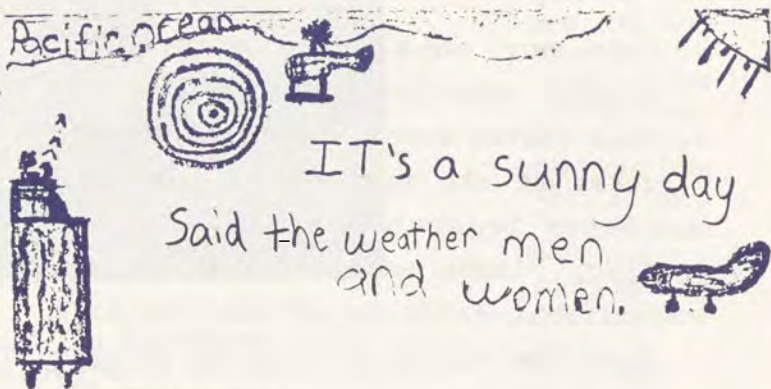




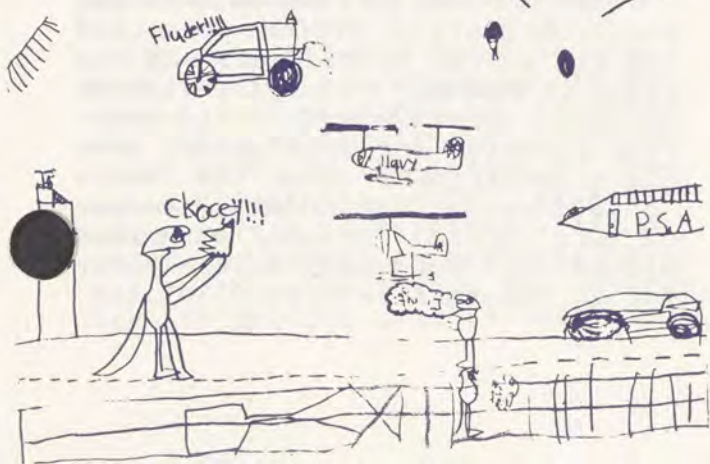
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Federal Aviation
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Western-Pacific Intercom

Dear Erwin Stanicek I am sorry that
I couldnt come because I went to Disney land



IT's a sunny day
Said the weather men
and women.



But it is really
raining today.

Thank you Erwin Stanicek
for letting our class
Come to the Weather
Station for a field-trip.
I liked it very much. I saw
a helicopter land and a
PSA Jet liner take off.
4th grade from Jason

C o v e r S t o r y

FAA Contest Winner

In our continuing efforts to promote aviation education in this region among educators, youngsters of all ages and FAA and industry personnel alike, the San Diego Flight Service Station personnel recently hosted some visitors from the third and fourth grades at St. Alban's School in the San Diego area.

Perhaps little Bryan Wallace tried the hardest to convey his thanks to FAA Air Traffic Controllers when he wrote:

"Ih! I like limberg fealed. I wish I worked a limberg fealed. Maybe I will when I grow up. I hop I drive an airplane. Thank all of you for taking me to limberg fealed. I liked it realy much. I like your computers. and stuf. by! p.s. you men beter not freak out."

Air Traffic Manager Erwin Stanicek really sums it up when he says,

"Kids are great!"



One of the many pleasures last year for FAA Aviation Facilitators (volunteers within their facility), was participation in the award presentations to the FAA Aviation Education Essay Contest winners. Pictured above is Michael Groenert, 11-year-old winner for California State and the Western-Pacific Regional winner, Intermediate Level.

Janet Hitt (left), San Jose Flight Standards District Office, presented the FAA awards to Michael. At the right is Michael's teacher, William Gelardi. Jack Kemmerly State Aviation Director for California, gave him a certificate from the State of California. Ed Holbert, Manager of San Carlos Tower, welcomed Michael and his family to the tower for an informative visit.

FAAer's Children A Hit At School Science Fair



Recently, Hickory Elementary School in Torrance, Calif., held a Science Fair. Many of the projects shown by the students were aviation related. Two such projects were presented by Ashleigh and Jeffrey Fann (above left & right). Their father, Larry, is a Flight Standards Branch Operations Specialist in the Regional headquarters. Ashleigh's demonstration shows how air takes up space. She placed a partially inflated balloon in a bottle. After inserting a straw through a hole punched in the lid and sealing it with clay, the lid is sealed on the jar. When air is sucked out of the jar through the straw the balloon gets larger because the air pressure decreases in the bottle. Jeff's demonstration shows that air has weight. He blew two balloons up to the same size and tied them on a balanced stick. When the air is let out of one balloon the air filled balloon drops down and the other one rises, showing that air has weight.

