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ARIZONA'S 1986 AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET

Cover Story

by Don Judd
Accident Prevention Specialist

Arizona's 12th annual Aviation Safety Awards Banquet was recently held in Phoenix, Ariz. This event is sponsored annually by the Arizona Safety Advisory Group in conjunction with the FAA's Accident Prevention Program. The purpose is to call attention to the significant contributions that particular people make to safety in aviation. Special recognition is given to flight instructors and maintenance technicians, as well as to air traffic facilities, which by the nature of their profession and activity are in a position to materially affect the safety of flight in the performance of their duties.

The 1986 winners announced at the banquet in the various categories were: Arizona Air Traffic Facility of the Year - Scottsdale Tower; Flight Instructor of the Year - James Giase, from Chandler Air Service, Chandler, Ariz; and Arizona Maintenance Technician of the Year - Roger Allan Stern, from Central Arizona Aviation, Falcon Field, Ariz. Also, the Arizona Pilot's Association Air Safety Award for the individual contribution to aviation safety was presented to Albuquerque Center Controller Bill Vittitow.

The Desert Sportsman Pilots Association made a special award presentation to the Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office in appreciation of FAA's efforts in their many acrobatic show activities.

Guest speaker was Jim Greenwood, noted author/writer of books such as "Stunt Flying in the Movies." Master of Ceremonies was Dick Leighton, traffic reporter, KNIX radio and weekend weatherman for TV channel 12. Dick is also a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor.

Approximately 329 people attended the highly successful affair, which is one of the aviation highlights of the year in Arizona. Photos were graciously taken by Rich Rosanova from the Airpark Publishing Company "Corporate Connections."

Cover Photos: Top, left = Arizona Pilots Association (APA) President James Timm (left) announces the APA Safety Award for Individual Contribution is Albuquerque Center Controller Bill Vittitow. Richard Miller, Manager of the Phoenix TRACON, receives the award for Bill who was unable to attend the banquet.

Top, right = Tim Daley (left), Arizona Desert Sportsman Pilots Association, presents a special award to Alfred Adams, Operations Unit Chief, Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office.

Below, left = Awards banquet guest speaker Jim Greenwood, noted author/writer.

Below, right = Left to right - Charles Ralston, Manager, Scottsdale Tower = Air Traffic Facility of the Year; James Giase = Flight Instructor of the Year; and Roger Stern = Maintenance Technician of the Year.



The Envelope Please. . .

Charley Brown's in King Harbor, Redondo Beach, was the site of the recent election of new officers. After an outstanding dinner (topped off with chocolate mousse), Toastmaster Glenn Cross opened the meeting by introduction Table Topics Master Cathy Beam. Next up was Double Distinguished Toastmaster (silver) Mike Moon, guest speaker for the evening. "Motivation" was the theme of Mike's speech, which centered around the benefits of Toastmasters participation.

Then...the moment all were waiting for. Elections were held. Campaign speeches were delivered, ballots cast and the following folks walked away with the offices:

President -- Joan Zubarik (co-President will be Bill Lindsay)
Administrative Vice-President -- Cathy Beam
Educational Vice-President -- Bob Kivitt
Treasurer -- Mike Spitt
Secretary -- Virginia Kemp
Sergeants-at-Arms -- Bill Carter and Ron Simpson
Bulletin Editor -- Elly Brekke



New officers assumed duties effective July 1 and will serve a six-month term. Officers preside over regularly held meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:45 a.m. in Conference Room 4W3/7 on the fourth floor of the regional office.



Photos: Left -- Club members enjoy a social hour at Charley Brown's prior to the dinner meeting. Wrapped up in conversation are, from left, Eddie Arriola, O.C. Baugh, Mike Spitt, Bill Carter, Barry Simmons and Cliff Rustad. (Photo by Elly Brekke.)

Right -- New Toastmasters officers include (from left) Bill Lindsay, Elly Brekke, Bill Carter, Joan Zubarik, Mike Spitt, Cathy Beam, Bob Kivitt, Virginia Kemp and Ronnie Simpson. Glenn Cross, far right, is the club's past president. (Photo by Bob Brekke.)

