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● **THE FAA AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Cover Story



Spencer A. Dierks, a Riverside County Deputy Sheriff from Indio, California, was presented the Federal Aviation Administration Award for Distinguished Service at a special ceremony in Indio on September 29.

Dierks was presented a plaque, a silver medal, lapel ribbon and a certificate by Mac McClure, Western-Pacific Region Director, along with a proclamation by Riverside County Supervisor Patricia "Corky" Larson from the Board of Supervisors, a plaque from California State Assemblyman Steve Clute, Riverside, from the California State Assembly, and a number of local awards and tributes for his actions in locating the wreckage of a Cessna 150, one-half mile south of the Thermal Airport, in the early morning hours of July 16, 1985. He radioed for assistance and despite what appeared to be leaking gasoline from the demolished aircraft, he rescued one crash victim and stayed with the other until help arrived.

Instrumental in initiating the FAA award and coordinating the special award ceremony was Joan Thompson, Manager of the Thermal Flight Service Station.

Also representing the FAA at the ceremony were Jim Welton, Manager, Air Traffic Control Tower, Chino Airport, and FAA Coordinator for the Ontario/Riverside area representing Public Affairs and his wife, La Mar; Wes Walker, Manager, Palm Springs, Air Traffic Control Tower and his wife, Leta; Bob George, Technician from the Palm Springs Flight Service Station and his wife, Kathleen; Delyle Brown, Controller from Thermal Flight Service Station, his wife Annette and their son, Jeff; Controller Daniel Cruz and his wife, Stella; Controller Raymond McIntosh, his wife Judy and their two sons Ray, Shawn and daughter, Tanya.

The program was conducted by Ranney Burke, Director of the Indio Chamber of Commerce and Chamber President Richard Friestad. Donna Wood, Vice President of the Chamber was the MC for the evening.

During the ceremony, Joan Thompson was asked to give a detailed account of Deputy Dierks actions. Her account is as follows:

"On July 16, 1985, at about 5AM local (Thermal FSS was closed), Deputy Dierks was on routine patrol of the Thermal Airport when he heard and reported what he believed to be a burglar alarm coming from the Thermal FSS building. He located a car with a warm engine and noted that vehicle (which turned out to be the crash victims car). He remained around the building watching for any activity to attempt to apprehend the intruders.

At about 5:10, Joan received a phone call from the sheriffs dispatcher that there was a burglar alarm at the building. Joan knowing that TRM FSS does not have such a thing said that "I don't know what it is but I'll get out there."

At about 5:15 ATCS(S) Cruz (AA) arrived at the airport for the 5:30 watch and was stopped by Deputy Dierks and warned of the intrusion of the building. Dan then told Deputy Dierks that what they were hearing was an ELT being received on our radios. That by the volume the transmitter was nearby-- either turned on in an aircraft on the ramp, or else there was an aircraft accident.

Deputy Dierks on his own initiative started searching--without the benefit of an ELT Locator. He reasoned that due to the warm engine on the car and no sight of anyone else in the area that there must be a crash. Also, that due to the layout of the Thermal Airport and the local area it must be on the airport or South of it.

So in the dark, Deputy Dierks started to search the airport and then off the airport. He was on a dirt road south of the Thermal Airport when he spotted something 1/2 mile off to the south of him yet. He got out of the patrol car and climbed on top of it to get a better view. He was then sure that what he saw was the crumpled wreckage of an aircraft. He radioed for help and then ran across the 1/2 mile.

Cover story (continued)

What he found was the wreckage of N6322B with the two victims pinned inside, both in critical condition. There was what appeared to be gas dripping and as it continues to leak, Dierks reached in and turned off the engine. With a total disregard for his own safety, he was able to cut one victim free, and he tried to free the other victim. However, it required the Jaws of Life to free the pilot. The terrain needed 4 wheel drive equipment to reach the site. Deputy Dierks remained with the pilot until he too was transported to the hospital.

Deputy Dierks, sweated, dirty and slightly bruised from his rescue efforts; then returned to Thermal FSS after 8 a.m. to provide us with the data needed for our accident report. The details of his personal rescue efforts we had received from others at the scene before he even returned."

