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Marlan Dittman

## Cover Story

When Marian Dittman of the Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office was back at the Academy in Oklahoma City taking the Boeing 727 Indoctrination Course, she earned the distinction of being the first woman ever to take the course at the Academy. While there, she was also one of the flight crew who made the historic 60,000th landing of the 727.

During the early 1960s, Marian worked for the FAA as a secretary in the Regional Office, Flight Standards Division. In 1966 she left the FAA to pursue a business career in the challenging aerospace industry and by 1975 had achieved an entry level management position.

A continuing interest in aviation begun in childhood was realized in 1967 with the completion of a private pilot training program. Eight years later, in 1975, she left the aerospace industry to actively pursue an aviation career and completed the educational steps required for Commercial Pilot with ratings for airplanes single engine land, multi-engine land and instruments. In addition, she obtained all flight instructor ratings and completed a Flight Engineer rating program in the Boeing 727 and earned an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate. From 1977 until rehired by the FAA in 1979 as an Aviation Safety Inspector in the Santa Monica General Aviation District Office, she worked as a full time pilot both instructing in all pilot training programs and ferrying new production aircraft throughout the continental United States.

During Marian's career in aviation, she acquired several thousand hours of flight experience in a diverse spectrum of aircraft including nearly all current U.S. pro-

duction single and multi-engine aircraft under 12,500 pounds. In addition, she has flown several large multi-engine aircraft, including the SA227 Metro III, North American Rockwell Saberliner, and the Boeing 727.

As an Aviation Safety Inspector with the FAA, Marian Dittman advanced to journeyman level where responsibilities included certification, inspection and surveillance of 135 Air Carrier Operating Certificates, pilot schools, pilot/written test examiners and operations programs of executive and industrial operators as well as accident/incident investigation and compliance/enforcement of Federal Aviation Regulations. In 1982 she became actively involved with Air Taxi/Commuter operators as an acting Principal Operations Inspector, eventually completing the Swearingin SA227 Metro III type rating program. Additional duties then were expanded to include the conduct of airmen certification and pilot proficiency checks in the SA227, in addition to route proving flights and evaluation/approval of training programs for pilots, instructors and check airmen.

In 1983, Marian completed Air Carrier Indoctrination training at the FAA Academy. She was promoted to an Air Carrier Inspector with the Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office in February of 1984, and completed a five-week B-727 Inspector Pilot and Flight Engineer Initial Qualification Course at the FAA Academy.

Outside interests consist of oil painting and skiing. She has been an active member of the 99's, the International Organization of Women Pilots, since 1975, and a member of the Civil Air Patrol (U.S. Air Force Auxiliary) since 1982. In addition to many industry letters of commendation for job performance, she was recently presented with an outstanding rating with Special Achievement Award. Cover photo by Ellis Young, AAC-63.

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## Ontario FSS Happenings

By Chuck Burge

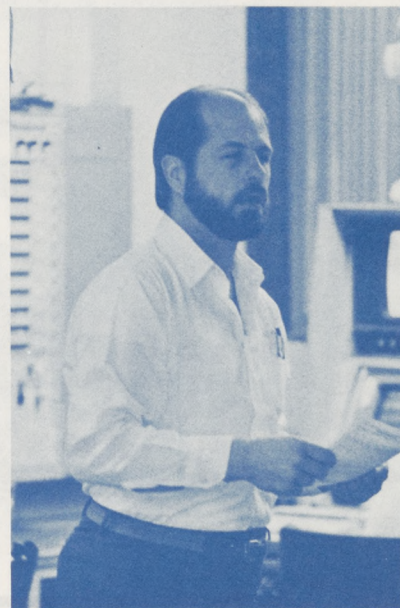
Two Ontario FSS people have attained facility ratings, and by so doing achieved Full Performance Level (FPL) status at the same time. They are Jim Soucek and Richard Smith. Congratulations guys!.....Ontario recently welcomed two new people - Don Knehr, who arrived from Los Angeles Center through the FAA Academy at Oklahoma City, and Janet Snyder, who becomes the Ontario Flight Service Station (FSS) secretary. Janet arrived from General Dynamics, Department of the Navy, where she worked for five months. Before that she worked two years at Ontario TRACON. Welcome Don and Janet.....With the gains there must also be some losses. Russ Withers departed for El Monte Tower and Dave Suanders for LaVerne Brackett Tower. Good luck to all in your new jobs...

..Bob Dean (right) conducted two, four-day classes for 10 area military bases. The classes were held to teach military base operations personnel the operation and use of the Service "B" system. The military is scheduled to begin inputting and receiving their own Service "B" traffic.....Three Ontario FSS people celebrated wedding anniversaries: Larry Ditler and his wife Donna Lee, 20 years; Jim Soucek and his wife Linda, 14 years; and Eddie Nelson and his wife Carol, celebrated 10 years of marriage.

Also, two other facility members just entered the sanctity of marriage: Russ Withers and his new wife Lisa, and Don Knehr and his new bride Robin exchanged wedding vows and will begin accruing "anniversaries". Congratulations to all.

