven-station universal weight set and one ping pong table.

Present at the dedication ceremony were Greg Snyder, the OAK-AIR Treasurer, who gave a brief history of events; Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure; Vince Mellone, Air Traffic Manager; Byron Mabee, Airway Facilities Manager; and Betsy Kirkhart, Manager, Human Resources Staff. The ceremony concluded with Betsy Kirkhart and Bobbie Jones (AF Sector Manager's Secretary) cutting the ribbons and the serving of refreshments.

How did all of this come about? The concept of an indoor exercise area at the Oakland ARTCC was spawned by OAK-AIR Inc., the facility employee recreation and welfare organization. OAK-AIR had long believed that the opportunity for modest exercise, patterned after the nationwide trend toward corporate fitness, would benefit both employee productiveness and morale.

Where to start? First of all, the OAK-AIR Board of Directors realized that such a project would require a combined effort among the Air Traffic and Airway Facilities Managers, the Facility Advisory Board and the Human Relations Committee. OAK-AIR already had one big advantage--independent funding--but it needed support from other divisions.

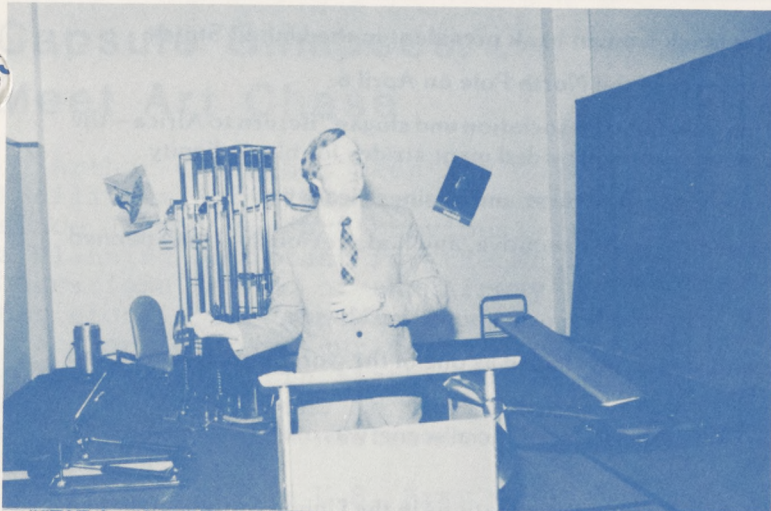
Former Air Traffic Manager, Erwin Buschauer, heartily endorsed the project and gave OAK-AIR sound encouragement. Airway Facilities Sector Manager Byron Mabee volunteered information on potentially available space within the center. The Facility Advisory Board and Human Relations Committee utilized their resources and influence in their support of the worthwhile project to the Regional Office.

Meanwhile, the OAK-AIR Committee reached agreement to allot \$5,000 towards the purchase of fitness and exercise equipment. Once the Regional Office issued the permit for the space, the Oakland Center Recreation Room Chairman, Jim Galbraith, supported by resources from the OAK-AIR treasury, began decorating, laying carpet, and negotiating purchase of the equipment. The Center personnel were especially fortunate since the American Fitness Equipment Company of South San Francisco, offered its finest equipment at a most reasonable cost. That cost, combined with the ingenuity of the Recreation Committee, established the basis for a compact, yet efficient, exercise area.

Once the basic foundations and equipment were in place, the support of current Air Traffic Manager Vince Mellone and Airway Facilities Sector Manager Byron Mabee contributed to the ever-improving enterprise.

Are Oakland Center people proud of all their accomplishments? You bet they are!

Cover photos: Top, from left-- Regional Director Mac McClure helps Sector Manager's Secretary Bobbie Jones cut the ribbon; AT Manager Vince Mellone and AF Manager Byron Mabee look on. At the right we have Betsy Kirkhart trying out a rowing machine. Below: Greg Snyder, OAK-AIR Treasurer, gives opening remarks as Ralph Davis, Eddie Lewis, Norm Carp and Basil Ward look on from the right. The specially-designed cakewas enjoyed by all.

