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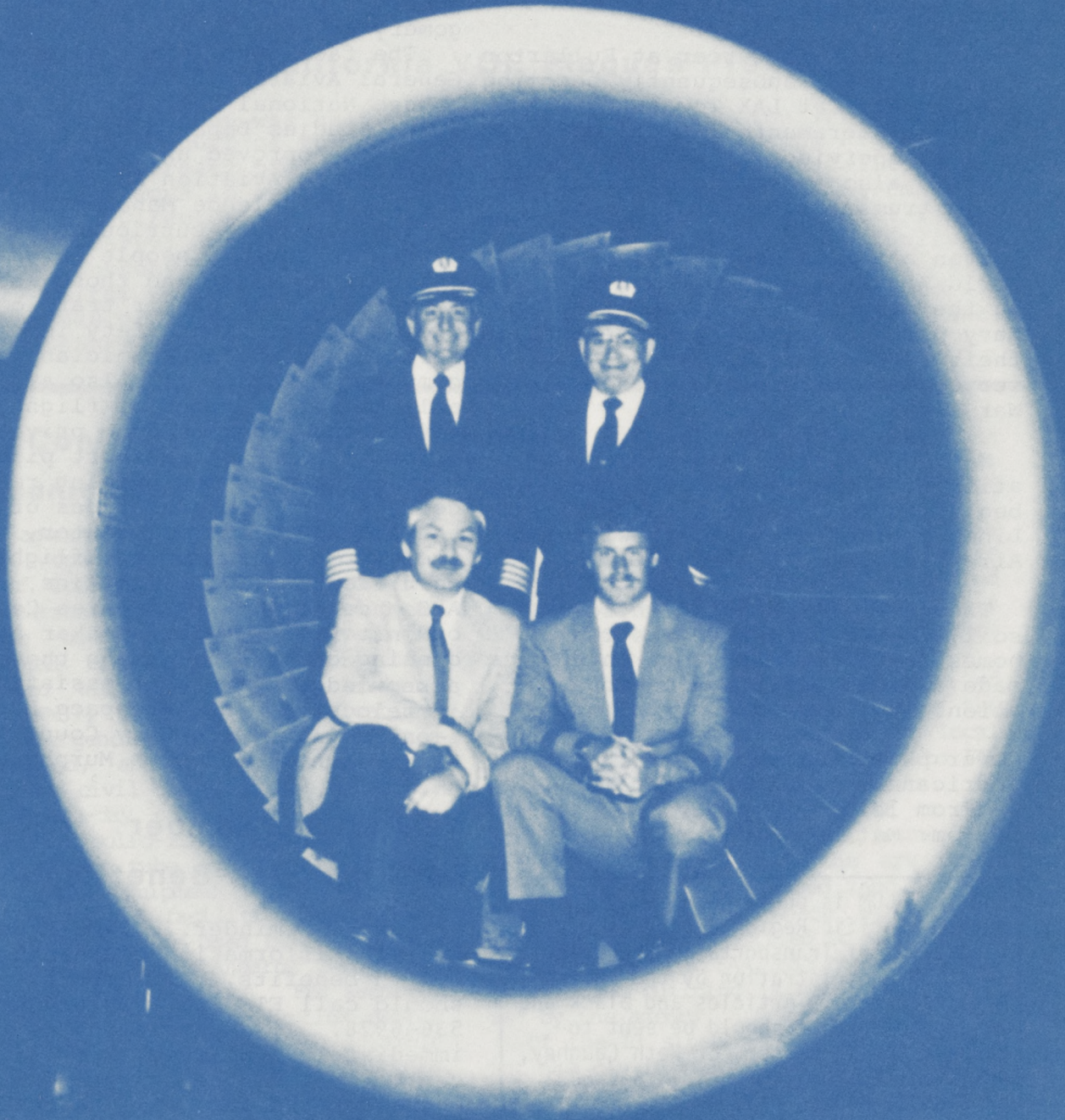
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Cover Story

Havelock, Iowa, may not lay claim to being a mid-American metropolis, but it can certainly boast of the flying Shimon family. This family of aviators includes Gary Shimon, who is an Air Traffic Control Specialist at the Sacramento TRACON; his brothers Ivan and Dale, retired American Airlines DC-10 Captains; and Gary's nephew, Matthew, a Sun Aire Lines' Captain.

