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Sacramento FAA Family

Celebrates The 50th

Cover Story

An open house was held this summer in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Air Traffic Control at the Sacramento Executive Airport. All Sacramento FAA offices were represented -- Air Traffic, Airway Facilities, Flight Standards District Office and Flight Inspection Field Office. Executive Airport was bustling with people eager to visit and talk with the FAA folks available from the seven Sacramento FAA offices.

The success of this event took a lot of effort by many members of the FAA family in Sacramento. Special appreciation is in order to those who were on hand to help make the open house a memorable accomplishment. These people include:

From Stockton Airway Facilities Sector Field Office (AFSFO) -- Technician Manuel Angel.

Representing Sacramento AFSFO -- Technician Larry Marinell.

From Sacramento Airway Facilities Sector (AFS) -- Staff Specialist Ron Webb and Proficiency Development Specialist Bob Kent.

From Sacramento Air Traffic Control Tower -- Controllers Elizabeth Hawn, Edgar Perry, Leslie Jose, Bill Grava, Ray Riotte, and Ervin Czimskey; Area Supervisors Jim Faucett and Lou Iseley.

On hand from Sacramento Flight Service Station -- Programs Specialist Larry Cook.

Representing Sacramento Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) -- Airworthiness Inspector Don Englesman and Operations Inspector David Smith.

From Sacramento Flight Inspection Field Office (FIFO) -- Airspace Systems Inspection Pilot Jerry Foit and Airspace Systems Inspection Pilot Paul Koscheka.

And from Sacramento TRACON -- Controllers Titus Gall and Mike Bullington.



Cover photo: Representatives from Sacramento FIFO assist with open house events. Here, another youngster tours the FAA Sabreliner.

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● Sacramento Celebrates The 50th



Top: Controller Ervin Czimsky is busy working Ground Control at Sacramento Executive Tower as a group of visitors observe air traffic control in action.

Middle: The scale model of the approach light system was the hit of the open house, especially for the many youngsters.

Below: Left -- Lou Iseley, Tower Supervisor, explains the operation of the BRITE to a few of the many visitors that attended the open house. Over 500 people toured the tower.



Below: Right -- The FAA Sabreliner parked in front of the air traffic control tower. FIFO folks were on hand to provide tours through the airplane.



More Open House

Top: Controller Titus Gall (right), Sacramento TRACON, and a pilot discuss airspace utilization.

Next: Larry Cook, Programs Specialist at Sacramento FSS, explains satellite photos and their use in pilot briefings.

Next: Sacramento FSS Controller Vince Carr discusses his profession and associated responsibilities to an interested visitor.

Below: Left -- Veteran controller Ed Perry from Executive Tower explains to two guests where the FAA has been and where we are going. Ed has been with the FAA for 34 years.

Right -- Sacramento City Mayor Anne Rudin (center) presents a Proclamation to Ben Marcelo (left), Manager Sacramento FSS and to Art Gruenberger, Manager Sacramento Tower. The document proclaimed Air Traffic Control Week in the Sacramento area. (The Proclamation is shown on page 2.)



The celebration continues

Top: Mike Bullington (left), Controller at Sacramento TRACON, answered many questions concerning the Sacramento Valley ARSA.

Middle: Members from the local Sacramento Valley Chapter of the 99's were on hand serving baked goods. Proceeds went to their aviation scholarship fund.

Below: Left -- An overview of the displays set up for open house.

Below: Right -- Titus Gall (center) and Mike Bullington (right) solicit a pilot to sign up for the fall restart of "Operation Rain Check."



The News

In Brief



* The results of the 1986 Employee Survey are now at the printers and should roll off the presses by mid-October. Distribution at the worksite will follow and this process should be completed by the end of the month. Each employee will get two reports -- one showing the overall national results and the other giving regional, center or headquarters findings.

