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LAX -- CASFO OF THE YEAR

Cover Story

The Los Angeles Civil Aviation Security Field Office (LAX CASFO) recently received the National Civil Aviation Security Award for 1984. The LAX CASFO won this national award because its people contributed significantly to the planning and carrying out of security-related activities in support of the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles. They also sustained an outstanding level of performance for other civil aviation security work during that entire year.

Since the LAX CASFO was the primary security contact for the Western-Pacific Region during the games, it coordinated the relationship between the FAA elements and other government agencies. LAX CASFO employees participated in many meetings with the various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies regarding the security of the games; they were especially active in planning for and carrying out actual operations of the FAA Olympic Security Service, which operated successfully 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from July 8 to August 18, 1984.

The employees of the Los Angeles Civil Aviation Security Field Office are: Milton Ferris, Manager; Minoru Takimoto and Tim Linehan (since retired), Principal Security Inspectors; Richard Boyle, Hazardous Materials Coordinator (now Program Manager; Rudy Clemente, Lynne Osmus, Candy Ducharme and Karl Edgenton (since retired), Civil Aviation Security Inspectors; Mickey Hines, Air Transportation Security Assistant (now with Management Systems Division); and Eric LaFlore, Stay-in-School student.

Regional Director Mac McClure presented each employee of LAX CASFO with a certificate of merit in a special ceremony at Regional Headquarters, recognizing each person's efforts that culminated in the CASFO award.

Cover photo: LAX CASFO employees, from left--Richard Boyle, Tim Linehan, Minoru Takimoto, Lynne Osmus, Regional Director Mac McClure, Karl Edgenton, CASFO Manager Milt Ferris, Yashico Hines, Eric LaFlore, Candace Ducharme, Rudy Clemente, and Civil Aviation Security Division Manager Jay Adsen. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.



Above photo: LAX CASFO Manager Milt Ferris accepts the National Civil Aviation Security Award for 1984 from FAA Administrator Donald Engen. From left--Tony Broderick, AVS-1; Administrator Engen; Milt Ferris; Jack Robitaille, Regional Manager, Air Security Branch; and Regional Director Mac McClure.

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1985 LAX CASFO
Career Milestone For Jim

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Top right: LAX Civil Aviation Security Field Office Manager Milt Ferris proudly displays the national plaque. At the right are Regional Director Mac McClure and Regional Civil Aviation Security Division Manager Jay Adsen.

Below: Milt Ferris receives special recognition from Air Security Branch Manager Jack Robitaille.

Left: From the top--Receiving their individual certificates of merit are: Tim Linehan, Eric LaFlore and Dick Boyle.

More LAX CASFO



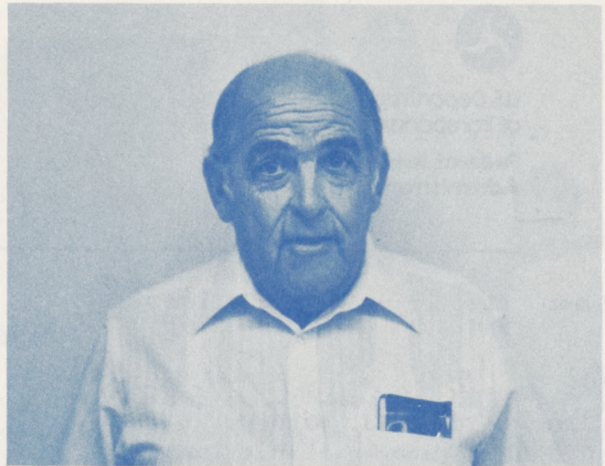
Top photos: Left--Mickey Hines (middle) receives her Certificate of Merit from Air Security Branch Manager Jack Robitaille while Regional Director Mac McClure applauds his approval. **Right**--Candy Ducharme receives her certificate from Dr. McClure.

Middle: Lynne Osmus and Karl Edgenton receive their certificates from Dr. McClure.

Below: Rudy Clemente and Minoru Takimoto receive their certificates.

