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FAA Western-Pacific Olympics



Cover Story

by Malachy T. Coghlan

The FIRST ANNUAL FAA OLYMPICS was held on May 1, 1986, at the Leuzinger High School track near the Regional Office in Lawndale, Calif. Combining their efforts to plan, organize and coordinate the event were Judy Stone, Ken Key, myself--Mal Coghlan, and Civilair, Inc.

Fifteen competitive track and field events were scheduled, with approximately 50 people participating.

About 75 spectators braved chilly winds and darkening skies to cheer the competitors. During the keen competition, a four-minute, 41-second mile, and a 16-1/2-foot long jump were recorded by the judges. A spectacular 440-yard relay race, run almost completely in the dark, concluded the events.

The most popular event by far was the grueling "walking race," in which almost all the FAA Olympians participated. A volleyball competition, coordinated by Ken Key and held in Hermosa Beach, was the second most popular event.

The FAA Olympics was developed as a fund-raising event where FAAers pledged money to their favorite competitor. All proceeds will be used to develop a Fitness Center in the Regional Office. The fund-raising aspect was a tremendous success, to say the least, with the following pledges: Airway Facilities Division raised a whopping \$401; the Human Resource Management Division placed a second with \$149. Financial and Management Resources Division raised \$133 and Logistics Division raised \$56.50. The Western Aircraft Field Certification Office (ANM-179) raised \$45. Air Traffic Division raised \$38.

While the Airway Facilities Division ran away with the fund-raising honors, after the scores in the competitive events were tallied, there was a first-place tie between Airway Facilities and Human Resource Management Division. Financial and Management Resources placed second in the competitions and Civil Rights took third place.

An awards ceremony followed the Olympics where the winners were presented with trophies and ribbons, and all participants were congratulated for their hard work.

After expenses were deducted, the Olympics raised \$793.50. Civilair, Inc., has pledged an additional \$500, making a total of \$1,293.50 for the Fitness Program. We should all take pride in our contributions to the FAA Olympics, and look forward to the Fitness Center opening in the near future.

Although the primary purpose of the FAA Olympics was to raise funds, the competition itself was spectacular. It was a great opportunity for FAAers to get to know each other outside of the work environment and prove once again that the FAA is an agency that represents more than just a job--it's a great place to work and make friends.

Cover photo: Men in motion... A race to the finish line in the sprinting event.

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OLYMPICS

Photos:

Top -- Glenn Cross is just a few steps behind Paul Johnson in the men's one-mile run.

Next -- Yolunda Blue strides along the track in the women's one-mile run.

Below -- Organizer Mal Coghlan, far left, supervises grueling competition for women's push-ups. Participants include--Kathy Trujeque, Shirley Rubera, Kathy Thompson, Yolunda Blue, Tanya Shahid and Erica Clark.



COMRADERY

&

COMPETITION

Sports And Spectators

Top == Eddie Arriola with pen in hand and Judy Stone recruit sign-ups for the events. Manny Amaro is peaking over Eddie's shoulder.



Middle == Spectators and cheerleaders include--from left--Wayne Olson, Dan Hedani, Margaret Walker, Jim Partridge, Gary Fisher, Eileen Partridge, Al Riedel and Matt Pespia.

Below == Left: Gary Fisher warms up for men's basketball throw event.

Right: Getting psyched up for competition include--from left--Jackie Reed, Carol Marsillo, Mike Johnson, Mildred Ramos, Judy Shigemura, Paul Johnson, Tanya Shahid, Melanie Barnes, Erica Clark and Michael Terry.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY...

Winners of the events were presented ribbons at the track field and a few days later, all participants were honored in a ceremony held in the lobby of the Regional Office. More trophies were awarded.

Photos: Top == The victors in the men's 50-yard dash are--from left-- Dave Washino (third place), Mark Shuster (first) and Alex Paredes (second).