* The first copies of the 1986 Edition of the National Airspace System (NAS) Plan, widely known as the "Brown Book," were delivered to Congress Sept. 29. The 9,500 copies printed are now being distributed to all FAA organizations in the field, headquarters and to major contractors. Copies are also for sale at \$17 each through AES in Room 720 of the headquarters building and from the Government Printing Office bookstore in Washington.

* All four crewmembers escaped injury when an FAA Sabreliner crashed on approach to the Liberal, KS, airport on Sept. 29. The Oklahoma City-based aircraft was on a flight check mission at the time of the accident. NTSB is investigating with the assistance of FAA.

* Acting on the theory of "better late than never," the Boston ARTCC celebrated the 50th anniversary of air traffic control with an open house on October 4. The Center was unable to schedule the open house in July due to building construction. Larry Glick, a local radio personality, who also is a pilot and FAA-designated Accident Prevention Counselor, served as master of ceremonies for the open house. New England Regional Director/Acting Deputy Administrator, Robert Whittington was the keynote speaker.



Back to Basics Program Spotlighting Fuel Safety

The "Back to Basics" general aviation safety program is closing out its first year of operation with a three-month look at safe aircraft fueling practices.

During the 12-week period that began Oct. 21, approximately 80 accident prevention specialists (APS) will emphasize fueling and related safety problems at over 1,000 safety seminars across the country. They will be using special slide presentations and other materials to highlight four specific fueling problems and situations. They are: (1) water contamination of fuel, (2) misfueling piston-engine aircraft with jet fuel, (3) when and when not to use auto fuel in aircraft, and (4) managing on-board fuel to insure a safe arrival at the intended destination.

Initiated Jan. 1, 1986, for a three-year run, the Back to Basics program focuses on a new subject every three months. Those covered during the first nine months were takeoffs and landings, midair collision avoidance, and routine/hazardous weather problems. Administrator Engen noted in a recent speech to the Aircraft Builders Council that more than 280,000 pilots attended safety meetings during the first six months of the program.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No one is as deaf; As he who will not listen.

Reprinted from Southern Region Intercom

Hilo Tower Happenings

In participation in the Hawaiian Island 50th Air Traffic Control Anniversary Open House festivities, Hilo Tower conducted an extremely successful celebration, with 350 guests visiting the facility. A special thank-you is extended to Air Traffic and Airway Facilities folks and their spouses for their generous contributions of refreshments and time.

On the awards scene, Automation Training Specialist Bill Downie (above, right) receives a Special Achievement Award for outstanding performance. Air Traffic Manager Sam Yokomichi presents the award Bill is active in the facilities Human Relations Committee and presently Hilo Tower's Technical Advisory Committee representative.

Area Supervisor Emilio Samson (below, right) is presented a Special Achievement Award for outstanding performance by Sam Yokomichi. Good-natured Emilio has been at Hilo Tower for 26 years.

Congratulations, Bill and Emilio!



Santa Maria Times



Santa Maria Tower Manager John Covey was an honored guest at the Rotary luncheon recently held in Arroyo Grande, Calif. Here, John's expertise was displayed as he addressed the group as guest speaker.

Congratulations to Controller Robert Mifflin who is retiring after 35 years of government service. Best wishes,

Robert.

Controller Bruce Barret and the former Gerri Shell have been united in marriage. Best wishes for joy and happiness.

We are sorry to report that Controller Ron Braden injured his leg and will be off duty for ten weeks. Hurry back, Ron.



FAA HONORS

Story and Photos
by Rafael Riera

This summer, over sixty high school students had the opportunity of spending a brief period of time in which they received on-the-job training from FAA personnel under the Service Employment Redevelopment (SER) program, and the Centinela Valley Union High School District program. The students are part of our summer '86 workforce.

It is really a unique time and opportunity when students are off from school and are able to dedicate some of their time and energy towards exploring different interests and goals that will be most helpful to them in the near future.

Photos:

Above: Evangelina Franco (left), and Paris Ligon are commended for their excellent summer help by Bob Moline, Manager, Real Estate and Utilities Branch.