....Three Ontario people were recently awarded Career Service Emblems: Richard Smith and Doug Sage, three years; and Bob Williams for 25 years of service. Congratulations to all three.

....Chuck Burge just returned from Oklahoma City where he attended the Pilot Weather Briefing refresher course....Howard Irwin and Bob Dirks recently weather briefed 22 pilots at the "First Annual Summer Flight 'Air Rallye'" at Rialto Airport. The Air Rallye was sponsored by the Inland California 99's and Rialto Aviation, and is planned as an annual event.



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## Reno AF Technicians Instrumental In Possible Aerostar "Save"

Carl Steinberg, Environmental Support Unit Technician, and Norm Lantrip, Airway Facilities Sector Nav/Com, were occupants of FAA "Mobile 027" when they observed an Aerostar take off from Reno-Cannon International Airport with the baggage door open. This information was relayed to the Reno Tower controller who could not see that side

of the aircraft. The pilot was immediately notified and returned to the airport for a safe landing, thus avoiding a possible inflight emergency. Both Carl and Norm received a Letter of Appreciation from Ed Couch, Reno Air Traffic Manager, for their awareness and alertness to this potential hazardous condition.



## Baseball Hi-Lites

Look out Dodgers and Angels, here comes the "A" Team. As part of the Human Relations movement, Management Systems Division challenged all divisions to a baseball game. In April, Accounting accepted the challenge under the management of coach-manager-player Clayton Chong, defeating Ken Elsing's Management Systems Team. A month later, the "L" Team (Logistics) led by Larry Kruse, was also defeated by a score we won't mention! The weather was great, competition keen and the camaraderie experienced by players and rooters was priceless. After each game, there was time for fun things like volleyball, everybody-can-play baseball, food and drinks.

Top photo from left - Management Systems Division, Front Row--Marilyn Ramsey, Mike Peters and Evelyn Mosquera; Back Row--Rick Cambra with son, Gary Newkam, Ken Elsing and Scott Ward. Missing from photo are Matt Pespisa and Elmer Yokum. Bottom photo from left - Accounting's "A" Team, Front Row-- Mike Johnson, Susan Koga and Bonnie Jacobs; Back Row--Douglas Melikan, Miguel Rosales, Nelson Phillips-Brookshire, David Jensen, Erika Clark, Tanya Gant and Clayton Chong. Missing from photo is Anita Parnell. Congratulations everyone!!

## FAA Broadening Shuttle Flight Restrictions

Those overzealous pilots bent on getting first-hand aerial views of space shuttle launches now will have an even tougher time of it.

Following an incident on Aug. 30, which delayed the launch of the space shuttle Discovery on its maiden flight, FAA has broadened airspace restrictions for the Cape Canaveral area to keep private planes from interfering with future blast-offs.

The changes--which were prompted by the concerns of a Congressional subcommittee, NASA, and the Air Force--will prohibit flight during shuttle launch and recovery operations over a much larger area than

previously was the case. The restricted area now will extend approximately 60 miles east of the coastline out over the Atlantic.

Since the affected airspace extends well into international waters, the restrictions will apply only to U.S. certificated pilots and U.S. registered aircraft.

The agency is sending out word of the warning area through Notices to Airmen, which provide the exact coordinates of the area, launch and landing alerts, monitoring frequencies and other details.

The new restrictions seem to be working. The most recent launch on Oct. 5, went off without a hitch.

# FAA Olympics Champions Earn Kudos



FAAers who contributed to the success of the Twenty-third Olympiad held in Los Angeles last summer were recently honored with Certificates of Appreciation. The certificates were presented by Acting Regional Director Dick Devereaux in a special ceremony held at the all managers conference.



Above: From left--  
Standing--Emmett  
Larsen, Rex Layne,  
Jim "Red" Turner,  
Bud Riebel, Jerry  
Luce and Bill Heyer.  
Seated--Milt Ferris,  
Richard Morrison,  
Ken Gustin, Lou Perry  
and George Etter.

Left: Standing--  
Joe Metcalfe, Bill  
Guest, Russel Hatha-  
way, Danny Sprague,  
Mike Schnieble and  
Bill Powell.  
Seated--Lou Romero,  
George Houghton,  
Barbara Abels,  
"Mo" Mochizuki and  
Jay Adsen.

## Vision Of Excellence. . . Improve Your Listening, Thinking and Speaking

Many people spend vast amounts of time, energy and money preparing themselves for success within their chosen careers. They attend colleges, trade schools, obtain graduate degrees and participate in meetings, seminars, etc. But...thousands never get very far in spite of these great efforts. Why? Because they never learn the arts of quality listening, thinking and speaking. They assume that this ability comes naturally. This assumption is not necessarily so. Even the very best public speakers can and do refine their speaking ability through hard work and practice. Toastmasters is one of the best workshops available to you to refine these abilities -- and it's very inexpensive, considering the potential personal benefits to be derived.

