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GOLDEN GATE SECTOR



Cover Story

As the song goes, "The Party's Over" -- and what a party it was!

June 7 was the day the Golden Gate Airway Facilities Sector Office made its debut. The Oakland AF Sector and the San Francisco AF Sector were officially consolidated on April 28. It was then a couple of weeks before the two sectors were able to move into their new headquarters in Hayward. Two very busy weeks of cleaning, sorting, discarding and packing took place -- much like moving into a new home. For a while, the question most frequently heard was, "Have you seen _____?"

In spite of no parking, no heat or air, limited electricity, leaky roofs, broken windows and malfunctioning restrooms, it all came together in time for THE OPEN HOUSE. By that time, the parking lot was paved, the air conditioning worked, the electricity was in -- and the food was great!

FAA employees, past and present, were cordially invited to a pot luck luncheon where there was a great deal of "finger lickin'" going on because of all the specialty dishes. Regional Airway Facilities Division Manager Alex Hammond joined the group for lunch and shared some good words with those in attendance.

It was particularly great to see so many retirees there. Among them were...former Oakland AFS Manager Jerry Long, Henry and Ellen Bertuleit, Dick and Darlene Spivey, Jim and Mary Hesketh, Roy Griffen and Don Brink.

Visiting from the Bay Area were Managers Vel Monroe, Hal Federwisch, Tom Hartliep, Elliot Johnson, Thurman Gupton, Mike

Mavrakis, John Ball, Eddie Lewis and Ed Holbert. Also attending were Red Bluff AF Sector personnel -- the assistant manager and field office managers from those locations to be merged on October 1 with the Golden Gate Sector.

United Air Lines (a major user) was represented by Col. Dick Cross, USAF(ret), his wife Betty, and Guenter Mahler. It was definitely a family affair. The youngest guest was little Megan Borrego, daughter of Electronic Technician Jack Borrego. The guest farthest from home (Kansas) was the mother of Merrill Scott, Assistant Manager for Technical Support.

With the addition of the coastal portion of the Red Bluff Sector, the new Golden Gate Sector will be about 600 miles long -- reaching from the giant redwoods at the Oregon border, south to the beautiful black oaks at San Luis Obispo -- and will employ about 160 people. There will be over 500 facilities located in the sometimes hostile terrain and climate, including three Joint Surveillance Long Range Radars, three Terminal Radars, six Flight Service Stations, one TRACON and 14 Air Traffic Control Towers.

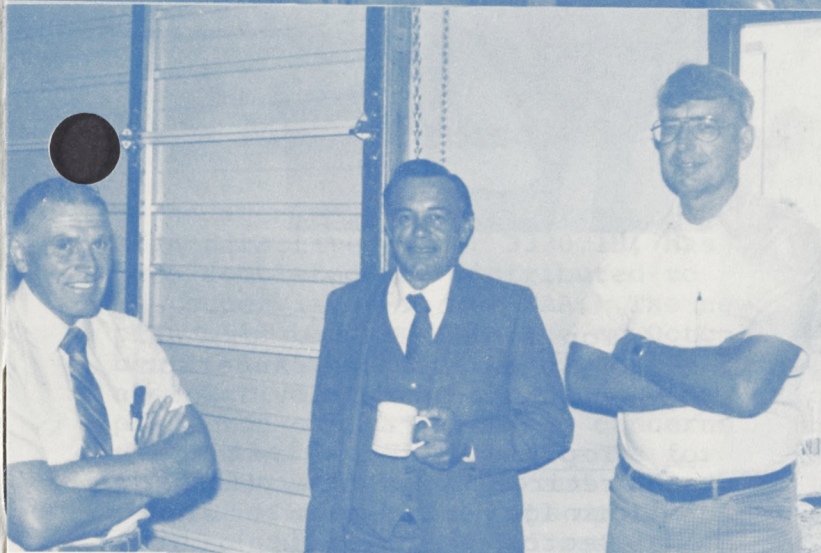
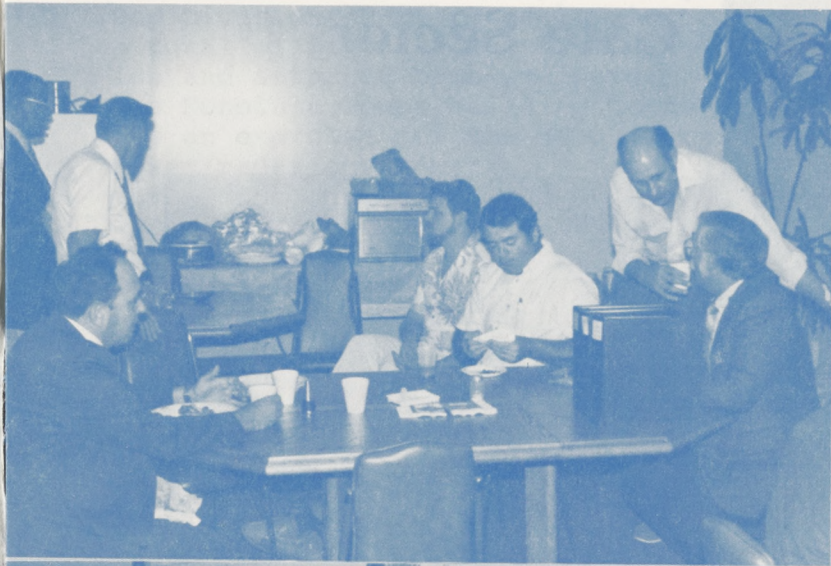
Regional Director Mac McClure joined the supervisors of the new facility for a brief meeting, followed by a facility tour.

