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**Merced  
Temporary  
Tower**

**28th Annual Merced  
West Coast Antique Fly-In**

## Cover Story

As they have done for the past 28 years, swarms of aircraft descended on the Merced, California airport for the annual "Merced West Coast Antique Fly-in," held this year on June 7, 8 & 9.

This year's event was rated as the most successful one in its 28 year history, breaking, for the third straight year, records for attendance, number of participating aircraft and total aircraft operations, a far cry from the 32 aircraft that participated in the first fly-in on May 10, 1958.

Although the Merced Tower closed shortly after the 1981 controller strike, volunteers from other towers in the region arrive to handle the 6,000 plus operations over the two and one half day period. This year, for example, controllers were on hand from the towers at Fresno, Modesto, Livermore and Chico.

The Merced Antique Fly-in is known as the world's "Most Friendly Fly-in." A great deal of the credit for this reputation should go to the controllers, who have established a reputation for being friendly, courteous and helpful. Most controllers really enjoy working at this fly-in, and usually ask to come back each year. Some repeaters, for example, include Gordon Brewer, Air Traffic Manager, Chico Tower (1980, 81, 82 and 85); Lorryn Oliver, Livermore Tower (1982, 83, 84 and 85). Patricia Vasquez, Modesto Tower (1983 and 85); Richard Rosa, Modesto Tower (1984 and 85); and Mark Lambie, Fresno Tower (1982 and 85). The person involved for the longest period of time, however, is Dale Brown, Air Traffic Manager, Modesto Tower and FAA ATREP, Castle AFB. Dale has worked the fly-in every year since 1978, and for the past six years has been in charge of the tower.

Cover photos: Left--Merced Tower. Top right--Controllers Scott Lang, Fresno Tower; Lorryn Oliver, Livermore Tower; Gordon Brewer, Chico Tower (bottom right); Richard Rosa, Modesto Tower (top left); Patricia Vasquez, Modesto Tower (top center); and Mike Farrell, Fresno Tower (top right). Bottom right - a view from the tower on Saturday morning.



Merced airport, Friday morning - one of the first arrivals.

Photos: by Dale Brown

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Left: Lorryn Oliver, Livermore Tower (left); Dale Brown, Manager, Merced Temporary Tower (center); and Phyllis Cleveland, Fresno FSDO Inspector.

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Right: More display aircraft.



Left: Bob Smith, Air Traffic Operations Branch, was on hand to observe the action.

# More Fly - In - - -



Above: Some of the general aviation aircraft that flew in for the event.

Left: Controllers Lorryn Oliver (left) and Patricia Vasquez.

Right: Controllers Scott Lang (left) and Gordon Brewer.



# That's The End Of The Fly-In For This Year!

(Camera shy controllers:  
Mark Lambie and Ray Todd,  
Fresno Tower)



Above: Controller Patricia Vasquez checking for aircraft on final approach.

Left: Still more display aircraft

Right: Richard Rosa keeps a sharp eye out while working ground control.



## News In Brief

\* The United States, the Soviet Union, and Japan have reached preliminary agreement on cooperative measures to increase the safety of civil aircraft flying on Northern Pacific routes. The agreement, drafted in Tokyo, will provide for a new communications network linking air traffic control centers in Anchorage, Tokyo, and Khabarovsk in the U.S.S.R. The network would be used when a civil aircraft assigned to a North Pacific route is in difficulty.

\* The second Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) "family" was brought together recently when Model 1 AFSS equipment was delivered to the Indianapolis Center and the Green Bay and Terre Haute AFSSs. An AFSS family consists of a central processor at an en route center and two or more AFSSs.

\* The Airline fleet is getting quieter, FAA recently noted. The agency reported that as of July 1, 88.7 percent of the U.S. airliners comply with Part 36 noise rules. This is up from the 72.4 compliance rate of Jan. 1, 1983. Aircraft not complying are either operating under "small community service" exemptions which will expire Jan. 1, 1988, or under exemptions that will expire on the scheduled date of hush kit installations.

## Athens Meets Standards

Acting on the positive report of an FAA security team, the State Department has lifted a travel advisory that warned U.S. citizens about possible security deficiencies at the Athens International Airport in Greece. The FAA team was led by the Acting Deputy Director of the Civil Aviation Security Office, Richard Noble, and included Charles Carrington and Warner "Dusty" Rhodes of the European Region and Gordon Richardson of the Southern Region.

## IBM Wins

### Host Computer

### Competition

The first of the new host computers is scheduled to be delivered to the Seattle Air Route Control Center next May under a \$432 Million contract awarded to IBM on July 26.

The second host will go to the Houston Center in July with subsequent deliveries to the other 18 centers at the rate of two a month until completed in the spring of 1987. Additional units will go to the FAA Technical Center and the Aeronautical Center.