The News

In Brief



Administrator Engen has designated Bob Whittington, ANE-1, to fill in for the departing Dick Jones until a new Deputy Administrator is named by the Reagan Administration and approved by Congress.

FAA's 50th Anniversary message is being carried aloft by the Goodyear blimps Enterprise and America in the Eastern part of the country and Columbia in the Western part. From July to October, the 59-foot high blimps will blink the message, "Saluting 50 Years of ATC Excellence" as they cruise around major U.S. cities. Also displayed as part of the moving message will be the ATC 50th Anniversary logo and an animation of a blimp landing at an airport.

It's time to use the new July 14, 1986, DOT telephone directory when calling FAA headquarters or any other DOT office in Washington. The new Northern Telecom phone system went into operation on the 14th, changing every number in the system. However, both the old and the new telephone systems will be in operation until July 28. After that date, dialing an old number will get you an "intercept" operator who will help you place your call.

President Signs Budget Bill

President Reagan has signed the "catch-all" spending bill that contained FAA's supplemental FY '86 budget request. The supplemental provides the agency with an additional \$84.2 million for Operations. FAA's original request to Congress was for \$80 million.

The bill also authorizes a \$72 million transfer from the Facilities and Equipment Appropriation to the Research, Engineering and Development Appropriation to help fund the Advanced Automation System.

National Air Traffic Control Day, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

July 6, 1986, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of an airways traffic control system by the United States Bureau of Air Commerce. In that fifty-year period, the Nation's air traffic control system has evolved from reliance on relatively simple, unsophisticated equipment and procedures to today's highly sophisticated automated system, which safely and efficiently handles millions of flights each year and serves as a model for the world aviation community.

With the commitment and skill of thousands of Federal Aviation Administration employees, including air traffic controllers, electronic technicians, and engineers, the national air traffic control system offers a high level of safety and efficiency that has been its proud hallmark. Thus, as we celebrate National Air Traffic Control Day, let us remember with gratitude those who have dedicated themselves to making the system what it is today, and let us thank those who are working to make it even better for tomorrow.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 188, has designated July 6, 1986, as "National Air Traffic Control Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 6, 1986, as National Air Traffic Control Day. I call upon the people of this Nation and their Federal, State, and local governmental officials to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United States air traffic control system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

Ronald Reagan

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Aviation Essay Judges Receive Awards



Audrey Schutte, Accident Investigator, National Transportation Safety Board, receives Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for being a volunteer judge in the 1986 FAA Western-Pacific Region Annual Aviation Education Essay Contest from Regional Director Mac McClure as Gary Mucho, Chief, Los Angeles Field Office, National Transportation Safety Board looks on.



Regional Director Mac McClure presents certificate of appreciation to Lee Nichols, Los Angeles Department of Airports Public Relations Office in recognition of his efforts as a volunteer judge in the 1986 FAA Western-Pacific Region Annual Aviation Education Essay Contest.

(Photos by Russ Park.)



Center Sectors Switched From N.Y. To Boston

After months of preparation, FAA was scheduled to transfer five low-altitude and two high-altitude airspace sectors from the New York to the Boston en route center over the weekend of July 12 and 13. The shift of sectors is designed to relieve staffing shortages at the New York facility and cut down on controller overtime.

No permanent change of station moves are involved in the move although Boston controllers took training at the New York center and con-

trollers from the Big Apple are spending 30 days in a trouble-shooting role at the New England facility.

As a result of the transfer, Washington Center controllers will be able to hand-off high-altitude traffic directly to Boston, and Boston controllers may hand-off New York bound planes directly to the New York TRACON. Even more important, the New York Center will reassign more than 50 controllers to other sectors with staffing problems.

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Prescott FSS Awards

From the initial day, April 1, 1985 to the present, the Prescott Flight Service Station has been busy. The initial group of seven has increased to over 40. We have seen the growing pains of Model 1 installation, training, shakedown and finally commissioning. Many people were responsible for this success and have been recognized for their efforts.

