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# Western-Pacific Intercom



## Cover Story

The smiling faces on this week's cover practically tell it all.

The photo was taken on Federal Day, an annual event sponsored by the Honolulu Federal Executive Board.

All Federal employees, both civilian and military, are involved. In fact over 1,500 Federal employees attended the awards luncheon held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu.

Keynote speaker was none other than Hawaii's Astronaut, Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka.

Spearheading the coordination of the effort was Ed Kaneko, acting in behalf of FAA Coordinator George Harvey.

We are very pleased to report that nominees from the FAA were Barbara Yamaoa, Administrative Assistant from the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Center, and



Barbara Yamaoa and Richard Miyashiro also received other honors at the Honolulu Federal Executive Board awards ceremony.

Top--Barbara receives a certificate from Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Below--Richard receives his certificate from Hawaii's Governor George Anyoshi.  
Photos by Ed Kaneko.

Richard "Kino" Miyashiro, Communications Technician-In-Depth, from the Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector.

Cover photo: Richard "Kino" Miyashiro and Barbara Yamaoa.  
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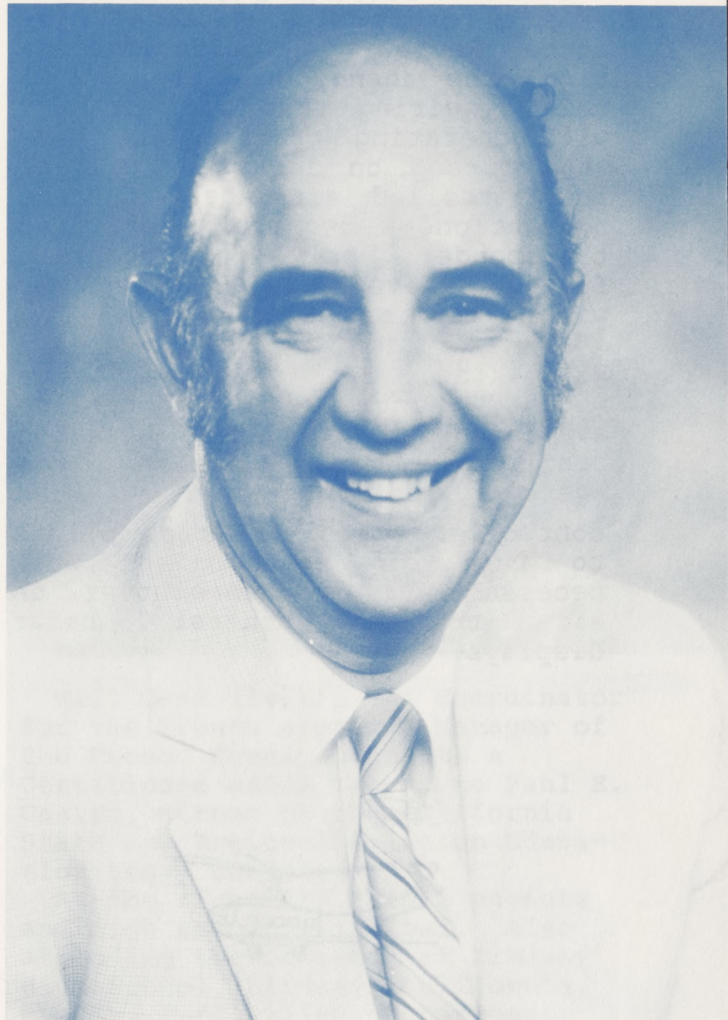
## Meet Will Cope --- FAA Coordinator

Will Cope has been named FAA Coordinator for the San Joaquin Valley, along with his regular duties as Manager of Fresno Tower. As FAA Coordinator, Will will serve as the local contact point for the FAA with the public and the news media.

A native of Indiana, Will was raised in Washington State. He attended Washington State University prior to entering the U.S. Navy where he served at several military towers during the Korean conflict.

