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Aviation Education At Imperial FSS

Cover Story

Imperial Flight Service Station has been promoting Aviation Education within the schools in the Imperial Valley. The Western Baptist Christian School from Brawley, Calif., recently visited Imperial FSS for a tour, which was conducted by Ron Summers, Olie Johnson and Bill Forquer. The kids were treated to a video tape on aviation, a tour of the operations area of the FSS, and finally -- a chance to see the inside of a small private airplane.

Cover photo: Olie Johnson explains the weather charts used for pilot weather briefings to a group of young students.

News in Brief

* Director of Air Traffic Operations Service John Ryan on February 12 congratulated regional field managers and controllers throughout the system on the successful implementation of the Expanded East Coast Plan. In a special message he said in part, "This program was one of the most complex system changes the Administration has ever undertaken... The transition to the new system was totally successful and obviously well worth the considerable time spent in planning ...My congratulations on a job well done."

* Southwest Airlines has paid \$402,000 to settle a civil penalty action resulting from an FAA in-depth inspection of the carrier last year. Typical discrepancies uncovered during the special inspection included faulty record keeping, releasing planes to service with improper parts, and non-compliance with maintenance inspection requirements.



Drug Testing Program Now Under Way

The FAA drug testing program now is a fact of life for certain employees in aviation safety-related positions. The program requires urinalysis for substance abuse as part of the periodic medicals these employees are required to take for their jobs.

The Transportation Department's proposal for random drug testing still is under review and is not part of the current program. Urinalysis results will be reported to the regional flight surgeon by the contractor via computer or telephone and confirmed in writing. Copies of all test results will be provided to employees.

Positive findings will be relayed to employees through their supervisors. He or she then will be removed from safety-related duties and offered an opportunity to enter a rehabilitation program as the first step toward return to duty.

All affected employees have been briefed on the program, which first was announced in August 1985. They also have received letters from the Administrator and the Federal Air Surgeon further explaining the program.

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Guam Maintenance Mechanics Honored

Guam Airway Facilities Sector Field Office maintenance mechanics Ben Flores (left), Bob Perez (second from left) and Mart Dabalus (right) received Letters of Appreciation for their professionalism in carrying out the engine generator replacement project at Mt. Santa Rosa Long Range Radar. Yasuko Aoki (third from left), Environmental Systems Unit Supervisor, made the presentation.



Sewing For Dollars

Oakland Flight Standards District Office's Janet Hatch recently received a check for the Best Individual Costume from the 1986 Halloween Costume Contest. Making the presentation was Marty Landers, Manager of the Oakland Flight Service Station.

Janet has been with the FAA since 1984, starting with San Diego FSDO as a Student Assistant. She then moved to San Jose then Oakland FSDO.

Making costumes is one of her favorite hobbies, having started in theatre in high school and continued into college. While she has done some tailoring and sews some of her own clothes, she finds costumes are more of challenge due to the intricate and elaborate nature of many of the popular designs. The enjoyment of her hobby and the recognition of her peers in the FAA for having done well, both in her hobby and her job, are very rewarding.



Photo: Janet Hatch, left, accepts a check from Marty Landers for entering the Best Individual Costume-into the Halloween Costume Contest last fall.

FWP Pins Available

The Western-Pacific Federal Women's Program Committee now has lapel pins available for \$3. The sale of the pins will help support regional committee activities.



If interested in purchasing a pin, you may contact Cathy Trujeque, 213/297-1443; Rose Marino, 213/297-0090; Elaine Collander, 213/297-1260, Lorraine Nealis, 805/947-4101 or Sandy Monge, 213/297-1409.

FAA Gets Ready for Airports Transfer

With the June 1 date for transfer of Washington National and Dulles airports to a Regional Airports Authority drawing closer, FAA/OST is accelerating efforts to counsel Metropolitan Washington Airports (MWA) employees on their rights.

A special task force will spearhead the effort under the direction of OST's Terry Smith. FAA members are Jo Officer, Kathryn Phillips and Frederica Dunn from the Human Resources Management complex.