During the past year those who received Special Achievement Awards (SAA) are Alexander Hyslop, Norman Weeks, Harold McInturff, John Ni-

cholson, Billy Bryant, Dennis Leckington, Richard Mercado, Richard Wilhite, Thomas Moody, Tommie McCabe and Charlene Wittman.

Those who received Quality Within Grade (QWIG) are Alfred Granizo, Michael Liversidge, Bobby Turner, Rose Ludwick and Jerome Barila.

Recently the Prescott FSS also recognized Jerome Barila, 30 years of service; Robert Tilman, 30 years of service; Joseph Veraldi, 25 years of service and John Nicholson, 15 years of service.

Congratulations to all!

Thanks From A Heroine

Vonnie Voet, a young flight attendant who was awarded the Department of Transportation medal for Distinguished Service, writes to the FAA as follows:

"Thank you...it was very thoughtful of you and greatly appreciated.

"The ceremony was so nice and I'd like to thank the FAA for taking the time and effort to present us with the awards. It is a nice souvenir

of a very important moment in my life.

"Once again, thank you.

"Sincerely, Vonnie Voet."

On June 23, INTERCOM published a cover story about the heroic actions of Vonnie and her fellow flight attendant Sally Nelson. Vonnie and Sally were responsible for ensuring the safety of passengers as an aircraft crashed and burned in Jasper, Wyoming.

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High Court Voids Key Feature Of Budget Law

The Supreme Court in a 7-to-2 decision ruled July 7 that the automatic budget-cutting mechanism in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law is unconstitutional.

However, the decision does not invalidate the G-R-H law. It simply means that Congress no longer can farm out the budget-cutting process to the Comptroller General but must do the job itself.

The immediate effect of the decision is to invalidate the first round of G-R-H cuts ordered March 1. The cuts reduced FY '86 spending by 4.3 percent and resulted in a \$116 million loss in FAA's operations account, as well as lower spending levels for facilities & equipment, airport grants and R&D.

White House officials and Congress-watchers are predicting that Congress now will pass legislation approving the

relatively modest March 1 cuts. But the outlook for FY 1987, when significantly larger cuts may be required to get down to the G-R-H prescribed deficit level of \$144 billion, is much less certain.

G-R-H was passed by Congress last year to reduce the Federal deficit in annual stages to zero by FY 1991. It specified that if the deficit reduction levels for each year were not met, the Comptroller General was to order the necessary across-the-board budget cuts using data provided by the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget. The high court's July 7 decision held that this method of budget-cutting violated the principle of separation of powers because it vested executive branch power in the Comptroller General, who is an employee of the legislative branch.

FAA Helps Customs

In response to a request by the U.S. Customs Service, FAA has proposed three rule changes that would help Customs officials spot aircraft involved in drug smuggling. Overall the changes would affect approximately 80,000 planes.

The first of the changes would require all aircraft flying into and out of the U.S. to display 12-inch high national and registration marks (N-numbers). The

second would require planes to have an externally-mounted identification plate that is readable to a person standing outside the aircraft while it is on the ground. The third change would call for operators of aircraft with supplementary fuel tanks in the passenger or baggage compartments to carry documentation proving that these tanks were installed in compliance with FAA regulations.

High Court Rules Against Handicapped Passengers

The Supreme Court has ruled that a Federal law protecting the rights of the handicapped does not apply to air travelers. In a 6-3 decision the high court held that since airlines do not receive direct Federal aid, they are exempt from the

law that withholds aid from those who discriminate against the handicapped.

The court further ruled that "the air traffic control system is a public program that does not involve financial assistance to anyone."

Ray Henslee Retirement Dinner Set For August 2

Ray Henslee, Monterey Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Manager, is retiring after 30 years of Federal service. All his friends are invited to attend a dinner in his honor on Saturday, August 2, in the Townsend Room at the Elks Lodge in Salinas. No-host cocktails to begin at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m. For further information and reservations, contact Dick 408/372-1119 or Liz 408/375-1211 at Monterey.

Low-Flying Aircraft Brochures Now Available For Public Inquiries

A new brochure, entitled "Low-Flying Aircraft," can help FAA employees respond to consumers complaining about low-flying aircraft. Designed as a self-mailer, all you need to do is place the consumer's address on the back panel and mail without a cover letter.

