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## ORANGE COUNTY TOWER



## Cover Story

Featured on the cover this week is the new Orange County Tower which was dedicated last fall.

The old tower at Orange County was built 24 years ago by the County of Orange to serve the airport now known as the John Wayne Airport, Orange County. That tower served the cause of Air Traffic Control with great distinction. During the period since its beginning, the classification of the tower has gone from a Level I to the highest level for a VFR tower, Level III. When the FAA first began air traffic control services it did so with seven specialists under the guidance of Facility Chief Isaac "Ike" Jones. The tower access street is named in Ike's memory.

In the past decade, the tower held the number two ranking for total operations nationwide for the six years from 1973 through 1978. Only Chicago O'Hare exceeded this facility's productivity. Since 1959, over 10,920,000 landings and takeoffs have received their clearances from the tower.

Now a new era begins -- an era of new buildings and new equipment that coincides with the agency's rebuilding of the bulk of the National Airspace System.

The new tower will provide a better vantage point from which to direct the busy mix of commercial and general aviation traffic that makes John Wayne Airport somewhat unique among the nation's aviation facilities. Millions of travelers annually rely on John Wayne Airport for transportation to and from what has been described as the future West Coast business center. It is equipped with the latest communications facilities. Modern computer enhanced radar displays will assist controllers in keeping track of the constant flow of arrivals and departures that are characteristic of the beehive activity.

Current staffing at the new facility includes: Air Traffic Manager Ralph Odenwald, 17 controllers, two supervisors and one secretary. Busy days average over 1,500 operations, while many busy hours exceed 200 landings and takeoffs. The tower operation could not function so efficiently without the support of the Airway Facilities personnel attached to the San Diego Airway Facilities Sector, headed by AF Field Office Manager, Ray Garcia.

In dedicating the new tower, Air Traffic Manager Ralph Odenwald concluded by stating: "This building is dedicated to the mission of the FAA to provide for the safe and efficient utilization of the nation's airspace for the American people. By becoming a part of the world's most advanced air traffic control and air navigation system, this facility has inherited a proud tradition of the past. It will make its own mark for the future."

Cover photo: Air Traffic Manager Ralph Odenwald addresses the crowd at the new tower's dedication ceremonies. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

