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**Hawaiian
Contest
Honors
Winners**

Cover Story

It was a very big day recently in Honolulu, Hawaii, for the FAA Aviation Essay Contest winners.

The lucky students, Matthew Bunson, 12th grade; Craig Sunada, 9th grade; and Keri Uesugi, 6th grade, were treated to a tour of the FAA King-Air flight check airplane and nearby hangar facilities.

In addition, each winner also received a special FAA plaque and leis were personally provided by Ed Kaneko, local Aviation Education Facilitator and Manager of the Airway Facilities Sector.

The awards were presented by Wayne Yamasaki, Director of Transportation, State of Hawaii. Acting Area Coordinator Ray Zazzetti emceed the program.

The FAA contest was open to all public, parochial and private school students, and 403 Hawaii students participated. Judging in the three categories (4th through 6th grades, 7th through 9th and 10th through 12th) was done on the basis of historical accuracy, originality, neatness, spelling and punctuation, and adherence to the subject.

Judges for the Hawaii entries were: Frank Der Yuen, President and Director, Pacific Aerospace Museum; Ann Harpham, staff writer, Honolulu Advertiser; George Miyachi, retired FAAer and Aviation Education Specialist; 1st Lt. John Regan, Commander, Bellows Composite Squadron, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol; Eleanor Sharpe, Chairman, Aloha Chapter, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; and Dr. Johnathan Shimada, Deputy Director of Transportation, Airports, State of Hawaii.



Above photo: State of Hawaii and Pacific Area FAA Aviation Essay Contest winners (from top): Matthew Bunson, a senior at Damien Memorial High School in Honolulu; Craig Sunada, a 9th grader at Maryknoll High School; and Keri Uesugi, a 6th grader at Wahiawa Elementary School.

Below: John Allegra, Honolulu Flight Inspection Field Office Manager, explains piloting procedures to Matthew Bunson.

COVER PHOTOS: Above--Essay winner Craig Sunada at the controls of FAA flight check aircraft N-18. Below: Judges, winners and FAA sponsors (from left)--Frank Der Yuen, judge; Eleanor Sharpe, judge; Matthew Bunson, winner; Ray Zazzetti, Acting FAA Area Coordinator (Manager, Honolulu Tower); Craig Sunada, winner; Ed Kaneko, Manager, Honolulu AF Sector and Aviation Education Facilitator; Keri Uesugi, winner; and Dr. Jonathan Shimada, judge.

**More
Hawaii
Winners**



Above: Delcie Mokulehua, Honolulu AF Sector Materiel Specialist, presents Lei to Matthew Bunson.

Left: Craig Sunada's principal (from left) Jared Kaufmann; his teacher, Natalie Morey; and his parents, Mel and Kathy Sunada.



Left: Matthew Bunson (left) and his mother pause to chat with FAA Honolulu Flight Inspector Field Office Manager, John Allegra.

SES Candidates Picked

Six FAA employees will participate in this year's DOT Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidates Development Program. Selected from among 168 applicants over an eight-month period were: Alan Armstrong, Acting Manager, Personnel Programs Division; Joan Bauerlein, Special Projects Staff; and Robert Birdsong, Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights—all of Headquarters; Lawrence Andriesen, Assistant Manager, Aircraft Certification Division, Southwest Region; Teddy Burcham, Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, Great Lakes Region; and John E. Turner, Manager, Data Services Division, Aeronautical Center.

The candidates are now selecting their individualized developmental programs. They began their training May 1 when all 28 Departmental participants attended an indoctrination program, highlighted by a visit from Secretary Dole. Later, the FAA candidates, as well as three other DOT candidates, met top agency officers, including the Acting Deputy Administrator and all Associate Administrators.

During the two year training program participants will be assigned to positions both in and out of FAA, will attend special seminars, and take various training courses.

Candidates who complete this demanding program may be appointed noncompetitively to SES positions.

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Task Force to Study Aviation Fuel Safety

At the FAA Administrator's suggestion, industry is establishing a task force to study ways to improve the safety of aviation fuel handling at airports.

Specifically, the task force will: (1) develop aviation fuel handling standards and practices that will assure maximum safety; (2) define the respective roles and responsibilities of the various aviation elements in assuring adherence to these standards and practices; and (3) provide FAA with a report which spells out the reaction of industry and includes a set of recommendations. A draft of this report is due by early summer.

The establishment of the task force was announced by Administrator Engen during a speech to the American Association of Airport Executives in Indianapolis on May 30. The Administrator noted that aviation fuel handling seems to be an area where neither the airport operator nor airport tenants want total responsibility and, perhaps, the best way to deal with the problem is to find a way to share the burden.