Cover photos:

Top--Alex Hammond (AWP-400) prepares to do the cake-cutting honors. At the right are Marsha Walsh, Oakland Center AF Administrative Officer, and FAA retiree Henry Bertuleit and his wife Ellen.

Bottom--Ken Pirl, Leonard Mummert and Alex Gulyas (left) and at the right is Regional Director Mac McClure addressing the Golden Gate AF Sector supervisors during a staff meeting.

Golden Gate AFS



Top right: Regional Director Mac McClure and Mel Haworth, Golden Gate AFS Manager.

Top left: From left--Gene Cole, Manager, OAK NAV/Com SFO; Harold Carnahan, Manager, ARTS/RADAR SFO; Hugh Peterson, Training Relief; Chuck Houchin, Fred Lavell, John Creel and Roger Johnson.



Middle: From left--Harold Carnahan, Manager, ARTS/RADAR SFO; Paul Milani, Manager, San Jose SFO; and Jerry Lone, former Oakland AFS Manager, now retired.

Below: From left--Bob Lamora, Sacramento AFS Manager and FAA Coordinator; Ken Kirl's wife, Judy; and Ed Lewis, San Francisco Tower Manager and FAA Coordinator.

More Golden Gate Sector



Top right: From left--Paul Milani, Deloris Anderson and Jean Haworth.

Top left: From left--FAA retiree Dick Spivey (former manager of the San Jose Sector Field Office), his wife Darlene; and General Supply Specialist Kyle Vancil.

Middle: From left--Paul Milani, Mel Haworth, his wife Jean, Ann Mahler, Sara Haworth, Leonard Mummert and Deloris Anderson.

Below: From left--Jean and Mel Haworth, Sara Haworth, Ann Mahler, Varti Patton, Deloris Anderson and Kyle Vancil.



Military Working Dogs Train At Honolulu Tower

The U.S. Naval Military Working Dog Division (MWD) recently planted a total of \$100,000 worth of narcotics and assorted bomb wrappers in the Honolulu Tower building to create an exercise for the MWDs in the tower/radar environment. A total of five "drug" dogs and a "bomb" dog were tested through the facility for this exercise. One animal, being led by a Dog Handler, is shown sniffing in the Tower Cab in search of hidden bomb wrappers. All narcotics and bomb wrappers were recovered by the dogs during the training. Photo by Don Dennis.



New Merit Promotion Plan [MPP]

The agency's new Merit Promotion Plan directive, Order 3330.1B, has been completed and distributed to all supervisors in the FAA. The new plan will become effective on October 1, 1985. While there are several relatively minor changes to the plan, the one major change concerns the manner in which applicants for promotion will be rated and ranked.

Under the new plan, all applicants will be rated and ranked against knowledges, skills, abilities, and other characteristics (KSAO's) of the position on which they are bidding. This means that an applicant's job experience, training received, awards received, or other factors must be related to the KSAO's of the job to be filled, in order to give the applicant credit for any of these items.

Because of this new rating and ranking system, applicants and their supervisors will be required to submit information in addition to that which is now required. Applicants

will be required to speak to each KSAO of the job to be filled and the applicant's supervisor will be required to rate the applicant based on the supervisor's knowledge of each KSAO. Forms will be prepared to help ease this requirement.