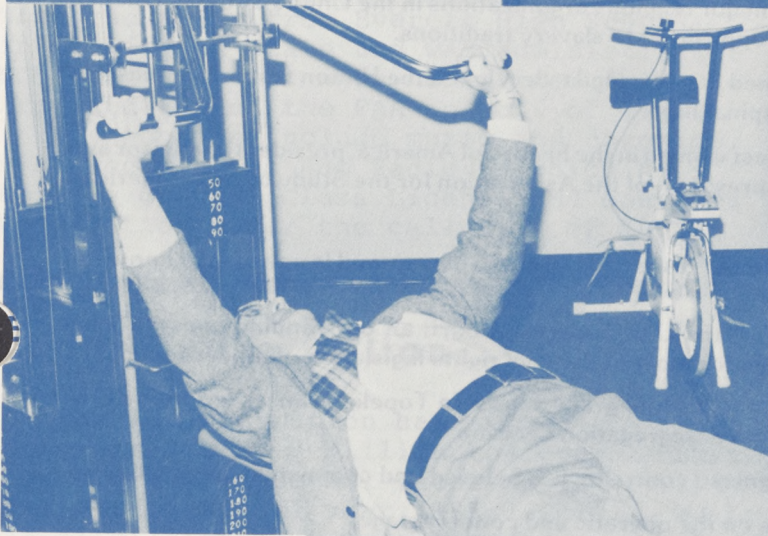


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Left: Regional Director Mac McClure addresses the group as he stands in front of the new Recreation Room.



Middle: Dr. McClure takes an active role in checking out the equipment.

Below: Betsy Kirkhart, Manager, Human Resources Staff, at the podium. Front row, at right, are (from left) Eddie Lewis, San Francisco Tower Manager; Byron Mabee, Airway Facilities Sector Manager, Oakland Center; Don Tom, Assistant Manager, Airway Facilities Division; and Ed Arri, Area Manager, Bay TRACON.



Black History Month - February 1984

- 1903—Maggie Lena Walker was founder and first black woman bank president in the United States.
- 1909—Mathew Alexander Henson was a co-discoverer of the North Pole on April 6.
- 1915—Marcus Garvey and his Universal Negro Improvement Association and slogan "Return to Africa—the Motherland," awakened black consciousness and provided giant strides for black dignity.
- 1920—Madame C. J. Walker was a pioneer cosmetic manufacturer and business leader.
- 1922—James Weldon Johnson, became author and NAACP executive, and had previously (1900) penned the words to the famed "Lift Every Voice and Sing."
- 1923—Bessie Smith, an early female blues singer, made black music known world-wide.
- 1925—Paul Robeson, champion college athlete and singer, was hailed as one of the world's great actors and leaders.
- 1930—Langston Hughes, caustic and keen observer of the American racial scene, was one of the most widely quoted poets.
- 1932—Elija Muhammad, founder of one of the major religious organizations in the United States, preached belief in blackness, "love of self" and opposition to slavery traditions.
- 1936—William Augustus Hinton, world-renowned bacteriologist, developed the Hinton test for syphilis and the Davis-Hinton tests of blood and spinal fluid.
- 1936—Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the greatest women in the history of America, presidential advisor and confidant, was a college founder and president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History 1936-1951.
- 1941—Charles Richard Drew, became the foremost researcher in blood plasma and is universally known as the "Father of the Blood Bank."
- 1945—Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, an outstanding constitutional lawyer, spearheaded the legal foundation for most of the civil rights legislation of modern times.
- 1954—Linda Brown's lawsuit to gain admission to a white grade school in Topeka, Kansas led to the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1954 school desegregation decision.
- 1960—Marion Anderson, internationally recognized contralto, is a beloved and commanding stage figure.
- 1962—Leontyne Price is experiencing success on the operatic and concert stage.
- 1963—Katherine Dunham is a significant contributor to the modern dance.
- 1965—Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation give impetus to upward mobility for minorities.
- 1968—Martin Luther King, Jr., winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was one of the greatest leaders America has produced.
- 1970—Cicely Tyson has become one of the best actresses in motion picture, television and on the Broadway stage.
- 1975—Pearl Bailey, singer of popular music, is a presidential favorite.
- 1977—National Congressional Black Caucus becomes a viable political force.
- 1978—The Bakke Decision devised complicated formula for placement of Blacks in institutions of higher learning.
- 1979—Sophisticated orbital vehicles open up the Universe to our planet for inspection.
- 1980—President Carter signs into law a Bill designating special status for Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.
- 1981—Increase in the number of Black voters.
- 1982—Continuation of the National Voters Rights Act.
- 1983—Martin Luther King's birthday declared National Holiday.

