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## Cover Story

An Olympic event you say?  
In Camarillo? Where's Camarillo?

Camarillo is located approximately 65 miles west of Los Angeles in the heart of the fertile Oxnard plain, a very productive agricultural area. So what's the event-- lima bean picking or tractor racing? No, it's landings and take-offs...several hundred per day.

The County of Ventura, which administers the busy uncontrolled Camarillo Airport, in anticipation of increased activity due to the influx of Olympic travelers who wished to avoid the metropolitan airports, asked for and received temporary air traffic control services from the FAA.

However, obtaining personnel and equipment to accomplish this task was not quite as simple as the request.

Due to the Olympic demands placed on the existing local facilities, a call for volunteers was placed regionwide and then into the Northwest Mountain Region to obtain personnel to staff the Camarillo Tower, as well as three other temporary Olympic heliports.

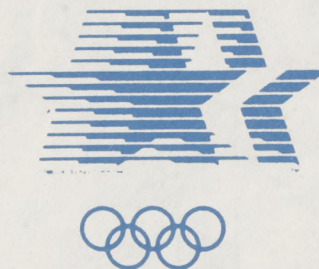
As a result, Camarillo Tower was staffed by: Julie Lagan from Concord, Calif.; Gary Mueller, Grand Junction, Colo.; Patti Michels, Mesa, Ariz.; John Mueller, Tucson, Ariz.; Baron Lee, Kona, Hawaii; and Norm Norton, Van Nuys, Calif. The facility manager was Richard Morrison, Assistant Air Traffic Manager at Burbank Tower.

The Western-Pacific Region mobile tower was being used elsewhere. Where to get a tower? To solve this dilemma the United States Marine Corps, yes the Marine Corps, came to the rescue. They graciously provided a mobile tower with more radios and antennas than a starship and the technicians to support the equipment. Getting Marine personnel to volunteer for this assignment was no problem as it was a choice of maneuvers in Twenty-Nine Palms or the sea coast at Point Mugu Naval Air Station where they are billeted.

The tower opened for business Monday, July 16 and will operate as long as needed for the Olympics. So far business has been brisk-- averaging 572 operations per day the first week. The busiest day so far was a Sunday with 781 operations and the busiest hour had 104 take-offs and landings.

So...when you think of the Olympics, remember that not all the activity is in Los Angeles.

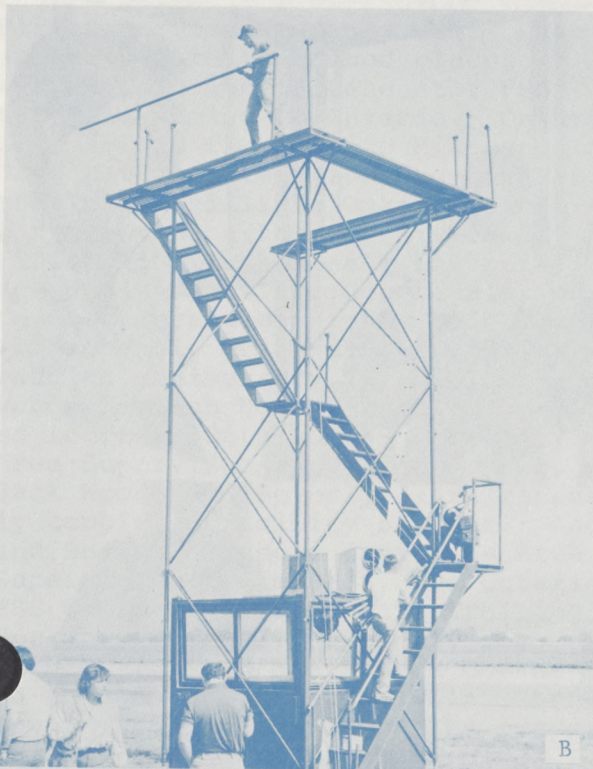
Cover photo: Temporary tower at Camarillo. Cover photo by Norm Norton.



