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On Target**

Cover Story

The Western-Pacific Region was recently honored with a visit from Don Clausen, APA-6. A former Congressman, Don is now Director of Special Programs in the Washington Office of Public Affairs. The purpose of his visit was to discuss the Western-Pacific Region Aviation Education strategy for the coming year.

During his visit, Don met with Jim Mills, Regional Aviation Education Coordinator; Duane Bullard, Manager, Public Affairs, Planning and International Aviation Staffs; and Barbara Abels, Public Affairs Officer. Among the topics discussed were FAA involvement in the Adopt-a-School and Partners-in-Education programs. DOT Secretary Elizabeth Dole has taken a personal interest in the Adopt-a-School concept and has taken a local Washington, D.C., junior high school under her wing.

The former Northern California Congressman also discussed the many facets of the Aviation Education Program that are occurring at the national level. The strategy meeting concluded with Don outlining preparations for the County Aero-Space Education Conference for teachers held in Santa Rosa, California last fall.

Cover photo: In conference, from left, are--Jim Mills, Duane Bullard, Barbara Abels and Don Clausen. Photo by Beth Caughey.

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Jones is New Deputy

Richard H. Jones, a lawyer and former Eastern Airlines captain, was sworn in as FAA's Deputy Administrator by Administrator Engen on December 13. He replaces Acting Deputy Administrator J. E. "Sandy" Murdock, who returned to his old job as the agency's Chief Counsel.

While flying for Eastern during the past 25 years, Jones was active in the Air Line Pilots Association, and in 1969 was elected the organization's international secretary-treasurer. At the same time, he practiced law and was a member of the bar in both Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Besides devoting himself to these consuming pursuits, he was an adjunct professor at the University of California.

A graduate of the Virginia Polytechnical Institute, he earned his law degree at American University in Washington, D. C.

The father of three children, Jones lives in northern Virginia with his wife Anne.

Credit Union Looking For Volunteers

Interested in volunteering your time and services to the FAA Western Federal Credit Union?

If so, come to a meeting on Wednesday, January 30, at 4:15 PM in 3E26 at the Regional Office and find out more about it.

Please let one of the Nominating Committee members know if you want to attend: Dorothy Gragg, Logistics; Joe Budro, Flight Standards, LAX Hangar; or Ken Krohn, Air Traffic, Regional Office.

Capsule Glimpses.....Meet Janet Snyder

By Chuck Burge

It's truly material of which adventure stories are made when human endeavor creates organization from disorganization, order from chaos, and even English from hieroglyphics.

It's a story, not from the pages of Ivanhoe or King Arthur's Court, but a real-life adventure at Ontario Flight Service Station where there is a person who does all the aforementioned in addition to contributing to sound management, ordering supplies, doing minor repair work, contributing to high morale, scheduling meetings, directing visitors, and arranging files. Sounds like one busy person you say? Well, show me a secretary who is not busy and I'll show you a secretary out of work. At Ontario FSS this super-human dynamo is Janet Snyder.

There are few people who do so much yet receive so little recognition as an FAA secretary. She/he is often given a mishmash of data, with little or no instruction, and asked to transform it into a workable product. At Ontario FSS, Janet always seems to perform a certain magic and the only "magic wand" she uses is a typewriter and lots of hard work.

Janet has seen a great deal of aviation oriented secretarial work since she was first assigned to Upland Airway Facilities Sector (later to become Riverside Airway Facilities Sector) in 1976. She now handles all the secretarial duties for the Ontario FSS, but has performed the same duties for Ontario TRACON, Riverside Airway Facilities Sector, and for the Department of U.S. Navy as well.

Like most secretaries, much of the activity at the facility revolves around Janet. Though she has been assigned to Ontario FSS for only a short time (since September 1984), she has already become an important cog in the Ontario FSS machinery.

So there you have it, not a knight in shining armor story from King Arthur's Court, but significant recognition of Janet Snyder as a person who is irreplaceable in the Ontario FSS scheme of things and an integral part of the local air traffic scene at Ontario.



Janet Snyder performs one of her many functions--that of typist and preparer of the many pieces of correspondence required of an air traffic facility.

—Photo by Scott Hipp



Civilair Desk



Have you visited the Civilair Desk recently? Civilair is located in the FAA Credit Union office on the fourth floor of the Regional Office. Jane Presba, our Civilair Representative, is at the desk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. Come see her! Don't forget to bring your film to be developed. Civilair also has tee shirts and polo shirts with the FAA emblem on them, available in three colors: white, blue and tan; and in small, medium, large and ex-large sizes. In addition, there is also a new supply of various Pentel pens. Be sure to see Jane to order these fantastic items. "I appreciate working here," says Jane, "the FAA people are very nice and helpful."

Top Photo: Civilair Representative, Jane Presba, gives a warm welcome to all Civilair visitors.

