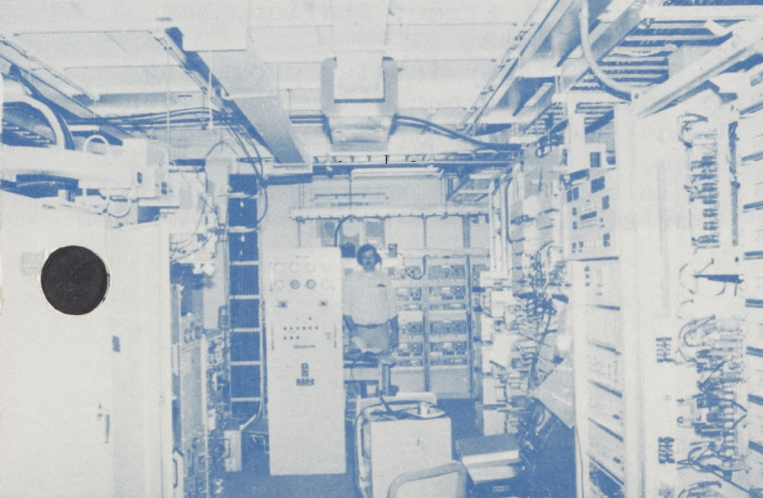
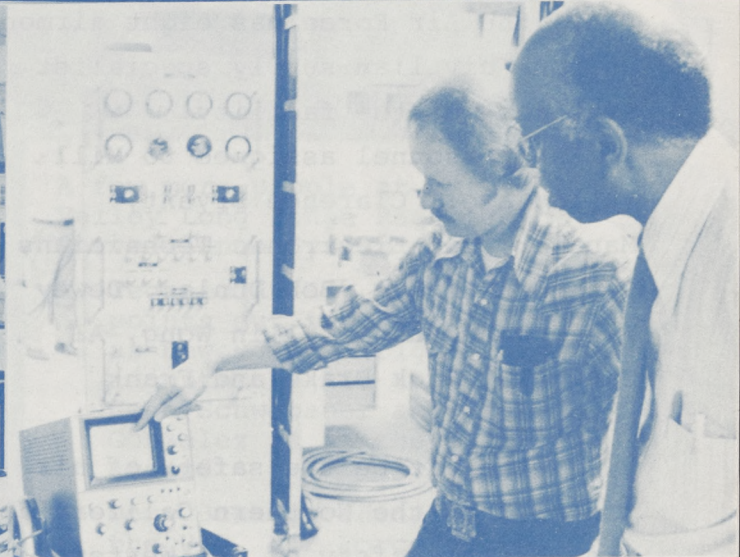




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**Mill Valley
AF Field Office**

Cover Story

The Mill Valley Airway Facilities Field Office is located high in the hills of Marin County atop Mt. Tamalpais with a great view of San Francisco and the coast line of Northern California.

The facility is currently staffed with seven journeymen Electronic Technicians and one Developmental Technician, along with one Supervisory Electronic Engineer. Since Mill Valley is a 24-hour joint-use site (that is, it provides data to both the U.S. Air Force and the FAA), the Air Force has eight airmen and one civilian supply specialist stationed at the facility.

FAA personnel assigned to Mill Valley are: Clarence Bryant, Manager; and Electronic Technicians Gene Schwabauer, Bob Dunlap, Dewey Pike, Doug Bush, Collin Wong, Al Tanigawa, Dick Drake and Frank Gonzalez.

Whether it be the safety of air travel into the Northern California area or the safety of the Western United States Air Defense, the Mill Valley ARSR/Joint Surveillance System is "on the case" and A-OK.

Cover photos:

Top--A panoramic view from atop Mt. Tamalpais, the facility site.

Middle--From left--Collin Wong, Frank Gonzalez, Clarence Bryant (Facility Manager), Alfred Tanigawa, Gene Schwabauer, Bob Dunlap, Doug Bush, Dewey Pike--and at far right--Gene Schwabauer points out radar wave form to facility manager Clarence Bryant.

Bottom left--Bob Dunlap (way in the back) looks over the plumbing and primary radar equipment of the FPS 66A search radar.



