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Role Reversal Day



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Have there ever been times when you, as a manager or supervisor, wanted to trade places with your subordinates so they would have a better understanding of your position?

Have you, as a journeyman controller, developmental or secretary, wanted to play the role of a supervisor or manager -- a role in which you could demonstrate your managerial techniques?

At Palo Alto, we had a chance to put these notions to work by having "Role Reversal Day". Our Air Traffic Manager, Vel Monroe, and our two Area Supervisors, Joe Bugado and Frederick Bland, took a nostalgic trip into the realms of uncertainty by surrendering their supervisory positions to the work force. They, in turn, became part of the work force. Their new responsibilities were limited to that of a journeyman controller or developmental. They were bound by the decisions of the newly appointed supervisors providing it did not jeopardize the operation of the

facility. At the end of the day, the new management would be evaluated for their performance.

To some it was what they anticipated. "It was what I expected, managing people," stated Hank Lopez (Acting AT Manager). To others it was quite a challenge. "The next one I am going to take a vacation," said Tom Weston (Acting Area Supervisor). Bob Hatmaker, trying to keep his head above water as the Acting Air Traffic Manager during the first day told Vel, "You can have this job." Yet to all of us it was a true learning experience as our Secretary Barbara Trujillo summed up, "It was beneficial for me in that it gave me a better understanding of the overall operation of the facility."

Role Reversal Day was a success largely because each member contributed by performing their duties to the best of their ability. We hope to have the event again in the future. We also invite any questions or comments concerning Role Reversal Day by calling Palo Alto Tower at 415/856-1277.

AF Division, AWP-450 News

Establishment Engineering Branch welcomes aboard Audrey Parks, Elizabeth Marshall and Jim DeLuca.....The following branch personnel recently received Letters of Appreciation: Terry Curtis, Helen Harris, Olga Eiben, Kathleen Schuelke and Lois Whiteside from Mac McClure, Regional Director, for their participation in the Western-Pacific Region's Christmas Chorale; Johnny Miller, Helen Harris, Bailey Brooks, Bob McClain, Terry Hoyt, Ed Mathews, Roy Kuratani, Joe Sanchez, Ken White, Rodra Brooks, Curt McCloskey, Dennis Livermore, Joe Larson, Frank Kryda, Norm Beria, Bill McCreery, John Barnicoat, Henry Sandstrom, Bill Medina, Gary Yamamoto, Art Thornton and John Noster from Alex Hammond, AF Division Manager, for their professionalism and "can do" attitude in making the Las Vegas ATCT/TRACON project such a success; Jack Faletti, Alan Amsbary, Susan Bishop, Gabriel Duran, Rory Geil, Joseph Gant and Pat Long from John Tompkins, San Diego AF Sector Mana-

ger, for the outstanding job done on the San Diego Localizer project; Alicia Marin and David Lazo from Jack Neely and Bernie Padget, Engineering Technicians, Las Vegas AFS, for their excellent assistance at the new Las Vegas ATCT/TRACON; Dennis Livermore from Homer King, Acting Fresno AF Sector Manager, for the excellent work he performed during the installation of the Second Generation VORTAC facilities at the Fresno Sector; Ken Laponis from Philip Craig, Phoenix AFS ARTS/RADAR Supervisor, for a job well done in completing the PLANTS portion of the ETG project at the Phoenix TRACON; Olga Eigen from John Aguirre of Aguirre Associates for the care and dedication she has shown on each of the projects she has assigned them thereby lowering the cost per project.....The following AWP-450 personnel recently received awards: Special Achievement Awards with Outstanding Ratings - Debe Alvarico, Ed Mathews, Richard Terry and Kent Freeman; Special Achievement Awards - Rodra Brooks and Terry Hoyt.

Susumu Fukutomi Receives Award

Susumu Fukutomi (left), part-time maintenance worker at Kauai Sector Field Office, recently received a Special Achievement Award for outstanding performance from Manager Bob Hiraoka. Congratulations, Sus!



"Twilight Zone" Accident Prompts Recommendations

As a result of the "Twilight Zone" helicopter accident that killed actor Vic Morrow and two others, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that FAA strengthen further its rules governing the use of civil aircraft in the production of motion pictures and television films. The helicopter crashed after being damaged by a special effects explosion during the filming of the motion picture near Valencia, Calif., in July 1982.

The Board noted that FAA already requires operators of fixed-wing aircraft used in film productions to prepare a Flight Operations Manual detailing the safety precautions that must be taken before flights are permitted below prescribed minimum safe altitudes. Although noting that helicopters have different operating characteristics than fixed-wing aircraft, the Board said, "The circumstances of this accident amply demonstrate the need for a requirement that helicopter operators prepare such a manual and carry out its provisions as a prerequisite to the use of a helicopter in movie and television film production."

Civilair News

The following officers were selected for the 1984 term: Chairperson: Evelyn Mosquera; Vice Chairperson: U.A. Garred Sexton; Secretary: Carolyn Metcalf; Treasurer: Mickey Martinez; Publicity Officer: Mildred Fishbein.