Middle: Kelly Gilbertson (left), and Armando Usquino were congratulated for a job well done by Ted Campbell, Manager, Materiel Management Branch.

Below: Some of the goodies and refreshments that were enjoyed after the awards ceremony.



SUMMER STUDENTS



The students worked in almost every department of the Regional Headquarters and the LAX Hangar and Hawthorne Automated Flight Service Station. Our purpose was to offer the financially disadvantaged youth the opportunity to look into va-

rious activities and goals that will be of benefit to them. Our needs were met and the achievers were recognized recently at a special awards ceremony co-hosted by Oramae Thomas (stay-in-school program coordinator) and Nancy Morales (SER Coordinator).

Middle: Some of the student recipients of letters of Appreciation with their team leaders or managers. From left = Kelly Gilbertson, Ted Campbell, Sherri McKenzie, Armando Usquino, Evangelina Franco, Bob Moline, Jeanne Perion and La Shawn.

Below: Evangelina Franco receives a Letter of Appreciation from Bob Moline, Manager, Real Estate and Utilities Branch, for her excellent summer help and a job well done.

Next: The crowd listens attentively as the managers and team leaders present Letters of appreciation to the students.



Sarah Rambo Honored by YWCA

Sarah Rambo, Operations Unit Chief at the Riverside Flight Standards District Office, was recently presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the YWCA during ceremonies honoring Women of Achievement in the Greater Riverside area. This second annual event, attended by approximately 650 persons, was co-sponsored by the YWCA, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce and the Press Enterprise newspaper, and gave tribute to professional women for their exceptional ability and performance in their chosen professional field. Congratulations, Sarah!



Oxnard Tower News

Oxnard bids farewell to Mark Tellier, who has left for beautiful downtown Burbank. The month before Mark left, his performance was enjoyed in the stage play "Pippin."

Welcome Farmel Dalton, Todd Matula, Robin Smith and Randy Brubaker.

Congratulations to Farmel on reaching Full Performance Level status, to Randy and his wife on the birth of their daughter Allison Elizabeth, and to Secretary Norine Harwood, on her recent Sustained Superior Performance Award.

Congratulations also to Air Traffic Manager Bruce Troyer for marking 30 years of government service.

Paso Robles Party Line



The theme of aviation safety and education captivated nearly 100 pilots as Paso Robles Flight Service Station folks hosted a seminar in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The sessions, held for two consecutive evenings, focused on landings and mid-air collision avoidance.

Another Aviation Safety-Education Seminar was hosted in Paso Robles, in a hangar on the Paso Robles Airport. Hats off to the following folks who were featured speakers on numerous critical aviation topics: Bill Preston, Oakland Center; Leslie Warren, M.D.; Rod Stahl, Paso Robles Flight Service Station; Major Mike Cassidy and Capt. John Christensen, Vandenberg Air Force Base; and Bill Glandon and Carl Borchers, San Jose Flight Standards District Office. The all-day workshop hosted 80 pilots.

Paso Robles FSS's traffic count jumped 30% over the same one-month period as last year after the U.S. Army implemented Celtic Cross Four military exercise at Camp Roberts Army Air Field and garrison. Involved in the mission were 2,800 troops and 200 aircraft, resulting in flight service personnel pumping out volumes of flight plans and flight notifications.

The 13th Annual Airport Day hosted 3,000 spectators at the Paso Robles Airport. An exciting afternoon show featured parachute jumpers, aerobatic demonstrations, military activity, Vandenberg Air Force Base K-9 dog team demonstrations, a 250 mile-per-hour jet car run and static displays. Thanks to Rod Stahl, Air Traffic Manager, who acted as safety coordinator among the Air National Guard Tower, Flight Service Station, Airport Manager and the Airport Day Show Coordinator.