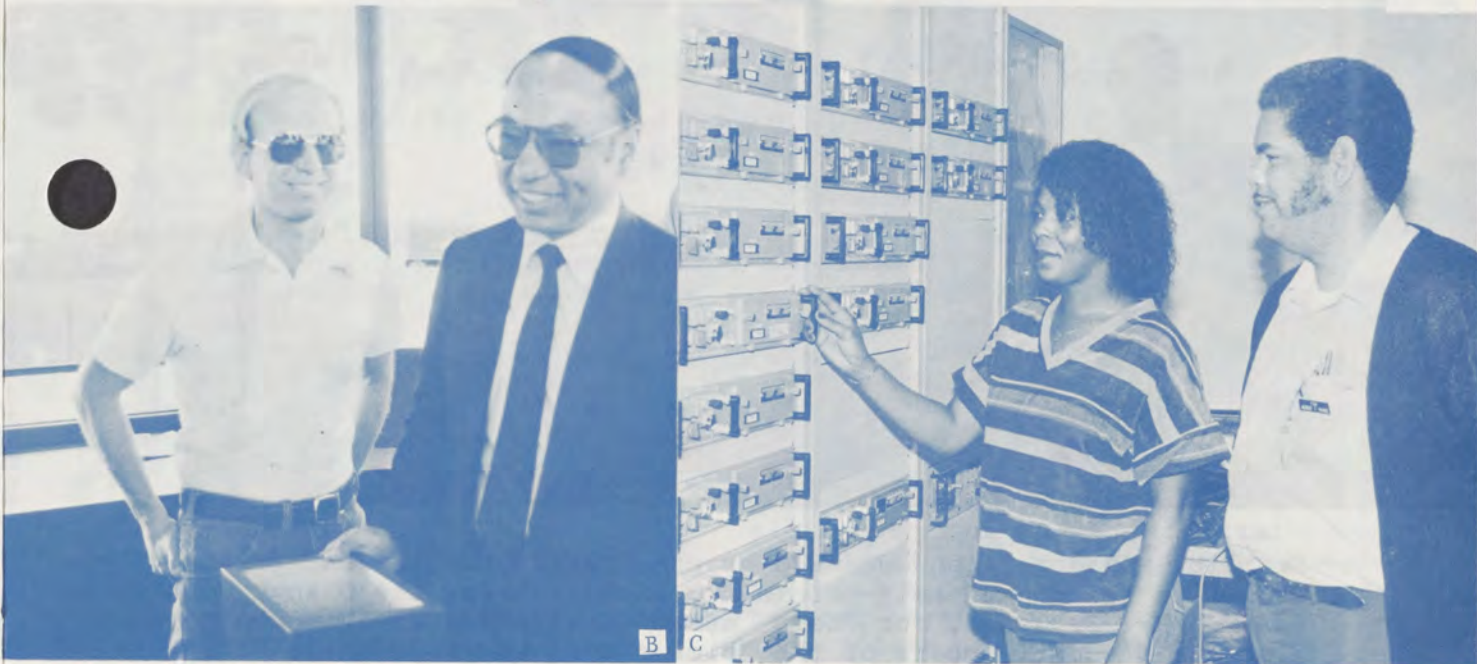


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# Orange County Tower Dedication



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A--Facility Manager Ralph Odenwald delivers the tower dedication address. Seated are Ken Hall (left) who represented Orange County Supervisor Thomas Riley, and Regional Director Mac McClure.

B--Russ Teske (left), Resident Engineer who supervised the electronic equipment installation, and Don Tom, Airway Facilities Assistant Division Manager, inside the new tower cab.

C--Electronic Technicians Gwendolyn Johnson and George Young, assigned to the Santa Ana Field Office, perform final checks on the communications systems.

## More Orange County



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A--Facility Manager Ralph Odenwald greets Charles A. Sergeant (right), long-time friend and self-proclaimed historian for the Orange County Tower. Mr. Sergeant, or "Sarg" as he is affectionately known to most past and present members of the tower staff, was made an honorary Air Traffic Control Specialist in 1977. His photographic chronology of the old and the new towers makes for interesting viewing during his frequent visits to the tower.

B--From left--Former controller Mark Washam and his young children visit Controllers James McCann, Joe Santoro and Tony Patrizio on dedication day.

C--Wayne Olsen, Civil Engineer, Airway Facilities, who supervised the construction of the new tower.

D--It's a family affair as Ralph Odenwald poses with his wife Gen (second from right) and his daughters, from left, Sandy, Denise and Laura.

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## Mark Roser Receives Award

Mark Roser (left), Documentation Specialist, Materiel Management Branch, Logistics Division, is the proud recipient of a Quality Increase Award with an Outstanding Rating presented by Paul Giras, Manager, Materiel Management Branch. Photo by Rafael Riera.



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## Neil Bennett Retirement Party

Los Angeles Tower invites you to the Neil Bennett Retirement Party at Goldie's Cafe & Bar, 999 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Imperial), El Segundo, Calif. on Sat., April 14. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. and dinner, 7:30 p.m. (Goldie's chicken-soup or salad-dessert). RSVP by April 2 to LAX Tower, 213/646-8168 or FTS 963-2069. Live Music - No Host Bar!

## Jerry Presba Retires

Jerry Presba, Technical Support Staff Supervisor, Western Aircraft Certification Office, Los Angeles, was honored at a surprise "coffee and cake" retirement party, Feb. 24. Many of Jerry's friends from the Regional Office and the Certification Office in Long Beach, attended. Jerry's Federal service spans more than 19 years, 17 of those years with the FAA. We hope Jerry enjoys his retirement.....we will miss him.

## FAA Training Courses Equal College Credit

A number of FAA training courses have been recommended for specific college credit by the American Council on Education (ACE). This allows FAAers to apply their agency-sponsored training in pursuit of educational goals at the college level.

To obtain a transcript of their FAA training courses that have been recommended for college credit, employees should write their training branches (supplying their SSN) and ask that a copy of their training history be sent to ACE. As part of the process, the training offices also will send additional material directly to employees which they will complete and forward to ACE.

A charge of \$25 is levied by ACE on the employee to cover the establishment of the record as well as the cost of the first transcript. Additional transcripts will be \$5 each and future training courses can be added at no additional cost.

## FAA Flies Security For Space Shuttle

If you watch your TV screen very carefully during the next space shuttle "shot," you might notice a couple of Beechcraft Barons flying about. The Barons are security aircraft, manned by FAA pilots from the St. Petersburg, Fla., Flight Standards District Office (FSDO). Their job is to keep other aircraft out of the restricted area while the shuttle is blasting off or landing at Cape Kennedy.

