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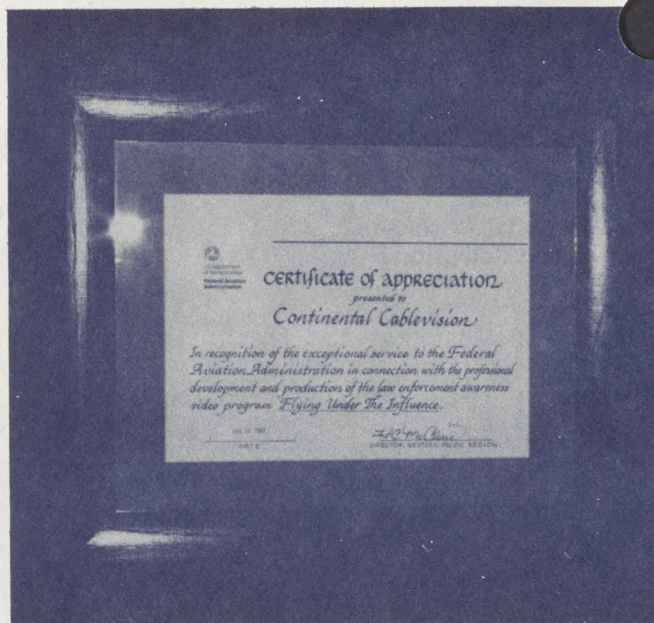
Director's Award Presented to Fresno TV Staff

Cover Story

by John Roach
Flight Standards Branch

The staff of Continental Cablevision of Fresno, Calif., recently received the Western-Pacific Regional Director's Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding contributions in the production of the enforcement awareness video, "Flying Under the Influence." Representing the Regional Director, Assistant Flight Standards Division Manager Bill Withycombe presented the award to Solomon Ketema, Program Director and Jim Jenkins, General Manager of Continental Cablevision. Also present representing the Boston Corporate staff of Continental Cablevision were John Rakoske, General Manager of the New England Region; Barbara Sitkin, General Manager of Western Region properties; Harry Clyde, Regional Controller; John Gibbs, Corporate Council; and Terry Mast, Director of Engineering - Western Region. Other participating representatives of the FAA were Ed Hammonds, Fresno FSDO Manager and John Roach, Flight Standards Branch. The video "Flying Under the Influence," was engineered and developed by the Fresno FSDO staff and has received recent recognition throughout the entire state of California. It is now a model for all Flight Standards District Offices nationwide in the enforcement of persons operating an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol. Continental Cablevision exclusively filmed and produced the video as a public service project to enhance law enforcement for both the state and federal agencies.

Cover Photo: Solomon Ketema, center, and Jim Jenkins, right, accept the Certificate of Appreciation bestowed on Continental Cablevision for outstanding contributions in an enforcement awareness video. Making the presentation on behalf of Regional Director Mac McClure is Assistant Flight Standards Division Manager Bill Withycombe.



Above: A close-up view of the Certificate as presented to Continental Cablevision.

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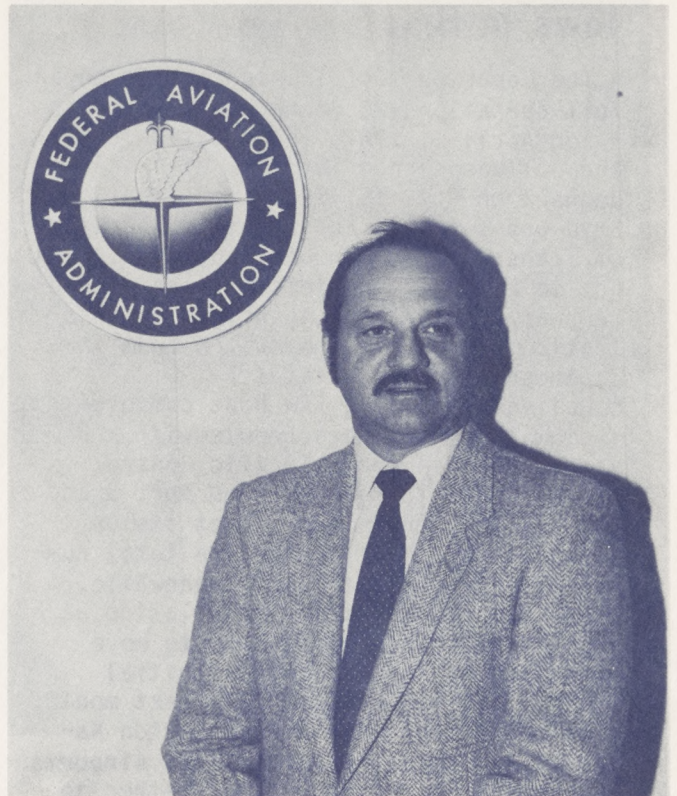
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Meet Bob Harik FAA Coordinator