At about the time Joan was able to reach the facility at 5:30 a.m., Dierks had already located the crash and had radioed for assistance. Deputy Sheriff Spencer Allan Dierks' initiative and perseverance had saved precious time in locating the crash, and probably saved the lives of the two victims. The FAA issues six classes of awards to the public and the Distinguished Service Award is the second-highest honor. An Extraordinary Service Award, the top honor, is reserved for instances of extraordinary heroism and is rarely bestowed. Dierks' award recognizes his "unusual courage" in a dangerous situation. It is an unusual and in the FAA opinion, a very high honor.

Cover Photo: Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Spencer A. Dierks (center) with some of the National, State and Local awards received for his heroism. On hand to congratulate Dierks are California State Assemblyman Steve Clute (left) and Regional Director, Mac McClure (right).

Edwards RAPCON Praised for Gallant Eagle Support

A beautiful gold plaque was recently presented to all Edwards RAPCON personnel for their support during the GALLANT EAGLE '86 operation. Col. George E. Roberts, U.S. Air Force, Director, Air Traffic Services, presented the award with the following comments: "From day one, we received the necessary cooperation and support from RAPCON to put together a first class operation. . . My appreciation goes to all management and controller personnel for a job well done in support of military readiness."

The plaque will be made a permanent part of the Edwards RAPCON "We Point with Pride" display.

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Pay Hike Three Percent

The January 1, 1987, raise for Federal employees, including GS will be three percent instead of the two percent recommended by the White House. The authorization for the three percent raise for civilian and military employees was included in the 1987 Appropriations bill signed October 22 by President Reagan. While Congress had previously recommended three percent hikes across the board,

FEDERAL PAY SCALES FOR WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES

GS	IN DOLLARS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	9,619	9,940	10,260	10,579	10,899	11,087	11,403	11,721	11,735	12,051
2	10,816	11,073	11,430	11,738	11,868	12,215	12,964	12,913	13,262	13,611
3	11,802	12,195	12,588	12,981	13,374	13,767	14,160	14,553	14,946	15,339
4	13,248	13,690	14,132	14,574	15,016	15,458	15,900	16,342	16,784	17,226
5	14,822	15,316	15,810	16,304	16,798	17,292	17,786	18,280	18,744	19,268
6	16,321	17,072	17,623	18,174	18,725	19,276	19,827	20,378	20,929	21,480
7	18,358	18,970	19,582	20,194	20,806	21,418	22,030	22,642	23,254	23,866
8	20,333	21,011	21,689	22,367	23,045	23,723	24,401	25,079	25,757	26,435
9	22,458	23,207	23,956	24,705	25,454	26,203	26,952	27,701	28,450	29,199
10	24,732	25,556	26,380	27,204	28,028	28,852	29,676	30,500	31,324	32,148
11	27,172	28,078	28,984	29,890	30,796	31,702	32,608	33,514	34,420	35,326
12	32,567	33,653	34,739	35,825	36,911	37,997	39,083	40,169	41,255	42,341
13	38,727	40,018	41,309	42,600	43,891	45,182	46,473	47,764	49,055	50,346
14	45,763	47,288	48,813	50,338	51,863	53,388	54,913	56,438	57,963	59,488
15	53,830	56,624	59,418	62,212	65,006	67,800	70,594	73,388	76,182	78,976
16	63,135	66,240	69,345	72,450	75,555	78,660	81,765	84,870	87,975	91,080
17	73,958*	76,423*	78,888*	81,353*	83,818*					
18	86,682*									

*The rate of basic pay payable to employees at these rates is limited to the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule, which would be \$70,800.
SOURCE: Office of Personnel Management

the White House recommended two percent for civilian employees and four percent for military personnel.

On October 22, Congress also passed legislation authorizing full pay for employees for Friday, October 17. Those employees on sick, annual, or leave without pay on Oct. 17 should be charged with appropriate leave for the time of their absence.

Airports Transfer Approved

The transfer, scheduled for sometime in FY 1987, of Dulles International Airport and Washington National Airport to a regional authority has been approved by the 99th Congress.

All Washington Metropolitan Airport employees will be offered their present jobs with the new authority. In addition, they will receive a comprehensive five year guarantee of job retention, pay levels at least equal to those at time of transfer, retention of all leave balances, accrual of annual and sick leave on the same basis as at present, the same holidays, seniority rights, continuation of all collective bargaining agreements, and at least one life and three health insurance programs comparable to those currently available. The employees will all remain in the Civil Service Retirement Program for as long as they continue with the Authority.