Career Milestone For Jim Gould

Jim Gould, Air Traffic Control Specialist at Tucson Flight Service Station, was recently presented a tri-diamond career service emblem for 40 years of government service. Jim entered the Civil Aeronautics Administration/FAA at Mansfield, Ohio, FSS, in January, 1949. In the following years, Jim was facility rated at Minneapolis FSS, Minneapolis Center and Blythe FSS, prior to arriving at Tucson FSS in April of 1966. Congratulations Jim!



Bob Yuenger Receives Outstanding With QWIG



Bob Yuenger, one of the many "supertechs" at Fresno Radar Airway Facilities Sector Field Office was recently presented with an Outstanding Performance Rating with a Quality Within-Grade Award by the Sacramento Sector Manager, Bob Lamora. Congratulations Bob, for a job well done!

Above photo: From left--Bob Yuenger, and Bob Lamora, Manager Sacramento AFS.



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. Join the group and learn effective methods of communication and leadership. The Regional Director has approved one hour of administrative leave for employees to attend this educational function.

Contact Administrative Vice President Andy Anderson, ext. 6125, for further information.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Letters We Like To Receive

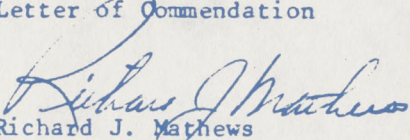


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Memorandum

Subject: Letter of Commendation

Date: August 6, 1985

From: 
Richard J. Mathews
AT Manager, Lihue Tower

Reply to
Attn of: Mathews:808/245-3431

To:

From April 8, 1985 until June 20, 1985, a total of 73 days, taxiway Alpha was closed from the south ramp to taxiway Juliet and for a few days, even beyond. This meant that aircraft departing runway 3, the primary departure runway, had to back taxi on the runway from taxiway Golf, a distance of approximately 2500 feet. Also, because of conditions in the Honolulu Center that prevent the issuing of ATC clearances prior to the taxiing, the IFR aircraft had to be on ground control frequency while taxiing on the runway. To further complicate matters, there is no interphone system available between the ground and local controllers.

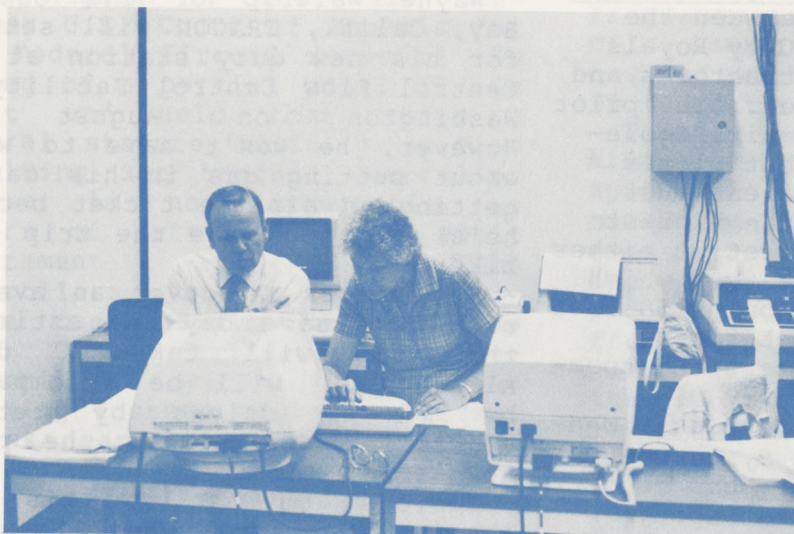
Working with these conditions you handled 28,004 operations without a single incident or complaint. At a time when the FAA seems to be struggling with runway incursion problems your performance, under truly adverse conditions, stands out. You are hereby commended for your contribution to an outstanding team effort.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your Official Personnel Folder.

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(Editor's Note: Lihue controllers Richard Coffin, Jr., Richard Davis, John Jasinski, Daniel Robinson and Thomas Robinson received the above letter of commendation from Air Traffic Manager Rick Matthews.)

