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*Mele Kalikimaka*  
*Happy Holidays from Western Pacific*

# Cover Story

by Elly Brekke

The holidays are here again. Most likely, we will celebrate with an exchange of gifts in homes brightly decorated with wreaths, ornaments, ribbons and lights. The streets of California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands will sparkle with colored lights, as sounds of bells and carols fill the air.

Holidays are celebrated in different and unique ways in many countries throughout the world. Here are a few traditions and customs observed around the globe.

France -- French children put their shoes in front of the fireplace so "Pere Noel" can fill them with gifts. Holiday fairs are held, and traditional festive suppers are served late in the evening on December 24.

Germany -- Children receive candy on December 6 from Saint Nicholas, who collects children's lists telling what gifts they wish to receive. "Weihnachtsmann" delivers the presents on December 24.

Spain -- People sing and dance in the streets during the holidays. During the evening of January 5, children put their shoes on a balcony or near a window. According to legend, the Wise Men arrive during the night and fill the shoes with small gifts.

Netherlands -- According to legend, Saint Nicholas gives presents to children on the eve of December 6. Wearing a red robe, he arrives on a boat from Spain and rides down the streets on a white horse. Saint Nicholas sneaks down the chimney of each house and leaves gifts in shoes that the children have put by the fireplace.

Italy -- Traditional holiday foods include eel and a raisin and fruit bread called panettone. Italian children receive gifts from "La Befana," a kindly old witch, on January 5.

Denmark -- Holiday dinners include rice pudding -- called julgrot, which has a single almond in it. According to tradition, whoever gets the almond will have good luck throughout the new year.

Sweden -- The holiday season begins on St. Lucia Day, December 13. On the morning of this day, the oldest daughter in the home dresses in white and wears a wreath with seven lighted candles on her head. She serves the other members of the family coffee and buns in bed.

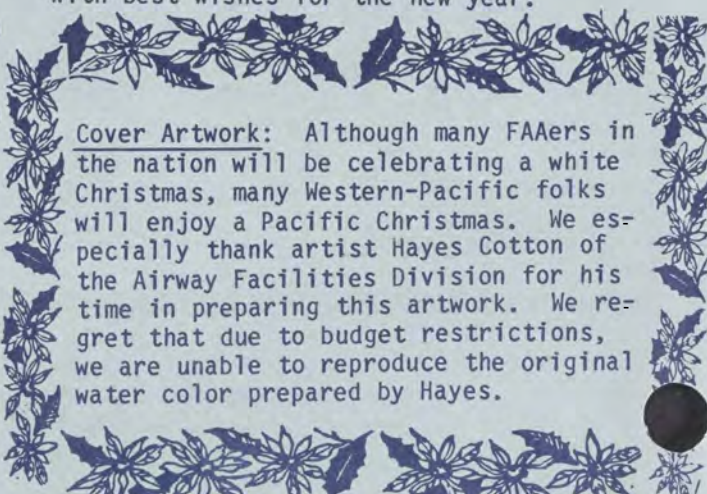
Australia -- December comes during the summer, and holidays may be celebrated by going on a picnic or to the beach. Schoolchildren have a six-week summer vacation.

Mexico -- Mexicans enjoy feasting and celebrating during the holiday season. Children try to break the pinata, a brightly decorated paper figure containing candy and small gifts. The pinata, shaped like an animal, elf or star, is hung from the ceiling and the children take turns trying to hit with a stick while blindfolded. When someone breaks the pinata, the gifts and candy fall to the floor and the children scramble for them.

