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Flight Standards Managers/APS Conference

Cover Story

The second annual Western-Pacific Region Flight Standards Managers'/Accident Prevention Conference was held recently in Las Vegas. All Accident Prevention Specialists and General Aviation District Office (GADO) and Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) managers were in attendance.

The conference started with Flight Standards Division Manager Clyde DeHart, Jr., welcoming the attendees and Industry guests, emphasizing the importance of everyone's contribution to the accident prevention program. He also encouraged new and dynamic ideas that will enhance aviation safety and continue to reduce the accident rate.

Gary Koch, Accident Prevention Coordinator, introduced Walt Luffsey, Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards, who discussed pertinent issues regarding aviation safety and management objectives in aviation standards. Comments and update from other Washington Representatives of Aviation Standards included Ken Hunt, Director, Office of Flight Operations; Bill Brennan, Manager, Air Transportation Division; Joe Pontecorvo, Manager, Aircraft Maintenance Division; and "Pete" Pederson, Manager, Accident Prevention staff.

Comments and presentations were given by the following Regional personnel: Jerry Luce, Air Traffic Division; Herman Bliss, Manager, Airports Division; Dr. Stephen Goodman, Assistant Regional Flight Surgeon; DeWitte Lawson, Jr., Regional Counsel; Duane Bullard, Manager, International Aviation, Planning and Public Affairs; Barbara Abels, Public Affairs Officer; Robert Moline, Manager, Real Estate and Utilities Branch; Dorothy Gragg, Manager, Acquisition Management Branch; Bonnie Embry, Evaluation

Officer, Logistics Division; and Bob Gallimore, Manager, Flight Inspection and Procedures Branch.

The conference was highlighted by Regional Director Mac McClure introducing new FAA Administrator Donald D. Engen. The Administrator addressed the conference and participated in a stimulating and exciting "hangar flying" session with the conference attendees, exchanging ideas and discussing challenges that face all of us in promoting aviation safety.

The aviation industry was well represented and agenda items included presentations from: Marilyn Copeland, President, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; Don Downie, Western Representative, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Jack Eggspuehler, National Association of Flight Instructors; Drew Steketee, Director of Communications, General Aviation Manufacturers Association; and Myles Ruggenberg, Helicopter Association International.

Presentations were also given by visiting Accident Prevention Coordinators: Robert Heckman, Eastern Region; Bonnie Merz, Great Lakes Region; Donald Muzeroll, Southwest Region; Sterling Williams, Aeronautical Center; and James Harris, Manager, Aeromedical Education Branch, Aeronautical Center.

The conference stimulated new ideas, interest and activity in FAA's continuing program to reduce aviation accidents. Selling aviation safety through education, persuasion and motivation was emphasized; and an on-going and dynamic Accident Prevention Program will continue through cooperative effort between the FAA team and the aviation industry.

Cover Photo: From left--"Pete" Pederson, AFO-806; Joe Pontecorvo, AWS-300; Bill Brennan, AFO-200; Ken Hunt, AFO-1; Walt Luffsey, AVS-1, and Gary Koch, Jr., AWP-251.

More Flight Standards



Above: From left--Administrator Donald D. Engen, Gary Koch and Regional Director Mac McClure.



Left: From left--Myles Ruggenberg, Safety Representative, Helicopter Association International; Janet Hitt, Accident Prevention Specialist at San Jose FSDO.



Left: From left, front to rear-- Bob Phelps, manager, Van Nuys FSDO; Jim Shamp, APS, Fresno FSDO; Paul Stebelton, APS, Long Beach FSDO; Jack Norris, APS, LAX FSDO; and Chuck Panos, Manager, San Jose FSDO.



A--John Hull (left), Manager, San Diego FSDO; and Ralph "Bud" Anderson, Accident Prevention Specialist, Sacramento FSDO.

B--Logistics Division personnel, from left, Robert Moline, Dorothy Gragg and Bonnie Embry.

C--Bonnie Merz (left), Great Lakes Region Accident Prevention Coordinator, and Carol Rayburn, then Manager of Fresno FSDO and now Deputy Manager, Flight Standards Division.

D--R. J. Jones (left), Accident Prevention Specialist, Oakland FSDO, and Vince Brophy, Accident Prevention Specialist at Van Nuys FSDO.

