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Ring In The New Year  
With Western-Pacific

# Cover Story



Ring in the New Year with sounds of celebration and good intentions set down as resolutions! As our 1987 cover baby begins the list of "Things I resolve to do this year . . .," let's take a few minutes to explore why bells are so significant as symbols of celebration.

Throughout history, bells have been symbolically important. During the Middle Ages, people believed that bells could avert evil. Eventually, the Christian Church adopted the belief that ghosts and demons could be put to flight by the sound of metal, a power augmented by the protection afforded by baptism. The rite of baptizing bells is first recorded in a civil ordinance of Charlemagne in 789. Today, churches still recognize the power of bells to divert the spirits of the dead, and the tolling of passing bells in England is intended to ward off evil spirits from dying persons. Church bells announce the time of day, summon to worship, sound alarms, fight off lightning, broadcast news of peace or the birth of a prince. In secular life, handbells are played in mixed instrumental ensembles, usually one bell in each of the player's hands.

The largest bell ever produced was the Tsar Kolokol (Emperor Bell; 1734) of Moscow, weighing 433,200 pounds. Unfortunately, it proved too cumbersome and heavy for hanging.

Bells of bronze dating from about 1000 BC have been excavated in India, from the 22nd dynasty (945-730) in Egypt, and from c.700 in Assyria. An intimate connection existed in ancient India between bell sound and mystic experience, and today a handbell is still rung in temple ceremonies in India and other areas of Buddhist influence. The Chinese differentiate between clapper bells (ling) and clapperless ones (chung); their temple bells, like those of Japan, are always of the chung type. In addition to metal bells of the high-culture domains, rural areas still use primitive wooden bells with single or multiple clappers.

However you ring in the New Year, the Intercom Editors and Staff hope it is a happy and prosperous 1987.

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## Rapcon Rap

John Clancy, Area Supervisor, at Edwards RAPCON was presented with the facility's Annual Employee of the Year plaque at a recent party in Lancaster, Calif. The plaque was presented by Bob Harik, Air Traffic Manager, and Lucius Hope, Chairperson of the annual gala which is hosted by the facility Human Relations Committee (HRC).

Approximately 80 people danced to music provided by Elmore Wigfall of Los Angeles Center. Among those attending were folks from Fox Flight Service Station, Palmdale Tower, Los Angeles Center, Edwards Tower, Lancaster and Edwards AFS and the regional office.

In other news, welcome aboard to Sandy Detherage from Spokane Tower and Dave Roberts from Evansville, Indiana.

Edwards RAPCON employees provided a display for the Annual Edwards Air Force Base Open House. Over 500,000 people attended this show which attracted one of the largest crowds to any Southern California event. Following the open house, employees and their guests attended a barbeque which has also become an annual event. The barbeque is held on the hill behind the RAPCON so everyone can enjoy a good view of the air show.

The HRC has RAPCON baseball caps available for \$5 or \$6, depending on whether or not you want "scrambled eggs" on the bill of the cap. The cap features the R-2508 logo and is available in either white or blue. For further information, contact the facility.

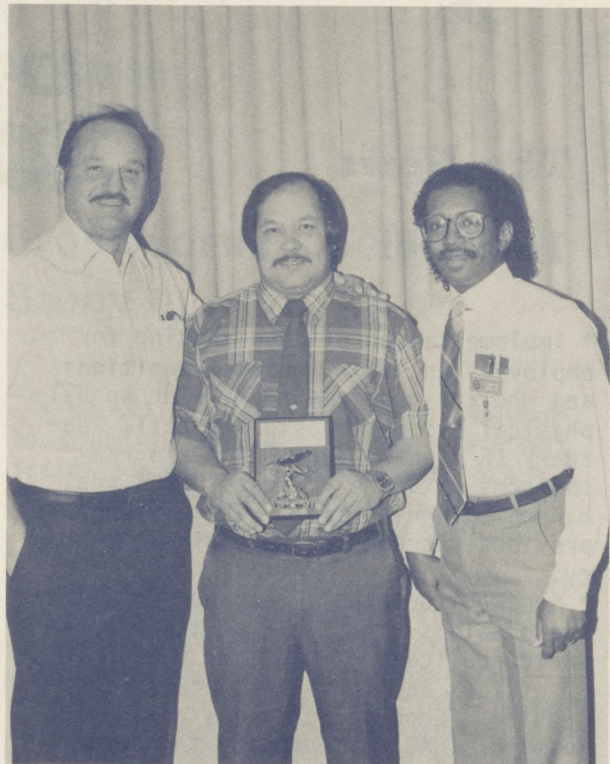
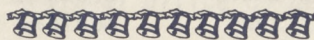