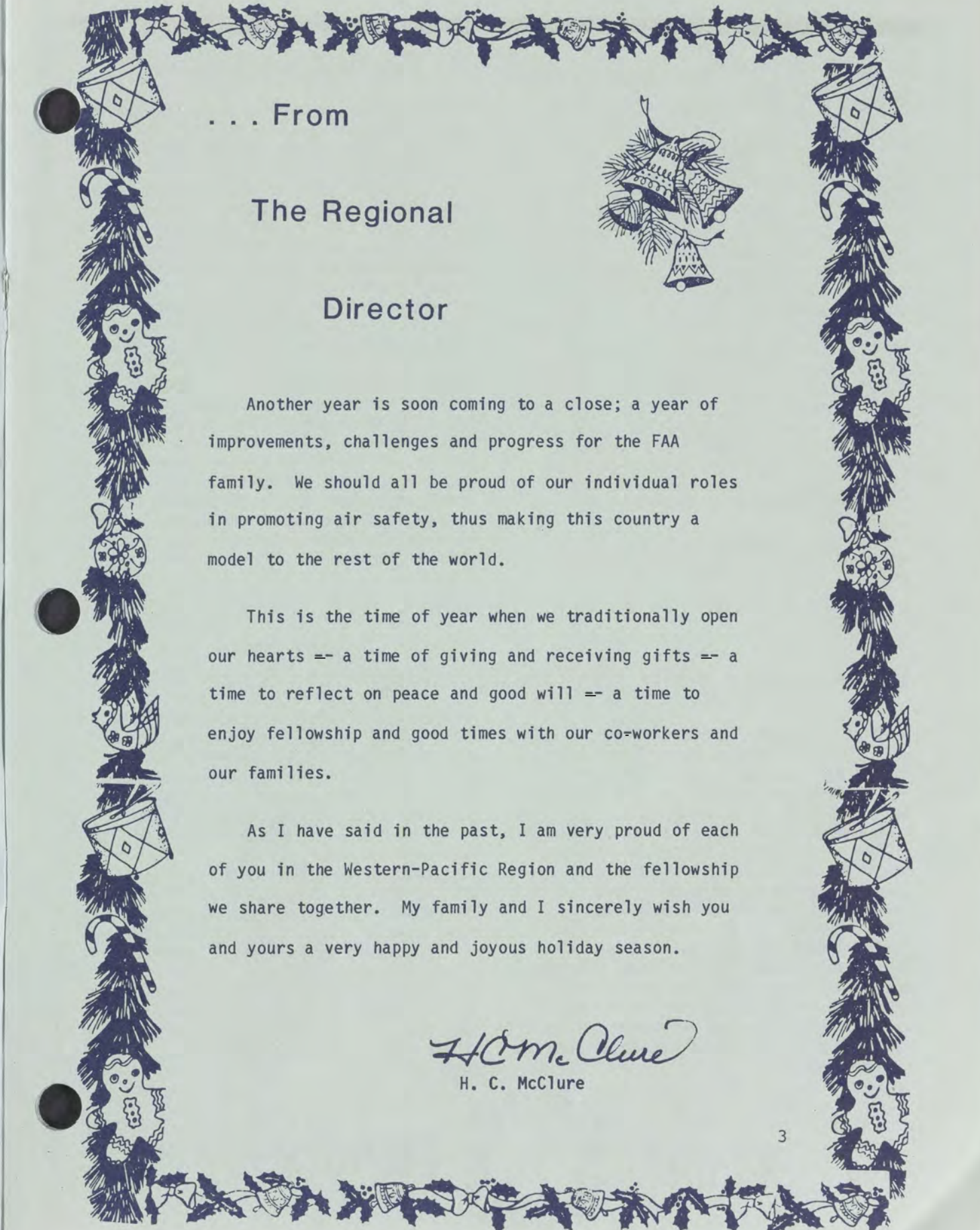
Philippines -- On December 24, Filipinos parade through the streets carrying colorful star-shaped lanterns called paroles. These lanterns are then displayed in the windows of their homes.

Africa -- Songs are sung in the native language. In Ethiopia, holidays are celebrated on January 7 with feasting and dancing.

