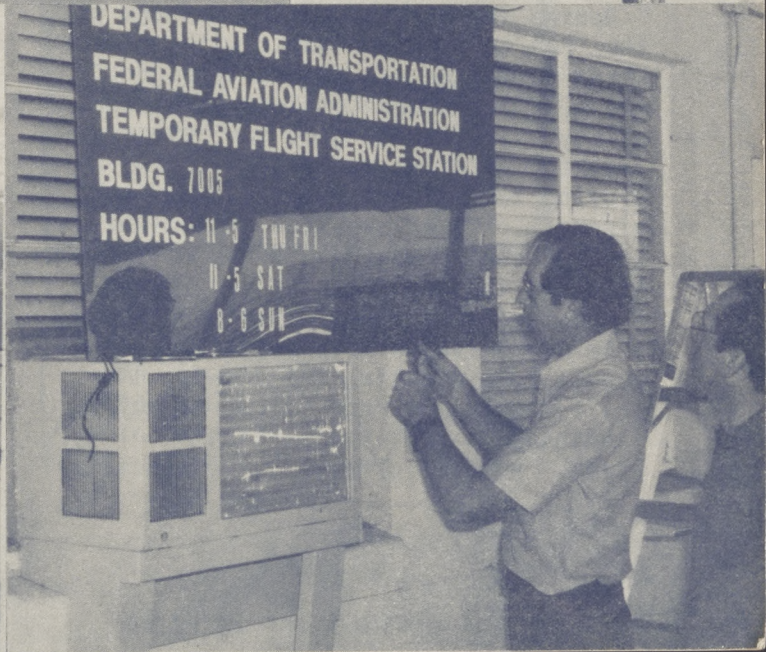
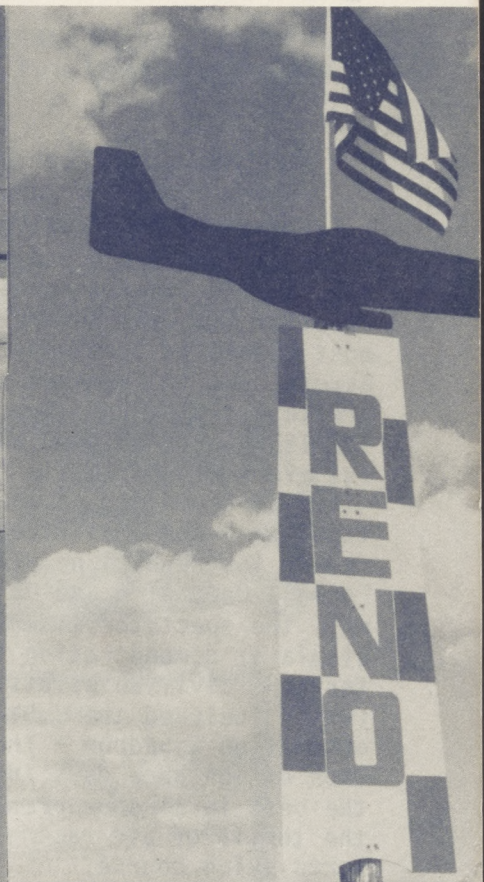


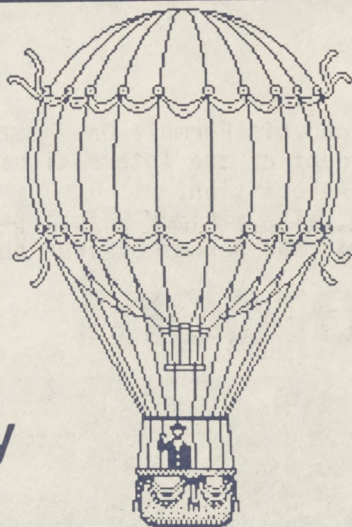


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Cover Story



For the record it was called the 23rd National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, the longest continuously running event of its kind in the world. For most people it is simply "The Reno Air Races," and it involves some of the greatest flying and flyers in the world. The 1986 purse of \$400,000 is the largest ever offered in air racing.

Over a seven-day period, (the first three used for qualification flying for racers in the Biplane, International Formula One, AT-6 and Unlimited classes), the spectator is treated to ground displays, demonstration flying by military and civilian pilots and aircraft (which included the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron - The Thunderbirds). Each of the show days include some of the best in airshow presentations and the thrill of air racing around a measured pylon course.

