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**IT  
WAS  
FOR  
THE  
KIDS!**



# Cover Story . . . It Was For The Kids!

Fullerton Tower Air Traffic Controllers worked extra hard recently to help 26 volunteer pilots give free airplane rides to over 300 physically and developmentally handicapped kids and adults.

Called Eagle Flight II, it was organized by Beverly Guido-Deutsch, Recreation Supervisor for the City of La Habra, Calif. The following photo story tells it all.

Volunteer organizations included the Wheelchair Pilots Association; U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol; National Guard; Fullerton Police Department Explorers; Fullerton City Community Services Department; Fullerton City Airport personnel; Fullerton Airport Fixed Base Operators; Beckman Friends of Flight; City of La Habra Great Camp; Christian Pilots Association; and the Rockwell Flying Club.

At the conclusion of the effort, Fullerton Tower Manager Kitty Kuhlmann received a letter of appreciation from the director of Community Services Department for the City of La Habra. The controllers on duty each received an individual letter which stated, in part: "Well, have you recuperated from Eagle Flight II? On behalf of the organizers, pilots, and riders, thank you for doing an absolutely fantastic job. I'm assuming Eagle Flight II resulted in one of your busiest days. The pilots cannot say enough about how cooperative the tower was. We're glad you joined us in providing this community services. . ."

Hats off to the people at Fullerton Tower for an exceptional community service effort!

Cover photo: Crowds of participants in Eagle Flight II gather at the base of Fullerton Tower.



Left: To ensure that everyone knew what to expect and what was expected of them, a pilot briefing was held to kick off Eagle Flight II.

Article and photos by Kitty Kuhlmann

# FOR THE KIDS



Top left: The line-up begins. Twenty types of various aircraft were used. The engines were shut down and the aircraft were pushed to the loading area and then to the startup area.

Middle: The participants were assigned along with a helper to each aircraft. The rides lasted about 15-20 minutes and included flying over Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland and Anaheim Stadium.

Below: Entertainment was available so the kids wouldn't get bored while they waited. No--the clowns did not visit the tower and entertain the controllers!

Top right: Hot dogs and cold drinks were supplied by the Airport Coffee Shop. A shaded waiting area was available thanks to the National Guard.

# MORE KIDS. ...



Above: Controller Cathy Babis.

Left: From the top, down--  
...Here is Rod Murphy,  
Airport Manager, and Acting  
Tower Supervisor Nadine  
Franklin.

...And the flights kept  
coming. And the controllers  
kept working and working  
and working. Here is  
Controller Paul Swiontek.

...What appears to be lunch  
break monitor in the  
baseball cap is really  
Airport Manager Rod  
Murphy. On his left is  
Controller Ken Schuette. At  
the right is Ken Kaufman,  
presently in training at  
Fullerton Tower.

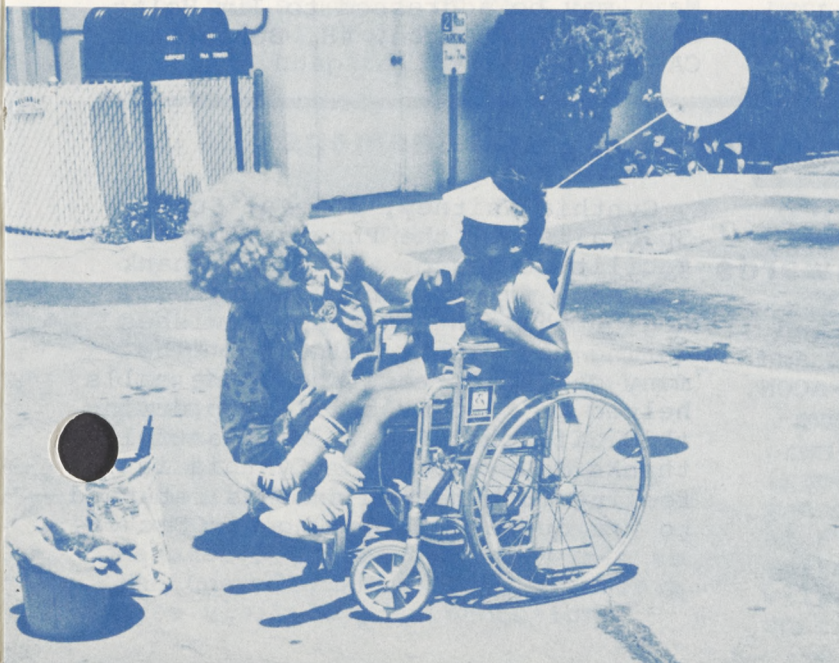
...Developmental Controller  
Mark Oglesby.



