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## HAWAII FEB AWARDS

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## Story

by Don Chong

The Hawaii Federal Executive Board recently highlighted Federal Week (declared by Governor George Ariyoshi) with an awards luncheon held at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.

The awards luncheon was organized to recognize federal employees for their contributions to the federal community. In addition, one employee was to be selected as the Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year in their category. Three FAA employees were nominated: Jennifer Nakazawa for Federal Employee of the Year; Nomuru Nakao for Federal Manager/Supervisor of the Year; and Ronaldo Mata for Exceptional Community Service.

Jennifer, an Electronic Technician at the Kauai Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, has performed her duties as a Navigation/Communications Electronic Technician at an extremely high level of competence. She has provided extra coverage for critical facilities during a temporary shortage of technicians in her office, and she voluntarily accepted "acting" managerial responsibilities, saving the government a significant amount of money.

Nomuru, Manager of Maui Navigations/Communications Sector Field Office, has displayed exceptional professional supervisory ability during a period of high workload involving the Maui Air Traffic Control Tower's relocation of communications facilities and installation of new electronic equipment. Because of his outstanding leadership and technical qualities, he was recognized with an Employee's Resolution and the Director's Certificate of Achievement.



Ronaldo is an Air Traffic Specialist at the Honolulu Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). His nomination is based on his willingness to voluntarily commit himself to his family, to the affairs of his community, to the youths of Hawaii, and to practicing the agency's philosophy in human relations. In summary, Ron believes in investing in his fellow man.

During the ceremony, each of the honorees were presented with a certificate signifying their contributions. Jennifer was presented her award by Senator Daniel Inouye; Nomuru received his plaque from Representative Daniel Akaka.

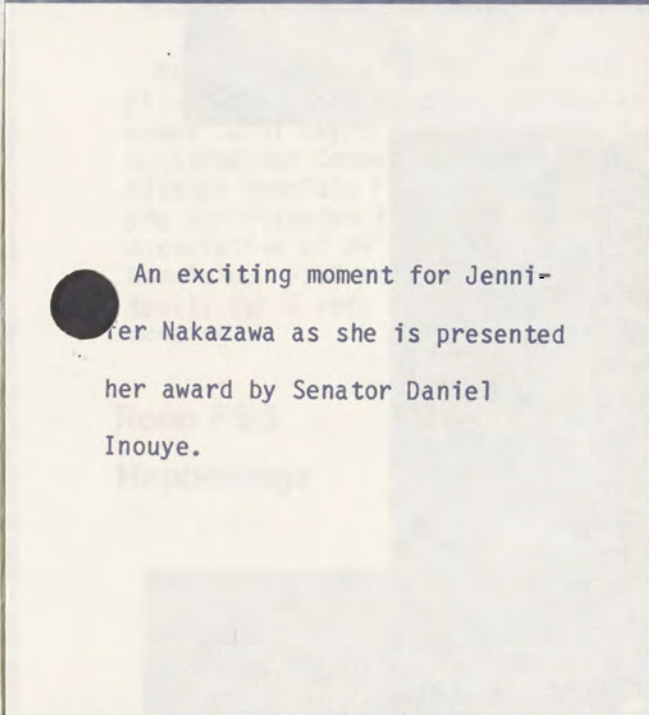
Ron was selected as the Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year for Exceptional Community Service, and was presented his award by Governor George Ariyoshi. Ron was selected because of his commitment to his fellow man, demonstrated by serving as president of his community association board; an elected member of a neighborhood board with a city population of more than 35,000 people; a member of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; a citizen's representative on a committee which deals with transportation problems; an AYSO soccer coach and Hawaii AYSO executive board member; championship high school soccer coach; volleyball coach for a church youth summer league; counseled, and took into his home, a potential school dropout who eventually ended up at the head of his class; an adoptive parent of a child abuse victim; his work in youth programs and his ability to identify and communicate with young people, which placed him in a favorable position to provide counseling in substance abuse.

Cover photo: Ron Mata, right, is congratulated by Regional Director Mac McClure. Ron has been named the Outstanding Federal Employee for Exceptional Community Service.





Nobu Nakao receives his award  
by Representative Daniel Akaka.



An exciting moment for Jennifer Nakazawa as she is presented her award by Senator Daniel Inouye.



