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More Olympics Kudos - LAX TRACON

Cover Story

The Olympics kudos are still coming into the Region. We would be remiss if we did not share with INTERCOM readers that the Los Angeles Terminal Radar Control (TRACON) was especially commended at the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board's Distinguished Public Service Awards Ceremony last February.

Neil Bettenhausen, Area Supervisor at LAX TRACON, accepted the Chairman's Special Award on behalf of the SUPERVISORS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS at the Los Angeles TRACON.

The award read in part:

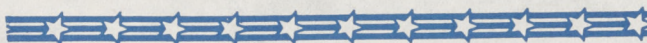
"These men and women are recognized for their total dedication toward the XXIIIrd Olympiad effort and its tremendous success. Their coordination with the FBI SWAT Team, the Los Angeles Police Department and many others is most highly commended".

Controllers For Africa July 13, 1985

On Saturday, July 13, Montgomery Tower will hold a "CONTROLLERS FOR AFRICA" day. On that day, the controllers at Montgomery will donate 10 cents for every operation (every takeoff and landing). In other words, if there are 1,000 operations that day, \$100 will be donated to the starving people of Africa. The money will be distributed by the International Red Cross through its African Relief Fund. If your facility wishes to participate, contact Jesse Cookson at Montgomery Tower, 619/277-5601.

FAA Slide Story Now Available

The Public Affairs Office has available "The FAA Story" in slides ...complete with script and cassette tape. This slide story is excellent for presentations before outside groups (schools, service clubs, church groups, etc.), but also may be used for employee orientations. Sets have been forwarded to each FAA Coordinator for use in his/her geographical area. If Regional Office people have a need for a set, please contact the Public Affairs Office, AWP-5, ext. 6431.



Cover photo: From left-- Brig. Gen. John Serur, Acting FEB Chairman; Neil Bettenhausen; and Guest of Honor, Singer Helen O'Connell. (Official U.S. Air Force photo--Los Angeles Air Force Station)

Meet Dean DeShazo

FAA Coordinator

Dean O. DeShazo has been named FAA Coordinator for the FAA in the Las Vegas Area. Along with his regular duties as Manager, Las Vegas Airway Facilities Sector, Dean will serve as the local contact for the FAA with the public and local news media.

Dean was born in Viola, Arkansas and raised near West Plains, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict as an electronic technician.

He joined the CAA/FAA in 1958 as an electronic technician. He has served in many locations since that time -- Los Angeles and El Toro, California; and Reno and Las Vegas Nevada.

Dean resides in Las Vegas with his wife, Paula, and son, Adam. Two daughters, Lori and Teri, live in Reno, Nevada, and daughter, Sheryl, lives in North Hollywood, California.



Wilson Ching Earns An Outstanding

Wilson N. S. Ching (left), Electronics Technician at the Maui Nav/Comm Sector Field Office, is presented with a Special Achievement Award based on Outstanding Performance. Making the presentation is John Grodon, Manager of the Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector. Congratulations, Wilson. (Note: The picture was taken at the 10,000-foot remote OHK RTR site on Maui.)

Outstanding Flight Assist Award Winners Named

Winners of the Outstanding Flight Assist Awards for 1984 are: Miami en route Center controllers Steven R. Kalbaugh, Wayne R. Roshaven, and James D. Zeiler; St. Louis Tower controller Wayne Dimmic; and FSS specialist Steve Proesch of the Grand Junction, Colo., FSS.

Plaques were presented to the Miami Center controllers by Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Walter S. Luffsey at ceremonies in the center on May 30. Dimmic and Proesch are scheduled to get their plaques in the near future.

The Miami "save" occurred last September when controllers there talked down the wife of an unconscious pilot to a safe landing at Dade Collier Airport. While calming the frightened woman, controllers vectored her to an airport clear of clouds. At the same time, they arranged to have an instructor pilot fly beside her for the last leg of her harrowing flight. Her husband had suffered a heart attack and died shortly after the landing.

Dimmic also talked down the wife of a pilot who had suffered a fatal heart attack. When he realized the woman at the controls of the plane was not a pilot, he immediately began to teach her how to maneuver with the auto-pilot.

After she made two missed approaches in marginal weather, he finally guided her to a safe landing over an hour after the original emergency call.

Proesch's save involved a student pilot who became lost and disoriented on his first solo cross-country flight. The neophyte pilot had flown into threatening weather while trying to find his way over bleak country-side. However, Proesch quickly got the apprehensive pilot's confidence, and, after

Reno Tower Controller Aids Senior Citizen Glider Pilot

The prompt actions of Ken Pender, Reno area Supervisor, was instrumental in pinpointing the location of a downed glider pilot, 25 miles north of Reno one day last spring.

It was a perfect day for soaring. Glider pilots Vern Frye and Al Hart were ridge soaring Dogskin Mountain. Dogskin, like most ridges, is not a smooth mountain. It has many spines and crevices which funnel the air in different patterns, creating alternating links and sinks.