Behind the scenes are the members of the "FAA team" which works with the Air Races committee and flyers throughout the year to insure complete aviation safety. Their role goes far beyond the checking of pilot certification and approving the "flight readiness" of each aircraft. To an event of this magnitude (a record four-day crowd of 138,000 attended the races at the Reno Stead Airport), FAA responsibilities range from establishing procedures and air routes to protecting the crowds, aircraft runway and ramp rules, takeoffs, landings, taxiing and parking of aircraft. A total of over 1,400 spectator

aircraft were parked at Reno Stead and Reno Cannon International Airports. All FAA personnel from Reno's Flight Standards Office, Flight Service Station and Air Traffic Control Tower assisted with the Air Races.

Doing extra duty at both Reno Stead and Reno Cannon Airports and contributing greatly to the overall safety of the races were Flight Service Station Specialists Rusty Gilmore, Lisa Kane, Bud Weber, Rich Norton and Bob Stanco; specialists and members of the Reno FSS Air Races Committee Jim Flores and Bob Ternahan; and Valentine "Ski" Pisarski, Reno FSS Quality Assurance & Training Officer and FSS Air Races Committee Member.

A winter type storm moved into the Northern California/Western Nevada area on the last day of the races, and Flight Service Station personnel were seen briefing large groups of pilots and crews as stacks of flight plans were entered into the system.

As airplanes of all sizes and description landed at the Reno Stead airport on the last day before qualification began, Air Traffic Controllers Dayle Buschkotter and Ron Beckerdite manned the radio and landing light in the tower. During the races, the Committee operated a temporary tower near the pit and ramp area.

Jim Panter, Reno FAA Coordinator/Manager of Reno Tower and his staff handled the added workload and heavy traffic periods in a very professional manner. A special "thanks" to Don Doolittle, Jim Lindsey, Larry Martin, Doug Mott, Ken Pender, Chuck Wienum, Larry Ayres, Mat Bartkiewicz, Ron Beckerdite, John Bent, Dayle Buschkotter, Geri Carson, Chris Dubose, Darte Edwards, John Kalsbeek, Jim Mawhar, Ken Moen, Cathy Monroe, Cheryl Palko, Lee Pals, Jay Riseden, Gail Tinkham, Bob Tinkham, Laura Turnbow, Lee Uncles and Marty Clark.

Reno Flight Standards District Office Manager Frank Kellogg, and his super crew of Kay Fred, Francis Ward, Earl Morgan, Fred Hinman, Ron Steele, Bill Spooner, Fred Cooper and Jack Austin, put in extra hours for many days to assure the FSDO ran smoothly and the temporary facility at the races operated properly. Flight Standards people were active in all facets of the race including daily pilot briefings, monitoring flying operations, certification and verification, along with show and race altitudes and boundaries. As Frank Kellogg commented during the races, "We act sort of like umpires at a sports event. We don't want to be the event, but we are more in the background monitoring everything that's going on."

Some interesting facts about the 1986 Reno Air Races:

...The National Championship Air Races are operated by the Reno Air Racing Association, a non-profit organization.

...All concessions are run by local service clubs to help fund their yearly charitable projects.

...Unlimited air racing is the fastest motor sport in the world.

...It is the only event in the world that has an Unlimited racing class (WWII aircraft) and the only air race that has four classes.

...It takes approximately 2,000 volunteers to stage the Reno Air Races.

...Reno's first event was in 1964 at Sky Ranch, east of Reno. This is the 23rd annual event.

...The entire 9.1-mile race course is jointly owned by the Reno Air Races and Washoe County.

...The Unlimited Class purse prize was \$257,500; the WWII trainer class (the AT-6's) purse was \$55,000; Formula Ones was \$60,000; and Biplanes \$27,500.

...The three-days of qualifying are open free to the public.

...A record qualification speed was set at 452.737 mph around the nine mile course in the Unlimited Class by a Super Sea Fury.

...Former astronaut Deke Slayton, 62,

won his Formula One heat. He is president of the International Formula One Association.