However you celebrate the holidays -- whether it be in the American tradition or the tradition of your ancestors or homeland -- INTERCOM editors and the entire Public Affairs staff wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons with best wishes for the new year.



Cover Artwork: Although many FAAers in the nation will be celebrating a white Christmas, many Western-Pacific folks will enjoy a Pacific Christmas. We especially thank artist Hayes Cotton of the Airway Facilities Division for his time in preparing this artwork. We regret that due to budget restrictions, we are unable to reproduce the original water color prepared by Hayes.



... From

The Regional  
Director

Another year is soon coming to a close; a year of improvements, challenges and progress for the FAA family. We should all be proud of our individual roles in promoting air safety, thus making this country a model to the rest of the world.

This is the time of year when we traditionally open our hearts -- a time of giving and receiving gifts -- a time to reflect on peace and good will -- a time to enjoy fellowship and good times with our co-workers and our families.

As I have said in the past, I am very proud of each of you in the Western-Pacific Region and the fellowship we share together. My family and I sincerely wish you and yours a very happy and joyous holiday season.

*H. C. McClure*

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## Engen Asks Industry Study Of Medical Certification

The Administrator has asked five aviation organizations to take an "outside look" at the agency's policies and procedures for special issuances of airmen medical certificates. Although expressing confidence in the current program, he said nevertheless "it would be useful to have an independent assessment."

Engen asked each of the five organizations to designate a qualified physician with aeromedical experience to study the administration of the special issuance program since Oct. 1984 and recommend any changes they think are needed. He said he would like the study to begin immediately with a final report in five months.

The five organizations asked to participate are ATA, AOPA, ALPA, NBAA and EAA.

## FY '87 Budget Better

Budgetwise, the agency is in better shape this year than it was in FY 1986. Even so, belt tightening has not gone out of style.

In a Dec. 3 memo to the agency's top management officials, Administrator Engen noted the FY 1987 appropriation represents a "modest increase over our request compared to last year's reduction." Moreover, he noted that "we do not anticipate an across-the-board reduction under Gramm-Rudmann-Hollings that caused such difficulty in FY 1986."

At the same time, he cited growing program requirements and the need to absorb at least one half of the January 1 pay raise as the reasons why "continued vigilance and diligence in our day-to-day management of our personnel and fiscal resources are imperative." He noted that there still is some uncertainty about FY87 spending levels so "it will be Christmas before we have definite dollar and FTE allowances for the year."

## A Miami Controller Makes Thanksgiving "Save"

Six adults and one infant were on board the twin-engine Beech Baron and the pilot was slumped unconscious over the yoke. Thanksgiving Day had taken an ugly turn for all concerned.

Fortunately, the pilot's wife had some flying experience in single-engine aircraft but she hadn't flown in a long time and had never piloted a twin. She needed help and she needed it fast.

That's where Miami tower controller Anthony Ferrante came in. He fielded the woman's shaky "Mayday" call and set about immediately to calm her down. Then, he contacted another Beech twin -- a Duke -- in the area, enlisted the pilot's help and vectored him on an intercept course.

However, to effect a rendezvous, Ferrante first had to slow down the Baron and found that its inexperienced pilot was reluctant to cut her airspeed. Bringing all his powers of persuasion to bear, he gradually convinced his charge to cut her speed from 200 to 160 and then down to 140 knots.

Once the Duke pilot caught up, he flew off the Baron's wing and began giving instructions to its pilot. Together, they let down for a safe landing at the Ft. Lauderdale airport with Ferrante following its progress all the way and relaying clearances to both pilots from the Ft. Lauderdale tower. Despite the subsequent death of the incapacitated pilot, there still was reason for thanksgiving.



## FAA Man Wins Top Honors



Jay Nelson of the Oklahoma City Flight Standards District Office has moved into rather exclusive company that includes William T. Piper, Sr., Igor Sikorsky, Olive Ann Beech, and two former FAA Administrators, Najeeb Halaby and J. Lynn Helms.