Robert Harik, Air Traffic Manager at Edwards RAPCON, has been appointed as FAA Coordinator for the Antelope Valley area. Bob, who was chosen by Regional Director Mac McClure, replaces Robert Cox, who recently retired from the Airway Facilities Sector at Los Angeles Center, in Palmdale, Calif.

Bob was appointed Air Traffic Manager at Edwards in February 1986. He began his career with the FAA in 1958 as a developmental controller at the Oakland Center. After progressing through a series of positions at the Center, he was promoted to Evaluation Specialist at the old Western Region headquarters in Los Angeles. He has since served as Deputy Chief and Facility Chief at Lemoore RATCC. In 1975, Mr. Harik left this region to become the Facility Chief at San Juan Center, Puerto Rico, and at the Isla Verde Tower, before moving on to become the Manager at Jacksonville Center, Florida.

His next promotion took him to the colder climates of Anchorage, Alaska, where he was named Chief of the Operations and Procedures Branch for the Alaskan Region. In 1979, he was appointed as the Air Traffic Division Manager for that region, where he remained until coming to the Antelope Valley.



As FAA Coordinator, Bob will represent the Regional Director in communications with the news media, local aviation interests, and in publicizing efforts made to improve the air traffic system in the area. Bob has emphasized that he and his staff will be available to work with local and regional interests in furthering the mission of the FAA in any way possible.

Retirees' Picnic Slated For July in Tahoe

Here's an opportunity to meet or get reacquainted with new and old FAA friends. The annual Retirees' Reunion will once again be held in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Retirees, friends and families are invited to the home of Ralph Anglea, 4 Dundee Circle, South Lake Tahoe, on Wednesday, July 22. Please bring meat, drinks, table service and a salad. The cost is \$5 per couple, children are free. RSVP before June 1 to Forest Humrichouse, 15018 Guadalupe

Drive, Rancho Murrieta, Calif. 94683, phone 916/354-2484. After June 1, reservations may be made by writing to P.O. Box 1212, Zephyr Cove, Nevada 89448.

For golf fans, a tournament will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at Tahoe Paradise Golf Course in South Lake Tahoe. The cost is \$17 per person (without cart).

Please join the fun == bring your family and friends.

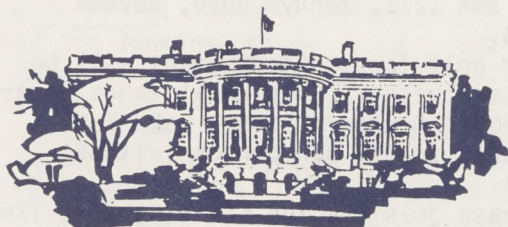
News in Brief

* The Department of Transportation began full operations 20 years ago this month -- on April 1, 1967. Legislation creating DOT was signed into law by President Johnson on Oct. 15, 1966, and Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first Secretary of Transportation on Jan. 16, 1967. FAA got to keep its initials but the second "A" was changed from Agency to Administration to reflect the switch from independent to modal status.

* Deliveries of the IBM Host computer system continued on schedule with the Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center receiving its unit on Apr. 3 and the Chicago Center due to get its unit on April 20. That pushes the total number of deliveries to six. Meanwhile, check out of the first installation at the Seattle center continues to move ahead and it should achieve Initial Operational Capability (IOC) next month.

* Some 700 employees at Washington National and Dulles International Airports have until May 26 to decide whether to transition to the new regional authority that will begin running the airports on June 7. The FAAers received their termination notices from the agency and job offers from the regional authority on the same day in late March. Most of the FAA employees are expected to make the switch with an estimated 15 percent or more electing retirement.