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International News

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Scottsdale FSDO Hosts Official From India

The Scottsdale FSDO recently hosted Mr. Lakshmi N. Lall, Assistant Director of Air Safety, of New Delhi, India. Mr. Lall was assigned to Scottsdale for familiarization training with FAA Airworthiness Inspectors for approximately one week this past Summer. There was a mutual sharing of information between Mr. Lall and the various inspectors with whom he worked.

In addition to sharing a mutual exchange of professional data and expertise, Mr. Lall's brief visit was a pleasant and enjoyable interlude in the normal routine of his Scottsdale hosts. It is hoped that the knowledge shared and gained here will further aviation safety in both countries.



Above: Eldon S. Gubler (left), Manager, Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office, with Lakshmi Lall.



All Aboard for Laughlin



Civilair invites FAA folks, friends and families to a weekend trip to Laughlin, Nev., where a group will spend November 14, 15 and 16 at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino. A bus will leave the regional office parking lot at 4:30 p.m. on the 14th. The price of \$85 per person includes round trip bus transportation, refreshments on the bus, room for two nights and a "fun book" (valued at \$20).

Reservations are limited, so hurry! Contact Civilair Vice President Linda Murray at 213/297-1697 for reservations.

FAA Toastmasters Meetings

All FAA employees are invited to attend the regular meetings of FAA Toastmasters Club #3449. Members meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in Regional Office Conference Room 4W3/7 beginning at 11:45 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

Chemical Abuse Meetings



Chemical Abuse Meetings are being held at the Regional Headquarters. Old and new members are welcome. For more information, please call Anne Clayton at x1300 in the Aviation Medical Division.

NTSB Rules On Crashes

Although the National Transportation Safety Board cited pilot navigational error as the "probable cause" of two commuter airline accidents last year, it has asked FAA to take a number of steps that it believes will reduce the likelihood of such accidents in the future.

The Board's recommendations involve more stringent training and testing standards for commuter pilots, installation of ground proximity warning systems in turbine-powered commuter aircraft with 10 or more passenger seats, and the installation of flight crew intercom systems in commuter planes with high cockpit noise levels. It also recommended changes in the ATC Handbook definitions of radar arrival and non-radar arrival.

A total of 20 persons died in the two accidents -- 14 in the crash of a Henson Airlines Beech 99 at Weyers Cave, VA, on Sept. 23, 1985, and eight in the crash of a Bar Harbor Airlines Beech 99 at Auburn, ME, on Aug. 25, 1985.

Skifest '87



Denver Center invites FAA employees and friends to FAA Skifest '87 in Aspen-Snowmass, Colo., February 23 through 28, 1987. A bus will leave Stapleton International Airport in Denver, Colo., on February 23 for 4 full days of skiing, racing, shopping and feasting. The bus will return for the airport on February 28 at 10 a.m. A full package including bus, condo accommodations and lift tickets costs - \$350; without bus - \$300; events only = \$120.

For further information contact Dan Austin at Denver Center, 303/323-4100. Registration and a \$50 deposit is requested by November 1.

Robert Bloom Earns CAAE Award

Airports Division's Robert "Bob" Bloom, Supervisor of the Standards Section, was recently awarded the President's Award from the California Association of Airport Executives.

CAAE President Phil Lock made the presentation at the Annual Conference, and cited Bob for his substantial influence in the funding and development of many critical airport projects. Bob was further commended for his cooperative attitude which presents a favorable image in "working with Big Brother." CAAE lauds Bob as one of those rare individuals who always gives more than 100 percent.

Photo: Bob Bloom, proud recipient of the CAAE President's Award (displayed on wall at right). Photo by Elly Brekke.



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Mike Johnson Receives Citation



Michael Johnson, Supervisor of Accounting Operations Section of the Financial Management and Resource Division, recently received a Certificate of Achievement for his participation in the design, development, data conversion, training and implementation of the Accounts Receivable/Debt Collection Module of the Uniform Accounting System.

Associate Administrator for Administration Brooks Goldman cited Mike for his total commitment and dedication to the project under severe resource constraints.

