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Let men walk hand in hand  
A Living Bond of Brotherhood  
A voice from land to land*

FROM  
WESTERN-PACIFIC  
REGION

Happy Holidays \* Havoli Na La Nui



The Holiday Season means many things to many people.

We know what Christmas is in the United States, but what about the things that make it special elsewhere?

The British call the day after Christmas "Boxing Day". On this day most families give money to the milkman, postman and others who have served them throughout the year. Plum pudding also originated in Great Britain.

In France, children put their shoes on the doorstep on Christmas Eve so that Petit, Noel, or the Christ child, can fill them with gifts. The French use mistletoe as a symbol of good luck. Thank the French also for the Yule Log which the family helps bring in. (It must be big enough to burn from Christmas until New Years.)

In Germany some families still have a tree for each member of the family. They decorate the trees with lights and candy. Lubecker marzipan is the favorite candy.

In Switzerland young people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight church services on Christmas Eve. By taking three sips of water from each fountain, they can expect to find their future husband or wife at the door of the church.

Italians fast, or go with little or no food, the day before Christmas. They reserve Christmas Day for religious ceremonies.

In Spain the people enjoy dancing after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

In the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg people exchange gifts on Dec. 6, St. Nicholas Day. In these countries, Dec. 25, is purely a religious holiday.

In Sweden, Christmas begins on St. Lucia's Day, Dec. 13. Little elves called Juul Nise help the children with their tasks, so the legend goes. The children thank the elves by leaving food on the table for them at night. Many Swedes enjoy "lutfisk" (finest fish from the catch) at Christmas.

In Norway the yule season starts on St. Thomas' Day, Dec. 21. Norwegians "shoot in Christmas", following a belief that witches appear on Christmas night. When young people go visiting, they creep up to the house and shoot a gun to frighten any witches. Ed. Note: We can be thankful this custom never took on in the United States.

In Latin America Christmas is celebrated still a little differently. In Mexico the season lasts from Dec. 16 to Jan. 6. People use flowers (poinsettia and Noche-Buena) instead of evergreens where Christmas comes in the warm season. Most children in South America believe that the wise men bring them Christmas gifts. In Puerto Rico many families celebrate Christmas Eve with large suppers and music and dancing.

In China, Dun Che Lao Ren is the Christmas Old Man; in Japan he is Hoteiosho.



Cover Design by:  
Richard Gipson (Retired)

## ... From The Director

A recent Country and Western hit reminds us to "Stop and Smell the Roses."

No matter what your preference is in music, the songs of the Holiday Season tell us the many things we have to be thankful for in our lives.

I am well aware that these are austere times for government employees. Each of us is being challenged to do more with less. Nevertheless, I am convinced that we in the FAA family have much to be thankful for.

First, of course, is our record in serving the American flying public. I am reminded daily of the outstanding service we perform. Next, is the fact that we are living in an environment that is seeing more aircraft and people each day. And, that we are meeting that challenge and experiencing the safest times in aviation history.

I have said it many times before -- and I will say it again -- I am very proud of each of you here in the Western-Pacific Region. My family and I wish you and yours a Very Happy Holiday Season.

*H. C. McClure*



## Bob Beckley Retirement Party

The retirement party for Bob Beckley, Fresno FSDO, is planned for Saturday, January 11, at Knock Three Times-Garden Room, 2257 W. Shaw, Fresno. No host cocktails start at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$14.50 per person which includes tax, tip and a gift for Bob. Reservations can be made with Pat or Kay at the Fresno FSDO, 209/467-5306. Checks for the dinner and gift should be made to Pat Davis or Kay Elliott no later than January 6. You may consider staying at the Picadilly Inn-Shaw. Call the Picadilly Inn direct at 209/226-3850.

## Don Fowler "Pulls The Plug"



After 32 and a half years, Don Fowler (presently Manager of Ontario Tower/TRACON and the Inland Empire Air Traffic HUB) will be retiring. Throughout the years, Don has served in many positions at numerous facilities across the nation including regional and national headquarters. The bulk of his service has been associated with automation and functioning in various management positions.

