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## Uniform Accounting System Group Award

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## Cover Story

Four Regional Accounting and Data Processing personnel recently received the Administrator's Certificate of Achievement for their participation in the implementation of the Uniform Accounting System. They are: Kenneth Elsing, Nancy Ito, David Jensen and Mike Johnson.

Data conversion and implementation of a system of this magnitude and complexity demanded sustained periods of total commitment and dedication to the project which extended far beyond normal working hours. In a letter to the Administrator, Charles E. Weithoner, formerly Associate Administrator for Administration, said: "Such extraordinary and successful efforts deserve high-level recognition."

The certificate reads:

"In recognition of your substantial support and participation in efforts associated with the implementation of the Uniform Accounting System at the Western-Pacific Region. The Federal Aviation Administration commends you for your efforts in achieving the highest standards of excellence in this endeavor."

The FAA family is very proud of Ken, Nancy, David and Mike and offers its congratulations!

Cover photo: Frank Cantrell (right), Accounting Division Manager and then Acting Deputy Director, congratulates, from left, Mike Johnson, David Jensen and Nancy Ito. Unfortunately, Ken was not available for the photo-taking session. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

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## Aviation Education At National University's Los Angeles Campus

National University recently held an "Open House" in Los Angeles kicking off the start of the Airway Science Program at the university. National University's Los Angeles campus will offer the following degrees: (1) BS in Aviation Maintenance Management; (2) BS in Airway Electronic Systems; and (3) BBA with emphasis in Aviation Management.

The Western-Pacific Region now has two major universities offering degrees in Airway Science--National University in California and Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. For further information contact Jim Mills, AWP-4E, 966-6493 (FTS) or 213/536-6493.

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## Oakland AFS News

Congratulations to John Creel, Chuck Houchin and Milas Turney who received performance awards.

Lee Nester retired in January after 30 years of service. We wish Lee and his family the very best. Letters of Commendation from the Livermore Tower Manager were presented to Bob Leone and John Smith for their "personal contribution to the successful operation of the facility." Another Letter of Commendation from the Concord Tower Manager to Arlie Lloyd for the communications system he installed at Concord.

Numerous Letters of Appreciation have been presented: To Ralph Humphrey from the Palo Alto ATCT Manager ". . . for the excellent service you have provided to the Palo Alto Control Tower for the past six months"; To Ossie Osgood from AMP-150 ". . . for the professional way you carried out your assignment as contracting officer's technical representative (COTR) for the uninterrupted power transfer (UPT) national installation program"; To Rocky Riberal from Ken Pirl for ". . . outstanding accomplishment of being the only student to attain 100 percent in your lab class in Course 40133"; To Gene Cole from Fremont AFS Manager for conducting CPR classes at the Oakland Center; and To Arlie Lloyd, Lee Nester, Eugene Cole and Paul Milani from AWP-450 for their team effort and assistance in completing A/G Radio Transmitter, Receiver and Antenna Replacement project.

Separate Letters of Appreciation were received from AWP-465 and the Hilo R/A SFO to Bob Nelson and Francis Osgood for a job "well done" in installing the UPTs and providing OJT training to the on-site Environmental Support Unit personnel.



## A Special Visit

A group of L.A. Tower People went to Van Nuys Tower to present Geri Mabe (former planning and Procedures Specialist at Los Angeles Tower - new area supervisor at Van Nuys Tower) with her going-away plaque (see photo).

From left: Jim Holtsclaw, Air Traffic Manager, Los Angeles Tower; Mary Haynes, ATCS, LAX Tower; Carde Hardy, Administrative Asst., LAX Tower; Geri Mabe, Area Supervisor, Van Nuys Tower; and Michael Darling, ATCS, LAX Tower.

## 35,000 Miles For LAX FSS Jogger

Ken Price, Air Traffic Control Specialist at the Los Angeles Flight Service Station, is 42 years old and in eight and a half years of running has logged 35,000 miles and run 34 marathons. In the most recent one, the Long Beach Marathon, Ken ran it in 2:45:55, his personal best. He finished 61st of 3,700 runners and fourth in the Masters Division 40-44. Congratulations, Ken!

# Hayward and Livermore Towers



In recognition of the strong Hispanic culture with its influence throughout the United States, particularly in California, a group of young people (from two through 17 years old) helped to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week at Hayward and Livermore Towers. The dance group, under the name of "Los Zapateados", performed under the leadership of Angel Torres-Wilson of Hayward/Livermore Towers. The outstanding performances included Mexican dances from various regions of Mexico, including Jalisco and Veracruz.

