

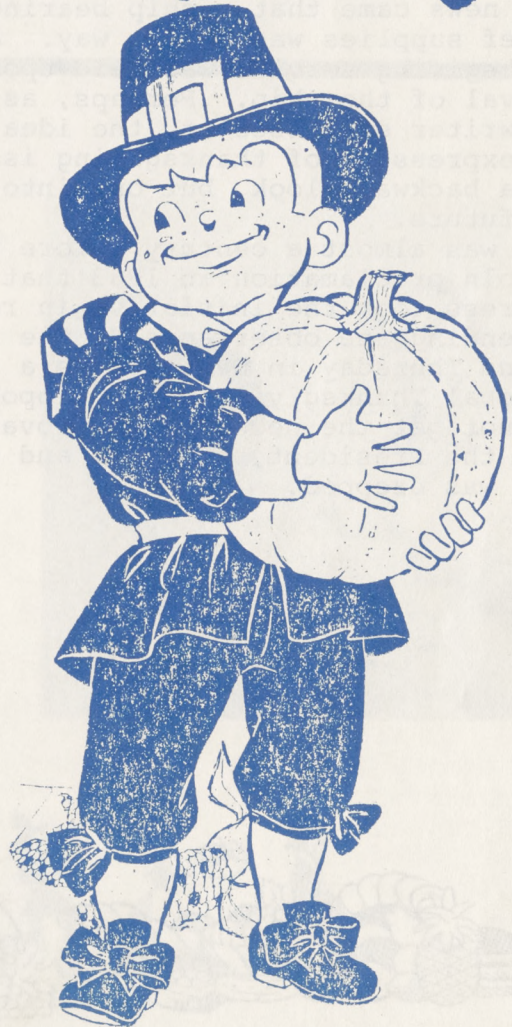
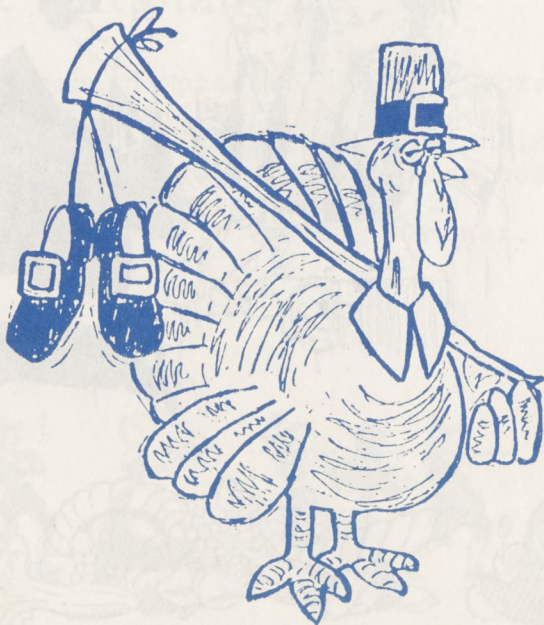


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## Happy Thanksgiving

**T**HE First  
Thanksgiving  
Celebrated the  
Pilgrims'  
Survival.



## Cover Story

The first national Thanksgiving, proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, was during the darkest days of the Civil War. The very first Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims of Massachusetts, more than three centuries ago, came at the end of a period of suffering during which almost half of the settlers died. It is strange that mankind is very seldom thankful during periods of plenty.

There was a Thanksgiving celebration in Jamestown, Va., several years before the more famous one at Plymouth. In June of 1610, a service was held by the emaciated survivors of the "starving time." Of some 490 colonists who had been at Jamestown in the fall of 1609, only 60 were alive with the coming of Spring. These hollow-eyed survivors were about to abandon the settlement when news came that a ship bearing relief supplies was on its way. A thanksgiving service was held upon arrival of the ship. Perhaps, as one writer expressed it, the idea and expression of thanksgiving is not a backward look, but one into the future.

It was almost a century before the Lincoln proclamation in 1863 that Congress took the initiative in recommending the observance of the second Thursday in December as a national Thanksgiving. The proposal did not get the necessary approval from the President, however, and the idea was dropped.

The last Thursday in November was not established as a customary day for Thanksgiving until Lincoln's 1863 Presidential Proclamation. But it was not observed as a legal holiday until 1941. By 1939, however, the date had been so established by custom that when President Franklin D. Roosevelt tampered with the date, many people observed both the day proclaimed by President Roosevelt and the traditional date, among them the President, who admitted liking the idea of a double celebration.