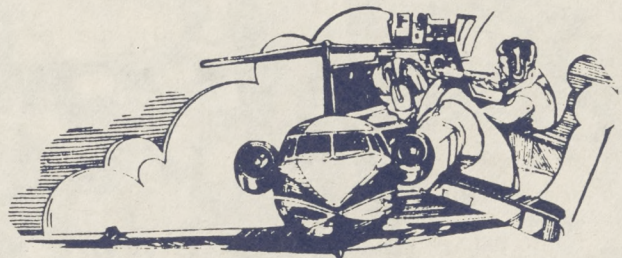
...The minimum weight of a Formula One is 500 pounds = minus the pilot.

Cover photos: Top == Entrance to The National 1986 Reno Air Races.

Middle, left == United States Air Force Thunderbirds roar into the show for the opening ceremony.

Below, left == Air Traffic Controller Ron Beckerdite, left, and Dayle Buschkotter, right, control operations at Reno/Stead Tower.

Below, right == FAA vertigon crew for Oklahoma.



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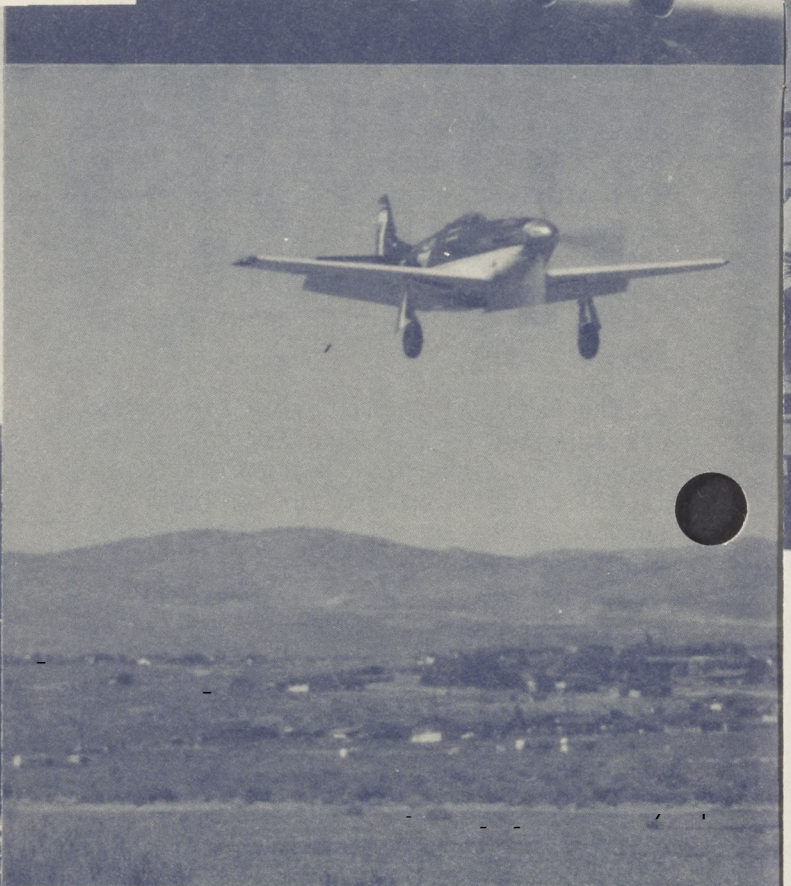
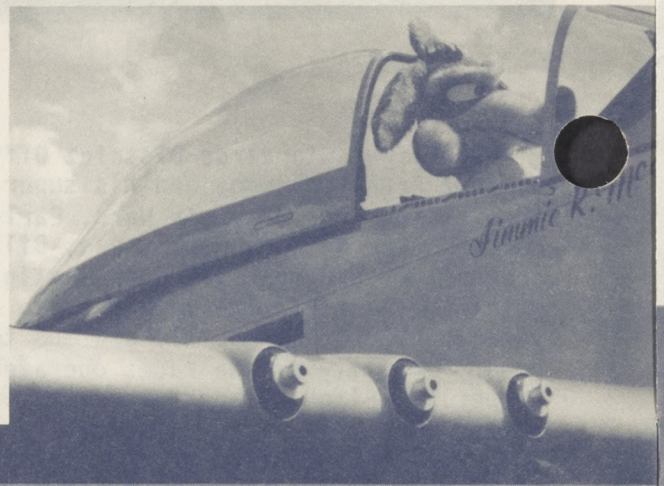
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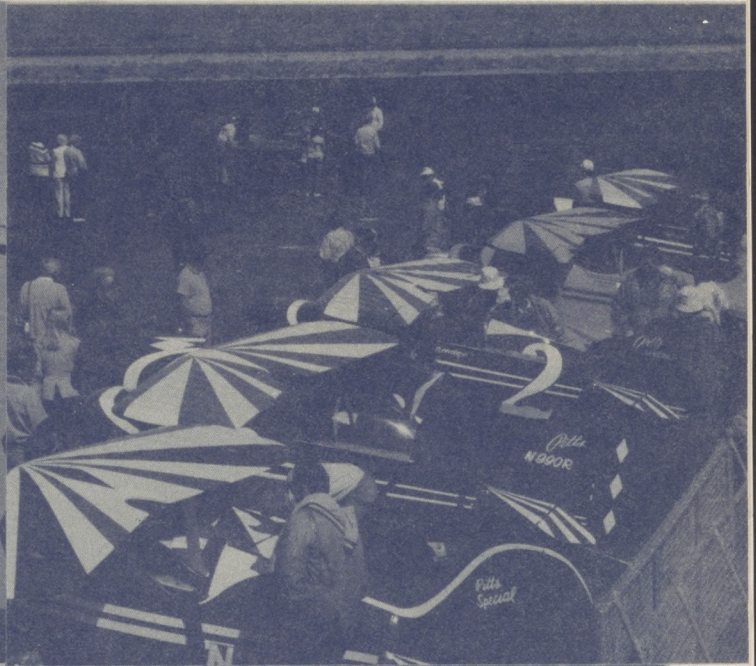
MORE RENO AIR RACES...