Below left == Olympic Organizers Judy Stone and Mal Coghlan preside over Regional Office ceremony. Awards were presented to the offices which raised the most money at the Olympics. (Proceeds will aid in the establishment of a fitness center in the Regional Office.)

Below right == Regional Office folks applaud the efforts of the participants and organizers in pulling off the successful "1986 FAA OLYMPIAD."

(Olympic photos by Elly Brekke.)

FUN & FRIENDSHIP



The News In Brief



Illinois has joined a growing list of states that have established July 7-11 as "Air Traffic Control Week" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the federal role in controlling air traffic. Governor Jim Thompson signed a proclamation noting that his state "is proud to have within its borders 1,086 air traffic personnel who serve their state and nation by contributing to the growth and safety of aviation."

The FAA Depot Cost Hotline has recorded a potential savings for the agency of \$120,203 since it began operating last October. Of the 162 hotline calls that had been investigated as of June 27, 49 proved valid and netted FAA big savings in both one-time and annual costs. Tips or questions about overpricing should be directed to Fred Miller of the FAA Depot on the hotline numbers, (FTS) 749-COST

and (commercial) 405-686-COST.

The Third Annual ATC Instructor's Reunion will be held Oct. 10-11 in Oklahoma City. ATC Academy instructors past and present, retirees and friends are invited to attend. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive more details as they become known, write Laurie Tester, 112 Chicksaw Lane, Yukon, OK 73099 or call (405) 354-2216.

All-time highs in passenger flights and revenue were recorded by the airline industry last year -- and are likely to be surpassed in 1986 -- according to the recently released annual report of the Airline Transport Association. The report noted that 380 million passengers traveled last year on 5.7 million flights. Last year's record operating revenue for the airlines reached \$46.6 billion, with an operating profit of \$1.4 billion and a net profit of \$863 million.

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Hiring And Overtime Freezes Slightly Thawed

The agency now is allowing Associate Administrators, Regional/Center Directors and equivalent officials to grant exemptions to the hiring and overtime freezes that have been in effect since April 15. Previously only the Deputy Administrator could approve these exemptions.

The new policy, which was signed June 20 by Deputy Administrator Dick Jones, permits the designated officials to approve exemptions for certain overtime requests and for filling vacancies that will not require a permanent change of station move. It also has eliminated the need for certain monthly travel and employment reports, but requires each organization to stay within current allowances.

Congress Designates July 6 National ATC Day

Both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have now designated July 6 as National Air Traffic Control Day, and only the approval of the President is needed to make it official. The legislation passed by the two houses notes that "the safety, efficiency and technical sophistication of the United States' National Airspace System is now unparalleled in the world and the preeminence of the United States in pioneering the technology of air traffic control is universally recognized and emulated by other nations throughout the world."

THE AWARDS SCENE

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Congratulations to Air Traffic Control Specialist Ben Baker, left, upon earning a Letter of Commendation from Area Supervisor Mike Walker, right. Ben was cited for his overall performance for the past year.

Also on the awards scene is Controller Robert Young, who was recently presented with his 25-year career service pin by Michael Walker. Sincere congratulations, Robert!

SACRAMENTO FSS



Area Supervisor Ralph Guerriero (right), Sacramento Flight Service Station recently received a Special Achievement Award, presented by Assistant Air Traffic Manager Ron Wenstrom.

During the rating period, Ralph demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and effective skills in interpersonal relations. He has been praised by his fellow workers for his performance.

Well done, Ralph!

REGIONAL AIRWAY FACILITIES

The Regional Airway Facilities Establishment Engineering Branch recently presented Special Achievement Awards to Electronics Engineer Gary Benson, Electronics Technician Bill Dial and Management Assistant Terry Curtis. Also on the "Awards Honor Roll" is Secretary Pat Hamel who earned an "On the Spot" cash award.

Congratulations, all!

