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Cover Story

The Western-Pacific Region's Accident Prevention Program recently honored two well-known aviators who are active in the Federal Aviation Administration's Accident Prevention Program.

TWA Captain Barry Schiff, was honored for his many contributions in promoting aviation safety. Capt Schiff is also an active general aviation pilot and aircraft owner, Accident Prevention Counselor at Large, an active flight instructor, lecturer, and has contributed greatly to pilot education through Aviation periodicals over the years.

The second recipient and award winner was Hal Fishman, KTLA-TV News Anchorman and active pilot. Mr Fishman participates in aviation safety programs and is in the forefront as a newscaster who accurately reports aviation news.

He has narrated numerous FAA films and videotapes including "Flying to the Olympics" and "This is the Western-Pacific Region."

The presentation of special plaques was made by Regional Director Mac McClure.

A standing-room only crowd of over 700 pilots and friends attended the combination awards presentation and Accident Prevention Program held at the IMAX Theater, sponsored by the California Museum of Science and Industry in cooperation with the Mitsubshi IMAX Theater.

The program concluded with the showing of the spectacular film "The Dream is Alive," an exciting and thrilling venture into the world of the astronauts.



Above: Part of the huge crowd in attendance. Below, from right, are FAA Accident Prevention Specialist Vince Brophy (Van Nuys), Ralph Palmer (Riverside) and Paul Stebelton (Long Beach).

Cover Photos:

Regional Director Mac McClure presents awards to TWA Captain Barry Schiff (top) and Hal Fishman, popular television anchorman.

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To give you some idea of the overflow crowd of aviation enthusiasts on hand to honor TWA's Barry Schiff (top left) and Channel 5's Hal Fishman (right), there was not even one single seat left in the IMAX Theatre. As a result, the top FAA performers in the awards ceremony had to sit on the stairs. Above, from left--Regional Director Mac McClure, Regional Accident Prevention Coordinator Gary Koch; and Los Angeles FSDO Accident Prevention Specialist Jack Norris.

Engen Flies LORAN-C

When the New England Region arranged to make the first FAA-approved LORAN-C nonprecision IFR approach on Nov. 4, they brought in a very special test pilot: Administrator Engen.

The inaugural approach was made at L.G. Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass., where the FAA tower has been equipped to monitor the LORAN-C signal. The approach was made in a LORAN-C-equipped Beech King Air owned by Sprague Aviation of North Adams, Mass. The company has received a supplemental type certificate and letter of authorization to use LORAN-C for nonprecision approaches. This effort is part of a joint FAA/National Association of State Aviation Officials limited implementation of LORAN-C nonprecision approaches that will lead to full-scale implementation in the near future.

The LORAN-C long-range navigation system is a navigational aid which has been in civil use since the early 1970's. Because of its accuracy, reliability, and moderate cost, LORAN has gained increasing popularity as an aviation navigational aid, particularly in the general aviation community.

Six "Families" Now Have Model 1 Equipment

Six Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) "families" now have been brought together by the deliveries of Model 1 equipment and the first commissioning is scheduled for mid-December. Each AFSS family consists of a Flight Service Data Processing System (FSDPS), installed at an en route center, which is linked by dedicated communication lines to the displays and associated equipment in two or more flight service stations.

The Model 1 equipment automates the whole range of FSS services, using computer software to produce tailored pre-flight and in-flight weather briefings, as well as automatically generating flight plan information. Model 2 equipment, set to be commissioned sometime in early 1988, will take AFSSs further down the high-tech trail, offering graphics, weather maps and radar-interface capability. Model 2 also will allow pilots to use personal computers to tap into the AFSS system and get briefings at home.

FAA has a total of 13 Model 1 FSDPS packages on order with deliveries completed to these locations: (1) Cleveland Center FSDPS, Cleveland, Dayton, and Bridgeport, Conn., AFSSs; (2) Indianapolis Center FSDPS, Terre Haute, Ind., and Green Bay, Wisc., AFSSs; (3) Washington Center FSDPS, Leesburg, Va., and Macon, Ga., AFSSs; (4) Salt Lake City Center FSDPS, Prescott, Ariz., Denver, and Reno, Nev., AFSSs; (5) Houston Center FSDPS, Conroe, Texas, DeRidder, La., and McAlester, Okla., AFSSs; (6) Miami Center FSDPS, Miami and St. Petersburg AFSSs.

The Cleveland AFSS family is scheduled to be commissioned Dec. 16, pending delivery of the Model 1 software to the center and completion of the operational shakedown testing.

INTERCOM Misses the Point

In a story last week on Administrator Engen's speech before the Flight Safety Foundation, INTERCOM cited the statistic that there has been one fatal accident for each 98 million hours flown in the period 1960-1984. Through an editing error, we left off a decimal point and inadvertently improved an already remarkable record 100 fold. The figure should have read .98 million.