Capsule Glimpses. . .

Meet Art Chase

Arthur Chase has been the Guam Airway Facilities Sector Administrative Officer since June 1983. Art previously served as a Planning Assistant for the Maintenance Operations Branch of the Airway Facilities Division in the Alaskan Region.

Prior to that, during his nearly 17 year assignment in Alaska, he held administrative positions in the Accounting, Logistics and Administrative Services Divisions.

Art joined the U.S. Army shortly after his graduation from Everett High School in Washington state and was administrative NCOIC of his unit when he retired from the Army and joined the FAA in Oct. of 1966.

His hobbies include music and ceramics. His avocation is Ham Radio in which he holds a General Class License and operates his station under the call sign of KL7FS.



Budget up a Billion

The Administration has asked Congress for \$5.7 billion to operate and modernize all facets of FAA during fiscal year 1985. This is \$1 billion plus more than appropriated by Congress for FAA in FY 1984. The request provides for the continued safe and efficient operation of the National Airspace System (NAS) as it resumes "normal" operations following strike recovery. It also includes higher funding levels to modernize and improve air traffic control and airway system facilities, as well as funds for airport development.

Approximately 82 percent of the total funding is proposed to be financed from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund with revenues generated from aviation system users. For example, of the \$2.7 billion requested for operations, \$1.76 billion is proposed to be financed from the Trust Fund.

Most of the 1985 budget increase is taken up by the Facili-

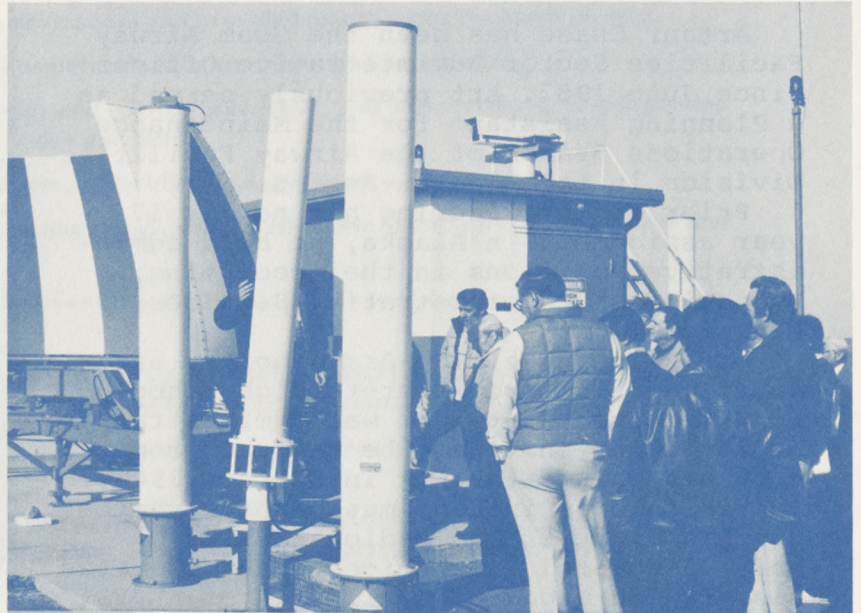
ties and Equipment (F&E) request, which is up \$907 million from the 1984 figure. Major programs funded by this request include air traffic control host computer, airport surveillance radar, Mode S, and flight service station modernization.

The Research, Engineering and Development appropriation is \$269 million, about the same as last year, with \$153 million going for the continued development of the advanced computer programs and other programs, such as weather and communications service, aircraft safety, the SEI contract, and TCAs.

The Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program) obligation-level request of \$987 million is an increase of \$187 million over FY 1984. Also requested was \$49 million for operation, maintenance, and construction at the Metropolitan Washington Airports.