E. I. S. Trainees



The Western-Pacific Regional Office recently hosted several groups of Flight Standards and Civil Aviation Security personnel who attended the ASAS Enforcement Information System training course. The course lasted for several weeks and consisted of half days of lecture and half days of hands-on lab work. The courses were prepared and taught by Input Output Computer Services of Massachusetts.

Some of the classmates and instructors photographed during a lab session:

Top: Left--Bob Palmer (San Francisco FSDO) and Wanda Chappell (Las Vegas FSDO). At the right are Christine (instructor) and Dixie Clark (Phoenix FSDO Satellite).

Below: Left--From left--Patti Zeman (AWP-250), Al Toll (AWP-250), Beverly Harbin (San Jose FSDO) and Kay Elliott (Fresno FSDO). At the right are, from left, Joe Brasher (Long Beach FSDO), Sarah Rambo (AWP-205), Barbara Zvonek (Scottsdale FSDO) and the instructor, Terri.

Article and photos by Chris Kandziora at Scottsdale FSDO.

The News In Brief

* The pilot of a corporate Lear jet that buzzed Detroit's Tiger Stadium during a recent game between the Tigers and the Kansas City Royals has had his flight instructor's and pilot's licenses revoked. The pilot violated three Federal Air Regulations, including one that planes flying over congested areas must stay 1,000 feet above the highest obstacle within 2,000 feet of either side of the plane. The jet, which one fan estimated flew only 150 feet over the stadium's light towers, caused many of the players and spectators to flinch and duck.

* David Carmichael, previously Manager of Administrative Systems at the Aeronautical Center, has been named Manager of the FAA Depot. Carmichael began his FAA career as a controller and subsequently served in various personnel positions in the Southern, Alaskan, and Southwest regions.

* FAA-operated Dulles airport continues to pick up new airline clients. The latest is Presidential Airlines, which will use Dulles as the hub of its operation. The fledgling carrier will be serving east coast and midwest locations with Boeing 737-200 aircraft. They expect their start-up flights to occur sometime in October.

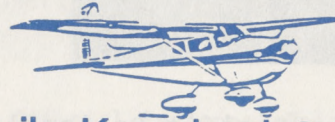
Controller to Change Station by Bike

Wayne Waltrip of the Oakland Bay, Calif., TRACON will set off for his new duty station at the Central Flow Control Facility in Washington on August 28. However, he won't have to worry about putting gas in his car or getting an airline ticket because he's going to make the trip on a bike.

He expects to cover an average of 170 miles a day and estimates the trip will take 20 days. Although he will be accompanied by a van driven by retired controller Joe Wilgis, he plans to sleep in motels.

Besides moving to his new station Waltrip hopes to make some money for the Multiple Sclerosis Fund. He plans to collect one cent a mile with a maximum of \$33 from as many FAAers as possible to donate to the Multiple Sclerosis fund.

If you want to chip in, by yourself or in a pool, you can get more information from Ron Robinson, FAA Bay TRACON, P.O. Box 2367, Airport Station, Oakland, Calif. 94614.



Chicago Center Computers Temporarily Knocked Out

It was a particularly difficult time, but Chicago Center controllers proved their mettle by handling 6,200 operations during an accidental shutdown of the center's main computers Aug. 1. During scheduled renovation a minor construction mishap caused a main computer shutdown which in turn led to hundreds of delays during O'Hare Airport's morning departure period and snarled air traffic in other cities across the country because of the back-up of O'Hare-bound traffic.

The power outage lasted only 12 minutes, but the center's back-up

DARC computers were in use from the time the main computers went down, 9:15 a.m., until almost noon.

The day's chain of events was touched off by a construction worker in the center's basement, who inadvertently sliced through a cable supplying power to the cooling system for the main traffic control computers. When they began to heat up, the computers automatically shut down.

Because the DARC computer system is less sophisticated than the primary system, delays in flight operations were ordered to ensure safety.