Gary began his career at Fullerton Tower in 1967, subsequently becoming a controller at LAX Tower and TRACON. Prior to Sacramento TRACON, Gary was a team supervisor at LAX Tower. Gary is also a commercial pilot with an instrument rating.

Ivan and Dale began flying during World War II. Dale was a P-15 pilot in the Army Air Corps, and Ivan a Navy pilot. Neither one followed in their father's footsteps as he served on battleships in both World War I and II.

Matthew ushered in a new generation of Shimon family aviators, beginning his career with Swift Aire Lines and, at present, is with Sun Aire Lines.

Though it all started on Iowa soil, the Shimons now make their homes in California where they have made a great contribution to aviation.

Cover photo: Taken inside an American Airlines DC-10 engine
— From left — Top: Ivan and Dale.
Bottom: Matthew and Gary.

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Aerospace Educational Facility Opens At National University

State and local officials, military personnel and representatives of the FAA were among more than 200 people attending a reception for the National University Aerospace Education Facility opening at Montgomery Field, 3750 John J. Montgomery Drive.

The facility, former site of the General Aviation District Office, houses National University's Aerospace Studies Department, which offers FAA-approved undergraduate programs in Aviation Administration and Airway Science Management.

The aerospace curriculum is designed to educate people interested in aviation and those who seek employment as air traffic controllers, aviation safety inspectors, electronics technicians and computer specialists. Also available is a full range of flight certification programs from private pilot to airline transport pilot.

Highlighting the opening reception were demonstrations of the ATC-610 flight simulator, used for preparation for flight certification. John Tompkins, AFS Manager, and FAA's Area Coordinator, was guest speaker at the opening ceremonies. Among those acknowledged for their assistance in relocating the Aerospace Education Facility were City Councilmen Bill Mitchell and Dick Murphy.

New Phone Number For Employee Benefits

Just a reminder.....employees desiring information concerning health benefits, retirements, etc., should call FTS 966-6928 or Comm. 536-6928. If a specialist is not immediately available, a message can be left on the answering machine and the call will be returned as soon as possible.



Northern California VOE Plaques Presented

An Awards Luncheon was held on August 3 at the Sheraton Inn, South San Francisco, in support of the "Vision of Excellence." Acting Regional Director Dick Devereaux presented each member of the Northern California team with a plaque in recognition of their efforts in providing employee input to the Director's Management Team. Team members from left: first row—Edgar Perry, Joseph Palumbo, Charles McCusker, Janet Hitt, Julius Stahl and Anthony Longo; Second row—Darrell Rucker, Robert Morse, William Powell, Walter Smith, Dick Devereaux, Gerald Goren and Pamela Proctor. The team was organized by William Powell, FAA Representative, San Francisco, who thanked the team during the ceremony for all the support.

Open Contract Covers Communication Equipment

The agency has signed a \$33 million maximum, open contract with Motorola, Inc., of Dorsey, Md., for VHF and UHF communications equipment. The equipment will be used to support day-to-day operational and maintenance activities associated with the National Airspace System (NAS), to provide communications during emergencies in which land lines are damaged, and to tie into other Federal and civil communication networks.

In day-to-day operations, the state-of-the-art, solid-state equipment will replace vacuum tube equipment currently in use. The equipment will consist of radios for field facilities and mobile units, which will be used by maintenance technicians, flight standards personnel, and security organizations. For security communications, a data encryption device will be available. This will scramble the messages so that they cannot be understood by unauthorized parties.

AFSS Site Selection Nearing Completion

Add San Diego, Calif., Jackson, Tenn., and Casper, Wy., to the list of sites that have been selected for Automated Flight Service Stations (AFSS). This brings the total to 48 with all 61 sites scheduled to be selected by 1985.

The unique program for selection of AFSS locations is designed to save the Federal Government money by having local communities provide the buildings to FAA under favorable lease arrangements. So far, 36 communities have built or are building new structures to house the AFSS's. Six more buildings are being constructed by FAA on leased land. There also are five cases where an existing building is being modified or expanded by the community for FAA, and one case where an existing building is being leased "as is" by the agency.

Of the 13 sites yet to be picked all but the one in Puerto Rico are already in some stage of negotiation.

Seventeenth National AG



Above: The parade of AG aircraft begins.

Left: From left—Harold Collins, Executive Director, NAAA; Bernard Geier, AFO-800; and Luther Gibbs, 2983 President of NAAA.