Above: And this is what it was all about...the happiness, the fun enjoyed, the smiles...

Top right: The "tree" on the left is Controller Paul Swiontek. The "tree" on the right is Controller Ken Schuette. The "munchkin" in the middle is Facility Manager Kitty Kuhlmann.

Right: The happy participants of the first ride included, on left, the Mayor of Fullerton, "Buck" Catlin.



AFTER ALL . . .

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**Predevelopmental Program  
For Air Traffic  
Control Specialist  
(Trainee) GS-2152-5**

Applicants are now being accepted for the Air Traffic Control Predevelopmental Program. Selections will be made for classes beginning in January, May and September 1986.

The program is one year in length and consists of academic instruction with laboratory exercises and on-the-job training. Applicants must have career or career-conditional status or be eligible for reinstatement or a Veteran Readjustment Appointment. Three years of general experience or four years of college, or a combination of experience and education equaling three years, are required. Applicants must pass a written test and a physical examination. All usual ATC medical restrictions apply. Applications will be accepted from individuals who have reached their 30th birthday. However, these applicants can be considered for FSS option only and opportunities for employment in the FSS option are limited. Applicants must not have reached their 30th birthday to be considered for terminals and enroute center positions.

For additional information, please contact Jackie Reed, Human Resources Management Division, 536-6818, or FTS 966-6296.

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**Phoenix Tower/TRACON Awards**

Congratulations to Jose Nava and Robert Maxwell of Phoenix Tower and to Warren Paschke of Phoenix TRACON.

Jose received a Special Achievement Award, Robert a Quality Increase Within-Grade with an Outstanding Rating, and Warren a Quality Increase Within-Grade.

**William J. Fox  
Flight Service Station  
Congratulations**

Congratulations are in order for Bill Moses, who was awarded the California Commendation Medal for distinguished and meritorious service as Operations/Training Officer in the 502nd Infantry Battalion, California State Guard, State Military Reserve. The Citation for Captain Moses was signed by Major General Richard E. Keith, Commander of the State Guard.

Bill is the Manager of the General William J. Fox Flight Service Station and is also active in aviation education and the USAF Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol).

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**Detroit ARTCC Reunion**

Yes, we mean Detroit, Michigan! Although extinct now for about 20 years, there's an effort underway to contact members of the old Detroit Center. If enough members show interest, a reunion is planned for 1986. Contact Lloyd Duncan, FTS 983-2019/or (714)522-7340 at home. Mail may be addressed to Jim Holtsclaw, 5495 Stanton, #H, Buena Park, CA 90621.

**Thanks**

Cynthia Whitney, General Supply Specialist at the Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector wishes to thank her many friends throughout the Region who sent "get well" wishes during her recent illness. "The many cards, letters and phone calls helped to keep my spirits up during this difficult time. My heartfelt thanks to everyone." Cynthia is feeling much better and has returned to her duties at the Phoenix Sector.

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## Accounting Division

### Contributes

#### To Public Education

The regional Accounting Division recently hosted 15 Mark Keppel High School Students along with their teachers: Mrs. Cox, Chairperson, Business Education Department, who teaches advance business subjects including accounting and computer science; and Mrs. Sanchez, who teaches computer application.