Vacancy announcements will be open for 14 days. Of vital importance is the requirement that applications must be postmarked no later than the closing date of the announcement, AND must be received in AWP-14 within five workdays of the closing date. In this regard, applicants may not use "penalty" mail or inter-office mail (holey envelopes) in the submission of their bids. All bids must be sent through either a private or public mail system with appropriate postage.

Plans are being readied to brief supervisors on the new plan during the last two weeks of September. Supervisors should then brief their subordinates.

FAA NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

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CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF AND DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS:
Rolling Hills Golf Lodge & Country Club.
(See advertisement at left).

TOURNAMENT: 54 Hole Medal Play, Low Gross and Low Net competition in flights established by handicap and qualifying round, Thursday, Oct. 31st. Remaining tournament rounds November 1st and 2nd. There will also be a 4-man team Facility National Championship.

PRIZES: Trophies, cash/merchandise to the National Champion, flight winners and Facility Team Champions. Closest to pin and long drive prizes also.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Cocktail Party and Dinner Friday evening with optional 2-man team special event for Saturday competition. Awards program Saturday after final scores are posted. Planned ladies non-golfer activities daily in addition to sunny Florida recreation. Lady golfers will be provided tee times and tournament package rates.

COST: Tournament package is only \$125.00 as per advertised spectacular Summer Golf Special. Non-golfer package is \$80.00. Tournament entry is \$40.00. Golf only for local residents is \$45.00.

LIMITS: Tournament currently limited to 72 players-6 flights of twelve. 50 rooms have been reserved. Apply early to reserve slots being given on first come first serve basis. No entry will be accepted after Oct. 1, 1985.

RESERVATIONS: We will make reservations according to your specifications on enclosed entry application. Enclose at minimum a check payable to 7500 Club for \$125 package. Check for \$165 to include tournament entry fee of \$40.00 is also acceptable. Enter now!



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One mile south of State Rd. 84 on University Dr.
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SPECTACULAR SUMMER GOLF SPECIAL

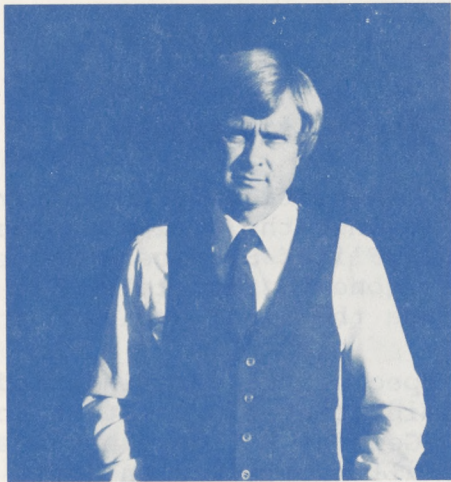
\$125.00 per person
double occupancy

3 Days, 2 Nights hotel accommodations
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LAX TRACON "IRONMAN"



Roy Robison, Assistant Air Traffic Manager of the Los Angeles TRACON, was recently notified of his acceptance into the "Ironman Triathlon World Championship" competition to be held October 26 in Kona, Hawaii.

This event consists of a 2.4 mile ocean swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride, and a 26.2 mile run, all of which is completed in a single day. In order to participate in this particular "Ironman", one must either qualify, or be lucky enough to be one of the 250 names drawn from about 3,000 applicants. His goal is to complete the event in less than 14 hours, but admits that he would be happy just finishing.

Roy has been an avid runner for over 15 years, and has been participating in triathlons for the past three years. He is currently engaged in a rigorous training program which involves swimming three miles, bicycling 150 miles, and running 30 miles weekly.

Roy's family has made it a custom to always accompany him to different events, and this time is no exception. In addition to their presence, he will also have the best wishes of everyone at the Los Angeles TRACON. In keeping with the old "Broadway" tradition, "Break a leg" Roy (just kidding)!

More Center Expansion Contracts Are Signed

FAA has awarded four more contracts in its en route centers expansion program. The contracts cover the Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Miami Centers.

The agency now has expansion work underway at 15 of the 20 domestic centers with the Indianapolis Center next in line for a contract.

The expansion program involves enlarging the control wings at the centers to house the new IBM host computers and initial sector suites. This work is the first step in transforming the en route centers into area control facilities.