The move, which frees the airports from the federal budget, will permit millions of dollars in improvements at both airports. This will be possible because the shift will allow the regional authority to float revenue bonds for the improvements.

The regional authority will be comprised of 11 members, five from Virginia, two from Maryland, three from the District, and one appointed by the President. A Congressional review board consisting of four senators, four representatives, and a ninth member to be selected alternately from the House and Senate each year, will have the authority to review the annual budgets, appoint the chief executive officer, and approve major changes in regulations.

Among the top priorities to the airport improvement plans are replacing National's North Terminal, expanding the main terminal and adding 7,000 additional parking spaces at Dulles.

Herman Bliss And Frank Cantrell Honored

In a recent ceremony in the Executive Conference Room of the FAA Regional Headquarters, Regional Director Mac McClure bestowed service career emblems upon two regional managers.

Airports Division Manager Herman Bliss received recognition for 35 years of dedicated service; Accounting Branch Manager Frank Cantrell was cited for 25 years of faithful service.

Congratulations!

Photo: Mac McClure, right, presents 60 years worth of service career emblems -- a 35-year pin to Herman Bliss, left, and a 25-year pin to Frank Cantrell, center. Photo by Elly Brekke.



Albert Serrao Earns Outstanding Certificate

Albert Serrao (left), General Supply Specialist (GSS) with Honolulu Airway Flight Station, is presented with an Outstanding Certificate with Special Achievement Award by Manager John Gordon.

Al has been the Sector GSS for the past six years.

Congratulations, Al!

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Tired Of Bank Lines?

This year, you will spend 8-1/2 hours depositing your paycheck. Avoid this headache and the danger of having your paycheck lost or stolen in the U.S. mail system by having it sent directly to your financial institution through the direct deposit/electronic funds transfer (DD/EFT) program. Sign up now by forwarding a completed SF-1199A to your payroll office, AAC-24D, in Oklahoma City.

The use of DD/EFT also saves the government money by eliminating the costs of mailing, processing and overhead costs incurred by sending paychecks directly to home addresses.

The department of the treasury estimates that direct deposit payments cost the government \$.03 per transaction to process. This is significantly less than the \$.26 required to process, print and mail individual treasury checks. The \$.23 is a recurring savings every pay period for every participant. Also additional savings are obtained by eliminating administrative costs associated with issuing replacements for lost or stolen checks.

Presently, 76.7 percent of Western-Pacific Region employees now enjoy the safety, speed and convenience of DD/EFT. Let's make it 100 percent participation, sign-up now!

Alonzo T. Carman

We are saddened to report the death of FAA Retiree Alonzo T. Carman on October 5.

Al had been with the Regional Airports Division serving as an Airport Lighting Specialist before retiring from the FAA in 1974 after 30 years of service.

Al is survived by his wife Marcia, daughter Karen Brennan and three grandchildren -- Kevin, Erin and Colleen.

Credit Union Introduces New "FAA Collection Share Drafts"



The FAA Western Federal Credit Union has announced the introduction of a new corporate image share draft (check) which will be available only to members. The "FAA Collection" share drafts are a series of four scenes depicting some important roles of FAA employees. Ask some of your friends who are Credit Union members to show you a sample of the new draft.

Through December 31, 1986, the Credit Union is offering the first order of these drafts free to individuals opening a new share draft account at the Credit Union. If you are not already a member of the Credit Union, now is the time to act by opening a share savings account, then you can take advantage of the Credit Union's dividend earning share draft account, and get your free "FAA Collection" share drafts.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the FAA Western Federal Credit Union, contact the New Accounts Representative. The Toll Free phone numbers are: 1-800-352-7431 from California; 1-800-521-5611 from Alaska and Hawaii or 1-800-421-7111 all other states.

Thought For The Week

To get full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with.

--Mark Twain

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Engen Says Airports Are Key To Benefits

Administrator Engen has again called for the expansion of airport facilities as essential to achieving the full benefits from deregulation.

While outlining some ways that deregulation affects FAA policies toward airport development, the Administrator said, "Despite parochial pressures that might seem reasonable taken in isolation, the FAA has a responsibility to see the system as a whole. We cannot review proposals for restrictions anywhere without considering their effects everywhere in the system."