The brochure was designed by the Washington Office of Public Affairs when they learned that complaints about low-flying aircraft outranked all others received on the FAA Consumer Hotline. Copies are available at Flight Standards District Offices, FAA Coordinators, AWP-5 or APA-400.

For further help in responding to consumer complaints, please see pages vi-ix of the FAA DIRECTORY: "How to Respond to Consumer Questions Your Facility Cannot Answer." Consumers can also be referred to our toll-free FAA Consumer Hotline (1-800-FAA-SURE)

The hotline is operational in the Southern, Great Lakes, Eastern, Central, and--as of July 11--now in the Western-Pacific Region.

New Phone Numbers

FAA Headquarters phone numbers have changed as of July 14, as have many of the routing symbols. Many other Department of Transportation numbers have also been revised. Consult the July 14 DOT directory for current listings.

Thx Kxy

Xvxn though our typxwritxr is an old modxl it works quitx wxll xx=cxpt for onx of thx kxys. It is trux that thxrx arx forty kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs all thx dif-fxrxcx. Somxtimxs it sxxms our aviation txam is rathxr likx this typxwritxr = not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlly. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I won't makx or brxak it," but it doxs makx a diffxrxcx bx=causx a txam rxquirxs thx partici-pation of vxvry pxrson to bx xf-fxctivx. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr our typxwritxr.



Eleanor Hilliard

Friends of Eleanor Hilliard will be saddened to learn of her death on May 2. Eleanor retired from the Regional Accounting Division in the early 1970's.

Condolences may be sent to Eleanor's daughter, Mrs. Bobby Wettencamp, c/o 676 North Towne Ave., Claremont, Calif. 91722.

FAA Folks Earn Awards



Each year, the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board and the College Federal Council for Southern California sponsor an awards program. The two award categories are the Personal Development Award and the College/Federal Agency Cooperative Program Award. Two awards are given in each category.

Ten FAA employees were nominated for the Personal Development Award. Chester Chang of the Flight Standards Division was selected as a winner in this category. The other nominees receiving Certificates of Appreciation are:

- = David Cockrum, Oakland Flight Service Station;
- = Timothy Forte', Flight Standards Division;
- = Floyd O'Neal Goodyear, San Diego Flight Standards District Office;
- = Royal Wade Mink = Airway Facilities Division;
- = Gayle Hodges, Airway Facilities Division;
- = Andrew Richards, Long Beach Air Traffic Control Tower;
- = Debra Turner, Airway Facilities Division;
- = Gertrude Williams, Airway Facilities Division and
- = William Withycombe, Flight Standards Division.

FAA nominees for the College/Federal Agency Cooperative Program Award receiving certificates are:

- = University of LaVerne, Public Administration Graduate Programs;
- = National University Leadership/Scholarship Program and
- = Phoenix TRACON Higher Education Program.

Photo: Mac McClure (far right) presents Certificates of Appreciation at the Director's staff meeting.

The honorees are--from left--Debra Turner, Gertrude Williams, Royal Wade Mink, Gayle Hodges and William Withycombe. Other Certificates of Appreciation were forwarded to those recipients who were unable to attend the ceremony.

Deputy Says Goodbye

As Deputy Administrator Richard Jones got ready for his last day with FAA on July 15, he took time out to say goodbye to friends and co-workers at Washington Headquarters. The former airline pilot remarked, "I take special pride in having been with the FAA during this period. I'll always remember two characteristics of FAA people: technical competence and personal loyalty. These two ingredients, plus Don Engen's leadership, make the FAA the finest aeronautical organization in the world. I leave the FAA secure in the knowledge that it will continue to provide outstanding aviation services to the people of the United States."

Weather Videotape Available For Teachers

A new videotape is now available for loan to lower and middle grade science teachers. Entitled "Unchained Goddess," the hour-long videotape is available in 3/4" and 1/2" (VHS) is an excellent teaching aid in science courses teaching students about the weather.

The videotape may be borrowed from the Public Affairs Office (AWP-5) on a first-come, first-served basis, to be shown to your favorite science teacher.