Congratulations, Mike!

Photo: Mike Johnson, right, receives a certificate and congratulations for his dedicated efforts from Frank Cantrell. (Photo by Elly Brekke.)

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Personnel

Took The

Challenge



A group of runners from various corporations and government offices recently met at Griffith Park to compete in the 10th Annual Hanover Corporate Challenge. There were more than 2300 runners on 209 teams all ready at the starting line at 6 p.m. Celebrity runner Rod Dixon started off the 3.5 mile race. The number of team runners was not limited; however, only the five top finish times from each team counted.

Most of these runners were professionals and executives. With today's stressful jobs in the high tech industry, these people have found running to be a positive and rewarding outlet. So it was not unusual when Jim Harvey, a Supervisory Electronics Engineer, organized a team from the Los Angeles Center at Palmdale. Here are the results of their race:

Robert Stanfield, Electronics Technician = 19:31; Jordan Smith, Air Traffic Controller = 21:46; John Hayes, Air Traffic Controller = 23:03; Jim Harvey, Supervisory Electronics Technician = 26:18; Wade Powers, Air Traffic Controller = 29:09 and Norman Winkel, Air Traffic Area Manager = 35:29.

The team score for the top five tallied out at 119:47.

Another FAA team from Burbank Air Traffic Control Tower also participated with a total team time right around 134 minutes. The winning men's division team was from the Rockwell Corporation, and the winning women's team was from Jet Propulsion Lab.

Los Angeles Center is in the progress of forming a running club. Records have been set -- both individual and team. The club challenges other facilities and offices to form teams, and to beat their record at next year's Corporate Challenge.

Engen Wants Runways

Administrator Engen told the Aircraft Builders Council recently that there are "no easy or cheap solutions" to the present problem of aircraft delays at the nation's major airports.

Although noting that weather has been the cause of approximately 70 percent of all delays so far this year, he said, "We only kid ourselves if we think that a few months of good weather offer a long-term solution to delay concerns..."

"Improvements in the nation's airports -- using all available capacity, lengthening and strengthening existing runways, and building new runways where people want to travel -- offer the only long-term ways to meet the nation's air transportation needs."



Richard Failor Dies of Injuries

Richard Failor, Director of the FAA's Air Traffic Service from July 1976 to November 1978, died September 28 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Fort Worth, TX. At the time of his death, he was the Southwest Region's Air Traffic Division Manager.

During his 28-year FAA career, Failor also served as Chief and Deputy Chief of the Chicago Center from October 1970 to September 1972 and Deputy Director of the Alaska Region from June 1975 to July 1976. Among the awards he earned as an FAA employee were the FAA Meritorious Achievement Award in 1983 and DOT's top award for Meritorious Achievement in 1984 and 1985.

Hayward Tower Talk

Hayward Tower new controller arrivals are Bob Kemp and Kevin Coon, from Oakland Flight Service Station. Both are certified on Ground Control/Clearance Delivery and Flight Data, and are now working on Local Control.

Recent departures are Betty Roque and Beverlyann Angros to San Jose Tower and Ken Andrade to Oakland Tower.

People receiving awards are: Controllers Jimmie Turner, Gary Amy, Terry McGovern, Jeff Kutsch and Bob Allen (Letters of Commendation); Controller Zane Watts and Area Supervisor Ora King, Special Achievement Award.

Hayward held its Open House in June and it was a great success. Approximately 250 visitors toured the facility, watched video presentations, listened to an FAA briefing and enjoyed refreshments.

And a final congratulations to Terry McGovern who recently completed the requirements for facility full performance level certification.

60's and 70's Revisited at San Francisco

The 60's and 70's in San Francisco were fun times -- times of enjoyment and excitement. While the streets of San Francisco were bubbling with flower children, peace and love, the San Francisco International Airport had its share of excitement.

Many who were there during those times would like to get together to revisit and relive the memory of the excitement and good times.