The trip was coordinated by Jewell Henderson, Auditor, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Transportation, who serves on the Mark Keppel High School Office Support Model Task Force for the Alhambra, California, Unified School District.

The Accounting Division of the Western-Pacific Region was selected for the students to tour because it uses the FAA-wide Uniform Accounting System. As part of the business education program at Mark Keppel High, students are encouraged to become acquainted with the real world of work—to actually see some theories of business in practice.

Frank Cantrell, Accounting Division Manager, received thanks from the students of Mark Keppel High School for the Accounting Division's hospitality.

## FAA Academy

### Air Traffic

#### Instructor Reunion

Last fall approximately 160 former FAA Academy Air Traffic instructors and friends gathered in Oklahoma City for a reunion. The event was a success, and many participants expressed interest in repeating the reunion in 1985. As a result, several current and former AT instructors in the Oklahoma City area are working to accomplish this.

The reunion will take place in Oklahoma City on October 11 and 12. The main event will be a buffet and social on October 12, with an informal social on October 11 for those who arrive early. Friends and families are welcome. Tentative location is the Hilton Inn on I-40 and Meridian. Information on cost will be disseminated through mailings and future Intercom articles, or you may send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Ms. Laurie Tester, 112 Chickasaw Lane, Yukon, Oklahoma 73099.

Mark the date on your calendar, start planning your travel arrangements, and spread the word to any former Academy AT instructors you know.

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## Reduced Separation Study Underway

As part of its ongoing effort to improve system performance, the agency is collecting data on the potential effects of reduced longitudinal separation between aircraft in terminal areas.

Phase I of the program got underway in March with data collection on dry runway operations at Newark and Los Angeles International Airports. Phase II, which includes data collection on wet runway operations, began June 24 at Atlanta Hartsfield and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Data collection and analysis will continue through the summer. The agency expects to make a final decision near the end of the year on whether to implement a reduced separation standard.

## FAA Rule to Require Security Coordinators

The agency has issued an emergency rule that will require air carriers to designate flight captains and ground personnel as in-flight and ground security coordinators for every domestic and international flight in accordance with their FAA approved security programs.

The carriers are also being required to provide eight hours of initial security training for their flight crews as well as annual recurrent training.

The duties of the in-flight security coordinator will be briefing the crew before flights and reporting any incidents to the carrier. The ground security coordinator will be responsible for screening flights, access to aircraft, fueling and catering, air operations area security, and baggage and cargo.

## Engen Shares Know-How

Running a large organization, like FAA, is a lot like flying an airplane, Administrator Engen told a group of prospective DOT women managers recently.

Speaking at the DOT-sponsored training session in Cherry Hill, N.J., Engen said his personal management philosophy has been strongly influenced by his experiences as a pilot. "For example," he said, "running beyond your budget is comparable to running out of fuel. In either case, unless adjustments are made early, neither the pilot nor the organization can reach its goals."

The seminars are held periodically to help prepare upwardly mobile women from FAA and other DOT elements for top level management positions. The Administrator summed up the position of the participants by noting that: "You have mastered single-engine VFR flying and are ready to tackle multi-engine and, perhaps, instrument ratings."

## Aviation Medical

### Division News

Recently, a Quality Step Increase with an Outstanding Rating was presented to Beverly Faria, Occupational Health Nurse at the Fremont Medical Office.....Cassandra Poland, Aviation Medical Examiners Program Specialist, was presented with an Outstanding Performance Rating.....and Bernice Lorentz, Occupational Health Nurse at the Palmdale Medical Office, was presented with a Special Achievement Award at her retirement luncheon on June 28.

Congratulations to all!

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## San Diego TRACON Reaches

### Raincheck Presentations

#### Milestone In Operation

San Diego TRACON recently completed its 100th consecutive "Operation Raincheck" class, dating back to August of 1979. The three-night, nine-hour class has been attended by 1,063 pilots with experience levels varying from zero hours to 5,000 plus hours.