Editor's Note: If you are interested in being an FAA volunteer Aviation Education Facilitator, contact your Division, Facility or Office Manager.
It's fun!

More ARSAs Proposed

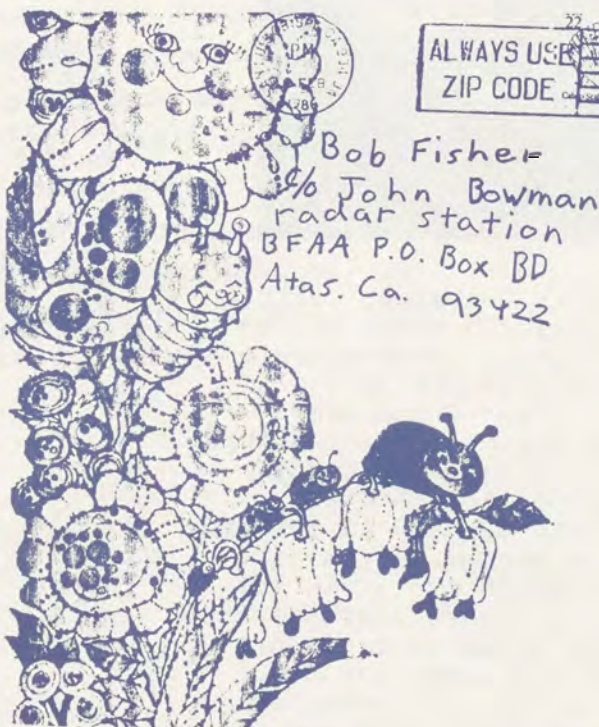
Ten more Airport Radar Service Areas (ARSA) are scheduled to go operational on April 10, bringing the total to 47 with 19 additional sites still in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking stage. ARSAs improve safety in terminal areas by requiring pilots to maintain two-way radio contact with the governing air traffic control facility.

The 10 new ARSA sites are: Beale AFB, CA; Birmingham Municipal Airport, AL; Burlington International Airport, VT; Castle AFB, CA; Charlotte/Douglas International Airport, NC; Columbus Metropolitan Airport, GA; Mather AFB, CA; McClellan AFB, CA; Nashville Metropolitan Airport, TN, and Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, CA.



AVIATION EDUCATION - - -

A group of "Home Schoolers" (ages three to 14 years old) recently visited the Paso Robles, California, Radar site. These are a few of the thank you notes received from the students.



ALWAYS USE
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Bob Fisher
% John Bowman
radar station
BFAA P.O. Box BD
Atas. Ca. 93422

THANK YOU
JOELLE
CHUM



Dear John Bowman

I'd like to thank you for the time you took to give us a tour of the Radar station on top of Black Mountain.

I thought it was a very educational tour, especially learning how radar works, and how that station helps make flying safe in central California, and also what role it plays in our nations defense.

Sincerely
Yours

Alan Karkiewicz

Dear Bob Fisher.
Thank you for giving us a tour of Black Mountain Radar Station.
I thought it was very interesting. Thank you.

Sincerely
yours.

Cynthia Karkiewicz



ON-GOING AT GOLDEN GATE AF SECTOR



Thank you for the
trip to the radar.



Dear Gentlemen,
Thank you for one of the best
field trips I have had for a long
time. If the trip didn't wear
me out so much the field trip
would be the best!

Sincerely,
Kevin Madruge
age 13



Dear Gentlemen:
Thank you for all the
time you spent with the
home-schoolers.
The thing I liked the
most was the computer
that showed how far the
airplane is up in the air.

Sincerely,
Shaun Madruge
Age 11



The Rewards Of Being An Aviation Education Facilitator

Rod Stahl has been a volunteer FAA Aviation Education Facilitator at Paso Robles, Calif., for over a year. He is also Air Traffic Manager for Paso Robles FSS and recently was appointed FAA Coordinator for the Paso Robles/Santa Barbara area.

Rod's latest aviation education activity has been participation in school career days programs and he recently appeared before 4th, 5th and 6th graders at the request of the Atascadero Unified School District. The children in the classes individually wrote thank-you notes to Rod. We decided some of their comments were too priceless to just file away -- here are a few excerpts for INTERCOM readers' enjoyment:

"...Thank you for showing me the movie because now I know a little more about airplanes and the radars they use for monitoring the airplanes. Also thank you for the panthlets because I am going to read them and show my dad what you gave me. Also I'm going to tell my dad what a good manneger you are. Well that's what I think of you. Signed your friend, Curtis.