Will returned to the San Francisco Bay area after discharge and joined the CAA/FAA as one of the first personnel assigned to the San Jose/Moffett Approach Control facility. He was the first manager of Grant County Tower and later a supervisor at Lemoore Approach Control and Las Vegas Tower. He was also manager of Torrance Tower and served as a specialist in the Airspace and Procedures Branch, Air Traffic Division, prior to becoming Manager of Fresno Tower in November of 1980. He has always been active in community affairs and public relations.

Will and his wife Pat live in Hanford, Calif., where they are active in Western dancing. They have three grown children.



## O'Hare is "Mega-Tower"

The O'Hare TRACON has set a new record for instrument operations, racking up more than one million from March 1984 to March 1985. Great Lakes Regional Director Paul K. Bohr hailed the achievement in a ceremony in the tower lobby recently, calling O'Hare the first

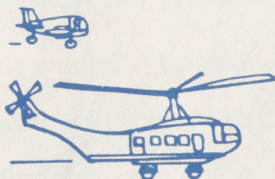
"Mega-Tower."

O'Hare has been the world's busiest airport since it opened for business in the early 1960s. In addition to O'Hare traffic, the TRACON also handles instrument departures and approaches at 23 satellite airports.

## FAA Wants Transponders To Be Turned On

As a result of a National Air-space Review (NAR) recommendation, the agency has proposed a rule requiring that all aircraft with operating transponders have them turned on during any flight in controlled airspace. Current regulations require activated transponders only for aircraft flying above 12,500 feet or within Terminal Control Areas(TCA).

In the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FAA said the rule would increase controller awareness of potential traffic conflicts. In addition, the agency pointed out that controllers could instruct pilots to turn off transponders when necessary to reduce clutter on air traffic control radar displays.



## Master Plan Heliport Dedicated in Indianapolis

The first of the four heliports selected for development under FAA's National Prototype Demonstration IFR Heliport Program was dedicated May 9 in Indianapolis, Ind.

At present, the heliport is certificated for VFR operations only. A microwave landing system is expected to be installed in about a year-and-a-half, and will permit the facility to be upgraded to full IFR capability. In the interim, the Great Lakes Region is writing the specifications for a non-precision VOR/DME

## California High Desert News

Recent transfers to Airway Facilities Sector, Los Angeles Center at Palmdale, include Daniel Moran, Electronics Technician (ET), from the Riverside Sector to the Radar Unit; Elmore Wigfall, NAV/COM Instructor at the Oklahoma City Academy who returns to the Radar Unit after completing other tours of duty in the FAA; Donald Leath and Dennis Rodgers both ETs from the Jacksonville Center assigned to Central Computer Complex Processor Unit and to the Computer Display Channel Unit, respectively; and Norman Beria who comes from F&E Installation Unit, Regional Office, and is assigned to the Communications Unit.

The Pre-Developmental Electronics Technician Program is progressing well and growing. There are now three former Los Angeles Center Air Traffic employees--Jo Frances Row from the Flight Data Communications and Louise DeTursi and Vivian Conroy, both of whom were Air Traffic Assistants; Shanon Russell from the Regional Office secretarial staff; Sylvia Martinez, Flight Data communications at the Oakland Center; and Marian Courtney, former Los Angeles Center Air Traffic secretary who has been in the program for two years. A belated welcome aboard, congratulations and good luck to each of you in your individual career advancement.

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approach using equipment already in place.

Located on a 5.5 acre site adjacent to the city's central business district, the facility was built with the help of a \$2.5 million grant from FAA under the Airport Improvement Program.

In addition, the heliport operators have built a passenger terminal complete with a roof-top restaurant. The heliport also has two large hangars, one of which will house a central maintenance facility.

## FAA Announces State And Regional Winners Of Aviation Education Essay Contest

Arizona winners of the second annual FAA Aviation Education Essay Contest were: Kimberly Robb, 13, an 8th grader at Melvin Sine School, Glendale; and Amy Cragar, 10, a 5th grader at West Sedona Elementary School, West Sedona.