The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) held its 17th annual convention in Reno last year at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center and at the Reno MGM Grand Hotel. Over 2,000 people attended. Guest speakers participating in the convention included: Bernard Geier, manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division, Office of Flight Operations, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Jack Early, President, National Agricultural Chemical Association; Ron Arnold, former environmental activist and author of the controversial book At the Eye of the Storm; Alfred Perrin, Agricultural Commissioner for Sutton County, Hazard Air Pollution Control Officer; Dr. David Downey, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University; Commander Richard Schran, Unit Coordinator, U. S. Navy Blue Angels; Professor Richard Wood, University of Southern California, Safety and Systems Manager, Norton AFB; R. J. Jones, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist from Oakland FSDO; Robert Chiostergi, DuPont Textiles Division; Dr. Ken Noegel, Fungicide/Nematicide Research Manager, Mobal Chemical Corp.; Darryl Rester, Associate Specialist, AG Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Louisiana State U.; Tom Crumly, Area Sales Rep for FMC Corp.; James Kevin Broomall, University of Nevada; and Dr. Margaret N. Maxey, Director of Free Enterprise of Engineering, University of Texas.

Aircraft Convention

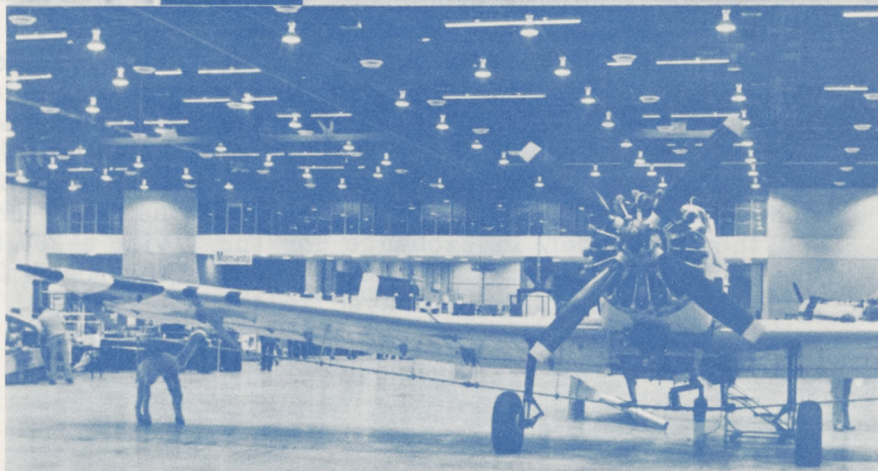


Left: One of the AG aircraft on display.

Below: Inside the display area. In the lower righthand corner is a Camel aircraft.



Above: Normal Thelwell (left) from Haslemere, England, has an opportunity to discuss safety issues with Edge Ritter, Manager of the Reno Flight Standards District Office.





Above: FAA Safety Display at the NAAA Convention. Working the display are Carl Borchers (left), Reno Accident Prevention Specialist, and Earl Morgan, Reno Maintenance Inspector.

Right: At the FAA Safety Display is June Borchers, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.



Over 130 AG suppliers presented wares at the exposition and the Reno Flight Standards District Office had an accident prevention display. Working the FAA display were: Carl Borchers, Accident Prevention Specialist; June Borchers, Accident Prevention Counselor; Earl Morgan, Maintenance Inspector; and Bill Palmer, Accident Prevention Counselor and Chief of Safety for the Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol.

FAA Teams Up With Bahamas ATC

After the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) recommended that an ATC radar facility be established in the Bahamian Islands, Southern Region officials realized that ICAO's suggestion fit hand-in-glove with the agency's plan to increase radar surveillance in the Caribbean area.

So, FAA has now agreed to lend equipment and provide technical surveillance for the installation in exchange for the use of radar data from the Bahamas. The radar information will be relayed to the

Miami Center to provide the much needed Caribbean coverage.

At this point, the project is well underway. At the radar site, the land has been cleared, foundations for the radar shelter have been completed, the antenna tower erected, and underground cable trenches completed.

When the radar becomes operational near the end of this year, it will provide a 200 mile area of coverage to both the Miami Center and the Bahamas ATC personnel.

ATC Register Opens

Opportunity will be knocking all during October for people interested in careers as air traffic control specialists.