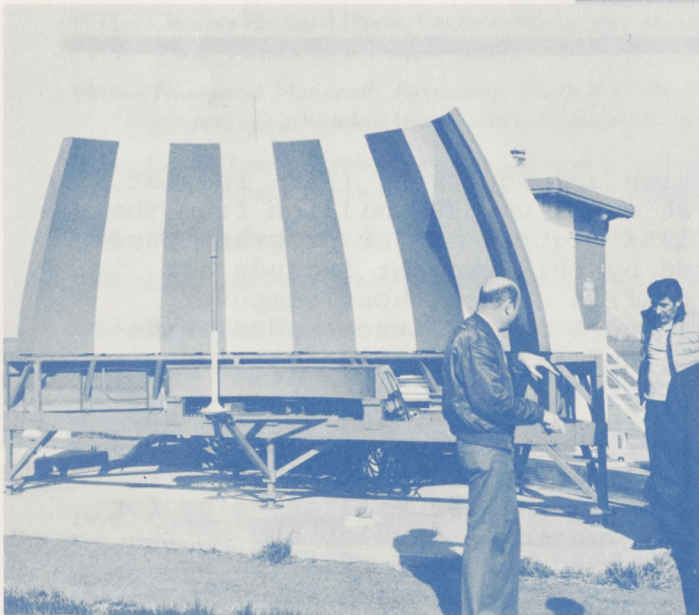
TAKING A LOOK INTO ...

MLS FIELD TRIP TO CROWS LANDING



Above: Scanning beams clearance antennas - middle antenna - has been tilted back for better Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) operation.

Left: Bill Staler (left), NASA Microwave Landing System (MLS) Engineer, explains scanning beams (localizer operation) as Pat Mercurio, Sacramento AFS, looks on.



A few months back, an Instrument Landing System (ILS) Seminar was hosted by the Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector. Guest speakers from the Regional Headquarters (AWP-463) and Los Angeles Flight Inspection Field Office (LAX FIFO) augmented the lectures by Sacramento AFS personnel. The photos tell it all.

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Top left: Bill Staler has a captive audience as he explains scanning beams (localizer) clearance/I.D. antennas. Counterclockwise--Tom Fujiwara, AWP-463; Don Gross, Sacramento AFS; Paul Lee, San Francisco AFS; Bill Staler, NASA; Dick Rippe, Sacramento AFS; Ed Magney, Sacramento AFS; DeWayne Shedd, Red Bluff AFS; Jim Stover, Sacramento AFS; John Peden, Red Bluff AFS; Ron Riberal, Red Bluff AFS; and Jim Wilkinson, Sacramento AFS.

Top right: Microwave Landing System site elevation (glideslope).

Bottom: From left--Bob Young, Sacramento AFS Assistant Sector Manager, welcomes attending personnel...Bob Dickerson, LAX FIFO, and Pat Mercurio, Sacramento Nav/Comm Technician-in-Depth, discuss flight check problems/procedures...Tom Fujiwara, AWP-463, discusses Regional activities with attendees...Jimmy Wilkinson, Sacramento AFS Electronics Technician, addresses LOM/Marker problems...and Don Gross, Sacramento AFS Electronics Technician, begins his presentation and demonstration of portable ILS receivers.

Special Salary Rate Changes

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced some changes to special salary rates. On Jan. 8, the new minimum regular General Schedule (GS) salary rate became greater than the minimum special salary rates for clerical positions in certain grade levels. As a result, special salary rates for clerical positions in the following grades and areas were automatically terminated: grade GS-4 in the geographical area of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, CA and grade GS-7 in the geographical area of Los Angeles, CA. Because the regular GS rate is higher than their former special salary rate, the employees in grades GS-4 and GS-7 who are assigned in the geographical areas shown above, will receive an increase in their salaries. (The increase will not appear in paychecks until pay period #5, the normal pay day for which is Feb. 28.) The increase will be retroactive to Jan. 8. OPM did not increase the special salary rates for Engineers or Medical Officers.



John L. Reynolds

John L. (Jack) Reynolds, Air Carrier Inspector at the Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office, passed away on February 3 of a heart attack. He was in Oklahoma City attending a training course at the time of his death. Condolences may be sent to his wife at: 7514 Kentwood Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045.



More Improvements From NAR

The National Airspace Review's (NAR) output of recommended operational improvements continued to soar as another 56 recommendations were reviewed during the most recent NAR Executive Steering Committee (EXCOM) meeting held at FAA Headquarters on January 31. The recommendations were subsequently passed on to the FAA Administrator for his approval and for implementation.

These recommended changes in airspace use and ATC procedures bring the total number of NAR recommendations to 653 since the high-level review began in 1982.

