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SAN DIEGO AFS SECTOR OF THE YEAR

Cover Story

Airway Facilities Division Manager Alex Hammond recently presented the San Diego Airway Facilities Sector with the Sector of the Year Award plaque for the Western-Pacific Region at special ceremonies held in San Diego. This regional award was in recognition of outstanding service and achievement by the people of the San Diego Sector during the Fiscal Year 1983. Each employee was also presented with a letter of appreciation from the Division.

Cover Photo: Division Manager Alex Hammond, (holding the plaque) and representatives from nearly all units/field offices in the sector. From left--Ron Rudolph, Mt. Laguna AFSFO; Enola Latam, Logistics unit; Pete Tarasiewicz, Miramar TRACON; Matt King, Environmental unit; Alex Hammond, Division Manager; Chuck Rohde, El Toro TRACON; Harry Kanarr, LGB AFSFO; Tom Huber, San Diego AFSFO; Ray Garcia, Santa Ana AFSFO and John Svoboda, Technical Support unit. Unavailable for the photo were Administrative and San Pedro AFSFO units.
Photo by John Tompkins, Sector Manager.

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August Traffic Records

August always is the busiest travel month and this year was no exception. In fact, the 20 en route centers logged a record 2.8 million operations in August, surpassing the old mark of 1.73 million set in August 1977.

But the most interesting traffic statistic for August was supplied by Administrator Engen in a speech to the Airport Operators Council in Boston on September 18. He noted that prior to this year, the ATC system exceeded 100,000 daily operations only six times. But in August, there were 11 such days.



Montgomery Tower Scholars

Once again Montgomery Tower scores high marks academically. Two more scholarships were recently presented to personnel at Montgomery Tower by Sandra Elwood, Assistant Dean of Students at National University in San Diego. This makes a total of five scholarships awarded to Montgomery personnel in the part year. Receiving the scholarships from Sandra Elwood (middle) are Acting Area Supervisor Walter Stetter (left) and Controller David Watts.

FAAers Honored For Part in Airline Meetings

Seven FAA employees have been cited by Administrator Engen for contributing to the success of the recent meetings to adjust peak-hour airline schedules at six congested airports.

FAA's Acting Chief Counsel Edward Faberman and Air Traffic Operations Chief John Ryan each received a Letter of Commendation for the leading roles they played in helping the airlines reach agreement. Special Act Awards went to Denise Hall and John S. Fredericksen of the Chief Counsel's Office; Patricia Napier and William Behan of Air Traffic; and Susan Switts of Policy and Plans.

During the meetings in Arlington, Va., the airlines reached a tentative accord on shifting more than 1,000 flights during peak hours at the six airports—Atlanta Hartsfield, Chicago O'Hare, Denver Stapleton, LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark. The revised schedules will be effective November 1, if approved by all the participants and the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Drug Traffickers Beware

FAA is stepping up its cooperation with the Customs Service to curb the importation of illicit drugs by air, according to recent Congressional testimony by Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards Anthony J. "Tony" Broderick and Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Raymond J. Van Vuren.

Among other actions, Broderick said a new Command Control, and Communications Operation (CCC), like the drug interdiction center at the Miami ARTCC, is being established at the San Juan center. Plans also are in the works for expansion of the CCC facility at Miami.

In addition, he said FAA is working with the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) to improve its access to flight plan data on a real time basis. Installation currently is underway of a tie-in between the intelligence center and FAA's National Communication Facility (NATCOM) at Kansas City, Mo.



Diane Tom and Dale Tengan FPLs.

Merle Clure (right), Air Traffic Manager, Honolulu ARTCC, congratulates Diane Tom and Dale Tengan upon becoming full-fledged Full Performance Level (FPL) controllers. Both Diane and Dale came on board as developmentals under the accelerated training program.

Aviation Weather System Tested at Denver

The Denver En Route Center is conducting an operational evaluation of a new weather analysis and display system developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Called the Prototype Regional Observing and Forecasting Services (PROFS), the System provides the center meteorologists with computer-generated visual displays of real-time weather conditions obtained from satellites, radar, and other sources. They then can give controllers more comprehensive and accurate weather briefings.

Results of the Denver evaluation will be used by agency researchers to develop specifications for a system designed to meet the special requirements of the en route center meteorologists.