The common bond between these individuals is that all have been recipients of the Stewart G. Potter National Aviation Education Award for their outstanding efforts to promote flight safety. Nelson received his award from the Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Assn. (ADMA) on Nov. 30 honoring his work as an accident prevention specialist from 1970 to 1986.

ADMA cited his "16 years in the trenches pushing and promoting the accident prevention/aviation education program."



## One Size Fits All



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## FAA Backs Grad Student Research Program

FAA has teamed up with the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in a graduate awards program designed to help stimulate greater interest in aviation careers. Currently, less than ten people a year are getting doctorates in aviation and other transportation-related fields.

The FAA/TRB program will encourage research on critical aviation issues by awarding stipends of \$5,000 each to five graduate students a year. The five winners of the 1986 awards will be announced at the TRB conference in Washington January 12-15. The winners will be given one year to produce an approved research paper which will be presented at the TRB meeting the following year and subsequently published by the Board.



## FAA Western-Pacific Region Bids Farewell To Keith Potts

A farewell luncheon was recently held for Western-Pacific Deputy Director Keith Potts. Keith, with the region since July 1985, has been selected as Director of the Office of Aviation Safety, ASF-1, at FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies, Special Assistant to the Director Joe Alvarez welcomed the group and introduced Olin Woods from the State of California Department of Transportation in Sacramento, Calif. Olin expressed the State's appreciation for Keith's support of Cal Trans during his term as Deputy Director, and presented a plaque to

Keith in honor of his contributions.

Regional Director Mac McClure also expressed the Region's gratitude to Keith for his achievements. With wishes of good luck, Mac concluded the ceremony by presenting farewell gifts to Keith.

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Photo: Keith Potts, left, and Mac McClure consult on a few last issues before Keith leaves for his position as Director of the Office of Aviation Safety in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Elly Brekke.)

Photos: Many friends and co-workers attended the farewell luncheon for Keith Potts. Special guest Olin Woods (photo at top left) represented the State of California. Joe Alvarez (top right) acted as MC. (Photos by Elly Brekke.)



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## Thought For The Week

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is our ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean itself does not become dirty.

-Mahatma Gandhi

## Ups And Downs Of ATC

Air traffic facilities have their ups and downs in more ways than one.

Since controller grades are based on a formula involving average operations in a specified period of time, FAA's Office of Personnel and Training (APT) notes that a significant change in a facility count can be either good news or bad news. For example, over the past five years, operational increases have resulted in the upgrading of about 1,000 controllers at approximately 24 enroute centers and airport towers.

On the other hand, reduced traffic levels at some 20 other facilities will result in the downgrading close to 200 controllers. However, downgraded controllers are entitled to retain their grades and salary for two years during which time an increase in traffic could restore them to their old levels.

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## Greetings From E. Scrooge



In what he describes as his "annual Scrooge-like seasonal message," FAA Chief Counsel Ted Ellett reminds FAA employees that Federal law bars any and all from accepting "gifts, presents, and other things of monetary value from representatives of interests that do business with the agency or that conduct activities which are subject to FAA regulation."

This prohibition even "extends to the

acceptance of food or refreshments at parties hosted by any of these interests," he adds. There is an exception for holiday parties sponsored by trade, transportation and professional groups but this exception is rather narrowly construed. Accordingly, Ellett says, FAAers with invitations to such events might want to check first with their Regional Counsel or John Walsh or Hank Booth in Washington at FTS 267-3362.

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## McKnight Named Regional Flight Instructor Of The Year

Richard "Dick" McKnight recently was awarded the Western-Pacific Region's Flight Instructor of the Year honor.

The presentation, made by Regional Director Mac McClure, was held in Las Vegas at the Accident Prevention Specialists Seminar, hosted by Las Vegas Flight Standards District Office.