At Livermore Tower, the entire facility joined in the activity which included a delicious Mexican lunch. At Oakland, the group performed in the lobby of the Oakland Airport terminal under the sponsorship of Oakland Airport Manager and Oakland Towers. The group was well received and enjoyed by many passengers and well-wishers who stopped to watch the performance.

Special thanks go to Jim Asby, Hayward Air Traffic Manager, and his staff; Bill Garber, Livermore Air Traffic Manager and his staff; Dick Hurst, Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center; Yvette Sharp and Oakland Towers for their support in making the event so successful. Kudos to Angel for doing such an excellent job with the young people. FAAers hope to see more of "Los Zapateados".

Left photo: Bill Garber (left), Livermore AT Manager, and Jim Asby, Hayward AT Manager pose with the youngest dance couple -- Angelito Torres-Wilson (2) and Angelita Angel (4). Both Bill and Jim have now joined the ranks of FAA Retirees and we wish them the very best.

Right: Dance Director Dick Hurst of Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center gets a card from his dancers for reassuring them that they would do great. The card read, "Thanks for having confidence in us."

# Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week



Top photo: An example of Veracruz costumes. Standing, from left--  
Dancers Monica, Sonia and Esperanza.

Below left: More costumes--from left--first row--Maricela, Angelito,  
Angelita and Marsha. Second row--Esperanza, Monica, Sonia and Angel.

Right: A close-up view of four-year-old Angelita Angel and two-year-old  
Angelito Torres-Wilson in native Jalisco costumes.

Special thanks to Frances Wilson, Livermore/Hayward Towers for sharing this  
story with INTERCOM readers.

## RMM Steering Group Finishes Documentation

The Remote Maintenance Monitoring (RMM) System Steering Group has now put the finishing touches on documentation for the RMM system, which will enable FAA to automate its maintenance operations. This program will provide monitoring and control equipment for selected FAA facilities so that equipment performance monitoring, control, and certification can be accomplished from centralized work centers. The 16-member RMM group held their last meeting in Washington, D.C., February 11-13. The members, who come from headquarters, the regions, and centers, have been involved in writing the documentation for RMM since June 1983.

In addition, the group has planned for the smooth implementation of the new system. RMM system Program Manager Herman Tharrington said that, as a result of their work, field technicians will have a much better understanding of the remote system. He also noted that the system will improve the technicians efficiency and the quality of their worklife, as well as increase workforce productivity.

The new system is scheduled to be implemented in an evolutionary fashion to assure a trouble-free transition. Delivery of the system is expected to take place over a period of three to five years.

Members of the steering group were: Bob Bransky, Alaskan Region; James Wilson, Southwest; Steve Diedrich, Great Lakes; John Wiley, Technical Center; Rodger Burton, Central Region; Bob Rollins, Northwest-Mountain; Floyd Howerton, Phoenix AFS; Glenn Bush, Memphis AFS; Cogan Marshall, Norfolk AFS; and from

headquarters, Ron Lipps, Dave Fleming, Jack Nager, and Tom Smith, APM, Bob Beagley, Jim Heinen, and Bill Bradshaw, AES.

## Air Quality Study Set

FAA has awarded a \$498,000 contract to the National Academy of Science to study air quality in airline passenger cabins. The Congressionally mandated study will be conducted by the Academy's National Research Council's Committee on Airline Cabin Air Quality.

During the 14-month study, the committee will examine on-board environmental conditions and contamination levels of various substances, including tobacco smoke. It also will determine the amount and quality of fresh air in cabins and the levels of humidity and pressurization.

Additionally, the contract calls for an investigation of the adequacy of current preflight and inflight health and safety instructions for passengers.

The final report is due in April 1986, and will include recommendations for changes in legislation, regulations and practices, if applicable.

## Aircraft Thefts Down

For the fifth year in a row, the number and total value of aircraft stolen during 1984 showed a significant drop, although thefts of avionics and equipment rose again. According to the International Aviation Theft Bureau, there were 112 stolen aircraft valued at \$14.7 million during the year. This was 69 fewer thefts than reported in 1983.

On the other hand, there were 267 reported avionics and equipment thefts, which was up 39 percent from the 1983 figure.