Engen, speaking to the Jacksonville, FL, Port Authority October 17, went on to explain that in accepting Government grants for airport expansion and improve-

ment, airport operators must agree to operate their facilities as public services.

He also outlined some of the real benefits of deregulation. He said that last year American air carriers flew more than 400 million passengers while the improving safety trends established before deregulation continued.

As far as safety is concerned, he pointed out, "The aggregate accident rate for the seven years following deregulation is 28 percent lower than the accident rate for the five years before deregulation." He also emphasized that while safety and services continue to improve, average ticket prices have dropped.

Cola Backpay

Those current and former employees who are entitled to COLA backpay resulting from the settlement in U.S. Claims Court of the class action suit Karamatsu v. United States can expect to receive their computation letters on or about January 30, 1987.

The purpose of the letters is to verify current addresses and the amount of backpay due. Once the amount due has been verified, judgment will be entered in the employee's favor by the Court. Actual net payments will be made by the General Accounting Office (GAO) from the judgment fund after withholdings and other appropriate deductions are made from the gross amount due. FAA cannot say when the COLA backpay will actually be received from GAO.

If further information is required, contact Lee Mowery, AAA-300, on extension 79007.

Administrator Speaks At MTS Ground Breaking

At Ground breaking ceremonies for new Management Training School (MTS) buildings in Daytona Beach, Florida. Administrator Engen said that people are our greatest resource and this facility will help us renew our employees capabilities. He added that by teaching new technology "we are enhancing the technical capacity of our systems. By developing the personal skills essential to get the most out of the people who work that technology every day we can secure the greatest benefits from our total investment in the future."

MTS is expected to have a yearly enrollment of 3,300 students in management training courses. In addition, there will be 16,000 correspondence enrollments and computer-based training for 500 employees. Training is scheduled to begin at the facility in fiscal year 1988.

FAA Control Tower
3601 E. Spring Street
Long Beach, CA 90805

Manager of Air Traffic Control:

A few weeks ago I was involved in an air traffic incident while executing an ILS approach to the Long Beach airport. The situation involved an American Airlines MD-80 which I was flying and a single-engine Cessna that had entered the airport control zone improperly.

When we came out of the clouds, my co-pilot saw the light plane at our 11 o'clock position, level and converging slightly. He relayed this traffic to the tower and we maintained visual separation. The tower immediately asked if the traffic was a certain Cessna that had called for landing information earlier and upon determining that it was, directed him away from the ILS course. The Cessna initially started a turn toward us but after additional insistence from the tower, began a turn away. Although I had made a turn off the localiser to avoid further conflict, I was able to rejoin the approach path and complete a safe landing.

The pleasant outcome of this incident is greatly due to the alert reaction and timely response given by the duty tower controller. Although I did not retain her name, I'm sure you know the individual and can relay my thanks. In my judgement, she saved what could easily have been a mid-air collision. She deserves a congratulatory letter for a job well done.

Sincerely,
D. J. Ellithorpe
Captain, American Airlines

Congratulations and thanks to
Caroline Miller for her quick
thinking and outstanding
performance.

J. J. Miller

OFFICE
SUSAN B. JORDAN, Controller
717 Merchant St., San Francisco, California 94111

Mr. Vincent Mellone
Facility Manager
Oakland Center
5125 Central Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536

Dear Mr. Mellone:

In a day and age when it seems everyone is complaining about the air traffic control system, I want to write you a letter of appreciation.

I as a general aviation pilot. I fly frequently, often during peak hours, in and out of Oakland and other bay area airports. Almost invariably, the controllers at Oakland Center oblige general aviation traffic in a courteous and complete manner, even though their workload must be heavy. I, for one, appreciate the extra margin of safety this assistance gives me in the areas bordering on the TCA, as well as in the outlining areas.

However, what has prompted me to write is simply the nameless voice of one of your controllers I encountered on a flight home after a long business day in Chico the other day. On Tuesday, September 9, 1986, I was flying my aircraft Mooney N 621 Sierra Juliet between Chico and Ukiah between 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. I was talking to Center on 120.4. Nothing special happened, no crisis arose, it was simply the nice tone of voice and the courtesy with which this controller spoke to me and others that was exceptionally nice. It seemed he went out of his way for a general aviation pilot to let us know we were still welcome in the system.