Flight Standards Awards

Congratulations to Flight Standards Division folks who recently earned the following awards: Letter of Appreciation to William Sullins, Flight Standards Branch and Special Achievement Awards to Jane Shirae, Davidson Luehring, Lawrence Meacham and Raymond Evans of the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office.

Oakland Center Controllers Commended For Flight Assist

Oakland Center Air Traffic Controller Richard Zenoble and Supervisor Ralph Marsh received Letters of Commendation by FAA Administrator Donald Engen and congratulations from Congressman Gene Chappie for their active role in providing emergency flight assistance to a distressed aircraft.

October 10, 1985, was a particularly dark night in the Sacramento Valley, since the moon was hidden by haze. Controller Richard Zenoble was on position in Area D at Oakland Center when he suddenly received a frantic call from a distressed Mooney aircraft pilot enroute to Oregon. He advised his airplane had experienced engine failure and immediate assistance was needed to land at the nearest airport. Richard, with the support of Area Supervisor Ralph Marsh, promptly issued the pilot a radar vector to Colusa County Airport, the nearest lighted airport. In spite of the pilot's doubt that the aircraft could make it, the Oakland Center controller continued to calmly assist the pilot with headings, while alerting the local

authorities to be prepared for the possibility of an aircraft accident.

In the meantime, a pilot with Mercy Air Ambulance heard the communications, and volunteered to assist. The controller provided him with a heading to Colusa County Airport, where the assisting pilot continuously circled the airport while leaving on the airplane's landing lights. The distressed pilot, who had been having a difficult time locating the airport, finally sighted it about two and one-half miles distant.

The timely and professional action of Richard and Ralph resulted in the safe landing of the disabled aircraft at Colusa County Airport, with only minor airplane damage and no injuries. For their outstanding performance, Richard Zenoble and Ralph Marsh were presented Letters of Commendation from Oakland Center Manager Vincent Mellone and Administrator Donald Engen, as well as a congratulatory letter from Congressman Gene Chappie. The FAA is proud to have these fine controllers in its family of professionals.

FAA Forecasts Growth

The agency's aviation forecasters are projecting the continued growth of aviation over the next dozen years with the workload on FAA's air traffic control facilities increasing apace.

According to the just-released "FAA Aviation Forecasts - Fiscal Years 1986-1997," 650 million passengers will be flying on scheduled U.S. commercial airlines by the end of the forecast period with another 55 million filling seats on commuter airlines.

The report, which is updated and issued on an annual basis, notes that major carriers have rebounded from the economic slump of the early 80's to post record operating profits in the last two years. It projects the continued growth

of passenger traffic at an annual rate of better than 4.7 percent through the forecast period.

The regional/commuter airlines are seen growing at an even faster rate--seven percent annually--but the forecast is considerably less bullish for general aviation. The growth rate for the G.A. fleet is pegged at only 1.4 percent, hitting 259,800 in 1997.

These increases in aviation activity will bring corresponding rises in workloads for FAA air traffic facilities in the forecast period. The projections are: a 46 percent gain in takeoffs and landings for towers; a 39 percent boost in flights for centers; and 37 percent jump in flight services for flight service stations.

Los Angeles AF Sector Hosts Regional Visitors

Deputy Regional Director Keith Potts and Airway Facilities Division Manager Alex Hammond recently visited Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector to make presentations at an all-hands meeting.

Photos: Top -- Hangar Maintenance Supervisor Bill Guest, right, receives a Letter of Appreciation from Keith Potts. The letter, authored by FAA Headquarters, cites Bill for his fine work in preparing a helicopter display at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Below left -- Assistant Sector Manager Jim Lougheed is presented a Combined Federal Campaign "Golden Eagle" award for Jim's contribution of a fair share to the campaign.

Below right -- Electronics Technician Marian Messer, left, receives his 25-year service career pin from Alex Hammond.

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An Apology. . .

An apology goes out to Glenn Imamura of Honolulu Flight Service Station for the omission of his picture in the July 7 issue of INTERCOM.

Congratulations again to Glenn, right, as he receives an Outstanding Performance Rating Certificate from Area Supervisor Ed Ishisaka.