California winners included Paul Castro, 18, 12th grader at Lindsay High School, Lindsay; Eric Cheung, 14, 8th grader at Alvarado Middle School, Union City; and Michael Groenert, 11, 5th grader at Treasure Island School, Treasure Island.

In addition to winning state honors, Groenert and Castro won the regional titles and will compete against other regional winners in national competition.

The FAA, in conjunction with the Air Traffic Control Association and the National Aeronautics Association, opened competition to students in grades 4 through 12 throughout the United States. The subject of this year's contest was "The Importance of Airports to Your Community". The contest was designed to encourage students to better understand airports and air transportation, their effect on people's lives and the career opportunities in aviation.

State winners will receive an FAA Certificate printed with the FAA Seal. Regional winners will receive a local airport tour, a 10-inch mahogany scale model of a Beechcraft Skipper aircraft, and a free introductory flight lesson at a Cessna Pilot Center.

The national winners will receive \$1,500 in the Senior division (10-12 grade); \$500 in the Junior division (7-9 grades); and \$500 in the Intermediate division (4-6 grades).



Will Cope (left), FAA Coordinator for the Fresno area and Manager of the Fresno Tower, presents a Certificate and a trophy to Paul E. Castro, winner of the California State and Regional Aviation Education Essay Contest.

At the right are Paul's parents and high school principal. Also attending the ceremony at Lindsay High School, Lindsay, California, was Mr. Burd Miller, Department of Aeronautics, State of California.

In addition, Paul was also invited to visit the Fresno Tower/TRACON with his family.

Paul Castro faces a very promising future. He was all league football and tennis, class valedictorian, received a West Point appointment, and has chosen to attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, on a sports scholarship.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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# Letters We Like To Receive

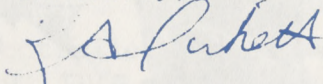
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To the Staff of the Deer Valley Control Tower:

I want to express <sup>my</sup> thanks for the really great job you do in getting me <sup>in</sup> and out of the Deer Valley Airport each time I fly down from Prescott. Everyone is so professional yet friendly. You all have a very special gift of memory and quick thinking that helps keep flying so safe. I appreciate the sacrifice you all make in terms of the stress most people don't have throughout each workday.

Keep up the good service!

Cordially,



Keith Pickett  
1890 Coyote Rd  
Prescott AZ 86301

(Editor's Note: Kudos to the folks at Deer Valley Tower for this Letter of Appreciation from a General Aviation pilot.)

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## Agency Plans NMAC Audit

Plans to appoint an outside management consultant to review FAA's near midair collision announced by Administrator Engen at a Washington headquarters press briefing on June 7. Engen said he expects to select an independent person or organization very shortly "to audit FAA's method of reporting NMACs and assessing those reports."

The Administrator conceded that some NMAC reports in the past had fallen through "cracks" in the system and, consequently, were not included in statistical summaries.

However, he noted that the agency already has changed its reporting system to channel the flow of reports to one point in Washington headquarters.

"There will be one data base instead of about three data bases,"

he continued, "I've found that part of the misunderstanding on near midair collisions has been the fact that we had different data bases. That's stopped."

Expressing his concern about the continuing problem of NMACs, Engen cited a number of FAA programs underway to reduce the potential or airspace conflicts. These include implementation of the Airport Radar Service Area (ARSA) concept and final action on a proposed rule to require that transponders be activated at all times in controlled airspace.

A complete audit of NMAC reports for 1983, the Administrator said, shows a total of 478; the figure for 1984 is 592. During the first five months of 1985, there were 24 reported NMACs, up 20 percent over the same period last year.

## Guess Who?

### The Suspense Is Over

In the May 6 issue (No. 85-18), you were asked to identify at least one of the three handsome men shown in the photo on page 7 of that issue. The column has generated much enthusiasm and excitement. Also, it lets us know that you are among our readership.

And now the answers everyone has been waiting for ...

President RONALD REAGAN, JACK DOYLE, Western-Pacific Regions' Duty Officer, and ALAN JONES.