During this week following the disaster over Carritos, I know tensions and workload must have been high at the Center. However, I wanted to take the time to tell you of the exceptional radio manner of this individual. I am hopeful that you will be able to identify him, and relay my appreciation.

Yours very truly,

Susan B. Jordan
SUSAN B. JORDAN

Controller:
Dennis Perry

The Ninety Nines, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS
Mt. Shasta Chapter

Mr. Jerry Walker, Tower Manager
Redding Municipal Airport
Redding, Calif.

Dear Jerry,

The Mt. Shasta 99's would like to thank you and Dale for your outstanding air traffic controlling during the recent Fales to Pines Air Race at Benton Airport. The professional manner with which you did your job helped to smooth the way for an enjoyable experience for all the pilots. We appreciate your willingness to participate in this event, and hope to make it an annual one.

I would like to add a personal thank for all the help I have received from the controllers in the tower as I practiced for an pilot's license and afterwards as I discovered what unexpected events can occur on final approach. I am looking forward to working with you all again soon as I work on my instrument license.

Sincerely,

Jan Cowan

Jan Cowan
Corresponding Secretary

california air charter

Mr. Ben Kennedy, Facility Manager
Oakland Airport Tower Facilities
Federal Aviation Administration
1 Airport Drive, Box 39
Oakland, Ca., 94621

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

With the thought of keeping the level of operations between your facilities and our operations as smooth and comfortable as we have enjoyed in the past, I would like to inform you officially of California Air Charter's policy of training flights call sign designation.

All California Air Charter training and check flights will operate using a two digit flight number. For example, if a controller is contacted by a "Cal Air 25," the controller would know that flight is either a training flight or a check ride.

The two digit number will vary, depending upon the aircraft "N" number.

Three digit flight numbers will continue to be the norm for other operations.

We hope that the two digit numbers will help your controllers in their on-line planning and control execution.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the professional, competent, helpful and friendly facility which you operate. In my book, all of your controllers are top notch. They continually help us speed up our operation, are well aware of aircraft capabilities and are a credit to the air controllers' profession.

Please feel free to contact me any time you have a question or that I may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Ken
Kenneth J. Couchie
Oakland Division Manager

Letters We Like To Receive

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Red Hot Radio in American Samoa

June 16, 1986

Mr. Smitty Lutu
Federal Aviation Administration
Pago Pago, American Samoa

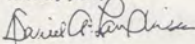
Dear Mr. Lutu:

This letter is to express our gratitude and appreciation for your unselfish assistance last week in getting our standby generator working again in the midst of the power crisis that the whole island is going through.

There is no doubt that without your technical assistance, we could not have gotten American Samoa's only radio station back on the air again on a 24-hour schedule. I cannot express enough how critical it was to have standby power during this crisis for the purpose of keeping the community informed of power rationing schedules and so forth, not to mention the numerous messages the government has been broadcasting on our station to the public since KYZK-TV has been shut down until the power situation improves.

Once again, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel A. Langkilde
General Manager

DAL/as

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) Pago Pago American Samoa 96799 Phone 488-913 888-734



**BARTON
ATC Inc.**

GLENDALE TOWER
6747 GLEN HARBOR BLVD
GLENDALE, AZ 85307

June 30, 1986

Mr. Riley Porter
Acting Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
Airways Facility Sector
2644 E. Buckeye Road
Phoenix, AZ 85634

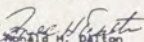
Dear Riley:

On the opening day of the new Glendale, Arizona Airport the tower was faced with a serious radio problem. Although radios were totally functional, for some reason they would not key from the cab.

I called Stan Matt at Deer Valley about borrowing a portable. Stan put me in touch with Jim Cambier. Jim loaned us a transceiver, which solved the problem.

I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation and outstanding response provided by Jim Cambier. It has been a pleasure for me personally to be associated with the outstanding FAA employees here in the valley. Jim Cambier is at the top of my list of great people to know.

Sincerely,



Ronald H. Dutton
Chief Controller

RHD/tp

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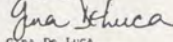
Mr. Joe Palumbo
Control Tower
San Francisco International Airport
San Francisco, Calif. 94126

Dear Mr. Palumbo,

Thank you very much for your cooperation in arranging such a short-notice tour of the Control Tower today. It made Eulice's grandson, Stepper, very happy to visit such an exciting part of the Airport. I hope it wasn't too great an inconvenience for you or your staff.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,



Otha De Luca
Community Affairs

306 Vista Way
Martinez, Ca.

FAA Tower Controllers
C/O Chico Municipal Airport
Chico, California 95926

Re: Cherokee 8296Q

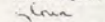
Dear: Persons That Helped Me.