A retirement luncheon is planned for Don at 11:30 a.m. on January 10, at the Magic Lamp Inn located at 8189 Foothill Blvd., Cucamonga, Calif. (one and a half blocks east of Grove Ave.). An excellent buffet lunch will be served at a cost of only \$8.50 per person. All of Don's friends and associates are invited to join in honoring Don and wishing him well as he departs the FAA for all the adventures of retirement. All those planning to attend are asked to confirm with Lynne or Garnetta at Ontario TRACON (FTS 796-6793 or 714/986-2058) by Tuesday, January 7, so that necessary arrangements can be made with the restaurant. See you there.

## Payroll Needs Your Help!



The Payroll office in Oklahoma City needs your help. At the present time approximately one-half of the time and attendance (T&A) reports are not being received until Tuesday afternoon of the T&A processing week. This does not allow enough time to pre-check for errors and get them all entered into the automated system prior to cutoff time, 12 noon, Wednesday.

We are requesting that an extra effort be made to assure that all T&A's are mailed in time to reach the payroll office by Monday morning of T&A processing week. Some field locations which have no DHL or Postal Express mail service may have to mail their T&A's earlier than normal. We realize this may create a few additional amended T&A's. However this is necessary to assure that all T&A's reach the payroll office in time to be properly processed.

# Roy Richards Honored By Marines



Roy Richards, former manager of the Coast TRACON (now retired) was the recently recipient of a Certificate of Commendation from the U. S. Marine Corps. Presentation was made by Brig. Gen. W. A. Bloomer. The citation read:

"For Superior performance of duty while serving as the Air Traffic Manager, Coast Terminal Radar Control Facility, Federal Aviation, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California from 4 September 1983 to 12 September 1985. During this period, Mr. Richards demonstrated levels of professional, managerial and technical excellence that enhanced significantly the spirit of cooperation between his agency, the Airfield Operations Department, and the tenant aircraft squadrons based at El Toro. His willingness to listen to, evaluate and act upon user requests are noted with pleasure and gratitude, and his many efforts to ensure the provision of safe, orderly, and expeditious air traffic control service at this air station are sincerely appreciated. His loyalty and conscientious devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the Federal Aviation Administration, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of employees of the Federal Government."

Sincere congratulations, Roy, from your FAA family on achieving this high honor!

- - U.S. Marine Corps photo.



University of Wyoming  
Department of Atmospheric Science

September 25, 1985

Mr. Sam Yokomichi, Chief  
FAA Control Tower  
General Lyman Field  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Sam:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for a superb job during our recent warm-rain research program in Hilo. It was a true pleasure for both George Bershinsky and me to fly in your airspace and work with your cooperative and helpful staff of controllers. They are some of the best we've had occasion to work with. Our sincere thanks to them for a job well done. They were most helpful in allowing us to fly our "unusual" profiles and gather data for the many scientists involved in the program.

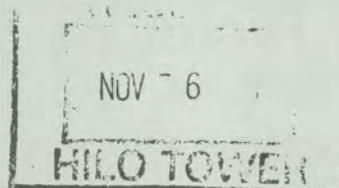
I'd also like to express my thanks to you for all your fine help arranging for the low-altitude waiver. Dr. Cooper and his group came away with outstanding data. I certainly appreciate all the professional advice and assistance during the project—thank you very much.

A first look at the data indicates that many basic science questions will be answered, but as usual, many more will be asked as a result of our successful stay in Hilo. I fully expect that another project will be funded within the next few years.

I personally enjoyed Hawaii very much and hope I can return soon to enjoy the area and the great people who live in paradise.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Sand  
Flight Facility Manager  
University of Wyoming



## Letters We Like

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# Season's Greetings

*and all good wishes  
for a Happy, Healthy*



*and Prosperous New Year*

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TO WISH THE  
INTERCOM STAFF  
SEASON'S GREETINGS,  
AND TO THANK YOU FOR  
ALL YOUR HELP.*

*Don Hoyer*

## Thanked For Efforts in Live Organ Transport

A letter of appreciation was recently received by the Sacramento TRACON and San Francisco Tower for their "courtesy and dispatch provided my Skylane when transporting live organ tissue on a life-guard flight." Stephen Gorman, an attorney in Cameron Park, added "Your personnel went a long way in making this flight successful." Hats off to the folks at Sacramento TRACON and San Francisco Tower for aiding in the transport of the gift of life.