IBM was selected to provide the host computers following a 21-month design competition with the Sperry Corporation.

Selection was based on a number of cost and performance factors, including the results of a "compute-off" between the two candidate systems at the FAA Technical Center. A key factor in this side-by-side evaluation was the capability of each computer system to "host"—that is, run the IBM 9020s that have been used in the centers since the early 1970s.

The new computer will be faster, more reliable and have greater storage capacity than the current equipment. It also will have the capacity to assume added functions such as conflict detection and resolution.

Concurrent with the host program, FAA is proceeding with the development of the Advanced Automation System. Two companies — IBM and Hughes Aircraft — currently are involved in a three-year design competition to produce this future system under FAA contracts awarded in Aug. 1984.

The host computer system is expected to meet traffic demands into the mid 1990s and provide a stable transition vehicle to the Advanced Automation System.

## It's North

### To Alaska

#### For Bob Snoddy

Congratulations to Robert Snoddy, Proficiency Development Specialist, who has been selected for the Assistant Manager for Training position at the Airway Facilities Sector in Fairbanks, Alaska. Bob has done an excellent job instructing classes in the Training Department at the Sector, plus traveling many times to the various field offices in the Western-Pacific Region, to administer training courses to field personnel. Sector personnel wish Bob and his family good luck and happiness in their new venture.

#### So Long, John Humphries!

Our congratulations to John Humphries, Assistant Sector Manager at the Airway Facilities Sector, Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center, who has been selected for a position in the Northwest Mountain Regional Office, Environmental Section. John has been at the Los Angeles Center since June 1980 and is, essentially, returning home as he is originally from Spokane. Lax Center personnel have enjoyed working with John, and extend their very best wishes for continued success to him and his wife Gloria in this new phase of their fruitful careers.

#### FAA Toastmasters Club 3449

FAA Toastmasters Club 3449 meets at the Regional Headquarters on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The members meet from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the fourth floor, Rooms 4W3/4W7.

Guests and visitors are ALWAYS WELCOME.

## Engen Boosts GA

"What can be done to get general aviation pilots back in the air" was the question that Administrator Engen posed during his July 29 speech at the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wisc. He assured his audience that FAA is doing its part to keep general aviation healthy by coming up with such innovations as the recreational pilot rule and regulations allowing the use of auto gas in certain planes.

He cited figures showing that new aircraft sales are down drastically from 17,811 units in 1978 to only 2,438 in 1984, and that between 1980 and 1984 the number of student pilots dropped from 210,000 to 147,200.

While noting the ratio of declining new GA plane sales to rising prices, Engen pointed out that the ultralight business is flourishing. In the early 1980s an average of 7,000 ultralights was sold each year, but today over 25,000 people, many of them licensed pilots, are flying these aircraft.

## Runway Vigilance Urged

Administrator Engen arranged two giant teleconferences July 24 and 25 to get the word directly to controllers on the need to take special care in avoiding runway incursions. While addressing controllers at more than 400 towers, Engen outlined a number of steps being taken to curb runway incursions, including the development of operational position standards for ground and local controllers.

Engen also called on managers to review operational practices and to provide an extra person in the tower during busy periods to increase coordination and "provide an extra set of eyes" to scan runways.

## Letters We Like To Receive

7 May 1985

SDL Air Traffic Control Tower  
15101 N. Airport Dr.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Subject: FAA Employees, Dan Ernst, Gary Heckler, and Fred Arthur  
Letter of Appreciation

Gentlemen:

This letter is to commend the above named employees for the exemplary cooperation and assistance extended to me as a pilot of Cessna 739NN during my recent flight from El Toro to Scottsdale and return.

Upon my arrival into the Phoenix-Scottsdale area, I discovered that my radio receivers were malfunctioning and my transponder worked intermittently. These gentlemen were on duty and, because of their clarity, made it possible for me to make a safe and uneventful landing.

The same unfortunate condition reoccurred during taxi and take-off and generated many anxious moments for me because I could not receive instructions from the tower until finally communication was established by use of the ground control frequency. These gentlemen were positive and extremely helpful, and this letter is written so that this incident will not go unnoticed.

Please express my appreciation to each of these controllers. I look forward to a return visit to Scottsdale in the near future with fully functioning communication equipment.