* The Equity Group for former Guard Technicians is attempting to contact pre-1969 National Guard Technicians who might benefit from a recent Civil Service Retirement credit if they apply before the end of the year. Write to Equity Group, P.O. Box 8744, BWI Airport, Baltimore, MD, 21240.



Proud Parent Corner

Chuck Sheufelt, Air Traffic Control Specialist at Sacramento TRACON, is a very proud father. His son Brian, a member of Roseville Boy Scout Troop 1, earned his Eagle Scout award on March 2. Brian's service project, which must be planned and completed by the Scout after approval, was the building and painting of bleachers at Cavitt School.

Active in Scouting for seven years, 15-year-old Brian has also participated in three years of football, seven years of basketball, one year of track and field, and seven years of baseball.

We congratulate not only Brian, but also Chuck and Wendy Sheufelt.

Recorder Rules Adopted

The agency has adopted new requirements for cockpit voice recorders (CVRs) on commuter airplanes.

At the same time, Administrator Engen announced that FAA has initiated a rule-making project that, for the first time, would require flight data recorders (FDR) on these aircraft and further expand the CVR requirements. This would bring commuters in line with the requirements for large carriers.

The new commuter CVR rule affects newly-manufactured jet and turboprop commuter aircraft that carry six or more passengers and are required to have two pilots. Currently, CVRs are required only on jet commuter aircraft with 10 or more passenger seats.

As part of the same rulemaking, FAA also mandated the installation of more sophisticated and reliable digital flight data recorders on approximately 2,000 older jet aircraft, such as the 727, 737 and DC-9.

They will replace the older foil-type recorders now required on these aircraft. Operators have two years to comply.

Professional Women Controllers Convention

To Host

Prominent Speakers

Mark your calendars for May 1 through 3 for the Professional Women Controllers Convention in Long Beach, Calif., at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel.

Among the presentations on opening day, Friday, May 1, will be an appearance by a NASA astronaut. Marsha S. Ivins, 36, from Baltimore, Maryland is currently a member of the astronaut support team for Orbiter test and checkout, launches and landings.

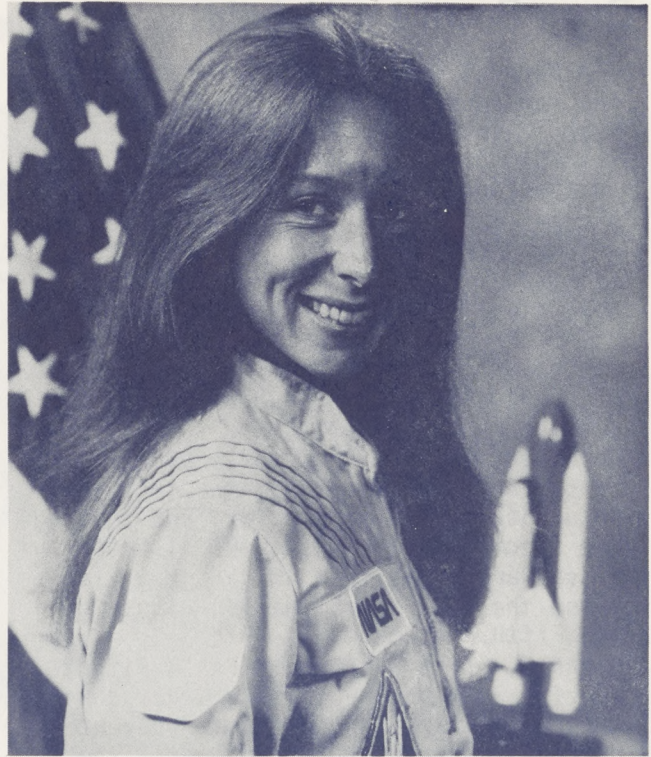
With NASA since 1974, Marsha has had assignments developing the Orbiter Heads-Up Display (HUD) and Shuttle Training Aircraft HUD. She has 1,200 hours as flight simulator engineer in the Shuttle Training Aircraft (Gulfstream II) and has served as co-pilot for the NASA administrative aircraft (Gulfstream I).