Task Force members will have offices at both airports beginning February 17 and will remain on the job for several weeks past the June 1 transfer date.

MWA employees will receive reduction-in-force letters but the new Airport Authority will offer all permanent employees a position comparable to their present one. Salary and premium pay benefits will be the same and employees can carry over all accumulated sick and annual leave. In addition, all transferees will remain in the Federal retirement system until retirement as long as there is no break in service.

Thrift Saving Plan Enrollment Periods Set

Employees wishing to enroll in the special Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) Thrift Savings Plan may do so during the current open season which will last until April 30. A second open season for enrolling in the tax deductible/tax deferred savings plan is scheduled for May 15 through July 31.

Employees covered by both FERS and the Civil Service Retirement System can enroll in the plan and make contributions to their individual thrift accounts by means of payroll deductions.

The Thrift Board, which will manage the savings accounts, has developed an instruction booklet and enrollment form which it expects to distribute to all employees by February 28. The booklet is designed to help employees decide on whether to enroll in the savings plan or not.

Task Force to Review Long Term EEO Goals

Administrator Engen has appointed a task force composed of headquarter's and regional personnel to determine if the EEO goals for women and minorities in the agency's Long Range Plan can be achieved by the year 2000.

The task force held its first meeting in Washington, DC, in January and expects to meet on a regular basis over the next three months. Its goal is to provide recommendations, including a national policy on affirmative action and implementation guidelines, to the Administrator at the end of that period.

Task force members are Robert Birdsong, Jr. and Olivia Erikson from Civil Rights; Darlene Kirby, Development and Logistics; Jim Spaulding, Human Resources; Nick Soldo and Alfredia Brooks, Management Systems; Wanda Reyna, Personnel and Training; Joyce Savoy, Aviation Standards; Lynda Deaton, Logistics; Doug Ewing, Great Lakes; Dick Gersley, Air Traffic; Clark Sharpe, Southern; and Cathy Trujeque, Western-Pacific.

Eastern Agrees to Pay Full \$9.5 M Civil Penalty

Eastern Airlines has agreed to pay \$9.5 million in full settlement of enforcement actions arising from violations of Federal Aviation Regulations. Under the terms of the settlement, \$1 million will be paid immediately and the rest by Dec. 31, 1989.

The civil penalty will be the largest ever recovered by the FAA. The penalty is the result of an in-depth, two-month inspection of the airline conducted under the National Aviation Safety Inspection Program that began in Dec. 1985.

Administrator Engen said, "I am very pleased with Eastern's decision to settle the enforcement actions. Full compliance with FARs is the essence of aviation safety."

He added that Eastern has demonstrated a cooperative attitude toward FAA recommendations and has significantly improved its quality assurance programs.

Awards Flourish at Oakland Center

Congratulations to the following Oakland Center employees who recently earned awards: Outstanding with cash award -- Frank Micco, David McQueen, Kathleen Pawloski, Wayne Winningham, Lawrence Thompson and John Maris; Special Achievement with cash award -- James McDougald, Calvin Steele, Thomas Whiting, Joseph Funderburk, Darryl Sevilla, Fred Visitacion, Russell Gardner, Frederick Ferguson, Richard Powell, Sam Capangpangan, Tina Harada, Jack Thompson and Alvie Johnson.

Charity Golf Tournament Slated

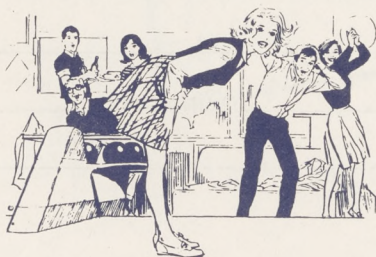
The Air Traffic Branch of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City will be hosting a charity golf tournament May 24 and 25. The tournament is limited to the first 144 applicants, so request your reservation early.

If you desire additional information or an application, please contact Frank Milazzo at 405/686-2487.

Bowling Sign-Ups Ongoing

Bowling teams are now being formed for the summer league, which will start Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. Teams will consist of three people -- at least one man and one woman per team.