Thanks so very much for helping me on the afternoon of August 21st. Your kindness was the only bright spot the entire day.

My instructor found out that I over flew (understatement) the airport and said I will do it until I do it right.

So, probably next week, if I don't throw in the logbook, I will try and do it right: a perfect cross country to Chico, and only Chico. Here's hoping the next time I report in south of the airport, (yours), I will be.

EDITOR'S NOTE: HATS OFF TO CONTROLLER
EARL KLEW FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Thanks Again,

Gloria Martin

Farewell, Las Vegas Flight Service Station

by Grant Eccles
Supervisory Controller, Reno FSS

In 1934, the Las Vegas Flight Service Station (FSS) opened at the old County Airport. The location was what is now Nellis Air Force Base (AFB).

In 1948, when the Clark County Public Airport opened in its current location, the FSS moved to that location. The airport was later renamed McCarran International Airport.

The Flight Service Station was later combined with the Tower and became the agency's first combined Station/Tower. The station and tower were later separated in 1959. The FSS moved several times on the airport, but its last location from 1976-1985 was in the renovated Bonanza Building, next to the big Hughes Hangar.

With the advent of the Automated FSS concept, on September 27, 1985, the Las Vegas FSS closed its doors for the last time. All its responsibilities were transferred to Reno, Nevada, FSS. Most employees were transferred to Reno, but some transferred to Arizona and southern California. Others retired or resigned.

On these pages are photos of those closing the station and what happened to them. (Photos courtesy of Gilbert Caddell and John Katsigenis.)

Photos: Top--Left to right: Dan Hackett, Gil Caddell, Bill Woodard, Ed Kohl, Frank Benton and Paul Coniglio. All retired when the station closed.

Middle -- Also retiring are Larry Mitchell, Acting Assistant Manager, and Hugh Southerland, Air Traffic Manager.

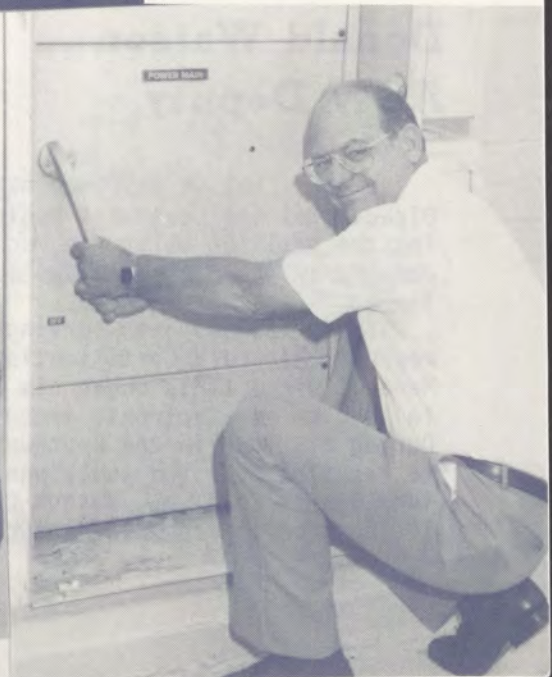
Below -- Controller George Mankey transferred to Ontario FSS.

Opposite page - These controllers transferred to other FSSs. From left, Frank Garcia to Ontario, John Carlson to Reno and Bob Young to Tonopah. Next row, John Moskop to San Diego, Hank Durham to San Diego and Don Balbo to Prescott.

Below -- Hugh Southerland closes the door and locks up for the last time. At right, Grant Eccles, last supervisor to leave, turns off the main power. He has since transferred to Reno FSS.



The People of Las Vegas FSS



SO LONG!



Establishment Engineering Branch Awards

Congratulations to the following Establishment Engineering Branch folks who recently earned awards:

Special Achievement Awards -- Civil Engineer Cliff Rustad, Civil Engineer Powell Underwood and Secretary Patti Zeman.

On-the-Spot Awards -- Management Assistant Terry Curtis and Services Assistant Olga Eiben.