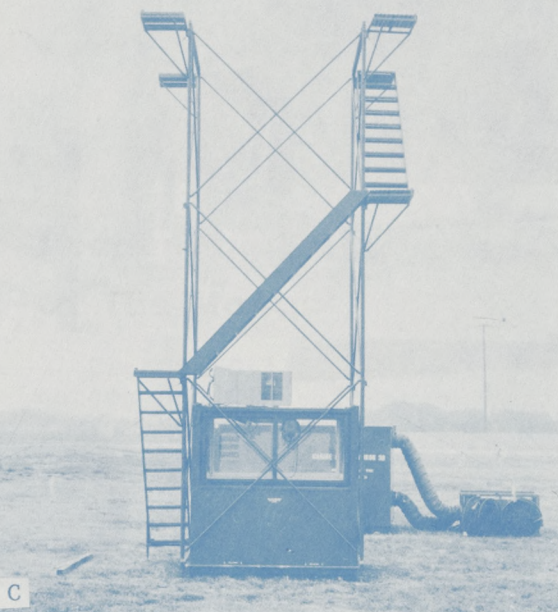
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- A--Guess what's larger than a bread box?  
 B--Let's get all the parts in the right place.  
 C--Wait a minute guys, let's check those plans again.  
 D--That's better--we did it--all the parts in their proper place.  
 E--Tower Supervisor Norm Norton tries it out.

## More Olympics



Top left--S/Sgt George Meyer, U.S. Marine Corps, and Tower Supervisor Norm Norton with the tower crew providing support, christen the new structure--or are they checking to see if it will fall down?

Top right: Patti Michels (left) and Baron Lee, Air Traffic Control Specialists.

Above controllers: From left--John Mueller, Gary Mueller and Julie Lagan.

All photos by Norm Norton.

## Ontario FSS Happenings

By Chuck Burge

A hearty welcome to Dale Conner, the latest member of the Ontario Flight Service Station team. Dale and Mike Bare exchanged places, with Mike going to Lancaster FSS and Dale coming to Ontario. Ontario bids a fond farewell to Mike and to Dave Hatt who left for Daggett FSS, and Teena Phillips, Ontario secretary, who departed for Riverside FSDO. Good luck to all in their new assignments.....Congratulations to Gary Spranger and his wife Susan who recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary.....Paul Provence and Bob Dean recently completed tours as Ontario FSS temporary Area Supervisors.....Dale Conner, Jack Woods and Beverly Clark recently completed facility ratings. Jack and Bev will assume duties as Area Supervisors. Jim Ball, the Ontario FSS Quality Assurance and Training Specialist (QATS), recently completed the FAA "Staff Work Course" in residence at Lawton, Okla., and Beverly Clark completed "The Secretary of Transportation's Seminar for Prospective Women Managers" at Seattle. Congratulations and good work Jim and Bev.....Linda Smith is in the hospital recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Everyone in the facility joins in wishing Linda a very speedy recovery.

### Owens Named AAT-2

Norbert "Nobby" Owens, currently serving as Eastern Region Air Traffic Division Manager, has been named Deputy Associate Administrator for Air Traffic. Owens began his new post at Headquarters on Aug. 19.

Owens began his FAA career in 1959 as an air traffic control specialist at the Colorado Springs Tower.

Before taking the manager job Eastern Region, he was Assistant Chief of the ATC System Programs Division at Headquarters.