# CAREER COLLEGE FAIR ...

## HILO, HAWAII



Personnel from the Hilo Airway Facilities Sector Field Office and Air Traffic Control Tower recently participated in Hawaii's Career College Fair at Hilo, Hawaii.

Top: FAA's exhibit included video recording of live traffic.



Middle: Sam Yokomichi (left), Hilo Tower Air Traffic Manager, takes time to discuss career opportunities with these two enthusiastic students from Kau High School.



Below: Four prospective Air Traffic Controllers from Waiakea High School who are planning to learn air traffic control in the military.

Hats off to the folks at Hilo for taking the time to spread the FAA Story to these young people!



Graphic Layout Design By:  
Shirley Reed and Rafael Riera

## San Francisco Airports District Office News

Welcome aboard to new airport planner Andy Davie who transferred in from Air Traffic earlier this year. Andy was also recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Engineer Les Hopkins has returned from a European holiday with his wife Carol. They travelled through Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France and England and videotaped most of the trip. Planner John Pfeifer spent three weeks traveling with his family throughout the midwest and western states. Engineer Willie Villalobos has tied the matrimonial knot with Gloria, his bride from Juarez. Also, Les Hopkins claims he was attacked by a lone, rogue killer bee while cycling home from work. If you have any questions, just ask the bee.

Below photo: Congratulations to engineers Dan Morse (left) and Cheryl Scarborough who received a Quality Within-Grade Increase and a Special Achievement Award, respectively. Congratulating the duo is Mike Mavrakis (middle), Manager of the Airports District Office.



Above: From left--Judges Jacque Smith, Joe Alvarez and Hal Bates.

## OLE<sup>1</sup> Western-Pacific Style

In conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service who also has offices in the FAA Regional headquarters, employees of both the FAA and IRS recently celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Week. The Week's celebration consisted of prominent guest speakers who spoke on the Hispanic culture and the strong retention and advantages of the dual American/Hispanic culture. Chaplin Sam Geli, Clinical Counselor, Loma Linda University Medical Center, gave a very interesting talk on "Cultura".

A film festival was also part of the celebration, with films on Hispanic accomplishments both in the government and the private sector.

The week's celebration was capped off with a "Salsabration", which consisted of a luncheon held in the patio of the Regional Office. A Mexican style luncheon was served to over 250 FAA and IRS employees. The luncheon began with a salsa (hot sauce) contest in which FAA and IRS employees entered their home-made salsa in the contest. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners. The judges were Jacque Smith, Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division (now AWP-40), Joe Alvarez, Civil Rights Officer, Hal Bates, Group Manager, IRS.

During the luncheon, the Loyola Marymount-University Folklorico Dance Group provided entertainment with performance of regional dances of Mexico.



## CHRISTMAS EVE . . . (Circa 1973)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the State,  
Thermostats hovered at Sixty and Eight.  
Ration cards hung by the chimney with care  
In hopes that an oil man soon would be there.

The children were shivering, all blue, in their beds  
While tropical visions danced in their heads.  
My wife in her "fur-lined" and I, in mine too,  
Had just downed a snifter of hot brandy brew.

When out on the lawn there arose such a noise  
That I sprang from the sofa with not too much poise.  
And what to my disbelieving eyes did appear  
But a lumbering fuel truck and NOT eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver so lively and quick  
I knew in a moment it was "Moonlighting Nick"  
More rapid than Bufferin, his products they came  
And he shouted and whistled as he called them by name.

"Now Butane" - "Now Pentane" - "Low Lead Gasoline."  
"Or Methane" - "Or Propane" - "Or Plain Kerosene."

So up to the house the hoses they flew  
With a load of petroleum and Nickolas too.  
And then in a twinkling he was there at my door  
To ask for the cash, and a little bit more.

He was dressed all in Levis from his head to his feet  
And his clothes were all tarnished and not very neat.  
But the wink of his eye and the nod of his head  
Soon gave me the feeling I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word as he finished his labors  
Rechecking addresses of my immediate neighbors.  
Then leaped on his tanker and re-set his clock  
In order to service the rest of the block.

But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,  
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A WARM NIGHT!"