Still More



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A--From left--David Tilton, Las Vegas FSDO; Robert Heckman, Eastern Region Accident Prevention Coordinator; Donald Mazeroll, Southwest Region Accident Prevention Coordinator; and Carl Borchers, Accident Prevention Specialist, Reno FSDO.
 B--Ken Gustin, Los Angeles Center, Audio-Video Technician.
 C--Wayne "Yogi" Bair, Manager San Francisco FSDO, receives "thumbs-up sign" from Administrator Don Engen. In center is Ted Ellett, Special Counsel to the Administrator.
 D--Regional panel--from left--Jerry Luce, Herman Bliss, Dr. Stephen Goodman, DeWitte Lawson, Duane Bullard and Robert Moline.
 Photos by Ralph Palmer & Barbara Abels.

State of California Aviation Week

Aviation is the ultimate in transportation for a state the size of California. Due notice was made of this importance by the Governor's proclamation of "Aviation Week," Sept. 16, 1984.

Many agencies and levels of government contribute to the development and operation of the State's Airport System. The Federal Aviation Administration through the Airport Improvement Program provided grant-in-aid to public airports in the State through allocation of over \$77,900,000 for Fiscal Year 1983 and \$70,300,000 for Fiscal Year 1984. As part of a cooperative effort throughout the State, the Division of Aeronautics, CALTRANS, provided a part of the local matching funds. A project programmed under the Airport Improvement Program contributes to implementation of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems in addition to the State System. National priorities include airport security, capacity, safety, facility upgrade, noise compatibility planning and implementation, airport systems and master planning. One of the most important is the implementation of noise mitigation measures to improve the environment adjacent to airports. These actions are designed to make our airports better neighbors.

There are a number of examples of local State and Federal cooperation, particularly in the development of the reliever airports. These facilities are located in the larger commercial service areas such as Sacramento and Los Angeles. The reconstruction and development program now underway at Sacramento Executive Airport is the result of community development of an acceptable noise mitigation plan and master plan. The County has provided

\$35,333 and the State \$331,719 for FAA-supported projects totaling \$3,317,193. The reliever airport provides an immediate access for general aviation and business aircraft to the national systems in addition to relieving this type of activity from Sacramento Metropolitan Airport.

The expansion and improvement of Whiteman Airport in Los Angeles County is a combined County, State and Federal effort. In order to provide a publicly-owned reliever airport in the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena area, a master plan was developed by the County together with an environmental impact statement. Many improvements were planned and completed prior to the expected influx of transient aircraft prior to and during the 1984 Olympics. The County provided \$419,453 and the State \$250,000, for FAA-supported projects totaling \$4,194,533.

These are but two examples of the cooperative effort now underway to provide an adequate system of airports to meet the ever-growing transportation needs of the State of California.



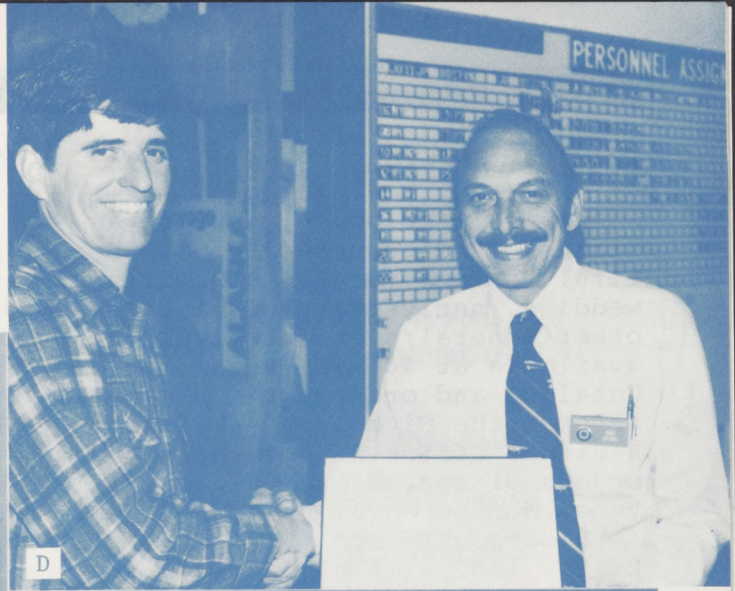
Correction to Travel Manual

With reference to Travel Manual, DOT 1500.6, FAA Order 1500.14 WP SUP 83/1500.14/NM SUP 78, Page 7-2-WP1, the rates prescribed for High Rate Geographical Areas shows Yuma, Ariz. (and all locations within Yuma County) as being \$70 per day. This should read \$57 per day. Correction will be made in forthcoming supplement to the Travel Manual.