SACRAMENTO FSS



Quality Assurance Specialist Marvin Johnson (left), Sacramento Flight Service Station, recently received his career service emblem representing 30 years of devoted federal service. According to Air Traffic Manager Ben Marcelo, who made the presentation, the facility is "doubly proud of Marv not only for his devoted service but for his performance at his current position."

Congratulations, Marv!

PHOENIX AIR TRAFFIC HUB

Congratulations to Ronald Wagner of Falcon Tower who earned a Special Achievement Award for Special Service and to Ramon Varela of Prescott Tower who recently received an Outstanding Rating.

Well done, Ronald and Ramon!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Engen Looks to the Future

Looking to the future Administrator Engen has instituted a new Agency Management Modernization Program (AMMP) to guide FAA's progress over the next five years. The program is based on draft recommendations by an agency task force chaired by Southwest Region Director C.R. "Tex" Melugin. Monitoring the program and issuing progress reports along the way is the headquarters Office of Management Systems.

Modernization initiatives will include: the development of programs for more designation and delegation of routine activities in the areas of air carrier certification and obstruction evaluation; a review of the criteria for the opening or closing of FAA facilities; further implementation of the office automation activities outlined in the Agency's Information Resources Management Plan; and the completion of a cost allocation study.

Items contained in AMMP that are targeted for follow-on study include: the review of the loan guarantee program; the centralization of some regional support functions; the consolidation of the management and budget of administrative and operational telecommunications; the transfer of the Research, Engineering and Development function outside of Washington headquarters; the organizational link between ADL, AAT and AVS; aircraft certification; the management of contractor forces; the AT Hub Management concept; and various legislative initiatives.

More AFSS Families Are Commissioned

The Flight Service Automated Systems (FSAS) continues to move ahead rapidly with 7 "families," involving 15 automated flight service stations (AFSSs), now on line.

On May 28, the FSAS family, consisting of the Houston en route center and the Conroe, TX, DeRidder, LA and McAlester, OK, AFSSs, went operational. It was followed May 30 by the commissioning of the Kansas City center family which presently includes only the Columbia, MO, AFSS but will be expanded this summer to take in the Columbus, NE, AFSS.

The Chicago center and Ft. Dodge, IA, AFSS were commissioned June 23.

Both the AFSS specialists and the pilots they serve have praised the way the new automated equipment presents weather information for briefings. Specialists, in particular, like the fact that weather information is given in a logical and convenient way required by the agency's FSS Specialists Handbook.

So far, deliveries of equipment have been made to 10 centers and 26 AFSSs. The next FSAS equipment deliveries from the contractor — E-Systems of Garland, TX — are scheduled for July 10 and 11 to the Seattle Center and the McMinnville, OR and Seattle AFSSs.

CAMI Receiving Completed Surveys

There aren't any hard numbers yet but the Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) at the Aeronautical Center has begun to receive completed employee survey forms.

Managers throughout the agency have held all hands meetings to encourage the participation of their employees and some have carried advocacy a bit further. For instance, in a classic example of "management by walking around," Office of Airworthiness Director Craig Beard personally hand-carried the survey to all 53 of his employees.

Even so, it's possible that some employees may not have received their questionnaires yet. If so, they should contact their Human Resource Management Officer ASAP or they will forfeit their chance to be heard.

National and regional survey results will be available in September. After that, office and facility-level reports will be distributed as they are generated. The regions with the highest response rates will get their results first and so on down the line.

Golden Gate AFS News

Congratulations to Howard Bolton and Michael Buback who received Special Achievement Awards based on their job performance.

Best wishes to Ray Cole, who recently retired after 36 years of service, and to Rocky Riberal for his recent promotion with AWP-464.

Congratulations to Don Hebbard who received his 35-year service career emblem; and to Albert Velasco, Charles Cage and Richard Elia who received their 30-year service career emblems.