"...I would like to be a pilot...the part I realy liked was the movie, because I didn't no you had do so much. When we went to Hawaii during Christmas break, we left from L.A.X., and landed in Oahu. I wondered how the people in tower could tell where the plane was coming from. Now I no...I hope you come back. Signed your friend, Kevin Wright.

"...Yours was the best of the three presentations I went to. I don't think I really want to be an air traffic controller, but I'm going to join the airforce. Your friend, Mike.



"...I loved your speech you gave. The film was very helpful. My dad has been flying for about 15 years. He had four planes and just got a new one, so we've been flying a lot...He liked those papers you gave us. So did I. I wish I could of stayed longer. I felt funny because I was one of the three girls there. At least I had a good time. Well I am running out of time so I gess I will have to say by even though I don't want to. Well, thanks by. Signed your friend, Carmen Machado.

"...Thank you for spending your time with us. I learned a lot about airplanes. My dad owns a sirplane. I told him what I learned. He was impressed. Thanks for coming! Sincerely, Robby Swift.

"...Thanks for telling us about your job. I want to become a pilot when I grow up. I didn't know about your job. I thought you just made sure the runway was clear. It must be pretty hard to keep all that stuff under controll...Sincerly, Louis Cuppel.

"...I enjoyed listining to your carear. By the way I lerned a lot about that or the Meteorologists because at first I thought they took the wether by a wether balloon. If you ever meet Harry Eckelburger tell him Jason Trebrolo said Hi!. I hope you can come next year. Chow! Sincerly Jason."

Sharing your profession with teachers and students is one of the activities volunteer FAA Aviation Education Facilitators do. Is it rewarding? Just ask Rod Stahl!

Harold Heinrichs Retirement Party Set For May 23



After nearly 33 years of government service, which includes 29 years of CAA/FAA duty, Harold Heinrichs, Program and Planning Specialist at Oakland Bay TRACON has announced his retirement effective June 1.

Harold joined the CAA/FAA in July, 1958, at Oakland Tower. After several years, "Mr. Mobility" moved downstairs from the Tower to the TRACON. Harold was later promoted to an area supervisor position at Hayward Tower. In 1978, Harold made another transcontinental move back to Bay TRACON as a Quality Assurance Training Specialist and most recently as the Program and Planning Specialist.

Harold and his wife, Edythe, plan to enjoy retirement by traveling and lounging at their vacation home at "Sea Ranch." Harold, in particular, plans to enjoy his hobbies of flying and photography.

A luncheon has been planned in Harolds' honor for May 30 at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro. Cost is \$11 including tax and gratuity, for either boneless stuffed chicken or roast sirloin. Checks should be made out to Charlie Moore and mailed directly to Bay TRACON no later than May 16.

For further information and reservations contact Charlie Moore at Bay TRACON, FTS-536-6005.

Fellow FAAer Needs Help

Air Traffic Controller George Bryce of Reading, Penn., needs our help. Recently, George was severely injured in an automobile accident while driving to work at Reading Air Traffic Control Tower. After a hospital stay, George has been released to his home for a six-month recuperation period.

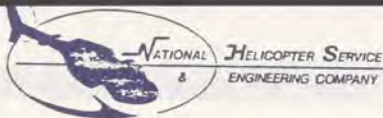
George is married, and has five children ranging in age from six to 16. His wife has a part time job as a secretary in the local area. However, hospital bills incurred are over \$8,000, and George has about four months of recuperation left for which he will not receive any pay. Surgeon and specialists bills are yet to be received for payment.

Reading Tower is appealing to fellow FAAers for assistance. Those wishing to make a donation to help George through this trying period should forward contributions to: George W. Bryce, Jr. Trust Fund; American Bank and Trust Co. of Penn.; Account #82-180642; c/o Riverside Branch; P.O. Box 1102, Reading, Penn. 19603.

Flight Standards Division Awards



Congratulations to the following Flight Standards folks who recently received awards: Special Achievement Award (Special Act) as presented by the Director of Aviation Safety, ASF-1 to Richard Teixeira, Honolulu Flight Standards District Office (FSDO); Letters of Commendation to Donald Lowry, Yoshio Isobe and Samuel Matsumoto of Honolulu FSDO and to Harold Camden, Bryan Ashley and Dorothy Donahower of Oakland FSDO; and a Letter of Appreciation to Gerald Widmayer of Van Nuys FSDO.