Announcement of the task force followed the issuance of a National Transportation Safety Board report in April calling for FAA action to improve the safety of airport fuel farms and fueling operations.

Additional Olympics Video Tape Credits

The 28-minute video tape recently completed by the Western-Pacific Region for pilots planning to fly to the Southern Calif. area for the Summer Olympics was spearheaded by Bill Heyer and George Etter (from Las Vegas Tower) and Ken Gustin (from Los Angeles Center). They did a fantastic job with the cooperation of the Air Traffic Division's Plans and Programs and Airspace & Procedures Branches. Copies are being distributed throughout the nation. Congratulations everyone on a job well done!

Capsule Glimpses..... Meet Lori LaQuaglia



Lori LaQuaglia listens as Bill Davis, FAA Inspector (AVN-220) explains the use of an eddy current probe. He is checking N-89, a flight inspection Sabre 40 from Tokyo, for corrosion using non-destructive test methods. Photo by Ellis Young, AAC-63.

Lori LaQuaglia is an Air Carrier Airworthiness Safety Inspector in the Oakland Flight Standards District Office - the first woman to hold such a job in the agency. She recently completed the five-week Air Carrier Maintenance/Electronics Indoctrination Course in the FAA Academy.

Lori began her career in the Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist where she worked on F-4E aircraft in a tactical fighter squadron at Moody AFB, Georgia. Thirty days after her honorable discharge she was hired by World Airways as an airframe and powerplant mechanic, first on overhaul crew, second on flight control crew, and third on line station crew. In November 1983 she was hired by this region as a temporary employee to perform the work of an air carrier airworthiness safety inspector.

Furthering her education is important, and Lori is three-fourths the way through getting her Bachelor Degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. She also is completing requirements to earn a Private Pilot license.



Scholarship Presented At Montgomery Tower



Sandra Elwood, Assistant Dean of Students at National University recently presented a scholarship to Controller Daryl Wray (left) for his leadership and dedication within the FAA. Daryl has enrolled at National and is taking courses geared towards aviation management. The scholarship was a result of the recommendation of Acting Manager Jesse Cookson (right) in conjunction with the scholarship program at National University.

Engen Gives Go Ahead To ASDE Replacement

Administrator Engen has ordered installation of Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE) at Anchorage International Airport to prevent any recurrence of last December's non-fatal runway collision there.

As a member of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Engen headed the Board team that investigated the accident and came away convinced of the need to improve ground surveillance capabilities. He said he expects to have the ASDE at Anchorage operational by the end of the year. The equipment is presently at the Technical Center where it has been used for research and development purposes.

During his May 30 speech to airport executives in Indianapolis, Engen also announced that he had ordered the expeditious procurement of the 29 new technology ASDE-3s called for in the NAS Plan. FAA's Request for Proposals (RFP) is scheduled to be issued in September and a contract awarded in 1985. The ASDE-3s will replace the interim system at Anchorage and ASDE-2s at 12 other airports. The remainder will be installed at 17 major airports across the country.

Smoke Detectors Proposed for Airliners

FAA has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would require smoke detectors in the galleys and lavatories of large airliners. Under the proposed regulations, fire extinguishers in lavatories and increased numbers of cabin extinguishers also would be mandatory.

Smoke detectors would warn pilots and flight attendants of fires that might otherwise go undetected. Aircraft galleys have the highest potential for flame, smoke, and overheated conditions. Lavatories pose less of a fire threat but were included because they are out of view and fires started in them could go undetected for long periods.

The proposal for automatic fire extinguishers for lavatory trash receptacles was based on inspections that followed a fatal fire on an Air Canada jet last summer which showed many receptacles lose their fire-containing capability through normal wear and tear.

Also under the proposed rule the number of hand-held fire extinguishers would be increased from the maximum of two required now to as many as eight, depending on the number of passenger seats.

FS Division Awards

The following Flight Standards Division personnel recently received awards: Quality Increase Award with Outstanding Rating - John Lynch and Oscar Culp, Scottsdale FSDO; and Gary Blom, San Jose GADO; Special Achievement Award with Outstanding Rating - Virginia Caminer, AWP-200; Career Service Emblems - 40 Years: Arthur Pearsall, Long Beach FSDO; 35 Years: Keith Thompson, Van Nuys GADO; Thomas Murata, Honolulu FSDO; and James Dickson, Riverside GADO; 30 Years: Ralph Anderson, Sacramento GADO; George Nakamura, Honolulu FSDO; and Marvin Curl, Long Beach FSDO; 25 Years: William Molesworth, San Francisco ACDO and Joseph Budro, AWP-250; 15 Years: Bruce Roberts and Lloyd Tincher, San Francisco ACDO; John Norris, Los Angeles FSDO; Jack Howell, Jr., Reno GADO; John Thorpe, San Diego FSDO; and Frank Leano, Long Beach FSDO; 3 Years: Barry Phillips, Scottsdale FSDO; Morgan Rodney, Los Angeles FSDO; and Lori LaQuaglia, Oakland FSDO. Congratulations everyone!