Whatever its origins, it is the spirit in which the day is observed, not its origin that matters. Curiously, the English poet Alexander Pope expressed in verse a telling description of the American Thanksgiving:

"Our rural ancestors with little blest,  
Patient of labor when the end was rest,  
Indulged the day that housed their annual grain,  
With feasts and offerings, and a thankful strain."



## An Outstanding For Jim Mills

James Mills (left), Regional Program Coordinator for Aviation Education and Emergency Preparedness, receives an Outstanding Performance Certificate and Sustained Superior Performance Award from Duane Bullard, Manager of the Planning, Appraisal and International Aviation Staff.

As the Regional Aviation Education Coordinator, Jim organized and held a number of highly-innovative workshops for students, educators and college/university administrators. He also developed a number of new strategies and techniques for increasing the general public's awareness of aviation's contributions to their lives.

Photo by Rafael Riera.



## An Outstanding For Liz Matanane

Elizabeth Matanane (left), Secretary at Guam CERAP, recently received a Certificate of Outstanding Performance with a Quality Increase Performance Award from Willis Cannon, Jr., Air Traffic Manager. Congratulations Liz!





## Orville Beck

The many friends of FAA retiree, Orville Beck, will be saddened to learn of his wife's recent death. Dorothy was well known to many FAA employees by her many kindnesses shown to all. In case of illness, it was not unusual to see Dorothy right there to see what she could do or have something homemade to offer. Friends report that the Beck's home was a first place you ate or slept if you were new to the facility.

Orville retired as an Air Traffic Control Specialist from Santa Barbara Tower. He remains at the home residence, 1858 Cottonwood, Ballard, CA 93463.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Orville and his family.

## Senate and House Act on FAA's Budget

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have now passed FAA's FY 1986 budget. The two bodies are several hundred million dollars apart on what they allowed the agency and will have to iron out their differences in conference, sometime in November. Following the conference agreement, the compromise budget must be voted on again by both houses.

The Senate's total recommended budget for FAA was \$4.57 billion, which is \$656 million less than the agency's request. The total figure from the House was \$4.9 billion.

For operations, the largest single item in the budget, the Senate allowed a level of \$2.37 billion, while the House allowed \$2.69 billion.



## Safety Corner The Enemy

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world. I have destroyed more men than all the wars of all nations. I massacre thousands of people every year. I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest guns.

In the United States alone, I steal over 500 million dollars each year. I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike, the young and old, the strong and weak. Widows know me to their everlasting sorrow. I loom up in such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor.

I lurk in unseen places and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, yet, you heed me not. I am relentless, merciless, and cruel. I am everywhere, the home, the streets, on land, in the air and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death, yet few seek me out to destroy me. I crush, maim, and will give you nothing and rob you of all you have.

I am your worst enemy—I am CARELESSNESS. Author Unknown  
(Reprinted from Air Training Command Safety Journal)

## Letters We Like To Receive

Herman Bliss, Regional Airports Division Manager, recently received a letter of thanks from the Lake Tahoe Airport Manager who stated, in part, "We have just plowed the resurfaced runway for the first time. It's smooth and plows very nicely! I want to personally thank you for your assistance in putting together the multi-year grant which allowed the resurfacing. . . Your perseverance and support are appreciated. We will never be able to express our gratitude appropriately - so please accept my thanks to you and your staff."

## Letter Of Commendation For Shirley Reed

Shirley Reed, Computer Operator with the Management Systems Division, was pleasantly surprised with a Letter of Commendation from Regional Director Mac McClure. Shirley was cited for her extraordinary efforts in assisting Acting Public Affairs Officer Jim Welton while on detail to the Public Affairs Office.

The letter stated, in part, "Even though you were new to Public Affairs yourself, and only on detail, you assisted the Acting Public Affairs Officer in performing the necessary administrative functions of the office and in assuring that all telephone inquiries from news media, consumers and public were responded to in a courteous and timely manner. Because of your efforts, the functions of the Public Affairs Office were continued with their usual high standards."

Presentation of the Letter of Commendation was made by Acting Manager of the Management Systems Division, Dan Mack, during special ceremonies held in the Division office.