Anyone interested in signing up a team or wishing to get on a team, please contact Barbara Fisher, League Secretary, ext. 1202 or Carl McGee, League President, ext. 1100.



25 Years for Guam Cerap Controller



Harold DeAtley (left), Air Traffic Control Specialist at Guam CERAP, is presented with his 25-year Career Service pin by Marvin Rovner, Area Supervisor. Congratulations, Harold!



Dottie Gragg to Retire

Dottie Gragg, Manager of the Acquisition Management Branch in Logistics Division, is springing into retirement; the happy event is taking place April 3.

A luncheon is planned in her honor on Friday, April 3, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Hacienda Hotel, Crystal Ballroom. The cost of \$11.50 includes buffet, tax, tip and gift.

Contact any of the following people to make your reservations: Etta Green 213/297-1578, Michael Terry 213/297-1791, or Cheryl Petersen 213/297-1173. Payment is requested by Friday, March 27.

Anyone who may have memorabilia, such as photographs, concerning Dottie is requested to send it to Marge Booth or Sandy Libby in AWP-55 for Dottie's memory book.

Oakland Center Controllers Assist Distressed Pilot

The year started our much happier for pilot Doug Clarke of Albuquerque, New Mexico -- thanks to the professional efforts of two Oakland Center controllers.

While working the Red Bluff sector one winter afternoon, controllers Fred Visitation and Cameron Lind were contacted by Red Bluff Flight Service Station concerning an aircraft in distress. Red Bluff FSS was in communication with an aircraft that was caught on top of an overcast with less than one hour of fuel remaining. The aircraft was switched to Oakland Center's frequency and was subsequently radar identified 15 nautical miles north of Red Bluff VOR.

The controllers learned that the pilot was instrument rated, but to complicate matters, there were no aeronautical charts or instrument approach plates in the airplane. The controller then issued a radar vector to intercept the Chico Instrument Landing System. Frequency and course information were provided to the pilot, and altitude assignments were made to ensure compliance with the minimum published altitudes. The pilot broke out of the clouds into the clear at about 2,000 feet, and a safe and uneventful landing was completed.

Thanks to the professional efforts of Fred and Cameron, the incident ended safely for all concerned.

Ted Campbell Retirement Luncheon Set For March 11

Ted Campbell, Manager of the Materiel Management Branch in the Regional Logistics Division, has announced his retirement. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Wednesday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at Charley Brown's, 665 No. Harbor Dr.,

Redondo Beach, Calif. Chicken Teriyaki or Roast Beef with Sherried Mushroom Sauce will be on the menu for a cost of \$12.50, including tax, tip and gift.

For reservations, please contact Florence Placentia at 213/297-1574.

NBCFE Recruiting Members

Are you interested in promoting professionalism? Striving for excellence in performance? The National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) is launching a membership drive, starting February 15, 1987. The organization is interested in recruiting minorities and other interested employees of FAA to promote worthwhile endeavors.

Our motto, "Let each of us become all we are capable of being."

To become a member, complete the form below and mail as soon as possible.

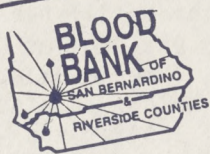
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MAIL TO: Diane Reid
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Mr. Don Mears
Ontario TRACON

I am writing on behalf of the Blood Bank of San Bernardino-Riverside Counties, and the community we serve, to extend our sincere appreciation to the supervisors of Mr. Long for having allowed him the time to participate in our Apheresis Program. Mr. Long made an invaluable contribution to the care of a leukemic patient by providing that patient with "HLA" matched platelets--necessary for preventing hemorrhage. To donate platelets Mr. Long had to spend 3 hours at the Blood Center hooked up to a special cell separator. Donating in this way requires a very special kind of devotion, which Mr. Long clearly has, and also the cooperation and support of the donor's employer; for without the latter no working individual would be able to participate in our Apheresis Program. Therefore I would again like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Long's supervisors for their support of our community's blood program. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Silvergleid, M.D.
Medical and Executive Director