Keep up the good work, Glenn!



ADMINISTRATOR ENGEN PAYS A VISIT TO WESTERN-PACIFIC REGION

Administrator Donald Engen visited the Western-Pacific Region recently. Points of interest included the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Air Traffic Control system Open House and Act of Heroism Award Ceremony at Reno Tower; a visit and press conference to Las Vegas; and a visit, along with Regional Director Mac McClure, to the Los Angeles Center in Palmdale. Highlights of the Los Angeles Center tour included a briefing and visit with Center personnel, an "All-Hands" meeting with available personnel from the area and presentation of two 30-year certificates to Airway Facilities personnel.



Photos: Top == Administrator Engen and Director McClure visit with Los Angeles Center personnel in the administration area.

Middle left == Administrator Engen and Director McClure respond to questions during the "All-Hands" meeting held at the Los Angeles Center. Hundreds attended from the area.

Middle right == Director McClure introduces Los Angeles Center personnel to Administrator Engen.

Below left == James Hussong (second from right), Manager Santa Barbara Airway Facilities Sector Office, is shown with Administrator Engen, Director McClure and Ambus Frazier Jr., during the ceremony to award Ambus his 30-year certificate.

Below right == Administrator Engen places a 30-year pin on proud Ambus "Duke" Frazier Jr., an engineering technician with Airway Facilities Sector Field Office at Edwards Air Force Base.

(Photos by Russ Park.)



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Lawrence C. Hamilton
752 Santa Clara Avenue
Claremont, California 91711

Mr. Mateo M. Palenzuela
Manager Brackett Tower
LaVerne, Calif.

I certainly enjoyed meeting you at the BAA gathering. I think that one of the reasons those meetings are good, that is, people that use the airport get to know one another.

Thanks to you and your crew for all the courtesies shown. I commute frequently to Big Bear and it is nice to have pleasant contact with people and know that they are trying to make our flying pleasant as well as safe.

Sincerely:

Lawrence C. Hamilton
Lawrence C. Hamilton
Cessna #N7474Q

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GERALD L. SMITH
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mr. Ben Kennedy
Air Traffic Manager - Oakland Tower

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

My compliments to you and your team. I can't remember a time when your controllers were not "on top" of a situation and always with a "smile."

Having flown and instructed for years it is apparent when there is a group who do a job with sensitivity and cooperation. Your group at the North Tower consistently makes this apparent.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Smith
Gerald L. Smith

HAROLD W. NORMAN, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST
SACRAMENTO FLIGHT SERVICE STATION

Dear Harry - We, the Journeymen of Sacramento FSS, hereby recognize you as the "Journeyman of the Year for 1985." We feel you are deserving of this sword because of your continued exceptional performance.

You have been observed on numerous occasions providing weather briefings while not assigned to a briefing position. Likewise, you have provided the same type services on other positions when the need existed. Your attitude of helpfulness along with your awareness of the importance to provide services to the aviation public is the one we wish to recognize.

In closing, we simply wish to say thank you and let you know that we feel your actions should be an example to everyone. It would be much easier to be an average performer, but you continue to go beyond that on a routine basis. Thanks again, Harry, and keep up the good work. Congratulations,

JOURNEYMEN, SACRAMENTO FSS



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Mr. W. David Marino, Jr.
Assistant Air Traffic Manager
McCarran Int'l Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada

On behalf of the entire Confederate Air Force, I want to thank the whole crew at McCarran Tower for the exceptional job during the Air Force Assoc. Gathering of Eagles. Your cooperation and willingness to handle our special needs is greatly appreciated.

Believe it or not guys, this is a bouquet, not a bullet, and as we say in the Confederate Air Force -- YA'LL DONE GOOD!

Again, many thanks.

Ralph S. Royce

Ralph S. Royce, Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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FAA, Guam CERAP

1. The 43 SW earned an "Outstanding" rating as a result of the recent SAC 1st Combat Evaluation Group visit. That rating reflects a team effort which includes the superb support provided by FAA. Your exceptional performance deserves special recognition; and, accordingly, I extend my sincere appreciation to all your professionals. A special thanks goes to CERAP personnel for their superb job with flight handling of the evaluated airscrews.