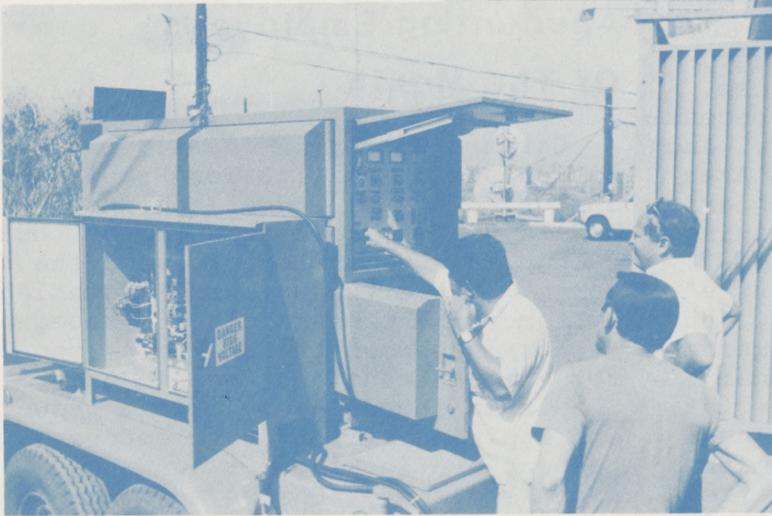
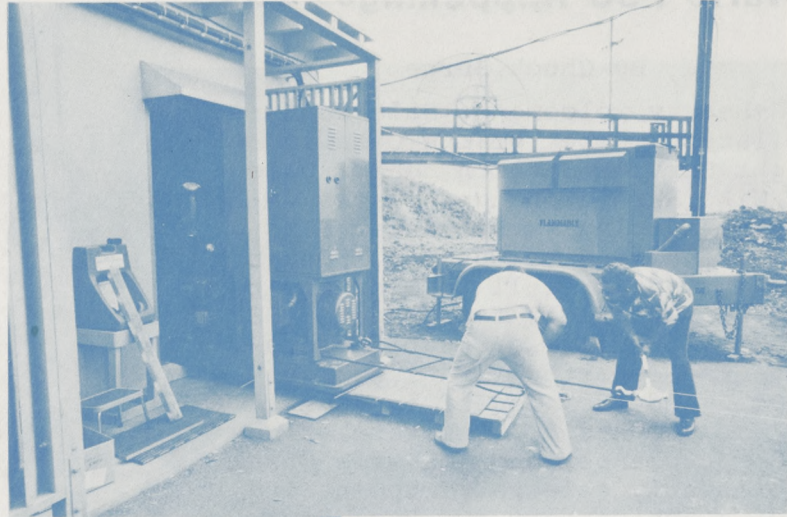
### Accounting Employees Of The Month

Barbara Gillespie (left), Examination and Classification Branch and Sharon McIntosh, Operations and Analysis Branch, were selected by their Branch Manager as Employees of the Month. Since the Uniform Accounting System (UAS) conversion effort began, Barbara has been the answer person for the Contract and Payable unit. She is an enthusiastic orchid grower and aspiring sailor. She and her husband are looking for just the right sailboat. Sharon is quick to learn and is now in charge of balancing the UAS reports in the General Ledger section as well as taking care of the reimbursable agreements. Sharon is from Key West, Florida, and leads a very active life. She is a mother of three girls, an accounting major at Southwest Jr. College, and she still finds time for jogging and disco dancing. Congratulations to Barbara and Sharon on these well-deserved awards!



## Out With The Old.....

Right photo:  
Harry Toyomura  
(back to camera) and  
Lewis Kilpatrick, En-  
vironmental Support  
Technician, monitor the  
progress as the 20-year  
plus veteran E/G is  
slowly pulled from the  
building.