Miami Controllers Make Dramatic "Save"

When Elaine Yadwin's husband suffered a fatal heart attack at the controls of their Piper Cherokee recently, it was up to her to bring the plane down safely. But there was one problem: She didn't know how to fly.

Fortunately, she did know how to use the radio and contacted the FAA tower at Ft. Lauderdale's Executive Airport. The crew there quickly patched her through to the Miami En Route Center where she found controllers Steve Kalbough, Jim Zieller and Wayne Rosshaven ready to help. Rosshaven's presence was especially reassuring since he is a pilot and checked out in the Cherokee.

The crew first determined that the plane was on automatic pilot and then Zieller led Mrs. Yadwin through the tricky maneuver of switching fuel tanks. She completed the switch from the empty left tank to the right tank, which still had 10 gallons of fuel left, just as the engine began to sputter.

But now, the controllers confronted a new problem. "The coastline was coming and we were very concerned that if she saw the water it would frighten her," Kalbough said. So, he and Rosshaven had Mrs. Yadwin change course to the west-southwest, towards the uncrowded Dade-Collier Training Airfield.

They also radioed Executive Airport and found Ken Winters, a pilot and friend of the Yadwins. Winters felt the best way to help was to guide her in with a similar plane. He took off immediately.

Meanwhile, Rosshaven was trying to keep Mrs. Yadwin from descending into the clouds by teaching her how to use the plane's trim wheel. He succeeded, enabling rescue pilot Winters to spot her just three miles from the airfield.

With Winters providing "a visual image to shoot for," she banked the plane towards the airfield and hit the runway hard, breaking the front

landing gear. However, both Mrs. Yadwin and a female passenger were able to walk away from the plane, shaken but unharmed.

Mrs. Yadwin later offered thanks for those who shepherded her to safety: "I have to say that the FAA and Ken Winters did a heck of a job....They knew I had never flown before, but they calmed me down, showed me the way, and brought me right in."

Rosshaven deflects this praise, as do his fellow controllers, with his admiration for Mrs. Yadwin's courage: "She's a tremendous lady with an amazing presence of mind."

Agency Takes First Step To Build Denver Runway

FAA has taken the first step towards construction of a major new runway at Denver's Stapleton Airport by awarding a contract for preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. The \$442,251 award went to the Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio.

The proposed 12,000-foot East/West runway would be built on four sections of land now occupied by the U.S. Army's Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The EIS will define the purpose and need for the land acquisition and evaluate and document significant environmental impacts.

Prior to establishing the study requirements to be included in the EIS, the agency held five public participation meetings in communities in the vicinity of the airport. Recommendations from these meetings were incorporated in the "scope of work" statement provided to Battelle.

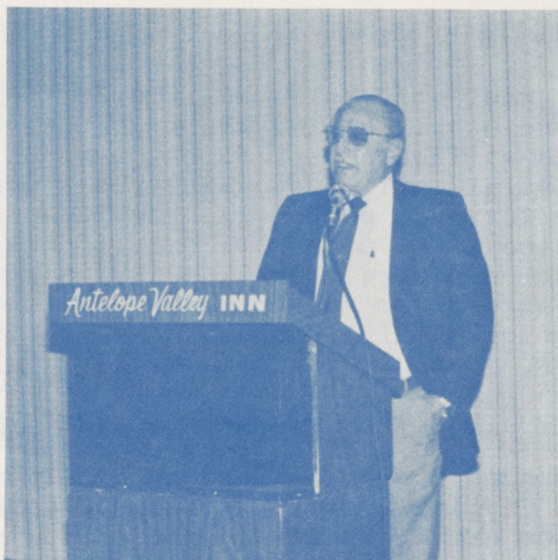
Stapleton is the sixth busiest airport in the nation, and it is one of the most heavily congested. Given the current rate of growth in delays, FAA estimated that the airport's present capacity limitation will render it obsolete by the year 2000.

Fourteenth Annual Barnstormers Reunion

"A Salute to the Ladies of the Air" was the theme of the 14th annual Barnstormers Reunion held at the Antelope Valley Inn Convention Center in Palmdale, Calif. recently. Master of Ceremonies at the gala affair was Vince Brophy, FAA Accident Prevention Specialist at the Van Nuys Flight Standards District Office (top right photo).

This year's Barnstormer's Trophy went to Mrs. Moya Olsen Lear.