Very truly yours,

BRUNSWICK CORPORATION  
Defense Division

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Director and Counsel

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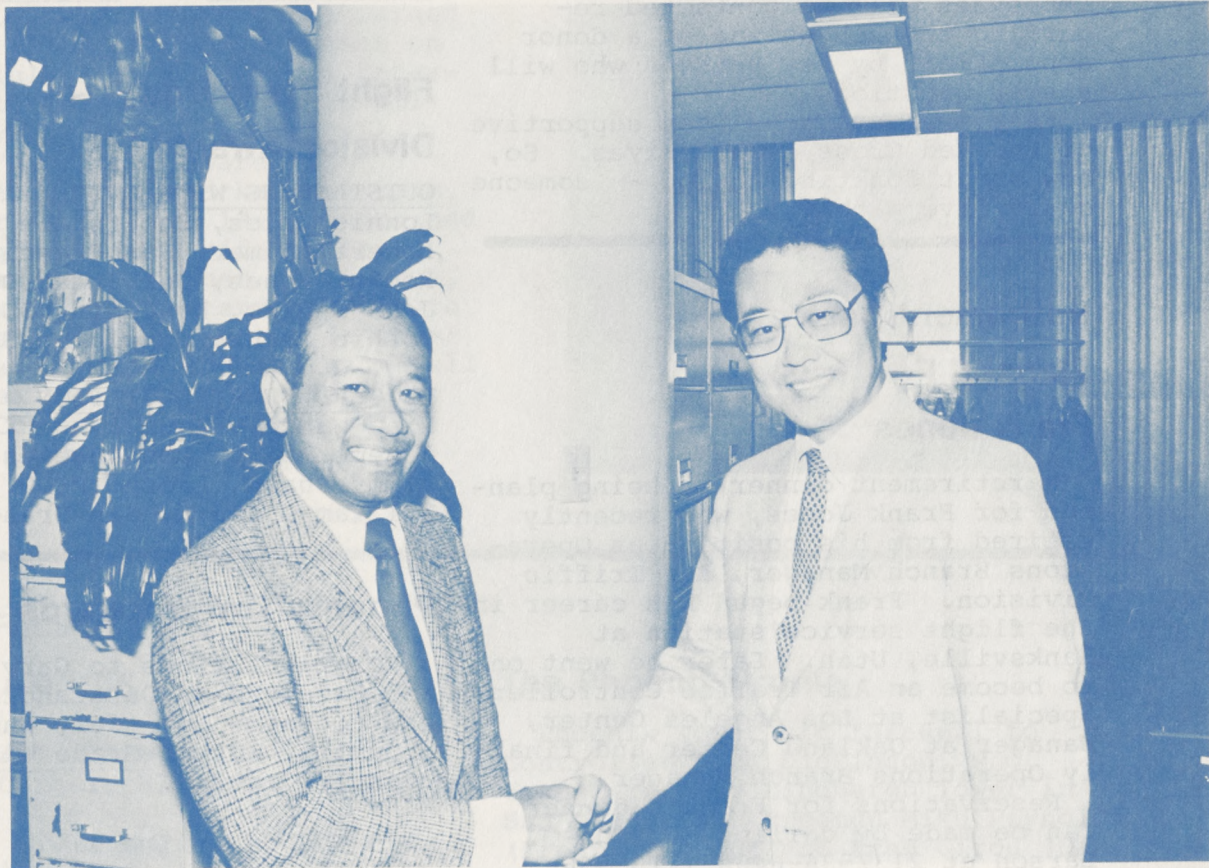
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# International News

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## Indonesian Flight Standards Official Visits



Mr. Chester "Chet" Chang, AWP-250 (R) extends a friendly welcome to Mr. Muso C. Sunhadji (L), Chief of Flight Operations for the Indonesian Directorate General of Air Communication at Jakarta.

Mr. Muso C. Sunhadji recently arrived at the Western-Pacific Regional Headquarters for a month-long familiarization training program in Air Carrier Operations. Muso, as he prefers to be called, is in charge of all government-employed Flight Inspectors in the Republic of Indonesia. His familiarization was programmed with the FAA's Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at Los Angeles under the general supervision of Manager Joseph J. Budro.

Prior to his return to Jakarta, Indonesia, Mr. Sunhadji expressed his appreciation for the comprehensive training he received with technical experts and counterparts in his specialty at the LAX FSDO and other related FAA and industry facilities in the local area. He felt the program more than adequately fulfilled his primary objectives by providing current procedures and "know-how" required to update his Department of Flight Operations for the certification and inspection of Indonesia's air carrier operators.

A special "thank-you" was extended by Muso to all Regional and FSDO personnel who participated in making his FAA visit exceptionally pleasant, as well as beneficial. Muso and his wife resided with relatives in Beverly Hills during his stay here. Photo by Rafael Riera.

## Bloodmobile Coming To R.O. Sept. 10

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the FAA Regional Office on Tuesday, September 10. Employees will be contacted regarding the scheduling of a donor appointment by Key Persons who will answer questions.

FAAers have always been supportive of the Red Cross blood drives. So, how about donating a pint -- someone could live with it!