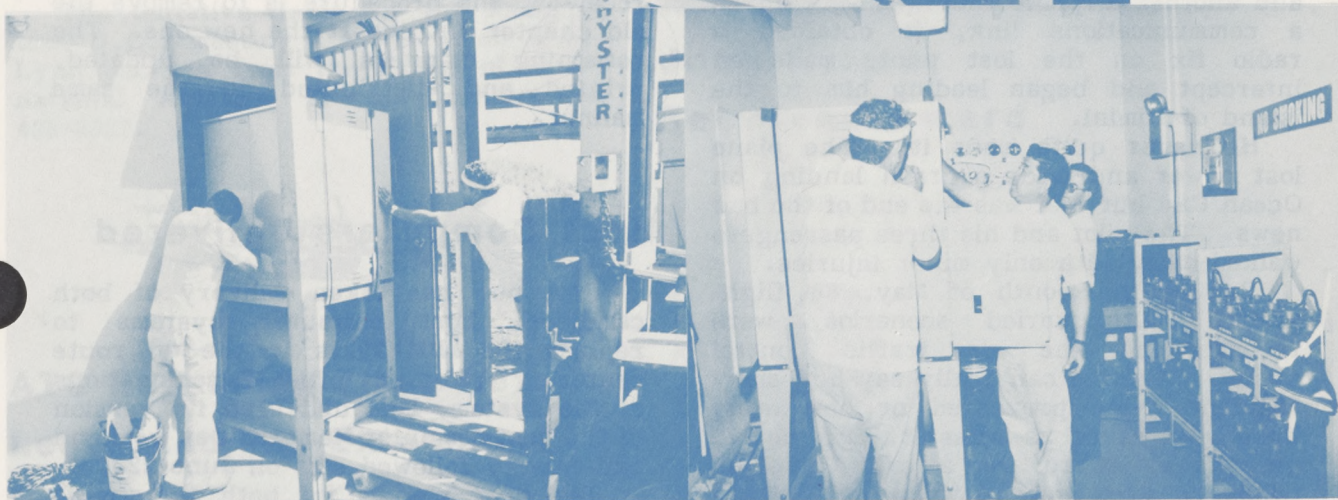
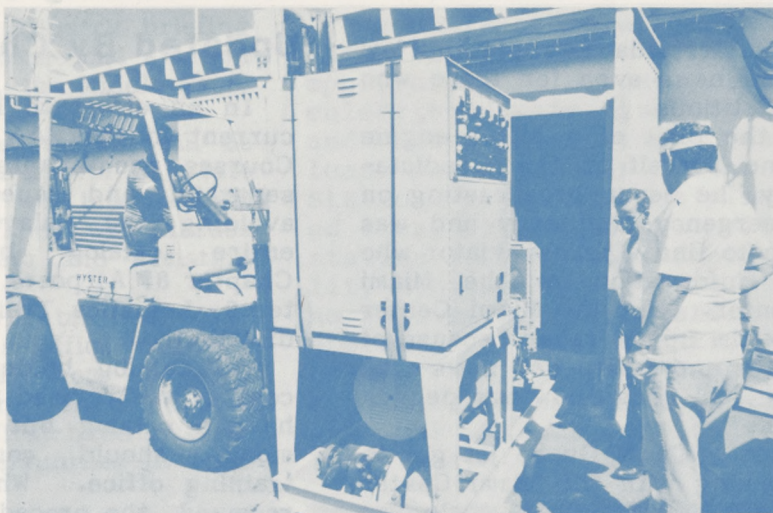
Left: Here we see Harry  
checking out the interim  
standby turbine system.  
Looking over his  
shoulder are Manager  
John Gordon (foreground)  
and Herb Sakai, Environ-  
mental Support Technician.

Early this year, Honolulu ARTCC Airway Facilities Sector changed out the engine generator at the Diamond Head Rim Site facility. The old gasoline powered engine generator had been installed in the 50's and was just plain worn out. Through assistance from AWP-420 and the Washington office, a new diesel engine was obtained. To expedite the procedure, it was decided that the sector staff would do the change-out with help from Don Fanell's AWP-465 staff.

The change-out was critical as the power could only be briefly interrupted at the Rim Site facility. This facility links most critical

radar and communications data into Honolulu Center/FSS. Harry Toyomura, Supervisor, Environmental Unit, Honolulu ARTCC AFS, with help from Al Lincoln, Engineering Technician in AWP-465, planned and participated in virtually all of the change-out work. The project came off very well with minimal impact to Air Traffic--but not without a few critical moments. At one point, Honolulu weather was deteriorating. The site was set up on an interim standby gas generator. Since this was not as reliable as other FAA engine generators, Harry and Al changed their weekend plans and came in to hold the turbine's hand until the weather improved.

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Top photo: The new diesel arrives at the site--monitoring the unloading are Lewis Kilpatrick (left), Environmental Support Technician, and Al Lincoln, Engineering Technician.

Above left: A little shove and "in she goes." Actually Harry and Al are just being sure the engine goes where it belongs --the forklift is doing the pushing.

Above right: Here (from left) Al Lincoln, Harry Toyomura and Lewis Kilpatrick put on the final touches to the installation.

## Blue Water/White Knuckles

Lost in the Bermuda Triangle and low on fuel is bad news even for those who are not superstitious.

So when the pilot of a single-engine airplane found himself in that predicament recently, he began broadcasting on the 121.5 emergency frequency and was lucky enough to find a fellow aviator who relayed the information to the Miami En Route Center. But the Miami Center couldn't pick him up on radar because of his low altitude and—more bad news—the needle on the fuel gauge now was pegged on the big "E."