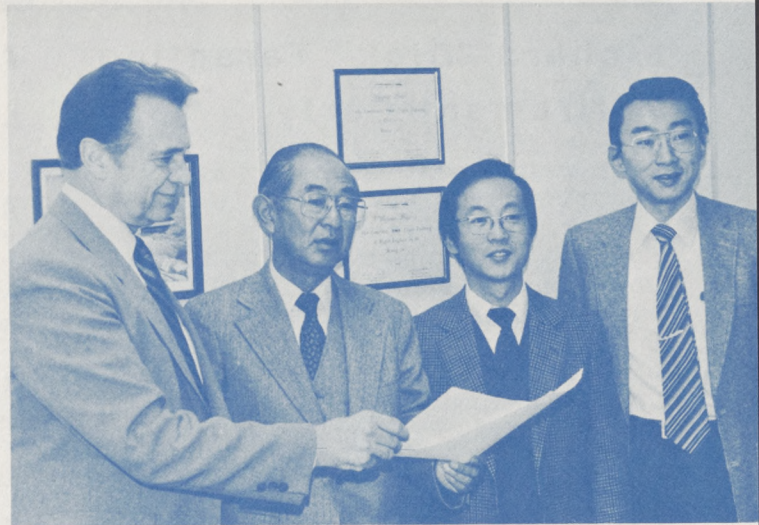
The ten-member EXCOM is made up of seven representatives from industry and users groups and three FAA employees: Kenneth S. Hunt, Director, Office of Flight Operations; Raymond J. Van Vuren, Associate Administrator for Air Traffic and EXCOM's Executive Director; and Michael J. Fenello, Acting Administrator and EXCOM's chairman.

The recommendations made during the latest meeting were contained in four separate studies. They were: US/Canada/Mexico common airspace and procedures integration; traffic flow management; separation standards; and helicopter operations and charts.

To date, 49 studies have been reviewed, and there are only 17 remaining. In view of this, the study phase of NAR is expected to be completed by late August 1984, which will be 15 months ahead of the originally scheduled date for completion. Acting Administrator Fenello summed up the situation by expressing FAA's appreciation for the work done by user EXCOM members during the past 19 months.

San Francisco Air Carrier Office On The Go

Japan Airlines' recent purchase of U.S. registered B-747 aircraft required several certification actions by the San Francisco Air Carrier District Office. Manager Wayne Bair (left) presents letters of authorization to use an FAA approved maintenance program and minimum equipment list to Japan Airlines officials (from left) S. Aoyagi, H. Murikami and S. Kanazawa.



NAS Plan Support Contract Awarded

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole on Jan. 31 announced the award of a \$684 million Federal Aviation Administration contract to Martin Marietta Corp. to provide technical and management support for implementation of the agency's National Airspace System (NAS) Plan over the next 10 years.

"The NAS Plan represents the fulfillment of President Reagan's pledge to modernize the nation's air transportation system to keep it the safest and most efficient in the world," Secretary Dole said.

Secretary Dole described the NAS Plan as the largest nonmilitary government technical program since the Apollo moon landing project. She said the program already is well underway and noted that in recent months, FAA has awarded contracts for the design of new air traffic control computers, the procurement of 172 new-technology landing systems, and the installation of more than 100 advanced airport radar systems.

Other major programs already in progress include the automation and consolidation of FAA's flight service station network, which provides private and business pilots with weather and flight information, the replacement of all

FAA's communication and navigation equipment with new solid-state technology, and the development of a new generation of long range weather radar.

The System Engineering and Integration (SEI) contract with Martin Marietta calls for the company to assist FAA with the NAS Plan implementation by providing a broad range of management, system design, and technical engineering support. Specifically, the company will provide:

- Program management expertise to help FAA control plans, budgets, costs, and schedules for all elements of the NAS Plan;
- Overall system engineering and design expertise in preparing functional requirements for new subsystems, and planning system integration and installation, and in evaluating the performance of integrated systems;
- Technical engineering and project management support to NAS Plan program managers in the day-to-day accomplishment of their tasks, as well as technical direction, when required, to program contractors, and
- Validation of "in-the-field" installations to ensure that the total system meets the specified results.