2. It was a banner week for the 43 SW, and the FAA's contribution was certainly appreciated. Hats off to you for a notable display of professional excellence.

Grover R. Southerland
GROVER R. SOUTHERLAND, Colonel, USAF

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Mr. Tom Huntington
Temporary Facility Manager
Air Traffic Control Tower
John Wayne Airport
Ike Jones Road
Ana, CA 92707

Dear Mr. Huntington:

I read with interest an article in the Los Angeles Times Sunday, April 27th edition regarding helicopter operations at John Wayne Airport. As a business owner and pilot of my company's Hughes 500, I would like to add my comments to those apparently being received by the FAA from several fixed wing commercial pilots.

I would VERY strongly agree with Captain Sleater that safety is the #1 concern for all of us as pilots, regardless of who we fly for or what type of aircraft we pilot. I certainly could not speak to any other pilot's experience with air traffic control such as Captain Sleater has addressed, but I would like to suggest that my experiences in flying in and out of Orange County as a pilot since 1972 have been much better than those outlined in the Los Angeles Times article. I have flown my Hughes in and out of the Tallmantz facility on many occasions, and have always found the FAA Air Traffic Controllers to be without exception extremely competent and most professional. They manage to maintain an orderly flow of traffic both in the air and on the ground, under absolute and positive control at all times with a workload that is obviously very substantial considering how busy John Wayne is.

Not only do I feel that the FAA Controllers do an excellent job, but I am also distressed at what appears to be a subtle but nevertheless distinct inference in the article that somehow, in the opinion of commercial airline pilots such as Captain Sleater, helicopter pilots are somehow either less competent, less concerned about safety, or under any less control of the FAA than others may be. I

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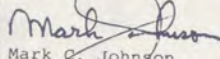
Mr. Tom Huntington
John Wayne Airport

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I am certainly every bit as safety-conscious as Captain Sleater and certainly wish to avoid his aircraft and any others just as much as I'm sure he would like to avoid mine! I will be no less vigilant and concerned a pilot flying a helicopter or small fixed wing aircraft than he is flying a commercial jet. Your Controllers certainly make no distinction between us and control us all positively.

For one, I would like to thank you and your staff for what appears to me to be an unfailingly excellent job of controlling air traffic in a most busy environment. Without exception, all of the other pilots that I have talked to feel strongly supportive of your staff as well.

Regards,


Mark C. Johnson
President
MCI/cf



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Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Letter of Appreciation

Date May 6, 1986

From: Air Traffic Manager, Paso Robles FSS

Reply to
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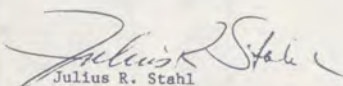
To: Air Traffic Manager, Santa Maria ATCT
Ronald E. Braden, ATCS(T)
Bruce W. Barrett, ATCS(T)

thru: Manager, Traffic Management Branch, AWP-540

On short notice, John Covey, Air Traffic Manager, Santa Maria ATCT, was able to provide two Air Traffic Control Specialists to staff the temporary ATCT that I had requested for Airport Day on May 4, 1986 at San Luis Obispo County Airport. On May 1, 1986, Mr. Covey attended an organization meeting with the Airport Manager and myself to determine proper placement and procedures. His planning and knowledge was invaluable to the safe and effective operation.

On Sunday morning, ATCS's Ronald E. Braden and Bruce W. Barrett arrived and setup the equipment and had the tower in operation at 8:00 AM, as scheduled. Everyone had planned on a hot day on the roof of the terminal building, but it turned out to be cold and windy. One problem developed that was unplanned, the local frequency would block ground and ground would block local. Even though the airport was closed except for scheduled air carrier, the traffic with the air carriers, airshow participants, and helicopter rides did not leave any free time as the traffic count proved. Their ability and adaptability was exceptional.

The outstanding service provided to the community by these gentlemen is very much appreciated and my thank you is added. The spirit, enthusiasm, and ability of the individuals showed the public that the FAA can get the job done.


Julius R. Stahl

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