That's when a Coast Guard jet got in the act. Working with the Miami Center and another airplane that was serving as a communications link, it obtained a radio fix on the lost pilot, made an intercept and began leading him to the island of Bimini.

He never quite made it. The plane lost power and made a crash landing on Ocean Cay but that was the end of the bad news. The pilot and his three passengers walked away with only minor injuries.

During the month of May, 98 flight assists, with varied scenarios, were recorded in the air traffic control system. No one can really say how many accidents were prevented or how many lives were saved as a result, but the 833 persons on board the aircraft involved probably are grateful for the helping hand all the same.

## Daisy Kiakona Was First

INTERCOM 84-30 stated that Ock-Ju Noh was the first regional woman in the country to achieve manager of the Personnel Management Division. It is true that Ock-Ju is the only woman currently to hold that position; however, Daisy Kiakona, now retired, previously held the position of Chief, Personnel Management Division, Pacific-Asia Region. Thanks to Rose Moore of Honolulu Center for setting the record straight.

## FAA Training Catalog

### Updated By Chapter

In an effort to keep the information current in the FAA Catalog of Training Courses, each chapter now will be updated separately and issued as a change, thus avoiding the delays in updating the entire catalog before distribution. Chapter 8, Airports Training, and Chapter 9, Logistics Training, are now being distributed.

All catalog holders should receive a copy of the revised material. Those who have a catalog but don't get the revisions, should contact the regional training office. When the changes are received, the procedure is to remove the old chapter and insert the new one. The remaining chapters will be updated, printed and distributed in the same manner.

## Host Computers Delivered

FAA now has taken delivery of both candidate host computer systems to replace the IBM 9020s in the en route centers. After an initial demonstration of the system, IBM delivered its version of the host computer Memorial Day weekend and Sperry followed suit on June 22.

The next step is for both systems to be programmed with the software used in the 9020 computers at the en route centers. This programming shakedown phase is expected to last until December. Then the computers will undergo a series of evaluation demonstrations. The winning system will be selected in June 1985 on the basis of demonstration results, technical proposals, and cost.

Delivery of the new computer system, which will have capacity to handle traffic until the mid-1990s, is scheduled to begin in April 1986.

The Host computer, is the first step in the current modernization of the ATC system.

Next, sector suites will be introduced. In the final step, FAA will implement the Advanced Automation System to provide ATC automation in the 1990's and beyond.

## International Briefing Set

FAA is planning an industry briefing for late November on commercial aviation opportunities in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Assisting FAA at the briefing will be officials from the Departments of State and Commerce as well as international banking institutions. They will discuss their roles in supporting and assisting U.S. industries overseas.

Also participating will be FAA officials from the Brussels office and the agency representatives from London, Paris, Rome, and Dakar. Their purpose will be to provide a first-hand assessment of marketing opportunities in their parts of the world.

The tentative dates for the Washington, D.C., meeting are November 27-29. Lynn Jackson from the Office of International Aviation is the contact on 426-8937.



## ATC Rebuilding Team Gets Leave And Pay Extensions

Citing "the demands increased air traffic is placing upon our workforce," Administrator Engen has extended the "exigency of the public business" for another year to give FAA employees involved in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) rebuilding program additional time to use restored leave.

In a related action, the Administrator also extended for one year the provision of the ATC Revitalization Act that grants supervisors 10 percent premium pay for providing on-the-job training. The new termination date is Dec. 31, 1985.

As a result of the Administrator's action, the "exigency" now extends through the 1985 leave year, or until Jan. 5, 1986. That means controllers and others who had leave restored under these special circumstances now will have until Dec. 31, 1988, to use it.

## Santa Barbara FSS on TV

Recently, several Santa Barbara Flight Service Specialists had the opportunity to become television celebrities. An Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association press release regarding the Flight Service Stations consolidation plans prompted local TV stations to visit the station for more information. Facility Manager Mickey Long provided narrative for the interview while specialists Bob Rothbart, Jim Trowbridge, Jim Zachary, Todd Smith, Arnold Schumacher, Tony Megowan, and Hank Verbais were filmed performing routine position duties.