For more than 25 years, FAA Toastmasters Club 1004 was located in the Regional Headquarters. However, as times changed and membership decreased, the club was disbanded. Now there is a spark rekindling this idea. If you are interested in really knowing how to speak articulately to others, present your viewpoint effectively on the spur of the moment or give instructions that are followed through to satisfactory completion...then call Bob Kivitt at 536-6262 or Joan Zubarik at 536-6179 to express your interest or ideas relating to a possible Toastmasters Club. Think about it and act to improve yourself!

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## "A Save Of A Different Kind"

On the evening of Sept. 26, Ward Simpson, Inflight Specialist at the Oakland Flight Service Station, received a call from an Army helicopter. The helicopter, on a training flight out of Hamilton Army Air Field reported he was receiving a visual "S-O-S" from a small boat off China Point. Flight Watch Specialist, Larry Renshaw, immediately contacted the Coast Guard at San Francisco. While this coordination was going on, Simpson obtained the location of the disabled craft using information supplied by the Army pilot. Renshaw used the information to plot the location. The Coast Guard launched a helicopter to the scene of the incident which then contacted Oakland FSS on the emergency frequency. To allow for better coordination, all parties were shifted to another, less congested, frequency. After reaching the disabled craft's location, the rescue copter was assisted by a Coast Guard vessel which picked up the two occupants of the boat.



### Agnes Crawford

Friends of Agnes Crawford will be saddened to learn of her death on Oct. 12. Before her retirement, Agnes served as a payroll clerk in the Regional headquarters. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, a daughter Carolyn DeWitt, son Jim Strite (also an FAA employee at Regional headquarters) and three grandchildren. Our sincere condolences to her family.

## Lorraine Heya Honored At Federal Day Luncheon



Lorraine Heya, Administrative Assistant at the Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center Airway Facilities Sector, recently represented the FAA at the 28th annual Federal Day Luncheon in Honolulu. She was one of 67 finalists from over 60,000 military and 27,000 civilian employees located in Hawaii. The purpose of the Federal Day activity is to focus on the dedication and service of Federal personnel and to provide a source of information on the activities of Federal agencies that serve Hawaii communities. In being nominated for the Professional, Administrative and Technical category, Lorraine was cited for her outstanding efficiency in the administration of the Sector's personnel, financial and training programs as well as for resulting dollar savings.

Top photo: Lorraine Heya receives certificate from Governor Ariyoshi (right) and Harold Browning, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service.

Below: Lorraine and her fellow FAA supporters during the awards luncheon.



## Pilots To File Flight Plans On Home Computers

In the near future, pilots may be able to get weather reports and file their flight plans right at home through their own personal computers. The concept for the system that would enable them to do this, the Direct User Access Terminal (DUAT), is currently undergoing a preliminary field test in the New Jersey, Delaware, and Eastern Pennsylvania area.

For this preliminary test, however, pilots will not be able to use their home computers. They will use FAA equipment set up at the Millville, N.J., FSS and at eight other airport locations. They are Bader Field, Atlantic City; Capitol City Airport, Harrisburg, Pa.; Philadelphia International Airport; Flying "W" Ranch, Medford, N.J.; Cape May County Airport, Cape May, N.J.; Robert Miller Airport, Toms River, N.J.; Northeast Philadelphia Airport and Wilmington-New Castle Airport, Del.

The test is being conducted by the FAA Technical Center. Because this system will tie into other FSS automation equipment that has yet to be delivered, a final date for its implementation is not yet set.

## Changing Faces at Oxnard

Oxnard Tower has many new faces since they were on the cover of INTERCOM in May. Paul Swanson, Don Green and Mark Tellier are now on board. Congratulations to Don and Paul on signing off so quickly..... Many of the old faces at Oxnard have left or are leaving shortly. Ramsey Hamilton and Gerard Gelardo have gone to Santa Barbara ATCT/TRACON; Barbara Humiston transferred to Salina Tower, Kansas; Kathleen Schuddekopf has been selected for Torrance Tower and Carl Slabicki for Burbank Tower/TRACON. We wish the best to everyone.....Congratulations also to Rick Brown who was recently married.

## Employee Survey Results Set For November Release

The labyrinthine task of analyzing and compiling the 26,000 responses to the FAA Employee Survey is nearing completion at the Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) in Oklahoma City with the results now scheduled for publication in mid-November. The final report will be mailed to all employees at their home addresses. This report will contain both national and regional results.

About half of the 26,000 responses contained additional comments which may obviate the need for follow-up interviews. FAA had planned to send survey teams to the field to gather additional information about employee concerns and attitudes. After the survey comments are analyzed, the CAMI analysts will decide whether to conduct the additional interviews.

## Hotline Callers Want Broken Service Info.

How do we know that our redeposits to the retirement fund are being credited to us?" A number of employees with broken service have asked that question on the Administrator's Hotline. They point out—quite correctly—that their Earnings and Leave Statements don't give them this information. These statements reflect just accumulated totals since an employee's most recent appointment because only OPM is accountable for all previous contributions.

To get the total amount of retirement contributions, employees with broken service must write the Office of Personnel Management. Queries should be addressed to the Retirement and Records Center, Box 45, Boyers, Penn. 16017, and should provide the employee's social security number, date of birth, and a list of agencies in which he or she was employed with corresponding dates.