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VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 20, 1986
Bruce E. Troyer
Oxnard Air Traffic Control Tower
2845 West Fifth Street
Oxnard, CA 93030
Dear Mr. Troyer,
Thank you for the slide presentation on the FAS story. Mark Bellier's presentation was interesting, educational and very worthwhile. Our nine six grade classes appreciate the opportunity and we all thank you for it. Please express our appreciation to Mark, also.
Sincerely,
Henry M. Robertson
Henry M. Robertson
Assistant Principal
BEO/pw



January 28, 1986

Mr. Ron Warren
Federal Aviation Administration
7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your assistance in obtaining the 337 approval necessary for our 421 E Nose Cameramount. Your understanding and efforts in speeding up the approval process allowed us to complete the filming on time and with spectacular results. Without your timely assistance we could not have completed the project at all.

Again, thank you for changing your schedule to accommodate us, and I'll allow much more time for approvals on our next project.

Very truly yours,
Richard H. Hart II
Richard H. Hart II
Vice-President

RHII/ham



Mark, I'm very proud of your efforts - keep it up Steve

March 13, 1986

Mr. Lddie Lewis
Air Traffic Manager
Room 603, Airport branch
San Francisco International Airport 94128

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Our firm operates a number of helicopters in and around the San Francisco Airport.

Your controllers have consistently demonstrated exceptional courtesy, and efficiency when handling helicopters.

Frequently we have an unusual or complicated requests, involving external loads, special VFR, aerial photos, special routing, or some other operation that requires extra attention. In every case our pilots have nothing but positive comments about the San Francisco Tower.

We appreciate your attitude and professionalism.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any suggestions or comments for our pilots.

Sincerely,
Stephen A. Sullivan
Stephen A. Sullivan
President

Letters We Like To Receive

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March 11, 1986

Manager
Air Route Traffic Control Center
5125 Central Avenue
Fresno, CA 94336

Dear Sir or Madam: *W 3/17*

On 2 March of this year, at approximately 1400 local time I was on my way to Santa Rosa to shoot the ILS in VFR conditions. I was delayed and sent to Point Reyes and then brought back and given two approaches which was my request.

I write to tell you of a superb job that was performed by your personnel managing the Santa Rosa sector. I was on 127.8 and prior to getting to Santa Rosa noticed conversation between Oakland Center and a woman who obviously sounded terrified and frightened and could not find Santa Rosa on the beautiful VFR day that we had on the 2nd. She was thoughtful enough to confess her predicament and a gentleman handling the frequency at that time of day was outstanding to her and I must say I was glad that someone of his caliber and temperament was on the other end of the mike key. He gave her directions, he was never short, he vectored other people out of the way because he was busy and he didn't know where she was going and he on a few occasions told everyone else to stop talking while he tried to understand what this poor frightened soul in a airplane was doing. When she finally found the airport he turned her over to the tower and we all, as I'm sure everyone else on that frequency, breathed a great sigh of relief.

It is these difficult situations where people on the other end of the microphone really can save our necks and help us out when we get into trouble and his patience and kindness came through over the air to this distressed pilot. I wanted to let you know so that appropriate commendation could be delivered. One never knows when one may need the help of an air traffic control person and if I'm in that situation I hope I'm treated as kindly as this lady was.

Sincerely,
David C. M. Schiff
David C. M. Schiff N2489P

March 17, 1986

Mr. Larry Goff
Acting Air Traffic Manager
Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
Tower Facility
3386 Sky Lane Drive
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

Dear Mr. Goff:

I had the privilege of taking approximately twelve student pilots through the Sky Harbor Tower facility on March 10th. The experience was a very positive one and each of the students has since commented it has made their understanding of operations through controlled airspace very clear.

A special thanks to Mr. Dee Thompson who directed the tour. It is through the attitude and cooperation of professionals like Mr. Thompson that students come away with the knowledge and desire to cooperate with the standards set for the Sky Harbor area. Mr. Thompson has conducted tours for my students in the past and they appreciate his expertise and ability to make the ATC systems more understandable.

It is my hope that the doors to your facility will remain open and tours continue to be given to assist students and in the interest of safety of the airways.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Davies
Robert E. Davies

1138 Coleman Avenue
2250 E. Imperial Hwy, Monterey ATC
2475 Henderson Way
Monterey, CA 93940

To all of the fine controllers at Monterey:

I would like to take the time to say thank you for the excellent service that you provide in the Monterey Area.

I am a flight instructor from San Jose and spend a great deal of time in all of the different ATC sectors in Northern California. But I must say that whether I am with a VFR or IFR student I am always impressed with the services I receive from Monterey ATC. You represent the best of courtesy, professionalism, and efficiency and you do all this while controlling a wide variety of aircraft: heavy jet transport, military, and general aviation activity. Lessons that would take me 1-1 1/2 hours to complete elsewhere, can be accomplished in well less than an hour utilizing your airspace.