During the February 11, landing at Kennedy, these planes were flown by principal operations inspectors Thomas Inglima and Dunton Wyatt. Riding as an observer was inspector Bob Simmons, who recently transferred to St. Petersburg from Albany, N. Y.

Inglima said that they often carry observers on the security flights. "However," he said, "usually they are volunteers from area air traffic facilities." He went on to explain that the planes they fly are rented from local airports, and the Baron is the best of those they have tried to date.

He noted, "Our principle job is to keep the area clear. Most pilots cooperate and leave the area when they see us wiggling our wings at them. We have a big FAA sign on our planes. But there are some pilots who still try to penetrate. We've had to file violations against six or seven of these, including a pilot who had his license for only three days."

"It's interesting work," he added, "and sometimes we get a good view of the shot. At other times we've been off chasing someone and have missed it completely."

## Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at R.O.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are being held at the Regional Headquarters. Both old and new members are welcome. For information, please call Anne Clayton, Aviation Medical Div., Ext. 6300.

## Annual Leave Permitted Even if Comp Time on Books

Effective immediately, the Uniform Payroll System will permit the use of annual leave even though an employee has a compensatory time balance. The practice of automatically charging compensatory time balances when annual leave was recorded on the Time and Attendance Report, except during the last three periods of the leave year, has been discontinued.

However, the timely use of compensatory time is the responsibility of both the employee and supervisor; compensatory time is to be scheduled and used before annual leave, except when the use of compensatory time would result in the loss of accrued annual leave at the end of the leave year.

## Three More AFSS Sites Selected for Lease

Three more automated flight service stations have been approved by the agency. They are: Wichita, Kan., and Riverside and Long Beach, Calif. At all three sites, new buildings will be constructed and leased to FAA.

These stations are the 33rd, 34th, and 35th sites of the 61 to be selected by the agency.

## Engen to be Nominated By President Reagan

President Reagan has announced that he will nominate Vice Admiral Donald D. Engen as the next FAA Administrator. Engen was first proposed by Transportation Secretary Dole for the Administrator's position.

Engen, who has been on the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) since June 1982, is considered a staunch safety advocate.

## Team Work is the Name of the Game

Airway Facilities people completed the emergency replacement of the Runway 27 localizer at San Diego-Lindbergh Field on Jan. 28. Work began on this project on Jan. 5 when a site survey team proceeded to San Diego to conduct an investigation for the change-out of the existing equipment and antenna array. Preparation of plans and specifications started on Jan. 6 and were completed and forwarded to Logistics on the morning of Jan. 9. On the tenth, a meeting was held with a Small Business Administration contractor at the site and a contract was subsequently awarded two days later with demolition of the existing localizer platform starting on Jan. 13.

The San Diego AF Sector had already been busy removing the old localizer equipment and antennas while the AF Electronics installation crew was also dismantling the solid state equipment at Santa Barbara. The Field Maintenance Party was utilized to transport the equipment to San Diego since no commercial carrier could react that quickly to meet the schedule. Installation started on the new equipment on Jan. 17. By the 20th, the contractor had completed the construction of the concrete localizer slab, trenching, installation of cable, backfill and erection of the antenna array system, and installation work had started on the array. The Runway 27 localizer was flight checked and restored to service on Feb. 1.

This emergency replacement project could not have been accomplished in this short a time span except for the tremendous team effort and outstanding dedication, and long hours put forth by all involved. Most of the work was performed while the runway was being used for landings and takeoffs on both ends. While discom-

forting and unsettling at times, the Contractor, Environmental and Electronic personnel performed their duties with an almost blasé composure. A job had to be done and it was!

This is what the FAA Family is all about. With Airway Facilities people working with the support of others in Logistics, Flight Standards and Air Traffic, a job can be done under any extreme condition!



## Quality Increase For Dick Thatcher

Dick Thatcher (above right), Electronics Technician, Electronic Engineering Section, Maintenance Operations Branch, Airway Facilities Division, recently received a Quality Increase Award. Presentation was made by Bill Lindsay, Supervisor, Electronic Engineering Section. Photo by Rafael Riera.

## University Goes All Out.....



You would almost have thought it was "J. Lynn Helms" Day in Vista, Calif. recently when our former FAA Administrator arrived at the National University campus...

Above: J. Lynn Helms greets more than 600 graduate and undergraduate students at National University's Vista Campus during his commencement address, entitled "New Vistas for the Future". Photo by Charolyn W. Sykes.