Our Help is Needed

Ethiopia, where millions of people are starving due to the effects of drought and civil war, is allowing only a few relief agencies into the area to distribute food and provide medical attention. Catholic Relief Agencies is one relief agency allowed into the war zone. It has begun flying a C-130 loaded with supplies to Ethiopia. Funds are required to transport and distribute food and supplies from the landing strips to the people.

Donations may be sent to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 2045, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008.

World Vision is also providing in-country aid and will accept donations: World Vision, Box O, Pasadena, CA 91109.

In both cases, mark donations "For Ethiopia".

More Mill Valley



A few more people at the Mill Valley Long Range Radar-Joint Surveillance System site:

A--Technician Bob Dunlap points out incident on scope as Dewey Pike (right makes an adjustment. In the middle is Gene Schwabauer and Frank Gonzalez is in the far background.

B--Doug Bush coordinates with the U.S. Air Force on the "pink" phone as he checks out the GPA-124 interrogator.

C--Mananger Clarence Bryant with the facility site in the background.

D--Dick Drake makes power level adjustments on the secondary radar (beacon).

MITTS Workshop Human Relations in Supervision

Fourteen employees completed the first facilitator training program for the MITTS Workshop Human Relations in Supervision. The program was conducted at the regional headquarters recently in response to a recommendation made by the Vision of Excellence Committee. The committee asked that facilitators be trained to conduct the MITTS Workshop Phase of the Human Relations in Supervision correspondence course at various locations in the region. Those completing the training were Jennie Flinders, AWP-26; Merrill Scott, San Francisco Airway Facilities Sector; Yukio Mochizuki and Louise Stiles, Los Angeles AF Sector; Michael Evangelista, El Monte Tower; Carl Gainer, Torrance Tower; Jeff Acord, Brackett Tower; Roger Baker, Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office (FSDO); Bob Evanston, Lancaster AF Sector; Don Lingren, AWP-454; Frank Powell, Las Vegas AF Sector; Jay Howard, San Jose FSDO; Oscar Culp, Scottsdale FSDO; and Al Kaukia, Maui Field Office, Honolulu AF Sector. The MITTS Workshop is open to those employees who have completed the basic correspondence course (14003) Human Relations in Supervision. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Training Branch, AWP-17, 966-6220, or one of the people above who is in your commuting area.

Attention all AF Employees And Retirees

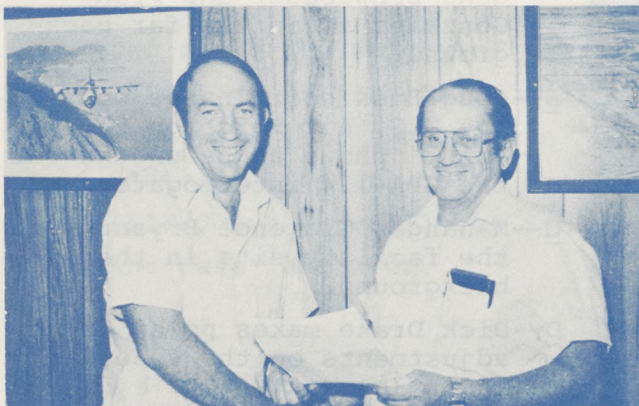


The annual Airway Facilities Christmas luncheon will be held Dec. 21, at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Ave., Hawthorne, Calif. Attitude adjustment will begin at 11:15 a.m. with lunch served at Noon. The \$7.50 per person charge includes Baron of Beef with all the trimmings and lots of door prizes. Reservations must be made and paid for by Fri., Dec. 14. Please make all checks payable to Gayle Hodges. For more information, contact Gayle on 213/536-6150 or FTS 8-966-6150.

FSS Specialists Have New Contract

Flight Service Station specialists began working under a new labor contract beginning November 9. Their union, the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists (NAATS), announced October 9 that its tentative agreement with FAA had been ratified by the union membership.

The contract is the product of several years of negotiations between FAA and NAATS. However, while the 74 article contract was being negotiated, specialists were covered by the old contract which was signed in 1976.