Jack Doyle, AWE-6  
Regional Duty Officer



Happy

Award

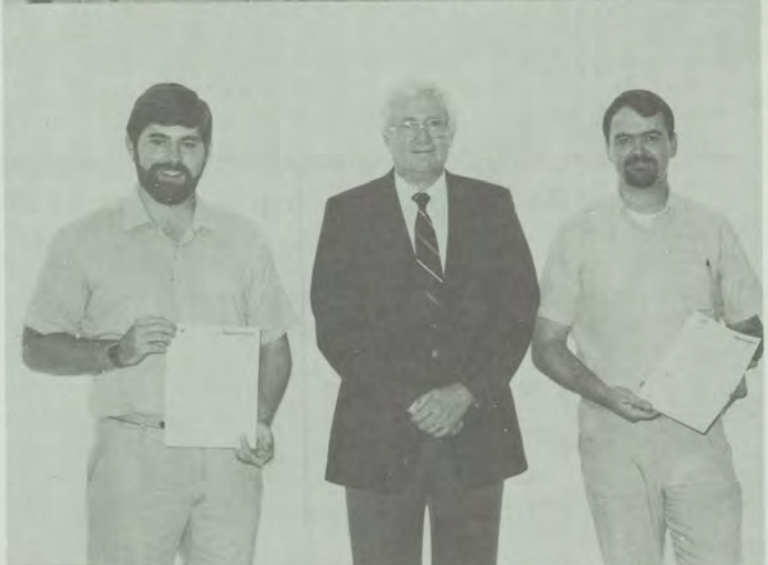


## Recipients

Top: Bobby Brown (left), Maintenance Mechanic at the Los Angeles AF Sector Hangar Unit, receives a Special Achievement Award for his exceptionally fine work in maintaining the LAX Hangar Complex. Presenting the award is Bobby's supervisor, Bill Guest.



Middle: Gerald Brucks (left) and Bill Forquer (right), Imperial Flight Service Station Specialists, recently received Letters of Commendation from Air Traffic Division Manager Wayne Newcomb. Presentation was made by Facility Manager Erwin Stanicek. Gerald and Bill were commended for their lifesaving efforts in providing CPR to a 61-year-old man who became ill while in the flight service station.



Below: Jack Olsen (left), Manager of the Tonopah Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, receives a Quality Within-Grade Increase for Outstanding performance from Sector Manager Dean DeShazo.



## Harvey Finwick Receives Award

Harvey Finwick (left), Electronics Technician at the Paso Robles Airway Facilities Sector Office, receives a Sustained Superior Performance Award from Art Day, Chief of the office. Harvey has been with the office for over six years and modifies, maintains and does corrective maintenance on the equipment that allows the Air Traffic Controllers to do their job. The Paso Robles office maintains a number of facilities located in San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties.

Photo by Joe Knebel, The Paso Robles Daily Press.



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## Maui Nav/Comm Sector Field Office Awards



Pictured above are the Maui Nav/Comm SFO members that recently received awards and recognition. They were left to right: Hoover Ancheta, Electronics Technician, Special Achievement Award; Paul Baker, Environmental Support Specialist, Special Achievement Award; John Gordon, Sector Manager, Honolulu AFS, congratulating the SFO Manager, Nobu Nakao, who received a Special Employee Resolution from all members of the SFO; and Lowell Hanks, Electronics Technician, a Letter of Appreciation.

The Maui Nav/Comm SFO is part of the Honolulu GNAS Sector and is responsible for all navigation and communications facilities on Maui. These responsibilities include, in addition to the rapidly growing Maui airport, the critical Tower and ARTCC radio facilities on top of Mt. Haleakala. This 10,000 ft mountain even gets occasional ice and snow storms, thus giving the Maui technicians quite a challenge going from a balmy sea level to a 10,000 ft elevation with snow storms!

## A Day At The Pozo Saloon

By Mel Haworth, Manager  
Golden Gate AFS

Why would a nice group of people like that hang around the Pozo Saloon all day? Because that's where the 25th Anniversary celebration was being held for the Paso Robles Long Range Radar site. Congratulations to the folks who work at PRB ARSR for hosting a successful event commemorating 25 years of commissioned service by their facility. Friends, family and familiar faces from the past mingled and swapped stories. Site tours were conducted to show off the building and equipment maintained with skill and pride. The day ended with good food and an outstanding magic show. All-in-all, just one of those events make you feel good.