Letters of Appreciation were received from A. Dedryvere, Le Chef du Departement Electronique, Ecole Nationale De L'Aviation Civile France, to Tony Beals, George Gamboa and Abe Jung for the tour of the technical facilities at San Francisco Airport...from Bob Lamora, Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector Manager, to Fred Lavell from conducting Terracom TML training to the McClellan Radar/ARTS Unit personnel...from Forney Lundy, Monterey Tower Manager, to Charles Epps for his quick assistance when a water pipe broke in the Air Traffic Administrative office...from Alex Gulyas, Environmental Supervisor, to Francis Osgood and Tom Loo for their assistance in completing the 2nd Generation VOR environmental modification at San Francisco...from Bob Nelson, Environmental Supervisor, to Rocky Riberal for assisting APM-153 with the installation of the Oakland South Tower UPT modification...and to Rudy Horabuena from Bob Nelson for accepting the environmental responsibilities of a technician on detail.

Condolences are extended to the family of Ted Ruth, ARTS/Radar Electronics Technician, who recently passed away from cancer.



Jack Moore Retirement Luncheon July 31

Jack Moore, Ontario Flight Service Station, is retiring after 35 years of Federal Service. All his friends are invited to attend a luncheon in Jack's honor on Thursday, July 31 at the Magic Lamp in Rancho Cucamonga beginning at 11:30 a.m.

For further information and reservations, contact Janet Snyder or Jerry Marcum at (714) 983-9345.



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Oakland Flight Service Station



Top--Cyril "CC" Carpenter (left) receives his 30-year pin from Manager Marty Landers. Most of CC's 30 years have been spent at Oakland Flight Service Station (FSS).

Middle--15-year pins are the order of the day as Marty makes presentations to Bev Taylor, Alex Vieglaiss and Ward Simpson. Next, Imre Kogl claims Oakland FSS as his temporary home as he prepares for a career in air traffic under the College Coop Program.

Below--David Cockrum (left) receives a Quality Within Grade Award from Area Supervisor Larry Arnold.

People

And

Awards



Top--Assistant Manager for Training Jack Howard (left) receives a Letter of Commendation, presented by Acting Assistant Manager Terry Lankford.

Middle--Marty presents award letters to Paul Pagel from the Combined Federal Campaign and the facility. Oakland FSS was cited as increasing the total gift by 67 percent and total donors by 77 percent under Paul's campaign direction. At the right, Jim Mason, Area Supervisor, earns a Special Achievement Award.

Below--Jim Mason and CC Carpenter are shown on their last day at Oakland FSS as they prepare for retirement.

FAA Reports to Congress On Weapon Screening

Almost one billion people passed through security check points at U.S. airports in 1985, resulting in the detection of nearly 3,000 firearms and other weapons, according to FAA's latest "Semi-Annual Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of the Civil Aviation Security Program."

The report also notes that there were four hijacking attempts against U.S. air-

liners in 1985 with TWA Flight 847 the only successful one. In 1984, there were five such attempts with four successful.

Since the screening program began in January 1973, almost seven billion persons have been screened and more than eight billion pieces of carry-on luggage checked. The result has been more than 34,000 firearms detected with over 14,000 related arrests.

ICAO Announces Vacancies

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) announces vacancies for several positions: Legal Officer, Legal Bureau--Montreal; Administrative Officer, European Office--Paris; Chief, Management Support Office, Technical Assistance Bureau--Montreal; Technical Officer, Communications European Office--Paris; Technical Officer, Air Navigation Bureau--Montreal; Language Officer (Reviser), Russian Section, Bureau of Administration and Services--Montreal and Technical Officer, Rules of the Air Traffic Services and Search and Rescue--Paris. Closing date for bids is August 18.

For more information concerning ICAO vacancies, call Mrs. Marilyn Fobbs at FTS 426-3178.

Concord Tower Open House



On June 14 and 15, Concord Tower held an open house for the general public. The control tower was open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days when over 700 people toured the facility. Highlighting the event were two video films, one of which was made by our own Michael Riley and Paul Williams.