Right photo: A few of the distinguished guests, from left, are--Mrs. Tony LeVier; Tony LeVier; Bill Beard; Melba Beard, a charter member of the 99s and winner of the Amelia Earhart Trophy at the National Air Races in 1935; Steve Orr; unknown; Ethel Collins; John Nagel; Dorothy Reuther, also a charter member of the 99s and recently honored for her 50 years of flying; and Abby Hadaway, who is member No. 100 of the 99s, selected by the OX-5 Club as "Woman of the Year", flew in the National Air Races in 1935 and was the first woman air traffic controller in Region Four during World War II.



Hatch Act Do's and Don'ts

The conventions are over, impassioned oratory fills the air, and the national, state, and local campaigns are in full swing.

All of which prompts an election year reminder from the Office of Labor Relations that certain partisan political activities are governed by the Hatch Act.

Here is ALR's list of what Federal employees may do: register and vote; assist in voter registration; express opinions; participate in non-partisan

campaigns; attend fund-raising functions and contribute money; display political badges and attend political rallies; join a political club and sign nominating petitions.

On the other hand, the Hatch Act says Federal employees may not: campaign for partisan candidates or political parties; register voters for one party only; make partisan speeches; be a partisan candidate; organize or manage rallies; be a political party officer; and participate in fund raising.

Civilair News

• Would you believe--it's See's Candy selling time again!! Christmas will be here before you know it. Civilair will be selling See's Candy for \$5 a pound; the regular price is \$6 a pound. Order forms can be picked up at the Civilair desk or from your Civilair director. Support CIVILAIR and save yourself some money at the same time!

• Universal Studios is celebrating their 20th anniversary. They announced a double discount available to Civilair members. The 20% coupons are available at the Civilair desk in the Regional Office or Carl McGee at the LAX Hangar. The discount offer is only applicable until Oct. 31. With the discount coupon, adult admission is \$9 and children, \$6.80.

Mark Your Calendar Now... Logistics Christmas Party

Rumor has it the Logistics Division hosts "dull" and "boring" Christmas parties. Frankly, the Division Christmas Party Committee is very glad to hear this. Our parties may have a select few guests, but then these guests, themselves, are of quality--quantity is not necessary. Instead of bringing in a variety of entertainment, the Logistics Division enjoys the "dull" and "boring" atmosphere of its own people. Please be sure to mark your calendars now to find something better to do on Friday, December 21, when the Logistics Division is hosting its Christmas Party. For those select few people of quality who would prefer to attend "dull" and "boring" parties, it may be possible to put your name on a waiting list to attend this party. You may contact Joan Sunshine, AWP-50A, FTS 966-6133 for further information. Watch Intercom for more information, too.

FAA Golf Championship Tournament Planned

The first annual FAA National Golf Championship, sponsored by the 7500 Club of the Miami Air Traffic Control Center, will be held at the Key Biscayne Golf Club, Oct. 24-27. The 7500 Club, an employee organization formed by Miami Center employees, believes that an FAA National Golf Championship can be successfully and professionally sponsored, attracting golf enthusiasts from all facilities and offices across the country. Plans are to make this the biggest and most prestigious of all FAA golf tournaments. It will be a 54-hole medal play tournament with a practice round on Oct. 24 and 18 holes each day thereafter. The low gross winner of the championship flight will be the FAA National Golf Champion, and trophies and prize merchandise will be awarded to the winners and runners-up. The tournament entry fee is \$125. It includes four days of golf and carts and the awards dinner dance. For further information, please contact Dean Stromwall, Tournament Chairman, Miami Center, at 305/592-9770.

Arizona SOAP-ers Fall Bash - 1984

Airway Pioneers and Ladies....
FAA & NWS Retirees and Ladies...
the Arizona Society of Airway Pioneers (SOAP-ers) Seventh Annual Bash is October 29 at the Scottsdale Elks Lodge, 64th Street and Oak, Scottsdale, 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. The Lodge features an excellent luncheon menu and a first class bar. See you there!



Accounting Division Awards

Congratulations to the following Accounting Operations and Analysis Branch employees for their hard work and dedication: Alice Kimura and Reggie Terrazas received Special Achievement Awards (SAAs) for their long hours and extra efforts in purifying the F&E data base for conversion to the Uniform Accounting System (UAS); Marion Stevenson, SAA for the conversion of the Accounts Receivables and assistance in converting the General Ledger to UAS; and Judy Shigemura, SAA for keeping the work current on two desks during a staffing shortage and helping resolve major accounting/ADP problems in the Personal Property In Use Management System. Also honored was Daisy Hyatt, who was not available for the photo-taking session. Daisy received a Quality Increase Award with an outstanding rating for resolving payroll/accounting interface problems and preparation of reimbursable billings for conversion to UAS.