Dick, owner and operator of Dessert Soaring of Boulder City, Nev., is known as the "instructor's instructor." His career began 41 years ago in 1945, when he started instruction in gliders. He has given over 2,200 hours of dual instruction -- all in gliders. He has the reputation for exercising professional safety habits that are above reproach.

FAA friends agree with Don Flaherty, a previous recipient of the Flight Instructor of the Year Award, when he says, "The thoroughness of Dick's instruction is nearly absolute, yet tempered with seemingly infinite patience. Dick McKnight is personally responsible for that."



Photo: Dick McKnight (center) proudly accepts the Western-Pacific's Flight Instructor of the Year Award from Regional Director Mac McClure. Dick's wife, Carol, is on the right.

# Merry Christmas to all!

## Los Angeles Tower Rewards Dedicated Controllers

It was a late fall afternoon on the stormy west coast of the Pacific Ocean. The traffic at Los Angeles International Airport was flowing in an opposite from normal direction -- east. An additional control position had to be opened due to traffic volume coupled with complexity of working with east traffic. Because of sick leave requests and the inability to replace ill controllers, staffing was minimal.

In spite of it all, air traffic continuously moved at a smooth pace with no reported incidents. Some controllers

worked as long as four hours without relief; all controllers gave up a break to ensure maximum use of control positions.

According to Tower Manager Jim Holtsclaw, this devotion to duty resulted in "a tremendous accomplishment by dedicated Los Angeles Tower controllers working together with true team spirit."

In recognition of their achievements, on-the-spot awards were presented to Jay Vaughan, Angel Figueroa, Lynden Wilson, Laurel Macurda, Robert Simpson, Vinton Lampton, Michael McCormick, Holli Hoskins and Ronald Herda.

## Logistics Cancels Orders

The following orders have been canceled -- WP 4650.9, Warranties Under Western Region Procurements and WP 1400.2A Logistics Division Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan.



# GIVE LIFE



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*And Happy New Year*



## How To Succeed In Toastmasters Without Really Speaking



FAA Toastmasters Club #3449 recently met with TRW Club #990 over dinner in Manhattan Beach. A lesson was learned that night =- whether it be called "less is best" or "silence is golden."

In keeping with the theme of Halloween, Toastmasters arrived in costume. When asked to do an impromptu speech on the monk costume he was wearing, Bob Kivitt gradually rose, meekly bowed his head and then displayed a sign which read, "I'm sorry. I have taken a vow of silence." With that wordless speech, Bob walked away with the ribbon for the "Best Table Topics Speaker" of the evening.

Also present at the meeting were Area C-2 Governor Glenn Cross, President Joan Zubarik (incognito as a Mexican bandit),

Administrative Vice President Cathy Kivitt (disguised as a witch) and Bulletin Editor Elly Brekke (posing as a graduate). Also joining the festivities were guests Linda and Bill Murray, who arrived at the party dressed as Pineapple and Orange Lifesavers.

Congratulations to Cathy Kivitt, chosen as Best Speaker and Joan Zubarik, voted as Best Evaluator and for Best Costume.

Toastmasters provides an excellent opportunity to build self-confidence and develop professional speaking skills. All FAA employees are invited to attend regular meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Regional Office. For further information, contact Educational Vice President Bob Kivitt at 213/297-1684.



## San Carlos Tower Happenings

Congratulations to Christopher Lathrow on his recent promotion to Tuscon Tower. Chris was the quintessential team player; his many talents will be missed.

Hearty congratulations to controllers Rick and July Carlton on the arrival of their baby boy, born Nov. 1. The tower crew is very happy for the Carltons. According to the proud parents, "Everything is going fine."

Lawrence Dodge and John Anderson are now Full Performance Level Controllers. They recently hosted their check-out party at the exquisite Bella Vista Restaurant high atop Skyline Drive over-

looking San Francisco Bay.

A big welcome to Dave Hatt, a trainee, from Oakland Flight Service Station.