I tip my hat to your fine efforts. Keep up the good work that we all benefit from. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey L. Martin
Jeffrey L. Martin
Commercial Pilot
Certified Flight Instructor



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MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Letters We Like To Receive

January 25, 1986

January 21, 1986

Subject: Commendable Performance

Date: December 13, 1985

To: Tower Chief
FAA CONTROL TOWER
Monterey Airport
Monterey, CA 93940

Thanks to the Tower Controller on duty Friday night, January 17, 1986, he did an excellent job of handling the IFR departure of Seneca N83406.

I had flown to MOJ with one of United's maintenance customers for dinner. The leg started rolling in during our taxi, so we IFR was filed with our FSS. As they proceeded to the airport parking, the taxiing crew at MOJ got close.

The controller did a good job of coordinating two inbound to runway 16 at approximately 2300. He also effected our release. All this right up to the tower closing time of 2300.

Just as we were cleared for takeoff on runway 26, the fog rolled in to further lower the ceiling and visibility. Without request, the controller turned the runway lights up to full intensity. This was appreciated as we turned onto the runway. He also remained with us a little past 2300 through the MRYA SID until we were on our way to GILBE (SJC).

My customer was a manager from another airline who is also a pilot. Both of us are involved with Boeing 727 and 737 acceptance test flights. One subject of conversation on our way home was the superior handling received from a controller who put that little "added extra" into his job.

Would you please pass along my thanks.

Sincerely,

Ken Rhodes
Ken Rhodes
Contract Sales Manager
United Airlines

(Editor's Note: Hats off to Controller Robert Mitchell. Facility Manager Forney Lundy reports that Bob is also the first recipient of Monterey Tower's "Employee of the Month" acknowledgment.)

San Francisco International Airport - San Francisco, California 94123

January 16, 1986
WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94621

WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Letters We Like To Receive

January 25, 1986

TO: ATIS Tucson Tower/Tracon (Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan)

SUBJECT: Letter of appreciation to Mr. Steve Byrum and Mr. John Kerekes

FROM: ATC Training Sup Libby AAF (Jim Hinkle)

I'd like to express my sincerest thanks to Mr. Steve Byrum and Mr. John Kerekes for the expeditious handling of a UH-1H Medevac helicopter on Sunday evening, January 12, 1986.

The chopper carried my newborn grandson who was suffering from a torn diaphragm, which caused erratic breathing and heartbeat. At 5 minutes out the doctor only gave him a 50-50 chance.

Thanks to the expeditious service provided by Mr. Byrum and Mr. Kerekes my grandson is alive and gaining strength each day.

Again, "THANK YOU" gentlemen, from all my family, for a job well done.

James E. Hinkle
JAMES E. HINKLE
ATC Training Sup
Libby AAF

Mr. Winslow Lim
Federal Aviation Administration
P. O. Box 2397
Airport Station
Oakland, California 94621

Dear Mr. Lim:

In a recent conversation with our Tom Bay, he spoke of your visits to his office and your discussions on FAA aims and problems as they pertain to World Airways maintenance. The views and points that you bring forth in these conversations with Tom are most appreciated as they give us a good insight of our operations from a person with a broad aviation background. Also, the suggestions and tips you have imparted are truly appreciated and we pay heed to them.

The association between you and World Airways has been excellent, and we are assured that the type of rapport we have with FAA, we will endeavor to maintain. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Warren K. Vest
Warren K. Vest
Vice President and
Director of Operations

Editor's Note: Winslow Lim is the Principal Maintenance Inspector for World Airways at the FAA Flight Standards District Office in Oakland, California.

JAN 25 1986

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February 18, 1986

Mr. Francis L. Jonke, Air Traffic Manager
Ernest A. Love Field
Prescott, AZ 86301

Dear Mr. Jonke:

The Antelope Hills Property Owners Association want to express their thanks to you and your controllers for the excellent manner you are handling air traffic at the Prescott Airport.

Specifically we appreciate the fact that even though traffic is increasing, the noise abatement procedures you have instituted have proven effective. Before your tower was activated low level flights over the housing areas caused safety concerns. Your diligence in causing traffic to adhere to correct airport arrival and departure procedures is paying dividends.

We are well aware that with your limited facilities in the temporary tower your job has not been an easy one. Communication problems, viewing difficulties and inclement weather have not prevented you and your people from gaining the admiration of those of us who live in Antelope Hills.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia P. McAlpin
Virginia P. McAlpin
Secretary-Treasurer

Editor's Note: Sure hope you won't need a magnifying glass to read these, but due to the flood of "Letters We Like to Receive" and our efforts to reduce printing costs we thought we'd try this way.