Photo: Employee of the Year John Clancy (center) displays the plaque which honors him. Edwards RAPCON Manager Bob Harik (left) also serves the Regional Director as an FAA Coordinator for the Antelope Valley/Bakersfield area. Lucius Hope (right) assisted in the ceremony.



## Johnny Miller Retires

Johnny Miller, General Supply Specialist Supervisor for the Establishment Engineering Branch, AWP-450, has announced his retirement effective January 2. A luncheon will be held in his honor at a later date. Johnny will retire with more than 35 years of Federal Service.



## The News



### In Brief

\* Implementation of drug testing for employees in safety related positions and who are required to have an annual physical has been postponed until February 15 to make sure FAA's program conforms with the Office of Personnel Management guidelines. The testing was previously scheduled to begin in January.

\* Somewhat belatedly--because of printing problems--the first of the new FAA World publication is on its way to agency offices and facilities across the country. Look for articles on drug testing, ICAO assignments, the North Pacific communications link with the Soviets, ATC "facilities of the year" and other subjects. Public Affairs in Washington (APA=300) solicits your comments and suggestions.

\* FAA is buying 13 additional ASDE-3s (Airport Surface Direction Equipment) under a National Airspace System Plan contract awarded last year to Norden Systems of Melville, N.Y. The agency now has contracted for a total of 30 ASDE-3s, which provide controllers with a clear, all-weather radar picture of traffic movements on the airport surface. Field testing and evaluation of the first system is scheduled to be completed at the Pittsburgh Airport in March 1988. All units will be delivered by March 1990.

### Drug And Alcohol Testing For Pilots Studied

The agency is considering rule-making action that would require drug and alcohol testing for airline and commuter flight and ground crews and, perhaps, other elements of aviation as well.

In an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), published in the Federal Register on Dec. 9. FAA asked for public and industry comments that would help the agency define the extent of the drug/alcohol problem and develop an appropriate regulatory response.

For example, the ANPRM solicits comments on such issues as the extent and nature of substance abuse in aviation, the merits of scheduled vs. random testing, and whether the rules prohibiting drug and alcohol use during duty-hours should be expanded to off-duty hours.

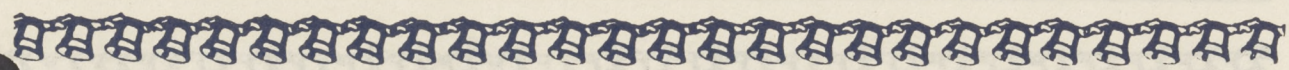
FAA also asked for figures on the cost/benefits of drug/alcohol programs and for suggestions on how information from the National Driver Register on drunk drivers might be best used in the medical certification of pilots and other crewmembers.



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## Health Plan Update

The following health plans which were scheduled to participate in FEHP in 1987 have withdrawn from the Program -- Physicians Health Plan (Arizona = code BD) and Whittaker Health Services of Southern California = code X4.

Employees who have enrolled in either one of these plans should enroll in another health plan.

Kaiser of Hawaii is offering low option. The Health Plan of America in California (Code BH) has established the Central Valley (Code AX) as a separate service area. Employees and annuitants in the Central Valley area -- including Bakersfield, San Joaquin, Fresno and Stockton -- must reenroll in enrollment code AX if they do not change to some other plan during the Open Season.