Marvin "Big Ed" Holbert retired in August. Ed finished his career as Air Traffic Manager at San Carlos Tower after working his way up through the controller ranks. He is well known and respected throughout the Western-Pacific Region. His fellow FAAers miss him very much and wish him and his charming wife, Bobbie, the very best for retirement. At his party, a plaque, engraved cup and other gifts from the San Carlos crew were presented to Ed.



## Engen Outlines FY-87 Operations Guidance

In a recent memorandum, FAA Administrator Donald Engen laid out goals and assumptions to use initially in administering the FY-1987 program. In his letter, he states:

"So that I have the information that I need to make further adjustments after the first quarter of the fiscal year, I would like each of you to send to the Budget Office (ABU-1) by January 2 your assessment of the actions you would have to take in order to meet the goals listed below while living within the resources (dollars and FTE's) which will be allotted to you by the Budget Office in the next day or two. The Budget Office will provide format guidelines to you for the assessment reports so that they can be aggregated systematically. Those reports due by January 2 will be aggregated and analyzed for presentation to the Administrator's Review Committee so that any mid-course corrections can be taken up during the January review of our progress to date.

### "Operational Goals:

- Meet Air Traffic controller work force floor of at least 15,000 by September 30, 1987 (target levels by region to be provided), and seek to reach 15,100 by that date within available resources.
- Achieve congressional guidance percentage for Air Traffic full performance level (70 percent of total eligible and 60 percent of those eligible at ARTCC's and Level III, IV, and V towers.)
- Fund East Coast Plan within base allowances. Program offices are to provide ABU with cost estimates for their portion of the East Coast Plan by December 15, 1986.
- Increase Aviation Safety inspection work force by 210, including 14 field legal counsel positions (target levels by region to be provided.)
- Continue emphasis on backfilling of field maintenance vacancies as they occur.
- Within their Air Traffic PCS allowances, regions are to give high priority to making new AFSS sites operational and consolidating old FSS

sites where net personnel, leased communications, rent and utilities savings can be realized (commissionings and consolidations are in accordance with the revised Orange Book.)

- AFSS leased communications will be funded.
- Regions should put high priority on ongoing efforts to reduce leased telecommunications costs--the sooner the better.
- Regions/centers/Washington offices should provide adequate funding in support of follow-up activities associated with the Employee Attitude Survey.

"Assumptions -- Assume the following when preparing individual financial plans:

- Plan to absorb 50 percent of the January 1987 three percent pay raise. The balance is expected to be requested in a supplemental appropriation.
  - Additional costs associated with the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) are expected to be covered by a supplemental appropriation.
  - Controller work force training and employment will be monitored and slot quotas will be adjusted, as necessary, to correspond with available resources and progress toward the staffing goals.
  - Assume no FY 1987 program supplemental relief (may receive up to \$40 million supplemental late in fiscal year.)
  - If a currently unfunded item is proposed to be started, an offsetting reduction is required. Project sponsors should identify specific sources of funds, either internal or external to programs, for which they are responsible.
- "Reduce numbers of waivers of reimbursable costs.
- FSS positions were reduced 185 by Congress. The allowances have withdrawn these 185 positions and 156 FTE and associated dollars from the Air Traffic allowances. The allowances require a reduction in FSS staffing to the new lower totals as early in the fiscal year as possible."

## San Diego Government Job Fair



Photo: Assisting in the job fair's success are (from left), L. Faye Christian, Larry Ogle and Linda Lafferty.

One of the main events of "Womens Opportunity Week" was the "San Diego Government Job Fair," sponsored by the Mayor's Advisory Board on Women. The job fair, held at the Balboa Park Club, was attended by more than 1,000 job seekers.

The FAA was on site, along with over 50 other City, County, State, and Federal exhibits. Representing the FAA were L. Faye Christian — Air Traffic Control Specialist and Associate Federal Women's Program Manager; Linda Lafferty — San Diego Airway Facilities; and Larry Ogle — Air Traffic Control Specialist Brown Tower. The San Diego National Weather Service Office also provided information pertaining to employment in their organization.