Unlimited Class



Biplane Class

Photos: Right top - A-5-15 runs the course. Left top - A-5-15 runs the course. Next - U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Air Corps. Information. Next - Reno Air Race Director. Adams (center), confers with flight



MORE RENO

Photos: Right, top -- A B-25 runs the course for "speed."

Next -- U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, Nevada Wing, offers Safety information.

Next -- Reno Air Race Director Wayne Adams (center), confers with Flight Standards Inspectors Frank Kellogg (left) and Ron Steele.

Next -- Flight Service Station at Reno/Stead Airport processes orderly "crowd."

Left, top -- Paul Hineman (left), Reno Flight Standards Office, visits with FAA "old friends" Glenda and Allen Neal from Casper, Wyoming.

Below -- More of the Reno/Stead "crowd".



STILL MORE...

Photos: Top left == Biplane with two "wing walkers" thrilled the Air Races crowd for three days.



Middle == Wendie Beckerdite, wife of Air Traffic Controller Ron Beckerdite, prepares family, Ryan, 2-1/2 years and Bree, 3-1/2 months, for a day at the Reno Air Races while Daddy works in the tower.



Below left == Former Deputy Director Keith Potts confers with U.S. Air Force Demonstration Team, The Thunderbirds, before the day's operation.

Below right == Flight Standards District Office personnel checking-in pilots and their aircraft. At table are Bill Spooner and Earl Morgan.



The News In Brief

* "California Dreamin' = Sharing for Success," will be the theme of the Professional Women Controllers annual convention scheduled to be held in Long Beach, Calif., next spring. Seminars at the get-together will emphasize personal, social, and technical issues. As an inducement to early registration, the first 50 people to sign up will receive a free commemorative pin and be entered

in a drawing to get their registration fee refunded.

* South Africa now is one of those places you can't get to from here anymore -- not by air anyway. On Nov. 3, DOT issued a proposed final order revoking the permit of South African Airways to provide service to the U.S. and prohibiting U.S. air carriers from serving South Africa. It went into effect on Nov. 16.

ADL, AIA Issue Guide

International planners from third world countries and those with established aviation systems now have an FAA planning guide to direct them on their way. The first Airport and Airways ATC Facilities and Services Planning Guide for international planners has been issued by the offices of

the Associate Administrators for Development and Logistics, Policy, and International Aviation.

The guide includes a rundown of equipment and U.S. suppliers complexity to help planners find what they need.

The guide will be distributed through FAA offices overseas and U.S. embassies.



Des Moines FSDO Wins Award

FAA's top Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) for 1986 now has a plaque to prove it. The award was presented by Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards William Hendricks to the Des Moines, IA, FSDO at an Oct. 23 banquet. FSDO Manager B. P. Lockert accepted it on behalf of his crew.