Letters We Like To See

Van Vleck & Van Vleck

Rotors of Five Commercial Helicopters

SLIDESHOUSE CALIFORNIA

February 17, 1986

Mr. Ben Marcello
Facilities Manager
Flight Service Station
Sacramento Executive Airport
Sacramento, California 95822

Dear Mr. Marcello,

On January 20, 1986 I called Sacramento Flight Planning and requested weather and subsequently filed a flight plan to Carlsbad, New Mexico. The young lady who very expertly gave me the weather and took my flight plan also advised me of the frequency for turning on the landing lights at Carlsbad Airport. At the time, I thought this information to be incidental, but as it turned out, it was not. Due to unforeseen circumstances (usually the case!), we arrived late and low on fuel; and we greatly appreciated being able to turn on and see the bright landing system display at Carlsbad well after dark.

After returning home, we inquired and found her name to be Tara Grant. The flight plan that I filed should have had us there before dark; she apparently anticipated a later arrival, or at least made allowance for one. We are grateful for that extra point of help. Please let her know of our gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Stan and Lynn Van Vleck
Stan and Lynn Van Vleck

(Editor's Note: Hats off to Tara Grant at Sacramento FSS for a job well done!)

Jim Donnelly

Retirement Dinner

Set For

May 2

Jim Donnelly, Automation Specialist at Las Vegas Tower, is retiring after 32 years of federal service. Friends of Jim are invited to a buffet dinner planned in his honor on Friday, May 2, at Palace Station. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m.

For further information and reservations, contact Sherry or Barbara at Las Vegas Tower.

Agency Wins Payroll Suit

FAA has scored a victory in court in a suit brought by an FAA employee against two payroll employees at the Aeronautical Center over the withholding of Federal income tax.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma dismissed the plaintiff's contention that he is not subject to taxation under the 16th (Income Tax) Amendment to the Constitution because he is an individual and not a corporation.

The court found that the legality of taxing the income of individuals is well established and ruled that the plaintiff should pay court costs.

Equipment For First RCL Segment Delivered

The first shipment of equipment for FAA's new Radio Communications Link (RCL) system has been delivered by AT&T. It will be used for the segment between Patrick AFB and the Miami Center. Installation and testing of the segment's 14 sites, including the two terminal sites, should be completed by the end of March.

This is the first step in the creation of an upgraded FAA Radio Microwave Link (RML) system that will provide better service at less

cost than the present outmoded equipment. In all, the agency is replacing 750 microwave links in the current system and adding another 250 that will be tied together into a network serving en route centers throughout the country.

Included in the new equipment being delivered is a stronger transmitter and improved antenna system that will provide reliable transmission of data, while cutting the cost of communications between FAA facilities.

AMA Reviews Agency's Medical Standards For Airmen

The American Medical Association (AMA) has completed and turned over to FAA the results of its comprehensive study of the airmen medical standards in Part 67 of the Federal Air Regulations. The 800-page report was produced by AMA over a two-year period under a \$690,000 FAA contract.

The report proposes many new or revised standards, as well as policy and procedural changes, that reflect advances in medical science in the quarter century since Part 67 was first promulgated. The AMA's recommendations cover the standards for cardiovascular, mental and behavioral, visual, endocrine, respiratory, hematological,

hearing and equilibrium, musculoskeletal, and nervous system disorders.

The AMA report further offers guidance for the medical certification of pilots with conditions not covered specifically by current standards and suggests a new medical history and examination form be used by aviation medical examiners. Risk factors for sudden, incapacitating disease, such as heart attacks and strokes, also are highlighted in the report.

The report will be used by FAA's Office of Aviation Medicine as part of a major regulatory review of the Part 67 standards now underway within the agency.

Ken Meyer Retires



When H. K. "Ken" Meyer, Airworthiness Unit Supervisor at Phoenix Flight Standards District Office, decided to retire from the agency last fall, his friends and co-workers honored him with a real fiesta complete with Mexican flowers and a pinata. Master of Ceremonies was Airworthiness Inspector John Noel and Ken was doubly surprised with the arrival of his brother August, and his wife, who came all the way from Minnesota. Manager Eldon Gubler spent most of the evening one-handed -- with his arm in a fake cast == just to prove that he had lost his righthand man.

Top left: Ken Meyer (right) receives his retirement certificate from Manager Eldon Gubler (note the fake right-arm cast).

Right: From left--Ken Meyer, John Noel and Ken's brother and his wife.