**Congratulations, Shirley, on a job well done!**



## An Outstanding For Ed Owens

A Quality Within-Grade with an Outstanding rating was recently presented to Ed Owens, System Performance Specialist at the Miramar NAS ARTS facility. Congratulating Ed, is manager Peter Tarasiewicz.





## Safety Coordinator Named By Administrator Engen

Administrator Engen has announced that Gale Braden has been appointed FAA's passenger safety coordinator to provide a focal point in the Office of Aviation Safety for activities related to the safety of airline travelers. The former National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) safety specialist will have oversight responsibilities for all FAA passenger safety programs and also will serve as the agency's liaison on these matters.

In announcing the appointment in a speech before the Flight Attendants Legislative Conference, Administrator Engen said the coordinator will monitor research programs, regulatory initiatives and other efforts designed to improve aircraft crashworthiness and fire safety.

Braden is a former crash injury specialist at the FAA's Civil Aeromedical Institute. He rejoined FAA earlier this year after serving with NTSB as a specialist in the survival factors of aircraft accidents.

## Overpricing Action Plan

The Aeronautical Center has initiated a means to identify and report overpriced items and is encouraging all FAA employees to participate in this cost saving program. This Overpricing Action Plan pertains to any FAA Depot supply item for which an employee or organization suspects or knows that the unit price paid by the government is excessive compared to the price of the item as offered in the public market place.

There are two ways to report a

## ARSAs to be Established At 11 More Airports

The agency has announced that Airport Radar Service Areas (ARSA) will be established at 11 new locations Dec. 19. The ARSA is a two-tiered section of airspace, centered on a designated airport, generally circular in shape, with a radius of 10 miles at the top. All pilots flying into this airspace are required to be in radio contact with the governing air traffic control facility. This mandatory radio contact gives controllers a complete picture of traffic within the designated areas and enables them to provide improved radar service.

Three ARSAs already are in operation at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, Austin, Texas, and Port Columbus Airport, Columbus, Ohio. An additional 55 airports also have been proposed as ARSA sites.

Airports to get ARSAs in December are Albany County Airport, N.Y.; Anchorage International Airport, Alaska; Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Conn.; Corpus Christi International Airport, Texas; Long Island MacArthur Airport, Islip, N.Y.; Pensacola NAS, Fla.; Pensacola Regional Airport, Fla.; San Antonio International Airport, Texas; Syracuse Hancock International Airport, N.Y.; Tulsa International Airport; Okla.; and Whiting NAS, Fla.

suspected overpriced item: Use FAA Form 4680-1, Depot Customer Service Evaluation Report, or contact Jim Brand, Aeronautical Center Overpricing Coordinator, on the newly installed overpricing hotline, FTS 749-COST, or commercial 405/686-COST. The reporting hours by telephone are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (CST), Monday through Friday. There are no time restrictions on submitting the FAA Form 4680-1.

Let's put a lid on cost. Participate!



## Letter Of

## Commendation For

## Rafael Riera

Rafael Riera, part-time stay-in-school employee with the Public Affairs Office, AWP-5, was surprised recently with a Letter of Commendation from Regional Director Mac McClure. Rafael was cited for his diligent efforts and uncompromising work ethics in assisting Acting Public Affairs Officer Jim Welton in maintaining the high standards of the Public Affairs Office during the absence of its Public Affairs Officer.



The letter stated, in part, ". . .you assisted . . .in assuring that all telephone inquiries from news media, consumers and public were responded to in a courteous and timely manner. Because of your efforts, the functions of the Public Affairs Office were continued with their usual high standards."

Rafael has been with the Public Affairs Office for several years under the stay-in-school program. Barbara Abels, Public Affairs Officer, said that she was not surprised with Rafael's recognition. "Rafael always goes the extra mile," she commented, "his loyalty and dedication to the Public Affairs mission is unsurpassed."

This time the photography tables were overturned. Instead of Rafael taking the photos (we know you've seen many of Rafael's photos in INTERCOM) when he reported for the photo assignment in the Regional Director's office, he found to his great surprise that **he** was the subject. **Congratulations Rafael** on this well-deserved recognition.



## Guam Group Award

A Group Special Achievement Award was recently presented to members of the Guam Airway Facility Sector NAV/COMM Unit. David Lizama (left), Bea Aguon and Mitsuo Adaniya received congratulations from Supervisor Electronic Technician, Mike Musgrove for the professional job they did in running the unit and completing numerous special projects while Mike and two other members of the unit were off-island.