Lockert noted that his facility achieved maximum utilization of personnel last year in part by cross-training air carrier and general aviation inspectors, thus increasing their availability for proficiency checks and other duties. The accident rate in the FSDO's area of responsibility was cut by 16 percent in

1985, as compared with the previous year.

Another reason for selection of Des Moines was explained by the Operations Unit Supervisor Dorvin Hagan. He noted that the facility was very quick to grasp the potential of the agency's Human Relations program and initiate action to increase participatory management. Other HR programs included efforts to improve the work environment by enlarging the office and installing a state-of-the-art telephone system.

In addition to the national award, the Des Moines FSDO also received a special plaque from Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards Anthony J. Broderick.

Phoenix AT Hub Presents Awards

Congratulations to FAA folks who recently earned awards in the Phoenix Air Traffic Hub. They are -- Royal Springer, Goodyear Tower, On-the-Spot award; John Mueller, Ramon Varela and James Uruchurtu, Prescott Tower, Group Special Achievement Award for Special Service; and Francis Jonke, Prescott Tower, Special Achievement Award.

Logistics Plan Holiday Party

Join the Logistics crowd at their Christmas Party on Monday, December 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be served at Charley Brown's in Redondo Beach, Calif., with a choice of Beef Stroganoff for \$11 or Breast of Chicken Chassuer for \$12. In addition to door prizes, music and dancing, there will be a grab bag gift exchange.

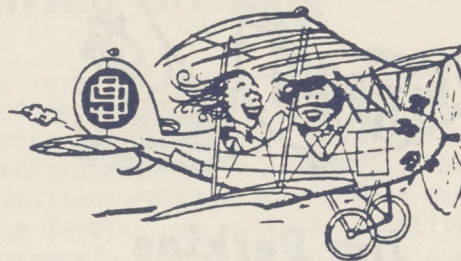
For further information and reservations, contact Kathy Thompson of the regional Logistics Division at 213/297-1576.

AF Hosts Christmas Party

The Regional Airway Facilities Division invites FAA employees and retirees to their Christmas luncheon to be held December 4 at 11:30 a.m. The fun will commence at the Hacienda Hotel, Crystal Ballroom, 525 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo, Calif. The buffet lunch costs \$11.50. Attendees will be entertained by the comedy of Carey Odes. Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance.

For more information, contact Kristina Comitas, 213/297-1316; Yolunda Blue, 297-1683 or Cathy McKinney, 297-1528.

Attention Women Pilots



The Western-Pacific Region Public Affairs Officer is putting together a story about women in the FAA who are also members of the Ninety-Nines, the international organization of women pilots. The story will be submitted both to The 99 News and also to FAA World for consideration.

If you are an FAAer who is also a 99, please send the following information to Barbara Abels, AWP-5, before Jan. 31:

- 1) Name, title, office & phone no.
- 2) 99 chapter you belong to.
- 3) A brief paragraph about yourself...how long a pilot, how long with the FAA, why did you come to FAA, why a 99...what advice would you give other women about choosing aviation as a career? Any personal anecdotes you can add.
- 4) A photo of yourself - preferably on the job or alongside your favorite aircraft.

THAT'S ALL! Just send the info to Barbara and she'll do the rest. If questions, contact Barbara Abels at 213/297-1431.

Thought For The Week

"Anger" is just one letter short of "danger"

-Author unknown



Jim Perkins

Jim Perkins, controller at Portland Tower, will be retiring. Friends are hosting a farewell party in his honor on January 17 at the Viscount Hotel in Portland, Ore. Jim had previously worked in the Western-Pacific Region as a controller in the Bay area.

If interested in attending, contact Portland Tower at 503/249-4460.

Kenneth Champagne

Kenneth Champagne, Nav/Comm Technician-In-Depth, for the San Diego Airway Facilities Sector, has announced his retirement. A celebration in Ken's honor will be held at Mimi's Cafe, 7955 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, Calif. on January 9 at 11 a.m. Luncheon will be ordered from the menu.

If you plan to attend, please contact Nick Heineck or Betsy Titherington at 714/898-0401.

Freddie Pritz

Freddie Pritz, Air Traffic Controller at Las Vegas Tower, will retire from the FAA on December 3. Friends and co-workers are invited to a banquet in Freddie's honor on Sunday, December 7, at 6 p.m., at Hughes Aviation Banquet Facilities in Las Vegas, Nev. For reservations, contact Jon Holman at 702/388-6559.