Bottom: Jane shows Millie Fishbein Accounting Secretary, AWP-20, (since transferred to Washington, D.C.) the fascinating articles sold by Civilair.

Photos by Rafael Riera.

Computer Training



Undergoing training courses in computer programming at Chapman College's Residence Education Center in Lancaster, California, are, from left: Bob Evanston, Lancaster AFS; Chapman's Center Director Bill Konovalov; and Chuck Wallace, Lancaster AFS.
--Chapman College Photo.

Several technicians at Lancaster Airway Facilities Sector are now enrolled in specialized training courses in computer programming with the school of Computer Science, Mathematics and Applied Physics at Chapman College. The computer training programs are conducted at Chapman's Residence Education Center in Lancaster.

Currently, 14 FAAers are undergoing 80 hours of computer science instruction and hands-on training for BASIC programming. The course will be followed by a similar course in COBOL, a specialized computer language for administrative applications.

Chapman College also conducts

an accredited bachelor's program in computer science on a routine basis at Edwards AFB for both civilian and military personnel.

Key FAA people responsible for the requisition of localized computer programming courses include Don Isaacs, manager of Lancaster Airway Facilities Sector; Chuck Wallace, Lead Sector Program Manager; and Proficiency Development Specialist Bob Evanston.

"The FAA's increasing emphasis in computer science," says Bob Evanston, "is an outgrowth of the Administration's overall plans for the computerization of the proposed technical expansion being undertaken during the next decade."

Internat'l Plan Issued

The Office of International Aviation (AIA) recently unveiled its first International Aviation Strategic Plan, thus fulfilling one of FAA's ten major goals for 1984. The plan is essentially a compendium of current and anticipated international projects, but it also includes a discussion of the agency's international mission, goals, and policies.

All international activities in the plan are divided into five program areas: FAA activity in ICAO, airworthiness certification, assistance activities, cooperative agreements, and industry support. The architects of the plan designed it to be a working tool for FAAers at all levels of the agency. Steve Zaidman, manager of AIA's Planning and Analysis Division, notes that for the first time the agency has a document that lists the key people and offices working on particular programs. "It fills a real need for communication and coordination in the FAA's international projects," says Zaidman.

New Tower Planned

FAA's air traffic control system modernization program is taking another step in its climb towards completion, a 77-foot step to be exact. That's the height of a new control tower set to be constructed at the Lakefront Airport in New Orleans.

The tower will rest on a 3,600-square foot, single-story base building and it will be built with precast concrete and a structural steel cab. Site development now underway calls for electrical, mechanical, and irrigation systems, sidewalks, and a parking area. The construction time schedule is 270 calendar days.

More Moving Money

If you're an FAAer making a permanent change-of-station with an effective date of transfer on or after October 1, 1984, you're in for a little extra help with the costs of relocating. You will now be entitled to additional compensation for selling your old residence and buying a new one.

This change in entitlements, which will be published by the General Services Administration in Supplement 12 to the Federal Travel Regulations, increases the maximum reimbursable amount allowable from \$15,000 to \$15,525 for the sale of a residence at the old official station, and from \$7,500 to \$7,763 for the purchase of a residence at the new official station.

Any questions on this change may be directed to your servicing accounting office.

G A Survey Finds Planes up, Hours Down

The newly published edition of FAA's "General Aviation Activity and Avionics Survey" shows a slight increase in the size of the fleet in 1983 but a drop in the number of hours flown. At the end of 1983, there were 213,293 planes in the fleet, which was up from 209,779 in 1982. During the same period, hours flown dropped from 36.4 million in 1982 to 35.4 million in 1983.

The avionics survey indicated that this fleet is well equipped. In 1983, as much as 84 percent of the fleet was equipped with two-way VHF radios, 64 percent had 4096-code transponders, 56 percent had at least one component of an ILS, and 79 percent carried some form of electronic navigation equipment.

San Diego AFS News

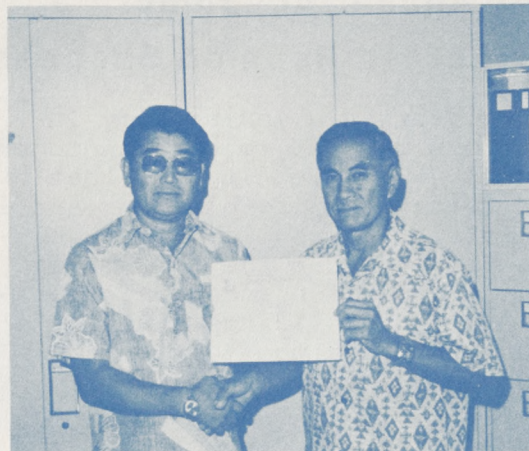
The San Diego Airway Facilities Sector recently hosted the Flying Companion Seminar conducted by members of the San Diego Chapter of The Ninety-Nines (the international organization of women pilots). These seminars enhance safety by increasing the flight knowledge of the pilot's companion. The session began on a Friday evening and continued all day Saturday. It was chaired by Betty Helm and assisted by Betty Wharton and Ava Carmichael. Mr. Carmichael is co-author of "From White Knuckles to Cockpit Cool," the seminar's textbook. FAA participants were: Bill Matson, San Diego Flight Standards District Office, who presented a film on flight safety; and Henry Harris, Assistant Manager, San Diego AFS, who discussed the FAA's role in aviation safety.