Her 3,200 hours in civilian aircraft include multi-engine ATP experience as well as instrument, multi and glider instructor ratings. Marsha is a member of the 99's, EAA, Soaring Society of America and the International Aerobatics Club.

Marsha Ivins is single, and enjoys aerobics, reading and baking when she's not flying. Come and meet her in Long Beach!

The featured speaker for the Saturday evening banquet will be Rod Machado. He will present a program called "The Humor Advantage," which will help us to apply more humor in our lives, and in our work.

Rod says humor is a skill that can be learned; it can help increase productivity, reduce defensiveness in others, and gain credibility for the speaker. Humor also makes learning a fun and exciting experience.



--Marsha Ivins, NASA astronaut, will address the Convention on Friday, May 1.

His involvement with aviation is longstanding. He personally holds commercial and flight instructors licenses, and has degrees in aviation science and psychology. No doubt Rod's psychology degree has helped him deal with the Air Traffic Control system as a pilot!

Rod has much experience speaking to various pilot groups and airlines, as well as corporate clients. One of the many glowing testimonials to Rod's work: "This man is probably the BEST speaker in the WORLD on humor!" (Rod's Mom, Huntington Beach, Calif.)

These are just two of many interesting and dynamic speakers you'll hear at the convention. See you there!

--Reported by Karen Pontius,
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Long Beach Tower

Drug Program Upheld

A Federal District Court in Anchorage has denied a request by the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists (NAATS) for a preliminary injunction prohibiting periodic drug testing of its members.

In a 73-page decision, Judge James Fitzgerald ruled that FAA's substance abuse testing program does not violate the Fourth Amendment's guarantee of protection against unreasonable search and seizures "because public safety considerations outweigh the intrusion upon petitioners' legitimate expectation of privacy resulting from the taking of an unobserved urine specimen and testing the specimen for drugs." He also dismissed arguments that the program violated the self-incrimination clause of the Fifth Amendment.

NAATS, which represents FAA's Flight Service Station specialists, was seeking the preliminary injunction to prevent periodic and random testing until the Court had ruled on its challenge to the FAA Drug Program and DOT proposed program, as well as the President's Executive Order on the subject. Judge Fitzgerald's March 27 decision does not completely resolve the lawsuit, but will allow FAA to continue with its present program.

Toastmasters Want You

FAA Toastmasters Club #3449 extends a warm invitation to all employees to join the fun at their meetings. On the first and third Tuesday, the group convenes at 11:45 a.m.; on the second and third Tuesday, the meetings begin at 4:30. Most meetings are held in the Executive Conference Room on the 6th floor.

Give yourself an opportunity to learn speaking techniques which will improve your public presentations. Learn to think on your feet without sticking your foot in your mouth while doing so! For further information, contact Cliff Rustad, Club President, at 213/297-1496, or any Toastmaster member.

Investigation of CAMI Test Method Underway

DOT's Office of the Inspector General is investigating "possible procedural irregularities" in connection with post-accident toxicological tests conducted by FAA's Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) for the Federal Railroad Administration. A statement by Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole cited apparent "inconsistencies" in CAMI test results related to the recent Amtrak accident near Baltimore, MD.

Concurrent with the Inspector General's investigation, Administrator Engen has asked the Armed Force Institute of Pathology to review the operation of CAMI's Forensic Toxicology Research Unit to identify any procedural deficiencies, recommend appropriate solutions and assess the reliability and continued usefulness of the accumulated data.

Engen emphasized that present problems with CAMI toxicology tests are not related in any way to FAA's employee substance abuse testing program.

"FAA has a contract with a private laboratory for the employee program," he said. "We hired one of the biggest and best in the business -- CompuChem of Research Triangle, North Carolina."

Historically, the Forensic Toxicology Research Unit, which is part of the Aviation Toxicology Laboratory, has performed drug screens and other toxicology studies in aviation accident cases. In 1985, it expanded its activities to include post-accident testing for railroad accidents.

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Tucson FSS – People and Awards



Top == Congratulations to these Tucson Flight Service Station (FSS) specialists who recently earned Special Achievement Awards (from left): Joe Wenzl, Carmen Simbari and Bruce Pertile.