The course is presented at the TRACON, which is located on the U.S. Naval Air Station, Miramar, and is normally presented the first Tuesday through Thursday night of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The first two nights consist of classroom presentations explaining the TRACON's airspace equipment, including radar and ARTS III, and utilizing the Terminal Control Area. The highlight of the course is on Thursday night when the students are taken into the TRACON where for approximately an hour they monitor a controller.

Montgomery Tower and San Diego Flight Service Station recently began providing input to the program, and they have been well received. Anyone desiring additional information about the program should contact Walt Philips at 619/271-4540 or FTS 895-6545.

## Accidents up in 1985

Through the first six months of 1985, the air carriers and general aviation operators are finding last year's outstanding safety record hard to match. The number of accidents was up in both categories and so was the number of fatalities.

According to preliminary figures compiled by FAA's Office of Aviation Safety, air carriers -- which includes the airlines, commuters and air taxis -- had 20 fatal accidents and 152 fatalities in the January = June period as compared with 16 fatal crashes and 36 deaths in the same six months last year.

General aviation reflected a similar trend with fatal accidents increasing from 219 to 234 and fatalities from 391 to 424.

One bright spot in the first half statistics was a drop in the number of midair collisions. They were down from 15 in the first six months last year to 10 this year. Five of these involved fatalities, the same number as last year.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

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 Division, Ext. 6300.

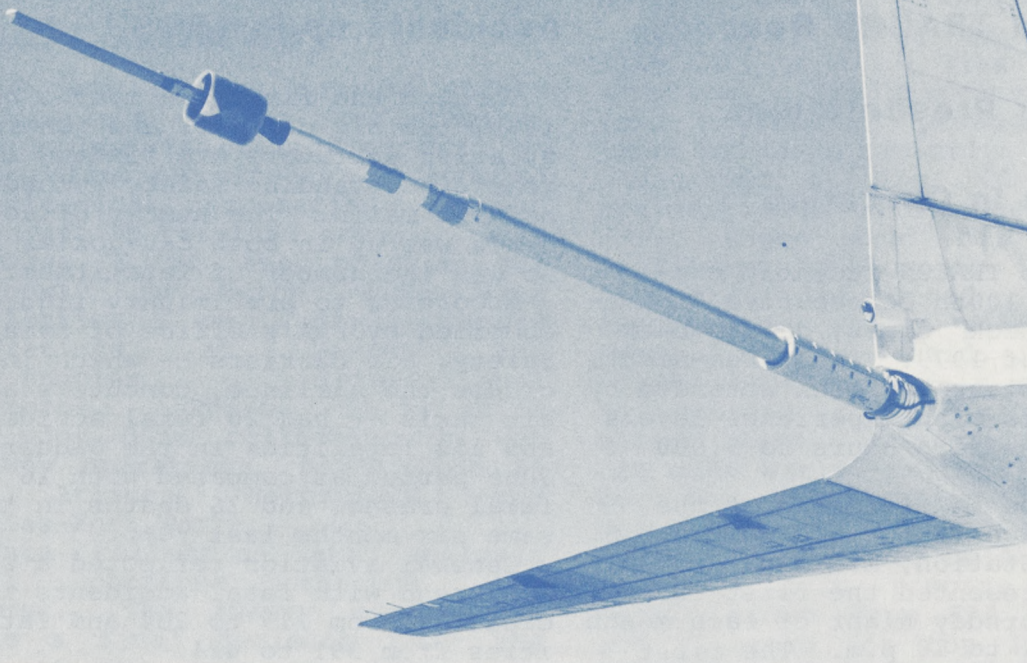
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## Letters We Like To Receive

Robert Snider, Flight Inspection and Procedures Staff, AWP-220, recently received a Letter of Appreciation from John J. Faletti, Manager, Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, which stated: "Your participation as a guest speaker at our All Hands Workshop in San Diego deserves a special thanks. The

support you provided, along with the other speakers, helped to make our workshop extra special. A cooperative attitude like this encourages all of us to work as a team toward common goals and objectives. I thank you again for your support and participation". Hats off to Robert for a job well done.