## ASCE Luncheon

The Controlled Impact Demonstration crash of the FAA/NASA Boeing 720 will be the highlight of the March 19 ASCE Transport Technical Group luncheon meeting at the House of Raymond. Social: 11:30 a.m., Program: 12 noon; Cost of the luncheon: \$6.50. Guest speaker will be Steve Soltis, Chairman of the Crashworthiness Documentation. For reservations or more information, please contact Mike Gonzales, FTS 966-6223.

## Accolades for Technician's Daughter

Rhonda Sloan, Student Body President of Abraham Lincoln High School, was honored at the 28th annual San Diego County "Laurels for Leaders" luncheon sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. This program was established to recognize and honor high leadership accomplishments of the young persons selected by their schools as Class Presidents. Rhonda is the daughter of Winston Sloan, Environmental Systems Technician in the San Diego Sector Office.

## San Diego FSS News

Welcome aboard to Laura Wade from Cleveland Flight Service Station (FSS), Faye Christian from Washington FSS, and John Weighall and Joe Coords from Imperial FSS. John has quickly checked out and is on his own schedule; Joe is not far behind. Welcome to all.....Air Traffic Control Specialist Bill Westin has set out for Brown Tower. Best wishes to you in your new endeavor, Bill. Also, Mark Bohn has departed for Bakersfield Tower..... Bob Perry and Brenda Dickinson are attending the Terminal Class in Oklahoma City. Bob has been assigned to Palomar Tower and Brenda to Santa Monica Tower.



## An Outstanding For Ron Scholer

Ron Scholer (right), Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist at San Jose International Tower, is congratulated by Hal Federwisch, Air Traffic Manager, for his Sustained Superior Performance Award. Ron was cited for his efforts and activities toward pilot education, his public relations efforts and his efficient management of the training program. Ron is an employee who is always willing to go that extra mile to help the facility achieve its goals. Congratulations to Ron for a job well done.

## Dick Spivey Retirement Party



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Sat., May 18, 6 p.m., a great retirement dinner party is being planned for Dick Spivey, San Jose Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Manager. The place is the Main Event in Fremont. For more information and reservations, please call Lily or Celia at FTS 536-6186 or Nathan Lyau at San Jose, FTS 466-7717.

## Dole Backs FY 86 Budget

Emphasizing safety and deficit reduction, Secretary Dole was on Capitol Hill February 20-21 to urge Congressional approval of the DOT's FY 1986 budget request.

Testifying before both the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees, the Secretary said: "As I have stressed throughout my two years in the Department, I consider transportation safety to be the Department's highest priority. For this reason, I have ensured that there will be no reduction in the total level of our safety programs."

As for DOT's contribution to deficit reduction, she noted that the FY 86 budget calls for 85 percent of total funding to be financed through user charges, up from just 70 percent in FY 85. However, to achieve the 85 percent level at FAA, she said the Department must submit legislation to the Congress to permit an increased share of operations and maintenance costs to be financed from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

Overall FAA funding for FY 86 is pegged at \$5.13 billion, she added, with slightly over \$1 billion earmarked for airport aid and \$1.15 billion targeted for facilities and equipment.

FAA officials will have their chance in April to present their case to Congress for passage of the FY 86 budget.

## Kudos to San Diego AFS

The San Diego Airway Facilities Sector was recently honored at a breakfast meeting and presented the Patriotic Service Award by Congressman Bill Lowery. The Award is in recognition of the Sector's participation in the U.S. Savings Bond Program. Both the private sector and selected federal agencies were honored at the breakfast.

## Chuck and Betty Miller To Retire March 31

Chuck and Betty Miller, Flight Standards Division, will retire on March 31. Chuck is an Aviation Safety Inspector (Operations) with the Situation Monitor Staff, AWP-205, and Betty is an Airspace Systems Inspection Pilot and Procedures Specialist on the Flight Inspection and Procedures Staff, AWP-220. They plan to leave sunny California for sunnier Florida on April Fools Day and hope that the date is not significant in their decision to leave the Agency or move to Florida. Chuck and Betty's many friends wish them a wonderful retirement!



## Self Development Program

Employees eligible for reimbursement for the Western-Pacific Region's Self Development Program should follow the procedures listed below:

- 1.) Submit a Standard Form 1164 "Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business".
- 2.) Receipt for tuition, books and other direct training costs (lab fees, etc.).
- 3.) Submit proof of grade "C" or better.

Upon receipt of the above information, personnel in the Training Branch will affix the proper accounting classification codes and arrange for payment. For further information, contact the Training Branch on FTS 966-6220.