## Planes Fly Where Eagles Wouldn't Dare

When the Eagles called the Administrator's Hotline recently it wasn't to get a flight clearance for themselves. Rather they wanted to report that airplanes were flying dangerously close to their nesting grounds.

The Eagles in this case were the Philadelphia entry in the National Football League and the team's marketing and sales director, Bob Ceasers, thought the low-flying aircraft near the home field posed a hazard to fans and players alike.

Although the AOA Hotline really is intended only for the use of FAA employees, Hotline Manager Joe Stevens didn't stand on ceremony. He contacted the Eastern Region's Air Traffic Division Manager Edward Springs, who immediately issued an advisory notice to airmen. The notice raised the minimum altitude in the vicinity of the stadium from 1,000 to 1,300 feet and established special traffic patterns near the stadium.

Ceasers later explained that he got the Hotline number from an FAA employee after looking in the phone book for a listing of a local FAA office.

## Check Proposals

FAA employees should not make critical career and retirement decisions on the basis of legislative proposals that have not yet been enacted into law the Office of Labor and Employee Relations (ALR) has cautioned.

ALR Director Joseph Noonan pointed out that these proposals are subject to extensive revision by members of Congress in the legislative process. Because of this, decisions should not be

based on proposals, but rather, on the actual law as it is finally passed.

To discover what changes in compensation, benefits, or other personnel programs have been proposed, employees should contact their personnel office to check the status of the proposed legislation before using the information in making important decisions.

## People Problems Stressed At DOT Conference

"We are making progress in many personnel programs but much needs to be done throughout the department" was the central message given to FAA and other DOT modal administrations at a recent two-day conference in Williamsburg, Va.

The speaker was DOT's Director of Personnel and Training, Diana Zeidel, and her audience included FAA's Associate Administrator for Human Resource Management, Charles "Gene" Weithoner, Office of Organizational Effectiveness Director Howard Richardson, and Office-of Personnel and Technical Training Director Edward Curran.

Throughout the conference, Zeidel stressed the importance of people as opposed to paperwork in personnel planning. She also asked the conferees to insure that people problems are considered on a priority basis in all technical and administrative plans.

In addition, she urged the modal agencies to continue their support of the Secretary's Initiatives to Improve Opportunities for Women and for other programs designed to improve the status of minorities within the department.



## Transponders Required In Controlled Airspace

FAA has issued a final rule requiring pilots of aircraft equipped with transponders to keep the devices turned on when flying in controlled airspace. Currently, all air carrier aircraft and approximately 70 percent of the general aviation fleet have this equipment.

The new rule does not expand the requirement for carriage of transponders which presently must be installed and activated for flights in designated terminal control areas and in en route airspace above 12,500 feet. But pilots who have this equipment now will be required to have it turned on when operating in all other controlled airspace, such as airport control areas, designated federal airways and transition zones.

The only exceptions to this requirement will be those authorized by controllers for operational reasons such as excessive radar clutter caused by too many transponder replies in busy traffic areas. In these situations, controllers can continue to instruct pilots to turn their transponders to "stand by" or completely off.

## Technical Support Facility Dedicated

The agency's newest major building, called the Technical Support Facility (TSF), was dedicated at the Technical Center in Atlantic City, N.J., on Nov. 1.

Speaking at the dedication, Administrator Engen said. "The research conducted here will contribute to the development that will make aviation safer and more efficient in the future. That research and development needs the support that this facility will provide."

The facility itself is an 111,000

## 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 FAAs (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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Los Angeles, Ca. 90066

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square-foot office, maintenance, and warehouse complex, much of which is built underground.

The \$11 million facility will house functions performed in some 26 World War II-era buildings. The consolidation of these functions in the single complex will save the agency thousands of dollars by conserving employees valuable time.

The TSF is ideally located to do this. It is situated midway between the Center's main Technical Building and the Flight Operations Buildings.

## The News

### In Brief



\* Morris Friloux has been named Superintendent of the FAA Academy. At the same time, William Newman was appointed Acting Assistant Superintendent. Both men have worked at the Academy since 1974 when Firloux was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Academy and Newman was brought on as a planning specialist at the Aeronautical Center.