**Remember.....
National Secretaries'
Week, April 23 - 27**

Logistics Changes

The Logistics Division is in the process of relocating the Self-Service Supply, Distribution and Reproduction Centers from room 1W3C and 1W3D to the Warehouse, room 1N18. All reproduction is now being done in room 1N18. Also, all printing, over-sized mail and U.P.S. will be picked up in room 1N18. The relocation of the supplies, publications and forms is expected to be completed by May. Employees will be notified of the effective date. Some telephone numbers have also been changed:

- Copy Machine Repairs - 6275
- Distribution & Publica. - 6633
- Drivers License - 6334
- Furniture Repair - 6275
- Loan Pool-Office Equip. - 6047
- Mail Room - 6633
- Motor Pool - R.O. - 6334
- Name Badges - 6207
- Office Machine Repair - 6275
- Ordering Forms - 6047

If you have any problems or questions concerning the above, contact Sherri McKenzie, AWP-52A, X6207.

New Pay Statement Form In The Works

A new, revised Earnings and Leave Statement form that is on the way will provide additional pay information of interest to employees. But don't hold your breath. The Office of Accounting, which is coordinating the project, says use of the form is still about a year away.

The new form will have statistics on pay, deductions, and prior pay period adjustments not found on the present form. Although the design is expected to be approved by April, it will not be distributed until next year when the current stock of forms is depleted and arrangements for implementing the new system are completed.

The size of the new form will be 5 by 11 inches, which is one inch deeper than the current version.

Two Honored by Los Angeles Federal Executive Board

Marilyn Ramsey (right), Management Systems Division, recently won the Outstanding Non-Professional Award at the eleventh annual Distinguished Public Service Awards Program which is sponsored by the Federal Executive Board. The award was presented to Marilyn for outstanding service in the field of automated word processing equipment both at the FAA regional and national levels. The award also recognizes the many hours of personal time Marilyn willingly spent gaining operational expertise, and the enthusiastic acceptance of additional duties associated with the National Field Office Modernization Program.

Marilyn joined the FAA in 1966 on a part-time basis prior to her graduation from Hawthorne High School. Through the years, she has acquired the expertise which enables her to provide effective progressive training, guidance and support on three different computerized word processing systems: Wordplex, Data General and Burroughs. Congratulations, Marilyn, the Western-Pacific Region is very proud of you.



We are proud to report that Betsy Kirkhart (left), Manager of the Human Resources Staff, was one of the nominees for the FEB's Outstanding Professional Employee Award for her outstanding leadership and exceptional achievements for the Human Relations program.

Winning this award was Randall E. Scott, Headquarters, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, for developing an airborne radar test and evaluation capability for the U.S. Air Force.

St. Louis Controller Makes Big "Save"

Controller Wayne Dimmic was on his break at St. Louis Lambert March 18 when his supervisor raced in and said, "I need you real bad."

The problem that was to occupy his next 52 minutes involved a Piper Dakota en route from Mountain View, Ark., to Aurora, Ill. When the aircraft was about 60 miles from the St. Louis Airport, the pilot of a high-flying corporate aircraft picked up the panicky voice of a woman in the Dakota reporting that her husband, who had been flying the aircraft, had fainted. She said she did not have a pilot's license, although she had taken a few flying lessons. The corporate pilot helped her get in touch with the Kansas City en route center which guided her toward St. Louis where Dimmic was waiting on the radio.

The most dramatic moment occurred minutes after radio contact with Dimmic had been established. The plane slipped out of automatic pilot and began to spiral downward, dropping from 4,500 to about 800 feet.

"OK, Bravo Victor," Dimmic said to her, "I don't want to disturb you too much, Madam, but I think you're making a left turn here. And we don't want to make any turns whatsoever. Can you just level the wings?"

"Tell me what to do - pull up or what," she said frantically. "The auto pilot must have gone..."

She was told how to re-engage the auto pilot and Dimmic then began to explain the instruments and to guide her to Lambert. There was rain, fog and a heavy cloud cover and Dimmic said he thought her chances "were slim to none and that I was going to be the last person she would ever talk to."

After two aborted attempts to land, he brought her in on a taxiway where she came to a bumpy stop at a grassy knoll. The Piper's

nose gear collapsed and the prop was bent, but she was uninjured. "You did a good job there," Dimmic said. "We got you on the ground."

But what might have been a happy ending to a harrowing afternoon contained a sad note. The woman's husband later died of an apparent heart attack at a St. Louis hospital.

National Consumers Week 1984

President Reagan has proclaimed the week of April 23rd as National Consumer Week for 1984. This year the emphasis is focused on community projects and cooperative ventures. On Tuesday, April 24 - an Exhibit will be held in the lobby of the Federal Building at 300 North Los Angeles Street. On Wednesday, April 25 - an Exhibit will be held in the lobby of the Federal Building at 1100 Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles. For further information call Lorraine Lawrence of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 213/688-7272.