Golden Gate AF Sector News

Congratulations to the following who recently received Letters of Appreciation at the Golden Gate Airway Facilities Sector: From the Technical Support Unit to Nathan Lyau for his help in the Mt. Tamalpais RCAG project...from Fred Twigge to Larry Bowen and Tom Hand for their help and technical expertise in repairing the localizer antenna array which was damaged by an aircraft...to Lou Soberanis and Rick Elia, from Santa Rosa Tower controllers for their assistance and support in repairing power failure and equipment problems in the temporary mobile tower...from San Carlos Tower Manager to Chuck Taylor, Joe Bettencourt, Hector Mendoza and Alex Gulyas for completing numerous projects which have enhanced the tower's appearance...to John Nishimura from Oak-

land Tower Manager, for his "dedication and professionalism" and responding to equipment failures while on scheduled leave...from Hayward Tower Manager to Bob Nelson, Joe Bettencourt and George Wong for remodeling the tower's fourth floor area...from Concord Tower to Paul Milagui for volunteering his assistance during the San Valley Shopping Mall accident...from the Paso Robles FSS Manager, Specialists and AWP-400 to the entire Paso Robles Nav/Com group for their teamwork, cooperation and support during the past year. Personnel in the group include Harvey Finwick, Michael Buback, John Langacker, Albert Velasco, Michael Borgeson and Gary Smith...and to Jerry Goren from AWP-463 for the outstanding job accomplished while on detail at the Regional Office.

News In Brief

Continental Airlines paid FAA a \$402,000 fine in full settlement of enforcement actions associated with violations of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The penalties are primarily based on violations involving record keeping, the 1983-84 training program, maintenance performance and inspections.

FAA has proposed an \$80,000 civil penalty against Starflight, Inc., a Memphis-based cargo carrier, for violating the terms of an exemption that allowed it to haul explosives for the military. The agency cited eight cases in which Starflight failed to notify FAA in advance of explosives-carrying flights and also failed to get permission to land from the operators of the destination airports, as required by the exemption. The last flight ended in a fatal accident in Oklahoma City last November.

The Back to Basics aviation safety program switched gears on April 1 to focus on the critical problem of collision avoidance. This portion of the Back to Basics program will run through the end of June and will feature accident prevention safety seminars, flight training clinics and related aviation safety activities. Future Back to Basics topics, chosen and directed by ASF's Accident Prevention Program Branch, will include weather, fueling, decision making and medical factors.

OWCP Payments Cut

The Office of Worker's Compensation Programs (OWCP) is no longer paying 100 percent of medical bills incurred through work-related injuries because of cuts mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law. Full payments ceased March 1.

However, in most instances employees should not have to pay the

ATCS Hiring

Drive Launched

Attention all employees interested in a career move or with friends or relatives looking to become air traffic controllers: the ATC specialist register was opened for a two-month recruiting campaign April 1.

The campaign will recruit for air traffic control centers, airport control towers and flight service stations (FSS). The majority of vacancies are in the en route center option. Those selected for centers and towers cannot be more than 30 years of age but there is no age requirement for FSS positions. Applications for controller jobs should be submitted by the May 31 deadline to the candidate's local Office of Personnel Management.



difference of 7.3 percent since before treatment the medical provider must sign a form agreeing to accept OWCP's coverage as payment in full. Not affected by the curtailment are compensation benefits for wage loss, scheduled awards for severe disabilities, and death benefits.



Reno FSS Dedication

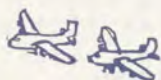
Dedication ceremonies for the newly commissioned Reno Flight Service Station were held last fall. Speakers included Jim Thompson, Airport Authority of Washoe County; Jack Faletti, Ken Krohn and Ed Couch, FAA; Stephen Jones, Vice President, DENRO, Inc.; and Les Rose, Reno FSS Air Traffic Manager.

Stephen Jones presented the Reno FSS with a plaque saluting "FAA's 50 years of ATC excellence" and DENRO's "50th ICSS installation, from Houma, Louisiana to Reno, Nevada." Les Rose accepted the honor on behalf of the facility. DENRO also sponsored a cocktail party at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino for all FSS personnel and guests.

News media coverage was provided by local television stations and Val Pisarski of Reno FSS coordinated all of the details for the event.

Photos -- from top down -- Reno FSS Controllers Terri Landon and Marcia McDermott prepare the ribbon for cutting.....Les Rose is congratulated by Ed Couch as members of the Board of Directors of Washoe County Airport Authority look on.....Ken Krohn, Air Traffic Division, addresses the gathering.....Val Pisarski admires the plaque. At the left are John Morrish and Stephen Jones of DENRO, Inc.....Les Rose does an on-camera interview with local TV station.