Civilair News

The annual Civilair Adult's Christmas party has been scheduled for the Alondra Club in Lawndale, California. All FAA employees and their guests are invited to attend on Saturday, December 20, for refreshments and dancing. Look for more information on ticket ordering in upcoming issues of INTERCOM.

You can do your Christmas shopping in the Regional Office lobby on December 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. as Civilair sponsors its second annual Christmas Boutique. FAA employees will be setting up displays of handmade crafts available at reasonable costs. Mark your calendar, and stop by during your coffee or lunch break to pick up something special for folks on your Christmas list. All proceeds will go to the Civilair social activity fund.

Donald Watson ASW Deputy

Donald P. Watson has been named Deputy Director of the Southwest Region, filling the position which was vacated in January by the retirement of F.E. Whitfield.

Watson, who has been serving as the region's Aircraft Certification Division Manager since 1981, began his FAA career in 1957 as an electronic technician. During his tour in the Southwest Region, he has also held the positions of Assistant Branch Chief and Branch Chief of the Engineering and Manufacturing Branch.

Relocation Real Estate Transactions

Employees relocating at government expense or who plan on doing so in the future, should be sure and check the titles on their real estate and related documents. If there is a name on any real estate title other than the employee's immediate family (spouse, unmarried children under 21, dependent parents or dependent brothers or sisters), the employee very likely could be entitled to only one-half of any real estate expenses incurred. This is for both the relocation services contract or when selling property yourself. It is the sole responsibility of the employee to insure that they have clear title to any property prior to reporting to their new duty stations and submitting claims for proper reimbursement.

AF To Host Appreciation Party

The Regional Establishment Engineering Branch extends an invitation to attend an "Appreciation Party" for all of the support and assistance given to the Branch during FY-86.

The party will begin at 4:30 p.m. on November 18, at Doolittle Raiders (formerly 94th Aerosquadron), 2780 Skypark Drive, Torrance, Calif. Free hors d'oeuvres will be provided and beverages will be pay-as-you-go. If you wish to attend, contact the Establishment Engineering Branch, in the Airway Facilities Division.

Accident Prevention Program Shows Major Increase



Fourteen Accident Prevention Specialists in the Western-Pacific Region were honored recently for their part in contributing to the major increase in the Accident Prevention Specialist - conducted seminars during the first quarter of 1986.

The number of seminars reflected a 50 percent increase for the quarter. In addition, of the 891 safety seminars conducted nationally during the first quarter of 1986, 214 or 24 percent were conducted in the Western-Pacific Region.

Presented with letters of appreciation and certificates of recognition by Regional Director Mac McClure, with Regional Accident Prevention Specialist Jack Norris and Gary Koch, National Accident Prevention Specialist representing FAA Headquarters looking on, were:

Vincent Brophy, Van Nuys; Janet Hitt, San Jose; Carl Borchers, San Jose; John Roach, Fresno; Paul Stebelton, Long Beach; Jerry Gavette, Las Vegas; Donald Judd, Scottsdale; Ralph Palmer, Riverside; Alvin Groft, Los Angeles; Paul Hinman, Sr., Reno; James Martin, Honolulu; R. J. Jones, Oakland; Ralph Anderson, Sacramento and Calvin Schroeder, San Diego.

Looking on and joining in the congratulations were Keith Potts, Deputy Director; Tim Forte, Manager Flight Standards Division; William Withycombe, Assistant Division Manager, Flight Standards Division and William Sullins, Manager, Flight Standards Branch.

The Letters of Commendation, signed by Carol Rayburn, Manager, General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800 to the "Western-Pacific Region Accident Prevention Specialists, Thru: Manager, Flight Standards Division, AWP-200" cited the following remarks: Your continued enthusiastic support is assuredly a contributing factor to the success of the Accident Prevention Program as a whole and of the Back-to-Basics effort, as well.

Photo: Participants in the recent APS award ceremony. From left -- William Sullins, Jack Norris, Gary Koch, Mac McClure, Paul Stebelton, John Roach, Tim Forte, R. Jones, Vince Brophy, Alvin Groft, Keith Potts and William Withycombe. Photo by Russ Park.



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Art Pearsall To Retire



Art Pearsall, Manager of Long Beach Flight Standards District Office, will retire December 1 after more than 42 years of federal service, 19 of which were with FAA Flight Standards programs.