Full Court Rules On Retirement Issue

On August 1, the full ten-member U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed the ruling of a partial panel of the court and held that under a federal statute military service involving air traffic controller duties is not creditable as "years of service" toward early retirement for civilian controllers.

The case originated with the 1981 PATCO strike when three controllers were fired for striking instead of being allowed to take early retirement based in part on their time as military air traffic controllers. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) refused to credit the controllers' military service in figuring their eligibility for an early retirement annuity. The controllers appealed that decision to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), which upheld OPM's denial. However, under judicial review, a three-judge panel of the Federal Circuit reversed the MSPB decision.

In affirming denial of the controller's claim, the full court found that the terms of the statute require service in a civilian position and that no military position meets the requirements for "service as an air traffic controller" under the statute.

Paso Robles Award

Mark Hidinger, Air Traffic Controller, Paso Robles Flight Service Station received a Special Achievement Award for Sustained Superior Performance from Rod Stahl, Air Traffic Manager. Congratulations!

"It's Very Hard to See"

The pilot was coming in loud and clear on the radio emergency frequency and reporting a severe oil leak. "My windshield is covered with oil," he said, "and it is getting very hard to see."

That's when Muscle Shoals, Ala., Flight Service Station specialists Harold Greer, Joe Davis, and Norma Martin got into the act. They immediately gave the pilot vectors to the nearest airport, which was only ten miles from the plane's position.

The specialists then monitored the pilot's descent, and shortly before he landed, they heard him report that he had lost his engine.

Fortunately, he then was close enough to the airport to glide in for a safe landing.

During the month of July, 103 flight assists were reported. Flight service stations were responsible for 45 of these assists, while terminal facilities accounted for 42, and centers handled 16. There were 145 persons on board the aircraft involved.

New Deputy Named At Technical Center

New Jersey's Director of Aeronautics Arlene Feldman has been named Deputy Director of the FAA Technical Center.

As aeronautics director, Feldman bolstered the New Jersey network of airports by creating legislation that set up a state airport trust fund.

A Temple University Law School graduate, she is a licensed pilot and has published a number of articles on aviation law. These have appeared in such publications as the Lawyer/Pilot Bar Association Journal, the Annals of Air and Space Law, and the Ninety-Nine News.

FAA Announces New Policy On Drug/Alcohol Abuse

The agency has adopted a new policy for dealing with drug and alcohol abuse by FAA employees. In announcing the action, Administrator Engen said the agency has no evidence of widespread drug or alcohol abuse but noted that because of the "special trust in aviation, we must take extra precautions to ensure the safety of the flying public."

The new policy involves the use of urine drugs screening tests for controllers, pilots and others in safety-related jobs on initial entry and subsequently as part of their annual physicals. Employees found to be using drugs off duty will be given an opportunity to participate in a rehabilitation program; if they refuse rehabilitation, they will be removed. Also, a second offense would result in removal. Certain offenses, such as sale or use or possession of drugs on duty, remain as removable offenses.

In a special memo to all employees Engen said that "once an employee in a safety-related job is enrolled in an appropriate program, return to safety duties will be contingent upon FAA medical clearance. After successful completion of the rehabilitation program, the employee will be subject to random screening tests for a one-year period."

George Olsen Retirement Party

George Olsen, Air Traffic Controller, Paso Robles Flight Service Station, is having a retirement party scheduled September 14. George is retiring after 40 years of government service. If you would like to attend this Tee-off Affair, please contact Paso Robles at 805/238-2448.

Air Traffic

Division Awards

The following Air Traffic Division personnel recently received awards:

Sustained Superior Performance Award = Ronald Linder, Kona Air Traffic Control Tower; Richard Lawrence, Scottsdale ATC Tower; Bruce Jones, Ontario Flight Service Station; John Tyndall, Lancaster FSS; James Tokarski, Grand Canyon ATC Tower; Sean Cullinane, San Francisco ATC Tower; Lee Brown and Chris Reid, Red Bluff FSS; Billy Lee and Foster Ruppert, AWP-510; Sam Fabela, Gary Fisher and Maryann Larson, AWP-540.