A distinguished honor is bestowed upon Ron Mata as he receives his plaque from Hawaii's Governor Ariyoshi.



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Photos: Top -- Many FAA folks attended the Federal Employee Award Luncheon to honor the outstanding FAA nominees. From left -- John Gordon, Nobu Nakao, Ron Mata, Jean Fukui and Frank Boyer.

Below -- The nominees are ... (seated from left) Jennifer Nakazawa, Nobu Nakao and Ron Mata. Offering support and encouragement are John Gordon, Manager, Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector Hub and George Harvey, Manager, Honolulu Center and Air Traffic Hub.

Cover story photos by Dan Sato.

## Welcome To Honolulu Carol Rayburn Walsh Awarded Career Pins



Manager Charley Zenith, Honolulu Flight Standards District Office, welcomes Carol Rayburn, Manager, General Aviation and Commercial Division who visited Honolulu FSDO last month when she participated in the International Association of 99's convention held in Honolulu. FSDO employees had the opportunity for a very informative all-hands meeting.



Jim Walsh (left), Air Traffic Control Specialist at Reno Flight Service Station, shows off a fistful of career service pins. Believing in the better-late-than-never theory, Air Traffic Manager Les Rose (right) recently presented Jim with 15, 25, 30 and 35-year pins. Jim will be eligible for a coveted 40-year pin in February 1987 if he decides against a planned December 1986 retirement.

Jim's career began with the Air Force and includes FAA service at Boston, Las Vegas, San Diego and Reno FSSs.

### Reno FSS Happenings



Reno Flight Service Station participated in the annual Great Reno Balloon Race by conducting a mass pre-launch weather briefing for the hundred or so balloonists. Approximately 80,000 spectators--up 10,000 from a year ago--witnessed this year's three-day event. The race committee expressed its appreciation by sending a cluster of - what else? - balloons to the facility with a note of thanks.

On a final note, a recommendation from Reno FSS: Anyone planning a Reno vacation would do well to schedule it around the first weekend in September. The experience of seeing a hundred hot-air balloons ascending in unison will not be soon forgotten. (Camel races are held during the same weekend; the Reno National Championship Air Races/Show follow a week later).

Photo: "Thanks a Bunch" to Reno FSS from the Great Reno Balloon Race Committee.

## Stricter Rules Proposed For Helicopter Builders

The agency wants helicopter manufacturers to adopt more comprehensive design standards for new large, passenger-carrying rotorcraft. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) issued Sept. 22 would require manufacturers to use the damage-tolerance design philosophy in developing new helicopters, as well as the currently used safe-life philosophy.

The safe-life philosophy puts a limit on the amount of time a critical component can be used before it is replaced. On the other hand, the damage control philosophy will call for designing the aircraft so that other, nearby components will assume the structural load if a part fails or designing components to safely tolerate any damage until it can be detected and repaired.

Comments on the proposal will be accepted through March 27.

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## TCAS To Be Required In Air Carrier Jets

Administrator Engen has announced that FAA is going ahead with proposed rulemaking that would require air carrier jets to be equipped with a Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS II) by the end of the decade. Rulemaking action is expected to get underway in 1987.

TCAS II is the basic airline collision avoidance system that monitors transponder replies from other aircraft and provides the pilot with traffic advisories. It also suggests vertical escape maneuvers (climb or descend) in cases where an aircraft equipped with a Mode C altitude-reporting transponder is on a collision course with the TCAS plane.

Presently, all air carrier aircraft and more than 100,000 general aviation airplanes have the Mode C transponder which is required for flights above 12,500 feet and in the nine Category 1 terminal control areas. However, this number is certain to increase as Engen said FAA plans to expand the Mode C requirement to include Group II terminal control areas and perhaps other controlled airspace as well. He did not specify a time period for this rulemaking action.

In addition to TCAS II, FAA is developing a more sophisticated TCAS III which will provide pilots with both horizontal and vertical escape maneuvers. There also is a TCAS I version for general aviation that provides traffic advisories but does not tell pilots what evasive action to take.

### Thought For The Week

"Don't spend your precious time asking 'Why isn't the world a better place?' It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is 'How can I make it better?' To that question, there is an answer."