Oakland FSS Awards



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Recent award recipients at Oakland are:

A--Marty Landers, Air Traffic Manager, receives the 1983 EEO award for Facility Managers from Ron Willis, president of the National Coalition of Black Air Traffic Controllers.

B--Kyle Vancil (right), Oakland AFSFO, receives a letter of appreciation from Oakland FSS Asst. Mgr. Wayne Rodrigues.

C--Anderson Davie (left), OAK FSS EPDS, receives a Special Achievement Award from AMT Jack Howard.

D--Bryan Ashley (left) receives a Superior Performance Award from Supervisor Rod Stahl.

E--Specialist Norman Largusa (left) receives a Quality Performance Award from Area Supervisor John Pfund.

Civilair News

Civilair is now supporting a stationery discount program. Beautiful contemporary and traditional wedding, anniversary, Christmas and other general stationery will be available at 40% off retail prices. Catalogs and order forms are available at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office. Christmas card orders placed before Oct. 15 will receive free envelope imprinting.

A discount card from F&M Auto Parts, Inc. will allow Civilair members to receive 35%-50% off on all automotive parts and accessories. Civilair members must show F&M's discount card for reduced prices. Discount cards are available at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office or the Civilair area at the LAX Hangar.

Applications for Fedco membership are now available at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office or the Civilair area at the LAX Hangar. Each application, together with a life membership fee of \$2.00 may be mailed directly to the closest Fedco store.

There is a Walt Disney World Merchandise Catalog available at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office.

Performance Award For Thelma Finley

Thelma Finley, Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office, was recently presented a Special Achievement Award with an outstanding performance rating by Donald Best, Manager, at a special staff meeting. Congratulations, Thelma!

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Technicians Upgraded

Recent changes to the classification guide for field electronics technicians that more accurately reflect the intensity of their operating environment have resulted in the upgrading of 152 technicians to GS-12 levels and 31 supervisors, mostly to GS-13's. The new criteria employ an hourly traffic density factor, instead of annual travel levels, making it similar to that found in the classification standard for the air traffic control series.

Another change to the qualification criteria was that facilities that had a benchmark of 100,000 annual instrument operations now have a new benchmark of 50,000 annual primary instrument operations. Also, the distance requirement that held that a facility had to be no more than 45 nautical miles from the navigational fix it establishes has been extended. Now, a facility may be farther away as long as the navigational fix is no more than 50 nautical miles from the airport it serves.

These changes, which increased the number of facilities qualifying for coverage under the guide, were the result of a joint effort by the Program Engineering and Maintenance Service and the Office of Personnel and Training.

Two New Towers Coming

The 12 controllers and supervisors at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, just outside of St. Louis, Mo., and the 25 FAAers at the Hanover County Airport in Wilmington, N.C., all have a new tower in their future. Contracts for both Mock-design structures were signed recently with Interstate General Contractor of Long Grove, Ill. Both towers are expected to be finished in the fall of 1985.

The St. Louis facility is expected to be commissioned early in 1986, and the Wilmington Tower sometime in the spring or summer of that year.

Ontario Tower Talk

Mike Darling (left) and Ron Schilling, departing Full Performance Level Controllers, were honored at a cake and coffee reception for their efforts in updating the tower training program. They each received Letters of Commendation and framed pictures of Ontario International Airport. Good luck at LAX!

Bill Wheeler and several members of his recently organized Alta Loma Cycling Club were part of the bicycle entourage that escorted the Olympic Torch Bearer through Upland and Ontario.

Lisa Daubenmire has recently been elected to the Facility Advisory Board/Human Relations Committee. Ontario Tower continues its one-hundred percent participation with the Ontario Blood Bank, and Bill Wheeler just donated his 50th pint. Bert Simpson, our resident "architect extraordinaire", has just completed coordinating with FAA contractors on plans for our new tower. Construction is slated to begin in September of this year.

Angie Mencarelli, Ontario's INTERCOM "Roving Reporter", has been active all year in the Terminal Operation Position Standards Task Group.