Santa Maria Tower News

Congratulations are in order for Barry Gamblin upon his selection and promotion to ATCS at Santa Barbara Tower.....Welcome on board to Santa Maria, Air Traffic Control Specialists Fabian Avilla from Bakersfield Tower and John Bryan who traded the hot desert of Palm Springs for the foggy coast..... Also, Santa Maria Tower has been the proud recipient of numerous Letters of Appreciation this past year. Letters have been received from General Watkins, Vandenberg AFB Base Commander; San Luis Obispo Chapter of the NINETY-NINES and many others for the fine support of Santa Maria Tower to the flying public.....Keep up the good work!

Meritorious Service Commendation For Dean Spring

Dean Spring recently received a Commendation for Meritorious Service presented by Frank Jones, Acting Air Traffic Division Manager. The certificate is signed by former Administrator J. Lynn Helms, Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Service, Ray Van Vuren and National SUPCOM Chairman, Max Hall. Dean served as a National SUPCOM Officer from June 1981 through October 1983. The certificate reads in part "his dedication and commitment to the goals and pursuit of SUPCOM has immeasurably contributed to the success the committee has achieved." Dean was re-elected to another term with SUPCOM, but relinquished his position after being selected as Air Traffic Manager of the Arcata and Crescent City Flight Service Stations. Congratulations, Dean!



Flight Tests Begin In Jet Impact Demonstration Program

FAA and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have begun a series of flight tests at Edwards AFB that will culminate this summer with a "controlled impact demonstration" in the California desert.

The planned impact of the Boeing 720, which previously was based at the FAA Technical Center, is a key element in a comprehensive agency research and development program to improve the crashworthiness and fire safety characteristics of modern jet transports.

The plane will be packed with different experiments, including one to evaluate the effectiveness of anti-misting kerosene (AMK) in preventing post-crash fires in cases where the fuel tanks are ruptured on impact. AMK employs a polymer fuel additive to bind fuel droplets together and prevent them from forming into a highly flammable mist following such a crash.

The final flight is scheduled for late July and will be preceded by at least six test flights to check out systems and equipment. There also will be a dress rehearsal flight immediately before the impact demonstration. If all systems are go, the plane will be landed, refueled and configured for remote controlled flight. The flight crew then will start the engines and deplane after transferring command to a ground-control unit that will guide the plane on its final flight to impact on a prepared site on a dry lake bed.

Overall direction of the impact demonstration program is the responsibility of the FAA Technical Center's Aircraft and Airport Systems Technology Division (ACT-300) with primary NASA support provided by its Langley Research Center and Ames Research Center/Dryden Flight Research Facility.

Sacramento's Aviation Ball Will Help A Student Fly

Sacramento's first-ever Aviation Ball will be held on May 12, 8 p.m., at Mercy San Juan Ballroom, 6599 Coyle Avenue in Carmichael. This gala event is sponsored by The Sacramento Flight Scholarship Foundation in cooperation with the FAA Aviation Education Program. The Flight Scholarship Foundation raises funds to promote high school aviation programs in the Sacramento area and to provide flight scholarships to deserving students who have demonstrated a genuine interest in aviation or related sciences.

Former KCRA Community Relations Director and Weather Reporter, Jan Jeffries, will be the guest announcer for the evening which will be packed with food and fun, and dancing to the Big Band Sound of the Legionaire's 16-piece orchestra. Foundation members, FAAers Vic Katz (Manager, Metro Tower) and Jim Lane (Manager, Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector Field Office), George McLaughlin, County Director of Airports, and Leland Danzeisen, Frontier Airlines, will be on hand to award the Door Prizes. Frontier Airlines has donated two free round-trip tickets anywhere on Frontier Airlines system and the Sacramento Valley 99s have donated a glider ride, a balloon ride and a VCR. The USAF Auxiliary (CAP) is also supporting the effort.

Tickets at \$25 per person are available by contacting Sylvia Mueller at 916/929-5411 ext 230.

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California Declares Aerospace Education Week

The California State Legislature issued a resolution declaring the week of April 1 - 7 "Aerospace Education and Recognition Week." The Legislature recommended and urged the public schools and local governments, as well as appropriate state government leaders, to make it known that the following statements in the resolution are worthy of their attention:

"Whereas, California is a major producer of materials and services in support of the aerospace and aviation industry; and

"Whereas, California hosts the aerospace industry, research, and operation on behalf of the nation's welfare and world image; and

"Whereas, the education of California's residents in aerospace science, fact and lore in order that aerospace information may be disseminated among the residents of this great and most populous state, is a means of maintaining and promoting this worthy enterprise; and

"Whereas, an annual week to provide recognition for the workers, leaders, and supporters of this vital and basic endeavor affords an acceptable means of rewarding the skills and contributions of these highly dedicated individuals."

Monterey Tower News

Welcome aboard to new Area Supervisor, Buck Dodson, from Edwards RAPCON, and to controller, Don Romine, from Honolulu Tower..... In March, controller Lynne Ulicki participated in a discussion on non-traditional women's careers (during Women's Week) at West Valley Community College in Saratoga, Calif. Lynne spoke about air traffic control as a career and was one of four panelists including an orchestra conductor and a college president.