A number of the guests at the PRB party were retirees from the FAA, several of whom have been retired for many years. Of particular interest to me was John Shaw who was the Sector Chief of Burbank for 25 years. John retired over a decade ago with 45 plus years of government service. He then learned to fly and is now building a motor glider to pursue his hobby. Why would people like John and the other "old timers" who have been gone from FAA for so long take the trouble to help celebrate a silver anniversary of a facility? Because they care. Because they spent their professional lives building the systems for which you and I now have the responsibility. We have a great heritage. We have a high standard to meet.



### Richard Peterson Retiring

Richard Peterson is retiring after 33 years of service. A reception is scheduled for Friday, January 10 at the Hacienda Hotel.

## Palomar Tidbits

Palomar Tower, located in the middle of the "Flower Capital" of Southern California, enjoying the pleasant fragrances. Jack Nelson, Dave Quecke, Linda Schaff and Gary Lapple are happy in their new homes. Ray Brown is on temporary duty at the Prescott ATCT--enjoying the high country. Kelly Sandfer transferred to Edwards RAPCON and is well entrenched in the training program. Dante Edwards is back from the Phase II at Lawton and spends his spare time putting together a "Q-2" in his garage, hoping to fly it sometime in January, (which year, your guess). Congratulations to Steve Beckman, recipient of an Outstanding Award. Also, Carolyn Erwin and Jim Hankins have received SAA's. Bob Perry from SAN FSS has completed the training program and facility checkout. Kent Dees will be starting his second semester, as an "ATC" Instructor at Palomar College. We also have two T-V celebrities--Steve Casarez and Dante Edwards were starts of "Air Traffic Controller's of North County", which is being aired by three T-V channels in the San Diego Area. Their performance was considered outstanding. Bob Mifflin has returned from a three week tour of the west. Bob still grabs his brown bag and runs to the beach for his lunch break.

### Retirement Luncheon

For

Dick Pearson

The retirement luncheon for Dick Pearson, Manager of Ontario AFSFO, will be held on Friday, January 17, at the Magic Lamp, 1889 Foothill Blvd., Cucamonga, Calif., 714/981-8659. For further information contact Tom Twadell, Ontario TRACON, 714/983-5995 or FTS 8-796-6798.



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Maintenance Operations

December 6, 1985

Mr. Wayne Bair, Manager  
Flight Standards District Office No. 3  
Federal Aviation Administration  
831 Mitten Road  
Burlingame, CA 94010



Dear Mr. Bair:

According to Marty Gallagher, Virgil "Bill" Zenker, United Airlines' Principal Maintenance Inspector, is retiring from the FAA effective January 3, 1986. I know I speak for my colleagues at United in saying that he will be sorely missed by all of us at the Maintenance Operations Center.

As our Principal Maintenance Inspector, Bill has done a fine job of carrying out his duties. He has been an ever present reminder to us of our responsibilities. Moreover, Bill has constantly maintained a professional relationship with United Airlines. He has been helpful in interpreting the regulations, assuring that our compliance met the intent of the regulation, and generally keeping us aware of how he views our operation. At this same time, Bill has been firm in requiring compliance with the letter of the law.

In fact, Bill is what every PMI should be; knowledgeable of the law as it applies to an air carrier, experienced with transport category aircraft, and cognizant of our business because he came to the FAA from our business.

Personally, I have worked with Bill since he was assigned to cover our Turbine Shop as an Aviation Safety Inspector in August of 1977. At the time, I was a Staff Engineer working on JT9D engines. Bill was very visible both on the shop floor and turbine shop offices verifying that work was being performed properly and that problems were being adequately addressed.

Bill is a credit to the FAA and the Department of Transportation in every sense. His firm, responsible direction has served both the public and United Airlines well over the years of our association.

Please pass on our best wishes to Bill.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Hardy  
Manager of  
Quality Assurance

Letters We Like To Receive

cc: SFOEG - Clyde Kizer  
SFOVO - Dick Tabery  
SFOQA - Walt Torgersen

## Welcome To Public Affairs RUSS PARK

The Public Affairs Officer is very pleased to announce the arrival of Russ Park, Public Affairs Specialist to the Office of Public Affairs (AWP-5).