## John Farmer Receives Award



John Farmer (above left), Reno Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Nav/Comm Technician-in-Depth, recently received a Quality Increase Award with an outstanding rating for his work this past year. Supervisor Doug Johnson presented the award. Typical of John's outstanding accomplishments was the engineering and coordination required for successful completion of Transcribed Weather Broadcast (TWEB), Remote Communications Outlet (RCO) and VORTAC monitoring in the State of Nevada.

## Annual Wine Stompers

### Get-Together, Sept. 6-7

The FAA Retirees Wine Stompers Group will hold its annual get-together at Solvang, Calif., on Sept. 6 and 7.

This is a group of FAA retirees who are located in the western part of the U.S. and who also are amateur "HAM" radio operators. The group gets together via amateur radio almost daily at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Pacific time). The objective? Just to keep in touch.

The annual Wine Stompers get-together is not intended to be confined to the group of retirees with amateur radio licenses. Any active or retired FAA personnel who would care to participate will be most welcome.

For further information, please contact Carl Bassler, 1021 Leucadia Blvd., Leucadia, CA 92024.

## 1984 Airway Pioneer

### Published

The Society of Airway Pioneers (SOAP) has completed publication of the **1984 AIRWAY PIONEER**, and copies have been mailed to all members of the Society. This 120 page book provides past and present employees of FAA and the National Weather Service (NWS) with news and activities of former friends and colleagues. A directory is included for maintaining contact with former colleagues. A copy of **THE 1984 AIRWAY PIONEER** is available for review in the Regional Public Affairs Office. The Society is a National Non-profit Organization open to all past and present employees who have a minimum of 20 years service with either FAA or NWS. For further information and membership applications contact: Leon C. Daugherty, Society of Airway Pioneers, 28719 Blythewood Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

## Civilair News

The discount tickets for the Mann Theatres of California (Westwood Theatres excluded) have been increased to \$3.00; regular price of admission is \$6.00. Also available are discount tickets for the General Cinema Theatres for \$2.50; regular price of admission is \$5.00. These tickets may be purchased at the Civilair desk in the Credit Union Office on the 4th floor of the Regional Office. Mail orders will be filled upon receipt of a check or money order payable to "Civilair, Inc." Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

This year's CIVILAIR PICNIC will be held on Sept. 15, in the Gull Park picnic area at the Long Beach Naval Station. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. The park is approximately 10 miles south of the regional office. Maps pinpointing the exact location will be distributed soon. Plenty of games are planned for adults, teenagers and young children. Food and beverages will also be available. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the picnic should contact Mal Coghlan in the Labor Relations Branch at 536-6310. We are looking forward to our best turnout ever--so keep the date open and keep a lookout for directions on how to get to Gull Park.

## Southern California Retirees Picnic



The Southern California Retirees Picnic will be held on Wed., Sept. 26, at Live Oak Park near Fallbrook. From I-15 take Fallbrook off ramp, turn left on Reche Road and follow to the park. Bring lunch and drinks - from 10 o'clock until ???.

## It's Professor Koenke Now

Edmund J. Koenke, Director of the FAA Technical Center, has announced that he plans to leave FAA and become a professor at Stockton State College in New Jersey. Koenke, who was deputy director of the Office of Systems Engineering Management before taking over at the Tech Center, has the credentials to teach at the college level as he holds a doctorate from M.I.T. He will be a professor of Business Studies at Stockton. An electrical engineer, he joined the agency in 1973.

## FAA Mixed Bowling League

ATTENTION! All bowlers and bowling enthusiasts. We are now taking sign-ups for the 1984 Winter Bowling League. As customary, we will bowl on Friday evenings, starting time 4:45 p.m., at the South Bay Bowling Center. Teams will consist of four people, including at least one female. Entering total team average cannot exceed 630.

Winter bowling will begin approximately the second week in Sept. Exact date will be announced later. We must know how many teams are going to participate in order to sign the contract and confirm the number of lanes we need, so contact either Bob Kivitt, President, 536-6262; Karl McGee, Vice-President, 215-2130; Ken Sanders, Treasurer, 536-6085; or Micki Hines, Secretary, 215-2280 and sign up your team ASAP - and no later than Aug. 28.