Deer Valley Tower News



Deer Valley Tower bids farewell to Area Supervisor Bill Preece, selected for Tucson Tower, and to Mark Harris, moving to Fresno Tower. Welcome aboard to Dan Schwertley and best wishes upon his recent marriage.

Congratulations to the following folks who received awards: Bob Trontvet, Outstanding Rating, and to Lew Robertson and Debra Guarriello, Special Achievement Award-Special Services Act.

Frank Yonke has been selected as Area Supervisor, Steve Wyloge has completed facility certification, and Chuck Goodson has completed facility training. Congratulations!

In April, Deer Valley Airport will sponsor the "Third Annual Senator's Classic," a hot air balloons competition involving about 50 balloons from the Phoenix area. The event has been established to raise money for the Arizona Make-A-Wish Foundation for terminally ill children. Last year, the race raised over \$18,000 in three days.

Phoenix TRACON Announces Retirements

Phoenix TRACON will be losing three of its folks to the retirement ranks: Dayol Hart, 33 years of service; Mert Suhr, 32 years of service; and Roger Stoddard, 31 years of service.

Retirement ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 9, in Tempe, Ariz. For information and reservations, contact Carol or Connie at Phoenix TRACON, FTS 261-3684.

Stress Management

A Hit

At Santa Barbara

Frank Heath, Electronics Technician at SBA AFSFO, recently prepared a class titled "Stress/Health Management #95270." The pilot program was recently presented at the Santa Barbara Flight Service Station with the encouragement and support of the Santa Barbara Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Manager Jim Hussong.

Frank has spent nine months studying stress and its effects upon the human body--both physically and psychologically. In the process, he has collected over a hundred books on the subject.

Those who attended the first class agreed that Frank presented an abundance of relevant information. When properly applied, it was felt that this information would benefit not only one's job surroundings, but also one's personal environment.

Participants included Chick Foley, Santa Barbara Tower Manager; Mickey Long, Santa Barbara FSS Manager (since transferred to New England Region); Don Isaacs, Lancaster Sector Office Manager; and Joanne Pianfetti, Vela Hammer, Marsha Olson, Glen Cardin, Jerry Brown, Dale Lowdermil and Madeline Hamilton.



BUDGET BOARD CREATED

In order to improve financial control procedures and get the most out of available funds, the Administrator has established the new Budget Execution Board. Chaired by Deputy Administrator Richard Jones, the board's primary function will be to review and make recommendations to the Administrator on budget realignments of \$1 million or

more. For instance, the board would make recommendations on the transfer of sums of money exceeding \$1 million from one agency organization to another.

Board members include the seven Associate Administrators, two regional directors and the Director of the Budget Office, who will act as Executive Secretary.

Downed Pilot Saved

When a twin-engine aircraft approaching Miami International Airport on Feb. 28 lost power in both engines and ditched in the Atlantic at night, the pilot could count himself lucky that Miami Approach Control had been tracking his every move on radar.

Even before the plane went down, tower controllers William Harris and Joseph Cazalas contacted the crew of an Eastern Airlines aircraft in the vicinity and asked them to stand by.

The Eastern crew observed the ditching and then circled the area as a guide to a Coast Guard rescue

helicopter that was being vectored to the scene by the Miami controllers. For more than an hour, Harris and Cazalas stayed on the job, coordinating the rescue effort and received their reward when word arrived that the pilot of the downed airplane was alive and well.

During the month of February, 103 flight assists were reported. Flight service stations were responsible for 42 of these, terminal facilities for six, and enroute centers for 15. There were 158 persons on board the aircraft involved.

Bay Area Facilities Join Forces To Provide Outreach Workshops

Bay Area Air Traffic facilities are pooling their collective talents and resources to provide career information to minorities and females. Last fall representatives from Oakland Center, Bay TRACON, San Jose Tower, Hayward Tower, Palo Alto Tower and Oakland Flight Service conducted ten one-day Outreach workshops at Oakland Center. The workshops were designed to introduce potential candidates to the FAA Air Traffic Control career field, brief them on the exam, where to take the exam, the academy training program, and pay and benefits. Over 450 applicants responded to local newspaper advertisements, and the reaction by the participants to the presentation was very enthusiastic.

This year, the Bay Area Civil Rights Committee, an organization consisting of representatives from Bay Area FAA facilities, will continue the Outreach Program in a different form. The Committee will be working with various community organizations such as Employment Development Departments and community colleges, and will be making presentations at these locations. The Committee already has several presentations scheduled at locations throughout the Bay Area. If you are an Air Traffic Controller at a Bay Area facility and are interested in becoming involved in this program, call Sandra Moore at Oakland Flight Service Station (415) 273-6204 or FTS 536-6204 for details.

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