From left: Reggie Terrazas, Marion Stevenson, Judy Shigemura and Alice Kimura.



Outstanding for Don Broughton

Don Broughton, Battle Mountain, Nevada Long Range Radar Electronic Technician, recently received a Quality Increase Award with an outstanding rating for his job performance this last year. Keep up the good work, Don!

ATCA Honors 26 FAAers

The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) will honor 26 FAAers at its Annual Awards Banquet in Dallas on October 11. Receiving major awards for individual achievement are Martin T. Pozesky, Director of the Program Engineering and Maintenance Service; John R. Ryan, Manager of Air Traffic's Operations Division; Jerold Chavkin, Director of the Rotorcraft Office; Betty Grisham of the Memphis Tower; and Charles E. Turner, Manager, Dallas/Ft. Worth AFS.

Also honored with Citations of Merit will be Richard Failor, Manager of the Southwest Region's Air Traffic Division; Daniel E. Koch of the Carbondale, Ill. Tower; and the 19 members of the FAA Air Traffic Sector Suite Requirements Validation Team. They are: Ralph Cooper, Courtney Sargent, Rod Bourne, and Del Weathers, Richard Wheaton and John White, Thomas Lane, all of headquarters; Richard Chavez, ASW; Terry Schomberg and Donald Fowler, AWP; Marty Lilly and Ian Wolf, AEA; Max Hall and Richard Banks, ANM; Carlisle Cook, Jim Sheely, and Marvin Perkins, ASO; John Williams, ANE; Ralph Procaccini, ACE.

NBCFAE National Conference October 18-20

This past May, the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees held their Regional Conference in Oakland. During the awards luncheon, seven of the 19 Managers in attendance received awards from the Coalition for their EEO efforts. Regional Director Mac McClure was one of the recipients and also Keynote speaker.

Now, all are cordially invited to participate in the 8th National Conference/Workshop at the Oakland Airport Hyatt (Hegenberger and Hwy 17), October 18 thru 20. The Schedule: Thursday (18th)--3:30-9:30 a.m. Registration/Welcome (FAA Acting Regional Director Devereaux and Oakland Mayor, Lionel Wilson); 9:30-12 Noon Civil Rights Workshop (FAA Civil Rights Director Leon Watkins, Regional Civil Rights Director Joe Alvarez and Regional HRC Specialist Betsy Kirkhart); 12-1:30 p.m. luncheon, \$30 per person (speaker, Malcom Kelly, Urban League); 1:30-

5 p.m. Workshops (Career Development, Special Emphasis, and Computer Education).

Friday (19th)--9:30-10 a.m. Workshop, Drug/Alcohol problems; 10:10-11 a.m. Workshop, NTSB (Dennis Jones); 11:10-12 p.m. Workshop, Computer Education; 12-1:30 p.m. luncheon, \$30 per person (speaker, Thelma Duggins, Assoc. Administrator for Minority Affairs); 7 p.m. boat ride/barbeque.

Saturday (20th)--7-9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet. Keynote speaker, former FAA Deputy Administrator Quentin Taylor. Honored guest, NASA Astronaut Colonel Guion S. Bluford, Jr.. Colonel Bluford is the first Black man in space! 9:30-until, dance by music of live orchestra. Awards banquet is \$40 per person and is a FORMAL BLACK TIE AFFAIR!

For information concerning tickets, etc., contact: Howard Bolton, Bay TRACON (AF); Gerry McReynolds, LAX TRACON; Rose Cusic, Oakland Tower; Thurman Gupton, San Jose Tower; or Henrietta Dix, Oakland Center. The theme: "PREPARING TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW!"

Randy Kennedy Receives Award

The Air Traffic Division recently presented a plaque to Randy Kennedy, (left), Air Traffic Control Specialist at El Monte Tower, honoring his winning entry in the Human Relations Logo/Motto Contest. In presenting the award, Wayne Newcomb, Air Traffic Division Manager, cited Randy for his creative and artistic abilities, and indicated that the Air Traffic Division would make every effort to incorporate the winning logo into appropriate human relations correspondence.