All FAA employees, Western Region Credit Union, immediate family members of FAA employees and retired FAA employees, former FAA employees and spouses, NTSB employees and FAA contracted employees may bowl. This is where the fun and action (PIN) is, folks - Don't Miss Out!

## NAATS Honors FSS Manager



Bill Moses (center) is congratulated by Regional Director Mac McClure (right) and Jerry Lamb, Air Traffic Control Specialist at Bakersfield FSS.

Bill Moses, Manager of the Lancaster Flight Service Station, has received special recognition from the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists. Bill received a plaque and certificate of appreciation for "your voluntary services to general aviation, particularly in aviation education and safety, and in appreciation of your success in providing a harmonious and cooperative atmosphere at the Bakersfield FSS." In a letter to Bill, NAATS President Harry Duke, Jr., went on to say that, "It is our feeling that you exemplify the best possible in human relations in that you have instilled a sense of pride in the controllers at the Bakersfield FSS." (Editor's Note: Bill was manager of the Bakersfield FSS before transferring to Lancaster FSS.)



## Doppler Radar Checks For Wind Shear

FAA and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) have begun an operational evaluation of Doppler radar's capability to detect and forecast wind shear at Denver-Stapleton Airport. This radar can "see" into clouds and detect microbursts, which are violent downward bursts of air that can cause hazardous low-altitude wind shear.

Administrator Engen said NCAR meteorologists involved in the project will issue a daily microburst forecast and also keep FAA controllers up to date on potential and actual microburst activity within a five-mile radius of the airport. Controllers can then issue necessary advisories to pilots.

The evaluation, which is expected to run for 45 days, will help in the development of procedures for validating microburst forecasting techniques.

## No More Yuma FSS

The Yuma, Arizona, Flight Service Station was permanently closed on July 19, as a cost-saving measure. The same level of service presently provided to pilots at the Yuma FSS will continue to be available from other FAA facilities.

Pilots requiring services such as air-ground communications, weather briefings, navigation aid monitoring, flight plan processing, direction finding and military flight service should call the Phoenix FSS at 800-352-0512. Radio communications in the Yuma area will continue to be available to pilots on the same frequencies used in the past.

The National Weather Service Office on Yuma Airport will be unaffected by the closure of the FSS. Weather observations are taken by the U. S. Marine Corps and weather information for the Yuma Airport will continue to be available from the FAA. The FAA personnel assigned to the Yuma FSS have been reassigned to other facilities.

## FAA Surveys GA Activity

FAA's triennial general aviation pilot and aircraft survey now is underway at some 300 airports around the country.

The survey will update and expand data obtained from similar surveys taken at three-year intervals beginning in 1972. Pilots will be asked to provide general information about the length and purpose of their flights, use of FAA facilities, flight time, and fuel consumption. Traffic information also will be recorded at the airports.

The survey will be administered for FAA by two independent research organizations, Automated Sciences Group, Inc., of Silver Spring, Md., and Westat Corporation, Rockville, Md., to assure the confidentiality of the pilots who respond to the survey. The actual interviews and data collection will be done by cadets from the Civil Air Patrol.

The 300 or so airports in the survey will include a range of general aviation facilities, from those with control towers and paved and lighted runways to small, non-towered fields with dirt or grass strips. Each will be surveyed on a typical week day and a typical Saturday or Sunday over a three-month period, from July to September.

FAA expects to publish the survey results early next year. Data collected in past surveys has been used by the agency to evaluate the effectiveness of flight service station modernization programs, determine the noise impact of operations at typical non-towered airports, and evaluate pilot risk factors. State and local governments and private industry also are primary users of the data.

## Bakersfield Golf Tournament, Sept. 13



Bakersfield Tower/TRACON is sponsoring a Four Man Best Ball Golf Tournament, Thursday, Sept. 13, at Kern City Golf Course in Bakersfield. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and tee off time is 10 a.m. The Tournament entry fee is \$25 - entry deadline, Aug. 30. For further information, contact Mike Motta, 805/831-6973 or FTS 961-4325.