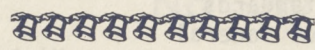
For further information contact Ninfa Rivas at FTS 984-1928.

## Wichita State To Do Crashworthiness Study



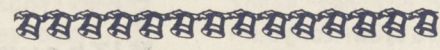
A \$2 million FAA Tech Center contract to study the crashworthiness characteristics of new light weight aircraft fuselage materials now coming into use has been awarded to Wichita State University.

The W.S.U. researchers will focus primarily on the capability of structures to withstand stress. Other areas of study will include energy absorption mechanics of composite materials, crash-dynamics analysis, electro-impulse deicing, stall/spin aero-dynamic data and aviation software reliability.



## Credit Union Seeks Volunteers

Very important to a credit union are the volunteers. Wouldn't you like to find out more about such opportunities with the FAA Western Federal Credit Union? Come to Room 3E26 in the Regional Office on Wednesday, January 8, at 4 p.m. for information.



## FAA Retiree Injured In Blaze

James Leckie, former General Aviation District Office Manager in Reno, recently suffered burns after a fire broke out in his home in Reno, Nev. We are sorry to report that his wife died in the blaze. Their home was severely damaged.

Jim was hospitalized, and has been subsequently released. Friends wishing to correspond may write him at 935 Sherwood Drive, Reno, NV 89509.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Jim upon the loss of his wife, along with our wishes for a speedy recovery from his burns.

## Retirees

## Corner



### Art Pearsall Writes FAA

Recent retiree Art Pearsall, former Manager of Long Beach Flight Standards District Office with 43 years of federal service, writes as follows:

"I enjoyed my work very much and have had the good fortune to have worked with dedicated people throughout my service with the Agency. During the last 10 years as a member of the Western-Pacific team, I took great satisfaction in our having resolved the various challenges together with professionalism, competence and pride, thereby enhancing aviation safety.

"Again, my sincere appreciation to you for your support and dedication. Keep up the good work and my thanks for a job well done."



### Enroute Traffic Growing

How fast is air traffic in the enroute system growing? Well, FAA's Acting Associate Administrator for Air Traffic Norbert "Nobby" Owens recently provided these numbers at a media briefing that puts the matter in perspective.

In 1981, he noted, there was only one day when the traffic count at the enroute centers exceeded 100,000. In 1984, with all the post-strike flight restrictions removed, that number was up to 54. Last year, it more than doubled, hitting 120, and through November 1986, the figure was 151.

Owens estimated that it will top 160 by year's end.

### Phoenix Air Traffic Hub Award

Michael Cirillo of Phoenix TRACON recently received an Outstanding Rating with a Special Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Michael!

### Thought For The Week

A person is seldom too busy  
to tell you how busy he is.

-Author Unknown

## Casino Night Cancelled



Civilair has announced the cancellation of the proposed Casino Night scheduled for March 21. Because of cutbacks on the part of the sponsor, High Sierra Hotel cancelled future Casino Nights. They have reported they will advise Civilair if the event can be rescheduled at a later date.



## Special Rule Restricts Grand Canyon Airspace

The agency has proposed establishment of a special flight rules area over the Grand Canyon that would effectively ban tour operators from flying below the canyon rim. All other operators would be required to remain at least 2,000 feet above the rim, unless they have special FAA authorization.

Some 90,000 flights a year would be affected by the proposed Special Federal Aviation Regulation. Approximately 87 percent of these flights are conducted by tour operators who carry 300,000 to 400,000 passengers a year.

## Inspector Spooner Retires



William Spooner, Principal Airworthiness Inspector, retires from the Reno Flight Standards District Office on January 2. Inspector Spooner has over 32 years of Federal service, four of which were served with the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic Fleet.

Bill started his CAA/FAA career as an Aircraft Mechanic with Flight Inspection in Los Angeles, served in System Worthiness Aviation Program (SWAP) and as a Regional Staff Specialist. He later transferred to Long Beach and Reno FSDO field offices.

Bill has asked that any and all retirement contributions be donated to the Salvation Army to help the needy.