Special thanks to Area Supervisors James Robinson and Leland Wingard, along with controllers Ruth Ryan, Michael Snyder and Brian Spencer, for their help with the tours and displays.

Redding Job Expo Proves To Be Big Success

Over 4,000 students and adults flocked to the Job Expo recently held in Redding, Calif. Counties of Shasta, Tehama and Trinity were represented by folks seeking initial employment or career changes. More than 3,000 viewed the FAA display materials, asked questions about the FAA, received over 6,000 pieces of literature on aviation careers and were given a positive image of federal employment. Air

Traffic controller candidates were personally interviewed, and 27 registered to take the controller exam. The prospective controllers were also scheduled for a class on test-taking skills specifically related to controller exams.

The Expo was a true "One-FAA" effort, including participants from Chico Tower, Red Bluff Flight Service Station, Red Bluff Airway Facilities Sector and Redding Tower.

Regional Airway Facilities Division Awards

Jim Bailey of the Regional Airway Facilities Maintenance Operations Branch recently received a Letter of Appreciation from Division Manager Alex Hammond. Jim was honored for his work with the numerous Obstruction Evaluation cases received in the region, as well as for all the compliments Alex receives in Jim's behalf.

Letters of Appreciation were also presented to Frank Schuh, Leon Roberts, Cliff Love, Bill Devlin and Jesse Milliner who are members of the Field Maintenance Party. These folks were acknowledged for their professional work at the Needles, Ariz., VOR during the facility's refurbishment.

Percy Djonne, Robert Anderson, Dale Knee and Garry Taylor also earned Letters of Appreciation for their usual dedication to duty during the recent repair of the Half Moon Bay RCAG road and relocation of the Runway 10 Right VASI at San Francisco International Airport.

Congratulations, and keep up the good work!

Attention Bowlers . . .

The FAA Bowling League is now accepting bowlers for participation in the winter league. Early sign-up will assure a position, since the League operates on a first-come, first-served basis. The fun begins at South Bay Lanes in Redondo Beach starting on September 5.

A business meeting is scheduled for August 15 to discuss league rules, "bye" dates and length of season. Participants will be contacted with more details.

For more information, contact Carl McGee, League President, at 213/297-1100 or Barbara Fisher, League Secretary, at 213/297-1202.

See ya at the lanes!

Brief News From San Carlos



Best wishes to former San Carlos Tower controllers who recently transferred with promotions. Mark Mammini has moved to Tucson...when last heard, he was screaming "Go Niners!" to a Saguaro cactus by moonlight! Cheryl Kato decided to go for the big time and is now at Oakland Center. Guy Heney decided he has taught the San Carlos pilots all he knows and is now using his experience at Oakland Tower. Judy Opperman, tired of bringing up the rear, is also on her way to Oakland Tower. Before departure, all four received Letters of Commendation or Appreciation for their contributions to the facility's efforts.

Oliver Campbell and Juli Carlton also recently received Letters of Appreciation. Area Supervisor R.Q. Simmons received an Outstanding Rating accompanied by a Sustained Superior Performance Award.

Congratulations to Jack Hardcastle and Pat Musick for gaining facility certification. The ensuing check-out party proved to be a lot of fun.

A slightly belated welcome aboard to Larry Dodge and John Anderson. They are giving it their best shot under the tutelage of Oliver Campbell and Chris Latherow.

Congratulations to Juli (formerly Finwick) Carlton and Rick Carlton who were married on February 1.

We are saddened to report the loss of a good friend and fellow controller, Raymond Winfree. Ray passed away earlier this year after a short illness. Ray is missed at San Carlos Tower.

Human Relations Leader and Air Traffic Manager Ed Holbert has had a very difficult experience with back problems over the past few months. Because the exact nature is unknown, he is still undergoing tests. The tower folks hope he can return soon.