-Leo Buscaglia



## The News In Brief

\* FAA has proposed Airport Radar Service Areas (ARSAs) at five more locations: Houston's William F. Hobby Airport; Columbia Metropolitan Airport, SC; Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, SC; Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport, TN; and Reno Cannon International Airport, NV. This increases the total of operational and proposed ARSA sites to 82. ARSAs enhance safety by requiring pilots flying in the area to be in radio contact with the airport tower.

\* Planning ahead is the stock in trade of FAA's aviation forecasters and, accordingly, they have announced the date of their next annual meeting. The 12th Annual Aviation Forecast Conference is set for Feb. 20, 1987, at the Mayflower Hotel in the Nation's Capital. As usual, the highlight of the meeting will be the release of the "Aviation Forecasts" document -- this one covering

Fiscal Years 1987-1988.

\* Despite increases in aviation activity, the number of public access airports in the United States continues to decline. At the end of 1985, the nation had 5,858 public access airports, a drop of two percent from the 5,987 on the books at the end of 1983. Administrator Engen cited these figures in a recent speech to the National Association of State Aviation Officials in which he again warned that the United States needs new airports and additional capacity at existing airports if it is to meet projected traffic gains in the decades ahead.

\* Add Afghanistan and El Salvador to the list of danger pay posts. Service in those two countries from Sept. 28, 1981, entitles employees to as much as 25 percent of their basic pay under the danger post pay entitlement.

## Congratulations Bill Vinson!

Bill Vinson (right), Environmental Technician, receives an outstanding performance rating certificate with a cash award from Dave Bomann, Environmental Supervisor of the Fresno Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Unit.



## ATSS Grads Establishing Alumni Organization

In order to make their contribution to FAA even more effective, graduates of the Air Transportation System Specialists program are establishing an alumni organization. One of the first steps being taken is to update and up-

grade the group's mailing list.

Accordingly, ATSS graduates nationwide are being asked to give Jack Nager (267-9831) or Murli Hasrajani (267-9835) updated names or telephone numbers and suggestions for the organization's programs and projects.

# Civilair Picnic — Fun For All Ages!

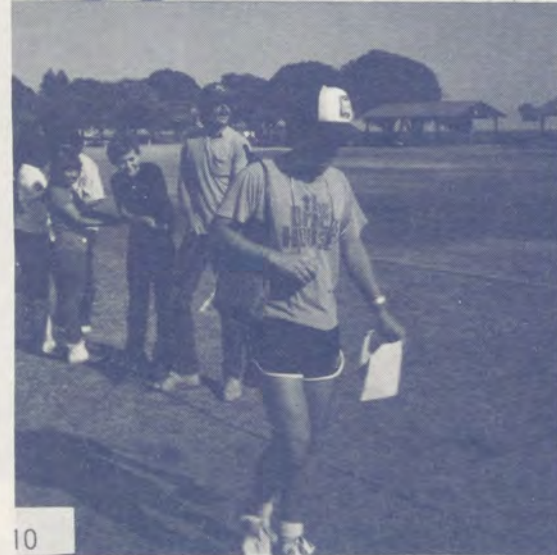


The Annual Civilair Picnic recently held at Gull Park in the Long Beach Naval Station hosted over 100 FAA employees and their families who to enjoy the games, food and k. A raffle was held at the picnic and the winners are -- 1st prize, GTE telephone to Nina Nance and 2nd prize, Sony Walkman radio, to Larry Kruse. All in all, everyone had a great time!



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## Government-Wide Rules On Smoking Imminent

Smoking regulations limiting where and when Federal employees can smoke in 6,800 General Service Administration buildings are expected to be issued in October. Currently GSA is reviewing the approximately 24,000 comments it received in response to the proposed rules published May 22 in the Federal Register. No announcement of the new regulations will be made until the review is completed.

However, some agencies have expressed a preference for a kind of "local option" rule. For instance, Office of Personnel Management Director Constance Hörner said, "Curbing smoking is an important priority and should be done through the cooperative efforts of Federal workers and their managers."

## GSA Considers Changes In New Travel Regulations

Who said it doesn't pay to complain? The General Service Administration has announced that it is considering changes in the new travel regulations implemented on July 1 as a result of widespread complaints.