Special Achievement Award (Group award) = Norine Kusumoto, San Diego FSS; Timothy Baribeau, John Collier, Helen Cota, Richard Cross, Dennis Dodson, Frances Gibb, Daniel Martin, Robert Mandelsohn, Robert Mitchell, Scott Muir, Jayne Overgard, James Pio, Kenneth Powell, Donald Romine and Mark Thacker, Monterey ATC Tower; and Royal Springer, Phoenix-Litchfield Tower.

Quality Within-Grade Award - Jerry Raney and David Wotell, San Jose ATC Tower; Michael Millen, Bakersfield FSS; Carl Applegate, Thermal FSS; Jerome Barila, Prescott FSS; Arthur Perry, Gillespie ATC Tower; Timothy Cripe, Maui ATC Tower; Elizabeth Johnson, Monterey ATC Tower; Roy Bailey Jr., San Diego TRACON; and Ronald Morgan, AWP-510.

Letters of Commendation - Gernot Nowak, Stockton ATC Tower; John Collier, Monterey ATC Tower; David Rintelman, Santa Ana ATCT; Robert Mikell and Ward Orsted, Maui ATC Tower; Eugene Donovan, Montgomery ATC Tower; and John Bryan, Santa Maria ATC Tower. Congratulations to all on these well-deserved awards.



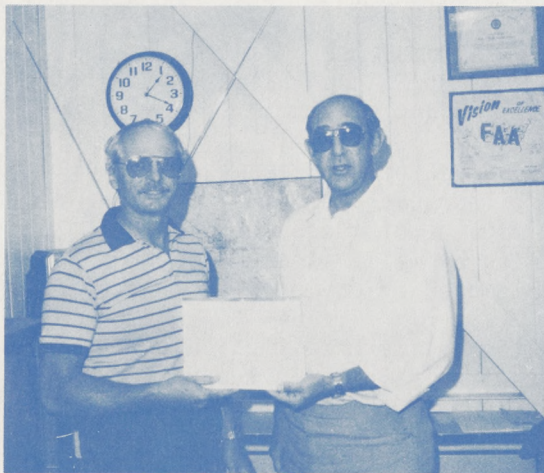
San Jose Tower News

Welcome back to Bill Behan, new Air Traffic Manager at San Jose. Bill is no stranger to Silicon Valley. He served as an Area Supervisor at San Jose from 1978 to 1979 and then moved to Burbank Tower/TRACON. Bill then transferred to Washington Headquarters, developing flow control procedures. Bill replaces Hal Federwisch who retired in June and will be missed greatly. Another new face at San Jose is Paul Milani, AF Manager, replacing Dick Spivey, also recently retired. Welcome aboard Bill and Paul!

Congratulations and thanks for a job well done, in the form of an Outstanding Rating and Quality Increase, was recently presented to Jerry Raney, Air Traffic Control Specialist by Manager Bill Behan. David Wotell also received an Outstanding Rating and Quality Increase, and Terry Conroy received a Quality Increase. Joe Bugado, Area Supervisor, and Ron Scholer, Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist, were recently presented with 30 and 25-Year service pins, respectively. Congratulations to all!



Richard Lawrence Earns SAA

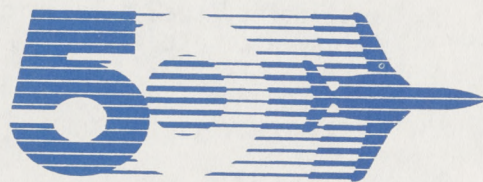


Richard Lawrence (left), Scottsdale Tower, receives a Special Achievement Award from Air Traffic Manager Charles Ralston.

Chuck Harman

Retirement Luncheon

After 40 years of Federal Service, Chuck Harman, Acting Manager, Flight Inspection and Procedures Staff, AWP-220, is retiring. The retirement luncheon will be Thursday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Finny's in King Harbor. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Please contact Marilyn Rittner, AWP-220A, 536-6255, for further information.



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