AVIATION EDUCATION -- AT CHICO TOWER

Chico Tower recently provided a facility tour for the Chico Chapman Elementary School third grade class, with 50 kids and adults visiting the facility.

Controllers Karl Klemm and Mary Cummins conducted the tour, and very capably explained the functions of the facility and how air traffic operations are conducted at Chico Airport.

The tower folks share these responses received from the kids and their teachers. "We found them (the letters) to be delightful--" says Tower Manager Gordon Brewer, "Especially the ones that had very obviously been folded, spindled and even walked on!"



Dear Gordon
 That was nice of you to take time off
 your job. I wish I could work there. I
 let you get a lot of money. It looked
 fine.
 Sincerely,
 Nathan

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for having the
 third grade students from Chapman
 in the tower with you. They
 really did learn a lot about the
 airport from you. I'm sorry I
 didn't get to go up myself. Maybe
 I'll get to if we do something
 like this again.

Thanks again for supporting
 education in Chico.

Sincerely,
 Joyce Steyer
 Chapman School

loader

Dear Gordon

It was a good idea to go to
 the tower. I am glad my teacher and Mrs.
 Gray thought of it. The scary part of the tower
 was the stairs. Thanks for the tour. Bye!!

Sincerely,

Elena

P.S. the other people were nice to

Dear Goedong,

I like the tower and what you told us.



enjoyed being talking with you. The red and green lights I liked. I wish I could be tower chief some day. The tower had a lot of buttons and switches. Why is there so many buttons and switches. Thank you for letting us see the tower.

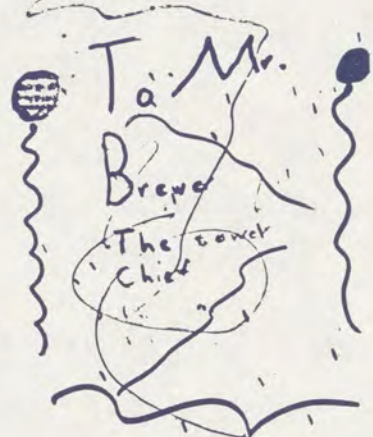
Your friend, Loren

Dear Mr. Brewer, thanks for letting us go up in the tower. The tower was interesting. I liked when the lights when on. It was fun when we went up the stairs.

Loves, Regina



Your Friends
Nicolette
Jackie



Dear Mr. Brewer, Thank you for letting us go up in the tower. We are thankful to you for letting us go up for showing us the light guns. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Nicolette
Jackie

Dear Mr. Brewer,
I really appreciate your taking the time and trouble to show our class through the tower. It was the "highlight" of our field trip and I know the children will always remember it. Your kind of special effort does make a difference!

Sincerely,
Katherine Gray
Chapman School

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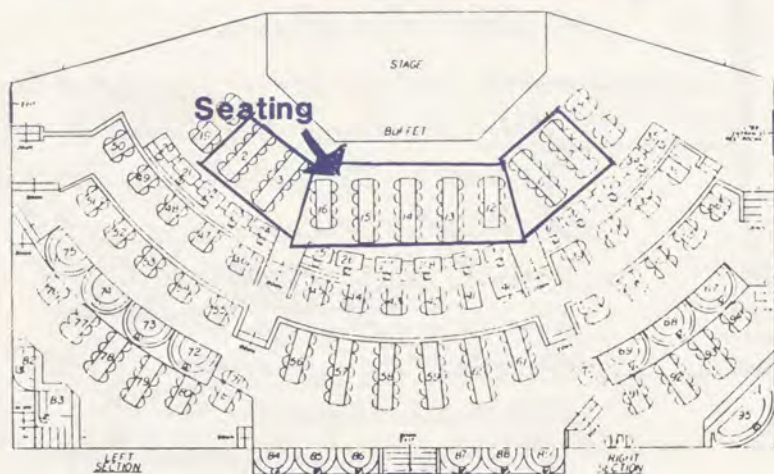
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