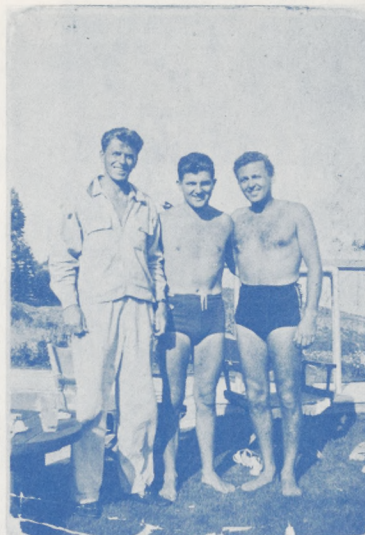
The handsome young men, from left, are: President RONALD REAGAN; JACK DOYLE, Regional Duty Officer (AWP-6); and ALAN JONES (father of well-known singer Jack Jones.

Also, in the May 6 issue, we promised to print the names of those individuals who were able to guess all three, or at least one individual in the Photo.

And the winners are ...

Frank Jones, AWP-501, identified all three individuals. Maria Munoz, AWP-4F, identified President Reagan and Jack Doyle.

Several individuals correctly identified President Reagan only. They are: Warren Parr, AWP-17; Clara Planansky, AWP-20A; David Jensen, AWP-26; Rod Mariott, AWP-56; Bobby Jones, AWP-300; Libby Walls, AWP-505; Bobbie Jones, Fremont AFS, Kay Quong, Honolulu FSDO; Raine, ANM-173W; Henrietta Gueble, ANM-176W; Greg Edwards, ANM-179W, Sandra Cambell, ACE-5; Bill Calkins, FAA retiree; Virginia Evans, Penrose, Co.; and Ronald A. Summers.



From Left --

President Ronald Reagan, Regional Duty Officer Jack Doyle and Alan Jones.

## Elko AFS News

Harry Stokley retired in February Warren Tetz retired in May, and Dave Katz and Jim Emerson are hanging tough, with support from Reno and Salt Lake City AFS units.

## Reno Tower Happenings

Ken Moen has received his AA Degree in Business Data Processing at Truckee-Meadows Community College. Ken was also the recipient of a Letter of Commendation from the Director of Aviation Safety and a Letter of Appreciation from Doctor McClure for his excellent contribution and technical assistance. Ken's testimony during the Galaxy Airlines NTSB Hearings was a credit to the agency.

Jeri Carson received her BA degree in Psychology from the University of the State of New York, Regents College.

The temporary tower at the Truckee Fly-in was a great success. Ken Moen, Chuck Weinum, Doug Mott, Byron Little, Bob Hoffsetz and Lee Pals provided Air Traffic Control services during the three-day fly-in. Participants praised FAA controllers for a job well done.

# Asian-Pacific Month Huge Success

By Mildred Ramos



The Asian-Pacific month was recently celebrated at the Regional Office. The festivities started with a luncheon serving homemade Philippine food prepared by Mildred Ramos and Shirley Ebbat, sushi prepared by Clayton Chong, vietnamese jello dessert prepared by Lan Conghuyen, of the Regional Accounting Division and Korean barbecued beef provided by James Keating of the Internal Revenue Service office. During the luncheon, the Samahang Filipino Dance Troupe from UCLA provided the entertainment. Also, Regional Director Mac McClure presented the Asian-Pacific Award issued by Mayor Bradley's office to HRM Manager Ock-Ju Noh for being the first Asian-Pacific Manager in the Western Region.

In addition, Jake Kazanjian from Internal Revenue Service displayed some of his prized collection of snuff bottles and oriental artwork. His collections have been on display at various museums. Helen Brown, a retired Los Angeles School Teacher of Filipino ancestry presented some of her Philippine Art Collection.

Two Philippine films were also shown. Many thanks to Judy Shigemura, Susie Koga, Carol Marsillo, Sandy Monge and Melanie Barnes for making this event a big success.