Right: Harold S. Wood (right), president of the international aviation fraternity, Alpha Eta Rho, presents Dr. Helms with the "Outstanding Non-Educator Achievement Award for 1983". Photo by Arlene Tuchscher.



# For J. Lynn Helms



Above:

National University President Dr. David Chigos (right) presents Dr. Helms with an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree, the highest honor that the University can confer. Photo by Carolyn W. Sykes.

Right:

Dr. David Chigos (left) congratulates Dr. Helms on all of his achievements. Photo by Arlene Tuchscher.

Special Acknowledgement:

A very special thanks to John Tompkins, FAA Representative and Manager of San Diego AFS, for arranging for these photos and write-up for INTERCOM.





### John Kaiser

Friends and relatives mourn the passing of John Kaiser, 72, retired Fresno Flight Service Station Supervisor with 26 years Federal service. John is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Scott, of Coarsegold, Calif. Death was caused by complications suffered from a head-on automobile accident in January. Burial was at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Our sincere condolences to John's family.

### Mary Callahan

Our deep sympathy is extended to William Callahan on the loss of his wife, Mary, who passed away on Feb. 20. Bill was an Airway Facilities Sector Manager at Oakland and San Francisco for several years before his retirement, and has many friends throughout the FAA. Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Bill at 705 Douglas Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577.

### Joe Marriott

We are saddened to report that Joe Marriott, 88, former Regional Administrator of the old Western Region, passed away on March 7. Joe achieved many milestones in his illustrious Federal career, not the least of which was the distinction of being a retired Brigadier General with the United States Air Force. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Lois, at: 8075 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido, CA 92026.

## Las Vegas Tower News

Welcome aboard to the following transferees: Diane Carson, Deer Valley, AZ; Roxanne Bresette, Fresno, CA; Richard Black, Casper, WY; Jim Cergl, Pueblo, CO; Mark Rios and Greg Leger, Oakland Tower; Paul Khatcherian, Chino, CA; and Tim Barrett, Quonset Point, RI..... The first annual Las Vegas Tower Golf Classic was held at the Showboat Country Club, Feb. 21. A total of 52 teams entered from various aviation segments. Three teams tied for low score; Owen and Warnica from Fort Worth ARTCC won first by matching scorecards, followed by Kinman and Varanese, Miami ARTCC; Dale Shriver, Las Vegas; Ralph Petersen (retired Chief Las Vegas Tower); Bruce Haden, North Las Vegas; Mark Hanson, Las Vegas and Miller, Salinas FSS; and Wright, Edwards. Closest to the pin to Bruce Haden and Warnica. Longest drive was won by a young lady, Shelley Reader. A calcutta was held the night before the tournament and ten percent of the calcutta fund, \$140, was donated to a young man (12 years old), Jimmy Holsclaw, who had rescued his two brothers from a burning mobile home. Jimmy received second and third degree burns on his face, hands and back in this heroic deed. When it was announced this donation was being made from the prize fund, a stirring ovation was received from the tournament players and their guests. The day following the tournament, Jimmy received a telephone call from President Reagan commending him for his bravery.....Congratulations to Jay Hanks, Air Traffic Control Specialist, upon receiving a Special Achievement Award in Feb.



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## Charles Leix Honored

Charles Leix (left), an Electronics Technician at the Mt. Laguna Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, receives a Letter of Appreciation from Regional Director Mac McClure for an outstanding effort with the Montgomery Field public relations program. The letter read, in part: "Your excellent approach to this very sensitive problem has already resulted in increased awareness by the various political factions involved and has insured their commitment to improve community relations." Dr. McClure stated that Charles' willingness to give of his own time is especially commendable and is sincerely appreciated.



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## Top 1983 AF Sectors Named

Airway Facilities sector offices in King Salmon, Alaska, and at the Salt Lake City ARTCC have been named "National Sector of the Year Award" winners in their categories. Martin T. Pozesky, director, Program Engineering and Maintenance Service, announced that King Salmon won the top spot in the general NAS category and Salt Lake City in the en route center category.

The two winners were selected from a group of regional winners which exhibited the highest standards of performance in maintaining the complex equipment used in air traffic control.

The Salt Lake Sector is responsible for maintaining facilities in a rugged 325,000-square mile expanse of desert and mountains. During 1983, besides providing superb maintenance service, the sector provided national leadership in the establishment of the National Airspace Data Interchange Network (NADIN) and the establishment of a 24-hour-a-day public relations program.