## No Smoking

The agency is studying the potential impact of the new General Services Administration (GSA) smoking regulations on FAA facilities and expects to issue guidance materials in the near future.

Since the rules affect all GSA owned, leased, and delegated buildings, virtually all FAA facilities could be covered. Although these rules may eliminate smoking in common working areas and severely restrict it in other areas, individual agencies will have wide latitude in setting aside smoking areas. They also will be empowered to take appropriate disciplinary action against violators.

The smoking regulations generally are bad news for chain smokers, but they may find some solace in the fact that the rules are considerably more lenient than those proposed last May. The proposal would have all but snuffed out smoking during working hours.



## Joan Zubarik Moves Onward

The Executive Conference Room in the Regional Office was bursting with people, as FAAers crowded through the doorway to bid farewell to Realty Specialist Joan Zubarik. Over a hundred well-wishers sent Joan to her new position as Realty Specialist in the Southwest Regional Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Joan's husband Chuck joined the crowd, offering support to her as she said good-bye to her friends and co-workers.

Regional Director Mac McClure praised Joan by saying, "Joan is one of the most confident and professional people I've worked with." He went on to say that Joan has been an example to a lot of FAA women, and "we can point with pride" at her accomplishments. According to Mac, "The only good thing about Joan's leaving is that she will still be working for the FAA!"

San Diego Flight Service Station Manager Erwin "Stan" Stanicek presented Joan with a plaque commemorating her endeavors in establishing the FSS facili-

ty. Stan told the group, "I am happy to have had the opportunity to work with Joan; she is very professional and has helped us in many ways."

Following Stan, Logistics Division Manager Lloyd Golden voiced his high regard for Joan's work in the regional Real Estate and Utilities Branch. He then presented Joan with several gifts from her friends, while Realty Specialist Aleda Lee gave her a memory album.

Branch Manager Bob Moline offered his best wishes to Joan and Chuck, stating that there will always be a place for Joan in the Western Pacific Region. "As a matter of fact," said Bob, "we'll even find a job for Chuck!"

When it was Joan's turn to bid farewell to her many friends, her smile brightened the room. "The courtesy and warmth I have received from you is more than I have given," said Joan. "I will carry a part of you with me as I leave."

Her final words as the ceremony came to a close -- "Y'all come down and see me sometime!". And she means it!



Photos: Opposite page =  
= Joan Zubarik (standing  
at left) is honored at a  
farewell ceremony. To the  
right of Joan is her hus-  
band, Chuck. Here, Branch  
Manager Bob Moline extends  
best wishes to them.

This page = Top -- Re-  
gional Director Mac Mc-  
Clure compliments Joan  
on her many outstanding  
contributions to the agen-  
cy during her tour with  
the Western-Pacific Re-  
gion.

Below -- Division Man-  
ager Lloyd Golden presents  
tokens of appreciation and  
thanks to Joan on behalf  
of her friends and co-  
workers.

--Story and photos by  
Elly Brekke

Farewell,  
Joan



## Beulah Crawford

We are saddened to report that in spite of a valiant battle, FAA employee Beulah Crawford died on November 13 following a lengthy illness with cancer.

Beulah served as Program Support Assistant in the Long Beach Manufacturing Inspection District Office, Aircraft Certification Division, Northwest Mountain Region. Prior to that she was secretary to the Manager, Western Aircraft Certification Office, in the Western-Pacific Regional Office and held numerous positions in the Western-Pacific Region during her 18 years with the FAA. Beulah was also a Data Processing Instructor at a business college in Los Angeles.

Beulah was a very cheerful person known for always wanting to lend a helping hand. She is survived by her husband Varner, three sisters and many other relatives and friends. The family has requested remembrances be sent in Beulah's name to The American Cancer Society.



## Pat Donnelly

Friends of Pat Donnelly will be saddened to hear of her death on November 13. Pat worked in the regional Flight Standards Division before she retired in 1969.

Those wishing to send condolences may write to Pat's friend, Mrs. Mary Williams, 10360 South Santa Gertrudes, Whittier, Calif. 90603.