Construction at all centers is scheduled to be finished in January 1987. Work at the Seattle and Houston Centers is already almost 75 percent finished with a November completion date. This will be followed by the delivery of the first host computer system to Seattle in May 1986.

An Outstanding For Pestana



Victor Pestana (right), Electronics Technician at Honolulu Center Airway Facilities Sector, receives an Outstanding Performance Certificate with a Quality Increase Award from Sector Manager Ed Kaneko.



The News In Brief

* FAA has decided not to proceed with fuelmaking to require U.S. airlines to use antimisting kerosene (AMK) because of its failure to control post-crash fires, as demonstrated in last December's Controlled Impact Demonstration. In letters to Congress announcing the decision, Administrator Engen said "the failure mode of the (CID) and other technical issues not yet resolved lead me to conclude that the concept is not practical for day-to-day airline operation in the foreseeable future."

* Peter Salmon, Operations Branch Manager for the Great Lakes Region, AGL-540, made a big splash Aug. 27 when he saved a boy from drowning off a Lake Michigan beach on Chicago's North Side. Salmon dove off a pier, pulled the eight-year old boy above the water by his hair, and sidestroked the 20 feet back to the pier where both he and the boy were treated for shock. The local park district has nominated Salmon for an award as has AGL, which nominated him for the Secretary's Award for Valor.

* The first of the agency's host computers was delivered by IBM to the Aeronautical Center August 23. Additional units are scheduled for delivery this month to the two contractors working under competitive contracts to design the Advanced Automation System.

The first field delivery will go to the Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center next May. The Houston center will follow in July and the Denver center in August. Then systems will be delivered on a two-per-month basis.

Engen Recommends Against FSS Privatization

A recommendation by Administrator Engen against the "privatization" of FAA's Flight Service Station system has gone to Secretary Dole who will make the final decision in this matter.

FSS specialists were informed of the Administrator's position in a GENOT (General Notice) that was sent out to all facilities on Sept. 3. The National Association of Air Traffic Specialists, which represents FSS employees, was notified directly.

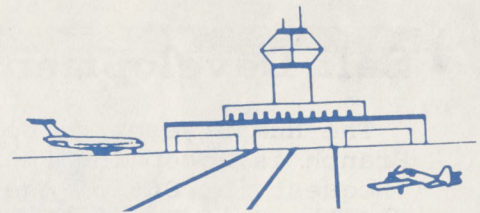
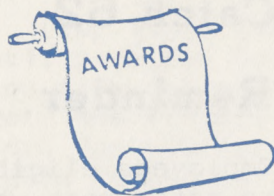
Engen's recommendation was based on an independent study of the privatization concept. The study analyzed five possible configurations of a flight service system in relation to safety, personnel, economic, legal and technical considerations.

In his GENOT, the Administrator noted that "the only viable option is for FAA to continue to provide flight services to the public and to continue with consolidation and automation of flight service stations."

Engen said he will suggest private firms be allowed access to the FAA system to file IFR flight plans when necessary requirements are met and the National Airspace Data Interchange Network is operational.

In the meantime, various FAA offices have been directed by the Administrator to continue to investigate the feasibility of using existing private sector equipment and know-how, through contract arrangements, to speed the development of the FSS automation system.

Copies of the study will be distributed to the regional and field facilities as soon as printing is completed.



Las Vegas News

Airports Division Awards

Congratulations to the Airports Division employees who recently received the following awards:

Outstanding with Quality Within-grade

John Pfeifer, San Francisco Airport District Office
Donald Nefzger, Standards Section
John Milligan, Standards Section
Robert Morse, San Francisco ADO

Special Achievement Awards

S. Eunice Onitsuka, Programming Section
Sheryl Scarborough, San Francisco ADO

Outstanding Performance Certificate

Ronnie Simpson, Standards Section
Ernest McIntosh, Safety Section
Robert Bloom, Standards Section
Howard Yoshioka, Programming Section

Letters of Appreciation

Robert Bloom, Standards Section
Herman Bliss, Airports Division
James Wiggins, Planning and Programming Branch
Russel Hathaway, Safety and Standards Branch
Felicia Edmonds, Planning and Programming Branch
Diana Zamorano, Safety and Standards Branch

Career Service Emblem

30 Years

James Wiggins, Planning and Programming Branch

25 Years

Edward Mundy, Standards Section

15 Years

Cyrilla Yonehara, Honolulu ADO
Herbert Hyatt, Planning Section

Congratulations to Don Sutton on his recent selection as Air Carrier Inspector at the Las Vegas Flight Standard District Office. Don flew C141 transports for the U.S. Air Force and has been an Air Traffic Manager and Education Specialist at Las Vegas Tower for the past four years. We will miss Don, but we are happy to see him moving upward.