This is the second year in a row that the King Salmon Sector has won the regional award. The sector continues to overcome complicated logistic problems and severe weather while providing highly reliable maintenance. In addition, in spite of the harsh environment, the sector is a leader in human relations and was asked to lead a group workshop in this area because of their "demonstrated success in dealing with problems of this type."

All in all, they were both outstanding and will receive their awards in April, when all sector personnel will receive personal certificates of achievement.

Other Sector of the Year regional winners were:

<u>NAS</u>	<u>ARTCC</u>
Albany, N.Y.	Boston, Mass.
Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio
Grand Island, Neb.	Houston, Tex.
Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis, Tenn.
New Orleans, La.	N.Y. TRACON
San Diego, Calif.	
Windsor Locks, Conn.	

# CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS . . .



## LAX Children Talk To Santa

On Christmas eve, the Los Angeles Tower played host to five children from five cities surrounding the Los Angeles International Airport.

From a discrete ground control position, Sheri Robson, Nkosi Hall, Larissa Eisenstein, Cheryl Danner and Erica Holey took turns asking Santa Claus some very pertinent questions... "Where are you now? When will you be at my house?", etc.

Los Angeles Tower Controller and Human Relations Facilitator Bruce Gottsleben guided each child in the art of "mike" usage and phraseology. Tom Dray,

Los Angeles Tower Controller and Facilitator, although not visible to the children, played the very important and dramatic role of SANTA CLAUS and did his best to satisfy the inquiries of all concerned.

Excellent support in equipment modifications and photography was provided by Ben Takeuchi and Yukio Mochizuki of the Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector.



Top left: Bruce Gottsleben, Human Relations Facilitator (far left) looks on with approval.

Below: It may not look like it -- but that is SANTA CLAUS, played by Tom Dray, also a Human Relations Facilitator.

# ... AROUND THE REGION

## Coast TRACON

### Adopted a Needy Family

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, Douglas Dehnert, ATCS at Coast TRACON, spearheaded an effort that resulted in providing a happier Christmas for a family that was down on its luck. Employees contributed canned foods, clothing, 25 presents for the children, and \$160 towards a hot, holiday dinner and other necessities. Air Traffic Manager Roy Richards said he is really proud of this group of generous folks--some of whom gave up their own presents to help make this time a little brighter for this family. This is yet another example of how FAAers care.



**May the spirit of Christmas  
remain throughout the year.....**

## Christmas at Oakland Center

It was three weeks before Christmas and all through Oakland Center all the creatures were stirring -- to the delight of all Oakland Center Personnel -- we decided to open the Center to all our families and friends.

Letters were sent to over 400 families inviting them and their friends to come to our Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 10, 1983.

Christmas festivities abounded as Santa's elves (our terrific secretaries) went to work decorating the facility, stuffing 200 stockings, and preparing for Santa's arrival.

The doors were opened at 12:00 p.m. and the response was tremendous. Over 300 people came to observe and be a part of their facility. Refreshments were provided and everyone brought a favorite dessert to share.

Santa (Tom Salmons, ATCS) had a tired knee, as over 100 children came to whisper in his ear what they wanted for Christmas. No words could express the joy these kids had on their faces.

A good time was had by all, especially the children. A special thanks to our Oak-Air Committee, and ALL OAKLAND CENTER PERSONNEL who gave generously of their time and financial support to make this event such a great success!

## No Lack of Christmas Spirit in the Logistics Division

In cooperation with the Logistics Division's Human Relations Committee and personnel at Harbor General Hospital, employees conducted a food and cash donation drive for needy families. As a result of the generosity of many individuals, a complete Christmas dinner, including turkey and all the trimmings, was provided for three families located in Carson, San Pedro, and right down the street from the Regional Office. Cash donations and gift certificates for toys were also distributed. The families involved and Harbor General Hospital have expressed their sincere appreciation for the unselfish gesture on the part of FAA employees.

## FAA/Civilair Master Choral



Regional office and Lax Hanger employees received a special Christmas musical treat last year as volunteer, talented carolers serenaded their fellow employees throughout Human Relations Week. The Master Choral of FAA/Civilair presented a series of mini-concerts during the Christmas season. Beginning with a selected group of traditional carols presented at a Regional Director's Staff Meeting, where they received a standing ovation for their efforts, the group continued by popular demand with a mini-concert at the annual Personnel Management Division Christmas luncheon and concluded with carols on two other occasions.