An SAA For Jeff King

Jeffery King (left), Program Analyst with the Planning, Appraisal and International Aviation Staff, was all smiles as he received a Special Achievement Award for sustained superior performance from Duane Bullard, Staff Manager. Jeff was commended for his efforts to improve the quality of the Region's terminal area forecasts, and for studies of the airport capacity of the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose Airports. The terminal area aviation forecasts, airport capacity and other measures alert planners when additional runways, taxiways and aprons might be recommended in the National Airport Plan and when airport facilities might be expanded. Congratulations, Jeff. Photo by Rafael Riera.



An SAA For Norine



Air Traffic Controller Specialist Norine Kusumoto at San Diego Flight Service Station receives a Special Achievement Award for outstanding performance from Area Supervisor Dominic Panasiti. Congratulations, Norine.

Airway Facilities Christmas Luncheon

Airway Facilities Division's annual Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 20, at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Avenue, Hawthorne, Calif. A No-Host Attitude Adjustment will begin at 11:15 a.m. with Roast Baron of Beef luncheon served at 12 noon. Cost is \$7 per person. All reservations and monies must be into AWP-400A No Later Than December 13. Please make your checks payable to Gayle Hodges. For further information contact Gayle on 213/297-1150 or FTS 984-1150.

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Letters We Like To Receive

October 2, 1985

Mr. Sheldon Olsen
Manager, Metro Air Traffic
Control Tower
5620 Alan Boyd Drive
Sacramento, California 95837

Dear Mr. Olsen:

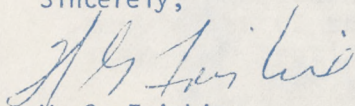
On October 1, 1985, I operated a B747 aircraft training operation in support of Pan Am's FAA ACI training/check program.

We arrived in the Sacramento area at approximately 0730 and operated in your traffic area for approximately 3 hours.

A lady controller took over the tower position at approximately 0700 and controlled our flight until we departed the area. This lady provided excellent service/control for 2-1/2 hours of "her shift." Her voice was clear, phraseology very good, and planning and judgement excellent. We consistently were directed so as to maximize the approaches and landings, with traffic ahead clearing the runway as we were on short final.

Please pass along my compliments and thanks for a job very well done.

Sincerely,



W. G. Frisbie
Regional Chief Pilot, Pacific

cc: Mr. Lloyd Tincher
FAA Flight Standards
District Office

(Editor's Note: Air Traffic Manager Sheldon Olsen advises that the "lady" controller was none other than Judy Rosgen. Judy is now a full performance level controller, but during this session she was training with her instructor, Jack Otley. CONGRATULATIONS to Judy on a job well done!)

Airports Division SAA's



Lolita Kelley (middle) and Velma Washington (right), Stay-in-School and Summer Help participants each were recently presented with a Special Achievement Award based on Special Act of Accomplishment from Herman Bliss, Division Manager.

Lolita attends Woodbury University and is majoring in Accounting and Computer Science. She has been with the Airports Division since December 1983. The award was based on her contribution in the Safety and Standards Branch in assisting in Airport Master Record Program and in the Secretarial area.

Velma attends Adelphi College, Los Angeles, California and is majoring in Computer Science and Accounting. She has been with the Airports Division since December 1983. The award was based on her contribution in the Program and Planning Branch in assisting in the Airport Improvement and Planning Program in addition to preparation of correspondence.

Congratulations, Lolita and Velma!

Photo by Rafael Riera.

An SAA

For Gary Zodda

Gary Zodda (left) of the Stockton Flight Service Station, was recently presented with a Special Achievement Award for sustained superior performance. Presentation was made by Gary's supervisor Jose Mandawe. Congratulations, Gary!





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October 21, 1985

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Dear Sir;

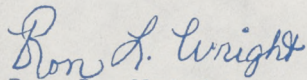
The personnel of Action Helicopters, Inc. would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the extra effort put forth by yourself and the members of your staff in the recent certification of this company.

The cooperation and efficiency displayed by the personnel of your office showed just what good people you have and what can be done with good leadership.

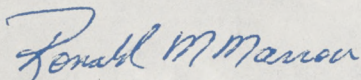
The speed and efficiency your office displayed is without precedent in our experience in dealing with government agencies.

We would appreciate it if you would extend our thanks to all of your employees and we are looking forward to a continued good working relationship with your office for the betterment of our entire industry.

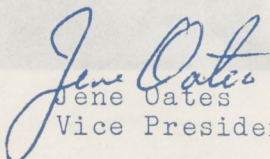
Sincerely,



Ron L. Wright
President/Director of Operations



Ronald M. Marrou
Sec/Treas, Director of Maintenance



Gene Oates
Vice President/Chief Pilot