Ron James Receives Award

Ron James (left), Electronic Technician at Fallon, Nevada, Air Route Surveillance Radar, recently received a Quality Increase Award for his outstanding work this past year from Manager Jim Shaw.

The "Change Gang" Circle at Santa Ana

The Santa Ana Field Office Quality Circles Program began on June 29. The team started by selecting a name for the team (The Change Gang). They went right into identifying various problems through the brainstorming technique. They prioritized the problems and selected one to work on. The team is very enthusiastic. They know that they will not solve all their problems but know that through self and mutual development it is possible to continue making improvements forever. After solving several problems within their purview, the "Change Gang" circle took on a bigger fish; Santa Ana Tower primary power instability. In September they concluded this "problem solving" effort with an excellent management presentation which included recommended solutions. Presenting the presentation were Ray Garcia, the field office manager, and two Electronic Technicians, George Young and Dennis Jensen. Other members of the circle are Curtis Jacobsen, Jack Tsuda, Al Dean, Tom Durham and Gwen Loyd-Johnson. Participative management is on the roll at the Santa Ana Airway Facilities Sector Field Office.

Walter Moon Retirement Luncheon

Management Systems Manager, Walter R. Moon, has announced his retirement. We wish to honor him at a Luncheon on Jan. 18, 1985, and invite one and all to join us in wishing him well. Plans are underway and further details will be forthcoming. For further information, contact Micki Hines, 536-6407.

Accounting Awards



Tanya Shahid (left), Operations and Analysis Branch and Donna Gaddy, a two-time recipient of the Voucher Examination Section Employee of the Month award, were selected by their Branch Manager as Employees of the Month. Tanya was born in Cleveland, Ohio and came to the FAA in June, '83. Her multifaceted personality includes being a mother to a teenage son, a wife, musician, an avid photographer, and former member of various civic organizations. She is a valued member of the General Ledger Section, serving as its Human Relations representative. Formerly the Imprest Cashier, Tanya now works on reimbursable agreements. Donna, with her quick, cheerful response to help her fellow employees during a very busy and critical time has not been un-noticed. She was also selected for the Employee of the Month award in January, 1984. Donna is a person that is always willing to go that extra distance to help the Section achieve established goals. Congratulations to Tanya and Donna on these well-deserved awards! Photo by Rafael Riera.

FAA Mountain-Rescue Squad

By Ed Ray

The FAA technicians who work at remote mountain-top sites have been called upon many times to perform daring and courageous feats above and beyond the call of duty.

Perhaps none has been more unexpected and unusual than the rescue accomplished recently by Robert Romeo of the San Diego Sector's Mt. Laguna Radar Unit. As Bob drove to work Sunday afternoon he was confronted by a sad and miserably injured spectacle of human, in dire need of immediate rescue. But first some background.

Ed Ray, intrepid Air Traffic Manager at Gillespie Tower, together with his wife Suzzane and certain friends, had embarked earlier that day on an 11-mile hike cross-country from Mt. Laguna to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park where they were camping for the weekend. Being skilled in such managerial matters, provision had been made for every eventuality. One of aforesaid friends had parked her car at the end of the hike and drove with Ed and the others to the beginning point for the hike. The ingenious plan, of course, was to complete the hike, and drive back in friend's car to pick up Ed's car.

All provisions of the plan worked beautifully, as you might have imagined, until, near the midpoint of the hike, the friend confessed to the group that the keys to her car were safely tucked away in her purse which was locked in Ed's car. (The reader will remember that Ed's car is back at the beginning of the hike.)

Nothing daunted, the brave band forged on because, naturally, Ed had a backup plan, expressed in these cleverly simple words, "I donno, I'll work it out".

Upon arrival at trail's end, Ed launched upon the truly adventurous part of the day, walking and hitch-hiking the 24-mile route back to the car. Details of this harrowing voyage must await another accounting, but here enters our hero, Bob Romeo, on his white steed (four-wheeled). As he rounded that curve on Sunrise Highway, the site that greeted his eyes would bring the toughest viewer to tears-- tired, dirty, weeping profusely, enormous blisters worthy of a 15-mile walk, on bended knee with arms extended imploringly we see the once-proud Tower Manager, a broken remnant of humanity, wearing his Padres hat to the bitter end.