Russ comes to the FAA from a number of years in Public Affairs and Public Relations in the aerospace industry, Veterans Administration and Dept. of Defense. His most recent assignment was with the Naval Ship Weapons System Engineering Station, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif. He is active in the Army reserve and is assigned to the Public Affairs for the Secretary of the Army.

WELCOME ABOARD RUSS!

## The News In Brief

\* FAA has issued new rules strengthening background checks of airline and airport employees governed by the civil aviation security regulations. The new rules require airlines and airports to conduct background checks to verify employment applications and other information submitted by prospective employees. The tightened procedures will apply to anyone who has unaccompanied access to restricted areas and to operators of screening and security equipment.

\* The last DC-3 in the FAA fleet came to Washington National Airport Dec. 4 from the agency's Aircraft Maintenance Base in Oklahoma City to begin its new career as a flying FAA exhibit. The plane, which has been repainted in its original CAA color scheme, was purchased by the agency after a stint in the Navy to serve in the early flight inspection fleet. After being put on display at the agency's Hangar 6 at National for a few days, the DC-3 made the short trip to Washington Dulles International Airport to be viewed at the Wright Brothers Memorial Awards Ceremony before returning to Oklahoma. The 47-year old warhorse soon will begin a tour of airshows with an exhibit detailing FAA's past, present and future.

## Consultant Finds NMAC Report System Reliable

A consultant retained to audit the agency's near midair collision (NMAC) reporting system has concluded that newly adopted FAA procedures "address every reporting problem uncovered to date" and "will create a stronger data base from which NMAC events can be analyzed."

Dr. Ronald Smith, Dean of the Georgetown University School of Business, in his audit report delivered to the Administrator Nov. 26, also concurred with the findings of an FAA internal investigation of NMAC problems that "no evidence has been found for any intentional loss of reports." Smith began his audit in June after FAA had implemented numerous changes in its NMAC reporting procedures to correct problems that had led to significant under-reporting of incidents.

In describing Smith's special audit, Administrator Engen said, "I wanted to make certain that all such reports are forwarded to the appropriate place in Washington on a timely basis, that all reports are thoroughly investigated and that our data base properly and completely reflects all information and is quickly accessible. This independent review reaffirms that this is the case."

Smith's report registered support for the actions taken by FAA to improve tracking of NMAC reports. These include designating the Office of Aviation Safety as a central point in Washington headquarters for coordinating all NMAC reports, establishing strict deadlines for filing reports and completing investigations, and requiring quarterly audits of all reports by each FAA regional office.

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Articles and black and white photographs should be sent to Barbara Abels, Editor, AWP-5.



## Wind Shear Contract Let

The agency has awarded a \$1.8 million contract for the development of a comprehensive training program to enhance the ability of pilots to deal with wind shear encounters.

The Boeing Co. will be the prime contractor and the Lockheed Corp., the McDonnell Douglas Corp., United Airlines, and Aviation Weather Associates will be the subcontractors.

The program will be based on information from wind shear research done over the last five years and will emphasize simulator training fitted to the performance characteristics of major U.S. jet transports. The program will be divided into two phases, both using printed and videotape material.

The first phase will deal with defining the nature of the wind shear threat, lessons learned from previous wind shear encounters, what the crew should be aware of, and what it can do. The second phase will center on the use of simulators to train pilots in recognizing the potential for wind shear, how to avoid it, and how to recover from it.

The contract calls for the program to be completed within 15 months.

## AMS Has New Chief

The former Civil Aeronautics Board Managing Director, Michael Sherwin, has been named Director of the Office of Management Systems. Before joining CAB, he held various top jobs in the Civil Service Commission and the Office of Personnel Management.

His other experience includes a stint as an editor for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in St. Paul, Minn., and an assignment with the Central Intelligence Agency.

In his new job, he replaces Brooks Goldman who is now Associate Administrator for Administration.

## "Flight Standards" Is Back

Flight Standards is Flight Standards once again. The reappearance of the time-honored name on the headquarter's organizational chart was prompted by the transfer of the Aircraft Maintenance Division from the Office of Airworthiness to the Office of Flight Operations (AFO). Since this took AFO out of the strictly "operations" area, its name was changed to reflect the expanded responsibilities.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*And Happy New Year*

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