If you were part of those times at San Francisco International Airport and would like to join the group, contact: George Glanville, AWP-406, 213/297-1164; Annie Manler, Golden Gate Sector, 415/784-8505; Donald Olivera, Oakland Center, 415/797-3200 x335; Clarence Bryant, Mill Valley Sector Field Office, 415/381-8462 or Roy Terasaki, Sacramento Sector, 916/448-2348.

Ken Carr to Retire



That's right, Ken Carr, Assistant Manager for Plans and Programs at Phoenix TRACON, has decided to retire effective December 3. Kenny started his FAA career at Bakersfield Flight Service Station on April 4, 1955. From there, he served at Imperial Flight Service Station, Fresno Tower, Los Angeles Tower/TRACON, Chief of Salinas Tower, Chief of Santa Barbara Tower, Operations Branch Specialist for Western Region, Chief of Tucson TRACON, Data Systems Officer at Phoenix TRACON and Assistant Manager for Plans and Programs at Phoenix TRACON.

There will be a retirement dinner held in Kenny's honor on Saturday, November 22, at Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, 60 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Ariz., starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner menu will be a choice of Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus = \$20 or Filet of Salmon Sauteed = \$17 (includes tax, tip and gratuity). Dinner reservations must be in by November 14. Make checks payable to Connie Nelson (at Phoenix TRACON).

An "on-the-way-out" mini golf tournament will be held on Saturday morning, November 22. Call Burleigh Stokes or Connie Nelson at 602/261-3684, if interested.

"Geronimo!" Echos in Phoenix

Phoenix Air Traffic Hub's resident skydiver, Mike Weber, recently spent a weekend jumping out of airplanes. Mike, a controller at Phoenix TRACON, completed 15 jumps to achieve jump number 1000, thus earning the Gold Wings that go with that accomplishment. As if that hasn't been enough, Mike has spent 12 hours of free fall time.

Great job, Mike!

Three Key Managers Assigned to New Jobs

Administrator Engen has announced three key personnel moves including the elevation of William Fromme from Director of the Office of Aviation Safety to the Administrator's personal staff.

Replacing Fromme will be Keith Potts, the Western-Pacific Region's (AWP) Deputy Director. Another switch sees Frederick Isaac stepping up from his current post as Manager of the Northwest Mountain Region's Airway Facilities Division to Deputy Director of that Region.

Fromme will work directly with the Administrator as Operational Review and Assessment Officer. He has been the ASF Director since July 1982, when he moved up from the Deputy's position.

Potts is a former air traffic controller who was ASF Deputy Director under Fromme before taking the Western-Pacific Region job in July 1985. Isaac is a 25-year FAA veteran. He has held his present position since August 1982.

50th ATC Banners Still Available

Western-Pacific Region Air Traffic facilities that did not receive a banner commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Air Traffic Control can still obtain one. Interested facilities should send an addressed mailing label to Dennis Feldman, National 50th Anniversary Program Director, APA-3 at FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Air Traffic Control.



Outstanding Instructor and Technician Cited

A female flight instructor from Tennessee and a general aviation maintenance technician from Wisconsin have been picked by FAA and aviation groups as the outstanding representatives of their profession for 1985.

The two will be honored at ceremonies in the FAA Washington headquarters auditorium on October 15. Administrator Engen will make the presentations to flight instructor Genie R. O'Kelley and technician Howard W. Siedlecki.

O'Kelley is president and chief flight instructor of Volunteer Aviation of Knoxville, Inc., Alcoa, TN. A teacher at heart, she is a junior high school

teacher, as well as a flight instructor, and an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.

In her instruction, she stresses safety and emphasizes special precautions such as more restrictive weather minimums for low-time pilots and mandatory flight plans for everyone.

Siedlecki is general manager of Transair Aviation of Waukegan, WI, a large sales and service corporation. Throughout his Marine Corps career and in his current job he has built a reputation of dependability. Pilots seek him out because they know that for him the only way to fix an airplane is to fix it right the first time.

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