Richard "Dick" Tarantino Retirement Party

A retirement dinner/party honoring Dick and his wife Bobbi will be held Friday, May 4 at the Knollwood Country Club, 12024 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills. The evening will begin with No-Host Cocktails at 7 p.m. and follow with Prime Rib Dinner at 8 p.m. Cost, including gratuity and tax, will be \$18 per person.

After 31 years of government service, Dick will be retiring April 28 with over 20 years at Van Nuys Tower as a controller and area supervisor.

For further information contact Betty Peterson, Sally Briggs or Carl Leeds at Van Nuys Tower 818/904-6166 or 818/904-6109 (FTS 983-6166 or 983-6109). Checks should be made payable to Carl J. Leeds, sent to the FAA Control Tower, 7550 Hayvenhurst Place, Van Nuys 91406 and received by April 6.

Credit Union Has New Manager

Upon the recommendation of Leon C. Daugherty, the Board of Directors of the FAA Western Federal Credit Union has appointed Terry Spence as General Manager of the Credit Union, effective Feb. 2. Concurrently, Leon has accepted the position of Assistant General Manager and will be remaining with the Credit Union in that position. Mr. Spence is recognized for his outstanding management of the Rockwell Federal Credit Union for the past 15 years. His expertise in finance is needed, and his extensive contacts will enable him to set up an effective middle management team to provide the knowledge and skills that are urgently needed. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated.

AF Division Letters Of Appreciation

The following Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, employees received Letters of Appreciation from AWP-400 for their hard work on the Mesa Tower: Environmental Section, AWP-454, personnel - Clifford Rustad, Herbert (Bud) Smith, Eduardo Arriola, Lazaro Maldonado, Jorge Barrio, Porfirio Guevera and Manuel Amaro; Electronics Section, AWP-453, personnel - Wayman Haliburton, Leroy Early, Abel Tapia, Mack Humphery, Oscar Sanchez, Joe Grasso and Bob Bruns.....AWP-450 employees receiving Letters of Appreciation from the Supervisor, Environmental Section, AWP-454, for their work on the San Diego/Lindbergh Field localizer project are: Pat Long, Alan Amsbary, Gary Benson, Susan Bishop, Gabriel Duran and Rory Geil.....Electronics Section, AWP-453, employees receiving Letters of Appreciation from the Manager, Las Vegas AFS for their work on the new Las Vegas Tower installation cutover are: Terry Hoyt, John Barnicoat, Kenneth White, Gary Yamamoto, Rodra Brooks, Ed Matthews, William Medina, George Larson, Henry Sandstrom and Robert McClain. Congratulations!

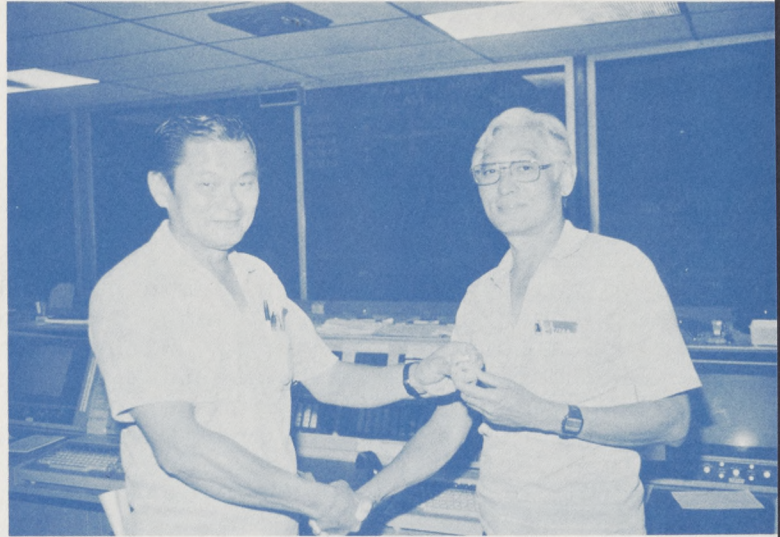
Monterey Tower Golf Tournament



Monterey Tower announces the third annual Monterey Tower Open golf tournament, a two-day event to be held at the Laguna Seca and Rancho Canada Golf Courses on May 9 and 10. We're looking forward to another great turnout. Please call Monterey Tower for further information--408/375-1211.