Freddie will retire with more than 33 years of federal service, the last nine of which have been at Las Vegas Tower.

Civilair News

* The adults' Christmas party is scheduled for December 20 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Alondra Club, 16411 South Prairie, Lawndale, Calif. Tickets are \$10 and are available from any Civilair rep, or contact Elaine Collander at 213/297-1260. Along with hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar and a raffle, partygoers will be able to dance till 1 a.m. For extra-hungry folks, the restaurant offers "early bird" prime rib dinner specials from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact the Club for information at 213/371-1546.

* Dodger tickets will soon be on sale. Watch the INTERCOM and your mailbox for further information on ordering choice seats.

* The kid's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13, starting at 1 p.m. at the FAA Hangar on Imperial Highway, El Segundo, Calif. Be on the look out for Santa, who will be arriving in a Coast Guard Helicopter at 3 p.m. Civilair is in need of donations of time and food for this event; please contact Lisa Buchanan at 213/297-1363 to help out.

Toastmasters Announces New Club President

Toastmasters Club #3449 President Joan Zubarik has accepted a new position in the FAA Southwestern Regional Office. Club members are sad to see her go; her invaluable leadership and talents have been valuable assets to the organization.

Filling in for Joan for the remainder of the 1986 term will be current Educational Vice President Bob Kivitt. Bob is an "old hat" at the presidency; he was the first president of the club when it received its charter in July 1985.

Toastmasters club members extend an invitation to all FAA folks to attend regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Bob Kivitt at 213/297-1684. The Club offers an excellent opportunity to learn to speak with confidence and meet new friends.

Controllers Say "No" To Rehiring Strikers

A significant majority of the FAA controllers and facility managers polled recently by the General Accounting Office oppose any move to rehire controllers who were fired for engaging in an illegal strike against the government in August 1981.

The new GAO report showed that 61 percent of the controllers and 85 percent of the facility managers included in the survey responded negatively to the question of rehiring the fired strikers. Most cited the adverse impact on morale that would result from such a move. They also noted that there is no fair

way to selectively rehire the strikers.

Of those who favored bringing back the strikers, three out of four would impose conditions on their rehiring. These conditions related to previous experience levels, job ratings, facility placement, back pay, seniority and probationary periods.

The survey was conducted this past summer at the request of two Congressional committees that deal with Federal employees. More than 3,000 questionnaires were mailed to controllers and facility managers with 83 percent of them responding.

Drug Testing Program Briefings Held In Field

With the January start-up date for the agency's drug testing program fast approaching, two Washington headquarters teams are touring the regions to provide briefings on the procedures to be used in administering the program.

The briefings will be conducted during the last two weeks of November by Virginia Meadows and Joyce Sexton of Aviation Medicine; Mary McLaughlin and Larry Covington of Labor and Employee Relations; David Smith and Robert Covell of

Security; and James Whitlow, Mary Jones, and Joan Johnson of the Chief Counsel's Office.

The new drug testing program will affect approximately 24,000 employees in safety-related jobs. The urinalysis will be part of their regular annual medical examinations.

No testing of employees holding jobs other than safety related ones is planned at this time. However, testing "for cause" will continue to be done as indicated.

Denver Airport Work Approved By FAA

FAA has approved the final environmental impact statement for construction of two new runways at Denver's Stapleton Airport.

Denver airport officials' immediate project is the 6,500-foot, north/south runway which will be primarily for regional air carrier and general aviation operations. Also planned is a canted east/west runway which is planned for construction in 1988.

Completion of the two new runways will give Stapleton a total of six major runways. However, these are considered interim improvements to keep traffic flowing until a planned new airport is built.

Denver Stapleton is one of the country's busiest airports. In fiscal year 1985, it ranked fifth in operations among major air carrier airports and sixth in passenger enplanements.



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December 13 – 1 p.m. -- Kids' Christmas Party

FAA Hangar

Los Angeles Int'l Airport

December 20 – 8 p.m. -- Adults' Christmas Party

Alondra Club

Lawndale, Calif.

\$10/person

**For more information contact Lisa Buchanan (Kids' party)
at 213/297-1363 or Elaine Collander (Adults' party)
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