As they approached the ridge, one of the sailplanes dropped its nose, entered a steep right bank, and tumbled toward the mountain crest. The right wingtip hit a big rock first, then the nose dug in and the tail slapped down hard.

The second sailplane, piloted by Vern Frye, returned to the Airsailing Glidesport and immediately returned to the crash site in a towplane. Vern contacted Reno Approach Control, advised the controller, Ken Pender, of the crash and requested a medical helicopter.

Vern Frye stated, "the Care-Flight arrived but flew right over the downed glider and didn't see it -- it blended into the mountain almost perfectly. Ken did a beautiful job pinpointing the crash site, coordinating the medical chopper, and getting us into visual contact with minimum delay."

The 70-year-old pilot, Al Hart, was shaken up but escaped major injury.

A job well done -- special thanks were received from both pilots. The FAA family is extremely proud of Ken Pender. His actions reflect the high standard of the Reno Tower.

locating the plane with Direction Finding (DF) equipment, guided him to a safe landing.



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Memorandum

Letters We Like To Receive

Subject: INFORMATION: Letter of Appreciation

Date: 6/3/85

From: ALL PERSONNEL
Chino Tower

Reply to
Attn. of:

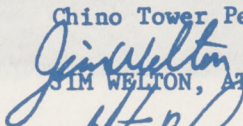
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Tom Twadell, Supervisor, Remote NavComm Unit;

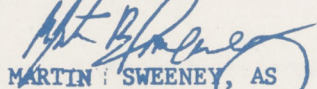
The personnel at Chino Tower wish to commend you for the excellent service that you continually provide our facility.

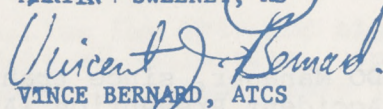
We sincerely appreciate your cheerful "can do" attitude as you attend to the thankless job of maintaining our electronic equipment. You continually demonstrate the highest level of competence and ability as you go about your daily tasks.


Because of your dedication to duty our job is first of all possible, and secondly easier. Please accept our thanks for a difficult job well done.

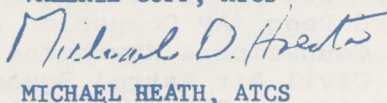
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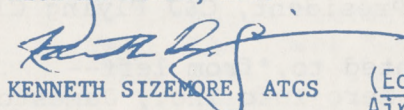

JIM WELTON, ATM


MARTIN SWEENEY, AS

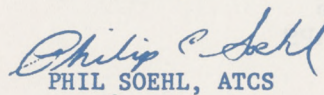

VINCE BERNARD, ATCS


VALERIE GOFF, ATCS

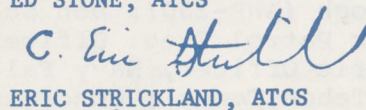

MICHAEL HEATH, ATCS

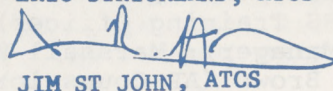

KENNETH SIZEMORE, ATCS


TIM SMITH, ATCS


PHIL SOEHL, ATCS


ED STONE, ATCS


ERIC STRICKLAND, ATCS


JIM ST JOHN, ATCS

(Editor's Note: John Carlson, Acting Manager, Riverside Airway Facilities Sector, says that he has long maintained that the AT and AF relationships in that Sector are the best in the Region. "In the past," John continues, "I have received many letters of appreciation for our ET's and EST's from Air Traffic and have always made it a point to personally present these to our people.")

Annual Accident Prevention Counselor



This year the annual Accident Prevention Counselor meeting for the Reno area was held at the John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nev. The program was sponsored by the Reno Flight Standards District Office through the Accident Prevention Program.

Special guests included the following: Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich and her husband, George, both of whom are rated pilots. The Congresswoman was the guest speaker, along with Gary Koch, Regional Accident Prevention Coordinator.

Carl Borchers, Reno Accident Prevention Specialist, gave a special presentation on APS

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Left photo: From left--Edge Ritter (then Reno FSDO Manager, since transferred to San Jose); Gary Koch (AWP-200); Don Schwartz (Accident Prevention (AP) Counselor & Civil Air Patrol Exec. Officer, Nevada Wing); Lt. Dutch Homan (AP Counselor & Air Traffic Officer, Navy Fallon); Richard Baldwin (AP Counselor & Manager, South Lake Tahoe Tower); Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich; Tom West (AP Counselor & Reno FSS Training Officer); Richard Pegg (AP Counselor & Truckee/Tahoe Airport Manager); Marshall Welk (AP Counselor & Hawthorne Airport Manager); Phillip Brown (AP Counselor & Elko Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander); and Chris Williams (AP Counselor & President, C&J Flying Club).