Salvatore Cultrera Earns Letter Of Commendation

Salvatore Cultrera of the San Francisco Flight Standards District Office recently received a Letter of Commendation for Special Job Performance.

During the certification of Far West Airlines, an FAR 121 Domestic Air Carrier, Inspector Salvatore acted as Principal Airworthiness Inspector on the FAA Certification Team. This team's activity included aircraft conformity, evacuation demonstration and proving tests, and required extensive periods of work at night and under demanding field conditions.

Salvatore performed this job function in the team management environment in an extremely effective manner. His technical knowledge and professional conduct has earned him the respect of both the FAA team members and the air carrier's management staff. Congratulations Salvatore!



Walter Miyamoto Presented Award

Walter Miyamoto (left), Electronic Technician, Mt. Kaala Sector Field Office, recently received a Quality Increase Award Certificate based on an outstanding performance rating from Sector Field Office Manager Sus Furuike. Walter is one of the "newer" Techs at Kaala with only seven years service at Kaala - but a "go-getter".

Bill Crowe Retires

On January 3, Bill Crowe, Electronics Technician at the Los Angeles Center Airway Facility Radar Unit, wound down a long and rewarding 30-year career in the United States Government service and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Bill was honored at a retirement dinner on December 18, 1984, along with the annual Airway Facilities Christmas Party. Friends of Bill's over the years sent their congratulations and cards to the AF Sector Field Office, LA/ARTCC, Palmdale, to be included in a Memory Book presented to Bill early this month. Happy New Year to all, especially to Bill Crowe!

First Annual Academy Instructors Reunion Success

Yes, Virginia, ex-academy instructors do want to keep in touch and Oct. 6, proved it. On that date, with much pre-planning and publicity, 156 people met in Oklahoma City to tour the Air Traffic, Flight Inspection and Radar Training Facility Buildings. Scheduled events included the tour and a Saturday evening reception. In the tradition of controllers, an unscheduled happy hour was held Friday evening, the 5th, followed by a round of golf on Saturday morning for some of the more energetic. The major emphasis during this reunion and tour was on how the Academy has improved in the last few years. Visitors from all three options commented on positive changes that have been made.

But business was not the only thing discussed. Old friendships were renewed, and new ones made as participants talked about when they were here, and where they've been since they left the Academy. They came from as far away as Honolulu, Anchorage and Washington, D.C. Those attending with the earliest duty dates were Julie Beck and Duard Leslie who both began work in 1956. The person attending with the most recent pickup date was Cecilia Shilling who started on Sept. 16, 1984. Those who attended were very enthusiastic about having more reunions, and plans are underway to do just that. If you attended this year's gathering, you will be hearing from the planning committee about the 1985 reunion. If you, or someone you know with Academy experience, couldn't attend this year, but would like more information on the next one, please write to the address below and let us know. If you attended this year and would like printed copies of the photographs that were taken during the Saturday reception, send a self addressed, stamped,

business envelope to: Laurie Tester, 112 Chickasaw Lane, Yukon, OK 73099.



Bill Talunas Retires

Bill Talunas, "Mr. Flight Inspection", has retired after 39 years of Federal service--34 of which were with the CAA/FAA in the Flight Inspection program. When Bill was released by the U.S. Navy in Honolulu where he had served throughout the entire Pacific area as a Navy Command Pilot, he became an airline captain and chief pilot. Here he was instrumental in the initial organization and successful certification of Trans Pacific Airlines as a scheduled airline within the Hawaiian Islands. The airline has since been renamed Aloha Airlines.

Bill joined CAA/FAA in 1951 as an Airways Flight Inspector, headquartered in Alexander Young Bldg., in Honolulu. He transferred to the Los Angeles Regional Office, Flight Inspection Branch in 1957. Bill's long and illustrious career included pioneering the development and certification of the National Airspace System from colored low-frequency airways to the Victor and Jet Airways Systems. He was recognized for his contributions in certification, commissioning and flight check procedures of the first Microwave Landing System, Project Friendship, with military services including a U.S. Navy Shipboard TACAN flight check at sea.

After 46 years as an active military/civilian pilot, Bill and his lovely wife, Ann, will retire in Westlake Village, Calif. The FAA family wishes Bill a Very Happy Retirement!