## Photos:

Above Left -- Ock-Ju Noh, HRM Manager, proudly displays Mayor Bradley's Certificate of Appreciation presented to her by Regional Director Mac McClure.

Above Right -- At the exhibits of Philippine crafts are: from left, Helen Brown, who presented her collections; Tanya Shahid, Lan Conghuyen, and Sharon McIntosh of the Regional Accounting Division.

## More Asian- Pacific



Above -- Acting Deputy Director Wayne Newcomb (left) and Regional Director Mac McClure, sample the different exotic dishes during the luncheon.

Below -- The Samahang Filipino Dance Troupe from UCLA performing one of their ethnic dances.



## FAAers Save Lives

First aid training paid off recently for four New England Regional employees who used their knowledge and skills to save victims of electrical shock in two separate incidents. All four subsequently were honored by Regional Director Robert Whittington for their live-saving efforts.

In one case, Bradley A Davis, Ramon Ruiz, Jr., and Richard Francis in the regional headquarters responded to a public address call for someone with cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. When they arrived on the scene, they found a contract electrician unconscious and not breathing. They immediately began administering chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth breathing while monitoring the victim's vital signs. The victim's condition later was described by paramedics as "clinically dead...no pulse or heartbeat," but the three FAAers managed to keep him going until the ambulance arrived.

The second incident involved Airways Facilities Technician Charles Smith at the Portland (Me.) International Jetport. Smith was working with fellow technician James Durant in a high voltage cable pit when he suffered a severe electrical shock. Durant pulled the barely-conscious man out of the pit and covered him with a blanket before radioing for help. He then administered first aid and kept the shocked victim comfortable until the ambulance arrived. A doctor at the hospital where Smith was treated said Durant's emergency actions prevented irreparable brain damage.

## Detroit FSDO Is Top Flight Standards Office

For its safety record and other achievements last year, the Detroit Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) has been selected as the 1985 winner of the Flight Standards Field Office Award. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding operational performance. It is one category within the overall National Aviation Standards Awards Program.

In addition to its safety work, the Detroit FSDO was cited for its innovations and improvements in serving the public, increased operational efficiency, productivity and economy, a high level of work quality, new human relations initiatives, and its continuing EEO efforts.

Located at Willow Run Airport, the award-winning facility is responsible for overseeing both general aviation and air carrier operations. Its air carrier coverage extends over all of Michigan and Ohio and includes responsibility for all air carriers and 609 air crew members. Its general aviation coverage includes 17 counties in southeastern Michigan. In this area alone, there are 5,410 registered general aviation aircraft and 11,469 pilots.

The award plaque is scheduled to be presented to the 32 FSDO employees sometime in June.

Other regional nominees for the national award were:  
Central - Kansas City FSDO  
Southwest - Dallas/Fort Worth ACDO  
Eastern - Teterboro FSDO  
Southern - Caribbean FSDO  
Western-Pacific - San Diego FSDO

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## Airline Pilot Lauds Controller Flight Save

It was just another flight assist involving a student pilot caught on top of an overcast at night, but a Delta Airline pilot who monitored the pilot-controller conversations thought it was something special. He later wrote the manager of the New Orleans/Moissant Airport Tower that the controller responsible for the flight assist had "saved a life that night."

When controller David Kunkle established radio contact with the troubled plane, he found that the student pilot was "at first apprehensive and very frightened, but after talking for a while, she regained her confidence and followed instructions perfectly."

Besides talking to the lost student, Kunkle was in contact with other pilots in the vicinity, and they told him where the breaks in the overcast were.

Finally, he located a hole that was big enough for her to descend through. However, as she let down, she lost sight of the airport, which was hidden under a low cloud cover. Kunkle then guided her through the night sky until she was lined up with runway one at Moissant, where she landed safely.

## Oldest Pilot Flies

At the age of 97, C.R. "Sinnie" Sinclair of Grand Haven, Mich., is something like Santa Claus. That is, he only flies once a year. Billed as the "world's oldest active pilot" by no less a source than the Guinness Book of World Records, he turns out once a year on his birthday for an honorary flight check that preserves his place in the sun.