Keith Lewis has just acquired his waterwings in his new ski boat, and looks to have all of us on water skis in '84.

We welcomed the installation of BANDS in July, just in time for the increased Olympic traffic.



Birdsong Now Deputy

It's now official: Robert Birdsong, Jr., is the Deputy Director of the Office of Civil Rights, after serving in that post on an acting basis for the past two years.

A career Federal employee, he joined FAA in 1976 as manager of the Internal EEO Program and subsequently took on the External or Public Program.

Birdsong, who holds a law degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters degree in Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago, recently was selected as one of six FAA employees in the DOT Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.

During this two-year program he will continue to hold his current job while being assigned to other temporary, developmental positions. At the conclusion of the program, he will be eligible to step into an SES position.

FAR Part 23 to Get Week-Long Review

More than 400 proposed changes to the airworthiness standards for FAR Part 23 aircraft will be covered during a public meeting scheduled to be held in St. Louis, Mo., October 22-26. Part 23 covers all normal, utility, and aerobatic aircraft with gross weights of 12,500 pounds or less.

In addition, the rule could be expanded to cover other larger aircraft. Last November, FAA proposed to adopt permanent certification standards under Part 23 for certain commuter aircraft with up to 19 passenger seats and weighing up to 19,000 pounds.

Following the October meeting, FAA plans to propose a number of changes to the rule that will reflect advances in the state-of-the-art and changes in operational practices.

FAA Denies Noise Petitions

Aircraft operators seeking relief from an FAA rule that would ban older, noisier jets from U.S. airspace after the end of the year have, thus far, been unsuccessful.

As of late August, the agency has ruled on 28 of the 86 petitions for exemption from the rule's Jan. 1, 1985, compliance date and has denied every one of them. The remaining 58 still are under review, including a petition from Dade County, Florida, seeking a broad three-year exemption for Miami International Airport.

Administrator Engen said the denials are in keeping with the FAA/DOT position that the noise rule should be strictly enforced. He noted that the rule was adopted in Dec. 1976, giving airlines seven years to phase out or modify those jets, such as the Boeing 707 and McDonnell-Douglas DC-8, that do not meet the noise criteria specified in Part 36 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Of the 28 denied petitions, 19 were filed by U.S. carriers and nine by foreign airlines.



HRM Structure Shaping Up

The new FAA headquarters human resource management organization is now taking shape. According to Homer "Mac" McClure, the Western-Pacific Regional Director, who is in Washington to set up the organization, employees from the Offices of Labor Relations, Personnel and Training, and Human Resources are all involved in designing this first-of-a-kind organization, which will involve a major reorganization of their offices.

These employees, he said, have all had a voice in the decision-making process.

McClure said that the employee groups have now come up with a number of scenarios or options, which will be evaluated by the HRM Oversight Committee, made up of McClure, Howard Richardson, APT-1, and Ed Curran, ALR-1.

MLS to be Evaluated At Richmond Airport

The agency plans to install a microwave landing system (MLS) at Richmond's Richard E. Byrd International Airport next summer so aircraft operators can gain early operational experience with this sophisticated new equipment.

As part of the program, FAA also will purchase 20 to 30 MLS airborne receivers which will be loaned to a representative sample of Richmond-based operators for installation in their aircraft.

The program will permit general aviation pilots, in particular, to familiarize themselves with the services and capabilities MLS provides, stimulate their interest, and obtain feedback from the user community. Richmond was selected for the evaluation because of the wide range of traffic using that facility.

FAA has contracted with the Hazeltine Corp. to supply over 200 MLS units but the first of these is not scheduled to be commissioned until early 1986. The Richmond MLS will be a leased, off-the-shelf unit which the agency expects to have operational next summer, at least six months ahead of the production units. Eventually, the leased installation at Richmond will be replaced with a production unit.

Time to Find Out

About Absentee Ballots

FAAers who may be away from home for training or other special assignment on Election Day should begin to think about getting an absentee ballot.

The best way for employees to go about it is to get in touch with the registrar of their local election board. Another good source for advice and assistance is the non-partisan League of Women Voters. The League is listed in the phone book or available through information. The Nov. 6 National election is getting closer, so right now is the time to get started.