Below, left == FSS Specialist Norm Martin is also the recipient of a Special Achievement Award. Next == Area Supervisor Marv Clark recently received a service career emblem marking 30 years of federal service. Next -- Tucson FSS Manager Jay Olson, right, receives a Special Achievement Award. Making the presentation is Larry Bjork, Prescott FSS Manager and Arizona FSS Hub Manager.

Pensions Today – Going In May

Thousands of women divorced from federal employees will lose retirement and health benefits unless they sign up for them before May 9, 1987, according to the Pension Rights Center.

Eligible former spouses have a one-time chance to apply for widows' pensions thanks to a little-known provision in the Civil Service Retirement Spouse Equity Act. This law, which went into effect on May 7, 1985, mainly protects women divorced after that date. But it also offers a special "window of opportunity" to certain spouses divorced before that time to sign up for survivors benefits.

It is critical that women who think that they are eligible apply today, whether or not their former husbands are still living. While most of the individuals who receive these survivors benefits will be women, men divorced from federal employees are also eligible.

Phone Rules Proposed

The General Services Administration (GSA) has proposed new telephone guidelines for government agencies that would allow some limited personal use of federal long distance lines.

GSA said the proposed telephone use policy recognizes that employees on the job sometimes need to contact their homes or take care of personal business and that -- with supervisory approval -- it is in the best interest of the government for them to do so. Examples of the kinds of calls that would be allowed under the new policy are:

- * A brief daily call to locations within the local commuting area to check on minor children or an employee's spouse;

- * Brief calls within the local commuting area to physicians or local government agencies; and

- * Calls to advise a family member or baby sitter of the need to work unscheduled overtime.

The new policy was published Mar. 26 with a 60-day comment period. It already has the blessing of the Office of Personnel Management.

You are entitled to benefits if:

- * You are at least 50 years old and have not remarried before age 55;

- * You were married at least 10 years of the federal employee's government service;

- * The federal employee retired or was eligible to retire before May 7, 1985; and

- * You were divorced after September 14, 1978. If the divorce occurred before that date, this special pension is payable only if the federal employee did not choose someone else to receive the survivor pension.

If you think you are eligible, you should apply to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employee Service and Records Center, Attention: Spouse Equity Act Coordinator, Boyers, Pennsylvania, 16017.

Reagan Names Six

To Aviation Safety Group

President Reagan has named six of the seven members of the Congressionally-mandated Aviation Safety Commission that will do a special study of the FAA organization and functions over the next 18-months.

The Commission members named are: S. John Byington, a partner in the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro; Joseph P. Kalt, a Harvard University professor; Michael E. Levine, a professor at the University of Southern California; Russell W. Meyer, Chairman and Chief Executive of Cessna Aircraft; John E. Robson, Dean of Emory University; and Thomas W. Wathen, President of California Plant Protection Inc.

The Commission will examine such issues as whether FAA has adequately used its resources to ensure air safety, whether its dual roles of regulating and promoting aviation conflict, and whether it would function more effectively as an independent agency.

Winnie Smith Earns Award For Outstanding Performance

Winnie Smith, Personnel Management Specialist with the Human Resource Management Division Operations Branch, recently earned a Superior Performance Award based on her outstanding performance.

Winnie provides staffing, recruitment and classification support to an assigned block of Air Traffic facilities. She is frequently cited by her supervisors, Air Traffic Managers and other FAA employees for her hard work, "can-do" caring attitude. Winnie has been with federal service for 24 years.

Winnie, who exceeded all performance standards in achieving her outstanding rating, has been given four other performance awards during her career. All levels of management have noted this accomplishment as a sterling example of employee dedication, drive, expertise and achievement.



Photo: Winnie Smith (center) receives her outstanding award from Staff Supervisor Todd Pearson (left), as Operations Branch Manager Nina Adams looks on.

News from Lihue -- The Garden Isle

Congratulations to the following Lihue Air Traffic Control Tower employees: Dan and Van Robinson on the birth of their son, Kristian Daniel, born on January 12 weighing in at 5 pounds 13 ounces...Richard Davis, who has been selected as an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Maui Tower...Thomas Robinson, who began his 43rd year of government service in October 1986.

Clerk/typist Joyce Hashimoto stopped smoking on January 16. So far she has eaten twelve cans full of cashew nuts, but feels a lot better. Richard Coffin, Jr. will be entering Straub Hospital in April for some surgery.