Letters We Like To Receive

 **DELTA AIR LINES, INC.**
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Mr. Eddie Lewis
Facility Manager,
San Francisco Air Traffic Control Tower

On behalf of Delta Air Lines' San Francisco Marketing Staff, I express our sincere appreciation for allowing us to tour the tower. It was the highlight of the day for us. Joe Palumbo and Fred Davis did an outstanding job of explaining the air traffic control system in a way that was easy for us to understand. Everyone was thrilled to have the opportunity to visit the cab. Having a clearer understanding of the airline industry as a whole helps us to do a more professional job of marketing. Thank you again for your hospitality and a very educational day.

Sincerely,

Anna Franson
Sr. Marketing Rep

Fresno Tower/ TRACON Times

It's "shoulder to the wheel" these days with instrument weather, only one runway, and few taxiways due to construction; but there has been time to recognize some of the controllers and supervisors that have made the job a little easier for everyone.

Congratulations...To Tim Nelson for his promotion to Full Performance Level status...To supervisor Al Blue, Automation Specialist Ron Rawlings and Controllers Mike Farrell and Bill Whitla, who all have received On-The-Spot Awards for meritorious work...To Ken Hyman, for his Letter of Commendation on the excellent work he's done as chairman of the facility's Facility Advisory Board/Human Relations Committee Group...And to Marlon Burks, who received an outstanding rating.

Welcome aboard to Dean Johnson from Reid-Hillview Tower. It will soon be "Bon Voyage" to Brian Morris, who is going to Sacramento TRACON, and to Monte Starr, who is enroute to Bakersfield Tower/TRACON.

Ukiah FSS News Notes

Congratulations to Ukiah Flight Service Station Specialists Mary Gomes on her recent promotion to Sacramento FSS, and to Glenn Hotrum on his promotion to Napa Tower. Prior to their leaving the facility, Mary and Glenn earned Special Achievement Awards. Glenn is also to be congratulated for his accomplishment of earning his Pilot Certificate.

Letters of Appreciation were received by Mark Oglesby, Linda Gandee and Steve Savino. Congratulations!

Ukiah and the Wine Country welcome Steve Savino from Fresno FSS, Ronald Balfour from Lancaster FSS and Pamela Proctor from Sacramento FSS.

Phoenix AT Hub Awards

Congratulations to the following folks who recently earned On-the-Spot Special Achievement Awards: Charles Dudley and Joseph Stepard -- Phoenix Tower; Wayne Stratton, Joseph Winchester and Lawrence Barnes -- Grand Canyon Tower; and Fredrick Arthur -- Scottsdale Tower.

Civilair Has Dodger Seats

Civilair still has some box seats left for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball games. Games available for April are listed below. Contact Bob Kivitt at 213/297-1684 if you want to purchase some tickets. They are \$7.50 each; reserve parking is \$4.

Date	Team	No. of Tickets	Parking
April			
10	San Francisco	2	1
12	San Francisco	6	2
13	Houston	8	3
14	Houston	4	1
15	Houston	6	2

In-Depth Inspection Program Ends First Year

During the first year of its new periodic in-depth inspection program, FAA completed comprehensive checks on 19 large airlines and 20 engine overhaul facilities.

This year, the program is being expanded to include in-depth inspections of commuter airlines, aircraft repair stations, and certificated pilot schools.

The agency will check nine major carriers during FY 1987 including Northwest, Continental, Piedmont and Braniff. The three commuters in the program are Air Midwest, Chataugua and Resort Air.

Among the 18 pilot schools to be inspected in FY '87 are such large operations as Illinois and Purdue universities, Ohio State, University of North Dakota, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Parks College of St. Louis. The agency also will be checking both engine overhaul and aircraft repair facilities, including those that perform maintenance on wide-body jets such as the Boeing 747.

Begun in December 1985, the Office of Aviation Standard's "National Aviation Safety Inspection Program" calls for a top-to-bottom look at airline maintenance and operations activities by hand-picked teams of FAA specialists. Individual inspections can run two months or more and involve as many as 25 to 30 inspectors.