## Retirement Dinner Planned For Frank Jones

A retirement dinner is being planned for Frank Jones, who recently retired from his position as Operations Branch Manager, Air Traffic Division. Frank began his career in the flight service station at Hanksville, Utah. Later he went on to become an Air Traffic Controller Specialist at Los Angeles Center, Manager at Oakland Center and finally Operations Branch Manager.

Reservations for Frank's dinner can be made by calling Maryann Larson at 213/536-6400 (FTS 966-6400) or Pat Faux at 213/536-6198 (FTS 966-6198). The dinner will be held at the Sheraton Plaza LaReina, 6101 Century Boulevard on Saturday, Sept. 28. Cocktails will be from 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. in the LaReina Ballroom. Cost for the sirloin strip steak dinner is \$26.50 per person, and includes tax and gratuity. For out-of-towners, Pat and Maryann can make reservations, if lodging is required.

Reservations and checks must reach them by Wed. Sept. 25. Gift donations are also welcome.



## Coast TRACON Awards

Congratulations to the following who recently received a Quality Within-Grade Award: Carolyn Polen, Joe Davies, Michael Desrosiers, Richard Lamar and Robert Olsen.

## Flight Standards

### Division Awards

#### OUTSTANDING WITH QWIG

Lonnie Giles, Scottsdale FSDO  
Robert Palmer, San Francisco FSDO  
Robert Jones, Oakland FSDO  
Jean Ganiko, Honolulu FSDO  
Yoshio Isobe, Honolulu FSDO

#### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Nina Nance, AWP-203  
Joseph Budro, Los Angeles FSDO  
Jimmy Shamp, Fresno FSDO  
William O'Hearn, San Francisco FSDO

## Phoenix Tower Awards

Congratulations to Gary Chicoine, who received an Outstanding Rating, and to Norma Lavinder, who received a Quality Within-Grade with an Outstanding rating.

## Honolulu Air Route

### Traffic Control Center Awards

#### QUALITY WITHIN-GRADE INCREASE

Rose Moore, Personnel Management Specialist

#### LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Stanley Fukuyama, Air Traffic Controller  
Kenneth Bauman, Air Traffic Controller

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Eugene H. Manuel, Air Traffic Assistant

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## Donna LeHau Rodenhurst

### Most Valuable Player

Donna LeHau Rodenhurst has earned the MOST VALUABLE PLAYER honors on the Honolulu Star Bulletin's Inter-scholastic League of Honolulu all-star team for girl's basketball. This 5'7" Senior Forward from Kamehameha School sparked her team, the "Warriors," to a 12-0 season and competing for state-wide honors. Donna was cited for her confidence, savvy, ball-handling and ability to read defenses. She is the daughter of Bill and Arlene Rodenhurst. Bill is an Area Manager at the Honolulu Tower. Congratulations, Donna!  
Photo by Richard Reimann.



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## Airway Facilities

### Division Awards

#### SPECIAL ACT AWARD

William Carter, Electronic Engineer, AWP-452

Pang Ng, Civil Engineer, AWP-452

Daniel Olivas, Civil Engineer, AWP-452

Ben Cruz, Electronic Engineer, AWP-452

#### QUALITY WITHIN-GRADE INCREASE

Al Knieriem, Electronic Technician, AWP-452

#### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Tree Curtis, Bill Henshaw, Randy Gustin, Ron Yamamoto, Robert Campbell, Rory Geil, Olga Eiben, Hayes Cotton and Barry Simmons, Manager, Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450. Doug Knight, and Dick Terry from Bakersfield Tower. Dennis Howat, Joe Larson and Danny Kemp, AWP-453. Don Lingren, AWP-454. Dennis Livermore, AWP-452.

## The Phoenix Profile . . .

Phoenix Tower bid farewell to Controller Rich Dickinson, who transferred to Lindbergh Tower in San Diego, but greeted Mike Reynolds (Fresno TRACAB) and Brad Girod (Oakland Tower). Steve Shack, with the able assistance of good wife Donna, presented us with a 10-pound future Air Traffic Controller Specialist and named him William Steven. Congratulations and best wishes for continued good health. Former Tower Airport Traffic Assistant Charlie Goodson finished Air Traffic Controller training at the Academy and has been selected for Deer Valley Tower. Welcome home, Charlie!! We knew you could it. Jose Nava was presented with a Special Achievement Award based on his sustained superior performance while Bob Maxwell and Clerical Assistant Norma Lavinder each received a Quality Within-Grade based upon an outstanding performance rating.

(Editor's Note: Hats off to the folks at Falcon Tower who received this award from the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol.)

# CIVIL AIR PATROL



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

AWARDED TO

MR. ZANE CLARK  
FAA TOWER

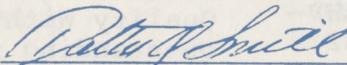
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CIVIL AIR PATROL



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THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE 1985

  
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ARIZONA WING COMMANDER, CIVIL AIR PATROL