## FSS's Foil Aircraft Theft



Michael Stevens, Developmental Air Traffic Control Specialist at Hawthorne Flight Service Station (FSS), was part of an FAA and law enforcement team that recently zeroed in on a stolen aircraft. The wheels went into motion and the stolen aircraft was located at Santa Monica Airport within one hour and 15 minutes after it was reported stolen.

Instigator of the action at the other end was Thomas Anthony, Area Supervisor at the Fresno FSS, who contacted Hawthorne FSS after Fresno Airport authorities informed Fresno FSS of the theft. Michael called Santa Monica Tower and the stolen aircraft was located in the parking area.

Accolades to all those involved in this drama, especially the FAAers who say, "We were just doing our job."

## Philip Guindon

We are saddened to report the death of Philip Guindon following open heart surgery. Philip retired from the Regional Airports Division after serving with the CAA/FAA for over 35 years. In addition, he had worked as an auditor for the Credit Union, was active in organizing FAA retiree functions, and held membership in the Society of Aviation Pioneers.

Philip is survived by his wife Agnes; two sons Albert and Raymond; one daughter Marlene McElmeel; one grandson; three brothers and two sisters.

Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Agnes Guindon, 7806 Beland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. A memorial fund has been established for those wishing to make a donation. Contributions may be sent to Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, Dominican Mother House, Sinsinawa, Wisc. 53824.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Philip's family.

## Stevenson's Retirement

Ward Stevenson, Area Manager at Bay TRACON and self-proclaimed golf expert, is retiring after nearly 36 years of government service. Having run the gamut of CAA, FAA and Boy Scout positions, Ward will retire his headset on January 2.

For those wishing to say good luck in retirement, a banquet is planned for January 9, 6:30 p.m. at the San Ramon Country Club. Menu will consist of Prime Rib or New York Steak with all the trimmings; cost is \$20 per person.

In addition, a four-man best ball (blind draw) golf tournament has been scheduled for the same morning January 9. Cost for the golf tourney is \$20 which includes green fees, half cart and prizes.

Please send dinner and golf reservations to Charlie Moore, Bay TRACON; P.O. Box 2367, Airport Station; Oakland, Calif. 94614; Phone: 415/273-6005.

If you are a golfer, include your handicap or average score. A large turnout is expected, so get your reservations in early.

## Airlines Show Gains



Traffic up and profits down pretty much summarizes the performance of the U.S. airline industry in Fiscal Year 1986.

FAA's just published "Quarterly Industry Overview for FY 1986" notes that revenue passenger miles increased 8.9 percent over the FY 1985 figure but operating profits tumbled from \$1.8 billion to \$289 million during the same period. Higher operating costs (despite a 21 percent drop in jet fuel prices) and fare wars were cited as the principal reasons for the overall decline in airline yields.

Published by FAA's Office of Policy and Plans, the report also lists seven mergers among major airlines during FY 1986 and 10 buyouts of commuters by major airlines. Another 17 carriers went out of business due to bankruptcies or other reasons.

Call FTS 267-3355 for copies.



# ADMINISTRATOR ENGEN'S GREETINGS



As 1986 draws to a close, Mary and I would like to extend to each of you our best wishes for the Holiday Season. Regardless of the varying faiths and backgrounds that comprise the FAA family, this is a good time for all of us to reflect on the blessings that have come our way and to look forward to a fulfilling New Year.

During the past year, we have made important strides together in making what is already the world's most advanced airspace system even better. Whether it be airway facilities work or air traffic, enforcement work or inspection activities, each of you has played an important role in helping us carry out the mission of the FAA.

Our primary responsibility is to serve those who fly in U.S. airspace. Stated another way, our mission--helping other people--is very much in consonance with the spirit of the Holiday Season. I know that we all will work to sustain that spirit throughout the year to come, and I look forward to working with you in that endeavor. Again, our sincerest wishes for the Holiday Season and New Year.

*Donald D. Engen*