Sinclair's check ride this year was given by a former flight student of the Old Master who now is an FAA-certified flight examiner. The presence of another pilot on these annual flights is required because Sinclair no longer can pass a flight physical and, indeed, spends most of his time confined in a wheelchair in a nursing home.

Still, neither age nor infirmities have dimmed his love for flying. When he had completed this year's check ride he was presented with a letter of congratulations from Bonnie Merz, Manager of FAA's General Aviation District Office in Grand Rapids. The letter took note of Sinclair's 70 years in aviation and said, "We offer our best wishes for good flying and hope that you continue to enjoy the experience of flight."

## New York TRACON Honored By NATO Award

The Newark Sector of the New York TRACON is the first non-member to win the National Air Transportation Association's (NATA) Distinguished Service Award. Underlining the importance of the award, which was presented at NATA's recent convention in Las Vegas, was Administrator Engen. He noted that, "It's more than a matter of the people who win the honors. These awards lift the morale of the

many FAA employees who hear about them." Accepting the award on behalf of the full sector was Area Manager Jack Keis.

The award was given to the FAA group for their contribution to reducing general aviation delays, especially in the Teterboro, N.J., area.

The sector has donated the \$500 honorarium included with the award to the Eastern Region's Easternaires Scholarship Fund.

## Secretaries Give Thanks

When the secretaries in the Aviation Standards National Field Office (AVN) in Oklahoma City say "thanks," they do it right.

After their bosses got together and prepared a luncheon for them during National Secretaries' Week, the secretaries bought space in the "Wiretap," the Aeronautical Center's unofficial newspaper, to let the managers know how much they appreciated the gesture.

Here is the reprint of their ad:

### Thanks Aviation Standards National Field Office Managers!!!

The Luncheon that the AVN Director and Division/Staff Managers prepared for us April 24 was wonderful! We are proud to be part of the AVN team.

Thank you Bob Goodrich, Director, AVN-1; John Howard, Deputy Director, AVN-2; and the following Managers: Wayne Jacox, AVN-10; Hazel Robinson, AVN-12; Don Snow, AVN-40; Bill Ardies, AVN-100; Gary Wirt, AVN-200; and Al Harrison, AVN-300.

All 36 secretaries in the AVN organization.

## FAA Moves to Halt Striker Radio Interference

FAA is using sophisticated electronic equipment to help identify persons who are illegally using ATC radio frequencies to harass non-striking United Airlines pilots.

As a result, the agency has initiated enforcement action against the airmen involved in two such incidents that occurred on June 1--one near Chicago's O'Hare Airport and one near Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Other flight crew members who have engaged in such harassment also have been identified by the equipment, which is being used throughout the ATC system, and additional enforcement actions are expected.

Administrator Engen has warned that he will not tolerate misuse of the air traffic control frequencies because of the grave

## DOT Proposes Shift Of National & Dulles

FAA's days as the operator of Washington National and Dulles International Airports may be numbered.

Under proposed legislation submitted to the Congress this month by DOT, both airports would be transferred to a regional authority composed of representatives of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

The legislation makes provisions for FAA employees at the airports who would be affected by the transfer. Their pay levels, seniority, leave and other benefits would be protected for a period of two years. Moreover, they would remain in the Federal Retirement System.

The airports would be transferred by a 35-year lease, which the architects of the plan say should recover the federal government's investment in the airports. When the lease term expires, the airports would be transferred in full.

The bill also requires that the lease assure continued federal access to air traffic control facilities and continued operation of both National and Dulles as primary airports.

threat it poses to safety and reminded airmen that it could lead to suspension or revocation of their licenses.

The equipment involved is a tracking device that helps pinpoint the source of otherwise unidentified radio transmissions.

More than 50 such incidents--either jamming a frequency by pressing a mike button or verbal abuse of the non-striking pilots--occurred during the first two weeks of the strike which began May 17.