Art served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. Following his military career, he was employed by the Civil Aeronautics Board/National Transportation Safety Board and subsequently the FAA as an Air Carrier Operations Inspector, a pilot at Hangar Six in Washington, D.C., and Chief of the Co-

ordination Branch and Air Carrier Regulations Branch, also in Washington. In 1976, Art moved back to the west coast and served as Manager of the San Diego Air Carrier office and finally Long Beach FSDO.

There will be a retirement dinner held in Art's honor on Saturday, December 6, at Marmac's Prime Rib Restaurant, 12777 Knott Street, Garden Grove, starting at 6 p.m.

Art and his lovely wife, Ilene, will retire in Leisure Village in Ocean Hills, CA. The FAA family wishes Art a very "Happy Retirement."

AF News

Congratulations to Elmer Byrd and Lillian Lessler of the Operations Section in the Regional Airway Maintenance Facilities Operations Branch. Elmer received a Letter of Appreciation from the Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector for his dedication and total support. Lillian was presented an On-the-Spot cash award for her help on the Los Angeles/Lancaster AFS Consolidation.

Retiree's Grandson Off To Med School

Daniel Potter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Potter of Flintridge, Calif., has been accepted into the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He is now a senior at USC in the psychology honors program. Daniel's proud grandfather is retired Air Traffic Division employee Fred Potter.

Veterans Day November 11, 1986



Remember those who serve our country.

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.

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A Banner Day For Phoenix Managers



Phoenix Valley of the Sun Air Traffic Managers display a banner celebrating the 50th anniversary of Air Traffic Control. The banner was used throughout the valley for many open houses and celebration functions.

Pictured here are, from left -- Deer Valley Tower Manager Stan Watt, Falcon Tower Manager Zeke Clark, Phoenix TRACON Manager Dick Miller, Prescott Tower Manager Frank Jonke, Scottsdale Tower Manager Chuck Ralston, Phoenix Tower Manager Ed Couch and Goodyear Tower Manager Dennis Myers.

(Photo by Don Dalton, Glendale Tower.)

Scottsdale Tower Presents Career Emblems



In the photo at left, Air Traffic Control Specialist Dick Lawrence (right), is presented his 30-year career service pin and congratulatory letter by Scottsdale Tower Manager Chuck Ralston. (Photo by Fred Arthur.)

At right, Area Supervisor Steve Lakin (left), receives his 25-year service career pin from Chuck. (Photo by Doug Young.)

Congratulations, Dick and Steve.

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(Editor's Note: This is a perfect example of our outreach effort to educators throughout the region. Rod Stahl sent an identical letter to school districts in Templeton, San Luis Obispo, Atascadero, Paso Robles, Shandon and San Miguel, Calif.)

Dear Connie Harms:

I would like to re-introduce myself to your school system. I am Rod Stahl, Air Traffic Manager for the FAA Flight Service Station at Paso Robles Municipal Airport. One of my our duties and a very keen interest of mine is Aviation Education Facilitator. You can find my name in the Science Resource Directory for San Luis Obispo County Schools. Last school year, I had the pleasure to participate in Career Day at several area schools. The attached yellow publication on page three tells of my activity.

The Federal Aviation Administration is participating with many other aviation-oriented organizations in reaching out to educators with aviation information for all grade levels.

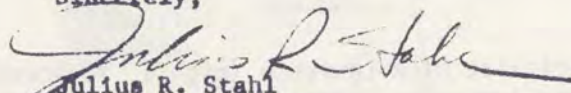


Beechcraft has made available to us the enclosed binder with elementary teaching aids to be furnished at no cost to those interested in enhancing their curriculum with the wonder of aviation. If you would like additional binders so each school can have it's own copy, let me know how many you would like. I can send them to you or directly to the school. I would like a listing of the shools in your district so that I can follow up and see if I can be of any help. The enclosed envelope is for your reply.

I am available for providing tours of the FAA facility at Paso Robles, a source for interesting FAA films, slide programs or other publications, and can provide speakers to fill your needs. Weather is a major part of the operation at Paso Robles and a science class could have a rewarding field trip.

The weather book we talked about is enclosed. I will be looking forward to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Julius R. Stahl
Air Traffic Manager



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NOTE TO ALL EMPLOYEES: These three-ring Beechcraft binders with elementary teaching aids are FREE for the asking. Just contact your nearest FAA Coordinator or AWP-5.