\* Chicago O'Hare International Airport celebrated 30 years of handling scheduled passenger traffic on Oct. 30. On that date in 1955, American Airlines began 14 scheduled flights a day, sparking a move by the major airlines from Chicago Midway Airport to Chicago O'Hare and with it the title of the "world's busiest airport." The first CAA tower at the site that is now O'Hare was located atop the paint hangar of the original Douglas Aircraft Co. plant where bombers were manufactured during WW II.

\* Under the Airport Improvement Program in FY 1985, FAA established a new record for airport planning and development grants. A total of 1,159 grants for \$934.8 million were issued while an additional \$4.8 million was used for final closeout adjustments to grants issued under previous legislation. The total of the FY 1985 obligations, \$939.6 million, surpasses the previous high of \$818.8 million recorded last year.

\* As of Oct. 15, a total of 700 airports had been certificated by FAA under FAR Part 139. Of this number, 432 were serving scheduled air carriers and 268 air carriers in unscheduled operations.

## Flight Standards

### Division Awards

#### OUTSTANDING WITH SAA

William Matson, San Diego FSDO

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kenneth Roach, AWP-250

George Roope, Sacramento FSDO

#### OUTSTANDING WITH OWIG

Frank Nakamura, Honolulu FSDO

Donald Ogden, Oakland FSDO

#### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Patricia Davis, Fresno FSDO

Kathryn Elliott, Fresno FSDO

#### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Gary Koch, AWP-250

## Retirement Article Added to HRM Series

The Office of Human Resource Management (AHR) has issued an addendum, entitled "Retirement Process," to the series of 16 information articles they have been developing for employees.

The supplement tracks a retirement application from its receipt in AHR to the time the first check is issued by the Office of Personnel Management.

The article is currently being distributed to all FAA employees.



## Letters We Like To Receive

710 The Terrace  
Redlands, CA 92374  
September 9, 1985

Beverly Clark, Supervisor  
Chuck Andries  
FAA Flight Service Station  
Ontario International Airport  
Ontario, CA

Dear Beverly and Chuck,

The Inland California Chapter of the Ninety Nines would like to thank you for the fine service you gave us during our Summer Flight Air Rallye in August. Your attendance at our function was certainly an asset to the success of our activity and we appreciate the time you took to be there. The participants were treated to up-to-the minute weather and suggestions for a good and safe flight. This helped, I'm sure, in their planning.

I was especially impressed with the way you handled the flight plans, opening and closing them so efficiently. Again, our pilots expressed their appreciation for this aspect of the rallye. You left so quickly after all the planes had landed that I did not get a chance that day to express my gratitude for all you had done. The cooperation we have had from the Ontario Flight Service Station the past two years has been great. Of course, I learned something too...call TRACON earlier with our course so they can be prepared.

We would like to continue working with you and if we can ever do anything for you or be of service, please let us know. Maybe one day you may both enter our Rallye as participants and challenge the desert!

Sincerely,



Janet Landfried, Chairman  
Inland California Chapter  
The Ninety Nines, Inc.





P. O. Box 2368  
Prescott, AZ 86302

18 September 1985

Mr. Robert Vaughn, FAA  
NAS Mira Mar  
P. O. Box 45301  
San Diego, CA 92145

## Letters We Like To Receive

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

This is a letter of appreciation and commendation in regard to one of your employees, Bill Morley. On September 8th while flying solo from Oceanside to Prescott I developed engine trouble. I was on top of a broken to overcast cloud layer at 7500 feet. After spending five minutes trying to make my engine run better without much success, I called on 121.5. This was my first experience where it was necessary to use that frequency. I was surprised by the response of at least five people from Ontario to San Diego. Immediately, there were people responding to my difficulty. At this time, Bill Morley began assisting me. After squawking 7700 on the transponder, my exact position was determined. As my engine was running at best at 2000 rpm and occasionally quitting entirely, I asked for vectors to the nearest airport. During this time, Bill was giving me heading changes, distance remaining figures or just asking about my welfare. He did an excellent job reassuring me that I was not alone up there with my sick engine. Even after I landed safely, Mr. Morley called on the telephone to ascertain if I had landed and if there was anyone I would like to notify.

Mechanically speaking, my aircraft had lost a magneto. The remaining one was retarded, causing lower than usual rpm loss.

My thanks to everyone who responded, especially to Bill Morley, whose information, direction and concerned manner aided me in my descent to the nearest airport. He may say he was only doing his job but, he did with excellence.

Sincerely,

Carla A. Sartwell  
N63649

Happy  
Thanksgiving