# LIGHTNING



Early this year, the FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, delivered its "Lightning Characterization Research" instrument-laden twin turbo-prop Convair CV580 aircraft to Aero Specialties, Inc., a modification facility on the Van Nuys Airport, for extensive modification work.

Aero Specialties, Inc., was sub-contracted to perform this unique work by Aircraft Technical Service, an aviation engineering firm, also of Van Nuys, whose extensive background and engineering expertise in the modification of this type of aircraft qualified them for the contract.

FAAers at the Van Nuys Flight Standards District Office were involved in the certification of the repair station to perform the structural work involved in the installation of the tail boom shown in the above photo.

The violent turbulence associated with thunderstorms has always been a danger to flyers. Direct lightning hits can burn or erode an aircraft's skin and cause blast damage from the acoustic shock wave--better known as thunder.

A joint effort of the FAA, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, NASA and the French Government, the purpose of the program is to study the

# STRIKES



effects of lightning strikes on all aircraft with this effort basically directed toward the reaction of composite constructions being used extensively on all new generation aircraft, and the response of low voltage, low amperage flight director and control systems.

While on these missions, the aircraft usually carries a crew of six. It experienced 21 direct lightning strikes during the summer of 1984. The group is continuing its studies this summer in the Cape Kennedy area of Florida and Wallops Island, Virginia, and will be working part of this period with the modified NASA F-106 jet fighter with the NASA aircraft working the higher altitudes (30,000 to 40,000 feet) and the FAA Convair CV580 in the lower altitudes.

Technology/Scientific Service of Dayton, Ohio, is the prime contractor with the Air Force Wright Aeronautical Laboratories atmospheric Electricity Hazards Research Group of the Flight Dynamics Laboratory. It is responsible for the lightning characterization instrumentation installed on the aircraft for the Air Force in flight lightning strike measurements.

Project manager and chief scientist for the program is Dr. Pete Ruston, Major, U.S.A.F., Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

## Engen Calls For Formal Presentation Ceremonies

FAA award winners are going to get a little more pomp and circumstance during presentation ceremonies in the future. The reason is that Administrator Engen has requested all Associate Administrators to set up quarterly formal ceremonies so that award winners will know how much their accomplishments are appreciated. Regional directors and other field managers were asked to arrange similar award ceremonies.

Engen specified that presentations be made in the presence of as many of the recipients' co-workers as possible. He also suggested that, where practical, photos be taken for publication and other uses.

A recent ceremony held by Associate Administrator for Human Resource Management Gene Weithoner in the Administrator's conference room was typical of what the Administrator has requested. Some 21 award winners were honored before a "standing room only" crowd of co-workers.

## "Thank-You" From Mrs. George Bogert

Dear Friends:

I have to take this means to express my sincere appreciation to you for your support during the loss of my dear friend and husband. I will try to write each of you individually when I get caught up with some of the overwhelming paperwork.

I am thankful for my friends and I thank you for your cards, telephone calls, contributions, flowers, and kind words which have helped to sustain me through this sad time of losing George. Gary and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Bogert

## Announcing



## The Third Chicago O'Hare Reunion

(For all FAAers who worked at airport)

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 14, 1985

**WHERE:** O'Hare Plaza Hotel  
Kennedy & Cumberland  
2 miles east of ORD  
Courtesy bus available

**HOW MUCH:** \$17 per person — cash bar

For lodging reservations, call hotel:  
(312) 693-5800 \$40 single/double

**Industry reception: Friday night, September 13**

For more info, call O'Hare ATCT



## FAA Bowling League News

It's that time again to start forming teams for the winter league, which will start around the middle of September. All those who are going to continue bowling or wish to join the league should contact either Jim Partridge, President, at 215-2040, or Carl McGee, Secretary, at 536-6100, so that they will know how many teams to have and can let the bowling alley know how many lanes will be needed.