The Director of this talented group was Charles Island. Organizers and motivators were Gwen Marshall and Zelda Hutcherson. Executive Director and Public Information Officer was Edwin Ford. The Sopranos were: Alice Hines, Teresa Butler, Melinda Marquez, Gwen Marshall, Evelyn Carles, Lois Whiteside, Polly Bryan, Janice Beccue, Kathleen Schuelke, Barbara Adams, Carolyn Metcalfe, Joan Sunshine, Marie Peters, Terry Curtis, Lillian Snowden. The Altos were: Martha Hewlett, Nola Stephens, Helen Harris, Sandra Poland, Glenda Glover, Zelda Hutcherson, Maryellen Williams, Irena Stewart, Bobby Jones, Lorita Tate, Mary Teats, Olga Eiben. The Tenors, Baritones and Basses were: DeWitte Lawson, Jr., Joe Alvarez, Bob Talbert, Steve Thomas, Edwin Ford, Earl Portlock, Charles Island, Ralph Beard. The Guitarist was Pat Moe; Engineering Flight Test Pilot, Northwest Mountain Region.

Continuing efforts will be scheduled and announced during the coming year. Hats off to The Master Choral of FAA/Civilair for a job well done.

## Performs for Co-Workers



Charles Island (above) directs the Master Choral group before a crowd of enthusiastic listeners.

Story and photos by Rafael Riera.



## Burbank Happenings

The Burbank Tower/TRACON running team will participate in "The Jimmy Stewart National Relay Marathon" on April 8, at 8 a.m. Team members are Mike Cirillo, Brian Moore, Eddie Garner, Matt Jones, Bill Kruschke and Tom Jones. This is the third year Burbank has run in this event and, as usual, this excellent team is in top shape and looking forward to beating the LAX TRACON team. Come up to Griffith Park and cheer for us.....Congratulations to Area Manager Lou Mitchell who has recently joined that special group of people know as Grandparents; he and his wife, Jane, recently welcomed into their family Grandson David... ..Congratulations are also in order to Richard Vacar who recently received a Special Achievement Award for performance; to Betty Basford who received a Quality Increase Award with an Outstanding Rating; to Karla Morrison, Stephen Lindsey, Reid Walburg and Don Kirby upon their successful completion of Radar Training Facility (RTF); and to Stan Stuka upon his selection as Assistant Manager, Programs..... Burbank also welcomes aboard Jimmy Rains, Air Traffic Control Specialist from Sacramento RAPCON.

## FS Division Awards

Congratulations to the following Flight Standards Division personnel who were recently presented awards: Special Achievement Award with Outstanding Rating - Jack Howell, Reno General Aviation District Office (GADO) and Marion Dittman, Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office (FSDO); Quality Increase Award with Outstanding Rating - Carole McClure and Joe Brasher, Long Beach FSDO and Robert Griscom, San Diego FSDO; Letters of Appreciation - Christine Kandziora and James Kelly, Scottsdale FSDO; Al Ruggeri, Long Beach FSDO; Jack Austin and Ellsworth Ritter, Reno GADO; and Martha Hewlett, AWP-203.

## Oakland AFS News

Congratulations to Leonard "Tex" Mummert who received a Quality Increase with an outstanding rating .....Ted Miller is back from helping out in the Training Branch, AWP-17. He did such a great job that he received a very nice note from the Honolulu ARTCC AFS..... The following individuals recently received Letters of Appreciation from the Regional Director, AWP-1 for their outstanding dedication during the recent storm and flooding at the Bay TRACON: Lloyd Cole, John Creel, Charles Houchin, Robert Nelson, George Riberl, Leonard Mummert, Howard Bolton, Floyd Sam, David Miles and Jerry Long..... Nathan Lyau was recognized for some inventive and helpful work at the Palo Alto Tower by the Air Traffic Manager and Deloris Anderson recently recognized Bob Nelson and George Wong with a very nice thank you letter for their continuing help to the Logistics Unit.

## Growth Trends Reflected At Air Traffic Facilities

The various growth trends projected in FAA's latest "Aviation Forecasts" will have a corresponding impact on activity levels at the agency's air traffic control facilities. For example, takeoffs and landings at FAA airport traffic control towers are expected to increase at an average annual rate of five percent, going from 57.2 million to 95.6 million in the FY 1984-1995 forecast period. Meanwhile, flights handled by air route traffic control centers will rise from 31.2 to 42.6 million - a growth rate of 3.1 percent per year. Similar gains are forecast for flight service stations with pilot briefings and other flight services jumping from 60.7 million to 90.8 million.