Public Viewpoint Sought On Registration Ops.

A two-day meeting to get public reaction to the agency's aircraft registration operation at Oklahoma City will be held in Fort Worth, July 17-18.

Bill Beavers, Manager of the Airmen and Aircraft Registry at Oklahoma City, explained that the meeting is designed to improve service by soliciting opinions from the public. He added that it will also give him a chance to tell the public about FAA's operation, including the modernization programs, such as the introduction of microfiche and the automation of the registration system.

Accounting Employees Of The Month

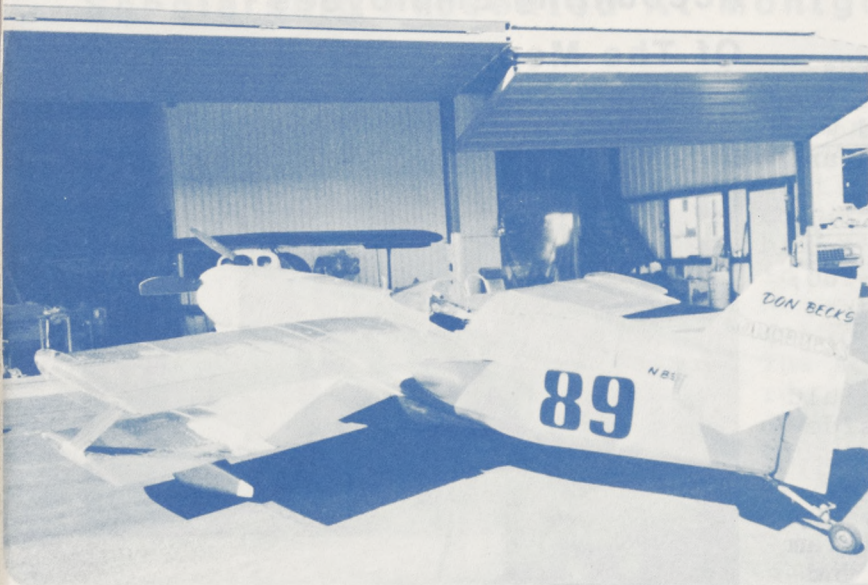


Congratulations to Donna Gaddy (right) and Alice Kimura, the respective Examination & Classification Branch and Accounting Operations & Analysis Branch, employees of the month of January.

Alice Kimura has contributed significantly to developing new procedures in the capitalization of F & E projects under the new Uniform Accounting System (UAS). She came to us in August 1979 and is a grandmother and current student at El Camino College. Alice has always played an integral part of the operation of the Cost & Property Systems Section.

Donna Gaddy is a native of Los Angeles and recent graduate of Cal-State University Dominguez Hills. She started work for the FAA in November 1982 as a voucher examiner. During January 1984, a significant amount of work developed due to the implementation of the UAS and the downtime for the conversion to the new system. Her efforts are greatly appreciated for maintaining her workload in a current status while helping her fellow employees by taking on additional assignments.

Western-Pacific Part of Smithsonian?



Yes--in a roundabout way the Western-Pacific Region is becoming a part of the Smithsonian. A "one of a kind" aircraft, owned by Don Beck of Tahoe Vista, California, is retiring to the Smithsonian Institute. The aircraft in question is N89TT, called the "Sorceress". This sleek, negative stagger bi-wing racer was originally certificated by Jack Sanders, AEDO-42, in July 1970. Since then, recertification was accomplished



by Western-Pacific Region General Aviation District Office personnel: Al Sanell, Ontario; Ray Bogart, Long Beach; Les Michaels, Van Nuys; Les Briggs, Reno; Phil Abbinanti, Reno; Bob Albers, Sacramento, and the last two recertifications by Bill Spooner, Reno.

In April 1984, the "Sorceress" made its last flight from Truckee Airport, Truckee, Calif., to Washington, D.C., to be memorialized. Throughout its life, the Sorceress has been racing competitively and racing is its primary mission. It has been either a winner or a contender in every event in which it has flown.

The aircraft was originally built by a Lee Mahoney and in the early '70's was sold to Mr. Beck. It has had just two owners and spent all its life in the Western-Pacific Region. Although 14 years old, it is considered young in age with only 366 hours total time. The racing scene and the Western-Pacific Region personnel associated with the "Sorceress" bid it a fond farewell.