Federal employees have objected particularly to the half-day rate which allows only one half the amount usually paid for meals and incidentals on the day traveler departs and returns from a trip.

Also considered inadequate by many Federal workers is the \$25 lodging allowance included in the standard CONUS \$50 per diem rate for areas not covered by locality rates.

Intercom will keep its readers advised of any changes in the GSA regulations.

## Drug Probe Clears 25

The agency has cleared 25 controllers at the Kansas City air route traffic control center of allegations that they were involved in the off-duty use of illegal drugs. They were among 36 controllers who were removed from safety duties in mid-September because of drug-use allegations. All 25 have been returned to their regular jobs.

Of the remaining 11 controllers, five were found to have used drugs during off-duty hours and have been offered the opportunity to enter a treatment program as an alternative to dismissal. The investigation of the other six controllers still had not been completed as of Sept. 26.

## Columbus Day - Oct. 13

Sailing in the service of the Spanish crown, the voyage of Christopher Columbus marked one of history's most challenging and rewarding explorations. He opened this continent to the migration of settlers who created an enduring nation. The United States of America still carries forth his spirit of exploration as part of its national heritage.

Americans of the twentieth century strive to follow the vision and unshakeable faith of Christopher Columbus by seeking to discover a "New World" of peace and cooperation among all men.

In tribute to the achievement of Columbus, the Congress of the United States, by joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), as modified by the act of June 28, 1968 (82 Stat. 250), requested the President to proclaim the second Monday in October of each year as Columbus Day.



## Flight Standards

### Division Awards

Congratulations to Flight Standards Division folks who recently earned awards.

Career Service Emblems were presented as follows:

15 years -- Francis Marrin, Los Angeles Flight Standards District Office; Dennis Wallingsford, Van Nuys FSDO and Bradley Pearson, Sacramento FSDO.

25 years -- Carl Borchers, San Jose FSDO; James Scardino, San Jose FSDO and Leonard Levandowski, Riverside FSDO.

30 Years -- Winslow Lim, Oakland FSDO; John Hull, San Diego FSDO; Wayne Bair, San Francisco FSDO and Edwin Poore, AWP-250.

Letters of Appreciation were presented to Larry Perkins, Sacramento FSDO; Thomas Proven, San Jose FSDO; Paul Van Emmerik, Oakland FSDO; Robert Hamblin, Honolulu FSDO; John Tutora, Los Angeles FSDO and Charles Schuelke, Long Beach FSDO.

Special Achievement Awards (Special Act) were awarded to Fred Griffin, San Francisco FSDO; Janice Camarao, San Francisco FSDO and Robert Snider, AWP-220.

Special Achievement Awards (Outstanding Rating) were presented to Paul Stebelton, Long Beach FSDO; Jean Ganiko, Honolulu FSDO; William Matson, Sacramento FSDO and Robert Palmer, San Francisco FSDO.

And a final congratulations to Susie Santos, Van Nuys FSDO, for earning a Special Achievement Award.

## Guam CERAP

### Commended

Letters of Commendation were the Order of the Day at Guam CERAP when Area Supervisor Jon Siverly, Controller John Dobyms, Controller James Teubert and Controller Gayla Copenhafer were cited for expertise and perserverance during high and low level bomb runs and aerial refueling exercises the Guam area.

Jon, John, James and Gayla were recognized for their assistance in ensuring the mission was successful. Weather and aircraft mechanical problems, along with numerous time and route changes, resulted in the necessity to coordinate each cell as an individual mission. The requests and changes were conveyed to Oakland Center, and the mission went flawlessly.

All four CERAP folks were honored by Letters of Commendation for their professionalism and expertise during the mission.



## First Of DME Antennas Delivered To Texas Site

FAA now is taking deliveries of of Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) antennas at a rate of 20 a month and will use them to establish 45 new DME sites and upgrade more than 250 others.

Deliveries began at the end of August under a contract for 300 DME antennas with JTP Radiation, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT. The first of these went to the Paris, TX, VOR (very-high frequency

omni-directional radio range site. It is scheduled for commissioning Nov. 22, following completion of flight checks.

DME provides pilots with information on the distance to the ground facility transmitting the signal. They then can use this information together with azimuth data from a VOR or instrument landing system to determine their exact position.