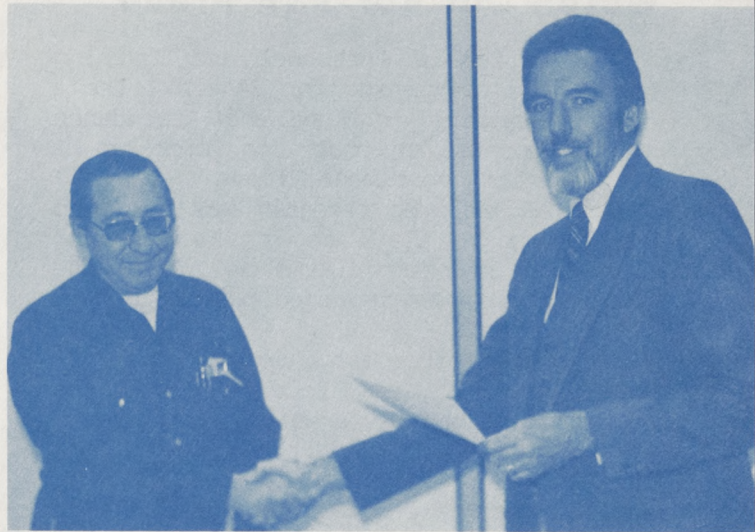
Those who miss out will have another shot in April because the register will now be open on a regular semi-annual basis (Oct. and April) instead of periodically, as in the past.

During this open register period, FAA will be soliciting applications for all three ATC options—terminal, en route, and flight service station. Controller positions in the terminal and en route facilities have an upper age limit of 35 with aviation related experience. The FSS specialist positions are open to all age groups.



Outstanding For Jane Coe

Jane Coe (right), developmental Air Traffic Control Specialist, Honolulu Center, is presented an Outstanding Performance Certificate by Area Supervisor Al Jay. Jane has been at the center since July 1982. Congratulations!



Bob Jessup Receives Letter of Commendation

Bob Jessup (above left), Electronics Technician, Nav/Aids Unit, Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector, was recently awarded a Letter of Commendation for his excellent work as Acting Supervisor of the Nav/Aids Unit. Jim Lougheed, Assistant Sector Manager, is shown congratulating Bob.

Relocation Pamphlet Is Handy Guide

Thinking of moving? If so, pick up the pamphlet covering relocation allowances recently issued by the headquarters Office of Accounting. Copies should be available in personnel offices in early October.

Entitled "Permanent Change of Station," the pamphlet is an easy-to-read overview of what to expect when making a move. However, it is not meant to replace existing directives, so employees should still contact their personnel or accounting offices for specific rules and regulations.

Still, reading the guide will give them a head start and perhaps help them ask the right questions.

Watch Out For T&A Fraud

The Office of Personnel and Training has a word of warning for FAAers. Don't falsify entries on Time and Attendance (T&A) Reports in order to pick up a little extra overtime or leave.

An FAA employee recently was asked to resign from the agency because of fraudulent overtime claims on T&A's. The employee also was required to make a full reimbursement.

To guard against such abuses, the Uniform Payroll System routinely provides reports to supervisors which detail overtime payments. In addition, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) periodically audits agency records for overtime and leave abuse. The OIG has notified FAA that they are presently reviewing several possible fraud cases.

Therefore, supervisors are urged to carefully check T&A's before signing them and to personally see that they are forwarded directly to the servicing payroll office.



John Moore

John A. Moore, Air Traffic Manager, Palomar Tower, passed away on September 16 of a cerebral aneurysm at Scripps Memorial Hospital. John is survived by his wife, Meridith, and three adult children. John joined the FAA in 1955 as a developmental controller at Albuquerque RAPCON. In 1963 he went to NAFEC as a Terminal Operations Specialist. In 1965 he returned to the Western Region as a Full Performance Level Controller at Monterey TRACAB. In 1971 he was promoted to Assistant Chief at the TRACAB. 1975 found him as Chief at Flagstaff ATCT. In 1979 he was again transferred as Air Traffic Manager at Palomar Tower, Carlsbad, Calif. Our sincere condolences to John's family.



Door Locked For Last Time At Yuma FSS

They said it wouldn't close, but on July 19, 1984 it did. Georgia Blue and Edward McDonald lock the door to the Yuma Flight Service Station for the last time. Yuma is the first FSS to close in the Western Pacific Region that was authorized to close during the modernization program. Georgia went to Prescott FSS and Edward to Imperial FSS.

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.