Right photo: Aviation Safety Awards were presented to,*from left-- Gary Koch (AWP-200);*George Workman (President, Aero Info Inc., Jamestown, Calif.); Lt. Col.*Richard Hoadley (Chief of Safety, Nevada Wing, Civil Air Patrol);*June Borchers (Accident Prevention Counselor at Large in the Reno District Office area);*Maj. Bill Palmer (Safety Officer, Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol); Congressman Barbara Vucanovich, special guest and speaker; Edge Ritter, Reno FSDO Manager.

Dinner Meeting At Reno, Nevada



Above--Special recognition was given to Mildred Freeman, Administrative Officer for the Reno FSDO for her outstanding 32 years of government service. From left--Don Schwartz; Gary Koch; Mildred Freeman, who has just received flowers and an Outstanding Award; Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich; and Edge Ritter.



Left--Flight Instructor and Mechanic of Year Award--from left--Carl Borchers, Gary Koch, Bill Post, Frank Nervino, Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich and Edge Ritter.

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activities for 1984 and highlighted many of the Accident Prevention Counselors' activities. Special Flight Safety awards were presented to Bill Post from South Lake Tahoe, Flight Instructor of the Year for the Reno area, and also Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year. Frank Nervino was selected Mechanic of the Year for the Reno area.

Flight Safety Awards were presented to several Accident Prevention Counselors for their outstanding support and participation in the FAA Accident Prevention Program: June Borchers, Lt. Col. Richard Hoadley, NANG; ACl Dennis McLoughlin, USN; Maj. William Palmer, USAF Aux, CAP; and George Workman.

Eight new Accident Prevention Counselors were appointed: Robert Baldwin, FAA Tower Manager, South Lake Tahoe Airport; Phillip Brown, Commander, USAF Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol Unit, Elko, Nev.; Lt. Butch Homan, Airspace/Air Traffic Control Officer, Fallon NAS; Richard Pegg, Airport Manager, Truckee/Tahoe Airport; Don Schwartz, USAF Aux., Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol (Sugar Bowl Manager, Norden, Calif.); Marshall Wells, Manager, Hawthorne Municipal Airport; Tom West, Training Specialist, Reno Flight Service Station; and Chris Williams, President of C&J of Nevada, Flying Club, Reno.

Accounting Division

Wedding Bells

By Caleb Logan

Wedding bells are ringing in the Accounting Division. Like Santa Claus, they are bringing great tides, of joy, elaborate celebrations and exciting gifts. The happy bride is Donna Marie Gaddy, voucher examiner in the Contracts and Payables section of the Examination and Classification Branch. Her husband is Theodore Braxton, II. Donna is very special to the Accounting Division since she was champion employee of the month three times in 1984 and currently the employee for the year. She earned these awards by giving outstanding services as a voucher examiner. On March 12, Donna's co-workers showered her with gifts of goods, advice, best wishes... and lunch. Then, the happy couple were off to San Francisco, Carmel and Monterey for a lovely honeymoon. Donna's words on returning to work? "I highly recommend marriage."



George Bogart

Friends of George Bogart will be saddened to learn of his death, June 3. George retired from the FAA several years ago from his position as Chief of the Airframe Branch, Aircraft Engineering Division of the Western-Pacific Region.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Dorothy, at 9515 Laraway Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301.

Flight Standards Awards

OUTSTANDING WITH QUALITY INCREASE

Terry Gordon, Oakland FSDO
Robert Beckley, Fresno FSDO

OUTSTANDING WITH SAA

Yolanda Salinas, Van Nuys FSDO
Betty Hampton, Los Angeles FSDO
Christine Kandziora, Scottsdale FSDO

SAA (SPECIAL ACT) Group Award

Carolyn Schmid, AWP-205
William Withycombe, AWP-205
Patricia Zeman, AWP-250

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

R. J. Jones, Oakland FSDO

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Gary Koch, AWP-201
Nina Nance, AWP-203
Martha Hewlett, AWP-203
Joseph Budro, Los Angeles FSDO

CAREER SERVICE EMBLEM

3 Years

Alvin Groft, Jr., Los Angeles FSDO

15 YEARS

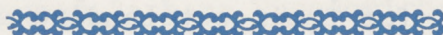
Joe Brasher, Long Beach FSDO
William Matson, San Diego FSDO
Thomas Mangum, Van Nuys FSDO
Robert Blanton, Los Angeles FSDO
Robert Curtis, Scottsdale FSDO
Carolyn Boor, Riverside FSDO

25 Years

Rodger Grunert, San Jose FSDO
John Stowe, Los Angeles FSDO
Ellsworth Ching, Honolulu FSDO
Joseph Rando, Long Beach FSDO

30 YEARS

Evelyn LaBar, Las Vegas FSDO
Charles Zenith, Honolulu FSDO
Paul Butler, Long Beach FSDO



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