Welcome to the Garden Island to Robert Stuckert. Bob entered duty on January 30. He is from Wichita, Kansas, and had been employed as a Senior Instructor Pilot at Beechcraft Corporation, where his specialty was the Super Kingair.

His other interests include computers and ham radio; he is also Ground Control Intercept operator for the National Guard.

Alan Clark reported for duty from the Academy on March 16. Alan is from Honolulu, Hawaii. Mathew Epstein reported for duty in late March. Lihue Tower warmly welcomes these new employees.





International News

ELAINE P. CARTER, INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SPECIALIST, AWP-4(F)

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Air Vice Marshal D. C. Perera, Vice Chairman, Airport and Aviation Services, Ltd. (AAS) and Mr. M. L. U. De S. Malalgoda, Director of Civil Aviation (Far left lower photograph) recently visited the United States with stops at Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City, and Los Angeles, as part of a 12-member group from Sri Lanka visiting the U.S. under the Department of State Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program.

Perera, recently retired from the Sri Lankan Air Force, is responsible for a substantial part of the Sri Lankan Aviation System, including operation of its international airport, air traffic control system, and aviation security. This was Perera's second visit to the U.S.; in the 1960's he participated in a military education program which included specialized training at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

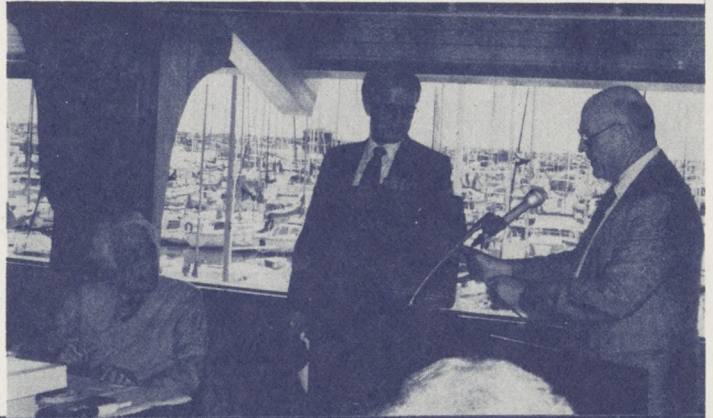
Malalgoda is responsible for civil aviation operations, including airmen licensing and safety standards. He participated in the Western-Pacific Region's "Partnership in Air Safety Seminar," in April 1986 and as Sri Lanka's delegate at the December 1986 Asia-Pacific Region's Annual Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Conference at Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Top photo shows Mr. Jay Adsen, Manager, Civil Aviation Security Division, and Mr. Duane R. Bullard, Manager, Planning and International Aviation Staff, discussing civil aviation airport security procedures, equipment and operations in the United States with the entire delegation.



Airports Division Bids Farewell To Russ Hathaway

A farewell luncheon was recently held for Russel Hathaway at a restaurant in King Harbor, Redondo Beach, Calif. Russ has been with the Western-Pacific Region, Airports Division for the past 26 years and has left Los Angeles to become the Manager, for the Airports Division, Alaska Region. Many of his friends and colleagues pictured here, turned out for this memorable event.



A Message From President Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1987

Warm greetings to everyone gathered for the 1987 National Congress on Aviation and Space Education, and congratulations in this, your 20th year.

You play a vital role in teaching America's young people about aviation and space, and in giving them the basic knowledge and skills they will need. You excite the intellectual curiosity of our leaders of tomorrow and offer students the very best information you can about the changing world of science and technology.

Our Nation continues to face international competition in aviation and space exploration. As we strive to advance the technology that keeps our skies safe and as we revitalize our space program, you earn the gratitude of your countrymen by assuring that coming generations will meet every challenge and maintain America's world leadership in aviation and space.

You have my very best wishes for a fine meeting and for every success and happiness. God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

(Editor's Note: Participants at the recently-held National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in Orlando, Fla., were pleasantly surprised to find a personal letter from President Reagan. The conference is sponsored by FAA, NASA and USAF/Civil Air Patrol and attendance this year soared to over 1,300. Next year's Congress for educators will be held in Los Angeles.)