Controllers at Monterey Second in 99s Air Race Classic

Two women controllers from Monterey Tower flew in the recently-held prestigious Air Race Class (formerly the Powder Puff Derby). Pilot Lynne Ulicki and co-pilot Jayne Overgard are both members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the international organization of women pilots. They also are the first race team ever where both were FAA controllers.

They flew a Cherokee Archer from Pasco, Wash. to Gainesville, Ga., and arrived in second place, only three-tenths mph behind first place. Support was received by FAA towers and FSS stations across the country who encouraged "their team." All prize money above and beyond all expenses went to the California International Airshow (a non-profit organization) which raises money for local charities each year. Although Lynne is transferring to Chicago-O'Hare Tower in September, the two plan to continue racing as a team for many years to come.



Lynne Ulicki (left) and Jayne Overgard.

National Human Relations Work Group

The National Human Relations Work Group has been working for the past year to address issues which were identified at the National Human Relations Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C., last June 1983. Members include one employee from each Region/Center/Headquarters, and the mix cuts across all disciplinary lines. The group is made up of Air Traffic Controllers, an Economist, Secretary, Airway Facilities Technician, Aircraft Certification Engineer, and Flight Standards Division Pilot. In September 1984, this unique group makes its final recommendations to the Administrator's Management Team in Washington.

This group represents a model of the participative management process, and has validated the fact that employees from all disciplines can work together to make the ONE FAA concept a reality.

Members of the work group include: Cindy Zook, Human Resource Specialist, Washington Headquarters; Pat LaVergne, Area Supervisor, Kansas City Center; Rick Barnett, Aircraft Certification, Northwest-Mountain Region; Travis Ray, Computer Analyst, FAA Academy; Paul Smith, Airway Facilities, Southern Region; Milt Simpson, Area Supervisor, San Antonio ATCT; Lorraine Harrison, Flight Standards Division, New England Region (temporarily detailed to Energy Division at Headquarters); Mitch Clark, AFS Field Chief, Alaskan Region (temporarily detailed to Human Resources Staff); Bob Lamb, Area Manager, New York TRACON; Gary Klingler, ATCS, Detroit Metro Tower; and Pat Faux, Secretary, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region.

Changes in Relocation Allowances

FAA Order 1500.29A and Notice WP N 1500.81/NM N 1500.70 summarize significant changes in relocation allowances for employees with reporting dates of Nov. 14, 1983 or later. Authorizing officials of such relocations are reminded that extensions of temporary quarters for additional time (second 60-day period) shall be held to a minimum. Temporary quarters extensions may be authorized only in situations where there is a demonstrated need for the additional time (i.e., hardship cases). An employee's inability to dispose of his or her residence at the old duty station is NOT a valid reason for such an extension.

FS Division Awards

The following Flight Standards Division personnel recently received awards: Quality Increase Award with outstanding rating - Marianne Sommer, Sacramento Flight Standards District Office; Thomas Blatz and John Noel, Scottsdale FSDO; Special Achievement Award with outstanding rating - Margaret Pritchard and Carolyn Boor, Riverside FSDO; Special Achievement Award (Special Act) - Donald Best, Robert Doody, John Day, Gene Dunham, Harold Fletcher, Felix Lococo, Marion Dittman, Allan Ashbury, Robert Johnson, Kenneth Daskocil, Vernon Erfurth, Anthony Rais, Linwood Moore, Octavia May and Jerry Waples, Los Angeles FSDO; Carolyn Schmid, AWP-205; Marilyn Ramsey, AWP-60; Alberta Brown, Van Nuys FSDO and Betty Sears, AFS San Diego.



Award for Norman Suzuki

Norman Suzuki (right), Radar/Arts Technician, Hilo Radar/Arts Sector Field Office, was presented a Quality Increase Award based on outstanding performance by Tokiwo Nagata, Manager. Norman also received Letters of Appreciation from Air Traffic personnel at the Hilo Air Traffic Control Tower. Congratulations Norman for a job well done!

Federal Employees 16th Annual Party At Disneyland October 8.

Federal employees, along with their families and friends, will have the opportunity to visit Disneyland from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 8, and enjoy unlimited use of the more than 50 attractions and see a variety of live musical entertainment and Disney character shows. The price of the party is \$7 per person and includes all park attractions (except arcades), admission to all shows and exhibits and complimentary parking. Children under three are admitted free. Pick up your tickets at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office or see your Civilair Director. Mail orders will be accepted. Be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Civilair Desk, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009.