Screeching to a stop, our hero greeted him warmly -- "What in the h... are you doing out here!?" Space here will not permit a detailed version of the entire rescue operation. Suffice it to say that whatever the circumstances, the result is still the same -- AF has to save AT -- AGAIN!

Mention must be made, however, of the extent of Robert's personal sacrifice in this endeavor. As he raced toward his duty station (always within the speed limit, of course), he was hoping to see the last inning of the Padres last game in the World Series. Nevertheless, he did not hesitate, but offered that measure of sacrifice which only a true baseball fanatic can appreciate. Thanks, Bob, I owe you one.



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Recipients of superior achievement awards at the Los Angeles Flight Service Station are Air Traffic Controllers Elaine Harrison and Jim Hipp for their outstanding performance, presented by their Area Supervisors Rose Marino and Mike Lammes. Pictured above from left -- Rose Marino, Elaine Harrison, Mike Lammes and Jim Hipp. Congratulations!



Janet Morris Retires

Janet L. Morris, Area Supervisor at Honolulu Flight Service Station, recently retired with over 15 years of honorable FAA service. She began with FAA in 1968 at the Miami IFSS as a communication relay operator. Janet will be missed by many. We wish her luck! Janet's retirement certificate is being presented by Ron Harris, Honolulu FSS facility manager.

30 Years For Charlie Henson

Charles Henson (left), Area Supervisor, Oakland Towers, recently received his 30-year pin from Ben Kennedy, Air Traffic Manager. Charlie's 30-year experience has been spread from Burbank and Van Nuys Towers in the south to San Francisco Tower and Bay TRACON in the north, before his selection as Area Supervisor at Oakland Towers in August 1974. Congratulations, Charlie!

30 Years for Unique Employee at Red Bluff Sector

A 30-year Career Service Emblem was recently presented to a unique employee at Red Bluff Airway Facilities Sector...Warren Moell. Warren is Field Office Manager of the Crescent City JSS radar facility and claims the unique distinction of being the only person to have opened two long range radar sites in the Western-Pacific Region and possibly the entire FAA. Warren began his FAA career in 1958 as a radar technician at Salt Lake City. He was assigned to the Red Bluff Sector in Sept. 1962 as the first Field Office "Chief" at the Red Bluff joint-use radar. Warren transferred to Crescent City in June 1979 where he opened his second joint-use radar.

Geier's Angel Wings

Unlike most people, FAA's Bernie Geier didn't have to journey to the Great Beyond to earn a set of angel's wings. The 28-year agency veteran recently learned that he's been named an honorary member of the Navy's crack jet aerobatic team, the Blue Angels. He now is one of the few people in the country to hold the distinction of being an honorary member of both the Blue Angels and their Air Force counterparts, the Thunderbirds.

For the past 10 years, Geier has been manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division in the Office of Flight Operation. That job has brought him into frequent contact with both the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds since he and his staff are responsible for developing the safety rules that govern performances at airshows. His selection as an honorary member of both groups was the pilots' way of saying "thanks."

Geier is a veteran pilot himself, having flown propeller-driven fighters during World War II. He's also jet rated and has more than 300 hours of jet time in his log.

FAA Honored at FEB FY 84 Awards Program

Three FAAers were recently honored at the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board's FY 1984 Awards Program. Receiving awards were Chauncey Walker, Logistics Division, for printing services for the FEB; William Wines as Chairman of the Federal Spectrum Coordinating Council (an associated group of FEB); and James Welton, manager of The Chino Air Traffic Control Tower, for his work as chairman of the Federal Executive Association/San Bernardino, Riverside (commonly known as the Inland Empire FEA).



Attending the awards ceremony were, from left, Bill Wines, Airway Facilities Division; Frank Cantrell, Acting Regional Deputy Director; Wayne Newcomb, Manager, Air Traffic Division; and Chauncey Walker, Logistics Division.

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.