30 Years for Hiroto Chigawa

Flight Service Specialist Hiroto Chigawa (right) recently received a 30-year Career Service Emblem from Area Supervisor Edwin Ishisaka. Besides having served in the military service, Hiroto also spent time with the FAA on Wake Island and Guam prior to his reassignment to the Honolulu Flight Service Station.



Employee Multiphasic Health Screening

Multiphasic health screening is scheduled to be accomplished at the Regional Office on dates indicated below.

The Employee Multiphasic Health Screening (EMHS) program is voluntary and as a minimum employees will be tested for: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Vision Testing (glaucoma, visual acuity, color, fusion, depth perception), Pulmonary Vital Capacity, Audiometrics (hearing test), and individual consultation with an FAA medical doctor. Testing time is approximately 20 minutes per employee. Each employee examined will be provided with an EMHS report upon completion of testing. Employees may take all or any part of the EMHS tests offered. Use and protection of all personal medical data will be in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

The intent of the EMHS program is to diagnose a disease process early in its course and to provide a health management program for

those employees who are not participating in a health program at this time. The EMHS program is open and available to all FAA employees in all geographic locations of the Western-Pacific Region. The EMHS program will be a continuing program (two year cycle).

Those employees who desire to participate are required to make EMHS appointments with the respective Health Screening Coordinator listed below. Health Screening will be accomplished between the hours of 0820 - 1440 in the Mobile Laboratory at the Regional Headquarters building.

DATES	EMHS COORDINATOR/PHONE
2/27-29	Medical Div. x6300 or come in and sign up
3/01-02	Medical Div. x6300 or come in and sign up
3/05-07	AWP-460 (Gertrude) FTS 966-6155
4/09-12	AWP-540 (Russ Kelsey) FTS 966-6401

FAAer Selected As Olympics Official

Al Pina, Operations Inspector with Van Nuys General Aviation District Office, has been selected as one of the competition officials for the 1984 Olympic Games to be held in the Los Angeles area. He has been officiating at athletic meets for over 20 years. With this experience, it is easy to see why Al was selected as a competition official by the Olympic Officials Selection Committee. Congratulations, Al!

Oakland AFS News

Paul Maxwell was recently honored at a luncheon for his retirement after 35 years of service to the government. The Environmental Group sure knows how to throw a party. And the gifts, you just had to be there. Best wishes, Paul.....Gene Cole and Maurice Shwetzter are doing their usual outstanding job of teaching CPR. As a result, they have received Letters of Appreciation from Reno AFS, Las Vegas AFS and Honolulu AFS.....John Reese, Electronic Technician, San Jose Sector Field Office, received a very nice Letter of Appreciation from Tom Hartliep, Manager Reid-Hillview Tower for John's fine support to the folks in that tower.....Kyle Vancil, General Supply Specialist, and Jim Hansen received Letters of Appreciation from Sam Fabela, Manager, Santa Rosa Tower, for supporting Sam in an emergency travel situation.....Paul Milani received a Letter of Commendation from Glen Gourley, Manager, Concord Tower for Paul's help to Concord Tower.....Emmett Larsen, now with AWP-420, received a Special Achievement Award for his work on the 2nd Generation VORTAC program.....On a sad note, our sincere condolences to Celia Alonzo whose mother recently passed away.

Burbank AT Happenings

Welcome aboard to Martin Hardy, Area Supervisor from Phoenix TRACON; Bob Ensten, Area Supervisor from AWO-530; Don Gutman, Automation Specialist from Palm Springs TRACAB; and Brian Moore, Quality Assurance and Training Specialist from Burbank Tower/TRACON. Congratulations are in order to Chuck Chamberlain, who has been selected for Los Angeles TRACON, and Steve Pansky who has departed to Brackett Tower as an Area Supervisor. Also to Bill Kruschke, John Nolan and George Slade who received Quality Increase Awards and Chuck Chamberlain who received a Special Achievement Award for performance.

Idea Champions

Congratulations to Robert Schnell Air Traffic Control Specialist, Red Bluff Flight Service Station and John Nicholson, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Phoenix Flight Service Station for earning the title Idea Champions for FY-1983. Their suggestions concerning Leased Service A Patch Cord Charts and Revision to the GS 200/300 Operations Procedures saved the government \$12,096 in tangible benefits for the first year. Bob and John received Letters of Commendation from Regional Director Mac McClure.

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