Mark Hanson is transferring to Bay TRACON. He and his lovely wife, Dana, will be leaving us in August. Best wishes to Mark and Dana.

Our latest success story from the Training Department is Jim Cergl. He is a Full Performance Level Controller now. Congratulations, Jim. Nice going.

Any one remember Bill Maloney? He's our Air Traffic Manager now. We have warned him to be careful. A man of his age playing ping pong, really! Well, he didn't listen and now he is down in the back. I mean his back really went back on him. Oh, the pain of it all! Sympathy cards are being gratefully accepted. Do not expect acknowledgements, however, for, alas, he cannot lift his pen!

Civilair news

DISNEYLAND!!! It's that time of year again, the Federal Employees' Party at Disneyland, that is. Monday, October 14, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tickets, at \$7.50 per person include admission and unlimited use of all attractions (except arcades) and free parking. Tickets may be purchased thru the Civilair Desk. BE AWARE OF CIVILAIR!!!

Self Development Program Catch 62

The Human Resource Development Branch is accepting FAA Form 3000-3 "Request for Out-of-Agency" training for the Self Development Program. See Notice WP N 3115.10, "Self Development Program for the Western-Pacific Region" for enrollment procedures.

Contact your nearby University, College or Adult learning center to inquire about the availability of job related and career development training courses. For further information about the Program contact Liz Lewis, FTS 966-6254 or Margie Kimble on FTS 966-6220.

CREDIT UNION NEWS LOAN RATES DROP

GOOD NEWS from the Credit Union Loan Department. Because of the current decrease in market rates, we have lowered the Annual Percentage Rate on outstanding FAAst (line of credit) Loan Balances from 18% to 16%. this rate will be in effect from September 1, 1985 to February 28, 1986, and is subject to increase after that time period.

MORE GOOD NEWS: With the introduction of our new Variable Rate Loan Program, we are able to offer some very attractive initial Annual Percentage Rates, and long term repayment plans [up to 5 years for new and used vehicles - up to 10 years for recreational Vehicles (R.V., Boat, Travel Trailer, or Airplane) - up to 12 years for new and used Mobile Homes.]

For more information, contact the Credit Union at:

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Reminder

Employees eligible for civil service retirement who had military service after 1956 may make a deposit to Office of Personnel Management in order to have such service counted toward retirement without a reduction in their annuity at age 62. This phenomenon is often referred to as "Catch 62." Employees hired before October 1, 1982, have been granted a two-year grace period during which time their deposit would be interest free. The interest is computed based upon an employee's account balance as of the close of business on the day before the interest accrual date (IAD). For employees hired before October 1, 1982, this IAD date is October 1, 1986. This means that affected employees hired prior to October 1, 1982, can make an interest-free payment any time before October 1, 1986. Employees hired on or after October 1, 1982, must make their deposits within three years from their date of employment to have their payment interest free.



50 Years of ATC Excellence

The logo, designed by Carol Klimek, sales promotion manager for Sperry's Computer Systems Division Marketing, will commemorate 50 years of air traffic control which will be celebrated in 1986.

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San Diego FSS Awards

Top right photos: (Top to Bottom) Ben LaTorre (right), receives Letter of Commendation from Assistant Air Traffic Manager, Bob Kingery and Area Supervisor, June Turner; Area Supervisor, June Turner receives a Quality Within-Grade Award from Asst. AT Manager, Bob Kingery; Air Traffic Control Specialist, Norine Kusumoto (left), receives Special Achievement Award from Area Supervisor, June Turner; Merlin Boutwell (center), receives Special Achievement Award from Asst. AT Manager, Bob Kingery (left) and AT Manager, Erwin Stanicek (right); ATCS Edale Clark receives QWIG Award from Area Supervisor, Dominic Panasiti.



Above photo: Clerical Assistant, Sharon Perry receives a Quality within-Grade Award from Air Traffic Manager, Erwin Stanicek.

Bottom photo: Area Supervisor, Dominic Panasiti (left) receives Special Achievement Award from Air Traffic Manager, Bob Kingery.

THE FAA TEAM...



it takes
EVERY LINK
to make
it work!