San Diego FSS extends a special thanks to Russ Park of the Regional Public Affairs Office for providing a display which would make anyone proud to represent the FAA.

Also thanks to San Diego FSS, AFS, Brown Tower and National Weather Service Offices for making participation at the job fair a huge success.

## Map Orders Need ID's

The U.S. Geological Survey is asking FAAers to use their headquarters/region/center symbol (e.g. ACE, AWP, etc.) and the four-digit cost center code as the customer reference number when ordering maps and other publications.

The absence of this information on past orders has required burdensome research by both agencies to determine the proper FAA organization to charge.

Contact William Gieck (AAA-400) on FTS 267-7896 for additional information.

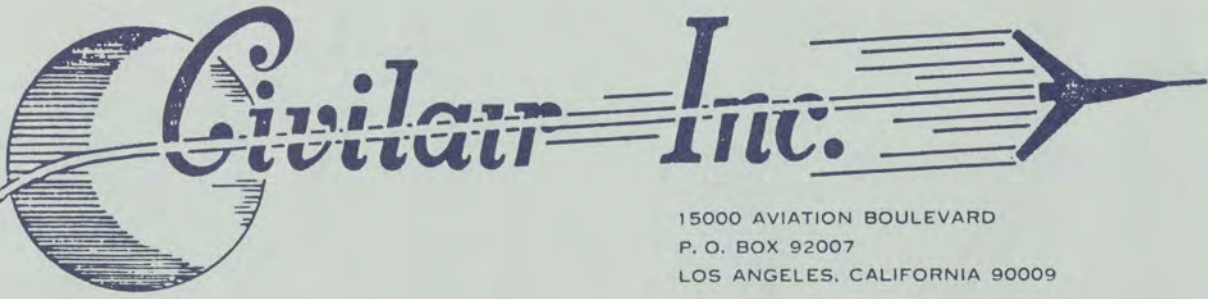
## Bob Barrows Retires

Robert Barrows, Electronics Technician, from San Pedro Hill Long Range Radar Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, has retired after 45 years of Federal Service. Bob has been with the FAA at San Pedro Hill Radar site since 1961. He was a fighter pilot for the U.S. Army Air Corps and flew many missions in Germany during World War II.

A luncheon will be announced at a later date. For further information, contact Al Groner at 213/377-2504.



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10. San Francisco Giants						
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12. Calif. Angels - Exhb.						
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# DECEMBER



## HO - Ho - Hold It!

by Elly Brekke

Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the town,  
Not a creature was stirring  
Except for some fat bearded clown.

He was entering homes without prior permission --  
Said he was merely executing his mission.  
He also said he meant no harm,  
But try to tell that to a burglar alarm.  
The police were there in a twinkle of an eye,  
Screaming and yelling "Spread 'em, Big Guy"!

They cuffed him and booked him on a B & E,  
That's "Breaking and Entering," between you and me.  
They put him in a paddy wagon -- took him away,  
Leaving behind his reindeer and sleigh.

They threw him in the clinker and locked it up tight  
So he and the other "Santas" could sleep it off that night.  
The listless guard absently sipped holiday cheer,  
But what to his wondering eyes should appear?  
A sleigh and reindeer, for Goodness Sake --  
(Obviously there for a prison break!)

They hitched the sleigh to the bars -- broke them free,  
Giving Santa a chance to escape gallantly.  
And off through the night, the cursors they flew,  
With Santa in sleigh -- his reindeer pulled through!

But remember, in this age of space,  
It's hard to know who's behind a Santa's face.  
It is the season to be jolly,  
But remember to lock up your mistletoe and holly.  
Use caution and common sense in this season of cheer,  
And have a safe Christmas and Happy New Year!

